

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1959 JULY - SEPTEMBER

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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

DEDICATION:

This history is dedicated to the memory of Francis R. "Dick" Scobee of Cle Elum, Washington, Mission Commander of the space shuttle *Challenger* and a "shirt tail" relative on my Mother's side of the family.

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July - September

"BLUE BOOK states that UFOs represent no threat to the security of the United States. On what grounds? Only that so far nothing has happened."

--- Dr. J. Allen Hynek

Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, an important official with National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, gave testimony to the House Appropriations subcommittee on March 14, 1957. When someone brought up the subject, he made a sweeping statement that UFOs did not exist, incurring the displeasure of NICAP's director Donald Keyhoe who made a complaint to the subcommittee chairman. Dr. Dryden was forced to confess he had only his personal opinion to support such a claim. In 1959 Dr. Dryden had moved over to the Federal Space Agency where he was second in command. During the summer he went to Capital Hill to request funds from Congress for America's space program. Rep. Edward Boland (D., Mass.) asked Dr. Dryden during the appropriation hearings: "Is it conceivable that some of the other planets have achieved space travel?" (1.) Dr. Dryden responded: "Well, if there are people out there and they have been there for many thousands of years, of course it is conceivable." (2.) The exchange stopped there. Edward Koterba, writing for the United Feature Syndicate, noted that Dryden and his staff mentioned millions and billions of dollars for fantastic space projects. One example was a request for 1&1/2 million to study how to ignite a rocket engine in a vacuum. Wrote Koterba: "...the Congressmen didn't blink once." (3.)

"Brother can you spare a dime?"

How much money was the Air Force's project BLUE BOOK getting? The answer was dam little, afterall, as official spokesmen never tired of saying, why worry since: "no threat existed." Hynek wrote:

"When I asked what was being done in those countries about the UFO problem, on many occasions I was told that since the United States, with all its funds and facilities, was handling the problem, what more could other countries do with their limited facilities? They would await the outcome of the U.S. investigation." (4.)

Hynek knew from first-hand experience what BLUE BOOK amounted to:

"The popular impression through the years was that BLUE BOOK was a full-fledged, serious operation. The public perhaps envisioned a spacious, well-staffed office with rows of file cabinets, a computer terminal for querying reports, attended by a staff of assistants.

"The actual situation was unfortunately the opposite. The operation was generally headed by an officer of lesser rank. In the military the importance attached to a mission is usually in direct proportion to the rank of the commanding officer. The relatively low-ranking officers in charge of BLUE BOOK were usually assisted by a lieutenant and sometimes only by a sergeant. For one long period of time a sergeant with little technical training was given the chore of evaluating most of the

incoming reports.

"This was not exactly a first-line, high priority operation. BLUE BOOK had much too small a staff to do justice to a phenomenon that often greatly concerned the public [Good point!]. Compounding the problem, the staff was able to devote only part of its time to the technical problem at hand. During my regular visits to BLUE BOOK across the years I observed that much of the work in the office was devoted to peripheral matters, all done at a leisurely pace." (5.)

(?) July Five miles southwest of Elkader, Iowa. (around 6:00 p.m.)

"Look at that funny airplane coming toward us."

An Eileen Fagle states:

"In July of 1959, I spent a week at my cousin's farm, about 5 miles S.W. of Elkader, Iowa. Early one evening, before dusk, probably around 6:00 p.m., we walked along a creek that ran through a level pasture directly east of the house.

"After about a ½ mile, we sat down on the ground to visit. Behind – about 200 feet or so – were some trees (East). We sat facing west, toward the house. To the north of us ran the creek and then a gravel road and to the south, beyond the pasture, a high sloping hill.

"I was sitting a little ahead of my cousin and when visiting, would glance back so I could see her. I noticed a very bright light in the sky behind us. (At the time I had heard very little of UFOs, and since it was an object in the air, I thought it must be an airplane, although it was unlike anything I had ever seen before.) I did not mention it to my cousin but continued to watch it descend at an angle toward the ground, moving downward very slowly, the light very bright and very steady.

"As it came closer towards us, I could see two distinct separate lights, and then I could make out that they were large, flat disks with a rough sandpaper-like texture. I was not yet frightened but I just couldn't figure out what it was. The object continued downward and seemed to be coming right at us. My cousin was still unaware that I was watching it move closer. As the object came over the trees, just skimming over the tops, I asked my cousin to turn and 'look at that funny airplane coming toward us.' (By then, I knew it wasn't an airplane but didn't know what else to call it.) It was large and sort of floating, but with a purpose – gliding – silent, not making any sound at all.

"The two disks were perfectly round, with a rough texture and with a bright blue-white light – the same luminescence all over. I would guess the diameter of each disk to be 15-20 feet and the two disks about 3-4 feet apart.

"When my cousin turned to look at it, she immediately stood up and said 'That's no airplane, let's get out of here,' and we started to run across the pasture for the house yelling for help, becoming frightened as we ran.

"The object glided along behind us, staying the same distance behind us and the same height. All we could see were two huge luminescent disks. There was no sound and although the disks were very bright, they did not have a beam or cast a shadow.

"As we ran the length of the pasture I kept turning my head to watch it. It was about 30 feet behind and about 40 feet high in the air.

"The object didn't appear to want to catch us or harm us, but it just stayed right behind us.

"When we reached the garage at the edge of the pasture we felt safe and stopped to look at it. When we turned around, the object immediately turned at a 90 degree angle and headed south. It was so low that when it reached the hill it had to follow the shape [of the hill?] and when reaching the top of the hill, suddenly with a burst of speed, zoomed toward the sky and was gone.

"After the object had turned away from us we could see the back of it. It was a saucer shape, very large. We could not see any windows or doors, nor any trace of an outline or light from the disks that were in front. It moved through the air silently and effortlessly – very much in command of itself."
(6.)

1 July. New Church, Virginia. (8:50 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.)

Mystery lights in the sky.

The woman bookkeeper for radio station WDVM Pocomoke City, Maryland, was known by her co-workers as a level-headed person. On July 1, 1959, she had a strange experience. She told her story to the station program director who took notes and forwarded the information to the Pentagon in Washington D.C. The report eventually ended up in BLUE BOOK files. The name of the witness has been deleted from official records. Here are the director's notes:

"8:50 PM to approx. 9:30 PM...Wednesday, July 1, 1959. Weather conditions hot, humid, somewhat hazy, few if any stars, brisk breeze, not too dark.

"General appearance of lights or objects: definitely circular in appearance, although during their fastest movement, they appeared to have a tail. Observer readily admits, however, that this could easily be due to a blurring effect caused by rapid acceleration and greater speed.

"Color: off-white as, perhaps, the moon in half-stage as seen behind thin, hazy clouds. No specific color tone, but definitely not snow-white. Edges not clearly defined, but definitely circular. No impression of object being spherical, but cannot be positive that it wasn't three-dimensional. No impression of solidity, but cannot be positive that it was not solid.

"First impression and description: Thought it (they) was some sort of light being projected into the sky as if by spot light, beacon, or movie projector...although discounted this because: 1. Lights were too high. 2. Moved too fast. 3. Disappeared suddenly to reappear in different location. 4. Very definitely did not show beam as from projector at any time.

"Movement: Followed crescent pattern...tips of crescent pointing up. Lights appeared whole at right tip, moved at varying speeds to disappear at left tip. Pattern invariable...speed varied from very fast to slow, but movement never completely stopped. When multiple lights were seen, one would sometimes appear to chase another, resembling a game of tag. Occasionally one light would catch another and disappear behind it or mesh with it." (7.)

1 July. Racine, Wisconsin. (about 2:00 a.m.)

"It definitely was a flying saucer. It couldn't be described any other way." (See below)

Saw a 'Flying Saucer,' Racine Couple Tells Police

UFO July 1, 59

"It definitely was a flying saucer. It couldn't be described any other way!"

Those were the words used by Wilmer Earl, 24, of 1831 Racine St., in telling of a strange object he and his wife said they sighted at about 2 a. m. today, low in the sky over the 1600 block of Mead St.

Earl said that when he and his wife sighted the object they had been walking from St. Mary's Hospital towards their home with a baby, 9 months old, who had been released from the hospital after emergency treatment for illness.

The man gave the following account: He had arrived home from work shortly after 1 a. m., and upon finding a note from his wife, had gone to the hospital to pick her up.

Wife Spotted It

They started walking from the hospital to their home, and when they reached the corner of 16th and Mead streets, they heard a strange, squeaky, whirring kind of noise. As they continued along in the 1600 block of Mead street, the noise became louder.

Mrs. Earl looked up in the

sky, became excited, and hurriedly told her husband to look up. Both then saw the strange object in the sky, just over the corner of 17th and Mead Sts.

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It came towards them at not more than about 100 feet in the air. The object went directly over their heads, with the loud, whirring noise continuing.

They turned to watch it as it passed over them, and observed that as it reached the Johnson's Wax office building, it started to drop straight down. The whirring noise decreased in intensity and finally stopped altogether as the object went out of sight at the Johnson's Wax building.

Green Light Blinked

Earl described the object as being round like a saucer, silver-white in color, and larger than a good-size bedroom. He said that as it was coming toward them, it banked slightly from side to side, and that they saw a green light on top of it.

He said the light was blinking.

Earl said that when the object had gone out of sight, he immediately went to a public telephone booth to call the police department, but the telephone was dead. He tried another public phone, but that was dead.

The couple finally hailed police patrolman Robert Curtis, who was driving by, and told him of the incident. Curtis said he went to the Johnson's Wax building, contacted a guard, and went up on top of the building, but could find nothing.

Woman Hears Noise

Along with the Earls, Curtis drove down the 1600 block on Mead St. They stopped and talked to Mrs. James McWhorter, of 1639 Mead St., who had come out of her house. Mrs. McWhorter said that she had been lying in bed reading when she heard a strange noise shortly before 2 a.m. The woman described the noise much in the manner that the Earls had—squeaky and whirring. She said it increased in intensity, and suddenly faded away.

Mrs. McWhorter said she had not gone outside when she heard the noise because she was afraid.

Patrolman Curtis and the Earls said there were several residents in the area who had apparently been awakened by a noise, but none reported having seen anything in the sky.

The control tower at Billy Mitchell Field in Milwaukee, had no reports of aircraft in the Racine area. The weather bureau in Milwaukee said there was little chance that a weather balloon could have been

6 July. Baniara, Papua, New Guinea.

A falling star? (See report below from Australian government files)

COPY

Sub-District Office,
Baniara,
Milne Bay District.

7th July, 1959.

APPENDUM TO 31-1-4/11

As stated in the attached report, the original object was first sighted from the 4th July onwards. The planet Venus however was visible.

During the early evening of Monday the 6th of July, I watched for the original object between the times of its previous appearances. The planet Venus was visible at this time only. However, I awoke during the night at 0050 hrs., happened to look at the sky and noticed a very bright light.

On observing this light more closely, I was convinced that it was the same one as seen between the 27th of June and the 3rd of July. Venus was not visible. The object appeared to be lower in the sky than on previous occasions and closer to the point of observation. The bronze was not evident on this occasion.

After watching it for fifteen minutes, the object like a falling star seemed to come from near the base of the object and shoot earthward at a tremendous speed and at about forty five degrees to the ground. After about five more minutes this procedure was repeated by another similar object, but this one went to the other side. It is realized of course that these objects could have been shooting stars, and could have come from some distance behind the object.

After observing the object for almost an hour, it moved away in a similar direction to before (westerly) although when first sighted it was more to the south than on previous occasions.

Forwarded for your information please.

(Sgd) R.L. Smith

Cadet Patrol Officer.

6 July. Ladd, Illinois. (about 10:30 p.m.)

Object hovering over highway junction. (See clipping below)

Sight Strange Flying Object in Bureau Co.

Princeton—"Flying saucers" again? About 10:30 p.m. Monday the Bureau County sheriff's office was notified by telephone of an unidentified flying object hovering over the junction of highways 6 and 89 south of Ladd. Altitude was given at about 1,000 feet and it appeared as a large white light with a small red light to the side.

Shortly thereafter Spring Valley police said they had been notified about the same object. It was first spotted by a farmer living east of the junction and he called his neighbor and he two men watched the object for some time. The object then started slowly west and a short while later was reported over Princeton. The next sighting

was northwest of Princeton. Finally it headed south which was the last time it was reported.

Local and state law enforcement officials spotted the object here from their cars. State Police headquarters in Rock Island said that the Moline airport had reported there were no planes in the area in trouble.

The two eastern county farmers, who followed the object as far as Princeton, and law enforcement officials all reported that the object made no noise as it traveled through the air.

The two farmers appeared relieved that others had seen the silent sky traveler but not enough to give their names to the officers.

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7 July. Red Devil, Alaska. (? a.m.)

In and out of a cloud.

It was a nice day with a bright sky. Two teenagers spotted a silver-colored object near a small cloud. At first they thought the thing was an airplane but it made no sound. It shifted in and out of the cloud a number of times, and one of the times made a "U-shaped" turn. (8.)

7 July. Burren Junction (between Moree and Narrabri) New South Wales, Australia. (7:00 p.m.)

Constable C.A. Taylor reported the following to his superiors at police headquarters:

"I mentioned the [UFO] subject to a Mr. Barton who was in charge of the stock [cattle], and with two young lads who were droving with him, he told me that he saw a strange object near the roadway on the stock route. He said that at about 7 a.m. that morning he mentioned to the boys that, [sic] what was the big grey cattle float [I think this is some kind of livestock trailer] doing on the side of the road, he didn't think anymore about it, but later the two boys rode their horses within several hundred yards of what they thought was like a triangle on the bottom with a dome on top, they stood watching for several minutes and then became almost frightened, when suddenly the dome disappeared and then the bottom as if by magic. (9.)

7 July. San Francisco, California.

War with Mars?

Soviet First Deputy Premier Frol R. Kozlov took an evening walk in San Francisco on July 7th accompanied by aides, police, and American reporters. As the group moved along, the conversation turned to the possibility of hostile demonstrations in Detroit, the next stop for the Communist leader. Kozlov then mentioned how, in his opinion, Truman had spoiled the good relations Soviets had enjoyed with Roosevelt. It was Kozlov who changed the subject again by asking one of his aides to locate the planet Mars in the evening sky and point it out to him. Reporter Harry Schwartz, a stringer for the *New York Times*, filed a story that quoted Kozlov as saying:

"A number of years ago a big burning object [He must be referring to the 1908 Tunguska explosion] landed in our country. Some people say it was a meteorite, but others say it was a Martian rocket ship that burned up in the atmosphere. (10.)

Reporter Schwartz scribbled this note: "A reporter suggested that if that were true a Soviet-American alliance might be needed against the Martians. Mr. Kozlov laughed and started to agree." (11.)

Kozlov finally said:

"Perhaps the Martians are also a peaceful people. Then we should not make warlike alliances against them, but would try to live in peace with them. Let us start with dissolving the NATO and Warsaw Pacts down here and then we can worry about the Martians." (12.)

7 July. Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. (daytime)

2 flying saucers?

A Canadian newspaper reported:

"Elmer S. Reist, 7 Indian St., was repairing his eavestrough when he was attracted by a brilliant sparkle in the sky.

"Near the northwest horizon he saw what first looked like two jet planes flying side by side. However these objects were moving high in the sky about

three times the speed of most jets, he said.

"It took the objects about three minutes to cross the sky on a steady course from one horizon to the other. He said they were headed in the general direction of Buffalo.

"To him, each appeared to be the size of a plane, but were circular in shape. They were aluminum colored and reflected light brilliantly from the sun.

"He said he would have thought them to be some sort of plane but that there was no sound from them. Mr. Reist said that he has never seen such objects before." (13.)

7 July. Bremerton, Washington. (4:30 p.m.)

Mystery cylinder.

The *Bremerton Sun* published:

"A darkish brown cylinder-like object that overtook two planes in the sky Tuesday night [sic] is Kitsap county's first unidentified flying object reported Since July of last year.

"The cylinder was seen about 4:30 p.m. by Harry Afdem, a salesman at Halvorsen Motors, who pointed it out to four or five other persons.

" 'It was a long object and at first was in back of the two planes so I thought it must be a target sleeve or something. But the thing then seemed to overtake the planes and appeared to be going faster than they were when they all disappeared.'

"The object wasn't extremely high in the sky, Afdem said, and the noise of the planes' engines was plainly audible." (14.)

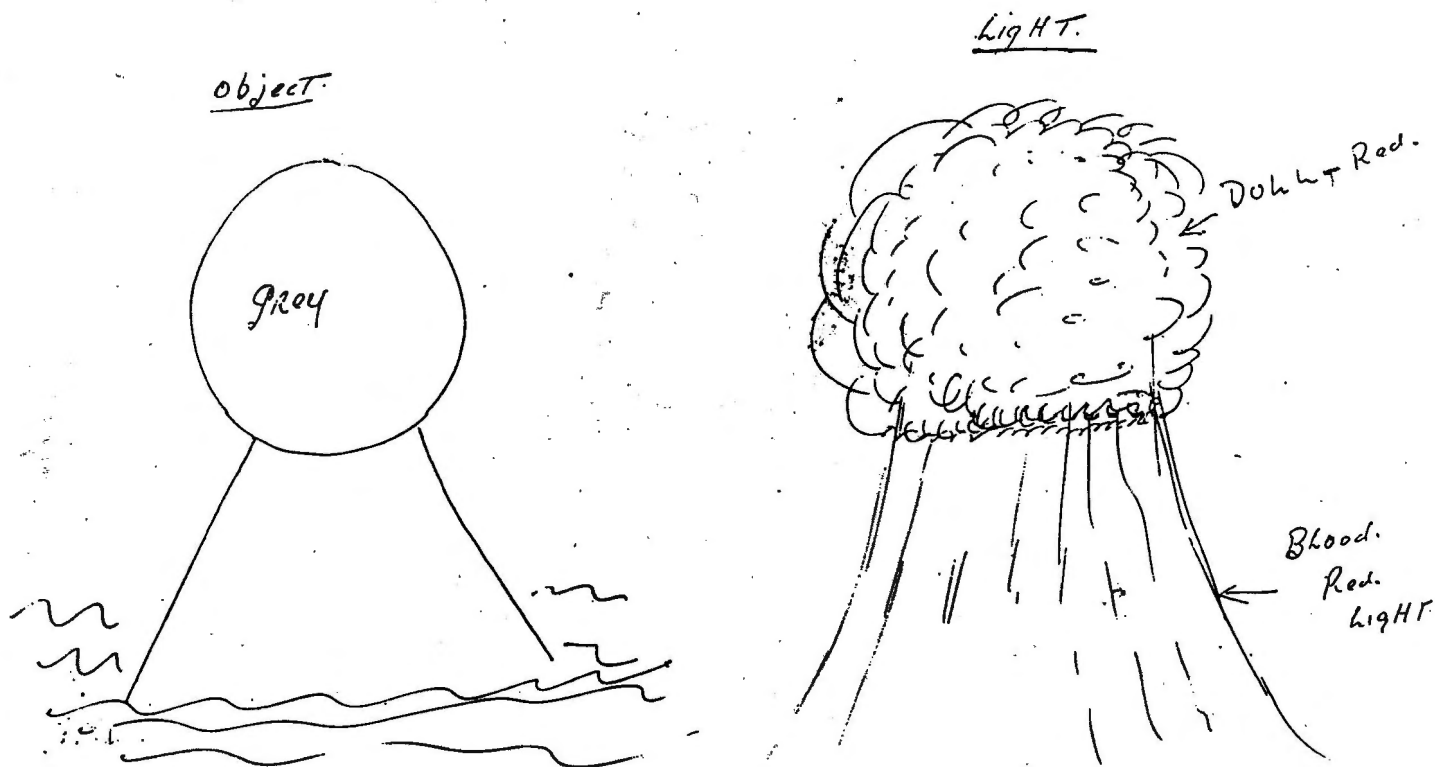
7 July. Near Burren Junction (between Moree and Narrabri) New South Wales, Australia. (9:20 p.m.)

