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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

SPECIAL THANKS!

I would like to take special notice of Bob Gribble's gift of his newsclipping collection and source notes for the years 1800-1996. Bob wanted his material out to good use and I will make every effort to do so. Many of Mr. Gribble's items form a vital part of this booklet, as they will, I'm sure, of subsequent booklets and any revisions of previous works.

Loren E. Gross

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Loren E. Gross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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.

WANTED:

Any material related to the summer 1947
flying saucer wave.

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The scrapbooks of the late Leon Davidson were put on microfilm and made accessible due to the efforts of Barry Greenwood.

It is suggested that anyone interested in UFOs pay a visit to the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, Clarksburg, West Virginia. The papers of the late Gray Barker are available for inspection there.

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UFOS A HISTORY

1958

MARCH-APRIL

(?) March. Midway between Crestview and Atlanta, Georgia. (4:30 p.m.)

"We frankly didn't know what the devil the thing was!"

The primary witness was a highly experienced (5,000 hours) instructor-pilot who was a skeptic when it came to UFOs. In fact in the aftermath of his UFO encounter he was contacted by a number of what he called "UFO worship" organizations, all asking for sighting details, but he refused to cooperate because he considered UFO buffs to be sensationalists and screwballs. Only when Dr. Richard Haines, a legitimate scientist, contacted him did he care to comment on his UFO experience.

The pilot-instructor told Dr. Haines he had taken off from Sherman Naval Air Station, Pensacola, on an unspecified day in March, 1958. He was at the controls of a two place T2V-1 Sea Star aircraft with a Marine pilot as a second man in a two-man crew. Sherman tower had asked him to investigate a UFO and he complied.

Reaching the area where the UFO had been reported, the instructor-pilot spotted a bright glow at a higher altitude so he increased power to make an approach. Flight conditions were excellent. The sky was clear with the only clouds around being at a lower altitude. The Sea Star climbed up to where the UFO was hovering:

"When at 34,000 feet and positioned directly below the object, the object's plan view was circular, in fact perfectly circular. The object's color was a radiant silver...very shiny and reflective. With nothing to use for comparative size it was difficult to judge the object's dimensions or its altitude advantage over us. We could see no appendages, fixtures, hatches or the like... simply a smooth, silver-colored shape." (1.)

During his years as a pilot, the witness had seen many balloons of all types but it this "balloon" was something new:

"At this point, I decided that surely I was observing a large (or perhaps small) balloon. The object appeared to maintain both its position over the ground and its altitude, I started a series of climbing turns hoping to place the object off my wing...turned to a heading of 270 degrees and opened on the object in order to put the sun at my back for a better look. While steady on 270 degrees, the object appeared to drop down to a position off my starboard wing and flew wing on me for several minutes; it then commenced a starboard turn, climbing, and at a fairly rapid speed opened the distance between us...until it disappeared from view taking three or four minutes to fade from our sight." (2.)

The instructor-pilot checked with Dothan radio and asked for the winds aloft reading for 35,000 feet. The pilot assumed the maneuvers were wind driven some how but he was informed the readings showed that the "balloon" had been moving into an 180 knot headwind! (Also note the pilot said the "balloon" kept pace with his aircraft for several minutes).

There's more:

"Once the object appeared at my altitude (off my starboard wing), we were able to observe its sideview for the first time. Unlike its plan view seen only from below), the object's side view was much like that of a symmetrical airfoil except that it appeared perfectly symmetrical...showing no leading and trailing edges. Again, no appendages or fixtures could be seen...nothing to indicate a canopy, wind-screen, doors or hatches, no lines such as well doors or engine inlet doors and so forth...simply a smooth, silver-appearing skin...of a brilliant, silver color. We could discern no exhaust trail...heat distortion or vapor. There appeared to be no lines attached to the object. No lights were seen on or within the object." (3.)

The pilot-instructor would have liked to have identified the object as some sort of terrestrial object, a balloon of some kind, but he had to admit: "...we frankly didn't know what the devil the thing was!" (4.) (See drawing)

(?) March. Sao Paulo, Brazil. (2:00 p.m.)

Another "mystery balloon."

On an unspecified day in March 1958, a Mrs. Walter Serena left her house with her husband and two small children to go shopping. Going out the front door she spotted something odd in the sky to the northeast. Her house was located on a hilltop north of the city of Sao Paulo. The story:

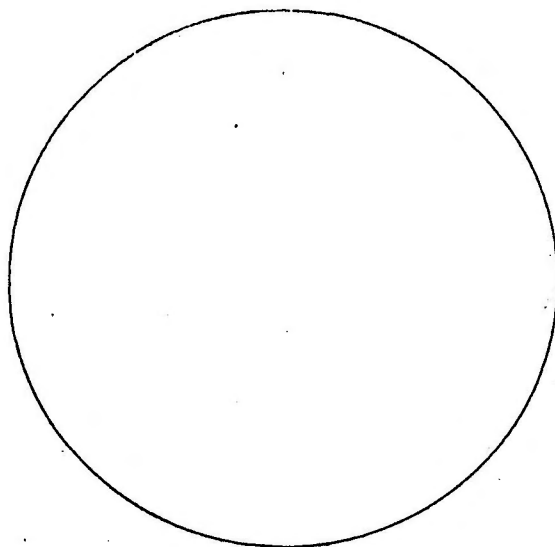
"The object was a plain white sphere (not shiny). It moved directly toward the witness, coming closer and closer, and then suddenly it stopped moving. At this time it appeared about the size of a tennis ball at arm's length, according to the witness (see binocular drawing).

"After remaining stationary for one or two minutes, the object suddenly rose straight up very swiftly, coming to a stop at a height such that the apparent diameter was about half the size when it was low and stationary.

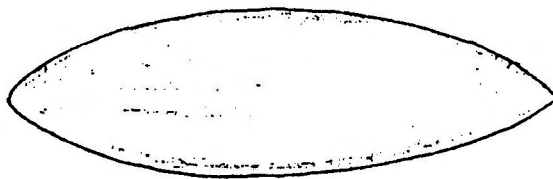
"The object remained in this position for a considerable time. Mrs. Serena ran inside the house, telling her cousin to keep the object in sight, and called her husband on the telephone, at work. He advised her to call the nearby Cadet's school [A military institution], which she did. After some persuasion she obtained agreement to send someone from the school. She then got her binoculars and went back outside, the object still being where it was when she left. Just as she came back outside the object dipped to a low altitude to the southeast, where it remained, somewhat more distant than its first low-altitude pause, for five minutes. It still appeared to be a plain white sphere.

"The object then rose up and passed directly over the house, moving into the west-northwest sky in the space of a few seconds, this time coming to rest very high up and quite far away; its apparent size was such that its disc could still be seen easily in the binoculars, but was hard to see with the naked eye. Mrs. Serena had a rug brought out to the back (west) yard of the house, where she went, lay down, and observed through the binoculars for 5 to 10 minutes more.

"At this point the object began to change colors. About the top one-fifth turned light orange, then bright red, then alternated be-



PLAN VIEW
(AS SEEN FROM BELOW)



SIDE VIEW

[Signature]

tween these extremes smoothly ever few seconds. The lower portion remained plain white, not shiny nor shining with its own light as if painted white. Two officers from the Cadet School arrived about here, and watched with Mrs. Serena and her cousin for about 15 minutes more. At this time clouds (scattered cumulus at first, then becoming dense) moved in from the south-west (sic) and came between the observers and the object. The object could be seen occasionally through breaks in the clouds for a few more minutes, and then was lost to view.

"No marking or features were ever seen, except for the appearance of changing colors on the top portion during the final phase of the sighting." (5.) (See drawing)

3 March. Near Ponta Poran, Brazil. (10:30 p.m.)

"Saucer! Saucer!"

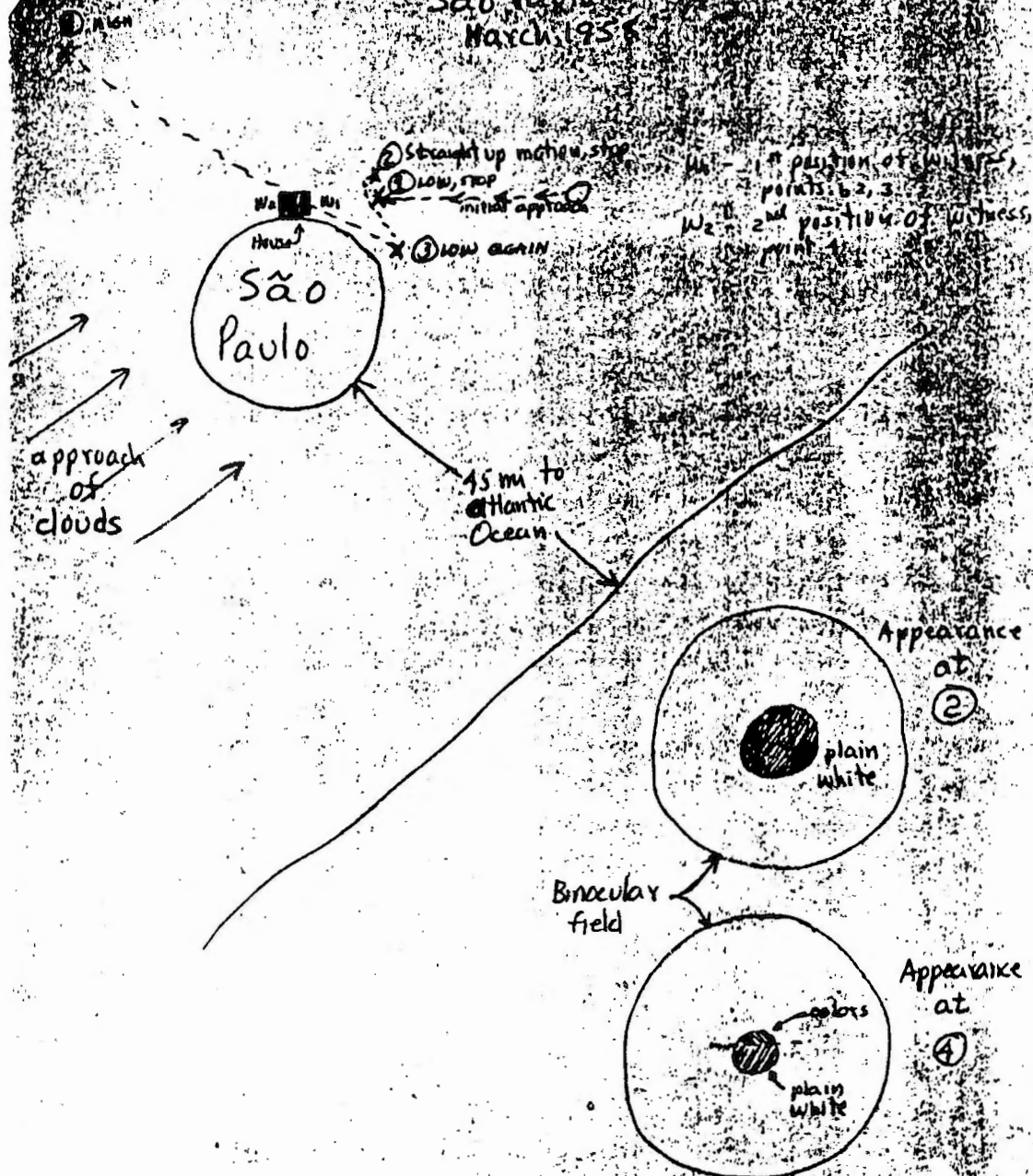
The remote area of Ponta Poran close to the Paraguay frontier was the scene of yet another UFO adventure for Marcio Gonçalves. Gonçalves had been the driver of Mrs. Mendonca's jeep during two UFO encounters in February. Since those incidents Gonçalves spent night after-night on the roads around Ponta Poran hoping to get another look at the mysterious UFOs which he was convinced were controlled machines containing crews. Gonçalves tells this story:

"...on the night of March 3, 1958, I decided to invite my girlfriend for a ride in the moonlight. But to get her parent's permission, I needed other companions and also a reason for the ride. After an evaluation of the situation, I called my small brother and told him to gather some friends for another 'flying saucer hunt.' I also invited the girl. We left the town in the jeep some time around 9:00 p.m.

"The UFOs were not, of course, my real interest that night. I had decided to drive up to a lonely and romantic place between two small thickets along the road. I stopped the car at the wanted spot, beside the road, in a large field between the two small forests. I requested the boys to leave the car and start the 'hunt.' I told them to search across the plains around that region, flashing signals with their flashlights. I was going to remain in the car with the girl, but ---if anything happened---we should be alerted at once. What I was actually doing was making believe they might find the UFOs. It was a little trick but I didn't feel guilty about it, because the boys were enjoying the situation and excited about the adventure.

"The time was 10:30 p.m. I was talking with my sweetheart, when suddenly she looked as if she was going to get sick. She didn't talk, but I saw through her frightened eyes that something was wrong --very wrong. I quickly turned my head to the point she was looking at and then I saw I saw it, too. Something very bright was hovering in mid-air over the thicket ahead of us. The 'thing' seemed to be studying the situation before making any decision concerning us. The boys had sighted it, too, and started to run toward the jeep. They were shouting: 'the saucer, the saucer...' Their behavior apparently didn't please the UFO. It must have seen their shadows moving in the moonlight and...with unexpected readiness...it shot straight toward them at high speed. It rapidly went after them, coming down

Sereia
São Paulo
March, 1955



from a westerly direction. It appeared to be 'wobbling in mid-air' as it dived to the ground, flying slightly above their heads. Fortunately, the boys were not too far away and reached the vehicle in time---just before the arrival of that 'thing.' Then everything lighted up, as if the sun had suddenly come out. But the light was a red as blood. My hair rose straight up the back of my head. Where was the UFO?

'We were directly under the 'thing.' It was something made of polished metal, of a silvery color. It was larger than a car and shaped like a round ball. It appeared to be so near that we could have hit it with a pole.

'The boys had jumped into the jeep. They were scared. The girl was mumbling and trying to scream, but no sound came from her throat. The situation was very bad. At any moment that thing might land on the car and we would be smashed, and killed. I decided to run away at once. That thing was trying to scare us, it was not friendly---it might even try something worse...

'I started the car and drove hurriedly to the town. The UFO followed us, staying just behind the jeep---flying at about nine feet from the ground. It was very low, indeed; the vehicle as well as the surroundings was illuminated by the bright glow emitted by the object. There was no noise, or heat coming from it. I began to drive more rapidly, risking our lives because the road was in very bad condition, but there was no other alternative...

'The chase lasted for fifteen minutes, until we reached the other thicket (the one on the way to the town). The road passed through the woods, and I hoped the object couldn't fly under the small trees and disappear. We then relaxed, thinking it was gone...When we left the protection of the woods, we spotted it hovering over the thicket---higher in the sky. It was clear that it was waiting for us to appear. The road at that place curved toward a hill a few hundred yards away. Then the thing saw our car; it dived at high speed, but not toward the jeep. It left the road and cut its way to the hill; it shot straight toward the top of the hill. After that maneuver, it was ahead of us.

'The UFO descended over the hill, stopping on the ground just in the middle of the road. The situation was bad, the object had maneuvered to cut off our way to the town. In fact, our path was blocked for it was now on the road ahead (on top of the hill), hovering about a few feet above the ground. The jeep was starting to climb up the hill---the UFO was there, just waiting...I had only one alternative left: to drive the car on a collision course against the object; I couldn't stop; to come back, on the other side, was to do exactly what 'they' wanted. No, there was no other choice. The jeep picked up speed and we prepared for the crash.

'Then an odd thing happened. As the car was climbing up the hill, its headlights gradually were raised until their beams of light hit the UFO directly. To our amazement, the object reacted strangely as if its propulsion system had been disturbed by the light rays. When the beam of light from the car reached out and found it, the UFO wobbled violently in mid-air and shot straight up. I don't know why, but it was running away from the light. A very strange and un-

expected thing. But it was good for us because I saw our chance and crossed the dangerous point rapidly. We passed just under the object, but there was no interference...Some minutes later the UFO began to follow us again, but cautiously, never coming close (as it did before). After ten minutes, it changed course for the last time. It climbed up vertically, switched off its lights at a height of about 300 feet, and vanished into the darkness..." (6.)

3 March. The Air Force's victory is not complete.

As we have seen, the Air Force was able to turn back a McClellan Subcommittee inquiry with incredible ease back on February 28th. But the military wanted more. They wanted a piece of paper officially stating that the Air Force was doing an adequate job of handling UFO reports. The Subcommittee balked when confronted with that request. General Kelly, the officer that dealt with Congress on the military's behalf, explained the Subcommittee's behavior in a memo. (See memo below)

Feb-Mar.
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MCCLELLAN SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

'MEMORANDUM

'MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES

SUBJECT: McClellan Subcommittee Statement Concerning Air Force Handling of UFO Reports.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 28 February 1958, subject as above.
2. The reason for the delay in my reply is that considerable exploratory work has been done with the Committee and the staff relative to your suggestion. However, the general attitude of the Committee is that while they feel that it is not worthwhile to invest further time and money in this area, plus the fact that the Air Force is conducting its own investigation, they will not make a release to this effect at this time.
3. In cases of this type, we have found that Congressional Committees are not prone to commit themselves in the way you suggest. Therefore, while the Committee's attitude is that they are not going to pursue this matter further, they have indicated that they would not so commit themselves publicly for if the situation should change at a later date they would not want to be shackled by a press release indicating that they had no further interest in the matter.

(Signed)

Joe W. Kelly
Major General, USAF
Director, Legislative Liaison." (7.)

5 March. NICAP. An urgent plea for help.

In a "confidential bulletin --not to be made public," Keyhoe informed the NICAP membership of the deleted material that he wanted to present on the Armstrong TV show, and how the cuts were forced by the Air Force people by intimidation. Furthermore, Keyhoe wrote:

"Since then, there have been intensified attacks on NICAP and its Director. I hope to cover the items omitted on the Armstrong show on next Saturday, March 8, when I am scheduled to be interviewed by Mike Wallace of the ABC network at 10:00 p.m. EST; also when I appear on the 'Long John' program on Station WOR after midnight following the Mike Wallace show. I hope to offset one serious effect of the Armstrong show.

"Many Americans, uninformed on UFOs, took the Air Force statements without question, since I had too little time to refute their claims. As a result, there has been a sharp drop in membership applications at a time when NICAP was already in need of immediate support to carry out its program." (8.)

5 March. Why are meteor sightings classified?

A professor emeritus of Astronomy and a former director of the Flower and Cook Observatories, was researching fireball sightings. He computed atmospheric paths and orbits in space. The professor, however, encountered some problems he had not anticipated:

"...my good friend Dr. Lincoln LaPaz of the University of New Mexico has for some time gathered such reports for the military authorities, in his general region. I have in vain tried to get copies, but while he and I are on the most friendly terms, he has always declined to give me copies, saying they are classified. Last year I made an attempt to secure them, aided by Col. D.M. Barringer, formerly of the Air Force, but received nothing. Some are supposed to refer to UFO, but as I worked out (without his data) several orbits for such objects, there is no doubt some were bright fireballs." (9.)

5 March. Near Ponta Poran, Brazil. (no time)

Another car chase. Refused to talk.

Fontes notifies APRO.

Another car was chased by a pair of UFOs on a road near Ponta Poran on March 5th. The UFOs broke off the pursuit when the automobile reached the environs of Ponta Poran. The witnesses in the auto, a husband and his wife, refused to be interviewed they were so upset by the experience. Apparently the pursuit was similar to the one that took place in February in the same area. (10.)

7 March. Trindade Island. Special cameras.

Dr. Fontes reported to APRO:

"After the happenings of January 16, 1958, the Brazilian Navy decided to set up special photographic equipment at Trindade. This

camera project included automatic cameras with telephoto lenses which were to be kept ready to photograph any new UAO appearances, at any time. Technicians handling the equipment were to stay at their posts day and night---each man being substituted by another every four hours.

"I don't know if the system worked as planned. But I was informed that a UAO reappeared over the Island on March 7, 1958, in the daytime. One of the observers, a Navy doctor, tried to photograph it with his camera---but nothing appeared on the negative. (11.)

8 March. Mike Wallace* program. (10:00 p.m.)

"I'm pretty well convinced that there's something to this business."

In February Mike Wallace phoned Keyhoe and asked the NICAP director to appear on his TV show. Wallace promised no censorship so Keyhoe accepted the invitation. The program was to be telecast live at 10:00 p.m. on March 8th.

Just before air time on March 8th Wallace greeted Keyhoe with a surprising declaration: "I'm pretty well convinced there's something to this business." (12.) Wallace a believer? If so, being sympathetic to Keyhoe's cause did not mean Wallace was going to let the NICAP director turn the show into a pro-UFO documentary. Wallace's job was to probe Keyhoe's claims.

One high point of the show was when Keyhoe held up a page from the Armstrong Theater script so viewers could see sections that were "X" out due to censorship. (See pages 11-17)

Wallace said: "The Air Force has given us very convincing evidence that it [The UFO mystery] is largely --I'll say 99.44 per cent---a hoax." (13.) Keyhoe snapped back: "You mean all the pilots, missile trackers and tower operators are liars?" (14.) Wallace immediately backed down: "No, no, no! Thank you for correcting me. Let's just say misinformation." (15.)



Mike
Wallace

The exchange continued and Keyhoe started to mention a Senate Subcommittee investigation, the critical fact that got him into difficulties on the Armstrong program, when Wallace dropped a bombshell. Wallace read a statement by Air Force Assistant Secretary Richard E. Horner. According to Secretary Horner, there were no Congressional hearings being held or planned! (16.) That was certainly news to Keyhoe. Keyhoe was incredulous because he had maintained a close ties with the McClellan Subcommittee representative and he figured he would be the first to know. He also found it hard to believe the Subcommittee would be so unimpressed with the material it had been given.

The appearance on the Wallace show was suppose to be a "second chance" for Keyhoe. Instead the NICAP director had walked into an ambush. Had Keyhoe been been set up?

*Wallace is a survivor, physically and professionally. As late as 1998 he was still going strong as an interviewer on the highly rated magazine show 60 Minutes.

Pages 11-17

Armstrong Circle Theater
script pages showing
material deleted by
Armstrong at Air Force
insistence.

KEYHOLE (CONT'D)

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EDWARDS

"Real objects under intelligent control"...the implication being that originate in outer space.

