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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, appearing to read "Loren E. Gross", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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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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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1-3 May. Sao Paulo, Brazil

Secret Brazilian UFO conference.

A notice in the Brazilian UFO-Critical Bulletin tells us:

"Sponsored by Brazilian Interplanetary Society, a UFO meeting took place over here, Sao Paulo, on May 1, 2 and 3. About 50 investigators discussed the main issues upon the problem. Delegates from four States were at this Capital, included a top officer of the Brazilian Air Force. The Assembly was secret to avoid press sensationalism and the usual presence of crackpots. Such a meeting was presided over by Prof. Flavio A. Pereira, [and] acting as moderator.. [was] T.P. Bun. Some selected participants: Dr. Olavo Fontes, Joao Martins, Hulvio Brant Aleixo, Lt. Col. Aldo Vieira da Rosa (FAB), A.B. Simoes, Mario Cintra Gordinho, and several others ---physicists, engineers, lawyers, etc." (1.)

1 May. West Point, Mississippi.

"Fight off the invaders." (See clipping)

1 May. Lakeland, Florida. (10:00 p.m.)

"Straight up."

A letter found CUFOS files states:

"Wayne Langford, a student at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, was walking on campus a few minutes before 10:00 p.m. when he saw a reddish dot of light high in the eastern sky traveling west at great speed---faster than any plane he had ever seen. Wayne thinks the object passed below the moon in the south (object still at high angular altitude) and then abruptly, without any reduction in speed, it made a vertical right-angle turn and gradually disappeared from view straight up. Wayne guesses the object was visible for less than 15 seconds, probably closer to 10 seconds. Sky was clear with a nearly full 13-day moon in the south." (2.)

? May. Lakeland, Florida. (11:00 p.m.)

A second sighting:

FLYING SAUCER COMES IN FOR A LET-DOWN

WEST POINT, Miss. (UPI)

—About 300 persons armed with pitchforks and shotguns gathered on a hilltop near here to greet the invaders they thought would emerge from what looked like a flying saucer.

When the object landed, a tag on it said: "This is a weather balloon released from Western University in El Paso, Tex."

Wilmington, Delaware.
Journal-Every Evening

1 May 58. p.39.

"Wayne Langford sighted a second strange object the same month from the Florida Southern campus. This time he and a friend were driving across the campus before midnight, perhaps 11 p.m. Suddenly they spotted in the eastern sky what seemed to be some sort of craft moving very slowly north to south. They drove along a little farther and then got out of the car for a better look. The object seemed to be big, close, and very low but the observers could not really determine its size, distance, or height above the ground. Wayne said it was perhaps 500 feet high but emphasized this was just a rough guess. When asked about apparent size, he thought the object might have been as large as a half dollar held at arm's length. Again this estimate is unreliable and was an approximation from memory. The UFO itself was difficult to discern. The main section appeared to be elongated or elliptical and dark. Above the shadowed body was a bulge that gave off a pale light, and this glow was broken into indistinct patches or spots which may have indicated portholes or windows (but Wayne couldn't say for sure that they were ports). Below the cigar-like shadow was a faint suggestion of a bowl-like bulge. The strangest part of the whole observation to the observers was a cloud that enveloped the craft at regular intervals as the UFO moved slowly along. The cloud appeared 3 or 4 times around the craft (faint glow from it seen through cloud) and then cleared. At the end of the sighting the object was in the little cloud when a tall tree obscured it. When the students shifted their position, the object was gone. Wayne estimated they had watched the whole phenomenon for roughly 2½ minutes." (3.)

1 May. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (8:55 p.m.)

In-line formation.

A James Mellodew of Philadelphia typed up a very concise account of his UFO experience:

- "(A) Three bluish-white UFOs in-line formation initially sighted at approximate elevation of 20 degrees ascending at a 65 degree angle of climb.
- (B) Color change from bluish-white to amber. Rear UFO executes 90 degree turn to right leaving line of flight, with no perceptible deceleration.
- (C) UFO executes 90 degree turn in forward direction accelerating until abreast of lead disk.
- (D) UFO executes 3rd 90 degree turn to the left moving into dangerous proximity to the lead disk. (Separation of UFOs approximately one half of their apparent diameter.
- (E) UFO formation merges with darkness in formation indicated at "F." [See map on page 4]

Duration of observation-- 90 seconds.

Weather conditions --CAVU

Luminescence --Blue white changing to amber half way through
observed flight trajectory.

Maneuver pattern --3 element formation in-line formation
climbing at 65 degree angle
to estimated altitude of 5000
feet leveling off with rear
disk performing three consecutive right angle turns.

Wind velocity --4-7 m.p.h.

Method of observation --visually (no optical aid)

Decibel rating --No sound.

Configuration --Sharply outlined.

Luminosity --Self luminous.

Airport facilities --Philadelphia International
Airport approximately 3 to 4
miles southeast of point of observation." (4.)

1 May. Russia's alleged "round wing" aircraft.

Foul up or cover up?

Back on March 19th a report of a disk-shaped object was published in the Romanian newspaper Rominia Libera. It concerned a UFO sighting near Moscow that was mentioned in a broadcast by Radio MOSKVA. The American Air Force attache in Bucharest sent back to Wright Field, Ohio, the Romanian version of the incident which apparently raised a few eyebrows at BLUE BOOK: "This 'flying object' was a Soviet aircraft with a 'round wing.'" The emphasis is in the original. Did the Russians have 'flying saucers? If so, that was news!

An Australian UFO researcher by the name of Andrew P. Tomas managed to obtain a more complete story from a Russian language newspaper published in San Francisco, of all places. It seems the Moscow UFO report originally appeared in a press release authored M. Sukhanov, a Candidate of the Technical Sciences. According to Sukhanov, the UFO was spotted over Podmoskovyo, a suburb of Moscow and it was not a Russian aircraft. Sukhanov wrote: "The eyewitnesses stated that it was a regularly shaped disc of comparatively large dimensions. What kind of a disc it was, and whence it came --no one knew. Suppositions and guesses, one more fantastic than another, were brought up." (5.)

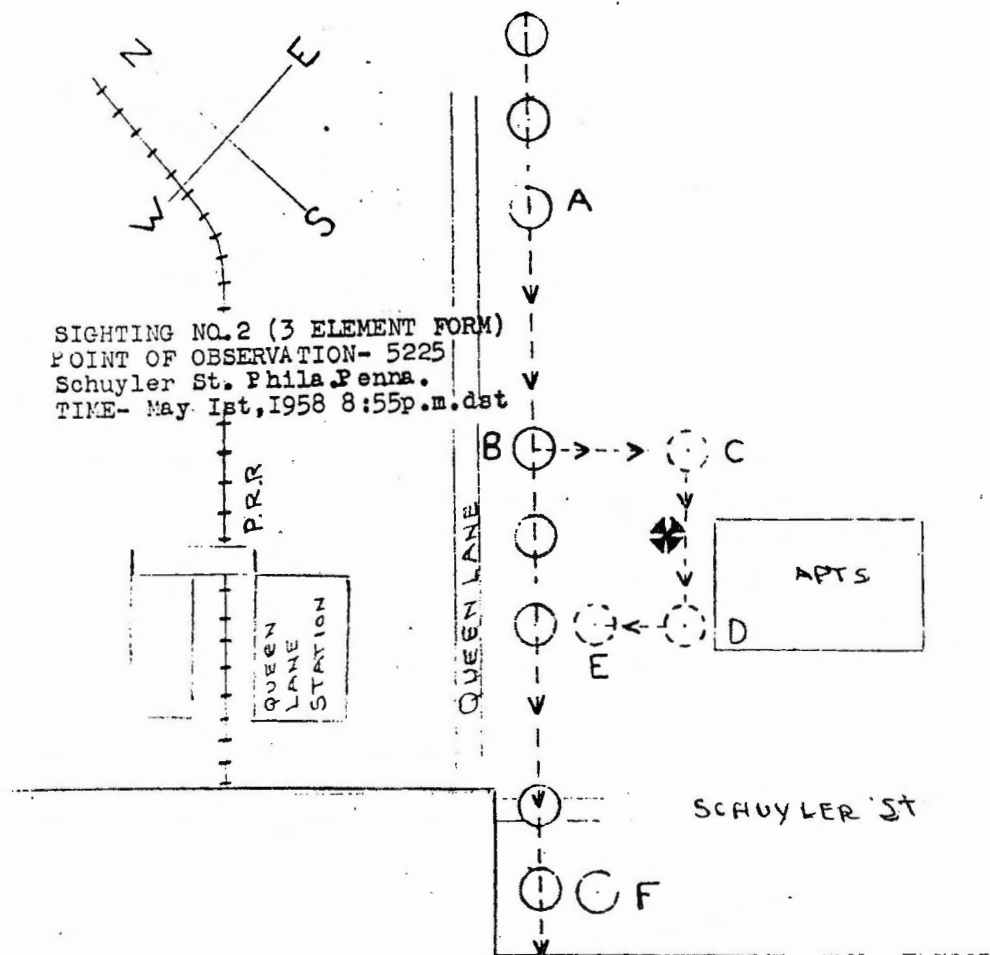
Apparently confusion arose over the fact that Sukhanov moved beyond the UFO report to relate the history of Russian aviation, mentioning the fact that Russia had conducted a "discoplane" experiment back in 1910. The 1910 craft failed to leave the ground but Sukhanov said he and some of his colleagues were contemplating a perfected version. (6.)

5 May. Between Laguna del Sauce and Pan de Azucar, Uruguay. (3:20 p.m.)

"Intense heat filled the cockpit."

The story as given to the Uruguay UFO group C.I.O.V.I. is quoted below:

"At 3:20 p.m. over the San Carlos airfield, the well known flying instructor and parachutist, Mr. Alejo Rodriguez was piloting his Piper CX-AIO towards Montevideo.



"Visibility was tremendous; there was almost no wind and he was flying at an altitude of 850 meters when he flew over the city of Maldonado and decided to follow the coast line.

"When he was about 4 kms. from the Naval airbase of Captain Curbelo, he saw to the left of the Piper a reflection which he took to be the sun bouncing off the windows of an approaching plane. But when the gleam remained steady despite the movement of his plane he turned to look: 'It was a luminous point which was getting closer at great speed and apparently without noise. It was at a distance of about 700 meters in front of me; as it was hovering, I could see it quite well. It was like a musical top; its diameter was 15 to 20 meters and it revolved around itself at tremendous speed. It seemed to be metal since the sun reflected off it as if it were aluminum.

"To see if there were any openings (doors, windows, etc.) I turned my plane toward it. Then I began to feel an intense heat coming from the outside of the cabin.

"When I had just about had enough, the object took off instantaneously, at the same speed as before disappearing to my left towards the South leaving a light trail, like vapor.

"In Montevideo, I reported the incident to the Inspector of the Guard and to the Civil Aeronautics Director, Mr. Piacenza." (7.)

4 May. Radio Moscow: "UFOs explainable." (7:15 p.m. EST U.S.)

An American citizen wrote a letter to Russian authorities asking if UFOs exist. Radio Moscow provided a brief reply on its Sunday English language broadcast. An official spokesman declared that UFOs did not exist and that all reports could be explained as balloons or other natural phenomena. (8.)

6 May. Ruppelt: "UFOs explainable."

In a letter to a Mr. Stocking of St. Petersburg, Florida, ex-BLUE BOOK chief E.J. Ruppelt repeated his anti-UFO opinions:

"I have visited Project BLUE BOOK since 1953 and am now convinced that the reports of UFO's are nothing more than reports of balloons, aircraft, astronomical phenomena, etc. I don't believe they are anything from outer space." (9.) (See June 6th for Keyhoe's reaction to this letter)

7 May. The Flying Saucer Review joins the fight.

The decision by England's Flying Saucer Review to launch a campaign to get government authorities to "tell the truth about UFOs" was not without some effect. The London Evening News published a story about the campaign which drew attention to the effort and gave it some credibility. Any pressure on English authorities could only help NICAP with the American Congress. (10.)

8 May. Congressman Henderson.

Something the Air Force didn't want to happen.

Congressman John E. Henderson of Ohio (15th District) continued to press the Air Force. His constituents had complained about the Air Force's lack of concern about UFO incidents in Ohio so the Congressman kept demanding

more action by BLUE BOOK.

Unlike many of his colleagues, who were indifferent or naively accepted what the military wanted them to believe, Congressman Henderson did a little research of his own. It became clear to him the UFO problem was not so easily dismissed. On May 8th Congressman Henderson wrote the Secretary of Defense. (See letter on pp.7-8) (11.)

Early May. General Nathan Twining.

It was nice to know UFOs were "explainable," if one wanted to credit Radio Moscow and E.J. Ruppelt's "current" opinion.

However, a different impression came from a sensational source early in May. Lou Corbin, newsman-friend of Donald Keyhoe phoned the NICAP director at the beginning of the month to pass on some interesting news. Corbin, it seems, had been corresponding with a General (...deleted) who was a famous World War II leader. It had been rumored the General was interested in UFOs so Corbin contacted hi to learn his views. This same General wrote a letter back to Corbin. Corbin shared what he learned with Keyhoe. What follows is an exchange between Corbin and Keyhoe. Corbin speaks first:

"'He's a close friend of General Nathan Twining, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Remember in 54', Twining made that peculiar statement about "saucers" and Mars?"

"'Yes. He didn't actually say the "saucers" were real, but he said if they came from Mars, and there was a civilization that far ahead of us, he didn't think we had anything to worry about.'

"'He's plenty worried now, this general says.'

"'He told you Twining was worried about UFO's?' I asked.

"'About what to tell the public. Maybe he'd talk with you. NICAP could help in preparing people.'

"'If I wrote him, he'd pass it on to Air Force Headquarters. He's still an Air Force man.'" (12.)

Keyhoe actually wrote Twining not knowing if he could expect a reply. Keyhoe explained what NICAP was attempting to accomplish, adding a question "on an impulse," as he put it. Keyhoe asked: "Has communication ever been established with a UFO?" (13.)

7 May. An answer from Twining's office.

Instead of a polite form letter, or no response at all, Keyhoe received a personal note from General Twining's executive officer, John Sherrill. The note was something of a puzzle because Keyhoe didn't know if it represented a joke, speculation, or the results of some actual project. Officer Sherrill wrote:

"No effective means have been developed for the establishment of communication by radio or otherwise with unknown aerial objects. The technical obstacles involved in such an endeavor, I am sure, are quite obvious to you." (14.)

9 May. Rezende City, Brazil. (3:40 a.m.)

"UFO?" (See article cut from the CSI Bulletin on page 9)

C O P Y

JOHN E. HENDERSON
15th District Ohio

COMMITTEE:
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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 8, 1958

Hon. Neil H. McElroy
Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have read with considerable interest the book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects," by Edward J. Ruppelt, telling of the work of Project Blue Book.

In order to be brought up to date with respect to information developed since Ruppelt left the project, I should appreciate having the answer to several questions. Briefly, these questions are outlined below.

Is Project Blue Book, or some similar project, still in operation to receive, investigate and evaluate UFO reports?

Have reports of UFO's still continued to come in? If so, how many since 1953? How are these distributed by year and month? How many have been classified as "unknowns" by year and month?

Have any efforts been made to get more scientific data on UFO's than is provided by visual sightings by ground or air observers, or by visual observation of radar equipment? For example, have any films been made or radar screens when a UFO is picked up? Have any efforts been made accurately to track and triangulate UFO's so as to give more accurate information on speed, size and altitude? Have any tests been conducted to ascertain whether there is any connection between background radiation and the presence of a UFO? Have spectrometers been used to try to analyse the light emitted by UFO's? Have films been taken of UFO's? In addition to knowing if any of the above or similar efforts have been made, I should appreciate knowing if any of the above or similar experiments have been planned.

Could you furnish me reports on say ten of the best sightings in the last five years which have been classified as "unknowns"?

C O P Y

Hon. Neil H. McElroy-2-May 8, 1958

Has any regular procedure been established to exchange UFO information with our allies? Have any of our allies issued official reports on UFO's?

Sincerely yours,

John E. Henderson

JEH:mb

May 9, Rezende City, Brazil: Motoring between Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, agronomist Jose Marcondes Di Francesco and his driver saw, near the horizon, about 3:40 a.m., a dull yellow irregular object that resolved itself into an ellipse with a dome-like protuberance on top. Then it vanished suddenly; but it was replaced by about 30 small luminous points that appeared one by one in the area. Two of the small objects were greenish, the rest silvery; they maneuvered in the sky for well over an hour, changing their apparent diameter. (UFO-Critical Bulletin, January-February 1959. Note: South America continuously has striking UFO reports. Readers who want to follow these cases should know that coverage is excellent in three magazines: the Bulletin just quoted, which is now issued in the U.S. for Jose Faria by Richard Hall, 1915 17th Street N.W., Washington 9, D.C.; the APRO Bulletin, published by the Lorenzens, 1712 Van Court, Alamo, New Mexico; which carries reports and articles by Olavo Fontes of Venezuela; and Auriphebo Simoes' excellent publication, The Flying Saucer, Caixa Postal 8449, Sao Paulo, Brazil.)

Ruppelt's difficult retreat.

The ex-BLUE BOOK chief found it was not easy to back away from the UFO controversy. The cancelling of his appearance on the Armstrong Circle TV show and his two letters to Keyhoe were hardly enough. As we have seen, Congressman Henderson was asking the Air Force a lot of questions because of Ruppelt's UFO book. How could Ruppelt stop that? And besides Keyhoe, there were other people who had Ruppelt's Long Beach address. These people wrote letters hoping to elicit a response.

Ruppelt's correspondence with Leon Davidson was especially awkward. Even though Davidson proposed some odd theories about the UFO mystery few people indorsed, he was very familar with the UFO subject and could make things a bit difficult for both Ruppelt and the Air Force. Unfortunately a complete file of Ruppelt's letters is not available but, apparently, Davidson and Ruppelt exchanged letters early in May, 1958. We do not have these early missives, but we do have one dated May 13th that demonstrates the extensive concerns of Davidson. Davidson was hard to ignore. (See letter pp.10-12)

Spotlighting the CIA.

A major part of Davidson's May 13th letter deals with the CIA, but it was Coral Lorenzen who claims credit for throwing the spotlight on the spy organization. Beginning in 1958 she promoted the idea that the Air Force had little if anything to do with UFO censorship, that if censorship did exist it was because of the actions of the Central Intelligence Agency. Was she right?

The Hillenkoetter puzzle.

If the sky organization was the real "silence group," what was the former director of the Central Intelligence Agency doing on the Board of Governors of NICAP?

Rear Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter headed the CIA from its birth in 1947 to mid-1950 when General Walter Bedell Smith took over. Surely, one would think, the CIA and Air Force Intelligence would be of one mind about the UFO problem, so why would Hillenkoetter associate with a civilian organization like NICAP, a group that caused the Air Force so much embarrassment? Its true that Keyhoe and Hillenkoetter were old Navy Academy classmates but was that enough? Was he a CIA spy? That's possible but it wasn't much of a covert move.

How much we can make of it is unclear, but there is some evidence Hillenkoetter may have been an "outsider," that animosity or a sense of isolation

64 Prospect St.
White Plains, N.Y.
May 13, 1958

Mr. Edward J. Ruppelt
1911 Josie Ave.
Long Beach 15, Calif.

Dear Mr. Ruppelt:

I greatly appreciate your letter of May 7th, and plan to write you at greater length in a few weeks (when I take several days of vacation to catch up on my correspondence). Meanwhile, I'd like to cover the following points.

- [1] Would you have any objection if I forwarded your letter to Keyhole or some of the other reputable saucer publishers or editors, for possible publication, perhaps as part of an article which I will write about the "Scientific Panel Incident"?
- [2] Would you care to confirm or deny that the "other Government Agency", which set up and carried out the Panel meeting, was the C.I.A.? [If there is still a security pledge binding you to silence on identification of the agency, I withdraw the question, but I have learned this from another source, unofficially, and thus I am not positive of it.]

- [3] Do you care to say how reasonable or unreasonable my thesis sounds to you, that the "saucer story", starting in 1951, was taken up and used by the ~~"federal~~ government agency", for psychological warfare purposes?
"unnamed"

I would be very happy to send you a listing of the chronology of events, as recounted in your book, which shows how this "agency" was active in setting up the revitalized Grudge project in 1951, shortly before you took over, and how it then "managed" the significant sightings, arranged for the top brass "behind door that would shut tight" to help build up the story, predicted the Washington sightings ~~to~~ put saucers on the map for good, and even planned the which Scientific Panel at the very start of Bluebook in 1951; Project Bluebook's sole function being to smass the sightings for panel study, not to analyze the cases itself.

- [4] I am not sure of what you mean near the end of your letter when you say that the A.F. in 1952 "released everything", but some people misconstrued it. I was following things very closely at that time, and I think you will agree that "everything" was not released. For instance, the Grudge report of August 1949 (which I had read in secret version at Los Alamos, and in paraphrased version, declassified, at the Pentagon in 1952) was not fully released in 1952; Hynek's interesting remarks that the Green Lights might be U.S. research devices was omitted, also the letter from Rand requesting the files on the Tacoma Incident, which they had not been given, also the letter from General ? (I've regretted not noting his name at the time) which changed the name from Project SIGN to Project GRUDGE, and told ~~the~~ AMC to close out the project in 1949. Certainly, also, the details of the early good Grudge Cases have not been made available to the public, such as the Greenwich times of the Azores

and Labrador sightings of 10/31/48 and 11/1/48, etc. I'd love to be able to see the full description ~~of~~ and statement by the observers in the 34 unknown cases at the end of the Grudge Report, yet this was never released.

As for the misconstruction by the public, what reaction do you have in mind? When Gen. Sanford said "We have nothing that has no mass and unlimited power!" at his press conference on July 29, 1952, at the Pentagon, you yourself were present; did you construe his statement as a denial that flying saucers are American? You and I have both been through engineering school; we've both studied physics, mechanics, and so forth. I'm sure you know exactly what that statement of Sanford is worth, as a denial. Nothing. Yet the New York Times and other reputable papers used that statement to support news stories which said that Sanford "denied saucers were American".

I have to say to you that I personally do not think that the Air Force was acting in good faith at that time. Perhaps what was done was for the good of the country, and the Air Force may turn out to have been justified, when the full story is unfolded. But as of now, it appears that the Air Force has withheld information continuously and that never yet at any time has it made "all information available".

[5] More personally, the last paragraph of your letter refers to my interview at the Pentagon on Nov. 5, 1952, with Col. W. A. Adams and Maj. Dewey J.J. Fournet. This meeting, which lasted about four hours, was highly valued by me, and I took with me four pages of questions, most of which I got answers to, in more or less detail.

Therefore, I am truly at a loss when you say, ~~that~~ concerning my attitude (?) about this meeting, "...Fournet went to great trouble to get ~~for~~ permission to give you a briefing and it was, shall we say, rather poorly received."