Hovered over trees.

Constable 1st class C.A. Taylor reported to the Burren Junction police station:

"...on the night of the 7th July 1959 at 9:20 p.m. I was patrolling the Stock route about 12 miles due South, South-East from Burren Junction in my car. I saw a bright red light in the sky and stopped my car on the side of the road, alighted and observed that the bright red light was or appeared to be an object of a kind. It was reddish on top and from the bottom shone a very bright to blood red light [sic] this came out in a cone shape from the bottom and thinning out in the middle of the cone [period?] it hovered over trees, [moving?] backward and forward, and sideways. It did not appear to be very high in the sky and I fully expected the object or light to pass over my vehicle at any moment and in fact I had my spotlight which is powerful ready to shine on it if it did pass over me. Then it appeared to go away slowly to the West, North-West and went out of sight. I could see it for some distance going away." (15.)

Even though he had watched the UFO for at least 10 to 15 minutes, Constable Taylor found the object so strange he didn't think anyone would believe his story. Shortly after the sighting he encounter Mr. Barton and the two boys who had seen a strange object that morning. The law officer then made up his mind to make an official report of the incident. He also drew a couple of pictures. (See below)



(?) Second week of July. Norma, New Jersey. (2:00 a.m.)

Two big footballs.

A Mrs. Thomas McGrath was doing some work on her son's boat. The craft was docked in a boat slip at Norma harbor. She was bent down and was looking for tacks to use when she remembered there was some tacks on the dashboard. She raised her head and at that point spotted some strange objects that were visible through the boat's windshield.

It was 2:00 a.m. The night sky was clear, the air warm, and the water clam. There was no moon but the stars were visible.

Mrs. McGrath emerged from the boat's cabin to get a better look. There were two solid white, ovoid-shaped, objects in the sky that appeared to be about twice the size of a regulation football. The UFOs were self luminous and sharply outlined. They were also moving quite slow. Intrigued, Mrs. McGrath hurried to the hut where she kept her things to get a pair of optical glasses. The building is only 75 feet from the boat slip so she did not lose much time.

The glasses made the objects appear much larger. Mrs. McGrath noticed a red glow coming from the back of the "footballs."

Meanwhile, a third object appeared and joined the first two. Were the objects interested in the boat? The woman witness stated: "After the third object appeared, they circled over the boat in a counter clockwise direction for approximately ten minutes, then took off at an estimated airspeed of 25 m.p.h. in formation, two in front, one in back." (16.) (See sketch by Mrs. McGrath on page 11)

8 July. Pawling, New York. (5:50 a.m.)

"Like a round salt shaker."

A news report said:

"As Mrs. Rocco Natuzzi of Pawling stepped out of her car at about 10 minutes of six on the morning of July 8 at the Pawling railroad station, she spotted a glowing cylindrical object in the sky. It was in a vertical position, she reported, and resembled a round salt container, except that the height was about four times the diameter of the base.

"The base of the object, she said, glowed brightly like a fluorescent light which diminished toward the top. Mrs. Natuzzi called it to the attention of a train engineer, who also saw it. As Mrs. Natuzzi watched, the object gradually faded until it became invisible, although it did not move. She said the sun was shining at the time. She was unable to estimate the elevation of the cylinder." (17.)

8 July. Near Karumba, Queensland, Australia. (6:30 p.m.)

Crocodile-shooters see "saucer." (See clipping right)

(Karumba, not shown on the map on page 12, is near the town of Normanton)

8 July. 40 miles east of Cloncurry, Australia. (no time)

"4 more see it?"

This press cutting does not reproduce well so it is typed

"Saucer" Seen Near Karumba

CAIENS, July 12.—Four prominent Australian businessmen and medical practitioners returning from a crocodile-shooting expedition in the Gulf country to Cairns, to-day reported seeing a flying saucer near Karumba last week.

The four said they saw what they believed to be a flying saucer last Wednesday, about 20 miles down the Norman River from Karumba, shortly after 6.30 p.m.

They described the object as a round patch of light about half the size of a full moon, with an exhaust like tail.

The four men are Mr. J. H. Horn, a director of General Motors Holden, Mr. W. A. Green, managing director of Eagers Holdings Ltd., Dr. Athol Quayle, of Brisbane and Dr. C. A. M. Renau, of Melbourne.

SEEN BY OTHERS

They said the saucer was also seen by a number of people fishing at Karumba, including the Norman River pilot, Mr. Jock Charles.

They said it flew parallel to the ground in a north-westerly direction.

It was intensely light against the darkening sky.

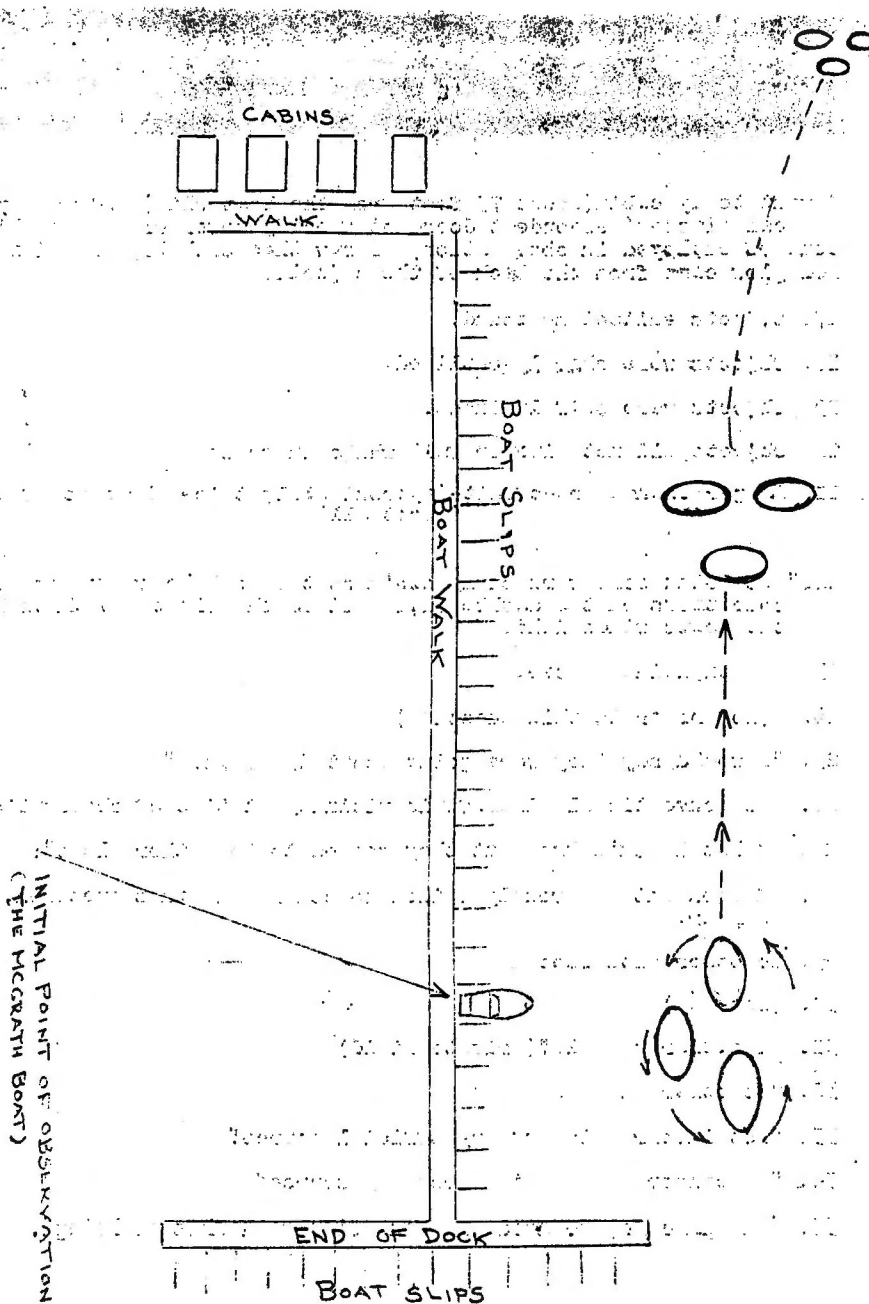
It appeared to be a mixture of yellow, red and green iridescent light, with sparks coming from a short tail.

It stayed in the sky for about eight seconds and then disappeared completely.

All four said it was not a meteor.

It made absolutely no sound, although it appeared to be only two or three miles away, about 2000 feet up.

Inhabitants of Karumba who saw it said there was a similar object in the sky about three years ago.



(Drawing by Mrs. McGrath)

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Flying Saucers Buzz Resort

They were oval, the shape and size of footballs, and they buzzed Ralph Clayton's docks and guest cabins.

That is the latest UFO report in the Ocean City area, telephoned to the Sentinel-Ledger office Wednesday morning by Mrs. Thomas McGrath, of Upper Darby, Pa., summing here at 12 Morningside rd.

"I've heard stories of flying saucers and phoo-phooed them," said Mrs. McGrath, a newspaper-woman in the Upper Darby area. "But now I've seen them."

Mrs. McGrath was at Clayton's marina on Crook Horn Thorofare just west of the 34th st. bridge to Marmora, working on some leather upholstery in the family boat.

"Two of them came down around the boat, and the third one trailed. They then circled around the guest cabins before disappearing into the sky," Mrs. McGrath reported.

The sighting occurred around 2:30 p.m. Wednesday morning, "and I saw them around without a sound," Mrs. McGrath reported.



THAT "strange flying object" And 4 more men say they saw it

FOUR more men have reported having seen a "strange flying object" over north-west Queensland on July 8.

They are Victorians flying saucer Research more detail. It seemed about as far away as the horizon. Mr. Watson said he had

out for better readability.

According to the *Courier Mail*:

"They are Victorians who saw the 'object' when camped near a tree-lined creek, 40 miles east of Cloncurry.

"They are Mr. W. McDonald, retired farmer of Ballarat; Cr. E. Stone, retired farmer of Warrigal; Mr. L. Afford, grazier, of Hopetown, Mr. J.A. Watson, a 59-year-old retired traveller.

"They were with their wives on a caravan holiday when they saw the "object" about dusk.

"Mr. Watson who is passing through Brisbane on his way back to Melbourne, reported the sighting to a member of the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau, Mr. D.H. Judge.

"Mr. Watson said yesterday: 'The women were getting supper, and we men were standing about talking when Lionel Afford called out 'look!'

" 'I swung around to the north and saw something in the sky ---a short yellow streak ---disappearing behind the trees on the creek bank.

" 'I could see it flashing through the trees. It seemed about 12 to 20 feet from the ground and was descending at a slight angle, like an aircraft coming in to land.

" 'It had three lights...a red, a yellow, and yellow-green. We could see no more detail; it seemed about as far away as the horizon.'

"Mr. Watson said he had reported the sighting because he read in *The Sun-*

day Mail that a railway surveyor, Mr. Thomas George Cliff, had reported having seen a strange flying object near Cloncurry on the night of July 8." (18.)

The object seen in the Norman River area may well have been a meteor, but the news story added to the excitement over the Prince of Wales Island incident which happened to same night.

8 July. Prince of Wales Island, Queensland, Australia. (night)

Object lands, natives terrified. (See clipping right) (See map on page 14)

8 July. Matanzas, Cuba. (daytime) (See clipping and translation below)

La Prensa (N.Y.) July 9, 1959
Platillo volador en Cuba
 LA HABANA, Julio 8 (UPI)
 Despachos procedentes de Matanzas informan que un grupo de boy scouts observó un extraño artefacto con forma de trompo, cuya superficie brillaba al recibir la luz del sol. El aparato se elevó a gran velocidad y luego descendió sobre la ancha bahía de Matanzas. Se cree que era un disco volador.

LA PRENSA (New York), July 9, 1959

Flying Saucer In Cuba

HAVANA, July 8 (UPI.)--Dispatches from Matanzas declare that a group of boy scouts observed a strange artefact shaped like a top, whose surface shone brilliantly in the light of the sun. The machine rose at great speed and then descended over the wide bay of Matanzas. It was thought that it was a flying disc.

Natives Terrified by "Saucer"--

HUGE RED OBJECT LANDS NEAR T.I.

BRISBANE, July 14.—A huge glowing red object is reported to have landed on top of a hill on Prince of Wales Island, 10 miles off Cape York Peninsula.

Natives on the lonely island are terrified and refuse to go near the unidentified object, a report reaching Thursday Island claimed to-night.

EYEWITNESS

A native woman, Mrs. Napau Abednego, of Thursday Island, who made the report when she and her family returned to their home island to-night, said they had seen the object.

She told a resident it was on top of a hill at Port Lihou, on the island's southern tip.

Port Lihou is 12 miles from Thursday Island.

The object had landed there on Wednesday night, the night four crocodile hunters sighted an unidentified object over the Norman River.

The woman said the object on the hill could not be seen in the daytime but it gave off a reddish glow at night.

The island's inhabitants—12 natives—were still too terrified to inspect it.

On Wednesday night several Thursday Island residents reported seeing a green object flying low over Thursday Island. On the same night, a strange object had also been reported at Mapoon Mission, on the west coast of Cape York.

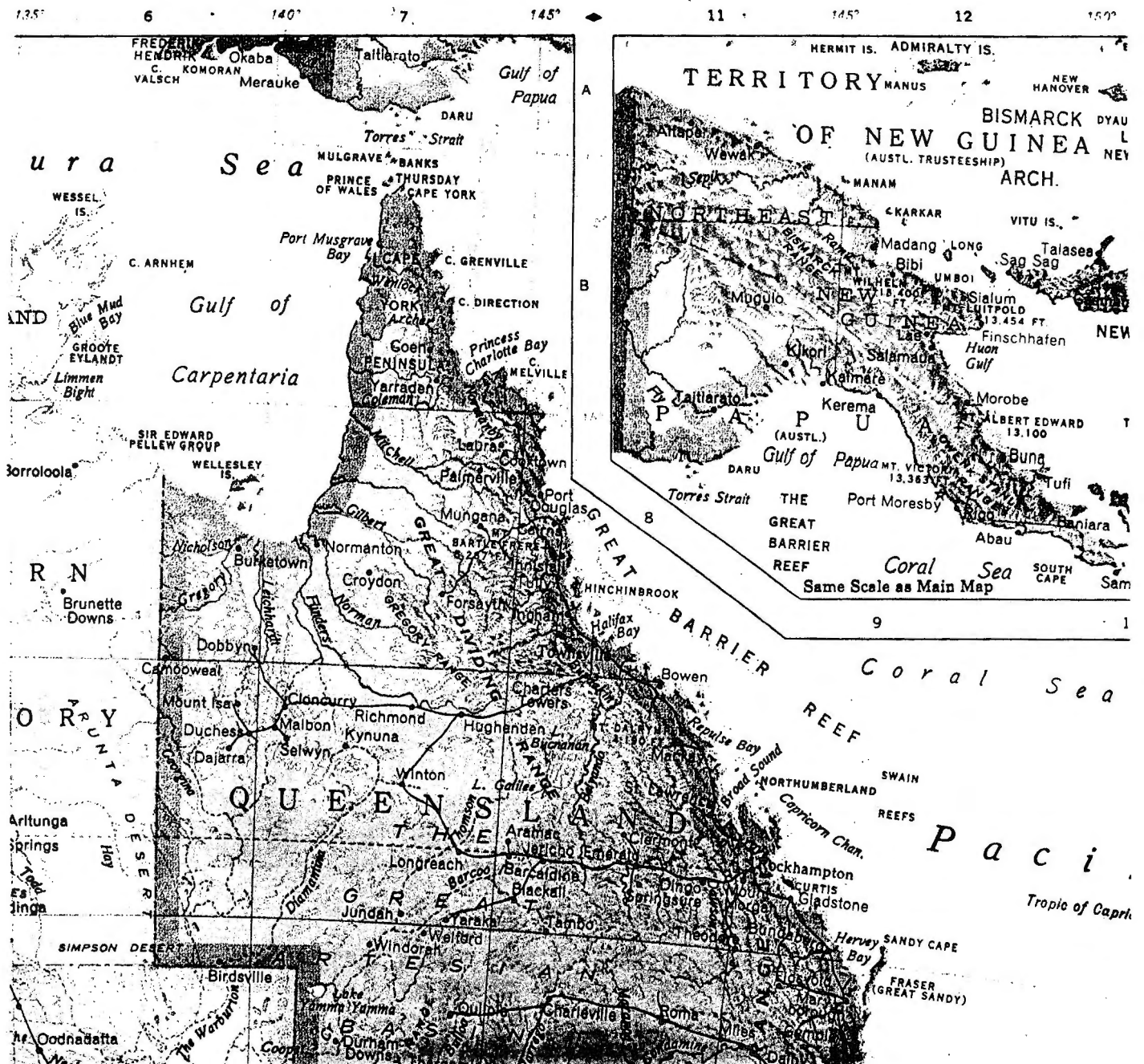
"KEY TO FUTURE"

CAIRNS, July 14.—Flying saucers were of growing importance to everybody, said saucer expert, Mr. Fred Robinson in Cairns to-day.

"I firmly believe that the future welfare and fate of this world could be wrapped in our understanding of this growing phenomenon", he added.

Mr. Robinson, President of the North Queensland Flying Saucers Bureau said he had returned to Cairns to talk to as many people as he could, who became interested in getting the facts about flying saucers.

He said reports of strange objects in the sky, in recent days, were only among thousands of similar reports from all over the world. The objects could not be meteors, because meteors did not travel horizontally, or go up in the air. These were controlled vessels with intelligent beings on them.



8 July. Peoria, Illinois. (9:00 p.m.)

Strange lights/objects.

According to the Peoria newspaper:

"A number of Peoria residents reported sighting strange objects and lights over East Peoria today about 9 p.m.

"Ten-year-old Rickey Sinke, 313 Randolph Ave., reported to police that he saw an object about 10 feet in diameter flying towards Springfield Road. He described it as silvery with a large dome on top, adding that he had watched it for 15 minutes.

"Clair R. Duncan told the *Journal Star* that he was leaving 102 Globe St., when he spotted two points of light that looked like they were playing tag in the sky. They would disappear and reappear in a cluster of white light, he said, and commented that the sky became dark when the silent spherical lights disappeared.

"On Tuesday night, July 7, Princeton residents sighted a 'strange, lighted and silent object' over the community." (19.)

8 July Near North Vernon, Indiana. (about 10:30 p.m.)

Orange lights in V-formation.

At about 10:30 p.m. James Baker and his wife and kids were traveling in their car two miles from the city of North Vernon, going north on Highway #7. The Baker family sighted three orange-colored lights, flashing approximately every second, to their left about 75 feet high and only about 15 feet from the road. The lights were moving slowly (Mr. Baker guessed 15 mph) in a V-formation. Each light appeared to be about a foot in diameter.

Mr. Baker later told the press: "There was no sound. I think I could have thrown a rock and hit them they were so low." (20.) Also: "We saw these lights moving very slowly in front of us and we thought they were on an airplane with engine trouble." (21.)

As the Baker family watched, the lights approached a grove of trees atop a low hill. The lights made a 90-degree turn to avoid the obstacle.

Bypassing the hill, the lights pulled away from the highway but then soon turned back toward the Baker's car. Mr. Baker observed the lights carefully:

"These objects [he assumed something solid was giving off the light although he could not make out any shape] could not have been a plane or a balloon. A plane could not stay airborne moving at 15 mph. It couldn't make a 90-degree turn or possibly pull out of such a wooded area. I slid my car off the road so this plane (as we first thought) could get in on the highway for a crash landing. Then we saw it didn't explode or wasn't in trouble & we also saw the V-shape formation spread & the light divide up in different formations. We blinked our headlights off & on & they started returning, pulling back, making sharp turns & coming back along the side of the road. Still too close to the ground for even the smallest type of plane. There was no sound or static on the radio." (22.)

Mr. Baker also said: "They [the lights] tried to hold a V-formation most of the time except on turns..." (23.)