KEYHOLE

Until a better explanation is offered, we must make that assumption.

EDWARDS

All right. We'd like to hear the evidence on which you base this assumption.

KEYHOLE

We have the evidence. Let's reexamine two of the cases the Air Force covered earlier. First, the Mantell case.

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Project Bluebook states that Mantell died chasing a skyhook balloon. They base this on a study of wind-currents and a possible balloon launching in Southern Ohio. ~~THE AIR FORCE~~ ~~There is absolutely~~ ~~HAS NEVER PROVIDED ANY RECORD~~ ~~no record that any Air Force or Navy~~ ~~OF A BALLOON BEING LAUNCHED ON~~ ~~skyhook was launched that day from~~ ~~THE PAY MANTELL CRASHED.~~ ~~Clinton County Air Base.~~ Now any project in a "top secret" category must keep detailed, accurate records. it's not a casual operation. Yet no such report has ever been found.

EDWARDS

"When you say your committee 'investigates' a case....just how do you go about it? Do you use trained investigators?

KEYHOE

Well, we invite everyone who makes a sighting to send us a complete report. We supply a questionnaire that almost duplicates the ~~same~~ Air Force sighting form. The follow-up and analysis is done by members of the Committee... astronomers, missile-engineers, pilots, radar technicians, former intelligence officers and experts in many other fields. These reports go into our files...and I'd like to run through a very few of these reports for you now.

EDWARDS

Fine...we'd like to hear what they contain.

KEYHOE

All these cases are known to the Air Force...

1952. Capt. William B. Nash, a veteran commercial airline pilot...sighted...

(PAN OVER TO FLIPCARD TO SHOW DRAWING OF NASH DISCS)

...a formation of 8 100-foot discs flying in echelon...

KEYHOE (CONT'D)

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EDWARDS:

Now, Major ... you believe that the massive weight of evidence proves that Flying Saucers are real ...

KEYHOE:

Real -- and from outer space ...

EDWARDS:

Which puts you on exactly the opposite side of the fence from the Air Force. *How DO YOU ACCOUNT FOR THAT?*

KEYHOE:

I am in no position to explain or defend the Air Force. They reach one conclusion based on facts. We take the same facts and reach a different conclusion. But after all, one has to go on the past record. And the past record is best illustrated by this quote from the January 6th issue of LIFE Magazine.

(HE TAKES MAGAZINE FROM TABLE)

Making a forecast of "sure things" for 1958 ... LIFE says: Quote.

"There will be authenticated

KEYHOE: (Cont'd)

sightings of roughly 200 unidentified flying objects, of which the Pentagon will be able to disprove 210.

EDWARDS:

Thank you, Major Keyhoe.

One of the most eminent men of science who has taken a deep interest in the problem of UFO is...

CUT TO: SHOT OF PROF. MENZEL AT
DESK D.

... Professor Donald H. Menzel,
Professor of Astrophysics at
Harvard University and author
of "Flying Saucers" published
by the Harvard University Press.
Professor Menzel ... in your con-
sidered opinion ... has our at-
mosphere been invaded by space-
ships ... flying objects ...
originating in outer space?

KEYHOE: (Cont'd)

things, which do appear to be directed, are unlike any other phenomena I ever observed. Other stars in our galaxy may have hundreds of thousands of inhabitable worlds. Races on these worlds may have been able to utilize the tremendous amounts of power required to bridge the space between the stars". End quote.

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KEYHOE:
The Committee #2 -
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9 March. Eureka, California. (10:15 a.m.)

"A fantastic thing happened."

Although this report was submitted by a young man just out of High School, a UFO sighting in the same region five days later suggests there was UFO activity in this part of California at the time. (See letter)

Southern shift.

UFO reports were few in number during this period. It appears the shift toward the Equator had largely moved UFO activity out of Europe and the U.S. for the most part. There are examples to illustrate this: Algeria and Panama. The first case we will consider will be the Algerian one.

? March. Bouahmama, Algeria. (12:30 a.m.)

"Something extraordinary happened to his mind."

The situation:

The lone witness was a French Legionnaire identified only by the initials "N.G." The location was the desert south of Constatine at Bouahmama where the Legion had an encampment. "N.G." was on night sentry duty, manning a fortified emplacement at some distance from the unit's main position. "N.G.'s" duty was to warn of any surprise attack. He had a phone and a rifle. The night sky was devoid of clouds and the landscape silent. No enemy action was expected. In the camp everyone was sound asleep. "N.G.'s" story as told by Joel Mesnard:

"It began with a whistling noise, the sort of noise you hear if you blow into the neck of a bottle. This sound seemed to him to be coming down from the sky. He immediately looked up, and saw an enormous, roundish object descending. It stopped when it was about 35-40 meters (roughly 100 to 120 feet) above the ground, and began to hover there, motionless and silent.

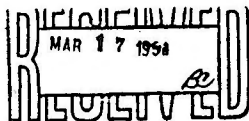
"He estimated it to be as much as 350 meters wide (1,000 feet). As seen by him slightly from below, during the arrival and take-off phases, it seemed to be elliptical in shape, quite independently of the perspective effect that makes a disc look elliptical when observed from a point outside the disc's center-line. Its span might, he thought, have been in the neighbourhood of 250 meters. He estimated the distance between himself and the nearest edge of the object at little more than 50 meters (150 feet)" (17.)

Moreover;

"The object was surrounded by pale green light, and an intense conical beam of emerald-green light was coming from the center of the under-part towards the ground.

"Legionnaire N.G. did not fire his rifle, nor did he pick up the telephone. He just remembers staring at the object for 45 to 50 minutes. The pale green and fascinating colors he had ever seen. Legionnaire N.G. had forgotten all about the war. All nervous or psychological tensions had gone from his mind. He was just feeling happy.

NIAP FILES



MARCH 10, 1958 (MON)
EUREKA CALIFORNIA
A. P. O. N-W-C

Dear Gentleman:

Yesterday a Tantaastic thing happened here in Eureka,

at 10:15 A.M. in the Morning (MARCH 9, 1958) in the Eastern Sky, appeared what looked like a star, Equal in size to the Planet Venus, I would estimate. When first Viewed, it looked like it was round, but when I got my 10x50 Field glasses it appeared to be Cigar shaped, but I could see no dark outline; it was a little hazy around it. It appeared to be silver white in Color, reflecting the sun, because at times it appeared to blind you, "like a mirror".

This Object was approximately 2000 to 4000 feet in altitude, and stood motionless for a short while and then made a move forward and then stopped and went backward and then it made a Circle and disappeared into the Cloud bank below it, and I think it was over the mountains, which are about 17 airline miles from the sighting point.

There were some scattered patches of snow on the mountains at the time. Along with me, was 3 other observers, my Father Mr. C. J. Williams my Mother Mrs. Grace H. Williams and my Cousin Mr. Richard R. Rice. This object did not appear to be any kind of airplane, nor did it appear to be any astronomical phenomenon or balloon, but I think that it was a 100% material object under intelligent control.

 ← object appeared through my 10x50 field glasses

"Then came the noise again, like somebody blowing into a bottle, and the object started rising gently, until it had reached a height of about 100 or 120 meters. Then it flew off at tremendous speed towards the North-West, climbing as it went.

"What the Legionnaire then felt was a sort of sadness at the disappearance of this beautiful sight. After a few minutes this feeling began to fade, yielding place to a return of his ordinary state of consciousness, until his full mental faculties were back. He quickly picked up the telephone and reported what he had seen. To his great amazement however the officer at the camp simply replied in the manner: 'All right. We'll see about it tomorrow morning.'" (18.)

The investigation:

"A careful investigation was carried out at the scene of the sighting. N.G. recalls with a smile that the officers even examined the sand with a magnifying lens. No footprints, no marks, no alien material was found in the area, and no smell either.

"Probably more for medical than for 'ufological' reasons, the witness was thoroughly questioned by officers. He stuck to his original story, and the affair was considered to be quite amazing. He was sent to the Military Hospital at Val de Grace in Paris: There he was kept for a week under close scrutiny by neurologists and psychiatrists. An electroencephalogram revealed nothing unusual. The conclusion of all the doctors was that N.G. was in a state of good physical and mental health. He had not been notably affected by the strains caused by wartime service in Algeria. He had no tendency towards drinking, and was considered to be competent for service in the Foreign Legion, which means an especially hard way of life." (19.)

9-11 March. Panama.

"Searchlights touched the objects and they jumped 8,000 feet in seconds."

A series of UFO events took place at the Isthmus of Panama over a period of three days. (See Air Intelligence Information Report pp.21-25)

Russian magazine Ogonek, March, 1958 issue:

"Recently, not far from Moscow, a strange rapidly-flying object appeared at a height of about 3000 meters. Witnesses declare that it had exactly the form of a disk of considerable size. Soon there after the disk lost altitude, allowing itself to fall with a spiralling motion; then it climbed again, turned on its edge, and went out of sight at full speed behind the nearby woods..." (20.)

11 March. The Trindade photos "explained." An overwhelming power?

A report on Trindade to higher headquarters was prepared by the American Naval Attache stationed in Rio de Janeiro. This document by Capt. Sunderland determined the attitude of BLUE BOOK experts and other U.S. authorities. The value of the paperwork can be judged by paragraph four. (See report)

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In accordance with Department of the Army Intelligence Collection Memorandum #200-72B-1, dated 6 August 1957, subject: "Unconventional Aircraft", the following information is submitted: 1. On 10 March 1958, Capt. Harold E. Stahlman, Operations Officer, 764th Anti-Aircraft Operations Center (AAOC), Fort Clayton Canal Zone, reported information concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object. At 2003R, 9 March 1958, Stahlman, as Deputy Defense Commander for Anti-Aircraft Defense, was notified at his home by the Operations Duty Officer, AAOC, that the AAOC had received a radar report of an unidentified aircraft approaching the Pacific side of the Isthmus of Panama. Stahlman arrived at the AAOC at approximately 2008R. During the radar tracking of the first blip which appeared on the radar screen, two additional blips were observed at 2045R. The first echo was identified as a Chilean Airlines aircraft which landed at Tocumen Airport, Tocumen, Republic of Panama. The two other blips, which were not identified, indicated that the two objects were in the vicinity of Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone. A civilian aircraft in the general vicinity of the objects made a visual search of the area with negative results. The original blips were picked up by Search Radar and then transferred to the Track Radar Unit located at Flamenco Island, Fort Amador, Canal Zone. This unit was able to lock on the unidentified objects, and the following information was obtained: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Number of Objects:</td> <td>Two, approximately one hundred yards apart.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Duration of Radar Observation:</td> <td>2003R, 9 March 1958, to 0208R, 10 March 1958.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Location of Radar:</td> <td>Battery D, 764th AAA Bn, Flamenco Island</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Location of Object:</td> <td>LJ 2853. (Geo-Ref, Military Grid Reference System)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prevailing Weather:</td> <td>Clear, visibility unlimited, no wind reported.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direction of Flight:</td> <td>Average angle of elevation, 365°, Azimuth, 330 mils.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manner of Flight:</td> <td>Steady, slight circular path over the vicinity of Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Altitude:</td> <td>Varied from two to ten thousand feet. Average of seven thousand feet.</td> </tr> </table> An attempt was made by members of the Radar Site, Flamenco Island, to observe the objects by searchlights. When the light touched the objects, they traveled from an altitude of two thousand feet to ten thousand feet in five to ten seconds. WARNING: This document contains information affecting the national defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U. S. C., Sections 793 and 794. Its transmission or the revelation of its contents in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. It may not be reproduced in whole or in part, by other than United States Air Force Agencies, except by permission of the Director of Intelligence, USAF.			Number of Objects:	Two, approximately one hundred yards apart.	Duration of Radar Observation:	2003R, 9 March 1958, to 0208R, 10 March 1958.	Location of Radar:	Battery D, 764th AAA Bn, Flamenco Island	Location of Object:	LJ 2853. (Geo-Ref, Military Grid Reference System)	Prevailing Weather:	Clear, visibility unlimited, no wind reported.	Direction of Flight:	Average angle of elevation, 365°, Azimuth, 330 mils.	Manner of Flight:	Steady, slight circular path over the vicinity of Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone.	Altitude:	Varied from two to ten thousand feet. Average of seven thousand feet.
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This was such a rapid movement, that the Track Radar, which was locked on target, broke the Track Lock and was unable to keep up with the ascent of the objects. As Track Radar can only be locked on a solid object, which was done in the case of the two unidentified flying objects, it was assumed that the objects were solid. The possibility that the sightings might have been weather balloons was discarded when the Air Force was contacted and stated that no balloons were in the air at that time. (X-3)

2. On 10 March 1958, Capt. Stahlman made another report concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object by Search Radar located on Taboga Island, Republic of Panama. The following information was obtained in regard to the sightings:

Number of Objects:	One.
Duration of Radar Observation:	1012R to 1412R, 10 March 1958.
Location of Radar:	Taboga Island Radar Site.
Location of Object:	KL 1646. (Geo-Ref, Military Grid Reference System)
Prevailing Weather:	Partly cloudy.
Manner of Flight:	From an erratic to a triangular shaped flight pattern.
Altitude:	Undeterminable due to radar system used.
Speed:	Variable, from hovering to approximately one thousand miles per hour

Track Radar indicated that the object moved away from two United States Air Force jet aircraft that were approaching. At that time the speed of the object was calculated at approximately one thousand miles per hour. The use of Track Radar was terminated at 1412R.

3. On 11 March 1958, Lt. Roy M. Strom, Operations Officer, 764th AAA Bn, Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, reported information received from a Pan-American Airlines Pilot concerning an unidentified flying object. At approximately 0400R, 11 March 1958, the pilot of incoming aircraft C-508, a Pan American Airlines DC-8, observed an unidentified flying object 12 degrees North on Fox Trot route. The object appeared larger than the aircraft and was traveling in a Southeasterly direction.

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At the same time Lt. Strom reported that an unidentified flying object was picked up by Hawk Radar. The object was plotted twice at approximately 0508Z heading Northwest at LK 3858. On the third plot, at 0517Z, the object had moved to LK 5434 in a Southwesterly direction. Eleven minutes elapsed during the confirmation of the three plots. At 0528Z, the object was sighted at LK 4303. Incoming aircraft C-509 was in the same area and Hawk Radar was asked if it was the same track that was picked up previously. The answer was negative. The object was last plotted at LJ 3254 at 0536Z, still traveling in a Southwesterly direction. Radar contact was lost at that time. The size, shape, or altitude of the object could not be determined by radar. (Y-6) G2 USARCARIB COMMENT: DAICM #200-72B-1 mentioned above requires that: "The Headquarters of the nearest Major Air Command should be notified of sightings which come to the attention of Army personnel" referenced DAICM continues, "Air Force Commanders have instructions from the Department of the Air Force which cover reporting on subject (AFR-200-2: "Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting, Short Title: UFOB)" (U)". This office continues to report information as developed. WARNING: This document contains information affecting the national defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U. S. C., Sections 793 and 794. Its transmission or the revelation of its contents in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. It may not be reproduced in whole or in part, by other than United States Air Force Agencies, except by permission of the Director of Intelligence, USAF.		
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19:50 Unknown aircraft flying Tango Route inbound. No known aircraft in area but one advised by Tocumen, VEX BLS ATC.

20:45 Unidentified blip believed to be weather balloon picked up between Albrook and Taboga. Appears to be orbiting. No air traffic in area at all. Advised ATC of possibility of object interfering with air traffic.

20:45 Advised that a balloon had been released earlier in the evening at approximately 1830Z but should be down south-east of Albrook at present time.

21:40 Tower advised P-801 (Pan American Flight) is cleared by Albrook ATC for DP instructions in order to avoid object. Flight P801 will cross the canal over Albrook.

23:45 Distance of object from D Battery (Flamingo) is 4570 yards, height 3.5 thousand feet. At the present time, a searchlight from harbor entrance control point is being used to aid in identification purposes, to be executed by one 'AF-Naval crash boat.

23:55 Object now at 6.0 feet moving away very rapidly to the southwest.

24:00 Radar advises that as soon as searchlight was employed, the object became evasive. Object now at 10.0 feet, 7800 yards from site. Two returns, one at 10.0 feet, other at 08.

10 March

00:44 Braniff Flight 400 reports negative sighting of object during brief investigation. Radar reported aircraft was approximately 100 yards from object.

00:55 Radar reports two targets now approximately 100 yards apart. Braniff Flight 400 landed at 0047.

02:10 Radar contact lost.

10:12 Unknown aircraft at EWL646, speed 290K. No known aircraft in area. Check with Tocumen, Albrook, Howard, ATC & CAA. Blip very practical, has reached speed of 800K then slows to a complete stop for several minutes before moving again.

10:30 Major Davis at Howard Operations advised of UFO. He will go up and take a look.

11:20 AF 5289 (T-33) airborne to check UFO. UFO was observed

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to avoid jet. As soon as jet got close, UFO appeared to move away for several miles, then stop.

Jet returned to Howard. Pilot called and advised nothing was seen. Also advised Weather Build-up. Radar advised they could distinguish UFO from clouds and build-ups.

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11? March. Bad news confirmed.

Several days after TV show Keyhoe still doubted Wallace's announcement the Senate Subcommittee had no interest in hearings. If the information was correct, why hadn't someone contacted him? Word finally came to Keyhoe, but in a round-about-way. NICAP members, pestering the McClellan Subcommittee for progress reports, were told the same thing Wallace had announced over the air. The bad news was confirmed.

Keyhoe scanned the member's letters that were forwarded to NICAP headquarters. Certain sentences jumped out at Keyhoe: "This committee has held several interviews on the subject of unidentified flying objects...No public hearings are planned or contemplated...The Subcommittee does not intend to investigate the United States Air Force." All the letters were signed by Donald O'Donnell, acting chief counsel, making the decision official and final. (21.)

11-14? March. A battle lost. What to do next?

NICAP board members were not about to quit the fight. It was suggested that different government departments be approached. Letters were sent out to various officials and organizations. Here are some of the replies.

The Department of Justice:

-Refused to answer NICAP's query regarding any legal basis for silencing civilians who sight UFOs.

The Central Intelligence Agency:

-Refused to confirm or deny that the CIA controlled the investigation and imposed secrecy. Refused to admit that the CIA arranged a confidential evaluation of UFO reports by noted scientists, in 1953, at the Pentagon.

The U.S. Army:

-Refused to release its directives for reporting by Army personnel. (22.)

The Ayres letter.

In the midst of all this, the letter from Congressman Ayres to NICAP member Melvin Knoop surfaced (See UFOs: A HISTORY 1958, January-February, p.46). Ayres said Congressional UFO hearings were being held, but that the meetings were not open to the public and the results not printed!

Evidently there was some concerns about the UFO problem on Capital Hill but the Air Force's handling of reports was not one of them. This would make sense if the powerful committee chairmen knew all about UFOs, even more than Keyhoe, and felt secrecy was essential. Also, hearings involving UFOs may have touched on a number of different issues that had no, or little, bearing on NICAP's objectives.

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TO CONFIDENTIAL	FROM U.S. Naval Attaché, Rio	REPORT NO. 39-58	DATE 11 March 1958
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Preparing Officer's Comments:

1. Most flying saucer stories are not worth wasting much time or effort, but this story apparently substantiated by official Navy photographs taken in the presence of large number of Navy personnel under closely controlled and almost ideal circumstances should have absolutely proved the existence of an unidentified flying object. Unfortunately, further investigation provided only frustration at every turning. A number of Brazilian Navy officers profess to believe the story implicitly but whether they have more information than we is unknown.

2. There appear to be only two explanations for this peculiar incident:

(a) Some overwhelming power has told the Brazilian Navy not to officially verify this incident (which they should easily be able to do, if it occurred) nor to deny it (which they should easily be able to do, if it is a fake). I personally do not believe that anyone has told the Brazilian Navy to keep quiet about it because there has been no hint of such suppression in either Brazilian or U.S. circles; and also because I doubt their control of the individual officers and men is good enough to hold the line.

(b) The whole thing is a fake publicity stunt put on by a crooked photographer and the Brazilian Navy fell for it. This seems like the most likely considering Brazilian's love for sensationalism and gossip, their well known propensity for never letting the truth stand in the way of a good story, and general bureaucratic inefficiency.

3. In addition, the photographs furnished by the Brazilian Navy are unconvincing. Details of the land are extremely sharp but the disc is hazy and has little contrast and shows no shadow effect. It also appears that the object was inverted in photograph 2 compared to 1 and 3. Also the papers have mentioned extremely high velocities and there appears to be no lateral blurring as would occur with any reasonable shutter speed.

4. It is the reporting officer's private opinion that a flying saucer sighting would be unlikely at the very barren island of Trindade, as everyone knows Martians are extremely comfort loving creatures.

Prepared and forwarded:

M. Sunderland
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CAPT, USN

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11 March. Route 75, Km. 76.5, Pando, Canelones Province, Uruguay. (night?)
Big ovoid object with revolving lights.

The Uruguay UFO group CIOVI collected this:

"Mr. Nelson Cuba, making a routine trip in his bus with his wife, saw in the distance ahead of him several colored lights hovering in the air. Getting closer, he could see that they were revolving horizontally and rapidly. When he was some 400 meters away he saw that above the light he had at first seen there was an intermittent red light which also revolved. The colors were green, yellowish white, and the red described above. When they were passing behind the objects, Mr. Cuba could see a cupola.

"The object was without doubt solid and generally ovoid; it was some 60 meters in diameter.

"After 7 or 10 minutes the object emitted a yellowish white light which illuminated an area of about 150 meters; it was not possible to see where the light came from, however.

"The object made various maneuvers very slowly and then took off at an angle of 15 degrees towards the Southwest and disappeared from sight." (23.)

11 March. Near Jose Ignacio, Maldonado Province, Uruguay. (2:20 a.m.)

This account was taken from the newspaper El Diario. The observation was made by Kuis Gervac(?)io. The incident lasted 7 minutes:

"It was 2:20 in the morning when I was lying in bed without much hope of getting to sleep. Suddenly I heard a particularly strange buzzing coming from the open space in which the place I was staying is located. The buzzing was followed immediately by an invasion of violet light and an aura of heat accompanied by a vibration of the air.

"I went outside and among the trees and above the silhouette of some animals, I could see, at a distance of some 150 meters, what seemed to be an enormous apparatus of about 50 meters in diameter, which was landing softly, though not slowly, on the ground.