I sincerely hope that ~~that~~ neither you, nor Fournet, nor the Air Force in general got any impression that I was unappreciative of the briefing I got. They even showed me the Tremonton films, which were the final and convincing item of evidence which convinced me that saucers were real solid objects. [Now that I can see the possibility that these Government-made films were perhaps not as "innocently" created as I assumed at the time, I beg leave to reconsider.] The briefing was very valuable, and Fournet even showed me, guardedly, some parts of his never-published report, and some copies of the monthly intelligence letter, etc. I do not wish to be thought ungrateful for all this courtesy.

It is true, of course, that I had naively assumed that Adams and Fournet were going to tell me facts which I wanted to know, such as, exactly which saucer reports had been definitely proven to be U.S. missiles or secret aircraft? What was Cambridge Research Labs doing in New Mexico at Vaughn, Datil, and Holloman? (A fifty-mile-base-leg triangulating chain is aiming at the high reaches of the air.) Were the green lights really artificial meteors a la Zwicky, or high velocity pellets a la U. of Mich. Naval Ordnance experiments on hypervelocity armaments for killing supersonic targets? Or were they experiments for obtaining data on air drag, etc., in the upper atmosphere in situ rather than in vitro?

Naturally, I got no answers to this line of questioning; in fact I was told that the AF saucer investigators did not know anything about

the current status of Navy flying wing work, and did not keep in touch with such work. [How then could they identify and eliminate reports on such objects; wouldn't they remain "Unknown", or in Blue Book terminology, "Insufficient Information"?]

Although I could now (and will in a future letter if you have the patience) go on at length about the weaknesses in the Air Force claim to have done a thorough job of investigation, I will summarize my main point as follows:

Major Fournet did not know, or seem to care, about U.S. upper atmosphere research which was centered in the Southwest military installations, and which had obvious potential causal connection with the Green Lights, both in chronological and in geographical relation. Therefore, this aspect of solid physical sources for flying saucer reports went uninvestigated; as far as the public is concerned, however, it is presumed that all these possible causes were looked into in great detail, and found not to be involved with the green light sightings.

The public also did not know, until your book was published, that this "other unnamed agency" was so closely involved with the revitalization of the saucer investigation in 1951--1955, and that it managed the Scientific Panel. My investigations of the John Otto-Mildred Maier tape recording incident in Chicago (which you may have seen written up in Saucer News (Moseley) earlier this year) showed undisputed involvement of the CIA in the story, as well as a still-more-secret cryptanalytic agency. Therefore, and in light of the Adamski case involvement of the CIA (Stringfield, "Saucer Post 3-0 Blue", p. 42), I feel that there should be a public airing of the activities of the CIA in the saucer field.

[6] I presume that it is correct to say that you, personally, tend to believe that flying saucers/~~are~~/~~not~~ sightings are not caused by U.S. psychological warfare or research activities. Would you, however, be in a position to state, with some definiteness, that such an explanation is entirely out of the question? Or is it a possibility that you might admit into argument?

I hope to hear from you, at your early convenience, whether I have permission to let Keyhoe or others publish your letter to me of May 7th. That letter is of importance in clearing up the controversy between Keyhoe and the Air Force as to the existence of the "Panel Report" which recommended expanding Blue Book, etc. As you may be aware, Keyhoe was in essence called a "liar" for stating, on the air, that the report which you seemed to describe in your book, existed in Air Force files. According to your letter, a voluminous report does not exist, ~~but~~ so the Air Force is technically correct in denying its existence. But your confirmation of the more extensive two page document (from which the Summary which I was given, and which I myself had published, was extracted) will vindicate Keyhoe and perhaps will lead to its exhumation from Air Force files, for full publication. Your cooperation and courtesy in sending me the May 7 letter is very much appreciated, I assure you, and I hope it will lead to an early break in the story. Thanks very much.

Sincerely yours,

Leon Davidson
Leon Davidson

made the admiral susceptible to NICAP's agenda. To explain, we need to consult the writings of a General Cabell.

Four star General Charles P. Cabell, USAF, (1903-1971) was Director of Air Force Intelligence from May 1948 to April 1953. He was then appointed Deputy Director of the CIA, serving in that capacity from April 1953 to January 1962. In his memoirs, General Cabell refers to disputes over policies and practices of the CIA when that organization was being run by Hillenkoetter. General Cabell names the Intelligence branches of the Army, Navy, and State Department as especially hostile to Hillenkoetter's "empire-building." At first, as head of Air Force Intelligence, General Cabell did not join with the other Intelligence branches in their opposition to Hillenkoetter. He saw the need for the CIA and wanted things to work out, however even Cabell had a falling out with the admiral. (15.)

Was Hillenkoetter getting his revenge against Cabell?

15 May. Caracas, Venezuela. (no time)

"Meteors or saucers?" (See BLUE BOOK file card and Intelligence message) (16.)

15 May. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Crack down in Brazil?

The flow of UFO news from Brazil seems to have hit a snag. On May 15th the newspaper Correio da Manhã reported that a civilian tower controller working the tower at Rio's Santos Dumont Airport was disciplined for alerting the press about a strange object circling the airfield. General Carvalho and a Major Silvio Barros intervened and insisted the object was just a weather balloon. Newsmen were not satisfied by the answer because they checked with the Institute for Meteorology and discovered no balloons had been sent aloft for a month. (17.)

16 May. Leon Davidson makes an impression.
(See memorandum pp.15-16)

17 May. Miami, Florida. (midnight)

Frog hunters amazed. (See clipping)

About the middle of May. Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, Montana. (Sometime after midnight)

Object visits airbase.

The story as related by a Donald McElrea of Santa Clara, California:

"Thirty aircraft parked on ramp, six in alert hanger F89 - Scorpions - KC 97's tankers were parked at other end of ramp near other end of field. The guard was standing outside of alert hanger at the time the UFO approached from the north and hovered over the alert hanger, at about 1,000 feet, appeared as a round

Odd Light - A Mystery (Fla.)

5-18-58 Ft. Lauderdale News
The Miami Air Defense Center was unable to shed any light on an unusual airborne object spotted by a pair of frog hunters Saturday night. May 17

Fred Cook, of 1142 NW 17th St., said he and his son, Billy, were hunting frogs about 10 miles west of State Rd. 441 on the Hillsboro Canal when he saw an orange light coming out of the north at midnight.

He said the object was moving horizontally at an altitude of 500 feet.

When Cook told his son to look at the phenomenon, the lad turned the boat's high powered spotlight on the object. Cook said the object then veered into a vertical position, changed to the color of an arc welding torch and shot out of sight in moments.

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VENEZUELA

FLYING SAUCERS--Technicians of the air control department of the Venezuelan postal air line report that a formation of flying saucers was seen in the Caracas skies. The technicians said that the formation disappeared in the northwest and that its saucers, circular as such saucers have been described on many occasions, moved with extraordinary speed. (ZXB Sao Paulo, May 21, 1958, 0140 GMT--)

July 15, 1958

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE DR 15 May 1958	2. LOCATION Caracas, Venezuela	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT not reported	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Venezuelan Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS formation	9. COURSE NW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Formation of flying saucers reported in Brazilian newspaper to have been observed by Venezuelan air patrol. No date given as to the sighting. Formation of circular saucers disappearing in the NW moved with extraordinary speed.		11. COMMENTS Probably meteors based on formation, straight flight and speed. However, luminosity and duration not reported. Case is, therefore, considered as insufficient data.

16 May 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Air Force Personnel Concerning Scientific Advisory Panel Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, dated 17 January 1953 (Secret)

1. A meeting was convened this date with representatives of the Air Force to discuss what steps should be taken concerning the subject report in order to take care of inquiries such as the letters written by Mr. Leon Davidson. Mr. Davidson has been most insistent upon getting the entire report released. The full report is classified "Secret." A declassified version is available, a copy of which was given to Mr. Davidson.

2. The following personnel were at the meeting:

<u>Mr. Philip G. Strong</u>	DAD/C/SI, CIA
Major Joseph E. Boland	SAF LL-3
Major James F. Byrne	AFCIN-XIA
Major Lawrence J. Tacker	SAFIS
Dr. A. Francis Arcier	ATIC
<u>Mr. George Carr</u>	Legislative Counsel, CIA
<u>Mr. W. E. Lexow</u>	OSI, CIA

3. Paragraph 3 of the report cites examples of actions that could be taken by an enemy with possibly dangerous consequences to national security. This is the principal reason that the entire report cannot be declassified. This was agreed to in the meeting. In addition, it was pointed out by Mr. Strong that several of the panel members specifically requested that while they had no objection to their names being used in connection with the report, they did not want their names connected to the Central Intelligence Agency. So far it is believed that all connections between the panel members and CIA have been made by unofficial personnel.

4. In dealing specifically with Mr. Davidson it was agreed that Major Tacker would answer for the DCI at the same time that he was answering for the Air Forces. (Mr. Davidson sent a copy of his letter to Major Tacker to the DCI for a response.)

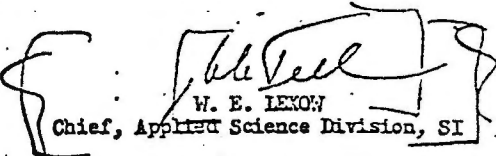
5. Mr. Strong pointed out that perhaps the best way to forestall any future inquiries along these lines was to put out a press release covering the subject of unidentified flying objects, utilizing the panel report as much as possible. Major Boland agreed

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that this was perhaps the best way to handle it, inasmuch as in his capacity of Legislative Liaison, it would best satisfy congressional requirements. Major Tacker will draft an Air Force press release, clearing it through the various sections of the Air Force, and will then submit it to Mr. Cary for Agency review. Mr. Cary will consult with the Office of Security, Mr. Strong, and the undersigned when he receives the draft press release.

6. The Air Force representatives believe that much of the trouble they have been having with Major Keyhoe along these same lines could be alleviated if the Major did not have such important personages as Vice Admiral R. H. Fillenkoetter, USN (Ret.), former DCI, on the board of governors of his organization. They suggested that perhaps if the Admiral was shown the Secret panel report he would understand and take appropriate actions. Mr. Cary said that he would relate this suggestion to Mr. Houston (General Counsel).

7. Major Boland suggested that it might be advisable to contact the panel members to consider a rewording of the panel report somewhat along the lines that Dr. Menzel suggested in his letter to all the members of the panel. Dr. Menzel has received the unclassified version from Mr. Leon Davidson. Mr. Strong feels that this may be inadvisable at the present time, inasmuch as the report has already been made available to the public and any change may arouse suspicion. However, he will contact Dr. Robertson and discuss this.


W. E. LEXOW
Chief, Applied Science Division, SI

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metallic-looking object (called a flying saucer by the guard), no estimate of size is recalled, nor any other details on the object itself. The base radar about 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ miles distance picked up the object as did the FAA radar about 5 miles away across the city of Great Falls. Object was apparently hovering over the alert hanger and atomic missile and bomb storage building right near by. Object then slowly moved down length of the runway, then moved across town (about 5 miles) to the Municipal Airport at Great Falls and hovered over the National Guard (F-89) parking ramp, then flew off. Communications between radar stations was being exchanged. Next day an investigator in civilian clothes came around asking all the base personnel questions about seeing anything unusual the preceding night.

"Two more guards inside the alert hanger at the time, but only the guard outside and possibly other guards around the field saw the object. Next day scuttlebutt was high in conversation about the UFO among all personnel at the field. No details on color, lighting, sound, etc. are available on the UFO itself." (18.)

17 May. Hayward, California. (9:18 p.m.)

"Vast projectile into space?" (See story below)

On May 17, 1958, (9:18 P.M. daylight saving time) eight adults, myself included, and one child, watched for a sighting of Sputnik III. We were on top of a hill, with excellent visibility, also had binoculars of 7x50 power.

We saw what appeared to be a large ball of golden light, as large as a dinner plate, tumbling and traveling at a terrific speed from south east to northwest.

We presumed we were watching the Sputnik. We watched thru the binoculars, and I could see the tumbling ball roll thru the sky. We were very impressed, and marveled at the ingenuity of the Russians at putting such a vast projectile into space, when lo and behold, two more of the things come racing along.

We were astounded, but I began yelling "Flying Saucers". One of them took a sudden burst of speed, overtook the other, suddenly seemed to merge with it, then sped up and overtook the first object. All of them were as large as plates, tho the second two were not rolling like the first, but seemed to glide along, also

were not shooting the sparks the first one did.

They were all larger than any star in the sky, and much brighter. One of the party, was an air force mechanic, he also looked thru the binoculars, and said he did not believe in saucers, but they were not aircraft, as we know it.

We were all greatly excited, as you may guess, but the pay off came when the newspapers came out saying the Sputnik came from the opposite direction. Also I saw it tonight, and it is a different color, and not half as large. Also from the opposite direction.

I wrote to Chabot Observatory, telling them about it, as they ask people to evaluate what they saw, and write them. Ten to one I will not hear from them, asking more detail. They meant about Sputnik, of course.

The time these three took to cross the horizon was I presume about two and a half minutes. In Hayward, Calif.

(Report by Hazel Leggio of San Lorenzo, California. Flying Saucers. October 1958. pp.64-65)

19 May. "Results of investigation requested by Senator Lyndon Johnson."

A man in Texas raised a big stink by demanding Congressional and FBI intervention in resolving a UFO case. The UFO case itself is of no special significance but the man complained to his representative in Congress, the powerful Senator Lyndon Johnson (later President Johnson). To keep his constituent happy, Senator Johnson asked the Air Force to look into the matter. The fascinating thing about this is how the military reacted to the request. A BLUE BOOK document dated May 19, 1958, details the action taken. Note the following paragraph:

"Although source's report was somewhat incomplete and lacking in detail, particularly as to exact locations, four major Air Force agencies immediately went into action to investigate and resolve the alleged sighting: OSI, Keesler AFB, Carswell AFB, and the Air Technical Intelligence Center." (19.)

Citizens of Texas who remembered the puny two-man effort to investigate the fantastic Levelland highway landings of November 1957 would have been convulsed with laughter if they could have read the next paragraph:

"This will serve to illustrate to Senator Johnson the painstaking efforts and thoroughness with which the Air Force undertakes to resolve UFO sightings, even such as this, where numerous efforts are made to locate the source and obtain the facts because the original report was incomplete." (20.)

One should add that Dr. James McDonald's investigation of the April 1st Tucson case exceeded anything the military ever did!

20 May. Tres Lomas Argentina. (5:30 p.m.)

"Landed object?"

According to our source:

"Two hunters observed a landed disc-shaped object. It appeared to be a machine of aluminum or silvery metal. It was 2.50 meters high and had a cupola 1 meter in diameter. The grass at the landing site was left flattened." (21.)

20 May. Congressman Henderson's many questions.

The letter written to the Secretary of Defense by Congressman Henderson on May 8th prompted action by the Air Force. The military had no choice since it was responding to a "personal congressional inquiry." (See letter) Note that it was considered necessary to give the Congressman a briefing on the BLUE BOOK project. Also, note that the powerful Carl Vinson of Georgia had been "briefed on the entire project." (22.) This is more proof that it was not impossible to get key people in the government interested in UFOs. Unfortunately more details are not known.

23 May. Sydney, Australia. (9:30 p.m.)

"Like a pendulum."

A report by Bernard Welstead:

"On 23rd May, 1958 at 9:30 p.m. my friend, Aldus Berzins, and I observed an orange --pink glare in the southern sky, from Punch-

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Letter from Rep. J.
8 May
Letter to ATIC 20 May 1958
Suspense 27 May 58 in Arlington
S.E.

Dear Mr. Arcier:

Here is a letter from Congressman Henderson of the 15th District, Ohio, concerning UFO's.

He asks many questions and we desire to have complete answers to each one in response to his letter.

He also wants ten of the best sightings in the last five years which have been classified as "unknowns". Please oblige to the best of your ability.

Major Boland and I intend to hand-carry the reply to Mr. Henderson and brief him on the entire project as Boland did Chairman Vinson and we intend to show him the minutes of the Panel meetings leading to their Formal Report.

I suspect the letter was inspired by a constituent in Ohio but, since the Congressman uses first person, we must handle as a personal congressional inquiry.

I need this information in my office no later than 27 May 1958.
Sorry for the time element but their suspense to me is the next day.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Wacker
LAWRENCE J. WACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

✓ Inclosure
a/s.

Mr. A. F. Arcier
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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1. 16 specific questions submitted to Mr. Wacker to be answered by ATIC
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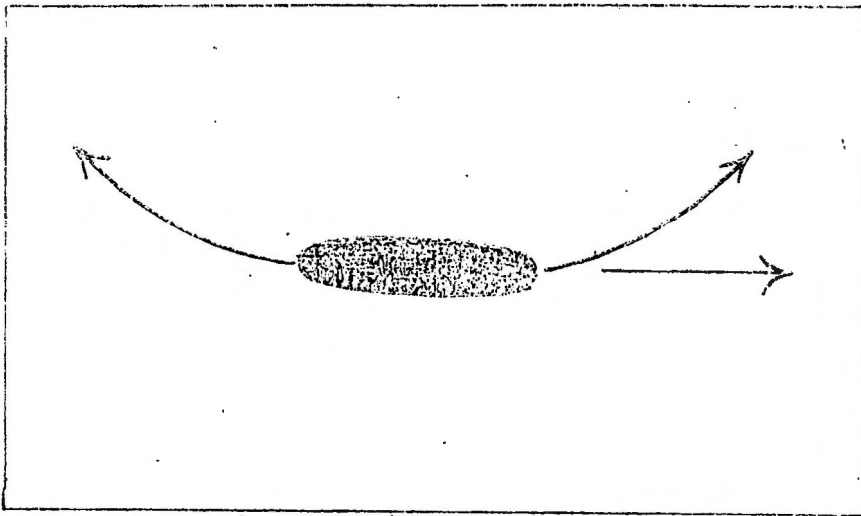
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bowl, a suburb of Sydney. We thought it was an army searchlight playing on the clouds. But after watching it for about half a minute, its luminosity suddenly brightened intensely. A distinct 'cigar shaped' object became apparent.

"It looked very large. Realizing all of a sudden it could have been a UFO, I called my friend. As we watched, the object started to swing backwards and forwards like the pendulum of a big clock. Pervious to this it was stationary for approximately 20 seconds. During the swinging motion it looked very real and solid, also as if it were controlled.

"The UFO then accelerated to a fantastic speed in a fraction of a second and shot off to the west. At the same time it changed color, as it shot off, to a very dark orange.

"It is my personal opinion that the object was at 10,000 feet some 5 to 10 miles away at 40 degrees above the horizon." (23.)



This swinging object in the sky was sighted by Bernard Welstead and Aldus Berzins on May 23, 1958, over Punchbowl, a suburb of Sydney.

23 May. "Answers to questions requested by Congressman Henderson."

Nothing to the UFO problem. Special Report #14 tells it all. E.J. Rupelt just a "free-lance author." (See Joint Messageform pp.21-25) (24.)

26 May. Jaugyde, Denmark. (12:30 a.m.)

They saw it. Scout's honor.

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COMDR, ATIC

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO:

SECY OF AIR FORCE, OIS

ATTN: SAFIS-3, Major Tacker *REPH9*

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A. Ref Ltr to Secy of Defense from Congressman Henderson, and your urgent request just rec'd by ATIC for extensive info, statistics, UFO cases and answers to questions requested by Mr. Henderson, and required for personal briefing to be given him, Tues. 27 May 58.

B. Confirming our teleconv. Impossible to provide large mass of info required by Monday, 26 May. Based on similarly imposed requirements in the past. Per our agreement, will transmit info and data desired by TT Msg here, and send summary and 1947-1958 statistics to your office by Monday afternoon.

C. Before answering questions or providing info, in order which they appear in ltr to Mr. McElroy, a few facts concerning Ruppelt and his book should first be given, inasmuch as it appears to be basis for congressional request to Dept of Defense.

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D. As with any free-lance author, Mr. Ruppelt's Theories, opinions, and conclusions are his own, and not necessarily those of the Air Force. His book was reviewed and passed on by Hqs USAF from a security viewpoint only. While most of the statements in his book are factual, the inferences and implications that he attempts to leave are definitely questionable. As project officer of UFO program, Ruppelt had good knowledge and appreciation of various technical and scientific fields; competent in monitoring investigations, studies; collecting and correlating data for analyses, and conclusions. However, he was not an expert in highly specialized fields such as astrophysics, meteorological optics, psychological influences, etc., for which Air Force has relied on many scientists and specialists, whose conclusions are considered more valid.

E. Answers and info in order of questions submitted in Mr. McElroy's letter: (1) Project Blue Book is a continuous Air Force project; is directly related to Air Force responsibility of defense of Air Space over U.S.; and rigidly prescribed by a standing directive, AFR 200-2, for the detection, identification and analysis of things in the air that may be a threat to U.S. (2) Yes, Reports still continue to come in. (3) Since 1953 a total of 2764 reports have been received, for an average of slightly over 550 per year.

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(4) Distribution by year and month (Statistics to be hand-carried your office) (5) Unknowns by year and month (to be handcarried) (6) Yes (7) Yes. Numerous times, and often involve very experienced radar operators. This is standing requirement for radar operators when object considered UFO and photo equipment available. Examples: Some time ago Navy rushed to ATIC approximately 3000 ft of radar film of UFO observed ~~in Far East~~ ^(7/6) ~~in Far East~~. Also, a B-36 radar operator with 11 yrs experience photographed exceptionally sharp UFO's showing on his screen while flying over the South Atlantic. Analysis confirmed the ~~identity~~ ^{identity} of the UFO's: (8) Yes. Tracking ~~has been done through Theodolite, radar and other instruments. Triangulation is a part of the standard analysis technique, and is utilized where two or more observers report the same object from separate locations. (9) Yes. Results negative. For example, Geiger Counter sweeps of some aircraft involved with alleged UFO's at high altitudes shows a slightly higher radioactivity than normal. Reason: Aircraft receive a greater dosage of cosmic rays at high altitudes. Example: Mantell Case, (which apparently prompted this query).~~ ^{former ship, see clutter and radar equipment interference; the tracking letter & destroyer and surfaced submarines}

(10) Yes. Specialized combination spectrographic - stereo-camera instruments are located in approximately 60 strategically located sites in the U.S. Results: negative. Only conventional objects in those few spectrographic photos taken.

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(11) Yes. Those not found to be hoaxes, photographic flaws, mistaken identification, and optical illusions caused by adverse weather, light exposure or other conditions, are at best, only large and small indeterminate spots of light.

(12) In order to improve its investigative, detection and analytical techniques and capabilities, the Air Force is continuously testing and experimenting in this field. For example, the world-wide "Moonwatch" facilities are often called upon for data to assist in identifying reported unidentified aerial objects. The services of all professional

astronomical observatories are at the Air Forces disposal, and ^{a/so} including the FBI, OSI, ONI and others where needed. (13)

Ten best "Unknowns" of the last five (5) years (Re telecon between Maj. Tacker and Capt. Gregory 1330 hrs, Fri. 23 May 58.