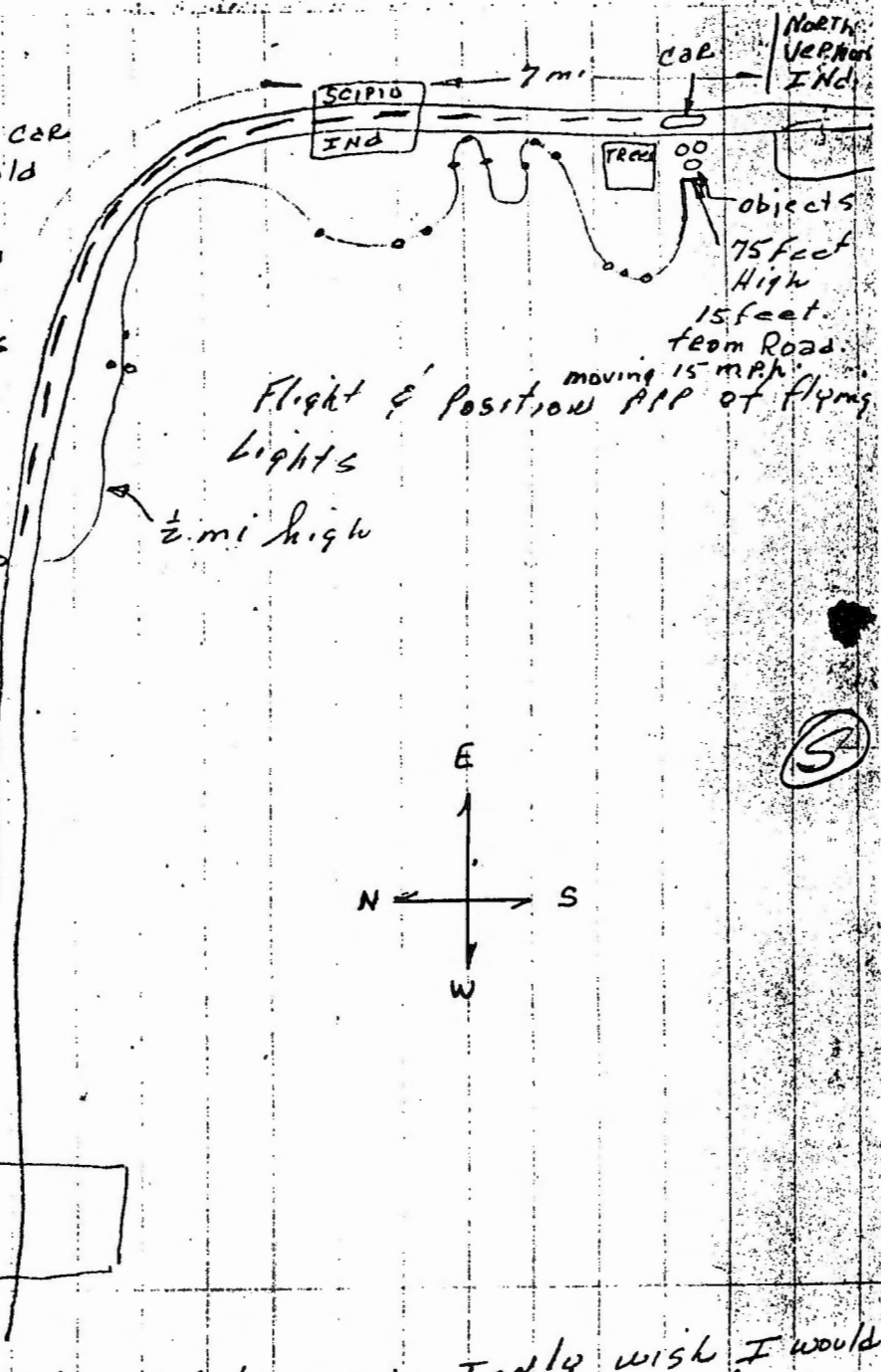
After passing through the small community of Scipio, Mr. Baker sped up to 80 mph in an attempt to intercept the lights, but the lights rose about a ½ mile in the air and at the same time picked up speed. The lights pulled away, turned northwest, and zoomed away "faster than any

jet. (24.)

Discussing the incident with the Columbus City police, Mr. Baker said: "I can't remember if we met or passed any cars but I was hoping someone else would see them...All of us, especially the kids, got real excited." (25.) (See drawing by Mr. Baker below)

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10 July The door closes on the Fitzgerald/Sheffield Lake case.

The ongoing struggle over what Mrs. Fitzgerald actually saw on September 21, 1958 did not end until July 10, 1959. Letters had been exchanged over a number of months between the UFO Research Committee of Akron, General Fisher, Major Tacker, and Congressman Baumhart. It turned into an endurance contest. Taking weeks (sometimes months) to reply to inquiries, the Air Force, perhaps, hoped the civilians would quit trying. The Air Force consistently refused to debate details and accepted without question any judgements made by its investigators or evaluators.

Rep. Baumhart, on July 10, 1959, told the Akron people that he had discussed the matter with members of the House Science Committee and its Chief Counsel. The Committee Chairman, according to Baumhart, had in turn contacted responsible officials in the Department of Defense. The result was the opinion the evidence available did not warrant any Congressional investigation. (26.)

10?/20? July Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. (evening)

"Hey! Look at that!"

An Elizabeth Lang wrote a letter to Dr. Hynek which said in part:

"Many years ago I saw something that I could not explain. I never told anyone about it because, first of all, I wouldn't have known what to say and secondly, I was only nine years old at the time and rather suspected that the reaction of any adult I approached would be ridicule. But I thought you might like to know.

"Our property in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, ran exactly parallel to the New Jersey Turnpike (we lived on Church Road, just South of Exit 4). Whether this location had anything to do with the direction the vehicle I saw took, I don't know.

"Of course, I can't give you an exact date. But it was not too long after my ninth birthday and since my birthday is July 8, I would say sometime between July 10 and July 20, 1959.

"Out behind our house was an old barn. One night several of my cousins, my brother and sister and I were playing hide and seek in the barn and barnyard. My cousin, who was fifteen was the oldest and my sister, who was six was the youngest. Suddenly my fifteen-year-old cousin shouted, 'Hey, look at that!' We all ran to the fence that was around the barnyard, climbed the fence, and sat staring at this flying vehicle.

"It was about the size of the moon, ovalish in shape. It looked as though (because of the size) it was flying fairly close to the tree tops. It was making absolutely no noise at all. None of us (there were seven of us that saw it) heard a thing. We all wondered aloud how something so close could fail to make a noise.

"It was glowing white, very bright, when I first saw it. The colors pulsed. I mean, the colors changed from whiter to yellow to orange to red and

then from red to orange to yellow to white. Then the pattern would repeat itself.

"This vehicle was flying parallel to the New Jersey Turnpike and going in a North-South direction. It appeared to pass directly over our neighbor's corn field. We watched it until it was out of sight. We just couldn't decide what it was." (27.)

"Space woman."

CSI's Los Angeles representatives weren't looking forward to Gabriel Green's convention on the 11th and 12th. It was hoped the event would come and go with a minimum of fuss but that seemed highly improbable. CSI's Idabel Epperson was keeping Donald Keyhoe advised. The NICAP director was concerned since the upcoming Los Angeles event was already attracting national attention.

Idabel feared the worst. Before the convention a woman visited many newspaper offices in the Los Angeles area dressed in a "flying saucer" costume to promote Green's gathering. Idabel learned of some negative feedback on the stunt. A reporter on the staff of the Los Angeles *Mirror-News* was offended and told Idabel the woman should have been thrown out. The "space woman" managed to get on the local Paul Coates television show, and as Idabel noted while viewing the fiasco, Coates: "...snickered openly as if it was more than he could stand." (28.) Idabel complained: "...the entire thing was nauseating." (29.)



10 July Superior, Nebraska. (10:30 p.m.)

"Whatever it was?"

According to the town newspaper:

"Anyone Else See the Flying Saucer or Whatever it Was? Three Saw It."

"They didn't get a close up view of it, and they do not claim to have seen flying saucer. There must be some logical explanation of it they agree, but they haven't figured out what it is. There certainly was something flying around Nuckolls county one night recently, and at least three persons saw it.

"First to sight the strange object was Jim Chapman of Nelson. Jim had been at a ball game in Oak and saw it first at about 10:30 p.m. on his way home just before turning west at the corner three miles southwest of Oak. It was ahead of him then, he said, and when he turned west, it turned too, then went north in front of him, and again followed him west along the road.

"Jim said that he was just 'plain scared,' and that the first thing he thought

of was to turn around and head back where there were some people. On his way back toward Oak, he met Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kublcek, who were on their way home in Nelson. The object followed them about the same as it had been following Jim. It changed directions several times, seemed to stop and start again, and finally flew off in another direction and faded from view.

"The object was not bright, appeared to be round and several inches in diameter, and was at about a 30-degree angle in the sky and about a quarter of a mile distant." (30.)

10 July Preview for the press. The Statler craziness.

The woman running around town in a "flying saucer costume" may not have been Gabriel Green's idea. She was probably acting on her own initiative. Green's approach was more conventional. He selected a few of the more "believable" convention speakers and appeared on any radio or TV show willing to invite him. (31.) In advance of the Statler convention, Green appeared on the Tom Duggan show with Dan Fry, the Paul Coats show with Kelvin Rowe, Jack Linkletter's "On The Go" program with Dan Fry and Dick Miller, and the "This is Los Angeles" show with George King, Dick Miller, and Dan Fry.

Friday, July 10th, the day before the big "spacecraft meeting," a preview for the press was held. There was a good turnout of reporters. Green introduced some the 45 contactees that were scheduled to take part in the convention that was to start the next day.

Here is some of what Ray Duncan of the Pasadena *Independent* wrote:

"...when one of the contactees told of his frequent midnight-to-dawn trips in a space he was asked:

" 'Are you a drinking man?' 'Does your wife know about these trips?' 'Do you tell her where you've been?'

" 'I do,' said the contactee, 'and she understands and believes me.' " (32.)

Another contactee at the press preview was Kelvin Rowe, a 51-year-old bulldozer operator who claimed to be the number one contactee because he had been given a ride in a flying saucer no less than 350 times. Dan Fry was also introduced, apparently because he was one of the more "believable" persons making claims. He only claimed a single ride in space and was somewhat abashed. Fry commented within earshot of reporters: "As a matter of fact, I'm pretty much out of my class here." (33.)

Not to be left out, Green told newsmen he had arranged the convention because: "I was told to do so by the space people." (34.)

Donald Keyhoe was greatly annoyed and sent a telegram to Green:

"NICAP is emphatically opposed to your Los Angeles program which focuses attention on unproven and often absurd claims of contact with spacemen. Many of these claims are known to be false and all are regarded with suspicion...

"Your carnival approach to the subject of unidentified flying objects is sure to cause public ridicule, offsetting serious work by the NICAP and other reputable groups." (35.)

Dr. Leslie Kaeburn, NICAP member and professor on the medical faculty at the University of Southern California, backed up Keyhoe: "The Los Angeles chapter of NICAP is in no way connected with the upcoming convention and any impression created to the contrary is false." (36.)

11 July Saturday session. Los Angeles Contactee Convention.

"We're coming into the upper bracket."

Of all the many news stories on the Green gathering, the following is a classic:

"Tales of personal interviews with men from Mars, Venus and other distant planets regaled listeners Saturday.

"The occasion: the convention of the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America Inc. It continues though Sunday.

"Almost everybody present agreed on one thing: somebody up there is watching us. But there wasn't complete unanimity of opinion.

"Said one delegate, Dan Martin of St. Louis, Detroit and Mexico, as he pointed his finger at other delegates, 'They're 99 per cent fakes.'

"Martin, 61, said his wife divorced him, then tried to have him committed to a mental institution for his beliefs. He admitted he has never seen a flying saucer.

" 'But I rode in one,' he quickly added.

"He described it as a vehicle from Venus with a crew from Mercury. They entertained him, he said, with a luncheon of fruit salad and wine.

"Martin challenged other convention speakers to prove their saucer claims. He said he could verify his.

" 'The public is tired of all these fantastic stories,' he said.

"Another delegate, Orfeo Angelucci of Glendale, Calif., noted that the con-fab for the first time is meeting in a hotel instead of at Giant Rock in the desert.

" 'We're coming into the upper bracket,' he said, 'Let's face it, a few years ago we were just a bunch of crackpots.' " (37.)

(List of convention speakers and reproduction of the cover of the souvenir program is shown on pages 21-23)

U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Another set back for Keyhoe and others wishing Green and his crowd of kooks would just vanish, was the U.S. Conference of Mayors. A newspaper story tells us that another gathering was being held at the Statler-Hilton the same time as Green's, a Mayor convention:

"Incoming delegates to the mayor's convention which is meeting adjacent to the space fans at the hotel seemed a bit puzzled by the goings-on. Mayor Poulson, who was on hand to greet fellow mayors, said that 'I'll admit the mayors may be up in the air. But we're not up in space! The only saucers we know about are the brickbats people throw at us.' " (38.)



UNEARTHLY SUBJECTS—Miss Toby Dukes of Lancaster looks over one of the many books on space ships available at the flying saucer convention. Times photo

Other Planets Friendly to Us, Meeting Hears

Delegates to Flying Saucer Convention Listen to Messages From Space People

BY RICHARD MATHISON Somebody up there likes us.

That was the general conclusion of nearly 2,000 people who listened in to messages from space people, mingled with a number of unidentified extra-terrestrial, kindly fifth columnists and paused briefly at noon for some fruit salad during their explorations of the various galaxies yesterday.

of how he and his pals were trying to help us along. It was a calming message filled with reassurances that what is going on is all for our own good. According to the background music, Esu, comes from a planet which may be advanced over us on matters spiritual and political, but could stand some advice on the brass section of local orchestras.

Among the guests attending the two-day session were

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HOTEL STATLER-HILTON, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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1. CARL A. ANDERSON of Fullerton, Calif. Author of "Two Nights To Remember".
2. ORFEO ANGELUCCI of Glendale, Calif. Author of "The Nature Of Infinite Entities", "The Secret Of The Saucers" and "Son Of The Sun".
3. BESSIE ARTHUR, Research Unlimited, P.O. Box 1493, Salt Lake City, Utah.
4. MICHAEL V. BARTON, Futura Press, P.O. Box 38594, Los Angeles 38, Calif. Author of "Flying Saucer Revelations" and "Venusian Secret Science".
5. TRUMAN BETHURUM, Sanctuary Of Thought, P.O. Box 1028, Prescott, Arizona. Author of "Aboard A Flying Saucer", "The Voice Of The Planet Clarion" and "Facing Reality".
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7. LEE CHILDERS of Detroit, Michigan.
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9. EUGENE H. DRAKE, Dir., Fellowship Of Golden Illumination, 962 S. Park View St., Los Angeles 6, Calif. Editor, "Golden Light". Author of "Life On The Planets" and "Visitors From Space".
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13. CALVIN GIRVIN of North Hollywood, Calif. Author of "The Night Has A Thousand Saucers" and the forthcoming book, "In Search Of The Saucers".
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15. GABRIEL GREEN, Dir., AFSCA, 2004 N. Hoover St., Los Angeles 27, Calif. Editor, "Thy Kingdom Come".
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17. DANA HOWARD, P.O. Box 68, Palm Springs, Calif. Author of "My Flight To Venus", "Diane, She Came From Venus", "Over The Threshold", "Up Rainbow Hill" and "The Earthborn Venusian".
18. RALPH R. HUFFMAN of Monrovia, Calif.
19. NEVA DELL HUNTER of Detroit, Michigan.
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21. DELLA LARSON of Oakland, Calif.
22. DR. JOSEPH LARSON of Pasadena, Calif.
23. GEORGE KING, Chairman of The Aetherius Society, 757 Fulham Road, London, S.W.6, England. Editor, "Cosmic Voice".
24. HADI KING of Downey, Calif. Channel for Capt. Aura Rhanes of the Planet Clarion.
25. ELANA LANE of Whittier, Calif. Channel for Ashtar of Venus.
26. GLORIA LEE, Cosmon Research Foundation, P.O. Box 55, Palos Verdes, Calif. Author of "Why We Are Here".
27. DAN MARTIN of St. Louis, Missouri.
28. LAURA MUNDO (MARXER), Co-Dir., The Planetary Center, 24720 Carlyle St., Dearborn, Mich. Co-Editor "The Open Letter", Author of "The Visitor's Plan".
29. DICK MILLER, The Solar Cross Foundation, P.O. Box 3082, Van Nuys, Calif.
30. WILL & EVELYN MILLER of Los Angeles. Authors of "We Of The New Dimension".
31. REV. W.S. MOWERY of Tipp City, Ohio.
32. MRS. MARIAN E. NIGL of Sayre, Penna.
33. REV. MARKE A. NORMAN, Universal Fellowship, 614 McBride Blvd., Ste. 2, New Westminster, B.C., Canada. Author of the forthcoming book, "Many Shall Be Called".

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37. WINOGENE SAVAGE, Omniverse Associates, 11184 Carson Dr., Lynwood, Calif.
38. REINHOLD SCHMIDT, P.O. Box 2281, Hollywood 28, Calif. Author of "The Kearney
Incident And To The Arctic Circle In A Spacecraft".
39. ROBERT E. SHORT of Lo's Angeles, Calif.
40. RAY STANFORD of Corpus Christi, Texas. Co-Author of "From Out Of This World"
and "Look Up".
41. REV. WILLIAM W. SUTHER, JR., Interplanetary Fellowship, 1810 N. 5th Ave.,
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42. GEORGE W. VAN TASSEL, Dir., Ministry of Universal Wisdom, Inc., P.O. Box 458,
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43. HOPE TROXELL, Pres., Pasadena Understanding Unit # 12, 315 E. Las Flores Dr.,
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44. JAMES VELASQUEZ of Santa Ana, Calif.
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NO SMOKING----No Smoking allowed in lecture rooms. Please cooperate.

PROGRAM CHANGES----Not responsible for last minute program changes.

SPEAKER INFORMATION----Each speaker will be introduced by a Chairman, as
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time of 45 minutes. Chairmen are asked to give 5 minutes warning time to speakers for the
conclusion of their messages.

AFSCA accepts no responsibility for speaker's statements. In the democratic spirit of
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Daniel Fry and Gabriel Green with two local newspapers of July 11th at AFSCA Convention.

It is well mayor Poulson had a sense of humor. He no doubt appreciated the last event on mayor convention agenda that Saturday, a trip to Los Angeles' Griffith Planetarium for a lecture/show titled, "A Trip to the Moon."

One can imagine people at NICAP and APRO slapping their foreheads.

Mystery over the Pacific.

An even worst development took place Saturday morning when a spectacular meteor flashed by a number of Pan American and commercial planes flying from the West Coast to Honolulu. The meteor broke up into pieces during its passage and gave the impression of making an abrupt turn when it exploded. Headlines in the newspapers told of "mystery objects" and "flying saucers" over the Pacific. Green was delighted: "The timing of the sighting with the convention couldn't have been better. Untold numbers of Sunday newspapers carried reports of the UFOs side by side with reports of AFSCA's convention." (39.)

Green had good reason to consider the convention a success. He apparently craved attention and he got plenty of that. He boasted: "No complete tally of the publicity generated by the convention has been made, but AFSCA's officials estimate 100 news stories in Los Angeles County alone and a world-wide total possibly ranging into the thousands. Clippings have been received from all over the United States and many foreign countries to date." (40.)

As for Keyhoe, his telegram of protest was quoted in news stories about the convention but one wonders if it had any real effect. It sure didn't slow down Mr. Green, and just being mentioned in the same news story with Green's crackpots probably hurt NICAP.

Coral Lorenzen kept a low profile concerning the convention. It's interesting to think that perhaps APRO didn't want to scare off Private Irwin. Irwin was around somewhere and Coral wanted desperately to contact him.