"The object seemed to be metal and an enormous hose which came from the craft gave the impression it was sucking up something from the ground.

"Later I was able to examine the mark it left on the ground.

"The silhouette of the object was that of two inverted cones. At that moment took off and I could see that the top part, with an opening from which came the violet light, remained fixed while the bottom half gyrated. I could also see fins where the two halves joined.

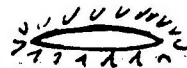
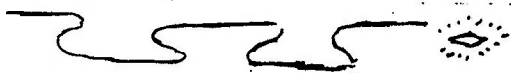
"Instants later it was lost to view." (24.)

11 March. Kankakee, Illinois. (10:30 p.m.)

Zig-zag manner.

A Carl Miller was standing on Gordon Avenue in Kankakee when he spotted a red object which appeared to be solid and self-luminous. When first seen, the object was stationary and stayed that way for about two minutes. It then

moved slowly northwest in a zig-zag manner. (See drawings by witness) (25.)



12 March. Was Keyhoe another "Billy Mitchell."

In his column of March 12th writer George Todt paid Keyhoe a big compliment, one that should be part of the historial record for future generations to judge. (See clipping)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1958

GEORGE TODT'S OPINION



Strategy In Challenging Top Brass

"And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a char- lot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirl- wind into heaven."—II Kings, II, 11.

Last Saturday the man who may one day be hailed as the modern "Billy Mitchell" of a mysterious segment of our new space frontier was on a nation- wide television program — and I'll bet a wooden ruble that Mike Wallace didn't even know it. Even though it was his own show.

Mike had just got "the word" from the Pentagon, you see. And in any contest between an ordinary mortal and the "Laby- rinth on the Potomac," it was pretty painfully obvious that Mike just had to side in with the brass. Well, most of the press felt much the same way about the Mitchell incident a genera- tion ago — even though the

However, if a man thinks he must speak out about something he disagrees with mightily — he has a right to do so. But he should resign from the armed services before he goes to the nation with his outspoken disagreement. General Mitchell and the Army Colonel didn't do this. And that is the reason why their court martial sentences have not been rescinded. Few responsible persons disagree with their conclusions today. It is simply a matter of ethics.

Now Major Keyhoe is a re- tired U. S. Marine Corps officer and is well within his rights to bring up this matter of the gravest concern and controversy to the attention of the Ameri- can people. He believes — and has mountains of evidence to back up his judgment — that the Earth has been the object of a survey by interplanetary space craft for a matter of many years and that official confir- mation of this fact is being withheld from the public.

thoughtful analyses about U.S. air power prepared by General Mitchell later made his detractors in the then-War Department look a little more than silly. Ridiculous would be a more apt description.

In one crucial respect, the careers of Major Donald E. Keyhoe—the nation's top civilian investigator of unidentified flying objects, called UFO's—and that of General Mitchell are opposed. And that lies in the fact that the General criticized the War Department while he was still in uniform, while the Major has retired and makes his charges against U.S. policy as a civilian—which he has a perfect right to do.

As a matter of fact—and this is what many people have lost sight of today—there is no question that General Mitchell was right in what he said about air power at the time he spoke out. But, in being so critical, he should have resigned his commission and fought for the principles he espoused as a civilian. The same is true in the case of a U.S. Army colonel in the guided missiles program who recently became something of a "cause celebre" because he opposed the decisions of his superior officers and went over their heads to take his case to the country.

While I am in sympathy with what these men said, and I agree with their conclusions, yet I think we should not lose sight of the military profession's code of ethics in matters such as these. It is built on the concept of obedience within the chain of command. Obviously it would fall apart if officers and men, up and down the line, took it upon themselves to argue decisions of policy at every turn. Their consciences might dictate.

Major Keyhoe does not attribute the secrecy of the Air Force—or higher ups beyond the Pentagon—to any sinister motive which is not honorable and objective. He thinks, and his solid conclusions are being shared by an increasing number of professional people with the passage of time, that our accountable heads of Government may believe that the public would panic if it learned the truth before being properly prepared for it.

And this is quite logical, too. We need only recall the much-too-realistic radio version of "The War of the Worlds" produced by Orson Welles a quarter of a century ago to understand the Government's proper concern for such panic—if indeed that is its line of thought in the matter. As we may recall, some persons panicked so much that they even committed suicide. The networks have never dared to put on such a shocker again.

Granting that there are actually UFO's entering our atmosphere as many thousands of responsible witnesses around the globe have claimed in the past—the greatest number of sightings occurring in the last decade—then which approach to the problem is right? Do we wish to be lulled into what might later be acknowledged to be a dangerous complacency? Or should we be fully informed of any potential danger which might exist in the skies above our planet? Is it the right of the American people to know the facts?

What Major Keyhoe is calling for today is no less than a full-dress investigation of this interesting matter by the Senate Committee on Government Operations. Why not?

13 March. The CIA and UFO investigations.

For the moment having given up on the Air Force, Keyhoe and NICAP tried to press the CIA for answers. Ralph Mayher, who had taken a movie film of a UFO over Miami back in 1952, claimed that a pair of CIA agents had tried to muzzle him. The agents said that the CIA wanted no one to know of the agency's in-

volvement. Keyhoe felt that an inquiry about this claim might produce some interesting results so he sent a letter to the CIA Director Allen Dulles on March 13th. It would take about three weeks (April 4th) but Keyhoe guessed right about interesting results. (26.)

14 March. Healdsburg, California. (8:45 a.m.) Also other incidents in the Windsor area, time and dates not specified.

"Without normal explanation." (See clipping below)

Unidentified Flying Object Lands Here; Defense Authorities Ask for Immediate Reports of UFO Sightings

Residents of the Geyserville-Healdsburg-Windsor area once again are asked to watch for, and report immediately to the U. S. Air Force, unidentified flying objects.

The official request follows sighting of an unidentified flying object which landed the morning of March 14, in a field in the northern section of Healdsburg.

U. S. Air Force authorities at Hamilton Air Force Base have confirmed County Ground Observer Corps and County Civil Defense valuations of the object as without normal explanation i. e. the object definitely not a stray weather observation balloon, etc.

Three persons saw the unidentified flying object land in Healdsburg.

According to their report, the object came in for the landing about 8:45 a. m., Friday, touched the ground, hesitated a moment, made a small circling run and then took off again, clearing a fence, a cow in the adjoining field and traveling on a straight course east toward Fitch Mountain over Highway 101.

The object continued east for a short distance then made an abrupt right angle turn south and followed a straight course, about the height of the Fitch Mountain foothills, until it disappeared from view.

A sighting was made recently in Windsor, by four persons of an unidentified flying object described exactly as the Healdsburg object. The Windsor object also was believed to have landed briefly.

Base, Ohio, headquarters for investigation of unidentified flying object reports. In addition, official reports of the Healdsburg object have been forwarded to Air Defense Headquarters, Colorado and to Washington, D. C.

"Any further comments on the sighting must come from headquarters. We cannot say what it is. But we can say, definitely, that it is not a weather observation balloon or similar normal sighting."

The Air Force spokesman, as the Ground Observer Corps and Civil Defense spokesman, point out that adequate investigation of all three of these reports was impossible due to the time lag in reporting the incidents.

In two instances persons seeing the objects were laughed at when they attempted to report the incident. In the third, the report was made promptly but was not relayed to proper Air Force channels.

While all defense authorities stress the fact that they do not wish to start a flood of unreliable reports of normal objects, they are most anxious to receive reports of obviously unidentifiable flying objects.

County authorities ask that you report immediately to the persons listed below any sighting of obviously abnormal objects.

Give a full description of the object; the time and place it was sighted; the direction it was seen from the place of sighting; approximate height and distance; any other pertinent facts of wea-

A second Windsor sighting about the same time described a similar unidentified flying object which tallied generally with the description of the objects of the first Windsor and Healdsburg reports, but varied in details of shape and motivating power.

The object took off at great speed from the ground when approached by the observer.

The official Hamilton Air Force Base spokesman said Monday that the report of the Healdsburg unidentified flying object had been officially forwarded to headquarters for evaluation and further investigation.

The Hamilton spokesman said, "The object reportedly sighted in Healdsburg definitely is not a weather balloon. We did not receive the report of the sighting in time to make a physical investigation of it or to secure a radio-activity test of the area in which it landed.

"A formal report has been sent to Wright Patterson Air Force

ther, etc., which might have been observed, and your full name, address and telephone number.

Here is the list of persons to call as soon as possible after sighting an unidentified flying object:

Master Sergeant Bob Mascerni, U. S. Air Force representative, Healdsburg. Phone Healdsburg 6 or Healdsburg 1639.

Healdsburg Tribune phone Healdsburg 63 or 64.

Fred Moscon, Windsor, superintendent of Windsor Ground Observer Corps, Windsor, Vernon 8-2534 or Windsor Vernon 8-2207.

Although the county Ground Observer Corps is currently inactive and on a standby basis, it is definitely active in the case of sightings of unidentified flying objects and is equipped to evaluate and make an immediate report to the proper U. S. Air Force authorities.

HEALDSBURG, CALIF.
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13 March. Keyhoe tries again to bring Ruppelt on board. (See letter)

13 March. Congressman Ralph Scott.

"Unduly alarmed or panicked."

The true state of the UFO situation probably would have Keyhoe and NICAP playing no significant role in how authorities handled the UFO problem, with civilians being viewed as pests and nothing more. Indications were that the UFO puzzle was being taken seriously. Congressman Ralph Scott is a good example. After the Mike Wallace show, UFO investigator George Fawcett wrote to his Congressman Ralph J. Scott of North Carolina to express his concerns about the UFO mystery, concerns that mirrored those of Keyhoe's. On March 13th Rep. Scott wrote back:

"I quite agree with you that the general public should be allowed information thus far known about Unidentified Flying Objects except, of course, in the case where they might become unduly alarmed or panicked by such a revelation...you can readily understand and appreciate the seriousness of such a reaction. If this information could be presented to the American public in such a way as to appeal to reason and not to emotion, I think it would be a good thing..." (27.)

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March 13, 1958

MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOF
USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, USAFR
1911 Josie Avenue
Long Beach 15, California

Dear Ed:

I don't know whether or not you saw the Armstrong Circle Theatre program or my appearance on the Mike Wallace show. In case you did not, I shall give you a few basic details. The Armstrong people, after some argument, agreed to include a statement in my script which said that four important documents were in general, unknown to the American public because of Air Force policy.

I quoted you and said that in your book you had mentioned the 1947 ATIC letter, the 1948 "top secret" estimate, the 1952 Fournet analysis of control maneuvers, and the 1953 panel report. (From the Senate subcommittee now working on this problem of official secrecy, I learned that this was a joint CIA and Air Force deal and that the 1953 report actually was drawn up by the CIA -- the subcommittee has a summary but does not have a complete document. The chief investigator tells me that the summary disagrees with your details and he implies that the panel clearly said to strip away the secrecy and assure the public there was no evidence to support the reality of UFOs. I am convinced that the summary is not a true picture because it leaves out the suggestions you mentioned about quadrupling the size of the project, setting up observations posts, and (most important) telling the American people all of the facts in the Air Force's possession.)

(about the 4 documents)
Although this statement was included in a revised script, the Armstrong writer later told me they had had to cut it out. He said that Lieutenant Colonel Whedon, the Air Force representative on the show, insisted that the whole thing was false and that if I were permitted to mention it on the air they would promptly deny it and would even label the source as false. Knowing that you are a very careful investigator and that you had all the facts, I insisted that the statement be retained because I felt it would expose the Air Force's doubletalk. However, the Armstrong people feared controversy and it was a question of deleting the statement or my not appearing on the show.

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This, I think you will agree, was censorship by intimidation.

Later we got out a form letter at NICAP explaining the situation. A copy came into the hands of Major Lawrence Tacker a PIO who is now handling UFO material at the Pentagon. When the Mike Wallace representative came down here before the show, I told him about this situation and also that I had kept a sheet torn from the script censored. He promised I could show it on the air.

When he got to the Pentagon, Tacker showed him the letter NICAP has been sending out and said the whole thing was false, and then he changed this to say that three of the documents did not exist but the 1953 panel report did -- although he said it was absolutely contrary to the way it had been described.

Off the record -- Dewey Fournet has confirmed by telephone the existence of the 1948 "top secret" estimate. He says he cannot discuss its contents because when he saw it it was still classified "top secret"; if Dewey were to be called before a Senate subcommittee I am sure he would make this same statement, as would other officers who were on the project at that time or who knew of the documents in question.

I brought out on the Mike Wallace show that your statements or your book from which these statements came had been cleared by Air Security and Review. I think all this will come to a head in the next few months, since a lot of people are going to write their Congressmen and Senators demanding the facts.

I wonder if you can help me by giving me the names of any others who were on the project or who would have definite knowledge of those documents and would confirm their existence. Please understand, Ed, that I have never questioned the fact that they did exist even before Fournet confirmed the 1948 item. I am merely trying to nail it down and give this material to the Board as well as to the Senate subcommittee. Mr. Healy at the committee told me that he was somewhat disappointed in the reply you sent him, and I can understand that you might think it wise not to become embroiled in such an investigation. However, if there is an open hearing, they can insist on your appearance, and it would be better if you had ~~number~~ others who are sympathetic to what you have revealed and would already be on record to that effect. If you feel you do not wish to make a statement which would be made public, I should certainly appreciate it if you could send me a letter marked "Not to be released" or "Confidential" which I could show to Board members. They are going to make a joint statement in the near future and they already have a number of documents signed by Air Force officers to show that the press and the public have been told one thing and that privately the Air Force is telling individual citizens and legislators an opposite story.

Also, if you can, I should like to have some off-the-record advice as to any other key points which I may suggest to the Senate subcommittee and which I may give to the Board.

But the main point of course now is regarding the four documents which you mentioned in your book. Since you already are on record about these, they are sure to be a focal point in any Congressional investigation.

I was indignant when I heard Mike Wallace quote Air Force authorities as saying that these documents did not exist. It shows they have no hesitation in branding competent and respected Air Force officers in order to prevent the facts from reaching the public. As I pointed out on the Wallace show you were considered so important and experienced about UFOs that you were the one selected to brief President Truman. I am sure there are a number of Air Force officers who will jump to your defense if this question comes up again.

Would it do any good for NICAP to write to Major General Garland whom you mentioned in your book as being seriously concerned about rejection of their plans in 1953? You also mentioned Col. Frank Dunn and others, and they might care to express opinions about current Air Force policy.

I know the spot that you are in, Ed, but I do think that sooner or later you will be called for detailed reports on all of these points and many others, including a re-statement of your opinion on Special Report 14. If the groundwork has been laid so that everything will not be concentrated on you, it would be helpful, and I shall certainly do all I can if you will give me a few leads.

Again, I promise that I shall keep replies confidential if so requested -- replies from you or from any one. Of course, their names are already known to the Senate subcommittee, since you named them in your book.

Completely aside from the serious business of getting the facts into the open, there is one angle you may not have considered. Once this thing really breaks and the press and the public realize they have been misled there will be a scramble by syndicates, networks, and magazines for "top authorities" on the subject. Bringing yourself back into the picture now will certainly not diminish the chance that you would be one of those called upon immediately.

I should imagine that you would be quickly established as a network commentator with a program originating in Los Angeles, and if it does break suddenly, I would advise you to be prepared for such a situation very quickly.

Please give this letter careful thought, Ed, and do the best you can to help get this situation straightened out. If you decide on any public statement you will be in good company.

Board members who have approved this at NICAP include Vice Admiral Hillenkoetter, Rear Admiral Knowles, Colonel Emerson, Dewey Fournet, and about five others.

I hope that everything is going well for you and your family and that we can get together back here in Washington before too long.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Don Keyhoe', written over a large, loopy oval shape.

DONALD E. KEYHOE

DEK:k

14 March. "I don't believe."

The Brazilian Air Force had a different opinion of UFOs than the Navy if we can believe a statement printed in the Brazilian Press on March 14th. According to a press story the chief of the Brazilian Air Force said he: "...didn't believe in the existence of flying saucers." (28.)

15 March. Ponta Poran, Brazil. (10:30 p.m.)

"The saucer ---the saucer!"

The "saucer haunted" Ponta Poran registered another encounter:

"...Marcio Goncalves, his girl friend, his younger brother and other friends drove out on the Ponta Poran road. Between two small wooded areas Goncalves stopped the jeep and the boys went looking for a 'flying saucer' with their flashlights. It was about 10:30 p.m. Goncalves and his friend in the car suddenly saw a bright object hanging over the thicket ahead of them. The boys had spotted the thing too, and they ran for the car, shouting, 'The saucer---the saucer!' With unexpected suddenness the object shot straight toward the running youngsters. The boys were quick, however, and they reached the car ahead of the object.

"Then everything lighted up as bright as if it had been daytime. But the light was blood-red. Goncalves said his hair stood up on the back of his head. They were directly under the thing---it was larger than their car and seemed to be made of polished metal; it appeared to be so near they could have struck it with a short pole. Goncalves, fearing the object might come down on top of the car, started the jeep and headed toward town.

"But the UFO wasn't through playing. It followed them, flying just behind the jeep and about nine feet above the ground. The jeep and the surrounding road area were illuminated by the bright glow emitted by the object. No noise or heat came from it. Goncalves drove at breakneck speed over the narrow, rough road. The chase lasted about fifteen minutes, until the jeep reached another thicket where the road passed through the woods. Goncalves hoped the object couldn't fly under the small trees. He was right, for they watched the object pass behind the trees and disappear. Thinking the object had left, they relaxed. But when they left the protection of the woods they spotted it hovering over the thicket, higher in the sky now, as though the object was waiting for them to reappear. The road curved toward the top of the hill, well ahead of the vehicle. Then it descended over the hill, stopping on the ground in the middle of the road. It blocked their way. The jeep had started to climb the hill. Goncalves was panic-stricken. The object had cut off escape toward town, he could not go back. He made his choice---he kept going. The jeep picked up speed and the young people prepared for the inevitable crash.

"Then a strange thing happened. As the car climbed the hill its headlights were gradually raised until the beams of light hit the UFO directly. To the amazement of everyone in the jeep the object began to wobble violently, then shot straight up into

the air as though it was running away. Goncalves kept the accelerator pressed down. They passed the point where the UFO had sat, and they kept going. They passed just under the object, but it did not interfere with them. Minutes later the object began to follow the jeep again, but at a distance. After ten minutes of this, it changed course and climbed vertically. Its light went out at about three hundred feet and it vanished into the darkness." (29.)

16 March. Orlando, Florida. (7:00 p.m.)

"Atmospheric freak?" (See clipping)

STRANGE OBJECT SIGHTED OVER BIG AREA IN STATE

ORLANDO, March 17 (AP)—A strange object which may have been a weather balloon or an atmospheric freak was sighted over a wide area last night from Dade City to St. Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Robertson, of Orlando said they saw it about 7 p.m. near Dade City as they were returning from a trip to St. Petersburg. They said about 50 people had alighted from 20 cars parked in a one-mile stretch of the highway to watch, also.

Reports of the object being seen came from Lakeland, Tampa and St. Petersburg.

The Tampa weather bureau said it had balloons up this time of year but doubted if

the object could have been one.

MacDill Air Force Base at Tampa said it had no planes up. So did Pinecastle AFB near Orlando and the Navy at Jacksonville.

But Robertson said that four or five minutes after the object disappeared there were vapor trails criss-crossing the sky as though left by jet planes which could have been searching for the object.

Robertson said it appeared to be oval-shaped and bluish on one end; that it changed from a brilliant white to orange and shot straight up, then came straight down. He said he watched it for about 15 minutes and that it then vanished.

19 March. Moscow, Russia. (no time)

Did the Russian have an aircraft with a "Round wing?" (See military teletype message) (30.)

19? March. Santiago, Chile. (night)

"Strange object in the sky over Santiago." (See clipping)

Translation:

"Has been seen twice over the capital and after flying over some 15 minutes disappeared towards Las Condes.

"A mysterious flying object was noticed in the sky over the Santiago area at the end of last week. With very fast motion and uncoordinated, such as the flight of flies, the object flew over all the area of the capital and lost itself at the level of the Manquehue.

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 Capt, USAF

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 Rpt #: IR-3126-58
 Agency: 7050th Air INTSERCH (USAF)
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Summary

I. Radio MOSKVA mentioned in its broadcast on 19 March 1958 that a "curious" flying object was observed near MOSKVA, at an altitude of 3,000 m. Eyewitnesses stated that the flying object had the form of a big disk, which performed a spiral at a low altitude, then took off and disappeared in the sky.

➤ This flying object was a Soviet aircraft with a "round wing". This type of aircraft is characterized by its good stability in the air and by its maneuverability.

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The main advantage is its vertical take off. Specialists stated that this type of aircraft wing will be very important for the future aircraft industry.

II. Translator: Edith Beyer (FN), Editor: Lawrence Foy

July 30, 1958

"A similar craft was seen already Friday of the previous week, at night, over Santiago. It was a very luminous body and larger than the lights of a cruising plane--irradiating white light. It moved with a undulating motion like a pendulum and there went northward, disappearing over San Cristobal. A jet plane of the FACH (Chilean Air Force) was scrambled to intercept but the official who piloted the plane saw nothing." (31.)

21 March. Waukegan,
Wisconsin. (3:00 a.m.)

Claims Light in Sky Fouled Up His Automobile

Paul Terrien, 918 Glen Flora Ave., had a little trouble with his car this morning. An amber light put out his headlights and killed the motor. That's what he told sheriff's police at 3 a.m.

Terrien said he was driving north on Rte. 42A just south of Rte. 120 when a flash of light appeared in the sky and across the path of his automobile. After the lights went out and his motor died, Terrien said the car coasted about a block before thing righted themselves.

Terrien drove to a nearby tavern and called police. Although they drove over the same route, deputies said they saw no light and had no difficulty with their squad car. They reported Terrien was "all shook up" over his experience.

MAR 27 1958

The Waukegan

News-Sun.

27 March 58.

UN OBJETO EXTRAÑO EN EL CIELO SANTIAGUINO

Ha sido visto dos veces, al anochecer sobre la capital y luego de sobrevolarla unos 15 minutos después parece hacia Las Condes.