The conclusion was that this ^{requirement could not be fulfilled during} ~~period~~ ^{time}

period, and that interview with Mr. Henderson could cover

subject.) (14) The Air Force is advised of foreign sightings

by various U.S. government agencies and personnel overseas.

Until recently very few foreign UFOs reported. Definitely

established increase is proportionate to number of Flying

Saucer and UFO books distributed overseas. (15) Only a

very small percentage of UFO reports officially issued by

foreign governments or our allies. The majority generally

qualify them with opinion that objects are probably aircraft

or other airborne (man-made) vehicles.

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F. Recommend that the "Air Force Semi-Annual UFO Report" recently submitted by this Center, be brought to both Senator Saltonstall's and Congressman Henderson's attention, particularly para B.6, which proves that concerted, wide-scale campaign now under way to contact all members of Congress to pressure Air Force re UFO's.

COORDINATION:

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JJ Etkin

Copy to:

Maj. Byrne - AFCIN-X1

The "World Roundup" section of the Flying Saucer Review had more UFO news from Denmark:

"On the night of May 25-26, Whitsun weekend, a complete scout camp saw an object standing vertical in the sky absolutely lit up.

"Scout leader Kamma Verholdt of Grønnegade 25, Aarhus, stated: 'I am quite sober in my way of living and therefore felt embarrassed to report what I had seen that night. Other scout leaders saw that I was under some kind of shock, but when I discussed the matter with them I discovered that we had all become more confident when we spoke openly about our experiences.

"We camped at Jaugyde on Whit Sunday night -- a lonely spot-- and we had arranged a night exercise. At 12:30 a.m. I awoke and saw a lighted object. I thought the other scout leaders were playing a joke to make our exercise more realistic. I soon became aware that it was no joke and felt ill at ease. The oval object emitted a fierce light and lit up the surroundings and those asleep woke up." (25.)

26 May. British push for UFO hearings. (See clipping)

26.5.58
U.F.O. question
 CONCERNED about the difficulty of obtaining information from official Government sources about strange objects spotted from time to time over Britain, the Tees-side Unidentified Flying Objects Research Group—as reported a day or two ago—has sought the aid of two local Members of Parliament.
 Now, I learn, Mr. George Chetwynd, M.P. for Stockton, is to ask the Secretary of State for Air, Mr. George Ward, how many flying objects have been

reported on during the past year and what steps have been taken to co-ordinate the information.

Mr. Chetwynd, I gather, does not believe in flying saucers.

By Vulcan

himself, but adds that he is "open to conviction."

An official of the Tees-side U.F.O. Research group, which investigates unusual objects seen in our skies, tells me he and his colleagues feel some action ought to be taken—possibly the setting up of a commission to examine the

28 May. Chelmsford, Massachusetts. (10:00 p.m.)

Diamond-shaped object. (see clipping on page 27) (26.)

30 May. Uralsk, Russia. (9:20-9:30 p.m.)

"The Uralsk Phenomenon." (See pp.28-31)



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Did UFO Visit Chelmsford?

This is Sun artist Werner Severius' conception of what Mrs. Lydwin Batchelder, of 59 Boston road, Chelmsford, saw one night recently when she heard a peculiar sound and looked from her bedroom win-

dow. She reported it as a diamond-shaped object moving irregularly between her window and the oak tree in back.

Ever See A UFO?; One Reported in Chelmsford

Has this area been visited by an UFO? A Chelmsford woman says she saw one. This is the first of two articles by Sun Reporter Gerard Vincent who interviewed the resident on her experience.

By Gerard Vincent

Unknown flying objects have been with man since the time of legends, and perhaps even before that. But man could look up at the stars and realize that there is much in this universe that he does not understand.

Today, we know so much that it comes as a shock to us when we run into something that we can't understand.

Even when our radio-telescopes tell us that only our weak vision puts a boundary on the extent of space, we still balk at the idea that there could be intellectual life on any but the dot in the universe on which we live.

We cast ourselves out into space but reject the thought that there could be anything in space that could come to us.

For over 10 years we have been subjected to innumerable reports of unknown flying objects in every part of the country. Within the last couple of weeks these objects have been reported again.

AT 10 P. M. RECENTLY, Mrs. Lydwin Batchelder, 59 Boston road, Chelms-

ford, was attracted to her bedroom window by a peculiar metallic noise. She immediately noticed that her back yard was all lit up.

The light was coming from a small diamond-shaped object moving irregularly between her window and the oak tree in back. She said that the object was about a foot to a foot and half in diameter. As it rotated the lights changed as though one side were red and the other yellow.

Mrs. Batchelder said that she watched the object for about 20 minutes. Her window was open and though she was cold she was too rooted to the spot to move the few feet to her robe.

At first she thought that it might be a part of the Russian Sputnik but the irregular motion confused her. She said that it moved in the silliest way. It went up and down and then sideways as though it had a mind of its own.

The puffs of smoke coming from it in groups of two and three further puzzled her.

She said that she was able to see it clearly for about 15 minutes. Then it went up behind the clump of trees to the northwest of her house, where she saw it moving in the same fashion for another five minutes.

All of a sudden the light seemed to go out and that was the end of it.

□ I consider myself a fairly reliable observer of the sky, but I cannot explain a weird phenomenon that both I and my wife, along with three Russians, observed in the Soviet Union one night toward the end of May 1958. Perhaps some of my readers with a scientific background can help me define our odd experience? I would be most grateful if such interested readers would write to me with their considered evaluations.

To this day, I do not know what it was that we saw. Yet I am an amateur astronomer with three telescopes (two of them, Richest Field instruments) that have helped me familiarize myself with celestial phenomena and objects of all kinds. My background in astrophysics, optics and many other of the physical sciences was acquired by intensive study over many years. I firmly believe that it would be almost impossible for any natural phenomenon of the heavens to deceive me regarding its true nature. If the strange object that we observed in the sky above the foothills of the Ural Mountains can be explained logically as either an unusual manifestation of Nature or as a man-made device, I am willing to give up my prized telescopes to the person who has that explanation.

Although our enigmatic sighting occurred almost nine years ago, on May 30, 1958, the details are still in my files. There will be nothing vague in my description of that sighting, because it is taken directly from notes that I made on the spot.

We had been returning from a visit to Alma Atá, Kazakhstan, in Soviet Middle Asia, about 200 miles from the Red Chinese border, when a report of bad weather at Moscow caused the pilot of our IL-14 airplane to sit down at a lonely little airport near the town of Uralsk.

It was twilight as we approached the Uralsk air field, a quiet, almost totally deserted spot. There were no concrete runways. It was a dirt field and we landed on the sod. As we taxied toward a parking area, one of the airport personnel guided our pilot by waving a pair of semaphore flags. The control tower was a wooden shack, somewhat like a park picnic shelter, with no glass-enclosed windows to protect the controllers. It was open to the weather, perched atop one of a series of low barracks-type buildings that were also wooden. Narrow concrete sidewalks were

interspersed among the buildings. Small toads continually hopped along these walkways. Although it was cool, the high-pitched buzz of mosquitoes whirled ominously past our ears. The airport restaurant was closed for the night. There was no place to sit and relax. We, our Russian guide and about 30 Russian passengers were assigned little cubicles that passed as bedrooms in the wooden buildings. These rooms were so narrow that there was barely space for a bed, a chair and a washbasin. Their walls were raw unpainted wood. Both my wife and I began to feel the onset of claustrophobia. We could not stay in our prison cell-like room for more than a few minutes without a sense of depression, so we went outside for a stroll.

Most of the stranded Russian passengers must have felt the same way, for they were also outdoors, strolling along the patchwork of side-walks as they chatted in a language quite incomprehensible to us.

We were lonely. The barracks were dimly and sparsely lighted, both inside and out, with bare small-wattage bulbs. By now it was dark. I amused myself by examining whatever features I could see of this unbelievably primitive air field. Off to one side of the buildings, almost lost in the shadows, was a pair of small aircraft refueling trucks. Parked in the dirt at one edge of the field, they were the only symbols of civilization in sight at the moment. Our airplane was parked out of sight on another side of the buildings. The whole effect was that of a ghost town, a lost village of the Urals. Although there was a big searchlight on top of the control tower, it had been turned off—to conserve electricity, I suppose.

My wife and I walked up to the front of this complex of wooden barracks, where the control tower was located. From there we could look out over the entire air field. There were no runway lights. All was desolate on the ground. But the sky was magnificent. We watched the stars and I pointed out various constellations in the northern quadrant of the sky, since north was the direction we were facing. The moon had just begun to rise in the southeast, casting a soft veil of light over the northwest. There were a few widely scattered clouds—some cumulus at a fairly low altitude and streamers of stratocumulus at a very high altitude—but these did not interfere with the magnificence of the nearly transparent sky overwhelmingly filled with stars. Trees lining one side of the airfield were almost completely silhouetted against the sky's brightness.

By nine o'clock the moon had risen another two or three degrees and the planet Jupiter, quite near to it, was a bright unblinking white light. We switched our attention from north to south and back again. It was now 20 minutes past nine o'clock. Here, my notes take over:

"At Uralsk—30 May 1958—between 2120 and 2130 Moscow time (Greenwich plus three hours), a strange object came out of the north.

It was very bright in the sky, like a red star of second magnitude. My attention was captured because in this lonely place, I thought it was a military transport about to make a landing pattern into the air field. It was a fixed light, not blinking on and off as do the wingtip running lights on commercial airliners. Since American military airplanes are distinguishable at night by their fixed running lights, I assumed this was a Soviet military aircraft.

"The light came up under the Constellation of Cassiopeia and seemed to be fairly low, at an altitude of about 1000 feet. Its speed was apparently 150 knots, so at first I thought it was a piston-powered airplane. Then it made a turn to the west, increasing its speed to about 400 knots. Now I knew it had to be a turbojet-powered airplane. Its speed was comparable to that of an American T-33 jet trainer—and I've ridden in the back seat of many a 'T-bird.' My impression that it was a jet trainer was further supported by the fact that as it made the turn, the light grew larger until it was the size of a landing light in the front of a T-33. I did not stop to think that it was strange for an airplane's wingtip running light suddenly to be transformed into a landing light. It speeded down the west leg of the air field, coming toward me head-on, before it disappeared for a few moments behind some trees.

"As it reappeared, I expected to hear the sound of a jet engine. There was only silence. The effect was eerie. It was still moving fast, but there was no sound. As I strained my eyes to determine the shape of the 'aircraft,' it almost appeared to hesitate in midair—and stopped suddenly. It hovered perfectly still in space for some 10 seconds.

"My wife then noticed the light and exclaimed about its strange actions. It was perfectly spherical with no rough or fuzzy edges. Its color was still that of a Red Giant star. Neither of us could see any indication of a shape attached to the light. My wife felt that it was hanging below something. I sensed that it was placed in front of something—but maybe that was because I had previously assumed it was the landing light of an airplane. Such landing lights, however, cast strong beams toward the ground. This light was not accompanied by any beam.

"As suddenly as it had stopped in midair, it started to move again, changing its course by 45 degrees to the northwest. Now it moved at a steady 100 to 120 knots for several seconds, when abruptly it paused and hovered again. This time it hovered alongside a bright blue star of the second magnitude (not quite as bright as it, however) which lies about 45 degrees west of the Pole Star, also a second-magnitude celestial object. It appeared to brighten. I estimated that its elevation was roughly 35 degrees above the horizon.

"In other words, it seemed to be higher—about 2,000 feet of altitude—but it was brighter.

Rosie (my wife) nudged me and somehow was whispering as she recapped her initial impression of the object. Her immediate reaction had been the same as mine: 'At first I really thought it was in front of something, but could see no shadow or shape of anything,' she told me. 'But then it seemed to be beneath something.' At the moment, I had no impression of its being in front of or beneath anything. Still there was no indication of a shape or shadow connected with it in any way. Because of the moon rising in the southeast, the northwestern sky was just bright enough so that a shape should be visible—if it was there.

"Once more it moved, more slowly this time, and stopped right in front of us, hovering above the small wooden control tower of the air field. Three Russians standing nearby noticed it finally and excitedly began to point as they chattered. The only word I could catch was "sputnik," repeated a number of times. But no man-made satellite can stop in mid-space, make a 45-degree turn and stop again twice. Nor would any satellite remain in view for this length of time—a total of some 10 minutes.

"The most awesome effect of this object was its stately silence, which was emphasized by the unblinking steadiness of its light.

"It could not have been the beacon light on either a weather balloon or a stratospheric research balloon. Balloons move with the wind. The wind-sock atop the control tower was almost limp, indicating that surface winds were nil. The scattered clouds—both the low-lying cumulus and the high-altitude stratocumulus—were illuminated clearly by the moon, now about 30 degrees above the southeastern horizon. Their slow motion indicated that the winds aloft were nearly negligible and were blowing very gently on an approximate course from east to west—a course just about opposite from that of the mysterious light.

"Apart from the fact that it was too big and too bright, the light definitely could not have been a beacon on any type of balloon known to man.

"Certainly it could not have been the landing light of an airplane, as I had first assumed—all airplanes make noise and do not hover. Helicopters can hover, but they are even noisier than airplanes.

"Meteors and fireballs do not hover, nor do they stay in view at one place for any appreciable time. The aurorae, or Northern and Southern Lights, would be more widespread over the sky—regardless of what form they might take. Besides, they would flicker as the solar-charged particles that caused them spiraled up and down the lines of force of the Earth's magnetic field, releasing energy from the molecules of air. Comets are apparently stationary during any 10-minute period. Also, most of them have tails. Planets move across the sky more rapidly, but do not make 45-degree turns. There were no electrical power

lines in the vicinity of the strange light, so it hardly could be explained as an electrical discharge. Maybe it was ball-lightning? But the weather was calm and clear, with no apparent friction in the atmosphere to generate an electrified condition.

"It was just inconceivable that the light we were watching could be explained by any known astronomical, meteorological or atmospheric phenomena.

"As we watched, completely puzzled and frustrated, the weird light began to lose its brightness. It was still hovering over the control tower as it began to oscillate or pulse. Or maybe it was spiraling upward (thus explaining its dimming?). However, I did not have the sensation that it was climbing. Yet it must have been. Rosie felt that it was climbing vertically. Quite suddenly I realized that I was looking almost straight up at the zenith: my head was bent back on my shoulders, when three minutes earlier I had been staring comfortably straight ahead.

"It was about 80 degrees above the northwestern horizon at this time. And while apparently hovering, it seemed also to be moving about a fixed point—which led us to assume that it must certainly be spiraling upward. At this time, Rosie felt that it was moving in a wide triangular pattern around a fixed axis. I felt that it was orbiting tightly about an axis.

"We strained our eyes to keep it in sight, as it became increasingly dimmer. When it was extremely faint, it appeared to be joined by another light equally faint. This second light was of the same general color—the color of a red star such as Antares, Arcturus or Betelgeuse. Rosie had noted first the appearance of a second red-star-colored object and pointed it out to me. There was no question that it was there. Both pinpoints of reddish light seemed to hover together for an indeterminable period, almost orbiting about each other. Then as they became very, very faint against the star-background, they pulled apart.

"Rosie felt that the second object was very high, drawing away from the first one. I could not be sure of any altitude determination myself. Finally the objects became so faint that we were not sure whether we were actually seeing them or some faint stars in the vicinity. We were sensing, rather than seeing, them now. Then we knew they were gone."

Those are my notes, written immediately after we viewed the strange phenomenon at Ural'sk. Some of the grammar has been smoothed out for publication and readability, but the facts are precisely as I wrote them down back in the dimly lit little "barracks" room of the airport.

About a month later we were at Wiesbaden, West Germany, where Headquarters of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe is located. I showed my notes to people in Air Technical Intelligence.

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Phenomenon at Uralsk

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One of them I can name and quote because he is no longer with ATI. He is Ed Dooley, a specialist in electronics engineering intelligence, now working at one of our nation's major aerospace companies.

Dooley, after reading my notes carefully, said to me: "Our sense of vision is so limited—we are able to perceive such a very narrow portion of the light spectrum—that we miss things that might be extremely obvious to a more advanced intellect and nervous system. Maybe there was a configuration surrounding that light that your limited senses as a human being blocked out? Maybe there was something there that you could neither perceive nor understand? Within the limits of our own Galaxy, there should be many possibilities for the development of exceedingly much more advanced civilizations than our own. And the inhabitants of those civilizations could well have an intelligence and sense-perception ratio to ours of 10,000 to 1. We are simply egotistical to think that we are the only intelligent and sensitive creatures in the whole Universe, if you want to call it that—and you call it that because you cannot perceive more than a narrow band of light-energy or feel more than your restricted senses permit."

I was astounded and so was my wife. We had thought that a man working in technical intelligence might scoff at and try to find a common explanation for what we saw at Uralsk. I had reported it routinely to ATI, since I had been reporting in general on my observations of technical things we observed in the Soviet Union. But obviously Ed Dooley was no scoffer. Nor were others in ATI I cannot name, since they are still working for the Government.

Anyway, I still cannot explain the phenomenon at Uralsk. What do you think? ■

(27.)

31 May. Space Convention at Giant Rock.

Van Tassel's annual gathering of Flying Saucer fans was bigger than ever in 1958. UFO buff Riley Crabb attended the Space Convention and recorded his impressions. His notes read in part:

"A trim little monoplane taxis up by us, first out are two small girls, then mother, and then daddy pilot. Under the shade of the wing they spread their picnic lunch and listen to the programme from the speaker's platform perhaps a hundred yards away. Every word is easily heard from the excellent PA system George had installed for the convention.

"The kind and variety and quality of people who attend the convention are a show in themselves as you watch them parading by in the blazing desert sun. The heat is almost inescapable as the thermometer climbs rapidly toward 100! Here are exhibitionists and introverts, one with a political axe to grind, another with a book to sell. Some are there to display their bodies; others wear a peculiar cut of hair or shape of clothing as a badge of distinction; while some display their minds in mimeographed page, brochure or printed book--any form which can be packaged, sold and carried home.

"Booted and sombreroed cowhands from nearby ranches are as decorative ---almost, as hopefuls from Hollywood, in pink bathing suits and generous expanses of golden brown skin. Mixed with these are long-haired metaphysicians from God-knows-where; and Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public, heavy with middle age and content to follow the scanty shade in their portable canvas chairs as the sun inches its way across the heavens.

"George Van Tassel is very much on the scene, above on the speaker's platform, or below huddling with the pioneers and leading lights of the Flying Saucer world. Among others we saw Frank Scully, Truman Bethurum, Dan Fry, Orfeo Angelucci, Trevor James and Mark Probert." (28.)

Summer 1958. Wangjiage Village, Jiangxi Province, China. (about 8-9:00 p.m.)

"Some devils coming in the sky!"

Americans were immersed in a culture that had a rich science fiction history, however in countries like China almost no one had heard of "Flash Gordon" or H.G. Wells. The people of the Middle Kingdom were unprepared.

In a letter to Western UFO researchers, a Wang Jiteng wrote that on a warm summer night in 1958 the following incident took place:

"...he and his commune workers heard someone yell: 'Some devils coming in the sky.' The people, said Wang, ran to get their kitchen knives and then took big sticks and rhythmically beat their bamboo beds to make a great noise to scare off the devil." (29.)

What had terrified the commune? Were UFOs visiting China? The answer, the last question, apparently, is "yes."

Jiteng (another account spells his name "Ziteng") was resting in an outdoor courtyard when he heard the cry of alarm. He was able to see the "omen" in heavens almost immediately:

"I looked up and saw in the sky several tens of feet above the ground a round flying object which was emitting red and bluish-white rays of light. It was not flying fast....the strange object slowly flew away. This scene of astonishment and dismay is still fresh in my memory. Not long ago when I returned home [decades later] we still talked about this event. There are many people there who still remember it." (30.)

1958. The year of the UFO for China.

Chinese UFO buff Paul Dong found that 1958 marked the beginning of significant UFO activity in the land of his ancestors.

1958(no date) Shihezi Diesel Plant, Xinjiang Province, China. (11:00 p.m.)

According to Mr. Dong:

"Wang Wenxiang, a designer for the Power Equipment Department, Shihezi Diesel Engine Plant, observed a flying object that was round and emitting a very bright white light, so dazzling as to bar observation. It travelled from west to south, rising higher in its advance, then flew east. It emitted a very loud rumbling sound as it flew. It was a brilliantly radiant orange color in the center and was giving off a white light from the edge. There was no rumbling sound while it was flying eastward. It rotated rapidly as it advanced along a spiraling course and illuminated the whole night sky, villages and hills in the neighborhood. It remained in sight for 3 to 4 minutes." (31.)

1958(no date) Central China. (no time)

Another case collected by Mr. Dong:

"A letter smuggled to Japan from Wu Chiyuan, a member of a Chinese National Construction Battalion on Maneuvers, described a great disc-shaped luminous object of orange color, of surprising size and brightness in the China sky. The object descended like an airplane in a steep dive, then more shallow at low altitude, sloping out to no more than 25 degrees. It was completely silent. It circled at low altitude for about one minute, and then ascended up at a very steep angle at high speed and disappeared above." (32.)

1958(no date) Heilungkiang, Sinkiang Province, China. (no time)

This item was supposed to have been collected by the U.S. Air Force Information Office in Hong Kong. Reports from the interior told of:

"...a number of sightings of 'spherical rosey [red?] colored objects' seen in the air over Heilungkiang and Arsalan in the province of Sinkiang. In Arsalan many witnesses among the Kazhak ethnic minority reported watching the red luminous

spheres operating in the sky above. One overflow the city of Kuldja where it reportedly approached, changed direction, stopped and hovered for about a minute and then flew away. Another rosey sphere (or the same) was observed over the city airport. Another report came from the inner city where the light was seen above a factory. Nobody reported flashing beacons or any sound. The factory report described a lustrous metallic object about 40 centimeters across by 20 in height (apparent size) and wondered if it was a new Soviet artificial satellite." (33.)

4 June. Sarasota, Florida. (8:50 p.m.)

"Crazy zig-zags."

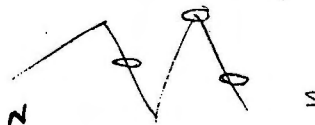
A Mrs. Charles Burbank said she was looking at the evening sky with a pair of field glasses when she spotted a UFO:

"The object appeared as a source of white light. It was oval in shape, seemed nebulous or fuzzy around the edge and stronger down the center. It was not a bright or conspicuous thing, but still was easy to track. We watched a meteor later and there was no comparison, except as to speed.

"We spotted it first in the south, about 40° up and tracked it until it faded at 25° in the north. It moved with remendous speed in this general direction, passing overhead in wide crazy zig-zags. These would cover as much as 40° before it would hesitate and abruptly change course. An odd fact is that it always pointed the same way ---even on the sharp turns.

"The course was not regular. It went something like this in spots (straighter in others)." (34.)