12 July Seymour, Indiana. (5:00 p.m.)

Paper, birds, or UFOs? (See clipping right)

13 July Blenheim, New Zealand. (5:30 a.m.)

"There were two men in it." (See clipping and sketch on page 26-27)

Dr. James McDonald traveled to New Zealand and interviewed Mrs. Moreland. The woman impressed him quite favorably. (41.) Others who investigated the case came away with the same opinion. She claims not to have, "worried about UFOs one way or another." (42.)

Strange Objects Seen In Sky Over Seymour

Hundreds of silver-like flying objects were reported sighted in the sky above Seymour by a number of local residents Sunday around 5 p. m.

The strange flashing objects, which reportedly were at high altitude and appeared to be about the size of a bird, were seen in the south over Seymour for about 10 minutes before disappearing.

It was believed by a number of residents that the strange glaring objects were either bits of paper or a large flock of birds.

SEYMOUR, IND., TRIBUNE
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A report that seemed to support Mrs. Moreland's story was made by a Mr. Roy Holdway. The information was provided in a letter to Harold Fulton, president Civilian Saucer Investigations, from a Flight Lieutenant L.G. Young of the New Zealand Air Force dated July 21, 1959. In a response to a request for information made by Mr. Fulton, Lieutenant Young wrote:

WENT TO MILK COWS: THIS IS WHAT BLENHEIM WOMAN SAID SHE SAW

"A saucer-shaped glow with two indented green lights in the bottom descended. The air became very warm. Two rows of jets shooting out orange flames appeared to revolve in opposite directions. The thing was about 20 to 30 feet in diameter. It hovered at about roof height."

That was how a Marlborough woman yesterday described to an "Evening Mail" reporter what she saw early on the morning of July 13 when she went out to milk her cows. She is Mrs Frederick Moreland, of Old Renwick road, Blenheim, who lives with her husband and five children on a nine-acre farmlet which runs nine cows. At weekends she serves as a nurse aid at the Lister Hospital. Her husband is employed at the Woodbourne station of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

This is the full story told to a "Mail" reporter by Mrs Moreland:

"At 5.30 a.m. on Monday, July 13, I went across the paddock to milk the cows. I noticed a green glow in the clouds. As there was no moon I wondered what it was. When I was half way across the paddock two large green things, like eyes or big lamps, appeared above me and dropped towards the ground.

Horrid Sort Of Colour

"I noticed that I was bathed in a green light and that all the paddock was green, too. It was a horrid sort of colour. My first thought was, 'I shouldn't be here,' and I made a dive for the trees (a stand of pines on the other side of the three-acre paddock). I stood and watched.

"A saucer-shaped glow with two indented green lights in the bottom descended. The air became very warm. Two rows of jets around the middle shot out orange-coloured flames. They appeared to revolve in opposite directions. The thing was about 20 to 30 feet in diameter. It hovered at about roof height.

"The jets stopped and a light was switched on in what appeared to be a perspex or glass roof or dome, which glowed. The bottom appeared to be of a greyish metal colour. There was a faint hum in the air as it hovered.

Two Men

"There were two men in it, dressed in fairly close-fitting suits of shiny material. The only thing I can think of to describe it is aluminium foil. Opaque helmets rose from their shoulders. I could not see their faces.

"One of the men stood up and put two hands in front of him as if leaning over to look downwards. He then sat down and, after a minute or two, the jets started off again and, tilting slightly at first, the thing shot up vertically at great speed and disappeared into the clouds. When it did this it made a soft but high-pitched sound.

Dumbfounded

"I was so dumbfounded that I stood in the trees for a moment not knowing what to do. There was a smell of something which resembled pepper in the air. At last I decided to continue getting in and milking the cows.

"While I was milking I kept wandering and felt a bit shaken and puzzled, and did not quite know what to do about it. I then went into the house and woke my husband who did not laugh at me as I had feared, but said, 'Have you rung the police or the Air Department?' I told him I had not and he then telephoned the police. The police and an Air Force representative came to the farm and questioned me. They appeared to believe me."

Sketching The Object

Mrs Moreland told the reporter that a young Air Force officer visited her yesterday and he went away to draw an artist's impression of it from the description she gave him.

She had recalled the outline and shape of the object and was able to give him a detailed description, she said.

The reporter later saw a drawing which had been made by Mr Doug Thynne, aircraft engineer employed by Straits Air Freight Express, who had also been to see Mrs Moreland for a description of the object. Mr Thynne said to the reporter that he was "willing to believe that there might be something in it. Most of the people here are interested and have an open mind on it. They don't scoff and are willing to consider it," he said.

OPEN MINDS

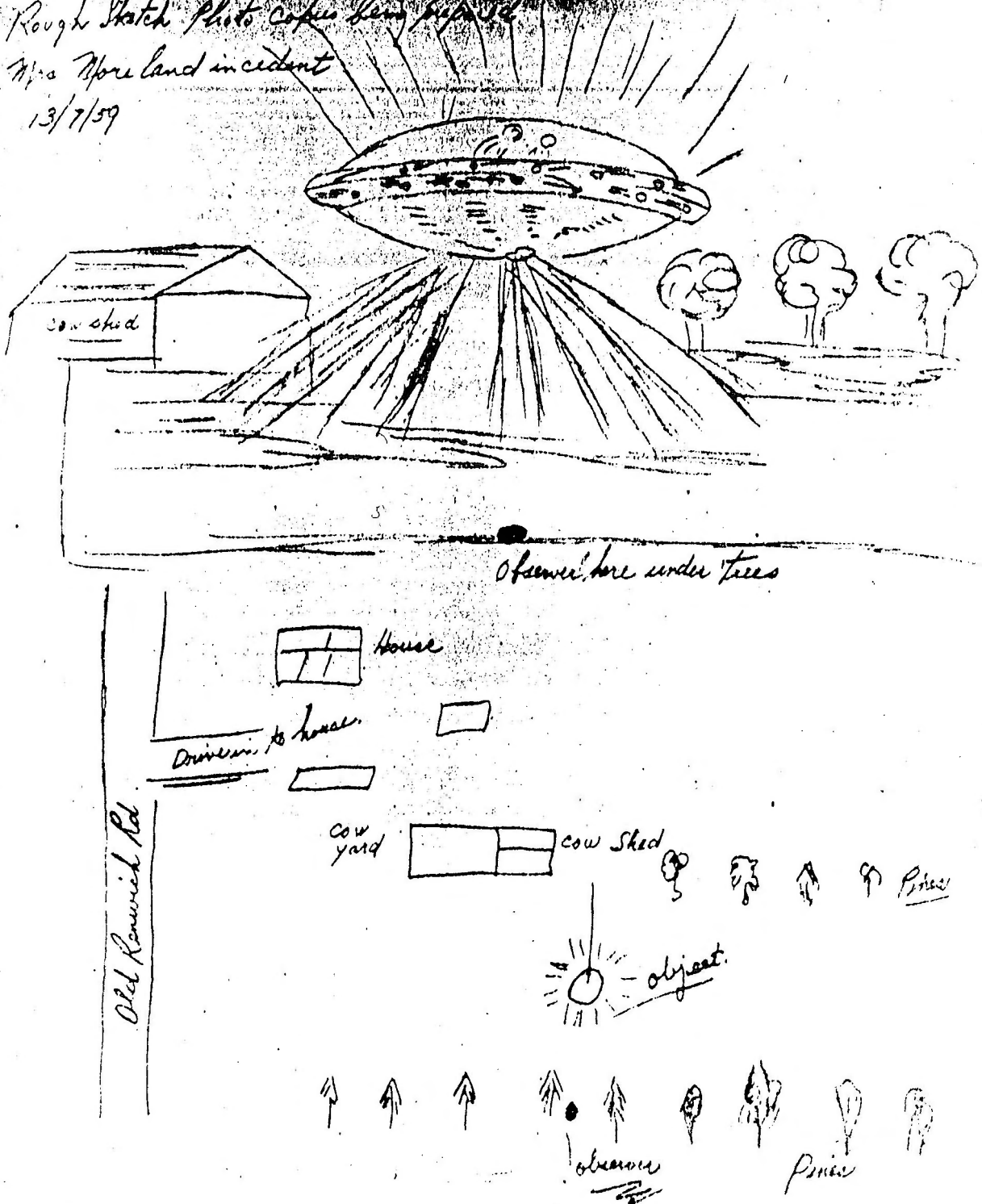
Messrs R. Healey (operations officer) at S.A.F.E. and F. Simpson (pilct) said they had open minds about the report. Mr John Fenn (rigger) commented: "I see no reason to doubt her."

Evening Mail
Name of publication

Nelson, N.Z.
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Date of publication

Rough Sketch Photo taken being prepared
 Mrs Moreland incident
 13/7/59



Witness:

Mrs. Frederick Moreland, Old Renwick Road, Blenheim, New Zealand. Married with five children, she lived on a nine acre farmlet. She worked as a nurses' aide at the Lister Hospital and her husband was employed at the Woodbourne Station of the RNZAF.

"At approximately 0430 to 0500 hours on the morning of the 13th July, he got up for a drink of water and after returning to bed was lying awake when he saw a bright light shining through the window. As car lights of vehicles approaching along the road shine through his window, he idly waiting [sic] for the sound of the engine. The light which appeared to be of a *whitish orange* [Emphasis mine-- L.E. Gross] colour became brighter until they reached a high intensity and then gradually faded away without any accompanying sound. The light was travelling from east to west." (43.)

The trouble with the account mentioned above is that it differs in an important way from a news story in the *Nelson Evening Mail* which quotes Mr. Holdaway:

" 'I thought it was a car coming from the east,' he said. 'Then I thought it was a funny colour for a car light, a *greeny* [Emphasis mine—L.E. Gross] colour, and much brighter than car lights and there was no noise. It did not pass as car lights do, and I could see it travelling from east to west toward Blenheim.' " (44.)

The color green is critical. To leave it out and to substitute another color requires a lot explaining by the New Zealand Air Force officer. Mrs. Moreland mentioned green lights.

Lieutenant Young adds a "P.S." to his letter to Mr. Fulton:

"For your information, it is advised that in spite of rumors to the contrary, the grass field where the incident took place has not become discoloured and has not been ploughed since the event nor has Mrs. Moreland been unwell since the incident." (45.)

It is not known if the New Zealand military did any follow up, but UFO investigator Peter Hassall of New Zealand interviewed Mrs. Moreland some time afterward and was told there were after-effects that probably were due to the UFOs' visit. She said she suffered from pains and small blisters on the left side of her face and her left hand, both were parts of body most exposed to the UFO. Also, a couple of trees in the center of the paddock died, and when cut down it was found the center of each trunk had turned to a dark ash. Moreover, the top branches of the Walnut tree at of the end of the paddock died. (46.)

13 July Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (10:00-10:30 p.m.)

Astronomers see UFO.

Norbert Gariety had the best available translation of this South American news story. In his October bulletin he reported:

"At 10:00 p.m., the astronomers Luis Eduardo da Silva Machado and Mario Dias Ferraira, who are in charge of Valongo Observatory on Conceicao Mountain, told the press they had observed an odd aerial body with unusual characteristics, which had come down from the stratosphere and moved away to the southwest.

"Capt. Silio Vaz, of the Army Technical School, told the press he was with the astronomers making routine observations when he too saw a luminous body with a steady light. 'We ran to the telescope,' the Captain said, 'and tracked the trajectory of the body which disappeared from our view in some fog on the horizon line.

" 'It was shaped like a Maltese cross and had green lights around it. A ray of red light could be seen on the upper part of the object.'

"Capt. Vaz added that the UFO was seen at the height of the Crane constellation at 10:10 p.m., near the Indian constellation at 10:20 p.m., and at 10:22 p.m. was passing by the Southern Triangle and Southern Cross. Finally, at 10:30 p.m., it vanished over the Southwest horizon." (47.)

14 July Pampulha airport, Brazil. (7-8:25 p.m.)

The bomber and the UFO.

This report was recorded on the Pampulha airport logs and then transmitted to the Brazilian Air Force. A Commander Hulvic Brant Aleixo passed the information on to J. Escobar Fario, co-editor of the UFO Critical Bulletin:

"On July 14, 1959, at about 8:25 p.m. the tower controller at the airport of Pampulha saw a light hovering in the sky, azimuth 270 degrees. In order to be sure it wasn't a balloon, he phoned the Meteorological Institute, which answered that no balloons were up. Then he radioed to the commander of a military plane who was asking permission to land:

" 'Please make a 180 degree turn, and then put the nose of your plane at 270 degrees. Please confirm or disconfirm the appearance of a luminous object on that course.'

"The commander, an officer piloting a Brazilian Air Force B-26 north toward his base at Natal, immediately did what was requested. Then he landed quickly and confirmed the sighting.

"The controller was disappointed that he had landed so promptly. Taking a signal pistol, the controller aimed in the direction of the light and gave intermittent signals in green, yellow and red. Just at that moment, the UFO began to change color from amber to intense green, then back to its original white. Then it darted up and disappeared in the darkness of the night. This startled the controller even more, and he decided to phone the pilot who was already in the canteen. He told the pilot he was surprised by his indifference about the strange phenomenon, and his avoidance of a closer investigation. The officer replied that he didn't want to get closer to the UFO, but on the contrary he wanted to escape from the aerial object which had followed his plane for almost an hour from the vicinity of Pico do Couto.

"Twenty minutes later the officer asked the controller for permission to take off without any lights on his medium bomber, to avoid pursuit by the UFO. The B-26 was heavily armed and carried a crew of five." (48.)

14 July Salisbury, North Carolina. (8:22 p.m.)

Lights, TVs go out.

NICAP learned:

"A revolving UFO, elliptical in outline and making an oscillating high-frequency sound, was seen moving from east to west at 8:22 p.m. by Larry Godwin. As the UFO passed, the Godwin family's TV set blanked out completely. Six other families in the neighborhood either heard the sound or reported interference with their lights and TV." (49.)

(about 14 July) Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. (just before 10:00 p.m.)

The wind was strong.

According to an APRO report:

"Sgt. and Mrs. (anonymity requested) of Holloman observed an unusual aerial object near and over this southern New Mexico missile development center for from 30 to 45 minutes. Just before 10 p.m., the couple went outside. The wind was strong, 30-35 miles per hour from the north, temperature about 75 degrees. Looking west, they saw three white lights through the veil of heavy dust. The sergeant commented that he thought there was a plane coming in for a landing and that it was in trouble because, although the middle light was steady, the end or 'wing' lights were wobbling. The object approach very slowly until almost overhead. Long before it reached overhead, however, they realized they were watching a strange object. It was on a west to east heading and traveling very slowly. As it approached, it appeared to be rising, then it turned to the north, into the wind, and disappeared slowly, ascending into the sky. While it was overhead it appeared to hover for some time.

"The couple decided the object was not a plane, for no motors could be heard, and it proceeded at a speed too slow for a plane. They also ruled out the possibility that it might have been a helicopter. The sergeant, a 12-year serviceman with the Air Force, said the lights were not the correct color for any conventional craft, and pointed out that he is familiar with aircraft external lighting. Planet, meteor, and 'fireball' explanations were excluded because of speed and direction, as was balloons, because the object pursued a steady course cross-wind, hovered for about 15 minutes and the proceeded into the heavy north wind." (50.)

14 July "Terror."

On the 14th the remarkable UFO incidents that occurred a week before finally got a big play in the press. The report by two prominent businessmen and two doctors who saw something while crocodile hunting near Karaumba, Australia, made the front page; as did the "landing" on Prince of Wales Island with its story of terrified natives.

15 July The Aviation Department "wakes up."

News item: Brisbane, Australia, July 15 – The Civil Aviation Department has called for a

**Thursday Is,
sees them**

THURSDAY ISLAND. — Five local men left by boat early yesterday to search for evidence "of a bright green rocket-like object

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MYSTERY OBJECTS IN SKY: MORE REPORTS

CIVIL Aviation Department in Brisbane is checking two more reports of "unidentified flying objects" to see if they were aircraft.

The sightings were at
Bouma and at Bowen.

At Bonville (1200 miles north-west of Brisbane), two men yesterday reported "an unidentified flying object" travelling north-west over the town at 2 p.m. It was orange-white, and blue.

Civil Aviation authorities believe this could have been a commercial aircraft, a little off course on a Sydney-to-Darwin flight.

**THEY WERE
TERRIFIED.**

On July 14 1955
natives of Prince of
Wales Island which
lies 100 miles south
west of Thursday
Island were terrified
by reports of a red
glowing object said to
have landed on a hill
near Port Lihou.

The report came from a native family of five, who said the object could not be seen during the day, but glowed bright red at night.

A "THING" LANDS OFF CAPE YORK

A large, glowing red object, it is reported to have landed on top of a hill on Prince of Wales Island, 10 miles off Cape York Peninsula.

Natives on the lonely island are terrified and refuse to go near the unidentified subject, a report reaching Thursday Island.

The report came from a native woman, Mrs. Nauyas Abubegy, 59, of Thursday Island, when she and her family returned to their home island yesterday afternoon.

POLICE TOLL

Kaplan and her husband
and their children

15 July Congressional hearings gathering momentum?

Rep. Edgar Hiestand inserts some remarks in the *Congressional Record*. (See page 32)

"Pressing for Flying Saucer Inquiry

EXTENSION OF REMARKS
OF
HON. EDGAR W. HIESTAND
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, July 15, 1959

Mr. HIESTAND. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I include today the first of three articles by the well known and highly respected commentator, Mr. George Todt of the North Hollywood (Calif.) Valley Times.

Mr. Todt's subject, 'Flying Saucers,' is one that has held public attention for several years. It has drawn the interest of many of our colleagues also. It has become a very controversial subject and reaction to it runs the emotional gauntlet through humor, fear, and a healthy desire for more information and knowledge. We are indebted to Mr. Todt for his penetrating analysis of this matter:

**PRESSING FOR FLYING SAUCER
INQUIRY**

The drive for open hearings in Congress relative to the flying saucer mystery seems to be gathering momentum these days.

According to the June issue of the UFO Investigator, publication of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, D.C.; Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, director), many highly regarded solons on Capitol Hill have expressed serious desires to get to the bottom of the controversial matter.

'There is little doubt,' said Senator STUART SYMINGTON, former Secretary of the Air Force, to a NICAP affiliate in New York City recently, 'that the American public has sound reason for being confused about the existence and nature of these phenomena. I am certain it would be in the interest of public understanding if a current and objective evaluation of this situation were issued.'

'The public should be given all information which would not adversely affect our national security. There are undoubtedly some objects observed directly and on radarscope which are not subject to positive analysis.'

Prior to this, Senator SYMINGTON had urged the Senate Space Committee, according to the U.F.O. Investigator, to make a careful study of the UFO subject. A decision on hearings is still pending.

The interesting publication also listed statements of other prominent Members of Congress made to NICAP board members, advisers, affiliates, or individual members. Here are a few samples:

Senator BARRY GOLDWATER, of Arizona, himself a jet brigadier general in the Air Force Reserve: 'Flying saucers, unidentified flying objects or whatever you call them—are real. . . . The Air Force has a project to investigate these reports, but when you ask about them they clam up.'

Senator LEVERETT B. SALTONSTALL, Massachusetts: 'As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, this is a problem in which I am deeply interested. . . . We must consider the genuine security necessities, as I am sure you appreciate, but I think there are many cases in which more information should be made available to the public.'

Senator GEORGE SMATHERS, Florida: 'The subject of flying saucers is one in which we all share a great interest.'

Representative THOMAS L. ASHLEY, Ohio: 'I share your concern over the secrecy that continues to shroud our intelligence activities on this subject, and I am in complete agreement with you that our greatest national need at this time is the dissemination of accurate information upon which responsible public opinion can be formulated.'

Representative WILLIAM H. AYRES, Ohio: 'Congressional investigations have been held and are still being held on the problems of unidentified flying objects. . . . Since most of the material presented to the committee is classified, the hearings are never printed. When conclusions are reached, they will be released, if possible.' (NICAP note: This confirms our claims of official secrecy. Our goal is the holding of open congressional hearings.)