Un misterioso objeto volante fue avistado sobre el cielo santiaguino a fines de la semana pasada. Con movimientos muy rápidos y no coordinados, como el vuelo de las moscas, el objeto sobrevoló todo el área de la capital y se elevó a la altura del cerro Manquehue.

Un aparato semejante ya había sido visto el viernes de la semana antepasada, al anochecer, sobre Santiago. Era un cuerpo muy luminoso y más grande que las luces de crucero de un avión corriente: irradiaba luz blanca. Se movió con ondulaciones como de un pendulo y luego se fue al lado nororiental, desapareciendo sobre el cerro San Cristóbal. Un avión a retroimpulso de la FACH fue enviado en su persecución, pero el oficial que pilotó el aparato no encontró nada.

From EL Diario Ilustrado 25/3/58

22 March. Seaside Park, New Jersey. (4:45 a.m.)

Mystery object spotted by lawman. (See clipping)

SEASIDE HEIGHTS
OCEAN CITY REVIEW
MAR 28 1958

Unidentified Flying Object Sighted Here

An unidentified flying object, or object, observed by Seaside Heights, Seaside Park and Dover township police over the ocean early Saturday and Sunday mornings have been reported to the authorities, but as yet no word has been received.

Officer John Castor, of the Seaside Park police, first saw the object, oval in shape, glowing with a whitish light and about 10 times as bright as a star, moving in a generally southerly direction about 4:45 Saturday morning, as he patrolled along the ocean front. Mr. Castor said the object was at an angle of about 60 degrees, was moving at high speed, and was so bright that its

light was reflected in the ocean. He hurried back to police headquarters, informed Officer Frank Brown, but by the time they ran outside headquarters the object was no longer visible.

They notified the Lakeland Naval Air Station, where officers advised them to notify the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard advised them to call McGuire Air Force Base if the object was sighted again.

Word of the sighting spread among police in this area, and Sunday morning Officer Jesse Anderson, of the Seaside Park Department, Officer Frank Smith, of Seaside Heights, and Officer Sam Brethwaite, of the Dover police, were waiting for the UFO. Sure enough, right on schedule, the object appeared at about the same position in the sky, traveling in the same direction at about the same speed. McGuire AFB was notified, and Monday an officer called for a complete report on the two sightings. The object has not been sighted since, possibly due to weather conditions.

22 March. Durban, South Africa. (about 8:00 p.m.)
Meteor? (See clipping)

MANY DURBAN PEOPLE SEE FIERY BALL IN SKY

(Sunday Tribune Reporter)

Natal S.A.

HAS Sputnik fallen? Was there a flying saucer over Durban last night? At least 12 Overport residents watched a mystery "fiery" object sweep across the heavens about 8 p.m. Some thought it was a satellite, others believed it to be a craft from outer space. And they told The Sunday Tribune all about it.

One of the watchers, a man who lives in High Road, gasped: "It was something out of this world. I have never seen anything like it before."

"It was an enormous thing and looked like a falling Sputnik, or something . . . it came from Howard College way and took about 90 seconds to cross over the town."

He described the object as a "glowing mass of metal" passing over "pretty high."

A woman who ran into the streets for a better look told me: "I saw some round object in the sky. It was sort of yellowish and was travelling very slowly and absolutely soundlessly."

"The object, about the size of a large lampshade, seemed to take several minutes to work its way from the direction of the Bluff towards Morningside."

Excitedly she went on, "It looked like a huge Sputnik . . . a

big plastic bowl you could see through. It gave a very sharp light. It was a real flame. I'm sure it was a flying saucer."

After receiving the reports I telephoned Dr. W. S. Finsen, the Union Astronomer in Pretoria, and put it to him that some Durban people thought a man-made "moon" might have tumbled.

PRACTICAL JOKE?

Dr. Finsen replied: "I do not think it could have been a Sputnik. It does not seem to fit in with Sputnik's time-table."

Dr. Finsen could give no explanation for the object. He mentioned the possibility of a meteor or a practical joke.

Later I checked with the man in Overport and asked him if it could not have been a meteor. He was emphatic that it was not. "I have seen a meteor before; this wasn't one."

Met anyone from outer space?

(Sunday Tribune Correspondent)

LONDON, Saturday.

HAVE you met any men or women recently from other worlds?

If you have, or think you have, the Hon. William Brinsley le Poer Trench, chief investigator of the International Unidentified Flying Objects Observer Corps, is anxious to hear of your experiences. He is appealing to people for information if they have had contact with "visitors from outer space," reports the Evening News.

At his London headquarters in Pont Street, Chelsea, Mr. le Poer Trench said there was overwhelming evidence that flying saucers do exist.

He emphasised that he is seeking information of genuine cases only.

23-3-58.

Durban, South Africa
Sunday Tribune.

23 March 58.

24 March. Marlbank, Ontario, Canada. (2-2:30 p.m.)

"Huge worm twisting in torment."

Mrs. Ada Kimmett tells her story:

"First I want you to understand that I was in no way deceived by what I saw. It was Monday March 24th that my friend came to call on me. Her name is Mrs. Gertrude Bernn. She lives in the village near the north part and just opposite the United Church. She says she saw it up in the sky over this church as she started for my place and she kept watching it as she came. I don't live very far away but more like out in the country and when she reached my place she called to me to come out and see what was in the sky. As I looked she pointed to the west to eight or ten feet of what anyone would think was a thin line of white cloud up about three or four hundred feet. Now it was a lovely day, the sun was shining brightly, scarcely any wind, in fact almost none. And I said: 'That is only a bit of cloud.' And she answered: 'It is not, watch it, as I have been watching it all the time coming here.' I saw it was moving and it was going west but moved as if in torment. It would point straight up and go that way for a short distance, then suddenly point straight north and travel a short distance north, then point straight toward the earth and come down a bit. Then it would point straight east, then straight south going short distance which over way it pointed, but always managing to go west. As I watched it go south then turn east, it had partly circled back nearer to us and just over a pasture field. That is just across the road from my house and where I stood looking. Then it pointed up and emitted small but thick clouds of white smoke or what I took to be smoke. It was just like a railroad engine when heavily laden and starts to move and send up puffs of black smoke, only what I saw was white, the very same color as the few scattered clouds that were here and there in the sky. While this was going on, I saw a flash of fire in it as quick as one could wink as if something in it exploded and that was how it got its power. I asked Mrs. Benn if she saw the flash and she said yes, that that made three times she had seen it do that. We watched it make its way back west and the last I saw it, it was headed downward with the tail going slowly behind trees and a barn that was in the way. There was absolutely no noise at any time. After it belched forth smoke from its head the end of the tail would break in pieces and dissolve and fade away quickly but there was always what looked to be eight or ten feet behind it. The smoke came from its head. It was or seemed about the size of a man's arm. When it belched out smoke the size was some what larger. I said as it headed downward: 'would'nt it be fun if it came on down.' But my friend said: 'Don't talk like that, I am afraid of it.' Now the time was as near as we can tell between two and two thirty p.m. (Monday 24th March). There was no change in color at any time when pointing it did appear as if there was something dark at what I call its head. It moved slowly and I would judge by the time it came from above the church to when we quit looking, it was

going about a mile in ten or fifteen minutes. But you know what, it is hard to tell distance from up in the sky like that. But if it had been a plane of any kind I would say they were not flying high. I never saw anything unusual in the sky before, but when I was telling about this a woman, a farmer's wife, who lives in the direction it was taking told me she is quite sure she saw it last July while out picking wild raspberries. If that is so it has been all that time getting around the earth. I notified no one but just the two newspapers I told you about. Now that could have been from the U.S.A. as this was on Monday and the U.S.A. let their last one go the last of that same week in Florida. There were no wings or anything attached to it, as I got a splendid look at it and I am well acquainted with all kinds of flying planes. You are the first one who has bothered to find out anything about it but then no one was told, only our own villagers. I have been told it might have been the part of a satellite that breaks loose and follows after it. But I feel sure this was man made and came from one of Russians experimenting. I could find no one who saw it but just Mrs. Benn and myself and no wonder as I would never have seen it if it had not been pointed out to me. As far as I know no one has investigated. I suppose we watched it ten minutes, its speed seemed to stay always the same. It travelled and looked like a huge snake or worm twisting in torment. No chance in color. I live to the west of the village. This is Hungerford Township in Hastings County. I am glad to answer any questions. But I have told all.

---Mrs. Ada Kimmett

Sunday (P.S.) I have just learned today that another woman saw this curious thing in the sky the same day I did. She is Mrs. James Bird of Marlbank, and lives less than a quarter mile east of me on the same road. By her description it was acting the very same as I saw it doing." (32.)

24 March. The Tonopah case and Dr. Fitts.

Explain that report!

It should be remembered that Capt. Gregory was in a great hurry for Dr. Fitts to officially put a psychological label on the Tonopah case. The BLUE BOOK chief wanted this gone before the Armstrong Circle program on January 22nd and here it was late March, two weeks after Keyhoe's second appearance on National television, and almost nothing had been done! Capt. Gregory, and others, as we shall see, were convinced people like Keyhoe could do great damage and embarrassment to the Air Force if the Tonopah story became known to civilians without some sort of explanation to fall back on. The case was a tough one so Capt. Gregory contacted the Battelle Memorial Institute which had a special contract with the military to provide scientific support (Project WHITE STORK).

"Failed to show up."

Capt. Gregory might have been in a great hurry but Dr. Fitts was not. (See teletype message from C.S. Simpson Jr. shown on the next page) (33.)

TO CAPT. G. GREGORY (EA)THRU J. HONAKER AB
FROM ADA/C. S. SIMPSON JR.

R/24/1833Z

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/ U N C L A S S I F I E D /

24 MAR 1968

REF. YOUR INFORMAL NOTES ON DR. FITTS, HE CALLED LAST WEEK AND REPORTED HE WOULD REVIEW THE DOCUMENT LAST THURSDAY OR FRIDAY FOR SURE. HE FAILED TO SHOW UP.

IN VIEW OF THE ALREADY STICKY SITUATION ON THIS MATTER - PLUS MY PERSONAL OPINION DR. FITTS HAS EVERY INTENTION OF REVIEWING DOCUMENT WHEN HE GETS TO IT - I THINK IT BEST FOR BMI TO NOT INTERCEDE ANYMORE. DOUBT IF WE HAVE ANY PEOPLE ON THE STAFF WHO COULD BE BRIEFED IN FAST ENOUGH TO THE OVER-ALL PROBLEM TO BE EFFECTIVE.

END

MARCH 24/1908Z/DD

Late March? More on Dr. Fitts.

"This guy is as hard to get ahold of as a saucer."

Additional teletype message (not dated but probably produced in late March) detail attempts to just contact Fitts to "say hello." (See message below)

THIS IS GUS TO GREGORY CAPT GEORGE THAT IS

REVIEWING THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER I NOTICED A STATEMENT THAT DR FITTS IS PLANNING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY ON VACATION I THINK ON APRIL 4 TH. I AM STILL HOLDING THE SENSITIVE DOCUMENT AND HAVE HEARD NO WORD FROM FITTS AS YET THIS WEEK SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT IF YOU RETAIN ANY HOPES AT ALL OF GETTING HIS REVIEW THAT YOU CALL HIM AND TELL HIM YOU WILL SHOW UP AT EITHER HIS OFFICE OR HOME WITH THE DOCUMENT AND JUST ASK HIM TO NAME THE DAY AND HOUR

IF THIS SEEMS SOUND I WILL RETURN THE DOCUMENT IN THE POUCH TODAY SO THAT NO NEED FOR YOU TO STOP HERE TO GET IT GAPLS

GUS FROM CAPT GREGORY.

Two more pages of messages are included in this lot. Some of the text is missing. (See messages on the next page)

HAVE CONTACTED PROF FITT'S OFFICE EVERY DAY FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS. YESTERDAY I RECEIVED ASSURANCE FROM HIS SECRETARY THAT HE WOULD AT LEAST REVIEW THE DOCUMENT SOMETIME TODAY. SOME BACKGROUND REGARDING THIS SUGGESTED TO HIS SECRETARY THAT SHE PLACE THE DOCUMENT IN HIS HANDS AND THAT HE MERELY TAKE A "PEEK" AT IT. APPARENTLY EITHER THE SECRETARY OR FITT'S THINKS THIS IS A VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENT WHICH WILL REQUIRE SOME TIME. ACTUALLY ONLY THREE PAGES. BELIEVE HE CAN DO IT IN A HALF HOUR. WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS IN FITT'S OFFICE. IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, REGARDING DOC, HE HAS NEVER SEEN IT. THEREFORE, RECOMMEND IT BE HAND CARRIED TO HIS OFFICE AND DEMAND RPT DEMAND THAT IT BE PLACED INTO HIS HANDS ASAP. LETS TRY THIS WAY, GUS. /AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS/

FROM A SECURITY VIEWPOINT WE HAVE HELD THIS DOCUMENT HERE AND HAVE MADE NO EFFORT TO DELIVER IT TO FITT'S BECAUSE OF THE DISCREET HANDLING SITUATION PLUS THE FACT IT IS MARKED CONFIDENTIAL AND FINALLY SIC SINCE WE HAVE NO IDEA OF HIS CAPABILITY TO STORE IT

JUST CANT FIND IT IN MY SOUL TO DEMAND ANYTHING OF FITT'S AM LEARY THAT HE WOULD INFORM ME TO DROP DEAD ALSO SINCE THIS HAS BECOME SO MESSY WE AS THE INSTITUTE WANT TO BE SURE WE IRRITATE NEITHER YOU NOR FITT'S BUT BOY WE ARE IN MIDDLE AS I AM SURE U ARE

I SUSPECT THAT FROM AN OVERALL STANDPOINT INCLUDING TRANSMISSION TIME

I HAVE NO POSITION TO DEMAND A DARN THING
GAPLS

OKAY GUSS, YOUR POINTS ARE WELL TAKEN. HOWEVER, CAN YOU HELP ME OUT IN THIS RESPECT - WILL YOU CONTACT HIS OFFICE AND ARRANGE FOR A TIME AND PLACE FOR ME TO SEE HIM. REASON - IS THAT YOU WOULD PROBABLY GET FURTHER FROM A PROTOCOL VIEWPOINT THAN I SINCE I HAVE BEEN WRITING HIS XXXXXXXX BEEN RIDING HIS OR HER BACK FOR THREE WEEKXX WEEKS. IF SOME FIRM DATE IS SET UP OR AGREED TO, THEN SEND THE DOCUMENT BACK. HOWEVER, IF POSSIBLE IN SOME WAY TO GET HIM TO COME DOWN TO YOUR PLACE TO TAKE A PEEK AT IT, I AM SURE WE CAN GET AN ANSWER ON THE SPOT. THIS IS JUST A SUGGESTION GA

OK WILL GIVE IT ANOTHER TRY DONT LET ON I KNOW YOU HAVE CALLED AND I WONT TELL HIM I WILL MAKE A ROUTINE FOLLOW UP BASED ON THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE SO HE WONT FEEL IM READ IN WILL ADVISE U SOON AS I GET ANYTHING SOMETIME THIS GUY IS AS HARD TO GET AHOLD OF BY FONE AS A SPUTNICK OR A SAUCER CLEAR ON TELECON AND THANKS GEORGE U HAVE MY COMPLETE SYMPATHY
GAPLS

OUR SINCEREST THANKS IN BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE CENTER HERE WOULD NOT HAVE YR JOB FOR ALL TEXXX THE MONEY IN THE WORLD APPRECIATE ANYTHING IN OUR BEHALF THAT YOU CAN DO CLEAR TELECON HERE
OUT OR GA WITH TRAFFIC

"High level Washington groups."

Another teletype message (undated) found with the other ones mentions "high level groups." (See below) (34.)

ITEM 8.

CAPT GREGORY ASKED ME TO PASS ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO YOU.

A. REQUEST YOUR DISCREET INTERCESSION IN ATIC,S BEHALF RE FITTS ANALYSIS OF A UFO PSYCHO CASE SUBMITTED TO HIM 6 WEEKS AGO.

B. REQUEST REPEATED CONTACTS WITH HIM OR HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS GIVE US IMPRESSION OF "RUN-AROUND".

C. MATTER NOW HAS REQCHED XXXX REACHED INTEREST OF HIGH LEVEL WASHINGTON GROUPS.

D. FIRST CONTACT WITH FITTS - 4 WEKXXX WEEKS AGO - STATED HE WOULD BE BUSY AND IN CONFERENCES FOR TWO WEEKS. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT IT WAS UNDESIRABLE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE, CONSIDERED OKAY TO LOSE THE TWO WEEKS.

E. LAST WEEK CALLED EVERY DAY WITH ASSURANCES THAT HE "FITTS" WOULD GIVE US AN ORAL REPORT THE NEXT DAY AND HE WOULD CONTACT US. YET NO ATTEMPT MADE TO CONTACT THE CENTER. WE HAD TO CALL HIM NEAR THE END OF THE WORKING DAY WITH THE SAME ANSWER "SORRY, ETC., ETC., WILL GIVE YOU A CALL".

F. AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSTITUTE, COULD YOU CONTACT HIM AGAIN AND FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT HE OR ANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES CAN DO IT. IF THE ANSWER IS "NO", DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE WITH IN THE ORGANIZATION WHO COULD HANDLE THIS FOR US.

THE ORGANIZATION WHO COULD HANDLE THIS FOR US. WE HAVE TO GET SOME REPLY INTO WASHINGTON TOMORROW TO OUR HEADQUARTERS.

25 March. Near the Woomera missile range, Australia. (10:00 p.m.)

"Disks performing intricate maneuvers." Missile experts show interest.

A report obtained by UFO investigator Michael Hervey:

"...Mr. Percy Briggs was working on his car when he suddenly caught sight of two shimmering disks performing intricate maneuvers in the sky. He called to his wife and children who ran out of the house. Together they watched the disks dart about for more than half-an-hour, during which period they constantly changed color from red to blue. Technical experts and scientists from the nearby rocket range at Woomera were interested enough to question Mr. Briggs and his family, who were able to convince them that the sightings were genuine." (35.)

26 March. Near Williamsburg, Virginia. (11:00 p.m.)

BM case. Car chase.

According to report made to NICAP:

"Witness: Hunter Purdie, Richmond, Virginia. Former Army Air Corps Engineer.

"At 11:00 p.m., March 26, 1958, Purdie was driving in the vicinity of Williamsburg, Va., when he noticed a light through his rear view mirror. The light was as bright as a headlight, but larger.

"My car engine began running roughly, and I looked through my rear view mirror, noticing the light about 50 feet away, gradually moving closer. I then drove erratically--however, the light followed.

"He watched through the rear view mirror, and by looking out through the rear window, as the object came within ten feet of his car, about 3 feet off the highway. It was about three feet wide and 3 to 4 feet high, circular in appearance.

"The light was diffused and light-orange colored. There was no source for the light, that is, it was evenly illuminated over its surface.

"This object followed my car down the highway...about ten feet back of the car, three feet off the ground. Speed was approximately 65 miles per hour."

"This episode lasted approximately eight minutes, after which the object 'just disappeared.'" (36.)

31 March. Mrs. Terpstra offers support for Mr. Chowanski. (30 December 57)

Fact or fantasy? Maybe the story of "three strange beings" was not a hoax? (See clipping)

Oak Ridge Woman Sees Flying Object During Same Time As Drakestown Man

OAK RIDGE—To Mrs. Frederick Terpstra, of 461 Longwood Valley Rd., Oak Ridge, the luminous flying object she saw out her kitchen window flying along the ridge of a mountain, was the most awesome sight she has ever witnessed.

After reading the story of George Chowanski, of Drakestown, in the NEWS recently, where it was reported that he saw a strange luminous object and three strange beings land in his backyard, Mrs. Terpstra last week related that she saw the same object on or about the same date, last Dec. 86.

She said she was glancing out her kitchen window when she saw a light moving across the sky. She thought at first it was some kind of reflection. The light kept moving toward the right.

Was Luminous
"It was luminous. I know it was no plane. I watched it for about 30 minutes until it disappeared. I don't see how anybody could have

missed it. I can verify Mr. Chowanski's story," she said.

Mrs. Terpstra didn't tell anybody for fear of being laughed at, but after reading Chowanski's experience in the NEWS, she decided to relate her strange tale.

Oak Ridge is about 20 miles from Drakestown at the north end of Longwood Valley. She saw the strange object in the west traveling south westward along the rim of a mountain about one-quarter mile away.

Fact or fantasy?

Oak Ridge, New Jersey

Dover Lakeland News.

31 March 58.

31 March. Ruppelt gives Keyhoe a firm "NO!"
(See letter below)

March 31, 1958

Mr. Donald Keyhoe
NICAP
1536 Connecticut Ave. N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Don,

Thanks for your letters. They were interesting but I have no comments. As I told you, I'm completely out of the UFO business.

I still believe you think that someone is forcing me out but this is not true. As long as the UFO subject stayed on a conversational plane I was willing to go along with it. But when it is pushed so far that a Senate sub-committee is conned into devoting their valuable time and effort, I bow out. I think the chances of UFO's being real are a billion to one and there are other problems in this world that are far more important for a Senate sub-committee to look into.

According to the news you people have been having a rough winter. We've had a lot of rain but can use it.

Best of luck.

Yours truly

Edward J. Ruppelt
1911 Josie Avenue
Long Beach 15, Calif.

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Dr. Fitts finally contacted.

Sometime between March 24th and April 3rd Dr. Fitts was located and given a letter of instruction. (See pages 49-50)

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 OHIO

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Dr. Paul H. Witta
 Department of Psychology
 325 Arps Hall
 Ohio State University
 Columbus, Ohio

Dear Dr. Witta:

This Center herewith submits a case file containing the original report, as well as the results, of a preliminary investigation regarding an alleged "flying saucer" sighting made by 1st Lt Joseph P. Long, USAF on the morning of 23 November, West of Tonopah, Nevada.

In accordance with discussions between you and Captain Gregory, the UFO Project Officer, in a meeting held in April of 1955, regarding the possible use of your services on a consultant's basis, it is desirable that a review and analysis of the data and statements in the attached material be made, from a psychological point of view. It would be appreciated if an informal report of pertinent comments and conclusions resulting from your analysis be forwarded as soon as possible.

We consider you the best qualified person to fulfill this requirement on the basis of your previous work in this field, in which you performed psychological analyses on 212 UFO cases, as well as your report "Psychological Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects" which you prepared for the Air Force a few years ago.