Witness' drawing to the right:



4 June. East of Lodi, California. (Noon)

"Seemed to change places with each other."

Mrs. Zelma Meek was a housewife when she had her UFO experience, but she had attended the University of California at Berkeley for two years and spent some time as a Ground Observer Corps Supervisor.

June 4th at noon Mrs. Meek was driving near the city of Lodi when she looked at the clear blue sky to watch an airliner pass overhead. At the same time she happen to sopt seven strange objects in the northwest. They were not fuzzy, nor were they star-like. Pulling over, Mrs. Meek continued to observe the objects trying to determine their identity. The objects were white colored but not luminous. They also were moving too fast and too smoothly to be birds in her opinion. Especially strange was the shifting. The objects changed places with each other in flight in a very swift manner (This is similar to other UFO reports). (35.)

Early June. Richard Hall joins NICAP.

When a young Richard Hall joined NICAP he did it more for an adventure than for financial reasons. He had just graduated from Tulane University where he had obtained a B.A. in Philosophy and could have accepted a number of conventional job offers but he found the UFO mystery too fascinating to resist.

Strong on logic and the scientific method, Hall was an invaluable addition to the NICAP staff. Moreover, Hall knew something about the UFO problem and even had published a UFO bulletin (Satellite) while in school. Because of his writing skills and UFO knowledge, Hall was made associate editor of the UFO Investigator. Hall's more cautious approach balanced Keyhoe's dramatic style of thought and action.

Early June. Keyhoe, the U.S. Navy, and UFOs.

When NICAP's Congressional inquiry project stalled, Keyhoe turned his attention to various government departments. Little was learned but Keyhoe did have some luck with the Navy because of his Naval Academy classmate connections. Keyhoe was granted a personal interview with some Naval officers who seemed sympathetic, or at least willing to listen. As requested, Keyhoe did not disclose the real names of the officers he talked to, nor did he identify the particular Navy organization they represented, but he did drop a hint that the organization had something to do with "rockets and space plans." (36.)

Keyhoe meets with a Captain "Brent" and a Commander "Larsen."

Cape Canaveral.

The two Naval officers must have leaned forward when Keyhoe opened the conversation with Cape Canaveral. Keyhoe wrote:

"'We've had reports,' I said, 'of UFOs observing rocket launchings at Cape Canaveral. And another report, from a missile technician at a different base, said they'd had to hold up launchings several times because of UFO interference.'

"The Captain's eyes flicked toward Larsen, then back.

"'Who gave you the Canaveral reports?'

"'I'm sorry, Captain. We can't disclose that.'

"'Without witnesses' names, reports don't carry much weight.'

"'I think they're genuine. But they were given us off-the-record.' (37.)

While discussing UFOs with the Navy officers, Keyhoe learned that "Larsen" and "Brent" had a collection of UFO reports. Keyhoe speaks first in the following exchange:

"'Then the Navy keeps its own UFO report file?' I asked. Brent shook his head. 'Not a complete one. This is a record Commander Larsen and I are keeping, with the admiral's consent---just so we'll know how many important Navy sightings go into the "sink".'

"'The sink.'

"Captain Brent smiled ironically. 'Our name for Project BLUE BOOK. We have to give all Navy and Marine Corps sighting reports to the Air Force. Then the lid goes down. If we ask for conclusions, they won't answer. In a few cases, they've even insisted they never heard of certain Navy reports---sightings we reviewed, right in this office. So we know your claims are true.'" (38.)

4 June. Chimbay, Russia. (9:00 p.m.)

"Zing-zing-zing."

More UFO reports were made in Russia in the southwest region. Was there any connection with Russian missile launches in the same section of the country?

The report for June 4th:

"Dr. B. Muratov and his son, an engineering student at Moscow University, were returning from a fishing trip on the Aral Sea. They were near the town of Chimbay, Karapalpak, when they both suddenly noticed a strange aerial object approaching them at a low altitude from the northeast. Thinking it was an aircraft of some sort, they continued to watch it as it passed about 300 feet above them. Only then did the Muratovs realize that it was not a plane, but rather a shiny, disc-shaped flying object about 80 feet in diameter which glowed red on one side and 'emanated a melodious chiming sound ---zing-zing-zing, almost like a voice...' At the tip of this mysterious object was a sort of protrusion 'which looked like a short antenna.' The Muratovs estimated its speed at 'no more than 300 kilometers an hour.'

"When they told local fishermen of the strange experience, they were surprised to learn that a similar object had been seen in the area about two years earlier." (39.)

6 June. Todt's interview with Rose Hackett Campbell.

Columnist George Todt wrote about the UFO problem on a regular basis, in fact, so many times he even got around to interviewing a member of NICAP's staff, a Mrs. Rose Hackett Campbell. (See clipping) What is so interesting is that Mrs. Campbell gives no hint during the interview she disagreed in any way with NICAP policies, nor does she indicate she had any extreme beliefs.

Mrs. Hackett, a widow of one of NICAP's founding members, had been a hard working staff employee since the birthing of the Keyhoe-led organization, even at one point anonymously paying an outstanding printing bill. There had been no problem with Mrs. Hackett up to the summer of 1958 and Keyhoe and the NICAP Board of Governors appreciated the woman's dedication. Unfortunately one of Mrs. Hackett's close friends was Clara John, an associate of George Adamski. Mrs. Hackett came to admire Adamski, perhaps due to Clara John's influence.

Generally the ladies seemed to like George. He wasn't all that bad looking for a man of age and he had a kindly manner. Most of all, promoted a message that was pacifist in nature and the great majority of women are pacifists at heart. The menfolk usually only saw George's ignorance of basic science.

Mrs. Hackett's favorable opinion of the California contactee would mean some trouble for Keyhoe and NICAP in the weeks ahead.

7 June. Near New Plymouth, New Zealand. (9:35 p.m.)

"White oval was up and away in a few seconds."

The New Zealand UFO magazine Space Probe states:

"On the night of June 7th at approx. 9:35 p.m. Edmond R. McCutcheon, Maxwell Ford and Ron Willetts and three young ladies of their company, received a fright that won't be forgotten for some time to

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GEORGE TODT'S OPINION



Authoritative Report On Saucers

"The stars in their courses
fought against Sisera."

—JUDGES. V. 21.

The mystery behind the unidentified flying objects (UFO's)—sometimes called "flying saucers" because of their shape—continues to grow.

Earlier this week I interviewed Mrs. Rose Hackett Campbell, Administrative Chief of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), whose offices are located at 1536 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. This charming and intelligent lady was in Los Angeles to visit friends and relatives. She is a dedicated person.

"Are you still receiving a large number of reports on UFO sightings since the big flap last November?", I asked her. "There hasn't been much mention in the press about this subject during the past six months."

"We are receiving more reports now than ever before," was her reply. "Apparently the press is downplaying it at this time. Whatever the reasons may be, it is not because of any dearth of available material."

"Do you have any idea why anyone might wish to have the UFO matter treated quietly insofar as the general public is concerned?", I persisted. "What could be behind it?"

tives in Europe 500 years ago might not have been just as sceptical of certain events of their day when Columbus set sail for the new world. A lot of 'informed opinion' made an educated guess that he would fall off the edge of the world when he sailed far enough in a straight line away from Spain. Isn't it the same in every generation? Don't we find it hard to yield to change when it affects our well-ordered existence? Hasn't mankind, generally speaking, been noted for the myopic quality of viewpoint where understanding of the cosmic universe is concerned?"

"Well, it seems pretty arrogant and conceited to me," replied the lady, "to assure that God created life on this world and didn't do so on any of the other hundreds of millions of planets similar to the Earth which are located throughout ours and neighboring galaxies of the stars we see in our heavens. In a recent interview by TIME Magazine, the brilliant Dr. Otto Struve, head of the University of California's astronomy department, said that the Milky Way Galaxy—of which our own solar system is an almost infinitesimal part—almost certainly contains vast numbers of planets with intelligent life. Man, himself, is nearly ready for the

"If this is being done, I am sure it is with the best of intentions for the public welfare by those who may be responsible," Mrs. Hackett told me. "Some of these latest reports could conceivably cause panic among uninformed people. Some reliable witnesses have told of engines failing in their automobiles when saucers came nearby. And there have been some claims advanced concerning conditions which tend to indicate a potential degree of radioactivity. Naturally, we realize that responsible public officials are concerned about the public's reaction to these items. And they should be. But we do feel that this subject matter is so highly important to the American people that a full-scale investigation of its potentialities should be undertaken by our Congress. And the cards should be laid on the table for the public to see for themselves."

"Isn't that what NICAP is trying to accomplish," I asked Mrs. Campbell? "Is it correct to assume that this group's objective is to confirm the public's 'right to know' in the realm of possible visitors from space?"

"That is exactly right," she replied. "And I happen to know that the 'right to know' is the standard defended by American journalists all across our nation. Why not concentrate your fire in the UFO field? Have you ever guessed that you just might be sitting on top of the biggest news story of our generation?"

"As a matter of fact, I have," I told Mrs. Campbell. "Sometimes I have wondered if the na-

long-awaited journey into space. Why is it so hard to believe that another intelligent race in space has also achieved the mechanics of space travel—and has already arrived in our heavens to observe us? What's so impossible about it?"

"Well, the precedent is indicated to us by the very existence of the human race and its scientific achievements of the last half century," I said. "Man has conquered the air and is within years—or even months—of space flight. Does anyone imagine that he will be condemned to look at interplanetary real estate in the future and never meet other intelligent beings in his travels to the stars? Isn't it really much harder to imagine a universe with billions of stars and planets—but no life on any of them except right here?"

"Indeed, it is," replied Mrs. Campbell. "And that is why NICAP believes that it is performing a valuable mission in its attempt to have the matter of the UFO's and flying saucers given a public airing by the Congress of the United States. We think that we know at least a part of the real story from the evidence which has reached us—and we also believe, as does the press, that the public has a 'right to know,' as well. That is what our National Director, Major Donald Keyhoe (USMC-ret.) has fought for from the start—and our organization will back him up until we gain a successful conclusion in our fight."

I think NICAP is performing a tremendously useful service for us today, don't you?

come. At a point six miles out from New Plymouth on the Carrington Road, on a clear, calm night, these six Taranaki folk observed a most unusual phenomenon. There were other witnesses also.

'The party had just left the home of two of the men and were about to motor back to New Plymouth when all sighted a large ground based dark-red glow. The ground glare was radiating light into the sky from a point some est. 8 miles distant (S.E.) at or near the base of Mt. Egmont. Further off and almost in line with the red glare is the Mountain House.

"The unusual sighting, coloring and size of the phenomena captured the witnesses' attention for some ten minutes, when suddenly, all six observed a large white oval object rise quickly from the center of the red glow area, pause momentarily, then rapidly climb away steeply over their heads. The object paused again briefly at some 3 to 4 thousand feet and then shot up vertically into the heavens to disappear almost immediately. This white oval was up and away in a few seconds, claim the witnesses." (40.)

10 June. The Buttes. North central California valley. (3:50 p.m.)

Object enveloped in smoke.

According to a Mr. Carkuff:

"It seemed to rise near a clump of trees growing along side a stream, and just south of the small mountain range called the Buttes. It was a clear day. I imagine it was not more than 10 or 15 feet in the air when I first spotted it. It was gaining altitude rapidly and headed in a southwesterly direction. It traveled close to the ceiling at an exceptionally high rate of speed. Shortly after I first saw it, it was between me and the sun and I could see the outline of a cigar-shaped object about 150 feet in length, enveloped in a cloud of smoke from nose to tail. It looked like a giant cocoon hurtling through the sky. Watched object from moving taxi for about 20 minutes. Phoned CAA at its office at Yuba Co. Airport. Cab driver saw it also." (41.)

12 June. British Air Ministry gives unsatisfactory answer. (See clipping below)

12.6.58
MEMBERS of the Tees-side Unidentified Flying Objects Research Group are by no means satisfied with the reply on "flying saucers" given by the Under-Secretary of State for Air to Mr. George Chetwynd, M.P. for Stockton, in the Commons on Tuesday—and quoted here yesterday—
Their secretary, Mr. D. Rush,

conceded that the reply did at least confirm that the Air Ministry is officially interested in these strange objects, and is co-ordinating reports. But the statement that "most of them turn out to be meteors, balloons or aircraft," very conveniently forgot those which could not be explained away in this manner.

"And those are the ones we are interested in," affirmed Mr. Rush. "Everybody knows some of them can be explained."

Now the group is writing to Mr. Chetwynd asking if he can put a further question about the "unidentified" remainder.

12 June. The Mediterranean.

An account collected from fishermen operating out of the port of Le Brusac on the south coast of France. The informant, a fisherman, states:

"Three of us, myself and two companions, had gone out to sea to drop our nets. It was 12 years ago, June 12, 1958. It was a very clear night, with a starry sky and the sea was calm. We saw a big shining dot of light in the sky, orange-coloured, with a touch of red to it. It grew bigger, and then it began to descend very fast toward the sea and soon it was a great big globe which was lying on the surface of the water.

"Just lightly touching the waves it remained there stationary for several minutes, but we had the impression that it was revolving, like a wheel turning round and round on the same place. It caused a strong air displacement, for we could see the water being whipped up all around it. After that, the ball came rolling towards us, just gently brushing the water. We weren't a bit happy at the sight of this 'globular wheel' bearing down on our boat. Terrified, one of our party shouted 'It's going over us!'

"The fantastic wheel didn't in fact go over us but it passed very close by, making such big waves that we nearly capsized. When it was close to us we felt a very powerful heat from the thing and a strong blast of air. As it went by we heard a faint humming from it, like the hum of a swarm of cockchafer. Comparing it with our boat, its diameter seemed to have possibly been about four metres. Stupefied, we just watched it vanish at great speed. It moved along by leaps, now half disappearing among the waves, now skimming along on top of them. Then it did a right-hand turn and disappeared on the horizon.

"It did not give out any flash or beam of light; it was simply a revolving ball or wheel, with no change of colour.

"We lost no time in getting back to land, returning sooner than we had meant to. One of my mates said: 'Perhaps its a flying saucer that has dropped down from the sky.'" (42.)

(?) June. Sideia, New Guinea. (no time)

Bishop Doyle speaks out.

Something was seen that was so odd it prompted an official comment. A number of Catholics at Sideia viewed a mysterious "thing" in the sky, so the Right Rev. Bishop Doyle released a statement:

"In June 1958 there came from a southerly direction a round object about the size of the moon, pale blue in color, emitting light brighter than sunlight. It seemed to hover in the sky over Mission property. After about five minutes it moved in a northerly direction and disappeared in mid sky. It was seen by five senior schoolboys at the same time." (43.)

12 June. An unexpected move by the Air Force.

An official Air Force letter arrived at NICAP's office dated June 12th. The content was so unexpected Keyhoe reacted with caution. The letter read:

"Your statement that you possess a number of important UFO sightings fully verified, which prove the absolute reality of UFOs as machines under intelligent control, is most pertinent.

"The Air Force has the responsibility for investigating and evaluating the UFO phenomena. This can only be done properly and without endangering the National Security if responsible citizens report all evidence and intelligence on the subject to the authorities charged with this responsibility. It is requested therefore that any specific cases of the nature mentioned above be forwarded to the Office of Information Services HQ USAF, Washington 25, D.C. for submission to the Air Technical Intelligence Center for analysis and official evaluations." (44.)

A puzzled NICAP published this remark: "...the letter indicates a concern which is in plain contradiction of its public claims that UFOs do not exist." (45.)

Its highly possible the PIO boys at the Pentagon wanted the best NICAP evidence so they could have explanations ready if Congressional inquiries led to the examination of such material. Being "prepared" was very important to the Air Force, as shown by the history of the Tonopah, Nevada, case. Furthermore, since it was very apparent the Air Force was convinced evidence for the "absolute reality" of UFOs had not been found, asking to see such evidence was hardly a rash act to their way of thinking.

APRO, however, had a big surprise for the Air Force. Coral Lorenzen's group announced it had: "...in its possession actual physical evidence that flying saucers are extra-terrestrial in origin." (46.)

Coral wrote a letter to Maj. Lawrence Tacker which said:

"A release which you issued this year states that no physical or material evidence, not even a minute fragment of so-called flying saucers, has ever been found. This statement, as it stands, is not true.

"The gratifying aspect of this case, however, is that we do not have to depend on the testimony of witnesses to establish the reality of the incident for the most advanced laboratory tests indicate that the residual material could not have been produced through the application of any known terrestrial technique." (47.)

Did Maj. Tacker of BLUE BOOK fall out of his chair when he read the letter from APRO? If he did, he never admitted it. Official interest in the Ubatuba fragments existed but great care was taken in approaching Coral Lorezen's UFO organization. The struggle over the "saucer metal" would be played out over a great many months.

12 June. Dillon, South Carolina. (9:00 p.m.)

"Purple People-Eaters?" (See clipping on p.42)

Columbia, S.C. June 15, 1958
(Sunday)

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AFTER STRANGE SIGHTS

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Purple People-Eaters? Many in SC Wondering!

DILLON — (Special) — Flying saucers? Helicopters? Space men? Purple people-eaters?

People in Florence, Dillon, and Darlington were wondering Saturday exactly what those three strange objects were. *June 12*

It all happened Thursday and Friday nights, and one check in Dillon revealed that many saw the mystifying objects—so many on Thursday night that many Dillonites were making plans for lawn parties Saturday night to watch for the phenomena.

What were they? The objects were generally described as orange-colored, circular discs which turned to a purplish hue, sighted moving slowly about and hovering over North Dillon at 9 p.m. Thursday.

The three orange balls seemed to be in formation, and viewers

said it was difficult to tell whether the objects were large and flying high, or small and flying low.

None were reported seen here Friday night, but the Rev. H. H. Reed said he saw a triangular pinkish object over the Florence area Friday night, and said he called others to witness.

In Darlington George Dargan, insurance man, his wife, and neighbors reported seeing three small orange-colored round balls in the skies overhead. Dargan said they were traveling at high speed.

A Dillon businessman, Johnnie Griffith, who had been quoted in an earlier report on the objects, said Saturday, "Brother, I sure am glad those things were seen in another town. I don't want people to think I'm crazy."

15 June. Getting ready for Congressman Henderson.

Teletype message found in BLUE BOOK files:

"FM HEDUSAF WASH DC

TO COMATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

(...deleted)/FROM AFCIN 52033

REFERENCE FORTHCOMING UFO BRIEFING OF CONGRESSMAN J.E. HENDERSON, FOR WHICH AFCIN-4E4 HAS PREPARED MATERIAL, SAFLH HAS REQUESTED THE ATTENDANCE OF AN AFCIN TECHNICAL CONSULTANT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE FIVE TYPICAL UNKNOWN CASES. THE BRIEFING IS SCHEDULED FOR 16 JUNE. IT WILL BE INFORMAL, NOT IN THE NATURE OF A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING OR INVESTIGATION. ON SELECTION OF AN ATIC REPRESENTATIVE. CONTACT MAJOR BYRNE, EXT. 74903, FOR FURTHER ARRANGEMENT." (48.)

14 June. Pueblo, Colorado. (10:46 a.m. MST)

BLUE BOOK called this case "unidentified."

The original document cannot be reproduced very well, therefore it has been retyped:

"UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WEATHER BUREAU

Pueblo, Colorado

June 15, 1958

Report on Unidentified Flying Object.

(Seen by Orville R. Foster, June 14, 1958)

While taking the Pibal Observation on the morning of June 14, 1958 at 1046 an unidentified flying object entered the theodolite field at an elevation angle of 24.2° azimuth 247.0° . It was followed across the northern sky with the theodolite, reaching a high angle in the north of an estimated 30° on into the southwest where it disappeared in haze at an elevation angle of 8.1° , azimuth 87.2° . The object was moving too fast to note any theodolite readings, during the traverse across the sky; so the high angle of ...[not clear] had to be estimated. It took 5 minutes (plus or minus 1) to cross the sky from the time of first sighting till lost to view. Minutes were counted by the pibal buzzer, but since time could not be taken to write anything down, the 5 minute count might be in error by one.

When first seen the outline of the object was not too clear, but as it passed at a high angle, the shape was quite distinct. It was circular in shape with an apparently flat ring around the object and a rounded dome in the middle. It looked very much like a picture of Saturn with its rings. The object appeared white or silvery white, and no metallic luster was noted. There was no noise or smoke or exhaust visible, and no vapor trails were seen. The object was higher than some cirrus clouds, which were estimated at 30,000 feet. This was known because the object passed above a few wisps of cirrus, and while its outline could still be seen, it was slightly blurred at such times.

Upper winds during the day were from the southwest quadrant, opposite to the movement of this object. A check was made with a local astronomer concerning the possibility that a satellite had been observed; but it was determined that no known satellite was moving in the direction of this object, nor could the shape of any known satellite have been noted with the relative low power scope on a theodolite." (49.)

The meteorologist that reported this incident at the Pueblo Memorial Airport had 28 years experience with the Weather Bureau. The Air Force felt it had to label the case "Unidentified."

More reaction to the Weather Bureau case.

"This is a toughie."

A Memo Routing Slip in BLUE BOOK had some interesting remarks. (See p. 44) (50.)

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

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		NOTE AND RETURN
4 <i>one of several</i> <i>missile</i>		SEE ME
		SIGNATURE
REMARKS Gerry; This is a toughie. I have approached it from every scientific and logical angle..after preliminary checks of a/c schedules(both military and civil), radar units, tests and operations, GCC, and others all showed NEGATIVE. Since Dr. Hynek (to whom I sent only the very complex cases) is in Moscow..respectfully request that you make the last scientific check: possible correlation with one of the satellites. If no resolution , this will be one that I must place in the category of "UNKNOWN" Have provided you with copies of all pertinent material. Note that the source is a wx expert with over 20 years experience..and for once precise data were submitted, i.e. UFO was tracked with a theodolite. <i>W. S. Spent</i> Thanks...		
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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

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18 June. Coral Gables, Florida. (about 11:45 p.m.)

"Mother Ship and Flock?"

Here is the story as written by Norbert Gariety after a personal investigation. (See article from his UFO bulletin below)

The evening of June 18 was a warm one in Miami. Evelyn May, and her sister Carolyn May Thurman, who operate the SLIM SHOP, in the Douglas Entrance on Douglas Rd. in Coral Gables, decided to take a drive out the Tamiami Trail to get out of the city.

With them went Nancy, Mrs. Thurman's 12 yr. old daughter. After the drive out and on the way back into the city, Evelyn May who was driving looked up into the sky and saw a peculiar shaped light in the sky. It seemed to be shining brightly through the slight overcast above.

The time was approximately 11:45. Evelyn May stopped the car and all three sat and watched this object from the car, (a convertible). The size of the object as compared to a full moon, all three persons agreed to be about the length of about six full moons. It was cigar-shaped, and big enough that the diameters of six full moons would fit into it.