Representative DANTE B. FASCELL, Florida: 'There are many areas where unrealistic policy keeps vital information from the American people. Certainly, accurate information concerning so-called unidentified flying objects, within the proper bounds of national security, should be made available immediately to the American public.'

Representative FRED MARSHALL, Minnesota: 'There has been growing interest in the release of military information on unidentified flying objects. . . . The subject has been discussed with appropriate committees of the Congress.'

Representative WALTER H. MOELLER, Ohio: 'I cannot help but feel that there may be some justification behind some of the UFO reports. . . . I have every confidence that the American people would be able to take such information without hysteria. The fear of the unknown is always greater than fear of the known.'

Representative RALPH J. SCOTT, North Carolina: 'I quite agree with you that the general public should be allowed information thus far known about flying objects. . . . If this information could be presented to the American public in such a way as to appeal to reason, and not to emotion, I think it would be a good thing.'

One Congressman who may allow his name to be used later, stated as follows according to the UFO Observer:

'The public is not getting the straight story. We (Members of Congress) are told one thing in closed-door sessions. Then the public is told something entirely different.'

What is the real story behind the flying saucers, anyway?"

By a "coincidence" the Air Force released another fact sheet. (See below and on page 34)

NEWS RELEASE
PLEASE NOTE DATE



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Washington 25, D. C.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 15, 1959

NO. 798-59
Oxford 7-5131

**AIR FORCE REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SIGHTINGS DECREASE BY FIFTY PERCENT**

Over twelve years of investigating and evaluating unidentified flying object sightings has provided no evidence to confirm the existence of the popularly termed "flying saucers", as interplanetary or interstellar space ships. The total number of sightings for the first six months of 1959 was only 143. This is in sharp contrast to the previous six months total of 296 or a little more than a 50 percent drop in reported sightings.

As in previous compilations, the astronomical category accounted for the highest percentage of sightings at 45 percent of the total. The unidentified category amounted to only three cases or 2 percent of the total sightings for the period.

A statistical tabulation for the six months period follows:

UFO Report Evaluation - By Category and Percentage Breakdown

Balloons	7	4.89%
Aircraft	23	16.09%
Astronomical	65	45.45%
Other (Birds, Hoaxes, Searchlights, etc.)	19	13.29%
Insufficient Data	26	18.19%
Unidentified	3	2.09%
Total Reports	143	

**UFO Evaluations - Category Breakdown by Months 1 January 1959
- 30 June 1959**

	<u>Ball- oons</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>ASTRO</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>INSUF DATA</u>	<u>UNIDEN- TIFIED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>%</u>
Jan	0	3	15	4	5	0	27	16.88
Feb	3	5	12	2	5	1	28	19.58
Mar	0	3	15	4	3	1	26	18.18
Apr	1	4	10	4	3	1	23	16.08
May	3	3	7	4	4	0	21	14.69
June	0	5	6	1	6	0	18	12.59
Total	7	23	65	19	26	3	143	
%	4.89	16.09	45.45	13.29	18.19	2.09	-	100

The Air Force, assigned the responsibility for the Air Defense of the United States, will continue to investigate all reports of unusual aerial sightings over the United States, including objects that may become labeled Unidentified Flying Objects. The services of qualified scientists and technicians will continue to be utilized to investigate and analyze reports, and periodic public statements and releases will be made as warranted.

E N D

"A function of time."

Herbert Strentz, in his Ph.D. Dissertation, wasn't very impressed with the Air Force's methodology when they summarized UFO reports for their fact sheets:

"BLUE BOOK performance has been enhanced by its bookkeeping system. Probably and possibly explanations of UFO reports—at the outset defensible and realistic—were advanced to 'definitely established' status simply as a function of time. Perhaps many Unknowns were listed as distant possibilities to begin with and then advanced to known status within the year.

"The analysis does raise questions about press performance, particularly about the acceptance and use of questionable Department of Defense statistics. Since newsmen frequently visited BLUE BOOK and had access to virtually all the information reported here, it is noteworthy that there has been no noticeable reference in the press to the probably, possibly procedures outline here. Perhaps the upgrading-through-time procedure was encouraged by the acceptance of the statistics by the press." (52.)

16 July "Fewer saucers."

The fact sheet makes news. (See clipping)

16 July Douglas Edwards news program.

We can't say there was any "silence group" machinations, but it seems incredible that Dick Miller (with his spaceman Mon-ka recordings) and Kelvin Rowe (the bulldozer operator who claimed 350 space rides) were important enough to get air time on the Douglas Edwards show on the 16th. The convention in Los Angeles had been over for four days but there they were, Miller and Rowe, on the network news.

Idabel Epperson had a fit and informed Keyhoe: "...the Doug Edwards news program interviewed Dick Miller and Kelvin Rowe, and Miller played a portion of Mon-ka, etc. on a coast to coast broadcast! We began to wonder if this 'nightmare' was just going on and on." (53.)

16 July Stockton, California. (1:25 a.m.)

"With a sort of intelligence."

Our source states:

"Six sheriff's deputies, Stockton airport personnel, and many residents reported sighting two round, blinking UFOs 'with a sort of intelligence' early today. First noted at 1:25 a.m., the UFOs remained in the area for over an hour. They blinked about once per second and varied in hue from white to dull

Fewer Flying Saucers Heard From, AF Reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — There apparently are fewer flying saucers around these days. At least, the Air Force said Wednesday it is hearing less about them.

The number of mystery objects reported sighted in the first six months of this year was only 143, compared to 296 during the previous half year period.

As in the previous periodic reports, the Air Force said its investigation of unidentified flying objects has "provided no evidence to confirm the existence of the popularly termed 'flying saucers' as interplanetary or interstellar space ships."

Astronomical bodies or natural phenomena accounted for the highest percentage of sightings in the period covered by the latest report. Sixty-five objects were identified as astronomical. Aircraft accounted for 23 sightings, balloons for 7 and birds, searchlights, and hoaxes perpetrated by pranksters accounted for 19.

The Air Force said 26 reports included insufficient data to permit any conclusion and that only three reported objects could not be identified.

orange. Deputy Elmer Van Sant, who kept a continuous watch, said, 'Once a plane flew over; the blinking speeded up as though the objects may have been communicating with each other.' Local authorities ruled out aircraft and balloons and could offer no explanation." (54.)

16 July Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (night?)

UFO crashes high society party!

This is a good one:

"A circular aerial object stopped over Avenida Atlântica, at 2740, the address of an apartment building where Sr. Osvaldo Santiago lives. Numerous people on the seashore avenue were bathed in the powerful blue-green beam of light which emanated from the UFO. Inside Sr. Santiago's apartment, a young genius on the piano, Assis Brasil, was being honored by a group of people when the glow of the UFO suddenly appeared. The noted Brazilian playwright, Juracy Camargo, who was on the terrace of the apartment at the time, told the press: 'The people were shaken by such an amazing and majestic apparition.'

"The apartment had been lavishly illuminated by the strong light from the object. Afterwards, the UFO was seen to move out over the open sea, disappearing over Rasa Island. Witnesses in the apartment said the UFO came from the direction of Leme District at fantastic speed, giving the impression that it would collide with the building. Instead, it stopped nearby hovering in mid-air, then threw out the blue-green light. It wobbled slightly for a while, revealing an oval shape with several orange luminous markings, then sped away leaving a trail of orange-colored light.

"Numerous people on the avenue saw the UFO, but the persons in the apartment can be accepted as reliable witnesses: Juracy Camargo, noted playwright; Sr. Helio Fernandes; Sr. Augusto Menezes, his wife and daughter; Sr. Humberto Stramandinoli, Sra. Alice Menna Barreto de Assis Brasil; the young pianist Assis Brasil; (13), who was being honored; Lady-teacher Cinira de Menezes; Sra. Alba Assis Brasil; Sra. Nadir Camargo; Sr. Joao Carlos de Camargo Eboli; Lady-teacher Cecilia Stramandinoli; Sra. Roseli Stramandinoli; Sra. Tiza Santiago, and several others." (55.)

17 July Air Force comments on Ruppelt's rewrite. (See pages 37-40)

21 July Lima, Ohio. (8:30 a.m.)

A report stated:

"A disc-shaped object which moved from north to south across the sky was reported at about 8:30 a.m. The witness, Doris Bankerd, said it first appeared spherical in shape. After coming out of a cloud, the UFO turned and revealed its disc shape." (56.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

17 July 1959

Dear Ed:

Following our telephone conversation this morning I am inclosing a copy of the comments to your manuscript. These were accrued during its coordination.

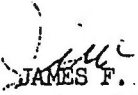
The three chapters have been forwarded to Tim Seldes at Doubleday. They have been cleared for publication just as you wrote them, with no amendments.

The comments are sent to you just for your information and use, if you see fit. They revolve about several minor factual inaccuracies. You are in no way required to make any changes in your manuscript as a result of these comments. In several instances you have inferred ATIC knowledge of cases. ATIC has no official knowledge of these cases. There is no record of them in their files.

I hope you can drop by the office during your next trip to Washington.

Sincerely,

Incl


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REVIEW AND COMMENT ON
MATERIAL SUBMITTED
FOR RUPPELT BOOK

CHAPTER 18

In Chapter 18 Mr. Ruppelt has repeated a pattern that was present throughout the first edition of his book. He cites case after case in detail. However, many of the cases he cites were not brought to the attention of the Air Force and ATIC has no record of the occurrence. The net result would be a flood of letters requesting the Air Force conclusion on such and such a case, mentioned in Chapter 18 of Ruppelt's book. Obviously, the Air Force cannot answer those on which it has no record.

In the interest of accuracy: On page 3, there is an inference that Springfield was officially designated or appointed by the Air Force to a position as a volunteer worker in the UFO program. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is no evidence to support this inference. As a matter of fact, ATIC has in its files a letter from Stringfield in which he requests clarification of his status in the program. Since ATIC was unaware that he ever had a status in the program, the motive for this letter is in doubt. There is no doubt that he was a member of the GOD. Any arrangements between him and a Major McKinzie, however, were not approved or concurred in by ATIC. Ruppelt refers to Stringfield as a level headed "saucer expert." A study of Stringfield's writings and operations will refute that statement. He heads an organization of sorts named CRIFO -- "Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects." The very use of the word "Interplanetary" establishes a pre-conceived belief that every UFO not immediately identified, is an interplanetary vehicle. This eliminates him as an unbiased and unprejudiced observer and analyst. Moreover, he published a bulletin called "Orbit" which parroted others who have pre-conceived ideas about UFOs. We do not know the exact profits that accrued to Mr. Stringfield as a result of the sale of his publications. It is obvious that a person whose bias is proved by his organization name would not be given an official status with an Air Force scientific UFO program.

It appears strange and odd that the Hutchinson Naval Air Station would immediately notify the Kansas Highway Patrol that they had an unidentified target on the radar. This is not military procedure. This inference appears on page 9, Chapter 18.

On page 11, Chapter 18, line 4, the word solve is in quotes. The obvious inference is that the cases were not solved.

On page 12, Chapter 18, it is stated "Each pilot - - - - -"

This is absolutely not true, no matter who told Ruppelt. A bit of logical and serious thinking will refute this statement. To accept this statement, one must believe that every unidentified flying object is identified as friendly and a conventional object before the scramble is made, and that the scramble was made just for the fun and training involved. Anyone who knows the ADC Mission knows better.

Chapter 18

Page 2 - No case in the ATIC files for 23 August 1955, in the Cincinnati area, and no case on or about this date duplicates the circumstances described in the manuscript.

Page 3 - Leonard H. Stringfield never had an official position other than GOC observer . . . No direct phone line to ADC Filter Center. . . No code name . . .

Page 4 - No record of the 23 March sighting in the ATIC files. If, as Mr. Ruppelt writes, this case had been brought to the attention of the Air Force, then the ATIC files would have some record.

Page 5 - No record of the sighting 25 November 1955, by Gene Miller and Dr. Leslie Ward of California.

No record of the sighting from a Pan American airliner which took place 22 January 1956.

Page 10 - No photographs of this object ever reached the ATIC.

Page 12 - Statement concerning scrambles is misleading, this infers that the unidentified object is in fact identified prior to the scramble.

Page 23 - James Stokes is a technician and not an engineer.

Page 25 - More sightings in 1952 than 1957 . . .

1952 - 1501

1957 - 1178

Page 29 - 1501 cases in 1952.

Page 30 - Specific reference to the ATIC files and the quotes should be omitted.

Found no violations of security

On pages 13 to 18 Ruppelt gives adequate treatment to Keyhoe and his organization.

CHAPTER 19

The author has given good treatment to the "contact" group such as Adamski, Bethurum, Fry, et al.

CHAPTER 20

The author does a good job of defending the Air Force in this chapter.

I checked Ruppelt's revised edition and found that no changes were made.

Revised edition:

"Hutchington" page 248 line 29	"22 January 56" page 246 line 31
"solve" page 249 line 37	"photograph" page 262? line 33?
"Each pilot" page 250 line 35	"scramble" page 250 line 27
"23 August 55" page 244 line 36	"Stokes" page 256 line 27
"Stringfield" page 245 line 13	"1178" page 258 line 5
"March 23" page 245 line 36	"918" page 260 line 20
"25 November 55" page 246 line 23	"Rock Raven" page 260 line 30

These points are minor when compared to Ruppelt's Lubbock moth explanation, or even his description of the Levelland case when he fails to make reference to the witnesses' statements that the UFO "sat" on the road or that the headlights and engines failed on cars other than Saucedo's ---L.E. Gross.

20?-25? July Bellevue, Washington.
(exactly noon)

Orbiting disc.

Mrs. Millard Petersky, a former teacher who had earned a B.A. at New York's Hunter College, was relaxing in her yard late in July. She does not remember the exact day. She was eating a sandwich for lunch and leaned back in her chair. The sky was a cloudless blue, very bright and clear. She spotted something high overhead and slightly south of the sun. The thing was a "metallic-appearing, silvery shining disc." There was no breeze of any consequence but this disc was moving. How far away the disc was she found difficult to estimate. About 1,500 feet was her guess. For about a half minute, Mrs. Petersky watched the disc fly in an elliptical orbit. One very odd thing about the object was that it appeared and disappeared in the same strange manner, "instantaneous like flicking on a light switch." (57.)

21 July Bremerton, Washington. (10:30/
11:30 p.m.)

Disappeared, suddenly reappeared. (See clipping right)

21 July 5 miles southwest of the New Orleans airport, Louisiana. (night)

"Flying ball."

A brief report mentions a flying ball about two feet in diameter. The ball was observed traveling northeast to southwest at an estimated 20 mph. The altitude was estimated to be 2,400 feet. The thing changed color as it moved along, turning red-orange, then white, and then red-orange again. A "smooth" sound was heard similar to the soft buzz of a humming bird's wings. While in view the ball made a 180 degree turn and passed out of sight on a southwest to northeast course. The duration of the sighting was about 10 minutes. (58.)



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Local Residents See Odd Flying Objects

Skies over Kitsap county were infested with unidentified flying objects for a couple of days. The UFO sighted by Napper and his two sons, David, 14, and Mike, from the yard of their 17th st. home, also appeared and reappeared.

First official report came to the naval shipyard watch office at 10 o'clock from Kenneth Flint of 1224 Burwell st., followed by a report at 10:30 from Jack D. Napper of 1448 17th st., and at 11:30 by one from Wayne West, 16, and Lloyd Burrows, 17, Olympic Drive.

Flint said he spotted his UFO while sitting out on his back porch with his wife, star-gazing with binoculars.

"My wife, said, what's that, and I saw the lights going through like a hat out of heck. They were really traveling. It was either a long off-white light or a string of several lights in a row.

"We timed them, and every 20 minutes they popped up in the same place, somewhere southwest of Port Orchard. It only took about three or four seconds for them to go across the sky, circling and going west. They'd make a left turn and disappear, suddenly reappearing in the same place we first saw them exactly 20 minutes later. We watched them for nearly two hours. There wasn't a sound of any kind."

"It was about the same size as a star and was moving at a great rate of speed," Napper said. "It crossed the sky in about one minute from the Kitsap lake direction going toward Seattle. About two minutes later another one followed, and a minute later there was another one. They were a light orange-red, and resembled Sputnik when we saw it, but the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

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(Continued From Page 1)
light didn't flash off and on. It was absolutely silent."

The West and Burrows boys became so excited about the light they saw at 11:30 while sleeping out near their homes that they went to the nearest neighbor's house on Olympic drive where a light was burning and tried to point it out to the resident there. "He couldn't see anything, but it looked just like a star," West said.

"The first time it came from the northwest, going southwest, way up and going real fast. When we first spotted it it was just sitting still, like a star, then it took off. It came back four times from the east, going west. We were pretty concerned about it the fourth time—it was right overhead."

The navy accepts reports of unidentified flying objects but does not substantiate them, a naval shipyard official said.

The Rev. Gill sightings. The news spreads.

Its hard to track the flow of information during these days in the South Pacific. Reports were coming in from all over and "saucer excitement" was running high.

In Papua Rev. Cruttwell had been out of touch for quite awhile since he had been visiting the Mission stations in the high country. When he finally returned to the lowlands where communications were better, he heard rumors about Father Gill seeing a "manned flying saucer." Rev. Cruttwell's reaction was: "I could not believe they (the reports) were true, and dismissed them as the sort of wild tales which often get around by 'bush telegraph,' and in which there is often little or no substance of truth..." (59.)

Shortly thereafter a fat envelope of typescript arrived from Father Gill. The material contained all of the amazing details of the series of sensational sightings. The envelope also contained a cover letter written by Father Gill, which said in part:

"Here is a lot of material—the kind you have been waiting for, no doubt; but I am in some ways sorry that it has to be me who supplies it. Attitudes at Dogura in respect of my sanity vary greatly, and like all mad men I myself think my grey cells are OK. I am sorry you were not here with your telescope—the naked eye can be a hindrance when detail is essential." (60.)

On July 21st the Port Moresby newspaper, the *South Pacific Post*, published something which probably referred to Rev. Gill:

"...a missionary in the district claimed to have seen a weird aircraft. It had portholes in the side and people looked through them as it travelled overhead at a snail's speed...the missionary reported seeing the object hover almost stationary overhead." (61.)

The Reuters news agency picked up the "weird aircraft" story and sent it world-wide. The Sydney, Australia, *Sun*, carried the item on July 21st and added: "Many people in the Papuan port of Samarai are convinced that flying saucers are flying over town. A Native Affairs official said that, on several occasions in the past month, residents had reported seeing strange objects in the sky a night." (62.)

21 July Menapi, Papua, New Guinea. (9:15 a.m.)

The Menapi object.

When Rev. Cruttwell returned from the Daga Country in mid-July, he found everyone discussing UFOs. There was much work to do. He had to collect the many reports that had accumulated, the most important being the Gill material.

Shortly after his return, Rev. Cruttwell missed by seconds seeing a daytime manifestation of a circular body. Unfortunately he was a bit late performing his usual work routine and was still indoors when the UFO appeared. It seems that on the morning of the 21st, a crowd of school children were entering the church for an early service when a bright point of light emerged from behind a hill to the west, attracting everyone's attention. Two teachers and approximately 100 children watched as the light moved on a course that took it in their direction.

Rev. Cruttwell later learned the following from the two teachers:

"As it drew nearer it appeared elongated, and became larger until it was clearly seen as a shining metallic disc with a dark ring round it. Teacher Augustine reckons it was a 'little smaller than the sun.'

"It passed to the north of the station at an elevation of perhaps 30 degrees, travelling 'faster than an aeroplane' and making no sound whatever. There was no vapour trail at all. As it receded it made a slight wavering movement (as though affected by the wind) and dwindled rapidly away in the north-eastern sky, dropping behind the coconut palms." (63.)

Rev. Cruttwell wrote: "My disappointment at missing it so closely knew no bounds." (64.)

There would be no time to dwell on disappointments. The very next day the Mission's handyman wanted to speak with Rev. Cruttwell. The New Guinea native was "trembling and breathless with excitement."