Background material and certain points which ATIC analysts consider significant are as follows:

a. A large number of "contact" and "near-contact" cases, such as this incident have been reported to the Air Force since the inception of our UFO program over a decade ago. However, investigations of these sightings by individuals claiming to have approached close to, examined, or actually flown in these so-called "flying saucers", generally disclosed strong elements of hoaxes, deliberate falsifications, psychopathological personalities, hysterical manifestations and misinterpretation of conventional objects.

b. However, our records disclose no instance of any military pilot or qualified aerial observer officially reporting to have made an actual contact or near-contact with flying saucers.

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Ltr to Dr. Paul M. Pitts, Columbus, Ohio

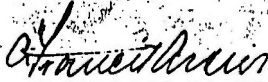
c. In this respect, this case may be considered somewhat unprecedented. Here we have a fighter pilot, familiar with current, and assumedly projected aircraft and missile designs, considered completely reliable and claiming close contact with the objects in question, in official testimony given during interviews.

d. An official check subsequent to the attached reports indicates that the officer just completed the Air Forces Survival Course at Stead Air Force Base, Nevada. On the same day he left for Las Vegas, Nevada, traveling all night without rest, with the exception of a brief rest en route.

It is requested that this material be handled as discreetly as possible, and safeguarded, consistent with its classification.

Your efforts and findings with regard to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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UFO Folder containing

2 classified papers

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31 March. Wilbert B. Smith addresses the Vancouver Flying Saucer Club.

An examination of Smith's speech shows he had no doubts UFOs were alien craft but any hope a researcher might have of detecting a clue to some of the Canadian's more spectacular assertions (later discovered in his private papers) will be disappointed. Smith hints he knows more than what he is saying, but that's all. Smith said he would not dwell on certain material, like dead ends in his investigations. Also, Smith stated, he could not: "...be as specific as I would like to be with respect to material given to me in confidence, or which came to me through classified channels." (37.)

1 April. Willoughby, Ohio. (4:00 a.m.)

"It was a funny color." (See clipping)

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W'by Man Sees UFO

By PAUL COLEBROOK

An unidentified flying object was sighted by a 60-year-old Willoughby man at 4 a.m. Tuesday.

No official report was made. The reason: "Tuesday was April Fool's day, and they might have thought I was just fooling."

Frank Dolence, who incidentally is celebrating his 60th birthday today, was returning to his home at 37619 Jordan dr. from work at the Ohio Rubber co. shortly after 4 a.m. Tuesday.

As he turned his car into his street he saw an object that "seemed to be about 60 feet high, about 30 to 40 feet across the top and about 30 to 35 feet across at the bottom, shaped like an ice cream cone only round on the bottom as well as the top."

"A Funny Color"

"It was a funny color, between red and orange, and it glowed like nothing I've ever seen before," Dolence said.

"I could see it from the top of the hill in the street. It seemed to be 300 feet in the air over the field at the end of Jordan dr."

"When I drove down the street and down into the dip in Jordan dr., I couldn't see it anymore. So I turned the car around and headed back up to the top of the hill again."

"When I got a look this time, it was much farther away — to the west."

Dolence said that he went home then, got his wife, Frances, and his daughter, Nancy, 16, out of bed and all three came out of the house to observe the object.

In the few minutes that it took for them to get dressed in their coats and return to the top of the grade, whatever Dolence had seen was gone.

"If it had not been April Fool's day, I would have reported it," Dolence admitted. "That was the only reason for not calling the police so that there would be some kind of a record."

Dolence, a pattern maker at Ohio Rubber for the past nine years, said that he had been hopefully watching the newspapers for an account of someone else's sighting something on the same night.

Only One Report

Nothing has yet been reported. The only person other than his wife and daughter to know of the sighting was his half-brother Frank Slade whom he saw and talked to the following morning.

Dolence said that up until Tuesday morning, he had always been skeptical of these things "like most everybody else."

Now, he says, he's convinced that there's something to it.

Just what, nobody seems to know.

1 April. Near Tucson, Arizona. (about 5:55 a.m.)

"In formation---in a line---with a bigger one at the rear."

(See clipping below)

Five Discs Appear In Skies

By BOB STIRLING

"There were five objects. They looked tear-shaped with the pointed tips at the rear. They looked like they were in formation—in a line—with a bigger one at the rear."

That's how LeRoy Gaskins, of 1931 S. Campbell Ave., a Greyhound bus driver, describes the unidentified flying objects he saw yesterday morning.

And he wasn't alone.

Eugene Ford, 905 W. Santa Rosa St., another bus driver, saw them. So did about 18 or 20 of the passengers on the two buses—both headed for Ft. Huachuca from Tucson.

The drivers spotted the objects about 5:55 a.m. yesterday and kept them in sight for about 15 miles of driving.

"At first I thought it was pieces of cloud with sunshine shining on them. They seemed to move away to the east. Then I saw it was four little ones with a bigger one, about three times larger, off to the rear and side of the group," Ford said.

The sky was absolutely clear of clouds, the two men said.

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"The edges seemed fuzzy and irregular. They were more or less disc-shaped. They weren't metal and I don't think they were balloons. I don't know what they were," Ford said.

"They were quite a way up in the atmosphere and east of me," Gaskins said. "I didn't see them at first and one of my passengers called them to my attention."

"I had a flat tire and got busy with that and Ford helped me. I didn't see them again," Gaskins added.

"We saw a formation of six jets while we were fixing the tires. At least they were leaving vapor trails and they looked like they were above the objects," Ford said.

The rising sun eliminated the objects from sight, he said. The objects had left no vapor trail, Gaskins said.

At Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, officials said there was nothing in that area except some B47 jets yesterday morning.

"And they weren't chasing anything," the official said when asked about the flying objects. "Our operations people say they don't know what those people saw. We didn't have any balloons launched from Davis-Monthan."

"I don't know what it was, but I saw something in the sky," Gaskins said.

"I don't know what they were," Ford said.

This Arizona incident had significance much greater than its value as a UFO report. The story in the Evening Citizen caught the eye of Dr. James Edward McDonald on the staff of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona, Tucson. Professor McDonald made up his mind to take a close look at the UFO phenomenon. What this would mean to UFology was expressed best by Jacques Vallee: "We have just had lunch with McDonald today, and it is clear that an entire era has come to a crashing end. This man has many contacts, many ideas, and he is afraid of nothing." (38.)

2 April. Columbus, Ohio. (9:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)

"Long row of windows?" (See newspaper clippings and story cut from the CSI Bulletin)

April 2, Columbus, Ohio: One of the few cigar-shaped objects of 1958 (assuming that there are any real "cigars"—a few UFOlogists suggest that all UFOs are roughly disk-shaped and that the rare cigar shapes are merely those which are only seen edge-on) was seen over the Scioto River between 9 and 11 p.m.—a bright flying object "with a long row of windows." Residents of the east side of Columbus said the UFO flew around the east and south sides of the city and disappeared going west. Traffic on Scioto River Road was reported stopped at one point, but "police and military officials were at a loss to explain the reports." Two days later Barbara Holland of Philadelphia (not a CSI member but an ingenious and resourceful investigator) was driving through Columbus. After checking local newspaper reports in the library she went to both papers. At the Dispatch city room she found two employees who had seen the object and verified the description: luminous cigar with bright portholes. At the State Police offices she learned that one of their men had seen it. The city police gave the run-around to her inquiries but finally a detective suggested that she ask the car-hops on River Road. At her first stop, nothing. At the second, the girl had seen something but had no details. She then revisited the NICAP member whom she had first contacted and found that he had seen the object twice—at 9:30 and at 11; both times it had been going north to south. She also went to Station WBNS to try to interview their newscaster, Chet Long. She caught him on the elevator; he mentioned receiving three personal reports on the object but declined to give out any names or information other than what was to be found in the papers. (Personal information from B. Holland; also Dispatch 4/3/58.)

an Mt. Vernon, O. News
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Ebenezer Hill Couple Reports Watching UFO

Mrs. A. V. Butterfield, who lives on Ebenezer Hill northeast of Mount Vernon, reports she and her husband watched an unidentified flying object for several minutes Wednesday evening, about the same time there were several reports in Columbus of an object seen in the sky there.

"It was about 7 p.m. that we saw it, and it sparkled like a tre-

mendous ball of fire," Mrs. Butterfield said. "It came out of the northeast and went southwest, and it looked like it was about on a level with the rising moon when we first saw it."

Mrs. Butterfield said the object appeared to be torpedo shaped, narrower at the front than at the rear, and had no visible wings and made no noise. "It had bright spots, something like windows, at the front, and the rear end just sparkled," she said.

2 April. 6 miles north of Solomons, Maryland. (about 8:30 p.m.)

The witness was a Gordon I.R. Lore, Jr., possibly the same man who was later assistant director of NICAP in the late 1960s. (39.)

The report:

"Let me state that these sightings are rather fantastic-sounding, but I am of the opinion that they were intelligently guided spacecraft from another planet. I shall simply state the facts...

"The 1st sighting took place on April 2, 1958, at about 8:30 p.m., EST, 6 miles north of Solomons, Maryland (my permanent residence about 70 miles southeast of Washington, D.C. on the very tip of Calvert County....) It was a clear, moonless night, a few stars visible directly overhead. My mother, grandmother, grandfather, a friend and I were driving down from Baltimore when we suddenly spotted a solitary, stationary light hovering only a few feet directly over a barn several hundred feet off the left hand side of the road. My grandmother and grandfather, who were in their own car behind us, said that they noticed the same light in the same position for at least 20 minutes before we stopped. After we stopped, the light stayed motionless for at least 5 minutes. Then it started blinking on and off and moved slowly, still blinking, south.

"We followed it to one mile north of Solomons, at which time it stopped, again over a barn - several hundred feet above. The light stopped blinking a few moments and remained still. The, suddenly, it commenced to execute some fantastic, unbelievable maneuvers, appearing in one place and, a split second later, reappearing in another place clear across the sky. It did this about 6 times, seemingly traveling at about the speed of light, and again stopped. A moment after this a single red light came from directly overhead, traveling at an unbelievably fast pace, and seemed to merge with the white light. A moment after this the white light, once more resuming its blinking, moved on slowly toward the south.

3 April. Tucson --an explanation? - (See clipping)

UFOs May Have Been F102s

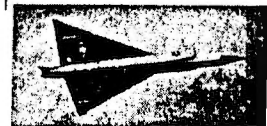
Possibility Suggested By D-M's Acting PIO

Those unidentified flying objects reported seen Tuesday at sunup may have been nothing more mysterious than F102 jet fighters.

This possibility was suggested yesterday by sources at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

One spokesman, Sgt. John W. McDonald, acting public information officer, explained that the delta-wing F102's could easily appear to a civilian observer as tear- or oval-shaped "blobs of light" in the pre-dawn twilight, especially if the planes were flying at an unusually high altitude.

"Airmen, used to seeing planes in flight at all hours and under all circumstances, and trained in aircraft identification," he said, "are apt to regard such sights as



Flying, Saucer???

But the. Several airmen on the base say planes reflecting the sun's light often appear as ovals of light from certain angles."

Others agreed that Sgt. McDonald "is as good an explanation as

villains who reported seeing UFO's at about 5:55 a.m. Tues-

day say there were four or five of them flying in V-formation.

Sgt. McDonald pointed out that he has seen F102 jet fighter planes, presumably from George AFB at Victorville, Calif., fly over Tucson, usually in V-formation and always in groups of four.

Those who saw the objects say they were followed by vapor trails, as though from jets in pursuit.

"It's possible they were jets that disappeared from view between 50,000 and 70,000 feet just as they formed a vapor trail, leading some observers to assume they were being pursued by jets," Sgt.

McDonald suggested. He said vapor trails form only at 50 or 60 below zero and when humidity conditions are right.

Sometimes, he added, jets leave behind intermittent vapor trails like dashes as they go from cold to warm layers of air.

Whether a formation of F102's did, indeed, fly over Tucson Tuesday mornig could not be learned yesterday. Lt. Col. Robert C. Smith, commanding officer at the UA Air Force Radar Station on Mt. Lemmon, was on leave and unavailable for comment.

Sgt. McDonald said if the station's radar equipment did pick up

such a flight it can be assumed it was a routine flight, as no emergency alert was reported given.

The UFO's were seen flying easterly parallel to the Benson Hwy. and appeared white and round and stayed in sight about 15 minutes. Observers included LeRoy Gaskins, 1831 S. Campbell Ave.; Dean Wood, 5922 E. 22nd St.; Eugene Ford, 905 W. Santa Rosa St.; J. C. Hurst, 5962 Waverly Pl.; Mrs. Warren Gray, 2449 N. Edith Blvd.; Lennie Wells, 511-A W. Planta St., and Mrs. Louise Meza, 3205 E. Bermuda St.

3 April. Ellwood City, Pennsylvania. (night)

Police radio goes dead. Children frighten.

A newspaper account states:

"Police Chief Clark Ricer said today police are 'puzzled' by an unidentified flying object reported here this week.

"No further reports have been received from residents on the two-foot red-blinking disc a housewife said frightened her children by appearing over the Walnut Ridge housing area Thursday night.

"Police officers Joseph Scala and Emanuel 'Tony' Maverro, who investigated the report received by the police department, gave the following account on the incident:

"We watched the bright red disc for about ten minutes. At first we thought it was an airplane or some kids with a balloon shining a light on it."

"But the situation got mysterious when the radio in the police car went out of order and we could not get in touch with the department." Scala related this morning to the police chief.

"The night was bright because of the moon and the two patrolmen could see the 'thing' going down blinking and going up again still blinking.

"After watching the red object for about ten minutes the officers decided to move in closer, but when they got to the top of the hill where the object was seen it had disappeared.

"The two patrolmen combed the entire area for possible clues but couldn't find anything irregular." (40.)

The housewife that reported the "red blinking disc" told the press: "I was alerted by my crying children who were scared to death by the 'thing.'" (41.)

3 April. Dr. Fitts finally reviews the Tonopah case. (See letter to Mr. Cross of BMI--Project WHITE STORK on pages 56-57)

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3 April 1958.

Mr. Howard Cross
Battelle Memorial Institute
505 King Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Cross,

I have examined the Tonopah, Nevada Incident of 23 November 1957, involving 1st. Lt. Joseph F. Long.

This is indeed an unusual report. With one important exception, it has many of the characteristics of the deliberate hoaxes and reports of psychopathological cases; this exception is that it was made by an Air Force officer, a pilot who presumably should be a most competent observer.

On the basis of the evidence in the folder I can only offer conjectures regarding the nature of this incident. These conjectures may be helpful, however, in the collection of additional evidence.

First, there is always the possibility of a deliberate hoax, even in an Air Force officer. In order to check on this possibility, I would recommend a discrete investigation of the officer's personal background—the kind of investigation that is conducted before granting a security clearance. Specifically, do friends, neighbors, etc., know of any evidence in the officer's background that would suggest the possibility of a hoax?

Second, and what I consider the most likely conjecture, it is possible that the officer was suffering from a temporary condition such as has sometimes been called "road hypnosis," brought on by excessive fatigue and loss of sleep. There are well documented cases of truck drivers, for example, who have driven off the road in order to avoid (entirely imagined) hedges, busses, etc., ahead of them on the road. This is most likely to occur on long desert roads, especially at night.

(Note: Dr. Ross McFarland, School of Public Health, Harvard University should be consulted on this point. He has made studies of road hypnosis. He has also served with me on an Air Force Scientific Advisory Board study group and is an authority in aviation psychology.)

I recommend that a complete hour-by-hour analysis be made of Lt. Long's activities during the 72-hour period preceding the reported sighting. Was he subjected to unusual physical or psychological stresses during the latter phases of the survival course? Exactly how much sleep had he had during this 72-hour period? Had he been taking any drugs, stimulants or alcohol during the night's drive. If so, what and how much?

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(Note: This investigation should be made through an interview with Lt. Long by a competent Flight Surgeon, and by means of a check-up with Survival Course personnel at Stead AF Base.)

Third, there is a possibility that this may conform to the pattern of many previous "flying saucer" reports. As I pointed out some nine years ago in my first analysis, practically all reports are characterized by complete lack of observation of specific details of the object observed. (Where these details are observed, the object is always identified.) Note here that the object itself was not clearly seen; it appeared to "glow brightly" and it "... emitted light." Also, the object and all observed components (the "translucent dome" as well as the "hemispherical" landing gears) of the object were without specific structure. This appearance of roundness, lack of clear corners, edges, structural detail, etc., usually occurs because the object is not seen clearly; the observer is actually seeing a strong light reflected from a surface or actually a light source; or else his eyes are out of focus, or else the object is much farther away than assumed. Lt. Long's account is clearly inconsistent with his statement that he was within 50 feet of the object. At 50 feet he should have been able to observe small structural details, such as antenna, trade name on the tires, etc.

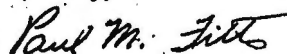
If conjecture three should be true, I cannot speculate as to what was actually seen. However, I do recommend that a thorough check be made for possible helicopter or other activities in the area.

I am at a loss to account for the high intensity noise together with absence of heat, smoke, or gust effects. My only conjecture here is that the objects may have been much farther away than assumed. Sound travels farther than heat or air blast.

As to the "several small impressions" in the sand I shall leave it to others to judge the importance of this evidence.

In summary, I strongly feel that this is just another case of mistaken identity or confusion in perception under unusual circumstances. This opinion, I must confess, is based primarily on comparison of this with the thousands of previous reports. As I have pointed out before, from a scientific viewpoint, it is impossible to disprove in each case that the thing observed was not a vehicle from outer space—it is not possible to prove the null hypothesis. However, in view of the now existing massive amount of negative data, my own inclination is to remain highly skeptical and certainly to take no action beyond that already underway in the absence of incontrovertible evidence of a positive nature. I do not consider the present evidence at all conclusive.

Sincerely,



Paul M. Fitts

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"Ultimate and logical conclusion."

Dr. Fitts recommended a more intensive investigation of the witness and the circumstances. The Air Force agreed: "The case is now considered to fall within the requirements for a special investigation, if it is to be carried to its ultimate and logical conclusion." (42.)

"Urgent for manifold reasons."

In agreeing to a more intensive investigation, a Col. Eriksen of ATIC noted:

"This matter is considered urgent for the manifold reasons found in the attached case file [Capt. Gregory's fears about the jet pilot joining forces with people like Keyhoe], and particularly if subject officer completes his tour of duty, or otherwise severs his relations with the Air Force before investigations to determine the actual facts have been completed." (43.)

4 April. Dr. McDonald goes to work. (See clippings)

WRITE HIM

UA Scientist Wants Disc Data

Tucson, Arizona
Tucson Citizen

4 April 58

Did you see them early Tuesday morning—those unidentified flying or non-flying objects?

A scientist at the University of Arizona would like to know if you did, and what you saw.

Dr. J. E. McDonald of the Institute of Atmospheric

Physics at the University called on the Citizen today to aid him in gathering more information concerning those mysterious objects sighted off the Benson Highway at about 5:55 a.m. Tuesday.

"It's an interesting phenomenon of the atmosphere or in the atmosphere. I'd like to know who saw it, what they saw, the shape of the objects, the direction if the objects were moving, and the speed," McDonald said.

"I'd also like to know where they were seen, the approximate position above the horizon and their estimated size."

McDonald asks ranchers, motorists or others who spotted the objects to write him at the University.

Meanwhile, local military and civilian radar spotters gave a completely negative report on the

objects. Both the Air Force radar station on Mt. Lemmon and the Civil Aeronautics Administration's radar control center at Davis-Monthan said they saw nothing and had no official reports of anything Tuesday morning in that area.

Two Greyhound bus drivers, going to Ft. Huachuca with their passengers, spotted the objects east of Tucson near the Rincon Mountains. Many of their passengers and some persons in Tucson also spotted the objects, which remained visible for about 15 minutes.

There were four tear-shaped or disc-like objects, and a fifth larger object with them, the observers said.

McDonald said one woman reported seeing them overhead in Tucson at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday.

UA INVESTIGATES

All Who Saw UFOs Urged To Come Forth

More than 20 persons have reported their observations on sighting of mysterious objects in the sky near Tucson last Tuesday to a University of Arizona researcher—and he wants to hear from more.

"These people definitely saw something. It was no hallucination and I'd like to hear from everyone who made the sightings before they forget details," Dr. J. E. McDonald of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the university, said today.

Last Tuesday morning, before daybreak, one woman called the United States Weather Bureau here to report the objects in the sky east of Tucson.

"She may have been the first to have seen them and I'd like to talk to her. I only know she lives on West Missouri street," McDonald said.

Another man watched the objects as he drove east on the Benson Highway and kept them in sight for nearly 15 minutes. He had them located between the Rincons and a beacon light.

"I'd particularly like to talk to him," he said.

McDonald would also like to hear from ranchers or motorists who may have made observations further to the east of Tucson.

One woman, star gazing at breakfast with 7-power binoculars, told McDonald that the disc-shaped objects had bands of color on them—red, orange and silver.

Two bus drivers reported there were five objects—one larger than the rest—and they appeared to hang over the Rincon mountains in a formation, finally disappearing at sunrise.

Different observers reported different shapes, formations and positions, McDonald said.

Those with information are asked to write to him at the University of Arizona, listing all the details that can be remembered, he said.

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Tucson Citizen

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McDonald and the data.

Dr. McDonald collected local newspaper accounts of the Tucson UFO incident. Although brief, the clippings obtained information that was similar in content and mentioned witnesses in widely scattered locations. These facts suggested a real event, one worth investigating.

McDonald phoned the persons mentioned in the news accounts, and from them he learned of other witnesses. Thus, starting with just a few people, he was able to interview 20 persons over the phone. Encouraged by this success, Dr. McDonald then used the local newspapers, television, and radio, to find even more witnesses. Eventually he contacted 75 persons personally, plus receiving five letters. The Arizona professor had managed to gather independent observations from localities in an area covering 70X25 square miles!

In addition, McDonald sought out and interviewed Weather Bureau personnel that were on duty the day of the UFO sighting, as well as civilian and military air traffic controllers manning the control towers at the Tucson Municipal Airport and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. He also talked with Army Electronic experts at the Proving Grounds at Fort Huachuca where records were kept of the operation of various service helicopters. Moreover, he consulted the

logs of the Air Force radar station on Mt. Lemon.