Evelyn May, who was more or less the spokesman for the three, said that the object seemed to be "breathing", that is it seemed to contract and expand. The color was a very intense blue.

They started up the car again, still watching and drove into the city, as they have a good vantage spot from their yard and decided that they could watch it from there just as well as from out along the Tamiami Trail.

While they were driving into the city, the cloud cover passed away, and they could see it a little better, but still not in sharp outline. It seemed to have a fuzzy appearance.

During the drive into the city, Nancy, the 12 year old daughter, said, "Did you see that? An orange ball shot out from the big blue object." They then say at least a dozen of these small orange balls of light shot out from the object. Some would come out of one end and some from out the other, and one took off straight up, or so it seemed.

By this time they had reached home and watched it some more, but shortly after reaching their yard the large blue object disappeared, just as if you turn off a light. The total time elapsed was about a half hour. The angle of elevation was almost directly overhead.

After watching and seeing nothing for about 15 minutes, suddenly it appeared again farther north, this time near the Big Dipper. It stayed stationary in this position for another 15 or 20 minutes, during which time all three watching saw 4 or 5 more of the green lights leave the large object. Then just as suddenly as the first time, it disappeared again.

Evelyn May stayed up for several hours to watch, hoping that she would see it again and wanted to see if the little green balls of light would come back again and return to the long cigar shaped object. But she waited in vain, saw nothing and finally went inside her home to get a very short night's sleep.

Your editor received notice of this incident through the grapevine, went out and interviewed the three individuals involved and have the report recorded on tape.

Just one more well documented report, by Mr. or Mrs. Average Citizen. Expect many reports during the summer months. We may be entering another cycle of observation, by extra-terrestrials.

(51.)

18 June. Douglas Edwards is amazed.

Douglas Edwards was interviewed by a Detroit newspaper on June 18th. Mr. Edwards had been the host of the Armstrong Circle Theater UFO program back in January. The reporter for the Detroit newspaper told Edwards he considered the UFO show one of the most outstanding presentations of the TV season. Edwards admitted that mail had flooded the network and was still coming in. Said Mr. Edwards: "I'm amazed at the number of people who firmly believe such sightings exist. I'm even more amazed at how intelligent many letters are." (52.)

The injection of the "Ryan plane" into the text of his remarks may have been attempt to confused the issue. Certainly any prototype aircraft that has yet to leave the ground can not be expected to explain any UFO reports. (See p.47)

Flying Saucers

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. ROLAND V. LIBONATI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 1958

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, the advent of the saucers as sky objects has mystified the world. Several scientists predicted that their origin would be discovered as interplanetary, and surmised, further, that a secret weapon was in the inventive stage of development. The official word later came that, in reality, these objects were aircraft with saucer-like characteristics, recognized as in the development stage, with some now flying. The prediction later was that we would see some official ones soon.

It was described as the simplest flying machine ever created and can hover, climb, and dart sideways riding on a column of air.

Thus, for 12 years the probes have been going on. The knowledge of these "what-niks" is still at the zero level.

The Air Force, acting upon these reports and being fearful of dangers from the skies, launched a secret, scientific search—over 200 scientists and engineers—working to discover the nature of this baffling aerial phenomena—these mysteries seen, but never caught—flying saucers. The Air Force has collected more than 800 sightings of flying saucers, and reports were received from outposts such as Alaska and Newfoundland, and from our vital atomic installation sites. Great secrecy shrouded this planning and special mechanisms, apparatus, instruments, and cameras—lens—were perfected to photograph and register identifying color glows for determination of fuel supply, material, construction, and so forth.

By combining existing radar telescopes and cameras, photographs were taken of objects spotted in the daytime and glowing objects at night. Modified Navy sonar sound detection equipment shows the absence of sound a characteristic of most reports on flying saucers.

The Air Force, releasing after a 10-year study, a report that previous sightings of flying saucers were illusions, or explainable as conventional phenomena. The Air Force added that no aircraft of foreign origin were identified in these sightings. The study encompassed 310 pages, replete with charts, drawings, and statistical data.

Our Air Force also has a project in this field of research and has perfected a revolutionary design study that envisions a craft that will outdistance and outmaneuver present day jets and eliminate runways.

A vertical rising, man-bearing plane resembling a flying saucer, has passed drawing board and production development and has, since October 1957, been subjected to rigid tests at San Diego, Calif.—produced by the Ryan Aeronautical Co. However, no description of the Ryan plane was made public. The Air Force released an artist's conception of what the first American flying saucers would look like.

The drawing depicts a huge disk, with a raised central plateau that is serrated on one side by many vanes. Surmounting the plateau is a transparent cockpit like that in a conventional plane. It is expected that Avro, Ltd., of Canada, will build the saucer craft.

Yet, official comment made was that the people of San Diego might mistake the Ryan plane for the Avro project.

The Air Force thus was encouraged by the inflow of reports of sightings to develop an eccentric aircraft, thus introducing a new period of aviation development along technical lines, in which aircraft of unusual configuration and flight characteristics were considered. These disk-shaped craft resemble the thousands of objects that people have seen all over the United States and foreign countries for years. The flying disks may soon become a reality and thus set to rest the interest in a popular delusion. The official statement denies the flight of any saucers over the United States, in its study. The novel forms of new aircraft will appear from time to time and are fundamentally from the development of conventional aircraft and not a result of a supernatural or mysterious design. They will be faster, fly higher and farther than any present aircraft. But the natural and scientific laws of present knowledge are obeyed. The flying saucer is not an experience to be scoffed at, and the Air Force has concluded that, if reporting and investigating procedures could be improved, the percentages of cases carried as insufficient information and unknown would be greatly reduced. Accordingly, the system was improved with the result that the 131 sightings between January 1, 1955, and the present time were evaluated as follows:

	Percent
Balloons.....	26
Aircraft.....	21
Astronomical.....	23
Other.....	29
Insufficient information.....	7
Unknown.....	3

It has, by periodical reporting, reassured the public that none of the sighting was aircraft. The scientific data collected in the report were commented upon as being balloons, planes, or planets, viewed by people under circumstances which cause these common objects to take on unusual appearances.

First, Four thousand balloons released in the United States every day—weather and research balloons; weather balloons and upper research balloons.

Balloons vary in size from 4 feet to 200 feet in diameter, released mostly at night, carrying running lights, causing a weird or unusual appearance. Also, at dawn or sunset they reflect slant rays of the sun upon surfaces. Large balloons caught in jet streams assume a near horizontal position (partially inflated, or flattened on top), traveling to speeds of 200 miles an hour—a startling effect results.

Second. Modern planes under adverse weather and sighting conditions are reported as unusual objects and flying saucers.

Third. Planes at high altitudes reflect sun's rays or when jet exhausts are visible at night—can have the appearance of from disks to rockets in shape.

Fourth. Single jet bombers having multi-jet pods under swept-back wings have been identified as flying objects or saucers in V formation.

Fifth. Vapor trails will often appear to glow with fiery red or orange streaks when reflecting sunlight—afterburners as well.

Sixth. Astronomical objects are subject to illusions—bright stars, planets, meteors, comets and other celestial bodies—when observed through haze,

light fog, or moving clouds. The planets Venus, Mars, and Jupiter have often been reported as unconventional moving objects. Observation of astronomical bodies with binoculars under adverse weather conditions, have been similarly described.

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

And so is explained away the myth of the flying saucer.

The sightings listed as unknown mean that the data was insufficient or unrelated to make a determination.

The sightings that do not give essential items of information essential to a true conclusion are similarly listed. These include description of size, form, shape or color of object; direction and altitude, exact time and location; wind and weather conditions.

(53.)

20 June. Congressional briefing. Rep. Henderson and colleagues.

Duping Congress.

The Air Force used the scheduled Henderson briefing to make a major effort to block further Congressional moves. Although it was Rep. Henderson who had made the information request that led to the briefing, other Congressmen also attended. Whether they were asked, or invited themselves, we have no way of knowing from files available.

The Memorandum for Record describing the briefing mentions a key fact in paragraph #3. The Air Force admits that Congress suffered from an embarrassing lack of knowledge about the UFO problem (And whose fault was that?).

There is no indication Rep. Henderson knew much about UFOs. He was being pushed by a constituent. Under such conditions Rep. Henderson, and presumably the other Congressmen with him, could not hope to challenge any omissions or misleading statements.

It is apparent that the Air Force steered the Congressmen away from two major issues: 1.) That UFO reports might indicate real objects of unknown origin. 2.) The Air Force's handling of the UFO problem. Evidently the focus of the proceedings was the prevention of an air defense communications system overload. This fear was the "secret portion" of the Robertson Panel report. This fear was enough to get the Congressmen to agree to restrict mention of the UFO problem even in closed formal Congressional hearings! (See paragraph 5 part "d.") Moreover, the same factor apparently prompted the condemnation of "private organizations and authors." This has the smell of political repression more in tune with a dictatorial regime than a U.S. democracy. (See memorandum pp.49-50) (54.) Did someone come down hard on Ruppelt for the same reason?

Maj. Byrne AFCEM/XLA
June 23, 1958

CWS

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Representative Henderson and Colleagues on the Air Force Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Program

1. On 20 June 1958, Major Boland, SAFLL and Major Tacker, SAFIS, assisted by Mr. Ardier, AFCEM-XL, and Major Byrne, AFCEM-XLA, briefed the following House members, in the Capitol chamber of Representative John E. Henderson, Ohio.

Rep. Henderson, Ohio
Rep. Cramer, Florida
Rep. Magnuson, Washington
Rep. (Mrs.) Walker, Washington
Mr. Mongel (Adm. Aid--Henderson)
Mr. Bachelor (Adm. Aid--Cramer)
Mr. Tely (Adm. Aid--Mr. Magnuson)
Mr. Gordon (Adm. Aid--Griffen, Mich.)

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2. The briefing was prepared in response to a personal request by Rep. Henderson who had previously submitted a series of questions on UFO's. AFCEM prepared the answers to these questions and supplied the necessary briefing material.

3. Members of Congress are constantly besieged by constituents regarding UFO's, by letter, telephone and personal visits. With rare exception, such requests are forwarded to SAFLL for answer. The lack of information on UFO's professed by the Congressman causes a certain amount of professional embarrassment. As a result, a great number of Congressmen and their administrative aids have indicated an interest in first-hand information on UFO's. SAFLL, on the urging of SAFIS and AFCEM, seized this opportunity to prepare a number of briefing kits, containing reproductions of statistical information, charts and graphs, individual case histories, and such other related material that would give the reader a rather comprehensive knowledge of the subject. These kits were submitted at the time of the subject briefing. It is expected that additional requests will be made for kits as word travels regarding their availability.

4. The Congressional audience was favorably impressed by the presentation. One apparent dedicated skeptic, at the conclusion of the briefing, professed his complete faith and confidence in the Air Force's handling of UFO's. Several members indicated that they were now prepared to deal directly with their constituents without calling on SAFLL.

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5. The subject briefing, scheduled for one hour, lasted the full morning, which attests to the Congressional interest in the subject. The following is believed to have accrued from the briefing, with members expressing:

- a. Confidence in the Air Force UFO program.
- b. An understanding of the problems the Air Force faces in administering the program.
- c. Acceptance of responsibility to personally advise their constituents on UFO matters.
- d. Agreement that it would be unwise to give the subject undue publicity, particularly in an open or closed formal Congressional hearing.
- e. Distrust in private organizations and authors, as giving undue impetus to the existence of "flying saucers" and stimulating unfavorable public hysteria.

6. Mr. Ardier addressed the group as a technical consultant. Maj. Byrne, in the capacity as administrative consultant, clarified certain answers given by the SAFIL representative, to preclude possible misunderstanding on how the UFO program is administered Air Force wide.

7. The excellent briefing material prepared by AFCIN-4 and the personal attendance of Mr. Ardier, who impressed the group with his profound counsel, deserve special note as reason for success of the briefing.

8. Classified portions of the UFO Scientific Panel Report of 1953 were made available to and receipted for by the Congressman present.

21 June. Fort Bragg, North Carolina. (Between 0405Z and 0415Z)

An Air Force report states:

"An Unidentified Flying Object was observed between 0405/Z and 0415/Z 21 June 1958. It appeared as a circular object of light light silver color with a thin greenish haze surrounding the bottom of the object. It was at first motionless then moved at great speed on a course of 360 degrees until it faded from sight. Weather at the time of the sighting was clear with good visibility." (55.)

21 June. Xiaoping, Chensi County, Hunan, China. (7:15 a.m.)

Our source is a Mr. Quan Zhi:

"It was in 1958 when I was a primary school pupil at Xiaoping, Chensi County, Hunan, when this took place.

"On 21 June, at 07:15 when we were in the classroom, an orange colored ball of fire was observed in the sky. It was the size of the sun, and flew from above the southwest hills, stirring teachers and pupils in astonishment. It's apparent size was two meters across as it flew along at an elevation of 60 degrees above the horizon. It was a light yellow color in the center. Dark spots like black smoke or fog twirled clockwise above the ball, but it could not be distinguished whether it was the smoke or the ball itself that rotated. To the rear of the ball was attached a long cigar-like tail about 5 meters long and .5 meters in diameter (apparent size), which was a light blue color in the forward part, white in the middle, and light yellow in the last segment. The ball and the cigar-like tail travelled at the same altitude, with the same speed and in the same direction. Their speed was slightly lower than that of a propeller driven airplane. They made a 120 degree turn when reaching the center of the small basin in which the school was located, then flew to the southeast along the upper reaches of the little river there. It remained in sight about 8 minutes from the time it appeared until it's disappearance behind the southeastern hills. The sun did not rise until 30 to 40 minutes after the UFO had vanished.

"When the UFO flew over the basin it gave off a light as powerful as the summer sun, bathing nearly the entire basin in a flood of golden rays. Clear shadows were cast under all illuminated objects. When it shone on the body of the observer it produced a conspicuous feeling of heat.

"The cigar-like tail gave off a light about one third the intensity of that of the fireball. A vague sound like the chirping of birds was heard from the cigar-like trail when the object sailed overhead. In the meantime we seemed to smell a peculiar odor which resembled that emitted by a vacuum leak-detector when it is sparked." (56.)

23 June. World "Flying Saucers" Day. (See clipping pp.52-53) (57.)

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Monday Memoirs

World 'Flying Saucers' Day

By GYO HANI

Although no preparation of any sort of celebration has been reported, tomorrow is the 11th anniversary of the sighting of the first "flying saucers," or to be more exact, when the word "flying saucers" was first used.

On June 24, 1947, Idaho businessman Kenneth Arnold reported observing nine shining "saucer-like" objects flying at 1,200 miles per hour over the Cascade mountain range of Western Washington while piloting his private plane.

The report touched off a kind of hysteria in the United States, followed by other parts of the world. The police, newspapers, Air Force bases were flooded with reports of mysterious flying objects being sighted and scientists and military leaders issued contradictory verdicts in trying to explain the puzzling phenomena.

In the succeeding years, the excitement gradually died down and the topic seldom makes headlines these days. But careful readers find small news items from time to time on enigmatic flying objects sighted at one place or other and group of men specializing in what they call "ufology" are spotting "UFO" or unidentified flying objects almost every day in some part of the world.

There are ufologists in Japan too. And unidentified flying objects are locally sighted by both ufologists and laymen quite often too.

Three amateur astronomers, for instance, reported having sighted a large shiny object skimming through the sky over Kanaya-machi, Wakayama Prefecture, on Nov. 27 last year, while observing meteors.



The "Master Unit Communicator" and flying saucer enthusiasts atop Mt. Takao.

calmed the flying saucer craze among the public somewhat but drew vehement retorts from ufologists.

Kinichi Arai who heads the Japan Flying Saucers Association, the largest ufological body in Japan, says Dr. Miyaji's argument is outmoded. He said all ufologists do not need Dr. Miyaji's lecture because it was common knowledge that balloons, meteors, searchlights and others mentioned by the scientist are often mistaken for saucers.

But as official investigation conducted by the U.S. Air Force revealed several years ago, he says, about 3 per cent of all reports on mysterious flying objects have remained unexplained while 97 per cent were dismissed as misidentification of other objects or just hoaxes and illusions.

tence of "spacemen" as well as flying saucers.

The Cosmic Brotherhood Association, third and youngest ufologist organization in Japan, is made up of such believers. The members claim they contacted a group of "spacemen" who understood Japanese on the night of June 7 with a gadget called "Master Unit Communicator." The machine converts, according to them, sound waves to light waves and vice versa. The "spacemen" are capable of receiving and transmitting signals via the media, it seems.

Yusuke Matsumura, the leader of the group, said some 30 members of the association gathered around the gadget set up on the top of Mt. Takao, some 30 miles west of heart of Tokyo, and kept shouting: "Hullo, spacemen! This is the Cosmic Brotherhood Association of Japan. Can you hear me?" for about an hour every two hours starting 3 p.m. that day.

Then in early hours of the next day, they heard the spacemen finally answer, and reward their hours of toilsome efforts in the rain.

"Hullo, our Japanese friends. It's very nice of you to contact us despite the rain," and the voice faded out in hum and "motorboating."

Matsumura has promised to invite this writer to the next observation scheduled for early July.

Though amateurs, they are trained observers.

According to a report published in the gazette of Kii Amateur Astronomers Association, the three men saw it around 10:27 a.m. flying horizontally from west to east. The silvery white egg-shaped object was about two-thirds of a full moon in size and flew soundlessly at about the same speed as an earth satellite. The most interesting part of the report is that the three of them thought that the object was ~~flying~~ at a very high speed while flying.

More recently, a oval-shaped silvery white flying object was observed over Ueno City, Mie Prefecture, in the afternoon of April 3, this year, seven luminous objects in "V" formation at around 9 p.m. of April 24 over Kobe, and, on May 29, eight orange-colored things which this time did not fly but stayed above the southwestern horizon at Ibusuki, Kagoshima Prefecture, around 8:30 p.m. These were all reported to the Osaka headquarters of the Modern Space Travel Association, one of three ufologist bodies in Japan.

Such reports of mysterious luminous objects increased steadily since the Russians shot up its first Sputnik on Oct. 4 last year. That is, more people turned sky-gazers.

Pestered by the influx of inquiries and information on these objects, Dr. Masashi Miyaji, director of the Tokyo Astronomical Observatory and leader of the Japanese IGY survey project issued a statement on Dec. 7 last year in the vernacular Mainichi denying the existence of flying saucers.

Dr. Miyaji declared "flying saucers" are utter nonsense and all of these "mysterious flying objects" could be explained scientifically. He said observation balloons flying at high speed on jet streams are the commonest cases of misidentification. Searchlights hitting the bottom of clouds, the reflection of the sun on the air body caused by planes, meteors, fireballs and other natural and artificial phenomena are apt to appear as strange objects in the sky.

The astronomer's statement

He says ufologists are dealing with this unexplained 3 per cents, and they know that observations by famous scientists are included in this unexplained category.

As an example, Aral quoted the case of Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh, famous American astronomer who discovered Pluto. There is no more credible report than an eyewitness account by experienced astronomer, Aral emphasized.

In a brief report titled "An Unusual Aerial Phenomenon," Dr. Tombaugh wrote as follows:

"I saw the object about 11 o'clock one night in August 1949 from the backyard of my home in Las Cruces, New Mexico. I happened to be looking at the zenith, admiring the beautiful transparent sky of stars, when suddenly I spied a geometrical group of faint bluish-green rectangles of light similar to the 'Lubbock lights.'"

"The group moved south-southeasterly, the individual rectangles became foreshortened, their space of formation smaller (at first about one degree across) and the intensity duller, fading from view at about 35 degrees above the horizon. Total time of visibility was about three seconds. 'I was too flabbergasted to count the number of rectangles of light, or to note some other features. I wondered about later. There was no sound.'"

"I have done thousands of hours of night sky watching, but never saw a sight so strange as this. The rectangles of light were of low luminosity; had there been a full moon in the sky, I am sure they would not have been visible."

Among ufologists, there are those who take a more positive stand and believe in the exis-

22 June. "You Asked For It" television program.

While Art Linkletter delayed his network show featuring Van Tassel's Spacecraft Convention, serious students of the UFO problem could not be happy with another offering on network prime time, a segment on the popular "You Asked For It." The UFO subject didn't need such bad publicity when members of Congress were showing an interest. (See notes on show made by a Miss Helen S. Bush p.55)

24 June. Monte de Oca, Argentina. (9:30 p.m.)

"Gyrations." "Fantastic speed."

According to our source:

"Several residents of the area watched a luminous object changing position rapidly in the sky, ascending and descending, at about 9:30 p.m. Alfredo and Esteban Hemborger, their families, and a school director, senior Egle R. Diaz, all saw the object at an altitude of over 1,000 meters, changing color from red to intense green to yellow to bluish. The object continued its gyrations until 10:57 p.m., then families had been chatting outdoors when the unusual object attracted their attention." (58.)

25 June. Do UFO witnesses tell the truth?

Back in April UFO "victim" Harry Sturdevant was denied workman's compensation in spite of his claims he suffered from a near approach of a UFO on October 1, 1956. Was an injustice done? Was Mr. Sturdevant a victim for a second time by a military policy that insisted UFOs didn't exist?

CSI New York official A.D. Mebane was so concerned he wrote to one of the men that investigated the case to get the man's reaction to Mr. Sturdevant's difficulties. Mr. Slaboda wrote back. (See letter on p.56)

25 June. Distrubing development in Los Angeles for NICAP.

The local Bill Welsh television show invited the notorious contactee George Adamski to the studio for a live interview on Friday June 25th. The show usually featured science fiction films so one might say George was an appropriate guest. CSI members in Los Angeles tuned in to the program out of curiosity and were stunned by what they heard. Adamski bragged about NICAP giving him an "honorary" membership, emphasizing that it didn't cost him a cent. In a letter to CSI headquarters it was said:

"G.A.'s attitude when telling about his 'honorary' membership was definitely to put over the idea that although NICAP disagreed with him publicly, that they actually agreed with him, and catered to him, even to giving him a free membership. These were not his words, but certainly was the impression conveyed." (59.)

Was there any truth to Adamski's claim?

Report of Program on "Flying Saucers".

Station WABC-Channel 7, Sun. June 22, '58
Program-"You Asked for It"-7:00 P.M.

The Master of Ceremonies, Jack Smith, told of a request by Dr. George Barlow for pictures of the Fifth Annual Space Craft Convention—picture showed an encampment in the Mojave desert—trailers scattered around and 100 to 200 people standing for their picture.

Jack Smith explained that these people believed flying saucers were real, in spite of the fact that the U.S. Government had debunked saucer sighting s by publishing "Project Bluebook".

Smith then proceeded to interview several persons, including
W.H. Malcolm, Arcadia, Cal.

Van Tassel

David(or Daniel) Frye

Wayne S. Ellis

Reinhold O. Schmidt

Amos John McCoy, Prof. of Psychology at Great Western University, San Francisco.

Smith's questions followed a regular pattern. Each person took his turn in answering each section.