22 July Fortaleza, Brazil. (no time)

Disc hovers over airport. (See clipping)

A translation says:

"Flying Disks were seen.

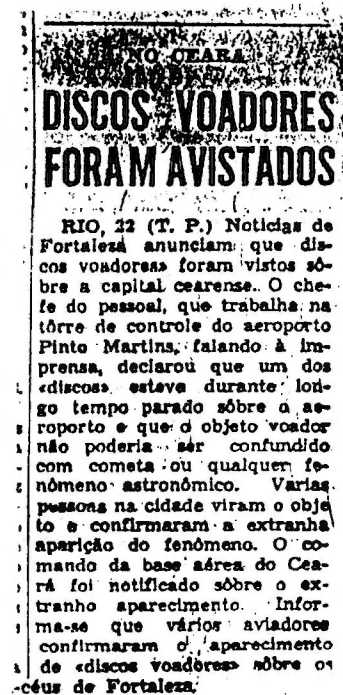
"Rio, 22 (T.P.) Dispatches from Fortaleza announce that 'flying disks' were seen over the Ceara capital. The chief of the personnel who work in the control tower of the airport, Pingo Martins, in speaking to the press declared that one of the 'disks' hovered for a long time over the airport and that the flying object could not be confused with a comet or other astronomical phenomenon. Different persons in the city saw the object and confirmed the strange appearance of the phenomenon. The commander of the air base of Ceara was notified about the strange appearance. It is said that several pilots confirm the appearance of the 'flying disks' in the skies of Fortaleza."

22 July Porayebayebera, Papua, New Guinea. (daytime?)

Something with a dome.

George Taunaven was employed by the Anglican Mission at Menapi to do odd jobs. He was called a "workboy" but he was no boy. He was an adult and was considered extremely intelligent by Rev. Cruttwell who had known the man for 8 years. George had never been to school but Rev. Cruttwell valued his judgement and powers of observation. When George told Rev. Cruttwell on July 22th he had seen something startling, the missionary was willing to listen.

About a mile east from Menapi Mission is Arorara bay. A headland about 200 feet high



screens off this bay from the beaches at Menapi. It seems George was fishing alone on the shore of Arorara bay when a large object came flying over the hills at a very low altitude and then headed out to sea. The untutored Papuan knew nothing about UFOs and was frightened by the experience. Rev. Cruttwell questioned George carefully:

"He [George] describes it as 'like a ship' but round and disc-like, dark below but with a round dome (he used the word 'head' making a gesture to indicate a round shape) on top, lit up as if by windows, and on top of that a brilliant white light 'like a Tilley lamp.' Although he couldn't see men, he was convinced there were men in it, because it was so obviously a vehicle designed to carry men. It disappeared out over the sea at a low altitude in a few seconds.

"I asked him to draw it, but being uneducated and not used to drawing, he could not make a go of it. He drew a large circle with a smaller one on top, but it was obvious that perspective was too much for him." (65.)

23 July Dabora, Papua, New Guinea. (night)

George's credibility was given a boost when a report came in the very next night from Dabora, which is just six miles east of Menapi (and just five miles from Arorara bay). A Medical Assistant said he saw a light, changing from green to white, move out over the sea. (66.)

24 July Menapi, Papua, New Guinea. (night)

Rev. Cruttwell missed another chance to see something on July 24th. He was indoors when he heard shouting outside and within seconds he emerged from the building to scan the sky. It seems some natives in the Mission compound spotted a brilliant white light zoom overhead. The thing was gone before Rev. Cruttwell arrived. (67.)

25 July Gaiawanaki, Papua, New Guinea. (about 7:30 p.m.)

The testimony of the mountain men.

The more primitive Papuan people live at the higher elevations but occasionally the mountain men leave their territory and visit the coastal regions. On July 25th three natives from the high country decided to travel to Menapi. The trio walked a mountain track that led to Goodenough Bay. The path ends when it leaves the jungle at Gaiawanaki. At that place the three men laid out their sleeping mats on the beach and set up camp for the night. This is what happened next:

"They were lying down on their mats, when they became aware of a brilliant light shining down on them from above, lighting up the whole place like daylight.

"Above them they saw a huge circular object moving slowly across the sky, just above the coconut palms. They all emphasized its great apparent size." (68.)

According to Rev. Cruttwell, the object appeared to be very large to the natives because it was so close. There is more to the story:

"In appearance they said that on one side it was like 'the bottom of a bucket.' By this I understood them to mean that it was concave, with some sort of rim. This side was dark. The other side was convex, with a sort of bulge or dome. This side was brilliantly illuminated and was the source of the light pouring down on them.

"They spoke to me of course in the native language. In order to get it clear, I took a plate and a cup, and holding the plate upside down, placed the cup upside down on top of it. 'Yes,' they said, 'just like that, but not like that, like this,' And they turned my arm round until I had the plate vertical, standing on edge, with the cup projecting sideways. I confirmed this by drawing it on a piece of paper. The object was a round craft, hollow beneath with a dome on top, but turned on its side and travelling with the illuminated dome leading.

"The object was coming from the sea, and travelling inland in a westerly direction. It soon disappeared behind the tree tops." (69.)

There were other reports during this period Rev. Cruttwell wanted to confirm.. For example, some Koyabagira outstation schoolboys reported seeing things they called "boats in the sky" a number of times. (70.)

30 July Assonet, Massachusetts. (10:30 p.m.)

"I felt a strange tingling down my entire spine."

The witness (name deleted from BLUE BOOK files) claimed to be a pilot with 500 hours of flying time so he apparently knew something about planes, quirks of the weather, and things of that sort. His experience was so strange, however, he reported directly to Wright Field.

It was evening and the sky was clear and full of stars. The witness was standing on a hillside alone. He noticed a large light on the horizon he first thought was the moon. The light was a yellow-white, but it then changed to a blue-white and moved in his direction. As the light moved slowly toward the witness, it changed to a dull red color. The approach so unnerved the witness he began to run down the hill. He stepped in a hole, fell, and rolled until he reached level ground. In great pain, the witness looked up and saw that the "thing" was still approaching. He headed toward a road overpass since it seemed to offer some projection. As he covered the short distance to the overpass, the witness said: "[I]...felt a strange tingling down my entire spine and nervous system and parts of my body felt like 'pins and needles.'" (71.) This sensation lasted while he made his way to the overpass. The feeling may have been due to the fall he took but the witness made no more mention of it. Here is the rest of the report:

"I made it under the overpass, and the UFO stopped directly over me, I could tell it was still there because a white light part of the red color system of the object moved around as I huddled there looking out at the road.

"This light finally went out, and I had a feeling that the UFO had left. I waited a few minutes by my watch then I came out limped up the road to where my friends were visiting. I told them about it, but they did not believe my story, so I did not report to any public official at the time." (72.)

? July Jane Lew, West Virginia. (night)

Man and woman paralyzed?

The town with the odd name of Jane Lew, located about five miles north of Weston, West Virginia, was the scene of a very different UFO "sighting." In fact, no object was actually seen. A sound was heard, the witnesses experienced a weird physical reaction, and a ground trace was left. All three, it was believed, apparently had some connection with a UFO. The incident involved a Mr. Robert Ward who:

"...was awakened one night by the barking of dogs. He couldn't go back to sleep, and soon became aware of a peculiar high-pitched sound like a motor of some sort which seemed to get louder and louder. It seemed to be over the house. Upon attempting to get out of bed, he found he couldn't move. He nudged his wife, awakening her, and she heard the noise also. She became frightened, tried to get out of bed to go to the children, but couldn't. Finally Ward was able to roll out of bed and crawl to a window out of which he could see a glow outside. He was afraid to go outside to investigate. As he looked out the window, he saw and heard a heavy truck approaching on Rt. 19 which runs close to his house, and suddenly the high-pitched noise decreased rapidly as if it were leaving and fading into the distance. Next morning Ward went out and searched his one-acre lot to see if he could find out what had been in the area. He discovered a 25-foot area (oval in shape) where the grass was withered." (73.)

UFOlogist Gray Barker and APRO investigate:

"Subsequently the grass died. Later new growth began showing through. Ward and Gray Barker, who notified APRO of this incident, dug down into the withered area and got a bag of soil and some vegetation. When first dug the soil had a vile odor while still wet [increased bacterial activity due to heat?]; normal soil was the typical soil of that area, and not black and cinder-ish like the soil in the oval-shaped spot. Normal soil furnished APRO appears light brown and of the usual texture for the area." (74.)

30 July NICAP's EM Subcommittee.

The rash of electro-magnetic reports in late 1957 and occasional ones during the months afterward, reinforced beliefs among researchers UFOs could effect electrical circuits. People like C.W. Fitch of Cleveland, Ohio, began to catalogue stories of car-stallings and similar events. However, a real effort to understand the phenomenon required more than one person. NICAP, even though suffering from the lack of funds and manpower, did more than lobby Congress. In the summer of 1959 the Washington D.C. group established a special EM Subcommittee. The first meeting was convened on July 30, 1959. The Subcommittee had six members:

Richard Lechaux, Chairman
Tom Shelton (Research Analyst)
Jack Brotzman (Electronic Scientist)

Jim Stowell (Research Analyst)
Eli Bernzweig (Attorney)
Richard Hall (Editor)

At the outset the Subcommittee recognized the repeated association between UFOs and events like car-stopping: "Any other interpretation would imply a chain of coincidences of such magnitude that it would be more incredible than accepting the fact of car-stalling UFOs." (75.) The Subcommittee then decided on its first objective:

"Not having a uniform body of data, our first task was to assemble as many reports of EM effects as possible. This required a search of the UFO literature, cross checking of sources, and verification of the factual accuracy of news reports whenever possible. The Subcommittee sought first-hand testimony in important cases. However, probably due to the controversial nature of the subject, it was not often possible to obtain the full cooperation of witnesses." (76.)

The Subcommittee would file a report on its study in June 1960.

1 August Flintstone, Maryland. (8:30 p.m.)

A Mr. Robert Huff was driving a tractor when he spotted five white-colored objects in the sky. The objects, in V-formation, approached out of the southwest at a low altitude (he guessed 200 feet). The objects circled a nearby hill and then left the area on a western course. Within seconds a another group of five appeared out of the southwest, circled the same hill, and sped away to the west. This second group traveled in a single-file formation. (77.)

2 August Lake Echo, Nova Scotia, Canada. (8:00 p.m. A.S.T.)

Cigar with a dome.

This case has more than one witness. All of the following people were college students: Robert Beazley, Ellen Hackett, Norbert MacEacher, and two unnamed Germans in the U.S. on an exchange program.

The students were returning from a beach picnic, driving on Highway #7, when the UFO experience began. Robert, who filed a formal report, states:

"We were about 12-14 miles from Dartmouth. I was sitting in the front seat, next to the right window. I noticed a very bright light in the sky, and mentioned it to the other occupants of the car. The driver replied that he had noticed it previous to my mentioning it, and had been watching it for a few seconds. I realized that it was much too bright to be Venus (for at first it seemed to be at approximately the same position as Venus). We watched it for about a minute as it came closer, but to our left. I then asked the driver to stop the car in order to get a better look. Out of the car we watched the object come closer (but still off to our left), and it began to take on a definite shape. It was long and cylindrical, and looked very much like a blimp, except that it appeared thinner than a blimp. As far as I could tell it had no winds, nor the usual blimp gondola. From the point at which it was closest to us it appeared to have a dome or rounded projection of some sort on top. It was silver in color, and I concluded that the bright light seen at first was merely the reflection of the setting sun. It was moving very slowly. I do

not see how it could have possibly been an airplane, due to its slow speed, for it took from four to five minutes to pass out of view from the time it first came into sight. It seemed so much like a blimp, were it not for the (apparent) dome on top and the absence of the gondola underneath. Its shape remained constant (blimp-like) except for the bright light effect when first sighted." (78.)

2 August Bolling AFB, Washington D.C. (0528Z)

"Emphatic it was not an airplane."

An Operations Command officer stationed at Bolling AFB spotted a white-colored light moving along the northeast approach corridor to Washington National Airport. It was a clear starlit night with good visibility. The officer and the five others in his party thought the thing was a satellite as they observed it moving in a straight line, blinking irregularly, but then it: "... stopped instantly. It then began behaving erratically, moving rapidly in circles, making darting motions, and finally dimmed gradually to extinction as though climbing." (79.) A check was made with Andrews Operations but they reported no helicopters in the area. No radar contact was reported and Bolling tower operators said they had observed nothing unusual. A comment made in BLUE BOOK files says: "Observers emphatic that it was not an ordinary aircraft. Rate of speed and absence of engine noise rule out helicopter in opinion of observers." (80.)

3 August Johnstown, New York. (10:00 a.m.)

"As big as a garage." (See clipping on page 49)

3 August Silver Springs, Maryland. (12:50 p.m.)

An amazing demonstration.

Some residents of Silver Springs, Maryland, viewed an amazing demonstration on August 3rd. According to a 36-year-old housewife who made a formal report to the Air Force, this is what took place:

"My sister, my children and I first saw the objects while eating lunch. At first I thought they were kites because they were so large and then we noticed they were being guided very exact so we watched for about 5 minutes from my kitchen window. The two silver ones [UFOs] were doing all of the traveling. They appeared to have a moving motion as if they were spinning and what ever path No.1 took No.2 did the same. No.1 would move up and No.2 would take the position No.1 had before as if No.1 was guiding No.2. I called my neighbor and asked her what she thought it was and we all stood and observed it for about ten minutes. Then we saw the larger one standing in one position very high up. It was glowing iridescent red in color and larger in size than the two silver ones. We watched the two silver ones travel across the sky to the red one. And when they were in position under the large red one, they went up and out of sight."

(81.)

This is what the neighbor wrote:

"About 12:00 p.m. my neighbor called for me to come to my back door and I saw there were two shiny objects hovering high in a northwest direction. When they moved, with great speed, one would move over, then the other would move in the same pattern. Then they would move up. They would hover for awhile then they would repeat the same pattern going north and higher all the time. Then we saw a third object of the same shape and size if not larger. It was hovering very high. It was flashing an iridescent red like a light from within. We almost decided while watching that it might not be a light at all but the sun reflecting on the red metal of [the?] object as it tilted in the sun since the sun was very high and to our backs. It waited till the other two objects followed their pattern across and up till they were directly under it. They no longer traveled in a horizontal pattern but went straight up till they were just specks, then out of sight.

"My neighbor and her sister and small children saw these some minutes before she called me." (82.) (See drawings by both women on pages 50-51)

5 August Briarcliff Manor, Westchester County, New York. (9:30 p.m.)

Country Club sighting.

A member of CSI of New York had a friend that passed along a strange sighting. Here is what the CSI person reported:

"Witness had been having dinner with friends, at the country club where her friends were members. She had been to the power room and on her way back she turned in the wrong direction (the arrangement of the rooms was unfamiliar) and instead of going back toward the dining room she found herself on an open terrace looking – she thought toward the south, but wasn't sure – off into an unlighted area. As she was about to turn around and go back into the building she saw a shooting star falling.

"But instead of falling and going out, as shooting stars usually do, it got larger and brighter as it fell, and seemed to be coming closer. The color was orange-pink.

"It was completely dark in the direction she was looking, so that the witness couldn't tell anything about distance. But the luminous object seemed to stop on the ground some distance away. She couldn't distinguish any definite outline but got the impression that it was a solid object.

"The color was the same, but the object was pulsating, growing dimmer and then brighter again. She thought she could see trees at some little distance from the object, by the light that it gave off.

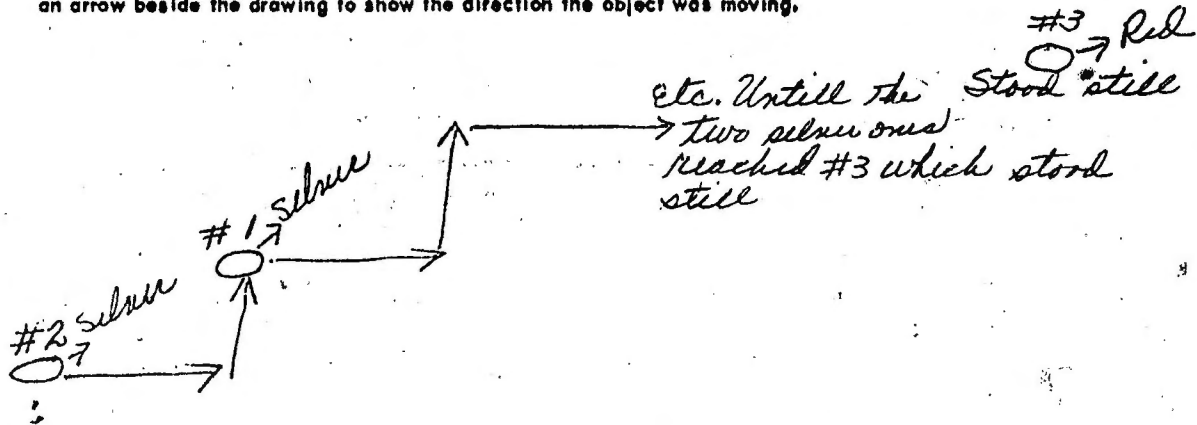
"By this time she was so fascinated that she started off across the grass toward the object though the darkness. But the grass was wet and she started to take off her evening slippers. But then she thought of snakes and didn't want to walk in her stocking feet, so she went back to the terrace and sat down on the

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound No sound

b. Color two small ones bright silver and one was an iridescent red

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



#2 always took the same path #1 took

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred

b. Like a bright star

c. Sharply outlined

d. Don't remember.

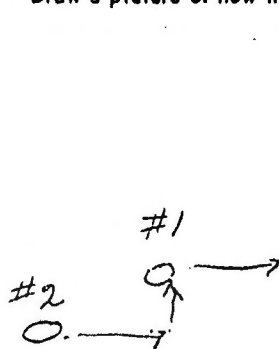
e. Other When I first saw them the two silver ones appeared to have spinning motion. The

one shaped like a disc at first

Red one was too far away

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 3

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

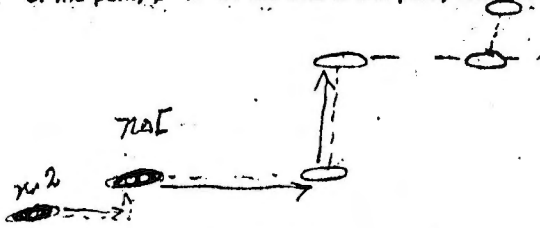


#3 was very high up and when we saw it, it was larger in size than a plane at high altitude.

first
last
Silver ones

I held up a safety pin + looked in the loop of the pin. Here are the sizes as best I can describe at arms length. #3 was as large as the first drawing when I saw it a little larger and it was very far away.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



#3
#1
#2
last formation
of 3 objects before they went up and down

#2 remained in place until #1 took its course. #2 followed same

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.

_____ feet. *place a jet plane in the sky with high altitude*

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length? *see page 3 for drawing when first seen*

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other

They changed size as they climbed into the sky

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? *up and out of view. The two silver ones came to position in a definite path under the larger red one.*

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

I could not begin to construct such an object. It was round in shape and the two smaller ones was a very bright silver metal. The larger one was at a glowing iridescent color and round also but quite a lot larger.

edge of a bench, and watched the object, still fascinated and bewildered by it. There was no sound – she was sure of that, and also sure that she could have heard motors if they had been running, because the terrace and the field – or the golf course, or whatever it was that she was looking out across – were quiet. There was no change in the appearance of the object except the continued pulsating of the light.

“After some time the object suddenly rose straight up and disappeared out of sight; witness thought it was about half an hour.

“When she returned to the dinner party her friends had become worried about her – she had been gone almost 15 minutes. She told them what she had seen, but they were politely uninterested.” (83.)

5 August. Parayebayebara, Papua, New Guinea. (no time)

The continuing New Guinea flap.

According to Rev. Crutwell:

“...a star-like light was seen from Parayebayebara, one mile east of Menapi. It travelled in a curve from inland out over the bay and changed colour consistently in the order red-green-white, also changing its speed. It finally disappeared over Boianai direction. The witnesses were another Medical Assistant and several village people.” (84.)