As many witnesses as possible were asked to describe their sighting from the exact site the observation was made. McDonald took transit readings to get the right azimuth and elevation. Estimates of the angular width of the UFOs were recorded (McDonald, of course, knew all about the resolution limits of the human eye).

Well versed in the use of the Nautical Almanac, McDonald could determine with accuracy the position of any celestial body at any given time. The sun's position was important in this case.

Balloon launches were researched to determine release times and angular coordinates of the burst points.

Exact weather conditions were written down and studied. Items checked were visibility, relative humidity, temperature, winds aloft, shear zones, and dew points. Because of his background in atmospheric science, McDonald had no trouble calculating inversion layers, and applying Appleman's Standard criteria for the prediction of contrail formation.

McDonald found that, in general, the: "...observers saw (five in most accounts) rather small silvery to golden objects (oval in shape in most accounts) low in the eastern sky just prior to sunrise." (44.)

Due to the distance involved, and other factors, details were lacking that would make this a good, high strangeness, case. However, it was a good learning experience for McDonald. It was very apparent authorities and the news media could not be depended upon to do an adequate job of reporting a UFO incident. The media, in fact, could be detrimental to an understanding of the UFO phenomena:

"An interesting reluctance to have any publicity given their observations was apparent in the comments made by observers. It became very clear that this reluctance stemmed from the press's typical handling of observations of unidentified objects---a certain amount of levity or ridicule is almost invariably incorporated into stories or headlines concerning such sightings." (45.)

Futhermore, McDonald had this to add:

"Newspaper accounts on 2 April referred directly or indirectly to 'flying saucers.' Of the seventy-five persons whom I personally interviewed, only about five had formed the opinion that these were in that uncertain category. Most observers simply described what they saw and that was the end of their comment..." (46.)

McDonald's investigation report runs 40+ pages! Most of it a scientific analysis of such things as sounding curves and inversion layers, etc. The reports shows what McDonald could do and it put Air Force investigators to shame.

5 April.. Santa Monica, California. (7:15) (p.m.?)

"And I wasn't drunk, either."

BOY, 9, TELLS OF SEEING^{4/5/58} ZOOMING 'CIGAR SHIP' (L.A., MIRROR NEWS)

Maybe it's the weather but a young Santa Monica astronomer insists that last night he spotted a "cigar-shaped" craft with windows, hovering near his home.

Bobby Young, 9, of 2520 Pearl St., said he first noticed the object at 7:15, and that when he zeroed in with his telescope, the object shot straight up and out of sight.

"And I wasn't drunk, either," added Bobby.

Pushing the panic button. The U-2 as a UFO.

The U-2 project was born in 1954 in response to the need for a special reconnaissance aircraft and the CIA was charged with the development and deployment. The designing, building, and operation of the U-2 had to be done with total secrecy. The U-2 flew singly and at extreme altitude but there was no way it could escape notice.

General Charles P. Cabell, USAF, explained the problem and what steps were taken to solve it:

"What could happen when alert radar operators of the Air Defense Command should pick up the blip of a high-flying U-2 on their radar screen? Probably they would push the panic button.

"We arranged with the Air Defense Command, through Brigadier General Robert Taylor III, for them to set up the necessary safeguards to filter out such radar sightings for which our 'birds' were responsible. Taylor had once worked with me in Air Force Intelligence and I was confident of his understanding of our peculiar problem and his discretion. It was all quietly arranged so that there never was a flap over a U-2 sighting. When a radar station made a sighting and sent the word forward, it passed through someone who had been alerted by Taylor to act quietly, as though this was some test aircraft (which it was) known fully to the entire system (which it was not). (47.)

"Mystery intruders."

The Air Defense Command may not have had a flap over a U-2 but it did have a flap over "mystery intruders." Instead of a single target on the scopes, there were numerous targets in formation. That fact caused excitement. U-2s did not operate in groups. The Strategic Air Command leaked some information to United Press president Frank H. Bartholomew about "mysterious radar targets." If the targets were some kind of secret Air Force aircraft, why publicize it? By telling the president of the newsservice, SAC made sure the story would see print and be believed. Why?

One thing the news release did was stir up NICAP. That was something the Air Force didn't need. (See article from NICAP bulletin on page 62)

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STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND REPORT HINTS SAC KNOWS UFOs ARE INTERPLANETARY

From several radar tracking cases admitted by the Strategic Air Command, there is strong evidence that SAC's chief, Gen. Thomas Powers, knows that the UFOs are interplanetary spacecraft.

In one significant case General Powers withheld the usual "scramble" order when radar showed a formation of unknown objects approaching the Pacific coast. Had there been any question that the objects were Soviet planes, the SAC commander would have swiftly dispatched H-bombers prepared to retaliate.

Radar blips of the mysterious formation were picked up by United States picket ships, by radar patrol planes over the Pacific, and later by stations ashore. Previously, similar radar warnings had caused "numerous dispatches" of SAC bombers, according to an official release. This admission by SAC was cleared by top level Air Force and Defense Department censors and published by United Press President Frank H. Bartholomew on April 7, 1958.

In at least one case, said the Pentagon cleared article, SAC bombers were scrambled when defense radar picked up strange objects flying toward the United States in precise formation. The bombers were recalled by special code signals when the Air Force realized the objects were not Soviet planes. These mysterious formations, said SAC, have never been explained.

But in the Pacific coast case—when an identical formation was tracked—Gen. Powers said, "Wait." Radar reports continued to pour in from the picket ships, DEW (Distant Early Warning) stations, and radar planes. Still Gen. Powers waited. The UFO formation had almost reached the coast—in quick striking range of west coast cities and bases—when the radar blips suddenly disappeared from the scopes.

Though previous identical formations were listed by SAC as unexplained, this report was explained away as due to false radar blips.

Why weren't the SAC bombers dispatched as in the other cases?

If Gen. Powers had believed it even remotely possible that the objects were Soviet planes or missiles, hundreds of SAC bombers would have roared aloft from United States bases within minutes.

ONE REASON FOR SECRECY?

But if General Powers knew these objects were not earthmade, it would fully explain his action. It would also mean that all high U. S. commands must know this problem—the danger that erroneous identification of UFOs could start World War 3.

This may be alleged to be one reason for official secrecy on UFOs. But publicly disclosing the truth will not alter SAC plans to handle the UFO problem. On the other hand, bottling up the UFO facts by the top commanders could possibly lead to a serious—even fatal—error by subordinates unaware of the truth.

If the UFOs actually were a spacecraft formation, why did the radar blips so suddenly vanish? One possibility, based on CAA radar experts' opinions, is that the UFOs suddenly climbed to a high altitude—completely out of the radar beams—as was recorded at Washington Airport in 1952.

Also a UFO's propulsion system may be able to repel radar beams, as recently suggested by Pres. Eugene Gluhareff of the Gluhareff Helicopter Corporation. At full power, he said, electrons ejected by a nuclear reactor would create an electronic field which would divert radar beams. No image would be reflected back to the scope.

If this theory is correct, sudden acceleration to full power could have caused the UFO formation's blips to disappear.

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Another possible scenario?

Perhaps the news release was a way of saying something to the Russians?
Khrushchev scared stiff?

Amazing revelations in the April, 1958, issue of Sir magazine. The truth or some made up nonsense?

According to the magazine story, a Hungarian, "Imre Kodaly," once occupied a key position in the Hungarian Communist Party and had access to Russian and American armament programs. "Kodaly" (a fake name to conceal his true identity after he sought asylum in America) claimed he had a curious discussion with the Russian Marshal Zhukov before the famous war hero fell from power.

If true, this exchange between "Kodaly" and Zhukov probably took place in summer of 1956 after Zhukov became a candidate member of the Presidium, sharing supreme power with Bulganin and Khrushchev in a short lived triumvirate, and before the outbreak of the Hungarian revolt on October 23rd of the same year.

Zhukov, we are told, was aware of serious unrest in Hungary and he confessed to "Kodaly" that he was in an: "...impasse with Khrushchev over conflicts on policy all the way down the line." (48.) "Kodaly" recalls Zhukov saying:

"But I know your first concern is for Hungary. I do not blame you for that. I must tell you that the revolution is certain to be crushed when it comes. Khrushchev will stop at nothing to avoid showing any sign of weakness before the world. He is already terrified of American power---." (49.)

"Kodaly" interrupts:

"I interrupted the Marshal. 'Why is he terrified?' I asked. 'We all know that the Americans are not weak, but after all, Russia has the H-bomb, and I understand that we are far ahead of the United States in preparations for space travel and guided missiles---'

"The Marshal held up a hand to stop me. He knitted his brow, gazed off into space for a moment, then said slowly: 'You must never reveal what I am about to tell you while I am alive and in power. No doubt you have heard of flying saucers. They are real, my friend. Real! Some of the American newspapers think they belong to us, but that, unfortunately, is not the case. They belong to the Americans.'

"The United States government denies it because they do not want the matter even discussed, lest we find out their secret and develop our own controlled space craft. Our scientists are working day and night to design our own weapons of this type, but so far we are up against a stone wall.'

"We know the devices exist,' he continued. 'We have seen them and photographed them and followed them by radar, but have never been able to shoot one down. They travel at tremendous speeds, well over 10,000 miles per hour.'

"I have tried every way to persuade Khrushchev to acknowledge the saucers and seek a friendlier relationship with the Americans,' he said, 'but he will not hear of it. He prefers to concentrate on



ZHUKOV TOLD ME: "U.S. HAS FLYING SAUCERS"

SR-AMG, 1957

EDITOR'S NOTE: Although we thoroughly checked this author's credentials when he came to our office, we had no way of checking the truth of his statements. However, as he seemed completely sincere, we are printing his story for you to judge its worth.

earth satellites and guided missile programs, hoping their development will reap us a golden harvest in world esteem. He thinks our missiles will soon be able to shoot down the saucers. I cannot get him to realize the difference between a missile, which pursues one straight course to a target, and a saucer, which can maneuver at high speeds, avoiding anything sent up to combat it.'

"The Marshal paused, made a gesture of helplessness with his hands, then returned to his original reason for summoning me to him." (50.)

7 April. Willoughby, Ohio. (7:55 p.m.)

"Reddish ball."

When a newsman announced over the radio a strange object was seen falling into Lake Erie, Chuck Kuebler of Willoughby grabbed a pair of binoculars and stationed himself in his back yard to check out the sky. With him were his mother, grandfather, and sister. Nothing was spotted falling out of the sky but the four witnesses did see a reddish ball suddenly appear 200-300 yards away above an open field behind their home. The thing suddenly lit up and began to pulsate. A guess was made that put the object's diameter at about three feet.

After it appeared, the reddish ball moved northward for an estimated 20 feet, and at that point it paused. The ball then began to move northeast on an upward slant. After only 30 seconds the object had become so faint it could no longer be seen. The thing was in view for about two minutes. (51.)

Congressman Henderson bugs the Air Force.

One should note that there had been a report from Willoughby back on April 1st, and more sightings of UFOs in the Columbus area a few days later. Also, another report was recorded at the Canton-Austinberg area on the 7th. All of these incidents indicate a small Ohio UFO flap. The Canton-Austinberg case was not impressive, but a remark scribbled on the paperwork is of interest: "Congressman Henderson of Ohio is riding [Emphasis in the original] the Air Force, claiming his constituents are claiming the Air Force won't check into Ohio sightings." (52.) This remark shows that complaints from the public were having some effect on the military, and that there was some emotion about UFOs in Congress.

8 April. Buffalo, New York. (9:49 p.m.)

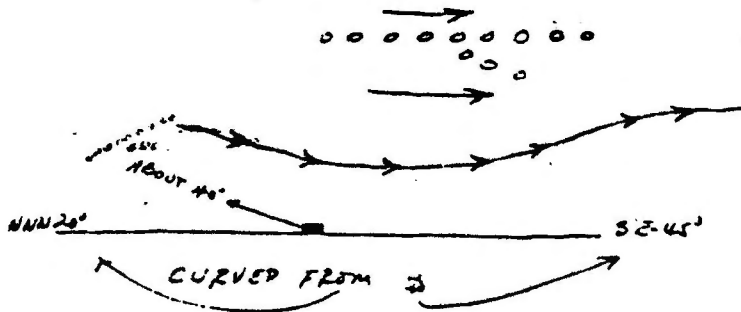
Y-formation.

GOC report:

"Had just mounted observation deck and was snapping on spotter scope when objects appeared very high and moving at tremendous speed -- faster than the passage of Sputnik's rocket. Immediately noted time and compass while training camera. Objects disappeared from view a few seconds after 9:49 (estimate 33 seconds). Stayed on post till 11:45 p.m. when sky became saturated with heavy cumulus clouds.

"Formation exact as that in previous reports[?]. Could count only 10 or 12 -- not sure." (53.)

Flight pattern shown on next page.



9 April. A sanitized version of the 1953 Robertson panel conclusions released.

The Following was officially made public by Major L.J. Tacker:

"January 17, 1953.

"1. The undersigned Panel of Scientific Consultants has met at the request of the Government to evaluate any possible threat to national security posed by unidentified flying objects ('flying saucers') and to make recommendations. The Panel has received the evidence as presented by cognizant Governmental agencies, primarily the United States Air Force, and has reviewed a selection of documental incidents.

"2. As a result of its considerations, the Panel concludes: That the evidence presented on unidentified flying objects shows no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct physical threat to national security.

"We firmly believe that there is no residum of cases which indicates phenomena which are attributable to foreign artifacts capable of hostile acts, and that there is no evidence that the phenomena indicate a need for the revision of current scientific concepts.

"3. In the light of this conclusion, the Panel recommends:

"That the national security agencies take immediate steps to strip the unidentified flying objects of the special status they have been given and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired.

"We suggest that this aim may be achieved by an integrated program designed to reassure the public of the total lack of evidence of inimical forces behind the phenomena.

(Signed)

Lloyd V. Berkner, Associated Universities, Inc.
H.P. Robertson, California Institute of Technology.
Luis W. Alvarez, University of California.
S.A. Goudsmit, Brookhaven National Laboratories.
Thornton Page, John Hopkins University. (54.)

Of course the release of the panel conclusions drew the attention of those who were following the UFO mystery. The editors of England's Flying Saucer Review, an influential publication in the international UFO community, interpreted the development this way:

"The word inimical used in the last line of the report means 'hostile.' You will notice while they said the saucers were not hostile to the national security, they did not say the saucers did not exist. In fact, they implied that they do! It is also interesting to note that this five-year-old report has only just been released for the U.S. Air Force." (54.)

NICAP's comments were similar:

- "1.) The 1953 panel did not deny the reality of UFOs.
- 2.) The most vital conclusion as stated was that no 'inimical forces' were involved.
- 3.) Not even the McClellan subcommittee was able to secure the complete CIA report.
- 4.) The panel's investigation covered days and was a study of secret documents and intelligence reports.
- 5.) Without the full report, no honest evaluation can be made of the brief Air Force summary.
- 6.) It seems obvious from the CIA evasion that important facts about this long hidden study are being kept from the public." (55.)

If the intent was to throw water on the fires of ET speculation, the disclosures had to be considered a failure. Why do it?

Michael Hall, in his unpublished manuscript: A Serious Study - A Century of UFO Sightings, suggests the CIA was forced to make a limited disclosure because Donald Keyhoe had learned of the panel's existence. This is a reasonable assumption since members of Congress (besides the public) were no doubt curious. It would be best to head off inquiries by releasing a measured amount of information in the hope nothing more would have to be revealed.

Hall also suggests that including the panel's recommendation to "strip UFOs of their special status" did not make sense because the problems of national defense were not addressed in the sanitized version." (56.)

Before moving on, we might ask again: Was the release really for the Russian's benefit?

9 April. Mesa, Arizona. (7:45 p.m.)

"Zoomed down, zoomed up."

The UFO was first seen by two Telephone employees in their early 20s who were driving west on Main Street, several blocks from the center of downtown Mesa, Arizona. It was 7:45 p.m.

A fast moving spot of light about 45 degrees above the horizon was noticed. It was unusual enough to command the men's complete attention. The light was in a rapid descent, like a falling star, until it reached an altitude of about 1,500-2,000 feet above the city, at which point it pulled

up into a steep climb and headed toward the southwest. The two witnesses said as the object drew closer to the earth, it became clearer to see. The object was cigar-shaped with: "Rectangular windows inside from which orange light shone." (57.) As the UFO climbed, it accelerated faster and faster. Within 10 seconds it was all over, the UFO having faded from view in the southwest. (58.)

9 April. Newport Beach, California. (night)

Two flat objects with flashing lights. (See clipping below)

HOVERING OFF NEWPORT BEACH

Two Mystery Flying Objects Sighted

NEWPORT BEACH (OCNS) — Two unidentified flying objects were sighted off the Newport Pier last night by a Newport Beach police officer. It was the second UFO sighting since Sunday.

Patrolman Roger Gordon spotted the objects from the pier at 9:30 p.m., after they were pointed out to him by three fishermen. Approximately a half-dozen persons saw the hovering objects.

Gordon described them as flying slowly at an elevation of about 500 feet, headed northeast. They appeared to be flat and delta-winged with no tail or super structure, he said.

On the trailing edge were about six red lights that flashed on and off in a series. He said one of the objects made a right turn and headed over Newport. The second continued up the coast until it reached the vicinity of the Santa Ana River and then turned towards Santa Ana.

Gordon contacted El Toro Marine Corps Air Station and relayed his information to the flight operations officer, who urged that all information on the objects be given to them as fast as possible.

Orange County News Service contacted fishermen on the pier shortly afterwards and they confirmed Gordon's story. Three 15-year-old youths told of seeing the two objects while they were fishing. Their stories coincided with

Gordon's, except for the number of lights on the objects.

Jerry Howard of Arlington, Ken Swearingen of Buena Park, and Dick Wass of Riverside, all staying at a Newport Beach apartment, said they first saw one of the objects about 500 feet up. Someone pointed in another direction and they spotted the second one. Both had two red lights apiece, they said.

They said the objects may have been helicopters except there was absolutely no noise and no shape could be distinguished. Swearingen claimed "They were sure weird, the way they darted and hovered."

Two other men said they saw the objects but declined to give their names it was said.

The flight operations officer at El Toro was contacted by OCNS at 11 p.m. He said that he had no knowledge of the occurrence other than what had been reported by Gordon.

Helicopters could have been in the area, he said, but he could not confirm it. He did not say whether any planes had been put into the air to search for the flying objects. He declined further comment.

The first sighting this week occurred early Sunday morning when military and civil authorities sighted a strange object traveling from Anaheim to the Saddleback area, where police officers reportedly were close to it.

Anaheim, California. Anaheim Daily Bulletin
10 March 58.

10 April. Denmark.

Continued UFO activity.

According to a London newspaper:

"FLYING SAUCERS OVER DENMARK

"Copenhagen, Thursday: A Danish fighter has reported seeing a formation of flying saucers. They were also sighted on the radar screen of the Danish Air Force Station at Skrydstrup, Jutland.

"After sighting them the fighter pilot tried to overtake them, but they accelerated and disappeared. The station commander appealed to the public to report any mysterious flying objects." (59.)

10 April. Senator Barry Goldwater. (R-Arizona)

"Flying Saucers are real."

Recent UFO reports in Arizona were probably why Senator Goldwater spoke out on the subject on April 10th. Goldwater, an Air Force Reserve Colonel, told the press: "Flying saucers, unidentified objects or whatever you call them ---are real." (60.) Also: "The Air Force has a project to investigate these reports but when you ask about them they clam up." (61.)

10 April. Kenora, Ontario, Canada. (afternoon)

Steep dive.

A news story states:

"Mr. P. Funk, of Funk's Hidden Trail Resort, Black Strugeon, reports that while he was driving into town Thursday afternoon he was mystified by a strange object in the sky.

"Mr. Funk said that he saw an object, flashing like a diamond, about 1,000 feet in the air, directly ahead of his automobile. Mr. Funk said he stopped the car and watched the object which was travelling at a terrific rate of speed. He said it dove straight towards earth, levelled off and disappeared into the distance.

"Mr. Funk said that he has heard and read of many similar sightings but put them off as just so many rumours but having witnessed the thing himself, he said he was convinced that it was no ordinary phenomena." (62.)

11 April. Tucson, Arizona.

"Discovered by the Egyptians?"

The Arizona Daily Star printed:

"When, in an interview here in Tucson, Sen. Barry Goldwater said he believed in flying saucers, he presumed something that his boss in the Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff Gen. Curtis Le May, former chief of the Strategic Air Force, once denied in an interview in Tucson a few years ago.

"At that time, when General Le May was asked if he thought there was such a thing as flying saucers, his answer to the Arizona Daily Star was: 'Of course I do, they were first discovered

by the Egyptians more than 2,000 years ago.* He then went on to explain that every incident of flying saucers had been investigated by the Air Force, and that in each case a reasonable explanation was found that discredited completely the existence of any such things as flying saucers." (63.)

12 April. Tabladitas, Argentina. (night)

"Strange aerial vehicle?"

Latin American case:

"Sr. Armando Avila Garron, a well-known university professor, was strolling with his wife when they heard a sound similar to that of a motorbicycle and, shortly afterwards, saw a strange aerial vehicle, intensely illuminated, the precise shape of which they were unable to determine. It passed in front of them, at a distance of some 20 or 30 meters, and almost touching the ground. It was surrounded by a large white aureola. Then it veered towards the east and vanished at high speed. (64.)

12 April. Carbondale, Illinois. (8:00 p.m.)

"In the year 22, 3rd month, 1st day, in the 6th hour of the night, it happened that the scribes were in the House of Life, [preparing the Annals of the King] when a circle of flame appeared in the sky, with no top. From its mouth came breath of wind that stank terribly. Its form was one rod long and one rod wide (circular) and it was silent.

"Their minds became alarmed and confused, and they fell on their bellies. They reported to the Great One [Pharaoh]. His majesty ordered them to....their bellies themselves....its body hovered without legs....He [Pharaoh] pondered over what to do....He meditated on what had occurred and what they had recorded, written in the papyri in the House of Life.

"Now it happened that these things became more numerous than ever, appearing after three days once again, in greater numbers than ever....These objects shone like the sun in the heavens, they travelled to the limits of the four quarters [cardinal points] of heaven!