1. Have you seen a saucer & what did it look like?
2. Were there any passengers?
3. Have you talked to space men?

A woman under the first category (name not caught) showed a saucer photograph and her box camera which had taken the picture.

One man reported his saucer was 100 ft. long, 3 ft. wide & 4 ft. high.

A woman mentioned a mother ship she had seen, the edges of which she could not determine.

Prof. McCoy had long hair and beard, which he said, had been acquired living with some S. A. natives. He had seen a saucer in 1954 while on Padre Island, off the shore of Texas.

Reinhold Schmidt had talked to a saucer man for 30 minutes.

Another had met 4 men out of a scout ship & talked to one of them.

This part of the program included the last 10 minutes of the half hour.

Since I do not take shorthand, some of the details have been left out, but these were small items, such as all agreed the space men were friendly etc.

Helen S. Busby/

The Trentonian

308 EAST FRONT STREET
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

Alexander D. Mebane
Civilian Saucer Intelligence
67 Jane St., New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Mebane:

June 25, 1958

In reply to your request for information concerning the recent decision against Harry Sturdevant by the Workmen's Compensation Board, I can only state that to the best of my knowledge he was telling what he believed to be the truth.

By this I don't mean to say that the saucer sighting positively took place. It is quite possible that Sturdevant was the victim of his own vivid imagination.

According to local police officials, Mr. Sturdevant is a highly emotional individual. And, in their opinion, the UFO that "sickened" him was just "conjured up out of the air."

However, I can assure you that Sturdevant was felled by an odor, imaginary or otherwise. During my eight years as a crime reporter on The Trentonian I have run into many instances where a hoax was perpetrated or attempted.

But never have I found any person as overwrought as Mr. Sturdevant was that night. His state was such that tears actually were streaming from his eyes.

Something terrified him, whether it was real or in his mind.

I sincerely hope I have answered your request to your satisfaction. And I am happy to say that I did read your article concerning my story in Fate Magazine.

Perhaps I'm wrong, but I judge you to be an Englishman, this from your spelling of "odour" and "honour." Am I right?

Sincerely,

Emil Slaboda
Emil Slaboda

25-26 June. "Break-through Day."

Norbert Gariety of Coral Gables, Florida, did his bit to get Congress to listen. Using his UFO bulletin S.P.A.C.E., and a local radio show, Gariety managed to reach at least two members of Congress by an effort he called: "Break-through Day." (See front cover of bulletin on p.58)

26 June. Lisbon, Portugal.

"War of Worlds" causes panic.

A news dispatch datelined Lisbon stated:

"A Lisbon radio station adapted Wells' 'War of the Worlds' so vividly tonight that thousands of people thought Martians had invaded Lisbon. Police sent men to the station and had the program suspended." (60.)

28-29 June. Buck's Spacecraft Convention.

"Chief Standing Horse and Ted the Wonder Dog."

Contactee Buck Nelson, a harmless and unsophisticated country fellow, held a second gathering on his property in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri. The people that descended on Buck's place resembled characters from a comic strip. There was Buck himself in a bright red cowboy shirt and blue bib overalls, a so-called "Prince Neosom from the planet Tythan," a Chief Standing Horse, and a hillbilly string band. Ted, Buck's dog, mingled with all the visitors and enjoyed a lot of affectionate attention. Ted was supposed to have traveled in space his master.

Wandering through the crowd you could hear conversations about "trips into space," but you could also hear other topics discussed like sickness remedies, the Great Pyramid of Egypt, reincarnation, hypnosis, and other far-out ideas. Reporters from local radio stations went about taping speeches and interviews. (61.)

The development of cults.

The saucer convention idea probably peaked in 1958 with Van Tassel's conclave reaching a record high in attendance, Howard Menger holding a much smaller event on the east coast, and mid-America UFO fans rallying at Buck's farm in Missouri.

David Stuppel and Abdollah Dashti co-authored an article for publication in the Journal of Popular Culture which said:

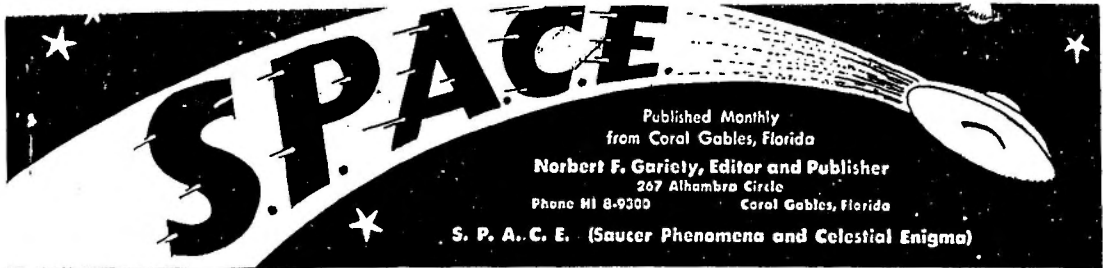
"By 1958 popular interest in the contactees had declined and the movement took a religious turn: small cults developed around certain contactees and a network of magazines and newspapers provided mechanisms for the transmission of the developing folklore." (62.)

29 June. Grimsby, England. (no time)

"Space dumbbell." (See clipping on p.59)

30 June. An effort to discredit Ruppelt?

NICAP members Irene Bowers, Frank Dargay, and C.W. Fitch met with the editor



The Air Force says that it has no PHYSICAL EVIDENCE (physical meaning 'something you can touch') that such things even exist. In the words of Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, retired, who served three years at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, as Chief Investigator for Project Bluebook WHAT CONSTITUTES PROOF?? — Does a UFO have to land at the River Entrance to the Pentagon, near the Joint Chiefs of Staff offices? Or is it proof enough when a ground Radar Station detects a UFO, sends a Jet up to intercept it, the pilot sees it, and locks on with his Radar, only to have the UFO streak away at a phenomenal rate of speed? Which is PROOF?

July 1958

Bulletin No. 19

RESULTS OF "BREAK-THROUGH DAY"

As you are aware, a post card campaign to get our Congressional leaders to lift the veil of Governmental Secrecy regarding UFO's, has just passed. UFO clubs, groups, and publications all over the USA have cooperated in this venture. In Miami the job was promoted by the New Age Saucer Club, and your Editor promoted the effort on his radio program, SPACE STATION, on WMLE, 11:00 p.m. Saturday evenings.

Many of us have received letters from both Senator George Smathers and Congressman Dante Fascell, our representative of the 4th Congressional District. For the benefit of those who did not mail cards and receive letters in return, I am reproducing the return letters. In the Senator Smathers letter, we were very happy to see the Senator courageously mention the term "FLYING SAUCER".

UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on Finance

June 26, 1958

Mr. Norbert F. Gariety
267 Alhambra Circle
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Mr. Gariety:

Thank you for your card of June 16 urging my support of "Break-Through Day."

The subject of flying saucers is one in which we all share a great interest. No legislation is pending in the Congress at the present time to require that information on the subject be made public, but you may be sure that your interest in the matter will have my attention should it come before the Senate.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,
S/George Smathers
U. S. Senator

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 25, 1958

Mr. Norbert F. Gariety
267 Alhambra Circle
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Mr. Gariety:

As a member of the Government Information Subcommittee for the past 3 years, I have been fighting vigorously for an end to federal censorship of information concerning our government that the American people have every right to know.

If there is any factual truth known concerning this subject, it should be made available to the public.

Thanks for contacting me.

Sincerely yours,
S/DANTE B. FASCELL
Member of Congress

In the belief that the above letters represent the sincere beliefs of our elected representatives to the Congress and that their letters should mean the same thing to each of the citizens whom they represent we have taken the prerogative to publish them in this publication.

However, since Senator Smathers made so bold as to mention the phrase "flying saucers" I felt it only common courtesy to ask permission to reprint his letter.

My letter requesting this permission is reproduced here as follows:

29 June. Grimsby, England. (no time)

"Space dumbbell."

Airmen shadow space 'dumbbell'

TWO experienced airmen in a private aircraft shadowed a mysterious flying object resembling a "dumbbell" near Grimsby Docks and succeeded in photographing it from a distance of 400 yards, they reported yesterday.

The object resembled a "dumbbell" — two black ball-shaped terminals connected by a rod — said 40-year-old ex-R.A.F. flight engineer Peter Spencer, who was flying in an Auster aircraft piloted by Mr. Dennis Jackson, from Cleethorpes.

Describing the sighting, Mr. Spencer said: "We were at about 800 feet and flying near Grimsby Docks when we first spotted it.

'Against wind'

"It was below us just like a big black dumbbell. It was flying fairly slowly over Grimsby towards Hull against the wind, which proves it was not a type of balloon.

"Then, quite suddenly, it raced up to our height and flew alongside us for a while at our speed. Then it accelerated in a terrific burst of speed to a position above us. We tried to follow it.

"The object went over the docks at about 1,000 ft. and it must have been travelling at 700 m.p.h. It vanished out towards the sea. We took three pictures of it.

'Not balloon'

"One of them was taken at a 300th of a second, but even so the object showed a speed blur on the negative which I developed myself. It was definitely not a balloon nor an aircraft.

"I should imagine it was only about six feet long. It was erratic in flight but banked and manoeuvred. It seemed to be controlled in some way."

Mr. Spencer, who lives at Waltham (Lincs.) and works as an aircraft engineer, said the incident occurred on Sunday June 29. "We did not say anything about it when we got back because we thought we would be ridiculed."

of the Cleveland Press, a Mr. Seltzer. The NICAP people wanted to discuss the UFO question and happened to mention ex-BLUE BOOK chief Edward Ruppelt. The editor blurted out a startling statement. The remarks by the newsman are included in letter written by Keyhoe to Ruppelt. (See letter pp.61-62)

1 July. Norfolk, Virginia. (7:20 p.m.)

Testimony by Larry Maccubbin:

"I was working in my garden when my next-door neighbor pointed it out to me. It was almost directly overhead and a little to the west, moving very slowly. I went into my house to get a telescope and binoculars. I also told my mother and father about the saucer and both of them came out. They both saw it. Through the telescope the object was perfectly round but flat. It was silvery-white and there was no sound. The flying saucer moved very slowly to the west all the time. Then, after 25 minutes, it shot away to the west so fast that it was just a blur of light. Eight people saw the object. They were: Mr. and Mrs. M.P. Maccubbin, Carol Maccubbin, Alvin Washington, Joan Stewart, Christine Stewart, Bessie Lee Pierce, and myself. The saucer was not a weather balloon as the only one up at the time was far to the east of us. This was verified by the Norfolk Weather Bureau." (63.)

3 July. Secretary Horner.

Truth and obligations.

In a letter written by Richard Horner, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Research and Development (the same person that presided over the censoring of Donald Keyhoe during the Armstrong Circle Theater program) contained this sentence: "We are interested in the truth concerning reported sightings and are fully aware of our obligation to keep the public informed on such matters." (64.)

7 July. Various places in southern Uruguay. (2:33-9:00 p.m.)

Information supplied by the Chief of Intelligence, Uruguayan Air Force.

(See report published by the civilian group CIOVI below)

CASE NO. 23 - July 7, 1958 - VARIOUS PROVINCES IN THE SOUTH
OF THE COUNTRY (Information
gathered by CIOVI)

At 2:33 p.m. an Iberia Airlines plane landed at the National Airport of Carrasco. The crew reported to the authorities that they had observed a strange glowing light in the cloudy sky which remained stationary at a fixed point. Also, people on the observation deck of the airport could see the glow and heard a sound described as being "like a drill", but, according to information from the Control Tower, there were no other planes flying in the vicinity.

At approximately the same time, inhabitants of Pan de Azucar, Maldonado Province, saw a similar sight. Investigation by CIOVI revealed that the phenomenon was not identical to that seen at the National

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NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

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MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOE, Director

1536 Connecticut Avenue
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NOrth 7-9434

September 29, 1958

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

Dear Ed:

As I previously wrote you, a NICAP member informed me that there seemed to be a deliberate plan to discredit you as an authority on UFOs, and I now have a statement signed by two NICAP members and another witness, which seem to bear out the original statement.

Here are the basic facts. On Monday June 30, 1958, members Mrs. Frank Dargay and Mr. C. W. Fitch, accompanied by a former GOC watcher named Mrs. Irene Bowers, kept an appointment with Mr. Seltzer, editor of the Cleveland Press. During the interview with Mr. Seltzer you were mentioned as having formerly been head of the Project Blue Book and therefore an authority on UFOs. According to this signed statement, Editor Seltzer's comment was:

"Yes, we know him; he was released from service because he was no longer efficient nor capable of doing a job properly."

Later Mr. Seltzer introduced the group to his science editor, Mr. David Dietz. Mrs. Dargay again mentioned your name, citing you as a UFO authority, to which, according to the signed statement, Mr. Dietz remarked that they did not consider Ruppelt as an authority on this subject, nor did they attach any importance to his report on the UFO investigation, contained in his book. Then, again according to the statement, Dietz said:

"That guy didn't know what he was doing. He was released from the Air Force for this reason and he has been under treatment."

I personally consider Mr. Dietz statement and possibly Mr. Seltzer's as basis for a suit for slander. Probably you would not want that kind of publicity, but I think you certainly are justified in writing to these gentlemen and demanding that they give the source for their remarks and then retract the statements in writing, with copies to the three witnesses concerned.

Having seen several letters from the Pentagon which cite disclaimers for factual accuracy, including your book, I believe that Seltzer and Dietz get their false information from Air Force sources. I don't ~~want~~ think that this is a set policy, but other inquiries have met with the same sort of special smear or at least an attempt to play down both you and your book.

I was about to write Mr. Seltzer and Mr. Dietz but I shall wait until I have a chance to hear from you.

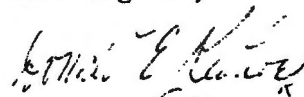
If you wish to contact the witnesses you can reach Mrs. Frank Dargay at 11309 Kensington Road, Cleveland 11, Ohio, and Mr. C. W. Fitch at 6526 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland 3, Ohio. Either of them probably can give you Mrs. Bowers' address.

Regardless of your decision, Ed, and I realize you may be under pressure to keep still regardless, I feel that this is an extremely dirty trick and that it eventually will backfire. There are enough important people on Capitol Hill willing to fight against UFO censorship, and this is the type of thing that incenses them. I recall that you said it was ridiculous for a Senate Committee to be wasting its time on UFO matters, but knowing all you have said and written I just discount this statement 100 per cent. I am positive that you not only are under pressure, but probably are under orders either from your company or the Air Force or both to back down and stop talking.

Despite the present apparent lull things are getting hotter and I think the question will become very important within the next few months.

I hope everything is going well with you and I hope that sometime we can get together for a private discussion.

Best regards,



DONALD E. KEYHOE, Major USMC (Ret.)
Director of NICAP

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Airport of Carrasco.

Things then returned to normal. But between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m., from various locals in the Provinces of Rocha, Lavalleja, Maldonado, Canelones, Montevideo, San Jose, Soriano and Colonia, came reports of what the majority of the witnesses described as "a ball of fire". Multicolored, it changed from green to yellow to a bluish white. In some areas witnesses heard the same noise reported earlier. At 8:31 p.m. an Air France plane landed at Carrasco and the crew reported having seen the object. The apparent size was compared to a football. The latest report of the passage of the object came from Cardona; the noted news agency ANI reported the incident, saying that it occurred at 8:58 p.m.

On the same day there occurred an incident which evidently has a connection with the above:

Mr. Sabino Barrios was returning with his family to the city of Minas, Lavalleja Province, after a day of camping. In the small car with Mr. Barrios were his wife, mother-in-law and two children (5 & 8 years). When they reached Solis de Mataojo, they stopped ~~for refreshments~~ to by some refreshments. Continuing their journey, they stopped some two kilometers from Solis and decided to eat. When they got back into the car and Mr. Barrios tried to start it, the motor would not turn over. At the same moment a brilliant light lit up the entire surrounding area. So strong was the light that all the objects around the car seemed to be of the same bluish white color (like that of a welder). One of the children cried out, "Its sunrise."

At the same time, Mr. Barrios located the source of the light in his rear view mirror. Instinctively, he opened the car door and tried to push it, placing his foot on the road. All this happened in a matter of seconds. He thought some other car would collide with his at high speed...or perhaps that it was an airplane was crashing...He realized then that it was an airborne object, at no great height and some 35 or 40 degrees above the highway. It was circular and apparently flat. It started to move slowly, crossing the road from left to right. Meanwhile, Mr. Barrios persisted in trying to move the car, which finally enabled him to start the motor. The other passengers continued to watch the object, noting that it lost its brilliance and darkened, taking on a reddish and bluish tint and disappeared to the Northeast. It was 8:25 p.m. Taken a bit aback by their surprise and ~~and~~ fright, they decided to continue to Montevideo. One of their headlights went out and the other suffered the same malfunction soon after they had started.

When he put the car into his garage, Mr. Barrios noticed that on the roof there were some fine threads like those of fibreglass and some small specks like coffee grounds which were phosphorescent. He worked very hard the next day cleaning the car, rubbing hard with a flannel cloth and using a lot of water. The palms of his hands turned the color of rope as though they had been lightly burned (no doubt as a result of the removal and washing of the phosphorescent particles).

The electrodes on two of the spark plugs were melted and are useless.

Mr. Barrios told ~~to~~ no one what had happened for a month. Consequently, when a CIOVI investigation went to the cite of the incident no other material evidence could be found.

For her part, Miss Nelly Rincon, a collaborating member of CIOVI, living in Santa Lucia, Canelones Province, submitted the following report: "On Monday the 7th, at about 8:20 p.m., I was talking with some neighbors on the walk of my house. After a few minutes, my attention was drawn to a small ~~dark~~ but very dense and compact cloud, but for the moment I said nothing to my companions. At that moment, a luminous object emerged from the mass. It was a highly luminous sphere with blurred edges. As it flew it left a trail at the end of which there were reddish or yellow reflections. It flew from South to North and suddenly descended rapidly. So fast, indeed, that one of my companions instinctively shielded his head, anticipating the crash landing. But this did not happen and it continued its flight, disappearing in the distance. (65.)

7 July. Senator Smather's letter.

Norbert Gariety was overjoyed to hear from Senator George Smathers but the UFO buff evidently didn't notice the importance of the words "except in those instances involving our national security and defense." (See article from an issue of Gariety's UFO bulletin) (66.) The Russian threat was exactly what the Air Force was using to censor UFO information.

UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on Finance

July 7, 1958

Mr. Norbert F. Gariety
267 Alhambra Circle
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Mr. Gariety

I have your letter of June 29th, and you have my permission to use the letter of June 26th addressed to you.

I might also add that I am very much opposed to secrecy in government except in those instances involving our national security and defense. The public should have knowledge of all facts affecting the government.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Signed/ George Smathers
United States Senator

7 July. Timberlake, Maine. (about noon)

The forest goes silent.

Our source states:

"A group of boyscouts and their scoutmaster were at lunch when all the normal bird and animal background noises of the forest abruptly ceased, and were replaced by an eerie humming sound. Everyone looked up to see a bronze-colored, disc-shaped object, moving across the sky in the 'wobbling' motion so familiar to Ufologists." (67.)

8 July. Canistear Reservoir, New Jersey. (Hour before sunset)

"Do you see what I see?"

An interview conducted by Berthold Eric Scharz, M.D., an expert on the psychiatric and psychic aspects of the UFO syndrome:

"John A. Collins of Glen Rock, New Jersey, age 49, has a responsible job in the world of banking. He is a lifelong outdoorsman, skilled in hunting and fishing. In his occupation he has flown all over the world and has dealt with many technically trained people, highly situated in the space-age industries. He is in excellent health and has never had any emotional disorder.

"It was one hour before sunset on July 8, 1958, the day of the All-Star game. I was fishing with a friend at Canistear Reservoir in northern New Jersey. It was bright and clear...cloudless. There was a slight surface wind (on the water). In the south, we saw in the sky what I thought was a shooting star, a big light. (Figure 2a). When we first looked at it, the size was that of two thumbnails of an outstretched upper extremity. We sat in the boat talking about it. 'Do you see what I see?' Instead of disappearing it kept coming along- As it got closer it was plainly visible. At first it looked like a bar of hot steel pressed in a rolling mill...about the size of a railroad tie and uniformly cherry red in color (Figure 2b). It was low in the sky and came directly toward us. It moved slowly. I had a 'Rollie' (camera) in the boat, but I was so scared I was afraid to take a picture. It was heading right for us and we didn't want to excite it. We watched for ten minutes and it was ever with us. It tilted 45 degrees, then (Figure 2c), leveled, and took another 45 degree turn. It was turning from red to bluish-white to white as it went up. There was still no sound, no hum, no vibration, no odor, nor anything. It leveled off and took a 90 degree turn. It was still the same color, then it turned more than 90 degrees and was coming back toward us. When we faced the end of the bar, it was like looking into the firebox of a locomotive: cherry red in color. The rest of it was white, like two railroad ties attached end to end. We watched it for forty-five minutes in all. It was once less than 400 feet up and we were afraid it was going to land on the water. Then it went faster, rose quite steeply, and rode away. My fishing partner and I had nothing to drink. I have never seen anything like it before or since.'

"When my partner got home and told his wife, she wouldn't listen. She was so scared. Once when I went to their home for dinner, about three months later, I thought I'd mention it as a conversation piece, but she wouldn't let me talk about it (confirmed by author's interview of the gentleman, whose wife interfered in the telephone conversation). Shortly after the event I told my wife, a close friend (a neighbor of the author), and a man that I do business with. Strangely enough, another friend of mine who was in the Catskills a hundred miles north of us, had noticed the thing the same day and at approximately the same time. I learned this one week after my experience.'

'Mr. Collins' trustworthiness was attested by three people who have known him for many years: the author's neighbor, the author's father, and a friend who had been in the Catskills.

"Although there were no log-book fishing records going back to 1958, the time of Mr. Collins' experience, interviews with Officer Clyde Conway of the Canistota Reservoir Police, Mr. Conway's wife, his daughter, and his two sons revealed several sightings of possible UFOs in that area in the past three years. No member of Officer Conway's immediate family has had any emotional or psychosomatic illness." (68.)



Figure 1

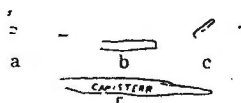


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Figure 4



Figure 5

9 July. NICAP needs help.

A "confidential NICAP Bulletin" issued on July 9th revealed money problems. Because public interest had slipped to a new low, dues and donations were not paying the bills. A special appeal was needed to keep the group viable.

11 July. Benoordenhoutquarter, Holland. (11:30 p.m.)

Call the firebrigade!

A Dutch UFO publication states:

"...some inhabitants of the Benoordenhoutquarter in den Haag-North alarmed the police and firebrigade as there was a strange light hovering over their house. The fireman P. van Vlaardingen ascended the roof and saw a strange shining object (30 c.m. to 1 meter) soaring in the air at a height of 50 to 100 meters.