8 August Biniguni, Papua, New Guinea. (6:30 p.m.)

“It suddenly took off.” The mystery “star.”

Patrol officer R.L. Smith was aware of UFO reports being made in Papua. On the 3rd at Mapouna and on the 4th Wakawapu, officer Smith had seen an impressive star-like body to the north. The light remained stationary while being viewed, so he could not claim a “good” UFO sighting. The light was not seen the next two nights. This is what happened on the 8th:

“On Saturday, 8th August, I was at Biniguni, at the foot of Mt. Maneao, and most westerly point of my patrol.

“I was sitting in front of the rest house with some Papuan natives, when the object appeared again. The time was 6:30 p.m. This time it appeared to be much closer, perhaps two miles away and 5,000 feet up. It seemed to be in a roughly north-east direction.

“I pointed it out to the natives and asked if they had seen this light before, ‘Oh yes, Taubada (Sir.),’ they said, ‘It often comes. We have seen it on and off for the last month. It comes up about this time and stays in the same place till about 9 o’clock, then it goes off over the mountains.’” (85.)

Was the light was a star? Officer Smith was determined this time to keep an eye on this “UFO” light. He would wait until 9 o’clock to see what would happen. The light was still

stationary in the night sky at 9 o'clock. Smith maintained his vigil. He writes: "I kept it under observation until ten past nine, when sure enough it suddenly took off and went away to the east, disappearing over Mt. Maneao." (86.)

9 August. Tierra del Fuego Island. (7:54 p.m.)

"Sshhheeeeoouooo."

Mr. and Mrs. Armando Uribe of Santiago, Chile, told Coral Lorenzen about their UFO experience. Coral later included the incident in one of her books:

"At the time this incident took place, Mr. Uribe, a petroleum engineer with the National Institute of Petroleum Development, was stationed at Terra del Fuego Island off the southernmost tip of the South American continent. Part of the island is Chilean and the other part belongs to Argentina. Uribe's wife and family were with him.

"On the 9th of August, 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Uribe left the camp where they lived to go to Sombrero, the main camp of the installation, to pick up supplies. They were returning home at about 7:30 p.m. when the pickup in which they were riding stalled unexpectedly. Uribe, on investigation, found that he was out of fuel. The particular type of truck he was driving was powered by butane gas. He realized that he would have to wait for another vehicle to come along and give them a lift back to camp, so he and Mrs. Uribe settled back to wait. An eleven-year-old girl, employed by the Uribes to help in the house, had accompanied them. Uribe, nervously pushing and pulling the button controlling the lights, turned them on and off several times.

"At about 7:54 the little girl spotted a light to the right and ahead of them and said, 'I see a light. Somebody is coming.' The trio watched, thinking that it was another vehicle, and that their ride home was approaching. Shortly, however, they realized that the light could not have been from a car; it was swinging with pendulum-like motion, as it came closer to the ground.

"Uribe described the light as bright blue, like an arc welding light; it appeared to scintillate, 'like a jewel.' Uribe speculated that it might have been a lantern hanging on the saddle of a horse, and then, having to discard that idea, he decided it might be from a helicopter. The latter explanation was also discarded shortly, as there was absolutely no sound coming from the light.

"As the light moved closer, the shape behind it could easily be seen. It appeared to be a large metallic egg 'standing on end,' with two shafts of white light projecting downward from the bottom and angled slightly outward. These lights gave the appearance of spotlights, and illuminated circular patches on the ground below. From the top of the 'egg' protruded chain, ending in a rose-colored megaphone-shaped device, which rotated or 'swept' around continuously.

"When the object reached a distance which Mr. Uribe felt was uncomfortably close, he got out of the truck. At the instant that he closed the truck door the object moved quickly through an arc of 30 degrees, putting itself behind the truck and to its right, in a position to observe Uribe ---who had been out of sight

of the object when he got out of the truck. When it moved, the only sound heard during the whole episode was made. Uribe described it as a 'whooshing' sound, something like this: 'sshhheeeeeooooo.'

"The quick movement of the object startled Uribe, who walked to the back of the truck. The object then resumed its original position, exactly opposite the truck, and began to move closer. Thoroughly disturbed at this maneuver, and hearing the frightened sobbing of Mrs. Uribe and the girl in the truck, Uribe reached into the back of the pickup and grabbed his rifle. As he raised the weapon to his shoulder, the object immediately began to recede. It was completely out of sight within seconds." (87.)

10 August. Baniara, Papua, New Guinea. (3:50 a.m.)

Sphere and a disc.

Australian official R. Orwin was stationed Baniara. His wife was the first to noticed the UFOs on the night of August 10th:

"She happened to be wakened by her baby crying at 3:50 a.m., and saw a brilliant light in the sky. She woke Mr. Orwin and they both watched it. He went down into the garden, but she remained at the upstairs window.

"They first saw the light through the coconut trees, but as it ascended, it came out into the clear sky (The residence is on a slight rise, completely surrounded by coconut trees, whose tops rise somewhat higher than the hill, and clear for 50 yards or so from the house). Mr. Orwin estimates its elevation as about 20 degrees, and its direction south-east. It was very white in appearance at first, but began changing colors at regular intervals. Mrs. Orwin describes the order of colors as white, green, orange, bronze and red, changing rapidly all the time.

"The object was spherical in shape, but appeared to have another smaller but equally bright spherical light on top of it. This light did not keep a constant brightness, but fluctuated greatly, though without changing color. It was in contact with the main sphere but quite distinct from it. At times there seemed to be a beam of white light which stabbed upwards from it, but only for a moment. There was also below the object a small bronze disc which followed every movement of the object, keeping always the same distance (a hand span at arm's length) 'as if attached to it by an invisible wire.' Its outline was blurred, not clear.

"The movement of the object was fantastic, up and down and sideways, abruptly changing direction, but always gradually gaining height. At one period it moved to and fro like a pendulum, sometimes it zig-zagged, and sometimes seemed almost to dance.

"Twenty-five minutes after the appearance of this object, i.e. 4:15 a.m., a second similar object was noticed to the east of the first object, lower in the sky, and a full five fingers span from it. It had the same appearance and was equally bright, though the bronze disc was not visible beneath it.

"Both lights seemed to move upwards and away from the station, main-

taining their respective distances from one another. In both cases the same alternating colors, described above, were emanating from the objects. The second object followed much the same motion as the first. As the objects ascended, the white light (on top?) became much brighter in each case. The second object faded out first, the original one remaining, and continuing to rise until the sky was quite bright (perhaps 5:30 a.m.) when it too seemed to fade out.

"The final angle of sighting was about 35 degrees. At the time of the sighting there were many stars, no clouds and a bright moon." (88.)

11 August The odd Prince Neason. (See clipping right)

12 August Salvador, Bahia State, Brazil. (no time)

"War tank?"

J. Escobar Faria, one of the editors of the *UFO-Critical Bulletin*, wrote that he intended to check into this story:

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ODD PLACE, ODD TALK
Pasadena, Calif.—(UPI)—Amalgamated Flying Saucer clubs of America today announced that Prince Neason, billed as a man from another planet, will give a public lecture Wednesday. The place: Odd Fellows hall.

"An odd report of a strange, unidentified vehicle seen crossing the swamps of Canavieiras came from this city [Salvador] newswires on August 13th. The serious and discerning newspaper '*O Estado de Sao Paulo*' in the Brazilian Capital printed the wire, which said a 'vehicle exhibiting unconventional characteristics and resembling a war tank' had been seen on the swamps. The director of the Fisherman's Colony in the area stated that he had photographed the vehicle from a distance, and would send the photos to military authorities." (89.)

12 August Memphis, Tennessee. (8:10? a.m. CST)

"Mommy, there's something outside!"

If young Miss Thornton was telling a fib, she must have had a real good imagination. But if she was making this up, what made the high frequency sound? Another interesting point is that Kay claims the "red wires" pointed in the direction of the Army depot. A crude map drawn by Kay shows the depot to the west, across the street next to a railroad line. She said she was in the bathroom when she first saw the object. We might assume then, the bathroom was in the rear of the house with a view of the backyard fence. Apparently the backyard fence fronted the street which gave a good view of the depot. (See clipping and Kay's drawings on pages 56-58. The additional information was obtained from a NICAP UFO report form. (90.)

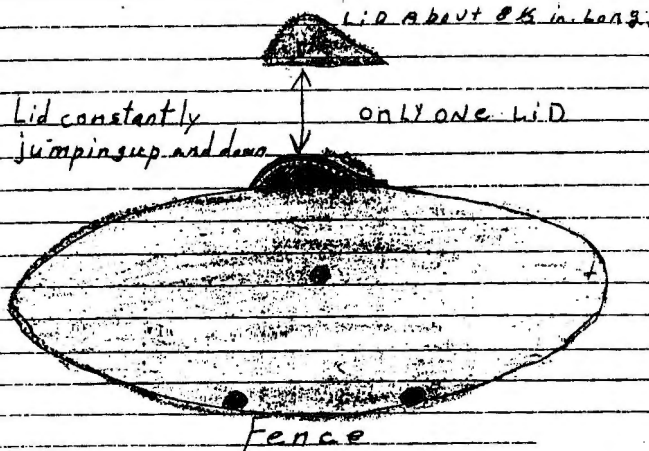
13 August Freeport, Texas. (about 9:30 p.m.)

A main object and two small lights. Car motor stalls.

There were stories in the newspapers, but an APRO investigation uncovered much more information about the "strange doings near Freeport on August 13th. Coral Lorenzen's UFO

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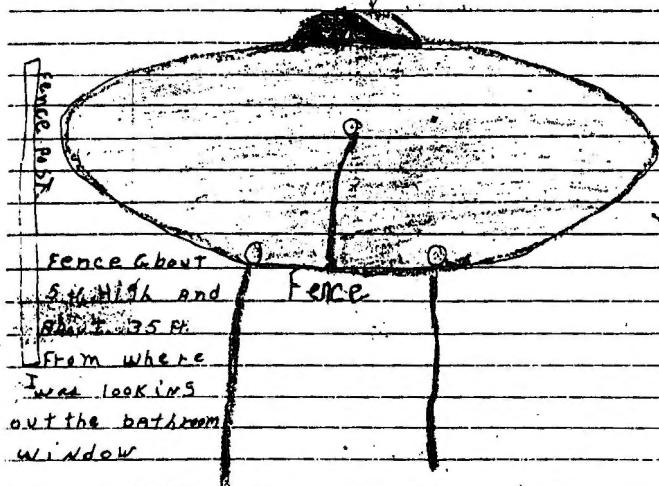
This is how object looked when
 I first saw it. It was on the fence
 moving slowly. Sound still going.



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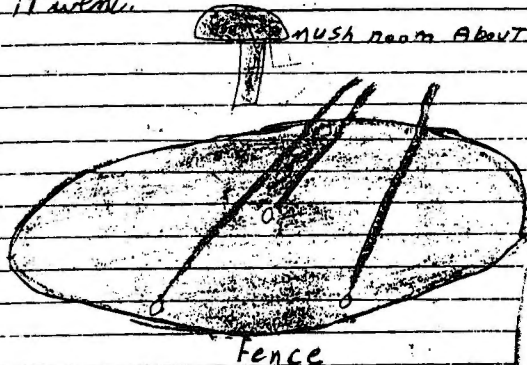
When It hit Fence Post It
~~Stopped~~ Stopped. The Sound
 also stopped. Black Knobs
 lit up. Red wires came out as in
 picture. Lights Blinked on and off.

Lid still jumping



No. 3

Then the wires stood up, pointing west, toward the army depot. They quivered. Then the lid went very high, and came back down in place, and clicked. When this happened it jumped off again going only a short distance. Then the orange colored thing came out, doing nothing but started turning very slowly, lid still jumping. Getting faster and faster. Then the lid disappeared. I don't know where it went.



MUSH ROOM ABOUT 5 in long

No. 4

Then the mushroom turned upside down, and wasn't moving. Then it began to turn as before going faster and faster. Then the big object disappeared. It didn't go in any direction just vanished. And the mushroom stopped turning as it left.

THIS TURNED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION



THIS TURNED ONE DIRECTION



each wire
HAD A LITTLE
CRACK ON
THE END

Mr. Ollie F. Smith - mem
Sent #27 to Mrs. Thornton

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MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR, THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1959

What Could This Have Been?

Girl Said It Looked Like a Mushroom

An orange colored mushroom visited the earth yesterday in a multicolored 21-inch egg.

"I heard my daughter Kay call me around 8," said Mrs. J. L. Thornton, 2111 Charleian Road. "Mommy, there's something outside," said 9-year-old Kay.

Kay was in the bathroom, looked out the window, and saw what she described as "an egg-shaped thing standing still in the air, with three knobs on it."

"A lid opened out of it and an orange-colored thing came out," Kay said. "It was shaped like a mushroom."

Mrs. Thornton was still in the kitchen cooking breakfast. "I didn't think it was anything unusual," she said.

Mrs. Thornton said she heard a high-frequency sound, but didn't pay any attention to it. "My father and some neighbors heard it, too," said Mrs. Thornton.

Kay said it was purple, green and yellow. "Two lights lit up on it, and the mushroom-shaped thing came out again. Then it was gone," she said.

A prank? "Maybe so," said Mrs. Thornton, "but we still can't explain the noise."

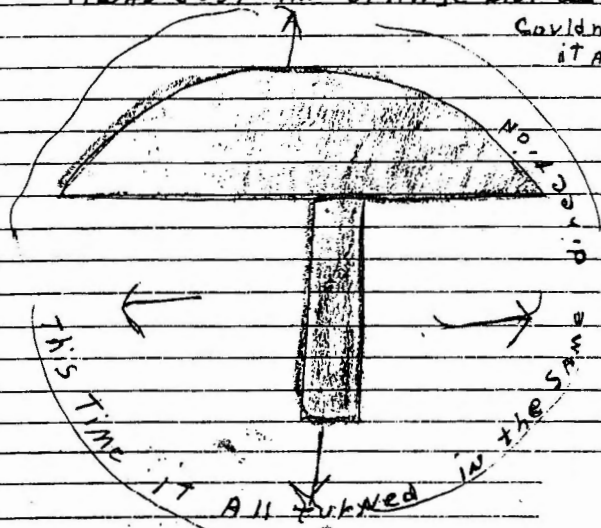
No. 5

The mushroom is left alone

IT TURNED FASTER & FASTER UNTIL

IT WAS JUST AN ORANGE BLUR AND THEN

COULDN'T SEE IT ANYMORE.



IT SAT ON THE FENCE AT THE TIME.

THE COLORS ARE LIKE THEY WERE.

THE LID WAS SHAPED LIKE A BASEBALL CAP.

THE MUSHROOM STEM IS LIKE I FIXED IT WITH THE STEM TO ONE SIDE

UFO bulletin published this:

"Orville Shanks, of Houston, was driving with his fiance and two other girls on Highway 332 about two miles north of here at about 9:30 or 9:45 p.m. when they noticed a bright object approaching at a low altitude to the left of their car. As it neared the car the motor stalled and the lights went out. In addition to the UFO itself, the witnesses noticed two lights---apparently not attached to the main object. These lights seemed to circle over the road and then move to the right, maneuvering over the field, lake, and woods. The main object followed and then it and the two lights appeared to land in the wooded area. During all this time, Shanks said, the UFO appeared to be continually changing colors or varying the intensity of its light. Shanks said that the object gave off so much light that he could not determine its shape.

"Shanks stated later that he had wanted to stay and watch, but that the girls protested, so they drove on and went swimming a few miles away as they had originally planned (The automobile lights came back on and the motor started normally as soon as the object had crossed the highway).

"About midnight they returned by the same route and, much to their surprise, saw the UFO still in the same place. This time Shanks stopped the car and told the girls he would get out and walk toward the object to see if he could determine what it might be. No sooner had he started from the car than the object began glowing brightly; the two lights reappeared; and a low but penetrating sound came from the direction of the UFO. Shanks was thoroughly frightened, and hastily retreated to the car, where he found the girls in near hysteria, mostly from the weird sound. They drove off immediately, all having the same urge---to get away as fast as possible. They then decided to report the matter to the sheriff's office and/or the Freeport police. When they returned with the officers the UFO had disappeared. Present, however, was Randy Chandler of Freeport and his girl friend, Miss Leslie Ann Fowler of Surfside, who had apparently seen the object leave. Their account seemed to support the description given by the Shanks group." (91.)

For additional information not found in the APRO publication see page 60.

? August Skiatook, Oklahoma. (2:00 p.m.)

"My God, what in the world is that?"

A car-stopping case was also reported in Oklahoma during the month of August. The person making the report could not recall the exact day:

"It was about 2 p.m., one hot August day in 1959. The temperature must have been around 104 degrees. My father had been living with my wife and me in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His own home was in Hominy, about 40 miles northwest. To get there we had to go north on Highway 11 to Skiatook and then take Highway 20 west from there. I had reached a point about 300 feet from the bridge when my car sputtered, then died completely. I had seen that there was a car across the bridge and a man

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'The Thing' Could Have Been 'Flying Saucer'

Thursday ... Who Knows?

Nobody has yet decided for sure what sort of strange object was seen late last Thursday night in the vicinity of Station KBRZ studios on Farm Road 523 near Freeport.

But plenty of persons have discussed the report, with some saying they "still believe in flying saucers" and others deriding them for their views.

Yet, law enforcement officers who were called to the scene but were unable to find any sign of strange objects landing, defended those who witnessed it by stating, for the skeptics, that "nobody had been imbibing."

First to see what they described as "a dirigible-shaped object" were Randy Chandler of West Eighth and Cedar Streets, Freeport, and his date, Miss Leslie Ann Fowler, whom he was taking home to Surfside. He said they were driving when the "long ob-

ject with rows of lights from front to rear", passed over his car and caused the motor to quit, his lights to go out and his starter to hesitate when the object passed-over. He said it passed "about 400 feet above the car", contrary to some reports that the object, itself, was 400 feet long.

Another couple from Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Shanks, coming from the beach, stopped to watch. The foursome saw the

object land in a pasture just north of State Highway 332 between Farm Road 523 and the Dow levee.

The foursome then went to the beach where Mrs. Mary Lewis was about to close "The Dutchess." They told her what they had seen and asked her and one of her waitresses, Ethel Ussery, to go back with them.

When asked how much time had elapsed from the time the four-

some first saw the object and she and Mrs. Ussery returned to the scene with them, Mrs. Lewis answered: "About 45 minutes, I would guess."

Mrs. Lewis said "it" was still there, that its lights were bluish in color and blinked intermittently. She said she did not stay and see it "take off" because she had to get Mrs. Ussery home to relieve her baby sitter.

Both refuted later statements made by various persons that what they saw could have been planes flying in tight formation.

"It was no airplane," said Mrs. Ussery emphatically. She also added that she "got very little sleep that night!"

A Velasco man was heard to remark that the roar of the object when it passed above his house awakened him and he rushed out to see what caused the strange noises.

was outside the car with the hood up as though he was having engine trouble.

"When my car came to a stop we were sitting about the center of the of the bridge. My father was looking to the north, up the creek. He said, 'My God, what in the world is that thing down there over the water?' I saw a huge round object, hovering across the middle and, from where I was sitting, looked perfectly round. There was a dome that started about three feet from the edge all around. By looking at an aluminum hat you can tell what the shape was. There was a hose or something reaching from the bottom of the machine to the water that appeared to be about six to eight inches in diameter. It looked to be a flexible metal hose.

"Dad was getting nervous, but I did not, or could not move. The car wouldn't start and I didn't want to get out. I felt safer in the car. We must have sat there for five minutes, and the more I looked, the more I felt at ease. It was as if we were watching a horse graze in a pasture, but this was much more fascinating. Dad knew that I had been reading UFO books and he said 'That looks like one of your flying saucers down there.' Then the hose started rising from the water, being drawn into the machine. Without making any sound, the object started to rise. When it was ten feet from the water it sort of glided north, leaving the water badly disturbed. It moved slowly and soundlessly. The water seemed to part until there was a ditch in the water about a foot deep...as though there was a great force blowing on the water. The machine finally rose above the tree tops and went out of sight.