"Most dominant in their places were the rings of fire. The Army of the King beheld the spectacle, with him in their midst. It was after supper [6:00 PM]. Then they looked, and these things above them ascended high into the sky, towards the south, and flew away. Rains of fishes and birds and creeping things [frogs, tadpoles, etc.= volatiles] fell from the sky."

(See appendix)

"Might have been flying saucers."

A press report states:

"Two 12-year-old Cabondale boys have reported seeing three objects Saturday night which 'might have been flying saucers.'

"John Shelby Lewis and Sidney Hall said they saw the objects about 8 p.m. over West Main street.

"They said the three fiery objects seemed to drop in altitude and then 'went back up.'

"They said one of the objects was larger than the other two. One of the smaller 'saucers' was described as 'sort of bluish looking.'

"The boys said the objects stayed around a few minutes and then seemed to head off in a northeasterly direction." (65.)

12 April. Manitowoc, Wisconsin. (10:30 p.m.)

The nun's story.

Saturday night about 11:30 p.m. a phonecall was made to the County Sheriff Office from the Holy Family Convent on the outskirts of the city of Manitowoc. It seems two nuns had observed two blue lights flying around the convent and that one of them had landed and was still visible in a field nearby.

Two Sheriff units raced to the scene and the deputies saw the light in the field as they drove up to the convent, however a search of the field failed to turn up any trace of the intruder.

Both sisters gave statements to the lawmen. (See statements pp.72-73)

As usual, ATIC, Wright Field, appeared more concerned with public relations than the UFO problem:

"Aside from the obligation imposed upon the Air Force to resolve the sighting as prescribed by para 1, AFR 200-2, the unquestioned reliability and integrity of the observers involved in this incident could be exploited, to the adverse interests of the Air Force, by UFO clubs and 'flying saucer' proponents, if brought to the attention of the general public. This is particularly true if it is shown that no further action was taken or found inconclusive on the part of the Air Force." (66.)

The Air Force's explanation for the nun's report: "The stars Betelgeux and Pollux." (67.)

14 April. Albuquerque, New Mexico. (8:35 p.m.)

"Peculiar formation."

A NICAP UFO report form states:

"Air Force S/Sgt. Oliver Dean observed a peculiar sight at 8:35 p.m., MST. It was a clear, cool night, cloudless, no moon, very little haze, with the stars shining very clearly.

"As S/Sgt. Dean was locking his car door, he glanced toward the house, saw Orion above the roof, looked up, and it was then that he first saw the peculiar formation.

"He observed between 2-3 dozen, possibly more, orange-gold pinpoint sources of light, which at first looked like sparks

Sister ~~XXXXXX~~

I was called at 10:30 P.M. April 12, 1958 at which time I saw two objects located in the West. The white object seemed to be going back and forth, uncertain whether on ground or not. It had the appearance of a bright ball of light. There seemed to be a protrusion which gave it sort of a cone shape and also an outline of red. Object was seen at intervals. The red object was very small, couldn't tell what shape. It fell in a very uneven and slow manner. It wasn't a bright light. I left in about a half hour at which time the objects were still in view. I used binoculars to view it part time.

Sister ~~XXXXXX~~

We were informed on radio that Sputnik II would land that night but didn't know where. Out of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ curiosity I watched to see if I could see it again as I had seen it about 3 or 4 times. About 8:30 I began to look at the West Southwest direction from where it usually came. The first time I didn't see anything but between 8:30 and 9:00, I ~~xx~~ saw an object that was coming that looked like a star and it seemed to disappear. But in the meantime, I saw this other object in the West and I watched it and it seemed to drop gradually from the sky. I watched it for about 10 minutes and it kept on ~~droping~~ dropping. I called another Sister out and asked her if she could see it. At first she didn't see it but eventually she saw it. As we watched it seemed to ~~xxxx~~ ~~4~~ over over the ground but not touch it. It seemed to be about 5 feet from the ground. Then it would flare up to rather a bright light and then it would ~~move~~ around back and forth past one spot but still the light was very bright. In the meantime, Sister left to get the binoculars and just as she left the object flared up and seemed like it was going to explode, different colors of light came from it. There were different shades of light, orange, blue, etc. It ~~xxxx~~ looked like it was going to burst into flame. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ By the time Sister came back it had gone back to a white light. We observed through binoculars

Sister ~~XXXX~~ (cont)

and we saw a second object coming down from the sky, which is number 2 in my questionnaire. It seemed to drop in jerks into the trees. It was circular shaped similar to a large grapefruit, colored red. It seemed to hover in one position. After Sister left I noticed the object (No. 1) started to move in a Northeast direction. I shifted position from the West to Northeast part of the building and as I ~~left~~ watched from the second position I noticed that both objects were going in a Northeasterly direction No. 1 ~~was~~ leading and No. 2 following about an angle of 90° toward NE horizon. No. 1 kept rising until it disappeared in a more northerly direction. No. 2, after it had gone quite a distance in a NE direction, turned and came back and seemed to bounce over houses and seemed to be about a 90° angle. It headed in a Northwest direction, then it turned Southwest. It kept bouncing over the ~~firm~~ field. It kept on until after midnight when I left. Later the sheriff came and asked me to show him where I ~~saw~~ the objects. ~~He~~ I showed him the exact spot. I also used the binoculars and saw object No. 2. He couldn't tell what it was and ~~xxx~~ went toward it to find out ^{what} it was. It disappeared when he got close to where it was.

until he noticed they were in formation. Their brightness was about the same intensity as hot wood sparks or the glowing end of a lit cigarette seen from a distance. The formation was arranged around a large 'V' in the center, with two smaller irregular formations either side of it. The width of the formation was about 1½ or 2 times the width of Orion's belt. Their movement was very even and steady, without any change in formation other than normal foreshortening with distance. When first seen about level or slightly above the level of Orion's belt. When last seen, the level was at about the tip of Orion's sword. S/Sgt. Dean had the strange formation under observation for about 10 seconds.

"A check with the CAA control tower that same night revealed that no aircraft formations had flown over Albuquerque at that hour." (68.) (See drawing on page 75)

Major Tacker chastised.

Sgt. Dean wrote Major Tacker and asked for permission to report his UFO sighting to a civilian group. Tacker granted permission since, as he interpreted it, the sighting report had not been forwarded to ATIC for evaluation (Dean had not reported anything to military at the time of the incident and he was making his request in June, a month later) and for the fact BLUE BOOK had no other record of the case. (69.)

Upon review of the Tacker-Dean correspondence, Assistant Deputy of AFCIN-4E, Nicholas Post, chastised the Major:

"Paragraph 11, AFR 200-2 means exactly what it says. No, repeat, No [Emphasis in the original] Air Force personnel, other than those of the OIS, or those so directed, will contact private individuals concerning UFO cases. A military person, even in an unofficial interview, might still be quoted, and when he is quoted his statements are usually construed to be those of the Air Force." (70.)

14 April. The Air Force is only a small bit of a big conspiracy?

Coral Lorenzen wrote Donald Keyhoe a letter on April 14th that said in part:

"We [Her and her husband Jim] have had to walk on eggs from time to time because of our location, [Alamogordo]. I have personally had to 'take a lot' as head of APRO, but this is changing. Jim and I received a private visit from the UFO Investigative Officer from Holloman, and his assistant, with whom I used to work. Both nice guys, but not interested in the subject one bit; this confirmed our opinion that the Air Force is only a very small piece of the big conspiracy. They are the goats because they are charged with the atmosphere above the United States." (71.)

15 April. Ruppelt: Congress has better things to do.

A letter to Keyhoe on April 15th hints that Ruppelt may have been caught up in the Cold War panic. (See letter)

ATTACHMENT TO REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED

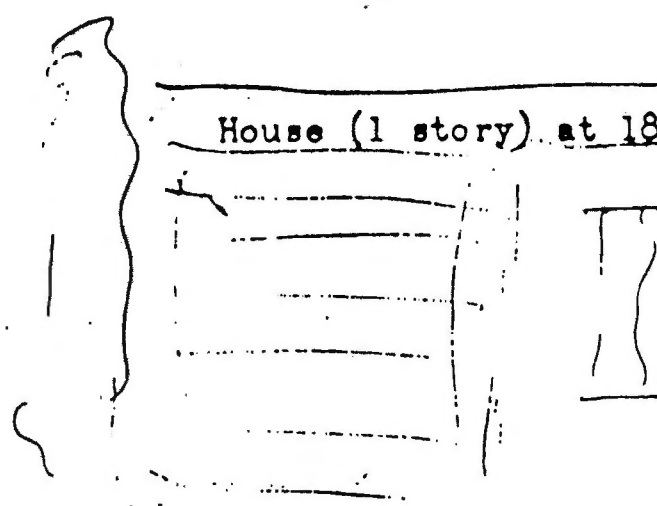
for 14 April 1958, submitted by S/Sg

★ ★ ★
Formation first observed here...



★ ...went out of sight
here. ★

House (1 story) at 18



April 15, 1958

Mr. Donald Keyhoe
NICAP
1536 Connecticut Ave. N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Don,

Thanks for your letters. They were interesting but I have no comments. As I told you, I'm completely out of the UFO business.

I still believe you think that someone is forcing me out but this is not true. As long as the UFO subject stayed on a conversational plane I was willing to go along with it. But when it is pushed so far that a Senate sub-committee is devoting their valuable time and effort to it, I bow out. I think the chances of UFO's being real are a billion to one and there are other problems in this world that are far more important for a Senate sub-committee to look into.

According to the news you people have been having a rough winter. We've had a lot of rain but can use it.

Best of luck.

Yours truly



Edward J. Ruppelt

Note that this letter dated April 15th is worded exactly the same as the Ruppelt letter shown on page 48 dated March 31st. The second version is more neatly typed and is signed. Its possible the March 31st letter was never sent to Donald Keyhoe. A two week delay in sending the "firm no" missive, an interesting delay!

15 April. Danish UFO flap continues.

"Triangular spaceship?" (72.)

Country: Denmark

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"SPACESHIP" OVER DENMARK--Danish officials have appealed for witnesses to corroborate a woman's statement that she saw a "spaceship" on April 15 near Broager, south Jutland. The woman described the spaceship as a big, black, low-flying object bearing on it "a white and yellow circle which seemed to move." She said that when it flew over Broager a number of horseshoe-shaped objects "emitting a strong light" issued from it. About 20 other witnesses reported seeing "a triangular spaceship" in the vicinity at the same time. One witness said he saw "sea of flames" in the sky. A member of the Danish Interplanetary Society said that in the past few days he had been "flooded" with reports of triangular spaceships and other celestial phenomena. (London, REUTERS, Apr. 19, 1958, 1130 GMT--E)

16 April. Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada. (Afternoon)

One hovered in the air. The other landed for a brief moment. (See clippings on pages 77-78)

"A mysterious visitor in the sky, at nine minutes past ten last night was spotted by Naval Observatory space satellite trackers, who said it appeared to be a satellite, but neither US nor Russian satellites were due in the sky at that time in that place."

WWDC News (Radio)

11:30 a.m.

17 April 1958.



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COULD IT BE SUPERMAN?

Unidentified Objects Stir Interest Of Area Residents

Reports from King street east residents that they had seen "something" flying around in the sky early yesterday afternoon sent Sentinel-Review reporters to the scene of the excitement.

It was the first report of unidentified flying objects in the district for quite some time and on this occasion there was an added twist — the men who had seen the objects in the air claimed that one landed for a brief moment on a spot a couple of fields away and then took off straight up into the sky.

Adrian Keet told the Sentinel-Review that he and the men working outside with him saw

several large silvery objects in the sky come closer and closer. Watching intently they were surprised to see one actually land a few fields away. "It didn't stay down very long," said Mr. Keets, "and when it took off it went straight up into the air." He added that he and his wife watched the "thing" until it got so small they could no longer see it.

At first they thought it was a big piece of paper, Mr. Keets said, as it twisted and turned on its downward flight, but added that when it started upward it travelled so fast it was unlikely it could have been that.

The men with the S-R reporters — and a camera just in case — went to the fields where the object appeared to have landed and made a thorough search of the ground there.

There were no traces of anything unusual on the land — on the other hand there were no traces of large pieces of paper, kites or anything else that could account for the mysterious sight.

The "Things" whatever they were haven't been seen since out that way, but there's still a great deal of curiosity out King street east.

Birds? Paper? An optical illusion? Some wayward clothing from a clothesline? All these and many more suggestions have been made as the answer is sought.

On the other hand there were much more interesting suggestions!

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REPORT STRANGE FLYING OBJECTS

Shortly before the Sentinel-Review photographer reached the scene on RR 2, Ingersoll (out King street east), the two men in the photo, Wibren Heslenga and Adrian Keet (right), reported having watched several mysterious, glowing objects approach in the sky from the north. The men, working on construction of a barn, described the flying objects as being "cornered," and from the distance of approximately the width of two farm fields away, appeared to have the length of

an arm spread. While the others hovered in the air, one of the objects appeared to make a landing. But before the men could move toward it, the "thing" took off again, rose straight up with an accompanying jerky movement, and with the other objects, disappeared from view. A detailed search of the area shortly after the reported sighting disclosed nothing out of the ordinary, nor any signs of a landing of any "flying saucer-type" object. (Staff Photo).

17 April. The secret Brazilian Navy Trindade "memorandum."

"Indicate the existence of unidentified aerial objects."

An official document on the Trindade story was made available to the Brazilian House of Representatives on April 17th. It commented on the Barauna UFO photos and various incidents that took place on the island. This secret document (which was minus some Top Secret information like the electric power failures) was leaked. It was then published in several Brazilian newspapers: the Correio da Manhã, the O Jornal, and the Jornal do Brazil.

(See Navy report on pp.81-92)

A reaction to the leak of the Navy document appeared immediately in a press release issued by the Navy Minister Office over the signature of Commander Raul Lopes Cardoso:

"The Navy has sent a memorandum to the House of Representatives with the answers to the questions asked by Rep. S. Magalhaes, in an official document, on the sighting of a flying saucer on January 16, 1958, at the Island of Trindade. I must declare, however, that such a memorandum is a classified document, and the House of Representatives is not authorized to divulge any information included there. Only the President of the Republic, or the Navy High Command, could give the order to declassify the Navy Secret Report on the subject and make it available to the public.

"I would like to make it clear, on the hand, that the document received by Rep. S. Magalhaes is not the Navy Secret Report itself. That report continues to be absolutely secret. Any information or comments about it are still forbidden. What was sent to the House was a single memorandum, classified too." (73.)

18 April. Soviets charge the U.S. with "provocations."

The official admission on April 7th by America's Strategic Air Command that "mysterious formations" detected by Air Force radar networks had triggered a number of SAC bomber sorties was carefully noted by the Soviet Union. Ten days later the Reds issued strong protests. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko held a news conference to say the "provocations" would be brought to the attention of the United Nations Security Council without delay. The claim that SAC aircraft carrying nuclear bombs had been scrambled in the direction of the Soviet homeland because of meteor flights, interference of high frequency transmitters, or the "appearance of foreign objects that have never been explained," did not impress Moscow. The Soviets did not buy any of the suggested excuses and preferred the problem to "provocative actions" by the American Air Force. (74.)

19 April. Albuquerque, New Mexico. (3:30 a.m.)

"A controlled object in the sky." (See clipping on page 93)

19 April. Tupancireta, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. (no time)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
GENERAL STAFF OF THE FLEET
SUBDIVISION OF INFORMATION

SUBJECT:

1. Clarification of the observation of unidentified flying objects sighted on the Island of Trinidad, in the period of 12/5/57 to 1/16/58.

OCCURRENCES:

1. Captain of Corvette Carlos Alberto Ferreira Bacellar, Commandant of the Oceanographic Station of the Island of Trinidad submitted the following information to the General Staff of the Fleet on January 27 of the current year [1958].

- I - That he knew of the sighting, over the Island, of the passage of an unidentified flying object, on 12/31/57, seen by the Medical Officer, 1st Lieutenant Ignacio Carlos Moreira Murta, by one crewman and by five workmen, during the morning, about 10 minutes before 8 o'clock; and that in view of the conviction of the observers and the agreement of the information reported, he had resolved to communicate by radio, which brought about the present verification;
- II - That on this occasion he found out that an identical object had been seen previously, on 12/5/57, by a workman, also in the morning at approximately the same time.

- III - That on the following day, 1/1/58, at the same time, in the same location and with a direction approximately northward (the same as in the previous cases) something appeared, moving with incredible velocity. In spite of the affirmations of various crewmen, he believed, and still believes, that it was a sea gull, in spite of the brilliance which it presented at a certain point of the trajectory; his doubt originates from the fact that the object -- or gull -- was projected against the sky, producing, in his opinion, a stereoscopic effect;
- IV - That posteriorly, on 1/2/58, a new alert had been given, this time at night, at about 10:00 pm, an alert to which he gave no importance, because he himself was on watch and had seen nothing;
- V - That finally, on the morning of 1/16/58, on board the ship NE "Admiral Saldanha," then anchored next to the Island, and at the moment carrying out the operation of hoisting the launch, another alert of the UFO had been given, simultaneously by personnel in the prow and in the stern of the ship;
- VI - That, on this last occasion, a professional photographer, civilian, who was on deck in the stern of the ship, ready to photograph the operation of hoisting the launch, advised and alerted about the UFO, had the opportunity to take four photographs which are shown;

- VII - That, after having taken the above-mentioned photographs, the photographer, in the presence of CC Bacellar and other persons, took the roll of film from the machine; later, in company of this official he went to the dark room of the ship (improvised in the head of the infirmary), dressed as he was in shirt and shorts, and where he remained only ten minutes, presenting at once the negative of the film to CC Bacellar, who affirms having seen the above-mentioned UFO represented on the negative, although with much less clarity because the film was somewhat dark;
- VIII - That, posteriorly, when the above-mentioned photographs were shown to persons on the ship who witnessed the phenomenon, they recognized the image represented in the photograph as identical to that which they saw in the air;
- XXI - That the person who called the attention of the photographer to take the photographs was a retired Aviation Captain of the Brazilian Air Force, then on the ship coordinating an amateur group of divers specializing in submarine fishing, also a specialty of the photographer;
- X - That the whole process of taking photographs must not have lasted more than thirty seconds;
- XI - That, finally, there was observed, in a marked way, a strong emotional state in the photographer as well as in the persons who saw the UFO.

2. Immediately CC Bacellar related a phenomenon observed by him personally during his stay on the Island, twice, with the aid of a precision theodolite, during the day and witnessed by other persons, in the following terms:

- I - That he was observing a sounding balloon when he became aware of the falling of the transmitter, a falling clearly recognized by the signals heard on the receiver and by the line traced on the recorder;
- II - That after the above-mentioned falling the sounding balloon must have burst, since the average duration of a balloon is 40 minutes, after which it bursts because of having reached great height;
- III - That the sounding balloon in accompaniment was concealed, at 14,000 meters of altitude, approximately, when it lost the transmitter, and that immediately afterward he observed a point in the sky at about 30° , on the horizontal of the point in which the balloon had disappeared upon passing behind a cloud;
- IV - That seen through the theodolite the point observed presented a strange shape of a half moon, with a certain reflection of light, the phenomenon remaining for 3 hours and a half, the object apparently moving with the same angular velocity as the sun;
- V - That the point only failed to be seen when the sky began to be covered with cirrus clouds;

VI - That he had not been able to explain what he had observed, considering the duration of the sounding balloons, the shape and illumination of the object and the state of the sky (moon, stars), leaving no margin for doubt;

VII - That, finally, the phenomenon was also witnessed by the Doctor, various crewmen and by a civil functionary of the DHN

2. The one who took the photographs, professional photographer Almiro Barauna, residing on Praia de Icaraí 251, Apartment 1004, in Niterói, heard in this General Staff of the Fleet (Headquarters), declared the following;

I - That he was on the deck, in the stern, of the ship NE "Admiral Saldanha" when he was called to see a strange object, which he succeeded in seeing after watching a short while;

II - That, immediately after seeing the object, he aimed his camera, taking six photographs successively;

III - That, at once, having no more film, he took the used roll out of the machine and remained almost an hour with the roll in his hands, waiting for the strong emotional state in which he found himself to pass; then, he went to the dark room to develop the film, by then accompanied by CC Bacellar;

IV - That he was in said dark room for the space of 10 minutes, approximately, accompanied only by the Aviation Captain already mentioned, who served him as aid. When the developing was finished, he showed the still damp film to

CC Bacellar, thinking that the object which had been photographed had not appeared on the developed film. This impression was contradicted by CC Bacellar himself, who showed him certain spots which could be the object in question;

- V - That, immediately afterward, he put the film away until his return to Rio de Janeiro, when, in his laboratory, he made several enlarged copies; the UFO showed up well only on two plates, because the negative was quite dark;
- VI - In order to improve the negatives, he performed the operation known as "reduction," an operation which consists in lightening all the negative equally. However, as on two plates the UFO was already visible and, fearful of losing them in case he should not succeed, he cut the roll of film and submitted to the process only the four negatives, the UFO having, then, appeared on two of them, and in different dimensions, form and position;
- VII - That, seeing the UFO with the naked eye, he had had the impression of a solid body, with indefinite contours, of great mobility and manageability at high speed, of imprecise color because it seemed to be wrapped in a substance which he compares to "soapsuds;" It also gave the impression of leaving a wake of like appearance and it made no noise when it moved;

VIII - That he became profoundly moved with what he saw, having even felt difficulty during the process of developing the film, caused his nervous state;

IX - That he put his negatives at the disposition of the General Staff for all the examinations judged necessary for proof of authenticity.

4. From the declarations made, according to the above report, we summarize the following principal facts:

- a) Observed, above the Island of Trinidad, by different persons, the appearance of UFO four times, three in the morning and one at night;
- b) Observed, by CC Bacellar and by other persons, in the morning, once, what he thought to be a sea gull, in spite of crewmen (SGs and MNs) who were with him and affirmed it to be a UFO;
- c) Observed, twice over the Island, by his then Military Commandant, Superior Officer of the Fleet, a hydrographer experienced in meteorology and in radiosounding operations, and by other persons, a phenomenon which he, CC Bacellar, could not explain satisfactorily;
- d) Obtained, on board the NE "Admiral Saldanha," when it was anchored off the Island of Trinidad, on its return to Rio, four photographs of the UFO, by a civilian professional photographer, in the presence of other persons who affirm having seen the photographed object.