"This disklike object moved very slowly in a N.W. direction, while the radiation changed from orange to red. The whole sighting took only 10 minutes. The inhabitants of this part of the city observed the object for 20 minutes." (69.)

14 July. Near Amberley, Australia. (1:35 p.m.)

"I earnestly recommend that this sighting be taken seriously."

(See official Royal Australian Air Force report pp.63-65)

14 July. Greenwood Lake, New York. (4:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.)

Two objects or the same one.

A 32-year-old New York City portrait painter (he must have had excellent vision) telephoned military authorities to report an experience that took place during a visit to upper New York. He reported seeing an object he couldn't explain on two different occasions:

"The observations took place for short periods at about 1630 hours and 2200 hours. The periods of observation were brief. (...deleted) could not tell whether he had seen the same object in both instances of observation. He described the object seen at 1630 hours as the size of a dime, silver-colored, disc-shaped, and motionless; then it tilted, appeared to have a dome on the top, and disappeared.

"The object seen at night was also the size of a dime, red in color, of disc shape, and was traveling at high speed; it curved sharply across the sky, and disappeared. Weather conditions were good for observations; no instruments were used. (...deleted) advised that his wife, (...deleted), resident (...deleted), a nurse, both of Greenwood Lake, New York, could corroborate his observations." (70.)

15 July. Burlington, New Jersey. (10:12 p.m.)

"Flying Umbrellas?"

A local press report mentions:

"Mrs. Mollie Podolak, of 318 Mott avenue, reported that she and her neighbor, Mrs. Carmella Nicolo, of 324 Mott avenue, were watching the sky at about 10:12 p.m. to see whether a storm was coming up when they saw six or eight flying objects which at first looked

Ipswich 4051

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
Headquarters
R.A.A.F.
AMBERLEY, QLD.

BS.5/209/Air(7A)

31st July 1958 3A

Headquarters, Home Command
R.A.A.F.
PENRITH, I.W., N.S.W.UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS
REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Forwarded herewith are two copies of a report on the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of Amberley on the 14th July 1958. When this Headquarters learned of the sighting the Base Squadron Intelligence Officer Flight Lieutenant Taylor was Despatched to interview members of the group of men alleged to have observed the phenomenon. Having discussed the subject with all the witnesses, Flight Lieutenant Taylor decided to take detailed evidence from the man who first sighted the object and the most highly trained witnesses only. However the evidence given by the remainder of the group generally conformed with the statements of the two main witnesses.

2. Following Flight Lieutenant Taylor's first interrogation of the witnesses I interviewed at Amberley Mr. Bruce Stephens the Constructional Engineer who had the presence of mind to train his theodolite on the object. Unfortunately the theodolite was the conventioned type giving bearings and angle of elevation only and was not a modern range-finding instrument. Had the theodolite been equipped for range-finding other valuable evidence including the altitude of the object could have been calculated.

3. Mr. Stephens impressed me as being a most intelligent and reliable witness. He explained that he was positive that the object was solid and was neither an optical illusion nor a meteorological phenomenon. He explained that he had not reported his observation direct to the R.A.A.F. because he was certain that the object, being solid, would have been tracked and recorded on "your radar." As a matter of fact, the Amberley G.C.A. was still unserviceable on the day of the sighting. Mr. Stephens could not be induced to estimate the size, speed or altitude of the object. He stated that it was moving during the entire period of his observation; was omitting no noise and he was impressed by the brilliant whiteness of the undersurface.

4. Having examined the evidence and interviewed Mr. Stephens I can offer no satisfactory explanation of this occurrence and I earnestly recommend that this sighting be taken seriously.

(D.R. CHAPMAN)
Group Captain
Officer Commanding.~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~UNCLASSIFIED~~

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

~~CLASSIFIED~~

Location: WULKURAKA Lat: 27° 37' S Long: 152° 44' E
Time of Sighting: 1345K 14th July 1958
Duration of observation: 15 minutes

Although this phenomenon was sighted on the 14th July 1958, information of its presence was not made known to R.A.A.F. authorities until July 21st when Mr. JAMES NUTTER, Engineer of 66 PINE MOUNTAIN ROAD, NORTH IPSWICH, an ex-member of the R.A.A.F. learned of the matter through discussion with Mr. MERVYN JACKWITZ. Mr. NUTTER passed the information to R.A.A.F. Amberley and investigations were commenced on the 22nd July 1958.

The object under discussion was sighted and observed by twelve (12) members of a construction gang employed at the partially erected electric shunting and marshalling yards at WULKURAKA 1½ miles West of Ipswich.

It remained visible until 1400K, and was first noticed by Mr. HAROLD MERVYN JACKWITZ, plant operator, of 78 DOWN STREET, NORTH IPSWICH, who described the features as round, silent and cloud-like, giving off light reflection, solid in construction, but emitting no sound or any obvious means of propulsion.

When sighted, it was to the North-West and apart from one slight period where it appeared to hover, the direction remained constant until visual contact was lost. Corroborative evidence to this effect was given by other workmen.

Mr. BRUCE STEPHENS, Construction Engineer, of 5 LIMA STREET, AUCHENFLOWER, BRISBANE, who was engaged in line level checking at the location, when notified, made observations of the phenomena through his theodolite for approximately eight minutes, until it disappeared below terrain. His description is as follows: A solid body of definite shape (see attached sketch) with brilliant underside light reflection, not caused by sun. He was unable to assess the altitude, distance or means of propulsion and there was no apparent sound. Path of travel was North-West with constant direction.

Bearings and angular elevation were as follows:-

L 06° 30'	BRG 316° T
L 02° 21'	" 311° 05' T
L 01° 33'	" 310° 21' T

Weather conditions at the time were: Fine, cloudless, slight haze.

The positions of sighting fall within the R.A.A.F. Control Zone, Amberley and passes through the Instrument let-down area. No R.A.A.F. or Civil aircraft were airborne or operating within these confines at the time stated (It is mandatory for all civil traffic to request clearance from R.A.A.F. Amberley before proceeding through this area) therefore the possibility of it being an aircraft is most unlikely.

The only Meteorological station in the general area is situated at R.A.A.F. Amberley. This station does not conduct balloon flights, as is the practice of the Central Bureau, Brisbane and Eagle Farm, and as the wind analysis from ground level to the upper altitudes of 60000' showed westerly influence, it is reasonable to assume that it could not have been a recording balloon.

like a small flock of birds flying south to north. She said she and her friend had a good look at the objects and as they came nearer they appeared as umbrella-shaped and twirling like tops, and were lighted from inside.

"The objects were brighter than stars, Mrs. Podolak said, and were not at a great height. They remained in sight for about a minute and then simply disappeared," (71.)

16 July. Hertfordshire, England. (3:56 p.m.)

"Hey!" "Look a saucer!"

"At about 3:56 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, the attention of 13-year-old Peter Smith was drawn by one of the other pupils in his class at Rickmansworth Grammar School, to a large object outside. It could be seen clearly against the gathering dark stormy clouds though the window. The school is situated on a hill near electric power generators and the main railway line. It was built about two years ago. The windows stretch the entire length of the classroom giving a wide field of vision. Unfortunately, the teacher, who was marking exam papers, did not look up in time to see the object when told.

"It was hat-shaped and was of a bright glowing white color and made a regular, gliding movement, slowing slightly on the downward 'runs.' The speed was greater than a jet and traveled against the wind, finally disappearing from sight behind trees. Some witnesses say they saw a yellow band of light round the center, that the top was blurred and the bottom more sharply defined. The entire class saw the object." (72.)

17 July. Chitose Air Base, Japan. (9:20 p.m.)

"No such incident occurred." (See clipping below)

THE JAPAN TIMES, SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1958

Flying Saucer-Like Object Reported Seen in N. Japan

SAPPORO, Hokkaido (Kyodo) — "Flying saucers" are back again in Japan.

An object resembling a flying saucer was reported observed in flight over the Chitose U.S. Air Base in southwestern Hokkaido Thursday night.

CHITOSE (UPI) — Air force Lt. Col. Van Harpole, Chitose information officer, said flatly in response to inquiries that "no such incident occurred" at the base. It is believed, however, that security regulations would prevent the air force from reporting an unidentified object even if one had been seen.

A maintenance worker at the base claimed to have seen the object at around 9:10 p.m.

A man on duty at the base's control tower also reported seeing with the naked eye a

reddish star-like object moving slowly from the south to the north at a height of some 300 feet at the western end of the base.

U.S. Air Force radar was reported to have caught an unidentified object circling over the base and moving toward the south at around 9:20 p.m.

The U.S. Air Base in Misawa, Aomori Prefecture, and the U.S. Far East Command in Tokyo were immediately notified.

Rikuo Iwai, 29, a Transportation Ministry Civil Aviation official stationed at Chitose, said there were no aircraft from Chitose base in flight at the time.

He added that the weather was good. Therefore, he did not believe that it was a natural phenomenon.

It is the second time an unidentified flying object had

been reported detected at Chitose base. The last instance was in the summer of last year.

In Tokyo, a ceremony commemorating the third anniversary of the founding of the Japan Flying Saucer Research Society is scheduled to be held this afternoon at the Nambu Rosen Kaikan Hall in Oi-machi, Shinagawa Ward.

Hajime Shimura, an expert on flying saucers, will give a lecture confirming the existence of the strange objects reported to have been seen by many people around the world.

Literature on flying saucers will be exhibited and put on sale at the hall. The hall is located about a two-minute walk from the Oi Station on the Keihin Line of the National Railways.

July (no exact date) The d'Albe par Muron. Les grandes-Maison (Charente-Martitime) France. (night)

(See hand written report)

Investigator:

1958, July

M. Jean-Michel FERRAR

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Report on a "U.F.O." Sighting.

(Form A2)

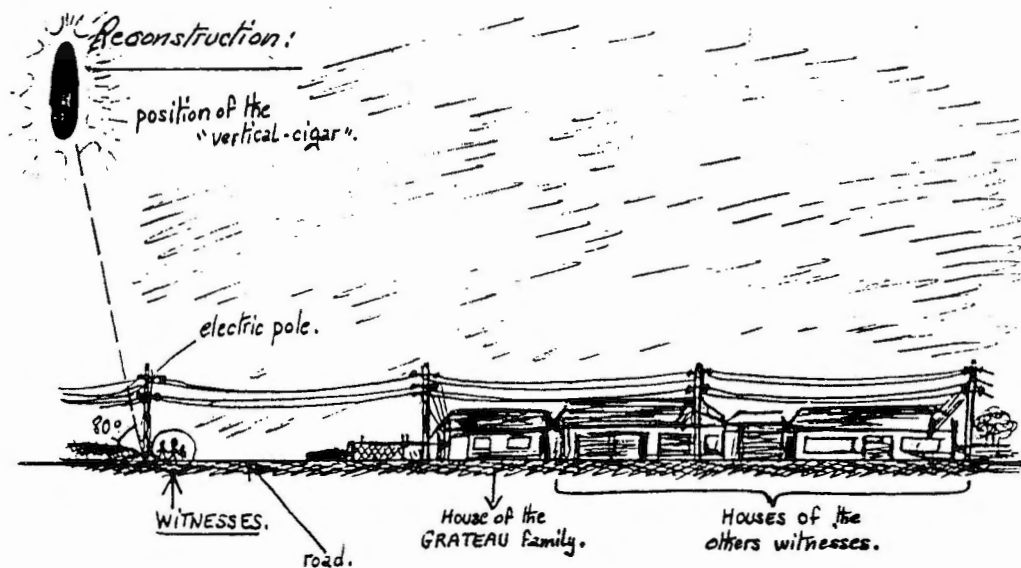
Report n° 002.

1. Name and Surname of the Witness: MR. Robert GRATEAU.
2. Profession (activity): none. (actually).
3. Address (the year of the sighting): The d'Albe par MURON. Les grandes-Maison - FRANCE. (Charente-Martitime).
4. Date of sighting: July 1958
5. Hour: 23:30 to 23:00 (Night).
6. Place of sighting: At about 19 meters from its house.
7. The Weather and the Sky at the moment of the sighting: Clear sky, fresh night.
8. Was there wind? No.
9. Direction of wind: —
10. Number of objects: one.
11. Direction of object: unknown
- A) Direction of the apparition: ?
- B) " of the disappearance: taking altitude.
12. Color of object: orange-red.
13. Did the object changed color? No.
14. How? —
15. Shape of object: a "vertical-cigar".
16. Dimensions of object (ie; apparent diameter): A table (3m x 0.60m), seen at 100 meters (about).
17. Approximative altitude: (or angle with horizon): 80° with horizon.
18. Approximative speed: high.
19. Was there a noise? No.
20. General description and notes (join drawings if possible):

« We were taking a breathe outdoor, The sky was clear enough, and there was no cloud. The air was fresh. suddenly... a sort of object, "cigar-shaped" (but vertical), red-orange, appeared in the sky, above our heads. He stood there about 2 minutes, then, taking altitude at a high velocity, he disappeared among the brightness of the shining stars. He seemed to rotate on himself very rapidly (as ~~is~~ on an invisible axis), blowing away luminous sparks around him. He took altitude in a straight line ... ».

Signature of witness:

(see back for description)



Other witnesses: Miss Gilbert, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Rouhot, Mrs. Grateau, and their children.

The investigation was made on the place,
on July 1961.

17 July. Keyhoe attempts to coax Ruppelt into revealing his true feelings.
(See letter)

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July 17, 1958

MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOE
USMC (RET.) DIRECTOR

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

Dear Ed:

I meant to write and thank you for your April 15th letter, but have been snowed under, as usual.

Since you wrote, I have received copies of letters you sent to Leon Davidson and others -- other members of NICAP -- and in one of them you state flatly that you now believe there is nothing to UFOs but balloons, meteors, mirages, etc., which is of course the usual AF explanation.

I confess I am puzzled, because this is so completely at variance with your book. I consider and have always considered that your book was a careful, honest job, and that you were completely convinced that UFOs were real -- although you gave no hint as to what you thought they were. (At least not a hint which could be pinned down, though several people have said that you seemed definitely on the interplanetary side.)

Also, on the program, I'VE GOT A SECRET, you will recall that you said ¹ you were convinced the other man -- that is, Chiles, Whitted, Mayher, and others mentioned -- had actually seen something -- and you emphasized the fact that ATIC had been unable to explain 20 percent of sightings. Going back to your ~~two~~ magazine article, I also recall that you said (>) if the UFOs are real they are interplanetary. These statements would seem to sum up to a definite conclusion.

Also, during the November sighting flurry in 1957 you told the press that the Air Force should not clam up but should release the facts and should go into a more thorough investigation. You debunked the temperature inversion mirage explanation offered by Menzel and also many times by the Air Force.

All in all, this seemed to add up to the fact that you firmly believed UFOs were real. Since you had access to a mass of evidence from 1951 up until the time you finished your book, -- ~~there has been~~ considerable evidence of course since then -- I cannot understand why you would suddenly reverse your opinion because of two or three visits to ATIC since that time.

I know that if you have been advised, pressured, or ordered to stop talking about UFOs or to reverse your stand you could not admit this to me or probably to anyone else.

I can readily understand how it could come about and I fully sympathize if that is the case. Naturally your value to Northrop hinges to some extent upon your friendly connections with the Air Force, particularly at Dayton.

However, this also was true in 1956 when your book was published, so that, if you have been pressured into silence, then obviously there has been some new development causing such pressure.

Now, I would like to tell you of two or three developments of which you may now know.

First, the Air Force is now flatly stating that they issued a disclaimer of fact when they cleared your book for security. I was given this information by Security and Review via the telephone. I also have it in a letter signed by Major Tacker. I have heard that it is being repeated through Washington newspapermen. This, of course, is not surprising, but I think you should know the exact situation.

And here is something more serious. A NICAP member who has been working in Cleveland has produced three signed statements which charge the Air Force with withholding facts about UFOs. Two were signed by Civil Defense officials and one by GOC official. The NICAP member made a tape recording for a radio broadcast and the radio station urged that this material be given to the Cleveland Press. The NICAP member has informed me by phone that the editor of the Press said that the Air Force had denied the key points in your book, especially a mention of the four documents we have frequently discussed. They also told the editor, according to our member, that you had been removed from active duty because of inefficiency, incompetence, and a wrong approach to the investigation. The actual words were a little tougher and I am awaiting signed affidavits from the member of NICAP and two other witnesses.

As you must realize, these statements could form the basis for a law suit for slander. I shall send you copies of the material when it arrives.

It appears to me that they are making a determined effort to cut you down and destroy you as an authority on the subject of UFOs. I can also tell you that there is an organized campaign to debunk the UFO story. It is being carried on at high levels and involves several persons on Capitol Hill, and also some top figures in the entertainment field and the writing field.

I am not urging you to do anything about this. If you wish to remain silent in spite of what seems to be an attempt to smear you, then I can only believe that you are indeed under very heavy pressure. If you care to write me confidentially, I shall certainly respect your confidence.

You may address me by registered letter, marked personal and I assure you no one else will see the contents.

If you plan to be in Washington in the near future, I certainly hope we can get together privately.

It may be that I can be of some help directly or indirectly if the Air Force does step up its campaign to discredit you. I am assuming that there is such a campaign because of the oral and written statements and because of the Cleveland incident. I am utterly convinced, as before, that your book was completely accurate and that it embarrassed the Air Force and that it has to be denied so long as the Air Force continues the policy of secrecy.

Aside from the UFO business, I hope that everything is going well for you and your family, and I do hope that we shall have a chance to get together before long, even if you say that you are unable to go into the UFO subject in any way.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,



DONALD E. KEYHOE, Major USMC (Ret.)
Director of NICAP

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18 July. Albuquerque, New Mexico. (8:30 p.m.)

"Flying triangle?"

Chris Kauffman, a high school student was lying on his back in a field gazing at the night sky. He had no thoughts about UFOs. At about 8:30 p.m. a "thing" passed overhead on a straight course, north to south. The "thing" was in view for about 10 seconds in the clear, calm, sky. The course of the UFO took it over downtown Albuquerque, at a steady speed and without any noticeable change in its appearance. As the witness points out, he could not be absolutely sure he was seeing a formation of objects or a flying triangle with lights attached. (See drawing by witness on p.77)

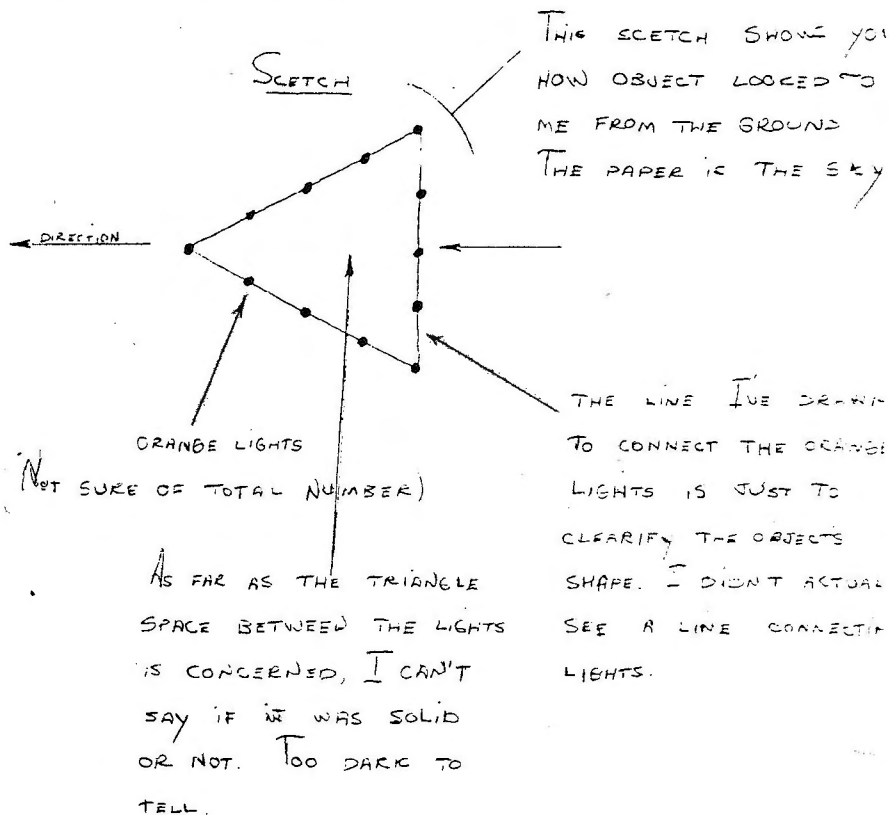
Of special interest was the slow speed estimate by the witness which was quite low for an aircraft or a meteor (70-100 mph). Such low speeds were typical of flying triangle reports made in the 1980s and 1990s. (73.) (Chris' report shown below and on p.77)

MANY PEOPLE WHOM I'VE EXPLAINED MY
SIGHTING TO, BELIEVE THAT THIS OBJECT COMPOSED
OF ORANGE LIGHTS WAS NOT ^{ONE} OBJECT, BUT SEVERAL —
— EACH ORANGE LIGHT AN OBJECT IN FORMATION.
THIS DOES NOT SEEM REASONABLE TO ME, FOR THE
ORANGE LIGHTS HELD THEIR POSITION AS A TRIANGLE
SO UNALTERABLY. — ALL APART OF A SINGLE UNIT.

AS FAR AS I COULD ESTIMATE, THE OBJECT
WAS AT ABOUT 1000' ELEVATION AND TRAVELING
BETWEEN 70 — 100 MPH. THERE WAS AN INDECISION:
ABOUT THE WAY IT MOVED. IT WAS TRAVELING IN
A STRAIGHT LINE AND ALL, BUT SOMEHOW IT GAVE
THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS SAILING — WAVERING
FROM SIDE TO SIDE A SLIGHT BIT.

ANSWERS TO #8 - ETC.

THE OBJECT I SAW WAS VERY UNUSUAL. IT WAS A TRIANGLE IN SHAPE & OUTLINED BY SEVERAL SMALL ORANGE LIGHTS.



THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE ALMOST A PERFECT EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE. THE ORANGE LIGHTS WERE BRIGHTER THAN THE BRIGHTEST STARS & COULD BE EASILY DISTINGUISHED DUE TO THEIR COLOR. IT DID NOT REVOLVE.

(OVER)

19 July. Des Plaines, Illinois. (3:45 a.m.)

"UFO swoops over O'Hare?"

Learning of a UFO report at Des Plaines, a NICAP investigator travelled to the Illinois city and obtained a copy of the police report. The report has been retyped for better reproduction:

"Des Plaines Police Department
Investigation Report.

Record Bureau Number: 31335

Time: 3:45 A.M.

Date: July 19, 1958.

At the above time and date two men came into the station to report seeing a strange flying object in the sky.

The two men were (1) Vladimir Ivkovich -- 2526 S. Trumbull, Chgo and Robt. Bender -- 3940 N. Octavia. Chgo and [?] were standing near the National Tea [store] at Lee [Street] -- Algonquin [avenue?] when they saw this object which was not a plane nor anything they have ever seen before, however it shot out a streak of white - heading west over Lee St. then making a left turn, swooping down approximately over O'Hare Field and hovered there a few minutes, then shot out across the sky like a bullet. At the time of its hovering it looked like a red fire ball and on moving there was no sound from it at all. This was also witnessed by the gas attendant at Ennergized (Gas Station)." 74.)

The official explanation for the sighting was given in the local paper: "According to officials at O'Hare Field, a squadron of flying reservists was homing into O'Hare from Yuma, Arizona, about that time, and those fiery air force jet F-86's, Air Force people say, are the next best things we've got to flying saucers around here." (75.)

23 July. East Liverpool, Ohio. (11:15 p.m.)

"What was it?" (See clipping)

2 Women Report Seeing Fiery Ball Over Rural Home

What was it?

That's what an East Liverpool girl and a Negley area woman would like to know about an "unidentified object" they spotted in the sky while traveling on the Clarkson - Fredericktown Rd. Wednesday night about 11:15.

Mrs. Gerald Meek of Negley R. 1. and Miss Kay McCullough, 909 Bank St., were en route to Clarkson to meet Mrs. Meek's husband when they spotted the "round fiery - looking ball" hovering over a farm house.

They said there was no noise and the object did not move. Meek said both women were "terrified" when they met him after he finished work.

Residents of the area said they did not notice anything strange. It

was very foggy at the time and the women may have seen a reflection of light from a farm house or another car on a side road.

Mrs. Meek said she and several other residents spotted a similar object in Clarkson about six months ago.

East Liverpool, O. Review

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25 July. NICAP book sale?

A NICAP bulletin issued on July 25th, badly mimeographed on cheap paper, announced that the annual membership fee was reduced from \$15 to \$5. It also announced that NICAP had stocked and would sell "all the UFO books available." Even Adamski's? Apparently the book sale was Rose Hackett's idea for raising money since NICAP was in great need of funds. Keyhoe, away from the office much of the time, was unaware of the book sale. The NICAP director wasn't very pleased when he found out.

25 July. Canelones province, Uruguay. (about 10:30 a.m.)

Sound and odor. (Case found in CUFOS files by the date: 25 July 58)

CASE NO. 24 - July 25, 1958 - CANELONES PROVINCE (Information gathered by CIOVI)

The sighting was made in a country place in Canelones Province (on the highway between Canelones and Santa Lucia).

At approximately 10:30 a.m., Mrs. Amelia Lacondegui (owner of the farm), was doing housework. Suddenly she heard a high frequency noise which pulsed and became sharper and more deafening. At first it seemed to be a howl. Surprised by the unusual occurrence she quickly left the house. The noise saturated the entire area and, consequently, it was difficult to locate the source. But when Mrs. Lecondegui looked to her right (East) she saw that the chickens and other domestic animals were coming toward the house; she thought that the noise was coming from that direction. She was not mistaken, for from behind the willows which border a small ravine which runs some 150 meters from the house, a lead grey object rose slowly. It seemed to revolve around itself, like a "vase without a neck" (according to the testimony of the witness; after seeing a drawing she pointed out the form of the object in Case 21.)

As the object ~~projected~~ picked up speed, the noise diminished in intensity. From the underside of the craft there shot a very short tongue of reddish flame. She followed it until it disappeared in the cloud cover. At the last moment, the jet of flame turned bluish.

Shortly later she began to notice an "odor of sulphur" which was quite strong and irritating (possible ozone gas). Many hours later, the smell still hung over the area.

29 July. San Antonio, Texas. (0215Z)

Probable aircraft? (See BLUE BOOK file card) (76.)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 Jul 58	2. LOCATION San Antonio, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Legal _____ GMT 30/0215Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE North	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rnd, flat obj, size of basketball. Obj hovered over South San Antonio a while then headed North at a high rate of speed.			11. COMMENTS Probably a/c.

ATTC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

9 July. Rotterdam, Holland. (4:00 a.m.)

According to a Dutch source: "At 4 a.m. Mrs. de Winter saw over the Boezem-barracks a strange aerial phenomenon. It was an orange ball of fire, which hovered over the same place and then disappeared." (77.)

Dr. Carl Gustav Jung and UFOs.

A controversy during the summer over Dr. Carl Jung's opinions about UFOs is so complex its probably best explained by CSI of New York. (See article from the organization's bulletin below)

CSI Publication # 27

Price .35

JUL 1 1959

JUNG ON THE UFO

Why His Real Views on Flying Saucers Have Never Been Correctly Reported

During late July and early August of 1958, there was a brief but spectacular flare of publicity about Dr. Carl Gustav Jung and his opinions on flying saucers. In newspapers all over the world the famous 83-year-old Swiss psychologist was quoted first as endorsing the reality of UFOs, then as denying that he held any such views. The second of these statements had every appearance of being definitive; and yet,

curiously enough, that appearance was deceptive. The true situation has never yet been made clear. So far as the public at large is concerned, there is little prospect of correcting its mistaken impressions; but in view of Dr. Jung's eminent position, the CSI Research Section feels that it is worth while to get the record straightened out, at least among UFOlogists.

We present here a chronological account of the affair, accompanied by all the documents necessary for the reader to form his own judgments. To the best of our belief, the striking passages here quoted from Jung's book have not previously been called to the attention of the UFOlogical world.

Jung's Writings on UFOs: The 1954 Article and the 1958 Book

Dr. Jung's interest in flying saucers first became public knowledge in 1954, when an enterprising representative of the Swiss weekly newspaper Die Weltwoche asked him for an interview on the subject. Although he declined an oral interview, he wrote two lengthy letters to the reporter, which were printed as a full-page article in Die Weltwoche for July 9, 1954.

In this article (whose complete text may be found in English translation in Appendix 1) Jung stated:

That he had been studying the UFO problem and assembling data for eight years (i.e., ever since 1946);

That he had still not been able to draw any conclusions, other than that "something is being seen";

That in some cases subjective visions might be the answer, but that a purely psychological explanation of the whole UFO phenomenon was unacceptable;

That Menzel's theories were untenable;

That the objects behaved as if weightless and as if intelligently guided;

That the phenomena were "so strange that one is tempted to compare them to parapsychological occurrences," but that there was no basis for supposing that physical phenomena (such as materializations) could actually be produced by a collective unconscious;

That the U.S. Air Force seemed to be creating rather than preventing panic, and should make all the facts public; and, in conclusion,

That he did not know "what sort of reality" the flying saucers possessed nor what to think of them.

A French translation of this article soon appeared in the Courrier Interplanétaire, the saucer magazine published in Lausanne (Switzerland) by Dr. Alfred Nahon. We have not seen this issue of the Courrier, and do not know whether or not Jung's article was translated in full. Probably it was not, since the English translation of it "reproduced" by the British Flying Saucer Review for May-June 1955 (mistakenly describing the Courrier as the original source) was considerably abridged from the

original German version. The passages preserved tended, naturally enough, to be those most favorable to the reality of UFOs, together with Jung's remarks on the seriousness of the situation, sociologically speaking, "if the theory of extra-terrestrial origin of saucers is true." Although nothing vital was omitted, the atmosphere of this abridgment was necessarily more "positive" and less vacillating than that of the more diffuse and cautious original. (In Appendix 1 this condensed version of the article is given alongside the original, to facilitate comparison.)

During the next three years, Jung did not lose interest in UFOs. On the contrary, he wrote a little book of 122 pages on the subject which was published in Switzerland in June 1958: Ein Moderner Mythos: Von Dingen, die am Himmel gesehen werden (A Modern Myth: On Things Seen In The Sky). What Jung says in this curious little work has never yet been properly reported in this country, and it may be doubted that it will be properly reported even when the American edition appears later this year--a state of affairs for which, as we shall see, Jung himself is to blame.

The APRO Reprint and the July 29th AP Story

In July 1958 the APRO Bulletin, the well-known and highly-regarded magazine of the Aerial Phenomena Research Association, edited by Coral Lorenzen of Alamogordo, New Mexico, republished the Courrier-Review version of the 1954 Jung article. The occasion was the acceptance by Dr. Jung of honorary APRO membership and consultant status. The article appeared on the front page, headlined "Dr. Carl Jung on Unconventional Aerial Objects." It was credited to the Courrier and the Review, but--most unfortunately, as it turned out--neglected to indicate their dates of publication.

Through the carelessness of a wire-service journalist, this four-year-old reprint suddenly burst into worldwide fame. Reading it so hastily that he overlooked the credit line, the Associated Press representative in Albuquerque (N.M.) mistook the article in the Bulletin for a brand-new statement made by Jung directly to APRO. Writing under this misapprehension, he sent the story out over the AP wires, dated Alamogordo, on July 29. The thumbnail version of Jung's article given in this item, being a double distillation of the original, appeared quite strongly pro-UFO.

Newspapers all over the country, and outside it, ran the "news." Even the New York Times, which considers most saucer news unfit to print, carried a two-column item with a photograph of Jung and the headline "Dr. Jung Says 'Saucers' Exist; Bars Psychological Explanations." Many papers proffered editorial comment, much of it along the line taken by the anonymous Air Force official quoted in Newsweek (August 11): "I always thought those head shrinkers were crackpots. Now I know."

One of the huge number of Jung news clippings. (See p.83)

30 July. Camas, Washington. (8:40 p.m.)

Radio goes out. (See clipping on p.84)

Flying Discs Show Sign Of Guidance, Jung Says

1958 "EVENING STAR"
ALAMOGORDO, N. Mex., July 29 (AP).—Dr. Carl Jung, the noted Swiss-psychotherapist, says in a report that Unidentified Flying Objects are real and "show signs of intelligent guidance by quasi-human pilots."

"I can only say for certain these things are not a mere rumor, something has been seen," Dr. Jung said in the report released yesterday. "A purely psychological explanation is ruled out."

Dr. Jung, who started his research on UFO's in 1944, released his report through the UFO filter Center of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization here. It was released by L. J. Lorenzen of Holloman Air Force Base.

Mr. Lorenzen and many members of the research organization are scientists and technicians employed at Holloman and nearby missile bases. The APRO is a private organization.

"I have gathered a mass of observations of unidentified flying objects since 1944," Dr. Jung said.

"The discs do not behave in accordance with physical laws, but as though without weight."

"If the extra-terrestrial origin of this phenomena should be confirmed this would prove the existence of an intelligent inter-planetary relationship. What such a fact might mean for humanity cannot be predicted."

"But it would put us without doubt in the extremely precarious position of primitive communities in conflict with the superior culture of the whites."

"That the construction of



DR. CARL JUNG
"Not a Mere Rumor"

—AP Wirephoto

these machines proves a scientific technique immensely superior to ours cannot be argued."

The Air Force has said investigation of flying saucers reported over the past 10 years has produced no evidence that such things exist.

It has contended that not a shred of evidence has turned up to show the existence of a flying saucer or interplanetary space ship or that the objects sighted indicate developments beyond the range of current scientific knowledge or pose a threat to the Nation's security.

The Air Force said last November that investigations of 5,700 reported sightings showed the mysterious objects were balloons, aircraft, astronomical phenomena, birds, fireworks or hoaxes, among other things.

Four Girls Tell of 'Black Object With Red Lights' Hovering by Road

July 31, 1958

They don't know what it was—but they saw it.

"It" was either a flying saucer, though they couldn't swear it was shaped like a saucer, or some other form of Unidentified Flying Object.

It began when the radio on their car lost its volume and was replaced by a beeping sound, four Camas girls—Loyce Karna, Janice and Verla Lewis and Thelma Irwin—told Camas police last week.

The four were driving in the rural area north of Camas at about 8:40 Wednesday evening when the car radio started acting up, they said. The volume was cut way down and an insistent beeping replaced the program. Suddenly they spotted a black object, as big as an airplane, with two huge red lights on the front of it, they said. The object hovered above the trees just off the road, zipped straight up and down "faster than a jet," and then reversed directions and disappeared over the Auto-Vue Drive-In, they said.

Despite the fact they had stopped the car to watch and the windows were rolled down, they heard no sound, they noted.

Loyce told the Post-Record the object hovered near them just off the road for about 15 seconds before zipping away.

"We weren't frightened at the time because we didn't have time to be," she said. Later the girls told their story to LaMont "Smokey" Lucas, local police officer and head of Civil Defense here, who relayed the details of the incident to Civil Defense headquarters in Portland from where investigations are made on UFO reports.

Other sources also reported seeing a dark shape in the air at about that time, although much farther away. Diane Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wright, had told her father she had seen a "black airplane" in that direction at about that same time.

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Camas, WA
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30 July. Ruppelt answers Keyhoe.

"I do not condone any attempt to get Congress mixed up in UFO's. They have too many more important problems to solve." (See letter pp.85-86)

July 30, 1958

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

Dear Don,

Thanks for your letter of July 17th. Sorry I've taken so long to answer but I've been busy.

I was surprised to know that you weren't aware of my personal opinions regarding the UFO's. I have always been convinced that UFO's were nothing more than reports of airplanes, balloons, astronomical phenomena, etc. I'm sure that anyone who worked on Project Blue Book with me will confirm this. I was always a little hesitant to express my personal opinions because our orders on Project Blue Book were to carry out an unbiased investigation. We did our best to base any conclusions we made solely on the facts we had. This is the reason about 20% of our reports were concluded to be "unknowns." Incidentally, and I'm sure I've told you before, had we injected personal opinion into our investigations of UFO sightings we could have "solved" every one.

In the past I've said that "people are seeing something," meaning they weren't having hallucinations. I still go along with this, but these somethings people report seeing are airplanes, balloons, etc. The definition of a hallucination is the "perception of objects with no reality arising from disorders of the nervous system." I don't believe our pilots are suffering from nervous disorders.

My absolute refusal to become embroiled in any UFO controversy is not because of anyone trying to intimidate me. It's simply a matter of not being interested. To be very frank, I'm too busy with other things. In addition, I do not condone any attempt to get Congress mixed up in UFO's. They have too many more important problems to solve.

Regarding my book, I had my choice of injecting my own personal opinions or writing a straight, factual account of what I knew about UFO history. I didn't think anyone would be interested in my personal opinions so I chose the latter approach. The Air Force seems to dispute some of the things I said but this doesn't bother me. I can't see that it's serious enough to spend

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time getting my records photostated, writing letters, etc. Besides, Doubleday has a file of letters from Air Force Intelligence people who were familiar with Blue Book and who received copies of the book. They were very happy with the book and most of them volunteered the fact that it was accurate. Doubleday is happy and as far as I'm concerned this is all that counts.

I find it difficult to believe that Major Tacker is telling newspapermen that I was "removed from active duty because of inefficiency, incompetence and a wrong approach to the UFO investigation." I have copies of letters of commendation, a copy of a memo from General Garland asking me to reconsider leaving the Air Force and a final letter of commendation the General gave me when I did leave. I agree, if the Major did say this and you have documented evidence he did, it could be grounds for a libel suit.

Today's paper says Dr. Carl Jung has concluded that UFO's are "real." This is an interesting comment from such a famous person but I still don't believe it. Maybe I'll have to eat my words some day but until then I stick by my present convictions.

I haven't been in Washington for some time and doubt if I'll be there soon. If I do come east I'll give you a call.

Yours truly

Edward J. Ruppelt

EJR:ec

30 July. Utrecht-West, Holland. (6:00 p.m.)

Another report from the Dutch: "At 6 p.m. Mr. G., while visiting his parents at Utrecht-West, saw a very bright and shining object in the sky. Contours could only be observed when the radiation dimmed. Then it appeared to be a disklike grey object, that flew away at a terrific speed. (78.)

How the UFO mystery was solved?

The lead-in to this sensational "solved" statement is a story told by Air Force fighter pilot Alvin A. Akins who was based at Castle Air Force Base, Madera, California, in 1958. Dr. James McDonald interviewed Akins:

"Under a program called Project TURNAROUND, experienced pilots were sent to ADC radar bases to learn radar procedures. He went to Madera on that basis. There he said he saw more than once 'tracks not made by aircraft.' He said these were objects which exhibited non-inertial turns and speeds far above anything we had at that time (Mach 1.5, as he recalls). He emphasized that he was familiar with the various sources of false returns and that these did not fit any such patterns. They would frequently get height-finders on them, which were initially good to 50,000 feet. Shortly after they began plotting some of these high-speed, high-altitude tracks, the heightfinders were modified to go to 75-90,000 feet, which he thought might have been due to interest in these high-altitude tracks. On several occasions, they tracked them at 70,000 feet going up. The set had a 200-mile range. The airman would frequently start a board-plot, yet barely be able to keep up with it because of the high speed of the unknown tracks. They frequently dipped down and then went up again. Tended to dip over Edwards often.

"Akins said that he thought these unexplained tracks tended to be ignored. Easiest assumption was that it wasn't the real track. He said that often these were seen at night when men were tired, and they wouldn't even check HRI on them. Just wouldn't bother, called it false tracks. When there was any response to these tracks, the information would be passed to Division level (28th Air Division, Hamilton). The decision on response was up to division levels, so he did not know what decisions were made. He did not mention any scrambles based on these high-speed tracks. Although Akins was clearly disposed towards regarding these tracks as unexplained objects rather than radar anomalies, he did not go overboard on this point and seemed to have a technical basis for most of his assertions about these tracks. He did not become sarcastic or scornful when he expressed his view that matters such as this were simply not pursued by the Air Force." (79.)

There was good reason for authorities to pay attention to high-altitude tracks. There was the assertion made early in the year by an unnamed Brazilian technician at Fernando Noronha island who claimed tracking stations were detecting high-altitude, fast-moving objects chasing American Atlas missiles.

Reports of UFOs at lower altitudes could be attributed to numerous stimuli, however the higher you go, the fewer options you have.

70 miles up.

It should also be remembered that back in June, 1957, IGY radar probing the ionosphere high over New Zealand picked up mystery objects 70 miles in space traveling north and doubling back. Dr. Michael Gadsden, in charge of the project, said he did not know what was going on. (80.)

With the advent of Sputnik better radar tracking equipment was designed and constructed. Official government documents say:

"When the Soviet Union launched Sputnik I, the first man-made satellite, on 4 October 1957, the Space Age was ushered in. At that time, the United States did not have the capability to detect non-radiating satellites. The importance of this capability to detect non-radiating or non-cooperative satellites allowed the U.S. to monitor foreign, as well as domestic, satellites. This monitoring allows the U.S. to maintain an awareness of Soviet advances in space technology as well as supporting our own space related projects...

"The concept of a space surveillance network was demonstrated by the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL). The construction of the Naval Space Surveillance System (NAVSPASUR) was begun in 1958 under the management of the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) and the technical direction of the NRL. The headquarters and computational facility was located at the Naval Weapons Laboratory (NWL), now called the Naval Surface Weapons Center, in Dahlgren, Virginia. The NWL was chosen for the headquarters because the Navy Ordnance Research Calculator, the only computer in the Navy at that time capable of handling the advanced calculations necessary, was located there. (81.)

Dr. Lincoln La Paz.

One should also recall a curious experience of a close friend of Dr. Lincoln La Paz. The friend of La Paz, a professor emeritus of Astronomy, had tried in vain to get meteor reports from the famous University of New Mexico meteoriticist but was refused on the grounds such reports were classified. (82.) This occurred in March.

Dr. Hynek: "Some strange things up there."

Moreover, consider the following comment by Air Force BLUE BOOK scientific advisor J. Allen Hynek. Dr. Hynek spent a lot of time on U.S. Satellite tracking projects. He was assigned to the Upper Atmosphere Studies Department, IGY Optical Satellite Tracking Program, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hynek was not a big shot insider like Dr. La Paz but he began to suspect something while carrying out his duties. People were reporting "borderline" cases. It was up to Dr. Hynek to make a determination if the sightings represented meteors or a satellite.

On July 29, 1958 Dr. Hynek mentioned something in a letter to Captain Gregory of BLUE BOOK:

"I'll admit that calling everything a bright meteor is a very handy thing to do but, until we have definite evidence that it is something else, I would still rather favor that explanation. However, we should keep a list (and we are doing so here) of all these very bright, slow-moving objects, because intelligence data at a later date may reveal that some strange things were up there." (83.)

The Russians.

Lagging behind the Americans, the Russian long-range space surveillance system did not come on line until 1959. When that happened, there was no more "UFOs are American weapons" talk.

The "anonymous" satellite.

The U.S. navy-operated space-surveillance network detected a "mysterious space traveler" soon after it was put in service. On February 14, 1958, the press was informed "something" was in Polar orbit that was unidentified. Lt. General James M. Gavin (ret.) felt the object was a Russian spy satellite, while Air Force Secretary Dudley C. Sharp suggested the thing was just a casing left by an early Discovery experiment. No radio signals were being emitted by the "anonymous" satellite. (84.)

Olavo Fontes takes notice.

A suspicion that something strange was in orbit came to the attention of South American APRO UFO investigator Olavo Fontes when "satellite" reports began to come in from a number of Brazilian towns and villages during July. The object reports described similar characteristics. The times of observations indicated a regular appearance apparently due to a Polar orbit. Fontes began collecting data and eventually came up with an interesting story, as he always seemed to do, but most of it takes place during the month of August.

Project ARGUS.

The USS Norton Sound, stationed at Port Hueneme, California, was being prepared in July for a secret mission in the South Atlantic. The missile test ship had received orders to sail south, around Cape Horn, then to a rendezvous with a U.S. Navy task force off the Falkland Islands. Aboard the Norton Sound were three 57-foot, X-17A solid-propellant rockets. Each rocket had a 1.5 kiloton atomic warhead. The mission was named project ARGUS. (85.)

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"Two UFOs seen at Cedar Hill": Alda Wild

Dear Sir:

Upon reading the UFO account on page 1 of the October 31 Review, it brought to mind an evening in the summer of 1958.

My husband and I drove into our driveway about sundown to discover several cars lined up along the road where our mail box now stands. We assumed they were waiting for the evening bus, but then noticed something strange: though they all sat in their cars, they were craning their necks to look skyward — over toward Hart Canyon. Later, when I came into the house and chanced to glance out the kitchen window, I saw what they were looking at: a cigar shaped object, glowing red to gold with a luminous circle of pulsating gold light around it, poised over and a little beyond the top of the mountain. It looked like this:

It hovered, moving very little, but when it did move it moved laterally. It was very pretty and stood out sharply after sundown. We watched it, on and off, for hours. After

a time, we noted that a second similar shaped object joined the first one, positioned a little farther back. They pulsed, but remained there.

We are accustomed to lights in the canyons around here, this being oil well country — to the "Xmas trees" of the derricks, the Dante's Inferno effect of wells coming in. This was not that at all. These objects had clean, well defined, precise lines. The lights were controlled. And when they vanished, they vanished utterly.

We have always thought we sighted a couple of Unidentified Objects so many other people have seen over the world.

Very truly yours,

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