ANALYSIS:

1. The analysis of the preceding facts shows:
 - a) That of the five observations of the UFO four were during the day and one at night;
 - b) That of the five observations of the UFO only one was witnessed by CC Bacellar, who prefers to accept the hypothesis of having seen a gull;
 - c)  That the persons who affirm having seen the UFO are of various qualifications -- workmen, sailors, dentist, doctor, aviation officer and professional photographer;
 - d) That no officer of the Fleet saw the phenomena related above, with the exception of those narrated by CC Bacellar;
 - e) That in all cases a very strong emotional state was noted on the part of those who witnessed the appearance of the UFO, including the professional photographer, a man accustomed to submarine photographs. (There was even a case of a workman, a young man considered normal, who ran away in fright;)
 - f) That the testimonies, in spite of the great difficulty in obtaining them from personnel for the most part of rudimentary education, are in agreement as to;

Form -- from the now classic Disc, although irregular, tending to tear-shaped. Seen from below, according to observers who saw it when it passed over the Island on 12/31/57, it presented a hexagonal-rounded shape. Seen from a distance, it presented

the shape of a disc, with protuberances on the upper and lower parts;

Color -- For some, indefinite; for others, of stainless steel;

Sound -- Unanimously the witnesses affirm not having heard any sound;

Discharges -- Some affirm having seen a discharge, in the form of a fine white trace against the sky; others say they saw nothing in this respect;

Dimensions -- No observer succeeded in estimating dimensions, including the aviator and the photographer.

Velocity -- All are unanimous in recognizing that the UFO was endowed with very great velocity, without being able to estimate it however.

Mobility -- All the witnesses agree in recognizing great mobility; the movements noted are not continuous, like those of airplanes, but much more rapid and brusque;

Manageability -- Also all recognized great manageability in the observed object;

Altitude and distance -- Only the observers of 12/31/57, when the UFO was seen passing over the Island estimated the altitude, comparing it with the height of Desejado Peak, approximately three times that height, or 1200 meters;

Appearance -- A solid body, of indefinite contours;

Time of observations -- Very short, estimated always in seconds.

- g) That the personnel who saw the UFO know perfectly how to identify an airplance, as when planes flew over the Island, communications were made to the DHN;
- h) That under the circumstances in which the photographs were taken and immediately developed, the atmosphere in which this was done and the state of the photographer, as well as the time during which this work lasted, all indicate that no photographic montage was done;
- i) That regarding the photographic proof, undeniable of greatest value and importance there remain as:

Negative factors

- I - No copy of the film was made at the moment of developing;
- II - The negative, after developing, was not kept intact by the Commandant of the ship;
- III - The work of copying and enlargement was made by the photographer in his own laboratory.

Positive factors

- I - The testimony of CC Bacellar that he saw the recently-developed and still damp film, the marks that he later identified on the copies as the object photographed and that the film contained the previous photographs of the hoisting of the launch;
- ✱ II - The testimony of persons who saw the object and who, seeing the copies of the photographs affirm having seen exactly that which appears in the photograph;

j) That with respect to the negatives, they were submitted to examination by the technician of the DHN and by technicians of Aerial Photography Survey Service of airline Cruzeiro do Sul, with the following results:

I - The technician of the DHN, after making the examinations, affirms: the negatives are natural, of the object photographed;

II - The technicians of Cruzeiro, after more complete and thorough examinations, including microscopic, for the verification of signs, luminosity and details of contour, affirm:

- There was on the above-mentioned negatives no sign of montage, all indicating it to be a negative of the object really photographed;
- Any hypothesis of posterior montagem was removed;
- It would be impossible to prove either the existence or nonexistence of anterior montage, which requires, however, extreme technical skill and circumstances favorable to its execution.

CONCLUSIONS

1. In view of the presentation of the facts and the analysis carried out and expressed above, it can be concluded:

- A - That there are innumerable witnesses who affirm having seen UFOs over the Island of Trinidad. Those witnesses are of various categories, and the appearances occurred on different days.

- B - That the testimonies presented are fallible, owing principally to the little preparation of the majority of the observers and the rapidity with which the phenomenon passed, nothing can be stated conclusively, therefore, as to positive data about the UFOs.
- C - That the strongest and most valid testimony offered, that of the photographer, loses its definitively convincing character given the technical impossibility of proving if there was or not previous photographic montage.
- D - That, finally, the existence of personal testimonies and of a photographer, of some value given the circumstances involved, permit the admission that there are indications of the existence of the UFO.

Mystery Light Reported Seen

By The Associated Press

A uniformed security guard working in the Ambrosia Lake area said today he and a companion watched for several hours Saturday morning "what we are convinced was a controlled object in the sky."

The two men are Tom Reeder and James Turbin, both uniformed security guards employed by Argus Investigations, a series of Albuquerque, N. M., mine assignments in the Grants area.

Reeder said today he and Turbin were on duty overlooking a mine operation about 28 miles northwest of Grants when, at about 3:30 a.m. Saturday, "we spotted what looked like a headlight or searchlight on a mesa to the northeast."

The guard said the light "bounced what appeared to be a few feet three or four times and then shot straight up in the air, grew brighter and brighter. It was so bright it made tears come to our eyes."

A streamer then shot out from the bright white disc "at what would be about six o'clock on a clock face," Reeder said. "It appeared to be 10 or 20 feet long and was a silver white. Other streamers shot out later from about 3 o'clock and about 12 o'clock, then they changed colors from white to red and blue."

Heads East

When the streamers were spotted, Reeder said, the light "shot up to I would say 35,000 or 40,000 feet. Then it made a horizontal circle and then headed what appeared to be east toward Tucumcari. We could see it a long way away. Then it came back about half way, stopped for a while, and then returned to its original position."

Reeder said he and Turbin watched the light until just about daylight.

He said that both noticed

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from time to time "a light over toward the west of the object that looked like the brief glare from an explosion of some kind. It was a yellowish color. Every time we saw that glare, the bright object in the sky moved."

See Glow

Reeder said he and Turbin watched for the object again Sunday morning "and while it was cloudy, we believe we saw a dull glow through the clouds in the same general area that might have been the same thing."

Another Argus crew operating 22 miles from the post held by Reeder and Turbin have been asked to watch for the unusual sight.

Neither said anything about their experience until Reeder reported it to his employer, Harlan Wetzel, today.

Trained Observers

Wetzel said "We've all read and heard, of course, about people seeing strange sights in the sky. I wouldn't even bother telling anyone about this except these two men are highly trained, reliable observers."

Reeder has been in outside investigative work about eight or nine years after service in the Navy. Turbin has a background in Army communications work.

Albuquerque, New Mexico

The Albuquerque Tribune.

21 April 58.

Stop the train!

A press account states that three strange objects were seen near the town of Tupancireta which is in the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul. Three objects were flying around at low height for a considerable period of time. It was said the UFOs were visible for almost 12 hours. The sight was so remarkable a passenger train stopped so the passengers could watch! (75.)

19 April. England.

"Atomic raiders."

3:20 a.m. London time.

Air defense radar at the big A-bomber base at Lakenheath, Suffolk, picked up some ominous radar targets at 3:20 a.m. over the English coast in the Wash area. There were five targets at a low altitude moving toward London. The high brass at Lakenheath were alerted.

Calls were made to RAF bases and civil air authorities to determine if known air traffic could account for the targets. Results were negative.

Senior officers rushed to Lakenheath combat operations, some half dressed, having been called from their beds.

Radar screens at Sculthorpe, a U.S. bomber base near Lakenheath, confirmed the existence of the mystery targets.

3:45 a.m. London time.

Jet fighters were rolled out of their hangers. Pilots ran to their briefing rooms while they struggled to strap on their gear. The radar targets were only 10 miles from Lakenheath.

Before the fighters could take off, a Major Fletcher in charge of the combat center at Sculthorpe gave the order "stand down." The UFOs were, he said, just "weather phenomena." (76.)

The "false alarm," coming as it did just 24 hours after protest by the Soviet Union, could not be kept secret among the British. The crowded island nation was deeply worried about a nuclear attack. It would take only a few H-bombs to obliterate England and there was no place to run.

The London Sunday Express splashed this headline across its front page: FIGHTER CREWS CALLED OUT FOR 'ATOM RAIDERS' ALERT AT DAWN. (77.)

Like NICAP, the editors of England's Flying Saucer Review came to believe this "false alarm" issue was a soft spot in the defenses put up by the anti-UFO forces. It was decided an attempt would be made to exploit the situation. The Review published an appeal to its readers to launch a letter campaign to get the UFO-false alarm issue raised in the House of Commons.

21 April. Tucson, Arizona. (9:30 p.m.)

"Resembling neither airplane lights or wandering stars."

An Arizona paper printed:

"People continue to see strange things in the night sky resembling neither airplane lights or wandering stars.

"Richard Simon of New York, staying at El Carnila Guest Ranch, Tanque Verde Road, reported he and four others saw a bright red

object in the sky followed by four smaller white objects at about 9:30 p.m. yesterday.

"He said the red object stood still in the sky while the four smaller objects, described as oval-shaped, continued moving. When he glanced from the white objects back to the red one, it was gone. The red object, he said, appeared bigger than the biggest star in the heavens." (78.)

22 April. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
(Between 10-11:00 p.m.)

"Orange thing" hovers over house.

(See typed report on page 96)

23 April. General Chassin issues a warning.

The Soviet complaint and global danger.

Admitting that a certain percentage of UFO reports stubbornly resist attempts to explain them conventionally, General L.M. Chassin, General Air Defense Coordinator, Allied Air Forces, Central Europe (NATO), wrote for public consideration an essay that urged an international program of UFO observation and data collection. He stated:

"It is the business of governments to take a hand, if only to avoid the danger of global tragedy such as was revealed by the Soviet complaint to the Security Council recently. For if we persist in refusing to recognize the existence of these unidentified objects, we will end up, one find day, by mistaking them for the guided missiles of an enemy; and the worst will be upon us." (80.)

Right:

French General Lionel Max Chassin
(1902-1970)

This picture and his obituary can be found in the *Flying Saucer Review* Vol.17, No.3, May-June 1971. p.2.

Workman Loses 'Flying Saucer' Injuries Claim

Special to The Star and
the N.Y. Herald Tribune

TRENTON, N.J., April 22 — Despite his claim of injuries suffered from watching a flying saucer, Harry J. Sturdevant, 66, has been denied workman's compensation by New Jersey.

As a night watchman on a state highway project in 1956, Mr. Sturdevant said he saw a cigar-shaped object, 60 to 100 feet long, which gave off a nauseating smell. Since then, he said, he has suffered throat spasms, loss of taste and smell, burning eyes and deafness in the right ear and has been unable to work.

Evidently unimpressed, Roger W. Kelly, Deputy Director of the State Compensation Division here, ruled yesterday it was all a hallucination.

THE HONOLULU STAR, TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1958



General Lionel Chassin

THE LADY WHO FIRST SIGHTED THIS OBJECT WAS JUST FINISHED WITH HER EVENING IRONING AND SAT DOWN TO WATCH TV. THERE WAS A LOT OF INTERFERENCE WITH THE PICTURE WHICH SHE HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE AND SHE WAS CONSCIOUS OF A SLIGHT HUM AND A HARDLY NOTICABLE VIBRATION. SHE OPENED THE DOOR AND LOOKED OUT OF THE HOUSE TO SEE WHAT WAS CAUSING IT. DIRECTLY ABOVE THE HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET IN A NNW DIRECTION SHE SAW A LARGE BRIGHT ORANGE LIGHT FROM WHICH THE HUM AND VIBRATION WAS APPARENTLY COMING FROM.

SHE WAS STARTLED TO SEE THE LIGHT JUST STATIONERY THERE WITH NO APPARENT MOVEMENT. SHE STEPPED OUTSIDE AND LOOKED AT IT FOR ABOUT A MINUTE BUT ALL SHE COULD SEE WAS THE LARGE ORANGE LIGHT AND COULD NOT MAKE OUT IF IT WAS ATTACHED TO SOMETHING ELSE.

WHEN I ASKED HER TO POINT UPWARD AT ABOUT THE ANGLE SHE SAW THIS SHE POINED ABOUT 25° TO 30° UP. IN REGARD TO THE SIZE OF THE LIGHT SHE COMPARED IT IN SIZE TO THAT OF THE UPPER HALF OF A WINDOW IN THE HOUSE OVER WHICH IT WAS HOVERING AS SHE OBSERVED THE SIZE OF THE WINDOW FROM ACROSS THE STREET.

STARTLED AND FRIGHTENED AND HER HUSBAND NOT BEING HOME SHE WENT NEXT DOOR AND CALLED HER NEIGHBOR WHO CAME OUT. JUST AT THIS TIME THE LIGHT TOOK OFF STRIGHT UP RAPIDLY AND SEEMED TO SPLIT INTO TWO LIGHTS SLIGHTLY SEPERATED AND LOOKED SOMETHING LIKE A DUMBELL BUT SHE COULD NOT TELL IF THERE WAS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO LIGHTS. WHEN IT TOOK OFF THE COLOR CHANGED TO WHITE.

THE NEIGHBOR LADY SAW THE OBJECT AS IT WAS BECOMING SMALLER AND GOING UP AND THE TWO LIGHTS HAD MERGED INTO ONE SMALL WHITE LIGHT NOW. IT GOT SO SMALL THAT IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN TOLD FROM A STAR IF THEY HAD NOT HAD THEIR EYES ON IT AS IT ROSE AND KNEW WHICH ONE IT WAS. IT THEN SLOWLY OR SLOWER THAN IT HAD RISEN MOVED NORTH UNTIL IT WAS ALMOST TO THE HORIZON WHEN IT REVERSED DIRECTION AND WENT SOUTH PASSING BACK OVER THE TWO LADIES WATCHING IT AND DID NOT GO QUITE AS NEAR THE SOUTH HORIZON WHEN IT REVERSED AGAIN AND MADE A SORT OF CIRCULAR PATH BACK NORTH AGAIN AND DISAPEARED FROM SIGHT WHEN IT GOT SO SMALL THEY COULDN'T SEE IT ANY LONGER.

THE NEIGHBOR LADY DID NOT HEAR THE HUM OR SEE THE OBJECT WHILE IT WAS STILL ORANGE. SHE HAD HOWEVER NOTECED THAT HER TV HAD A LOT OF INTEREERENCE SHORTLY BEFORE.

I CHECKED THE LOCAL CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA OF THE US DEPT. OF COMMERCE, WEATHER BUREAU FOR THE MINNEAPOLIS-S. PAUL AREA FOR THE TIME OF THIS SIGHTING.

THIS IS WHAT THEY SHOWED:

	10 P. M.	11 P. M.
SKY COVER	4 TENTHS	4 TENTHS
VISIBILITY	15 MILES	15 MILES
CEILING	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED
STATION PRESSURE	28.92 INCHES	28.91 INCHES
DRY BULB TEMPERATURE	44° F	43° F
WET BULB TEMPERATURE	40° F	39° F
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	70%	71%
DEW POINT	35° F	30° F
WIND DIRECTION	WNW	SSW
WIND SPEED	3	7

REMARKS: THE SWITCH IN WIND DIRECTION IN THIS PERIOD MIGHT CAUSE A BALLON TO APPEAR TO GO NORTH AND THEN REVERSE AND GO SOUTH BUT THE REST OF THE REPORT THE CHANGES IN COLOR, THE HOVERING AND THEN RAPID RISE IN ALTITUDE WOULD SEEM TO RULE OUT A BALLON.

ROBERT G. SAUR

More from General Chassin.

What did the General think of the ET hypothesis?

Unlike others who held high positions in the military, the General dared to say: "Why not?" He insisted that we, the people of the Earth, must be willing to admit that beings may exist whose civilization has far outstripped our own, "perhaps not very far away from us." He recommended that persons maintain an attitude of caution, work, and to reserve judgement. (81.)

24 April. The Air Force gives up on the Tonopah case.

The "acceptable conclusion" mentioned by Col. Gilbert is the summary of Dr. Fitts' letter to Howard Cross of the Battelle Memorial Institute (BMI) dated April 3rd. (See letter terminating investigation on page 98)

25 April. Lt. Col. Petersen of the Danish Air Force.

Besides General Chassin, another NATO officer went public with his UFO views at this time. On April 25th Lt. Col. Petersen, who was investigating the Danish UFO flap, talked to the Danish newspaper B-T. The Danish officer made no attempt to hide his unabashed ET sympathies. Apparently there was no restrictions imposed upon him by his superiors in contrast to the U.S. military. This no doubt contributed to the high number of UFO reports being made in Denmark. Colonel Petersen informed the newspaper B-T:

"So many reports...have been sent to the Air Force Station of Skrydstrup that they have been unable to cope with them all and more are expected in the near future." (82.)

The feature article carrying Col. Petersen's opinions appeared on April 25th. A newsman, reporting on his interview of Colonel Petersen, wrote:

"...he cannot forbid anyone drawing logical conclusions that his observations on radar screens have not been able to overthrow his belief in mysterious flying objects.

"He has, in spite of his duty of silence, found his way to disclose that he has seen two unidentified objects on the radar screen. They both disappeared when approached by two jets which had been ordered to investigate.

"The Colonel has spoken to quite a few eyewitnesses of these sightings.

"Colonel Petersen stated: 'I would like to stress that anyone who is confronted by a space ship should remain quiet and clam. There are no grounds for panicking. There is not one report available which gives reason to believe that they are hostile towards us on this earth.

"Nothing is gained by rejecting all the accounts as phantasy. The official denials the Air Force have issued one could have done without. When ordinary commonplace people can make authenticated observations, it is no good telling them they have been taken in or been subject to optical illusions. Instead the authorities should take the trouble to talk to the eyewitnesses.

24 April 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR Colonel Eriksen, AFCIN-4X1
Mr. Arcier

SUBJECT: Special Investigation - 1st Lt J. F. Long, AO-3028640

1. I do not feel that the proposed OSI investigation is necessary for the following reasons:

- a. If the OSI determines that the subject's background does not suggest any tendencies toward exaggerations or hoaxes, our present conclusions regarding the sighting are neither strengthened nor weakened.
- b. If the OSI determines that the subject's background does contain indication which would suggest a definite tendency toward exaggerations or hoaxes, ATIC is then bound to take some follow-up action. Such action would be detrimental to the individual concerned, and would not positively disprove the alleged sighting.
- c. The final paragraph of the report by Dr. Pitts seems to me to be an entirely acceptable conclusion in regard to this case. I recommend that this conclusion be accepted and that the case be closed.

Incl
Ltr to Dist Cdr, 5th Dist Off
of Special Investigation

H.K. Gilbert
H. K. GILBERT
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4X2

*All proposed actions cancelled. Case
closed, in accordance with directive.
C. L. f.*

Dez. T. Long
25 April 1958

"There are only very few single witness accounts. For the most part unidentified objects seen in the air have been observed by several people simultaneously at different places, so one has been able to take thorough bearings...In December a space ship was observed from Almind and Sdr. Bjert, bearings showed that it must have been at Fyns Hoved and that it was at least three kilometres in length. Already now I know that no saucers can appear unless in connection with a mother space ship. All accounts seem to coincide. When a space ship appears it will fly around five to ten minutes before anything happens, then it will begin to unload the saucers...The wave of saucers we are having now corresponds to that which passed over America in 1951-52. No one can make me believe that the Russians could be so reckless to make experiments over American territory.

"The frequency with which the space ships appear is what we first of all have to calculate. It is a certainty that intelligent beings from space do listen in to broadcasts from the earth. They appear every time a missile has been fired and when an atom bomb has been exploded. Flying saucers appeared when Queen Elizabeth visited Copenhagen because the Air Force during the parade had been particularly active. Even now it is possible to foresee events which will cause the saucers to appear. One theory is that they are anxious on other planets about our atom experiments. They are anxious to know if anything will happen to upset the balance of the universe.'

'What happens if a space ship lands near you? Colonel Petersen says: 'Stop at 50 metres from the ship and spread the arms out in a friendly manner. It is not necessary to speak, but think seriously in friendly terms. Never attempt to shoot at any object or show war-like intentions...I have not the least doubt that I would try and establish contact given the chance, even if my wife forbids me to do so,' said the Colonel with a smile.

"Colonel Petersen is 34 years old and has spent most of his life in the service." (83.)

Not only did the Colonel use the words "space ship" when discussing UFOs, he had the nerve to establish a non-military, non-official, UFO club. Five Danish jet pilots signed up. The group was known by its initials: "S.U.F.O. I."

28(29?) April. Bridgeport, Connecticut. (11:10 p.m.)

"Misty cigar."

A letter to NICAP sent by a Mr. Franklin Pierce said:

"I had been in conversation with three friends in my cellar --discussing minerals. They left at 11:00 and we stood out in the back yard talking when I spotted an object in the sky. I spoke of it to my friends (names on request) and they all saw it. As near as I can, I will describe it.

"It appeared to be cigar-shaped, but not clearly defined, it looked misty, like a cloud with the moonlight on it. At first we thought it a vapor trail from a jet but the entire 'cloud' moved along at a very fast rate of speed. As to length, judging by a pencil, the way artists measure, it was about 1 in. on the pencil. Of course it was

quite high, much higher than the clouds. It was travelling approximately south-southwest but when almost out of sight it curved around to due south. There was no bright lights(s) and no noise --just its vague shape. Shooting behind the clouds and then coming into view again in the open areas. From directly overhead, till it disappeared in the south, I'd say it was approximately 2 or 3 minutes." (84.)

30 April. El Paul, Granada, Spain. (no time)

According to our source:

"Sr. Ignacio Jimenez Leyva and a shepherd named Torcuato Sanchez saw a craft come to the ground at nightfall. It was about 10 meters in diameter, very bright, and came to rest on a hillside. A short 10 meters in diameter, very bright, and came to rest on a hillside. A short time later it flew away towards Baza, leaving a yellowish trail. (85.)

30 April. Three day meeting of the scientific advisory board.

A top secret meeting of the Air Force's scientific advisory board, a group composed of military and civilian experts, met at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. This was an annual event and the UFO problem may have been at the top of list of issues to discuss, especially with the recent "false alarm" uproar. The chairman of the advisory board could have a lot to say about UFOs, he was James H. Doolittle, a retired Air Force Lieutenant General whose personal experience with UFOs dated back to the 1946 Ghost Rockets.

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