"I found that my car would start after some grinding of the starter. I went on across the bridge and stopped near the other car. I told him to see if his would start. He turned the switch and the motor started right off." (92.)

14 August Puuwaawaa, Hawaii. (5:36 a.m.)

"Going like a bat out of hell." (See clipping on page 62)

Mid-August Weston, Ontario, Canada. (11:30 p.m.)

"90 degree turn."

David Shapcott had attended a movie in the town of Weston (near Toronto) and began to walk home. It was 11:30 p.m. There was no moon but plenty of stars. While walking down Maidstone Street, David noticed a bright light, much brighter than any star. The light rose upward until it was directly over Weston. The light seemed to be at a high altitude, but David could still see that it had a round shape so he assumed he was observing a solid object. The thing stopped moving for about 45 seconds, apparently hovering above Weston.

Suddenly the object shot away at a 90-degree angle from its previous course, "like a ball hit by a bat," said David. (93.)

? August Sudburg, Massachusetts. (10:30 p.m.)

Meteors? Satellites?

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'Saucer' Flits Over North Kona

HILO—A Hilo woman driving home from Kona early yesterday morning reported seeing an unusual flying object zoom across the highway near Puuwaawaa.

Betty Curtis, who conducts a variety show on a local radio station, described the object as silver-colored, oval-like with a base containing a row of lights. It emitted no sound, she said.

SHE HAD slowed down to view the sun striking the tip of Hale-

akala at 5:36 a.m. when the object appeared in the sky from between Puuwaawaa and a knoll on its kona side.

"It looked like it had just taken off," she said, "and it gathered speed as it passed overhead in front of me." She slammed on her brakes.

BY THE time she got out of her car, the object, "going like a bat out of hell," had gone seaward, then banked to the right to disappear behind the Kohala

Mountains, she said.

No more than 30 or 45 seconds had elapsed since the object was first spotted, she said.

SHE COULDN'T easily estimate its height or size, but thought the thing was about twice the size of the large military transports. She said she had a "beautiful close-up" view.

"I started crying after it was gone because I didn't have any film in the camera in the glove compartment," she

said. Mrs. Curtis had no passenger.

A FOREMAN at Puuwaawaa Ranch said none of his hands mentioned seeing the same sight.

The Hilo Airport Control tower said it had no record of flights in that area at that hour, but theorized a military jet plane flying high might have created the sight described by Mrs. Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Aiken reported to NICAP:

"The following is an attempt to give a more complete picture of the sighting than can be given on the standard form. The area of observation was a large open field and adjacent road with which my wife and I are very familiar. As the sighting occurred in a close proximity to our respective family homes and because we know the entire area it is unlikely that the UFOs could be explained away as a local phenomenon. The first sighting was of a single object passing extremely fast high across the horizon. We explained this away as a 'falling star.' The second sighting was of a multiple nature. Several objects traveling at very high velocity, higher than any object we had ever seen or for that matter could even imagine, passed horizontally across the sky directly over head and then moved away from the Earth along a vertical path. This was accomplished by a 90 degree turn without any apparent decrease in velocity. The third sighting was also a multiple observation. In this case two objects moved across the sky directly toward each other turning upward only at the last moment to avoid a head-on collision [This head-on, dare-devil stunt, I call the "Farmington maneuver" ---L.E. Gross]. The second and third sightings dispelled any thought that the objects were 'falling stars.'

"The fourth and final sighting was different than the others in that the object came much closer to the Earth's surface. I had entered my wife's home --at the time we were not married--and we had explained our sightings. When I stepped out their side door to walk to my home a much larger object passed directly overhead. Because the home itself is in a pine grove with a limited view the period of observation was much shorter than the others. The object was of the same general configuration so I assume the greater apparent size was due to its proximity to the Earth.

"All of the objects, including the larger or closer fourth object, were iridescent green in color. There also appeared to be a more intense white light emitting from the center of the objects. At no time did the objects change their spherical shapes, neither did they change their color.

"The objects, although traveling at great speed, gave off no noise. Their motion was without any apparent effort as there were no signs of any form of exhaust exiting the structure of the objects." (94.)

15 August Isle of Wight, England. (no time)

"Unscheduled objects."

A note found in CUFOS files apparently from a news service (an unidentified news service) states:

"August 15; Isle of Wight, England—A spectacular report of 'mystery satellites' was announced by the British Interplanetary Society. Eight observers at the Isle of Wight Moon watch station, while setting up some equipment, were astonished to see a series of UFOs---five in all---speed overhead on two separate tracks. Three UFOs, apparently points of light like satellites, moved south

[and were] visible for about two minutes, following almost exactly the same track. One of the north-bound UFOs was timed for about three minutes. Both tracks were at an elevation of about 35-45 degrees. Moonwatch officials said the objects did not appear to be meteors and had no explanation. A search for 'Unscheduled objects' was recommended." (95.)

Mid-August Damariscotta Lake, Maine. (night)

A circle of lights.

The NICAP bulletin carried this brief story:

"A Naval Reserve officer and his wife saw a large luminous object apparently hovering over the lake at night. The UFO was roughly spherical in form, and glowed with a pale light. A number of very bright smaller lights circled around the equator of the UFO as if it were rotating on a vertical axis. The object bobbed around erratically, but maintained the same relative position above the lake." (96.)

? August Gifford Pinchot forest, near Troutlake, Washington. (about 10:45 p.m.)

A circle of lights.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerter's first day on the job in June as smoke watchers at Troutlake was marked by an unusual occurrence. A "pale blue oval mass" was seen hovering over the lookout tower as the Doerters arrived for the beginning of the fire season. The two forest service employees were greatly puzzled but they were not quite sure they were in UFO country. A month later another "visitor" was more convincing.

Mr. Doerter does not recall the exact day, but one night in August at about 10:45 p.m., while on fire watch, his attention was drawn to a bright light in the sky in the direction of Mt. Hood. The light grew so large so fast Mr. Doerter called for his wife to come and take a look. The light was apparently approaching the lookout tower at high speed. Within seconds a solid shape could be discerned as the thing passed within one mile of the lookout tower before veering off in the direction of Mt. Adams. The object was a dark mass ringed with red and white flashing lights. The UFO was a complete circle with the lights around the perimeter. Its dimensions, as best as Mr. Doerter could determine, appeared to be in the range of 300-500 feet.

Air traffic was noting new to the Doerters but this object was something quite different. Mr. Doerter wrote in his report on the sighting: "The most frightening thing was its absolute silence." (97.)

Two UFO sightings in two months so fascinated Mr. Doerter he began to collect accounts of strange events reported by Forest Service workers, especially by fire tower lookouts. Lookouts shouldn't see UFOs. Personnel manning the towers are carefully selected. Many such people have impressive academic backgrounds and are very emotionally stable because they are required to work in isolated environments. The lookouts are also well briefed on possible visual anomalies. Still, without much effort, Mr. Doerter collected 33 UFO reports. A few told of traumatic effects when UFOs came close to lookout towers. One man hid in his sleeping bag. And in another case, the lookouts fled the tower and refused to return for two days. A third

incident described a lookout so shook up by a visitation of a ball of light he failed to report in the following morning and had to be relieved because he was unfit for duty. (98.)

Mid-August Mukawa/Moibiri Bay, Papua, New Guinea. (7:00? p.m.- 8:30 p.m.)

"The end of the world has come."

Back on August 8th Patrol Officer R.L. Smith had seen for himself the mysterious aerial body that would take up a position in the evening sky around 7 p.m. and remain stationary until about 9 p.m., when it would "go over the mountains." It was said the object had appeared from time to time for over a month. On the shores of Moibiri Bay where this UFO was more easily seen, the natives became terrified at the repeated visits by the huge thing "like fire in the sky" which was "bigger than the moon." The simple people who lived in the villages in the area thought the end of the world had come.

In mid-August Smith happened to be on the beach near the Government Rest House at Mukawa when he sighted the mystery object a second time. He was prepared to observe the UFO until it left the area. Nothing of note took place the first 30 minutes. The object stayed in one position. After a half hour the object moved around in an odd triangular pattern. This activity lasted only a short time. The object stopped its movements and became stationary again. At this point something dramatic occurred. Officer Smith states:

"At about 8:30 p.m. it descended quite rapidly, and it seemed to be over the sea in Collingwood Bay, near the mouth (probably) of the Kwagila River in Moibiri Bay. It remained in this position for about five minutes, and then it turned to an orange color, expanding rapidly until it was about the size of a florin [a coin?]. Suddenly it seemed to explode in a blood-red flash and disappeared. This process took no more than 50 seconds.

"I was astounded to see this enormous thing explode in the sky and make absolutely no sound." (99.)

When the Rev. Cruttwell heard of Officer Smith's amazing story, he suggested an explanation: "...could it [the UFO] have been some guided unmanned observation craft, which, having served its purpose, was destroyed by remote control, as we blow up our erratic rockets?" (100.)

The suggestion was nothing new. Back in 1946 the Swedish High Command came up with a similar theory about a self-destruct system to explain the "ghost rockets" explosions. A mention might also be made about something similar in regards to the 1957 Brazilian Ubatuba magnesium case.

16 August Brisbane, Australia.

"Illuminated men."

In mid-August the Rev. Cruttwell in Papua, New Guinea, forwarded Father Gill's 8 page report on the sensational encounter with some "illuminated men" to a Mr. D.H. Judge of Brisbane, Australia. In a letter accompanying the Gill material, Rev. Cruttwell expressed his astonishment with the UFO activity in Papua: "Unidentified flying objects are being seen all over the place." (101.) Mr. Judge, a member of the Queensland Flying Saucer Research

Bureau, released some of the details of the Gill sightings to the press. The story was quickly picked up by other newspapers in the region like the Sydney *Sun-Herald*. Reuters sent the story world-wide, but it didn't get a lot of attention in the United States.

Gill's story and Adamski.

The news out of New Guinea wasn't a total plus for serious UFOlogists. The reaction of American UFO researcher Norbert Gariety of Coral Gables, Florida, illustrates this quite well. Gariety could be considered a conservative in the UFO field but the Gill case seems to have affected his reasoning. Gariety wrote in his UFO bulletin:

"...I wonder how our friend Donald Keyhoe will accept this one. It's authenticated by sufficient number of witnesses, and certainly the chief witness --a Missionary and Man of God--should be above suspicion, as far as fabrication a hoax is concerned. Will Keyhoe carry this story and the others coming in a parade from below the Equator, in the next issue of the *UFO Investigator*, or will it be buried in file 13 along with other stories that smell too much of 'contactism.'

"Yet the description of the mother ship and smaller craft--men walking about on the top of the large craft, all seem to back George Adamski and his *Inside The Spaceships*. The more we learn about this the more George Adamski seems to be borne out. Or as one of my subscribers puts it, "Every time I read Adamski's books--he seems to get smarter." (102.)

17 August The state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. (night)

UFOs and power-flow interruptions.

Brazilian authorities considered the effect on electrical devices by the proximity of UFOs highly classified information. Their concern was justified on August 17th when a UFO, apparently, shut down part of the nation's power grid.

James McCampbell examined the Brazilian EM case in his book *UFOlogy*:

"On August 17, 1959, the automatic keys at the Uberlandia power station suddenly disconnected power to all four trunks. A technician at a substation 45 miles away immediately telephoned to report that all the keys at his location had been automatically disconnected as a UFO passed overhead, traveling in the direction of the generating station along the lines. The chief engineer then manually reset the keys at the main station but they all automatically turned off again. At that moment he ran outside and saw a bright object in the sky approaching at high speed, later calculated to be 1,500 mph. As soon as the UFO passed, the entire system returned to normal." (103.)

McCampbell noted:

"The critical point in this report is that operation of the relays at the substation occurred when the UFO was directly overhead. Those at the main station, clearly

out of range of influence from the UFO, detected an abnormal condition and apparently responded properly. A two-stage mechanism for this interference would involve first the induction of a surge in the lines and then corrective action by the relay. Instead, it appears that the influence of the UFO was exerted directly upon the relay itself without any intervening process. Design details of these devices assure that they would be sensitive to stray radiation. The heart of the induction-type relay is a small, circular plate of metal with a spindle rigidly attached at the center. Bearings at the ends of the spindle permit free rotation, and under normal conditions, the metallic disc is held in stationary balance by a spring acting against electromagnetic forces that are derived from the conditions on the line being monitored. In the event of an undesirable condition, rotation of the disc closes the contacts for taking corrective action. Clearly, high-frequency electromagnetic radiation from a UFO would induce eddy currents in the disc, disrupting its delicate balance and actuating a circuit breaker. Induction of stray currents could also operate a plunger-type relay that is in common use, essentially a solenoid like an electric door bell, although these devices should be more resistant to interference than the others." (104.)

18 August Pontiac, Michigan. (7:50 p.m.)

"Bonus show at the Drive-In." (See clipping on page 68)

19 August Shelton, Connecticut. (9:10 p.m.)

Satellite in trouble?

A construction crew witnessed the passage of an unusual object the evening of the 19th. A letter was sent to the Air Force which said:

"It was suggested that I write to your group explaining a strange object which was sighted over Shelton, Conn. Aug. 19th by six adults of average intelligence.

"At 9:10 p.m. EDT looking at the sky in a southeastern direction, we sighted an object moving rapidly in a northeastern direction. After viewing it for a minute or so, we came to the conclusion it was not a shooting star or jet. We thought possibly that it might have been an artificial satellite or spent cone, as it wobbled or spiraled at all times. Length of time sighted was a good three minutes until it vanished into the horizon. Its brightness and color was that of a 1st Mag. Star and orange. After it had passed overhead the color seemed to turn to a bright orange-red.

"Altitude was hard to determine, but comparing to the stars it seemed to be among them.

"Sketch of what it looked like in motion." (See below) (105.)



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Give Bonus Show at Drive-In

Flying Discs Seen in Area

Two yellow discs hovered over the horizon and streaked across the sky leaving a flaming trail of red and pink vapor.

Reports of sightings of the unidentified flying objects came from all over the Pontiac area. Witnesses say the objects first appeared at about 7:50 p.m. last night and continued their "eerie performance with a purpose" for about 20 minutes before vanishing.

There is no telling how many saw it, but Wanda Bierl, 405 Linda Vista Dr., was "enthralled" with all the others at the Waterford Drive-In Movie last night.

When it was over, she turned to her husband, Kenneth, and "in seriousness, because I was scared to death to mention it" asked him, "Do you think we could have seen what is termed a flying saucer?"

Here is Mrs. Bierl's account of what she saw.

"We were sitting in the car wait-

ing for the show to begin while our three children were at the drive-in playground up front. It wasn't quite dark yet and suddenly my husband told me to look at those two things in the lower horizon.

"We saw the people in other cars watching, too, and some got out of their cars to look.

"There were two yellow discs in the sky, not in the heavens, but in our own atmosphere. The two objects faced each other, and for about eight minutes they stood perfectly still, except that when you looked at them very closely they looked like they were drifting with the wind and moving slightly.

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"They moved separately and of their own accord. There wasn't a cloud in the sky and I couldn't find the moon.

"For about the next three minutes one moved higher than the

other and they stood there drifting in place.

"All of a sudden the lower one took off in a straight upward movement and became a very thin disc with a long yellow tail with a bit of red in it making it look like a fire streak.

"Then, 30 seconds later, the second one moved up and over and down in a perfect arc, leaving a yellow trail behind it.

"It disappeared completely while the first disc continued to go straight up, then leveled off and began flying perfectly straight for about three minutes, trailing to the right with a stream of yellowish, reddish vapor that faded to pink as it disappeared.

"As the first one faded, the second flying object came back into view and looked like it was coming straight at us, right under the other one which reappeared again. They both arched together, like they were making a big U-turn and streaked away for the last time.

"The objects had very distinct lines, except when they moved in a blurred flight. They were very distinct in their movements, not like something just falling to earth. We were agog. It was unbelievable.

"There was a human intelligence about the whole thing . . . or super-human!"

The pictures that played last night at the drive-in movie on Elizabeth Lake road and Scott Lake road were "Alias Jesse James" and "All Mine to Give."

Local observatories and police could give no explanation for last night's occurrence.

27 August Yakima, Wenatchee, and Bremerton, Washington. (8:45 p.m.)

Confusion in the Pacific Northwest. (See clipping on page 70)

27 August Off Prince Rupert, British Columbia. (night)

Meteor? Any connection with the activity in Washington? (See clipping on page 70)

31 August Near Hammerfest, Norway. (no time)

Mystery cylinder. (See clipping on page 70)

31 August Barstow, California. (about 9:30 a.m.)

"A funny feeling." Huge discs over Bartow.

The *APRO Bulletin* printed:

"Charles Hamilton and Felix Torres, out practicing on the Police Pistol Range between 9 and 10 a.m., observed four huge, brilliant disc-shaped objects. They were watching a high flying jet north of the range which left a contrail and made a made a sonic boom, and as they watched they noticed four objects to the northwest flying in a vertical diamond pattern with one object above, one underneath and one to each side. They appeared to be of an elongated oval shape as they approached. Over the first range of mountains near Camp Irwin Road's first summit, the four object abruptly changed course at almost right angles and swiftly disappeared. 'They were huge,' said Hamilton, 'and it would take almost a city block to sit one down, judging from their appearance. They gave off a brilliant reflection and seemed to almost sparkle. As they turned, I could notice the disc shape and the under surface seemed to be a series of concentric rings one of which, toward the center, was a dark circle---it was strange and gave us a 'funny feeling.'

"Torres said the object moved at tremendous speeds and 'sparkled like bright glass.' Both men were in agreement on all major details of the sighting and were hesitant in telling their story because of the 'ribbing' they might get." (106.)

? August Moscow, Russia. (no time)

"Atmospheric disturbances & optical illusions.

A brief note from behind the Iron Curtain informs us:

"The radar system at the Vnukovo-Moscow civil airport records three saucer-shaped objects near the town at about 800 m. The Air Force sends up planes after them but they are unable to make contact. Officially it is said that atmospheric disturbances are the cause of the optical illusions." (107.)

14—Fri., August 28, 1959 THE WENATCHEE DAILY WORLD

Moving Mystery Lights Sighted In Local Skies

An East Wenatchee man and two Daily World newsmen stood under a clear, starry sky Thursday night and watched the mysterious light which has aroused Yakima and Bremerton residents sweep across the horizon.

Estel Elmer, Old Rock Island Road, told the Daily World that he had been observing for about a month the same lights reported Thursday by the Associated Press. It appeared again, right on schedule, about 8:45 p.m. Thursday. — A-3 27

The single light, yellowish white in color, appeared in the eastern sky, sped rapidly to the west and disappeared. At times, Elmer said, there are two lights. Once there were three.

The light which gleamed steadily in its path over Wheeler Hill, began blinking rapidly as it grew smaller in the distance.

Elmer said he and his wife and several neighbors have observed the object each night from their lawn. It has become so common place, in fact, that Elmer has stopped watching it regularly.

He said he called the Daily World only after seeing the report in Thursday's paper.

A newsmen and a photographer waited with Elmer Thursday night, however, and confirmed his report.

Elmer has not been alone in his sightings over the Wenatchee area although other persons have been more reluctant to make their findings public.

Chelan County Deputy Sheriff Darwin Townsend said a school teacher in the Sunnyslope area described strange lights in the skies but Townsend said he felt these objects were conventional aircraft flying so high they were catching reflections from the setting sun although it was dark here.

Another deputy, Clyde Mikelson, said he had received a report from a Cashmere boy of a similar sight.

A Cashmere housewife, who asked that her name not be

used, told the Daily World Friday that she, her husband, and several neighbors have observed the lights. She, like Elmer, said there were some times three lights.

She added the first color note in the sightings around Wenatchee, however. Red, orange and white were the hues her family noted.

At times there were eight persons at Cashmere watching the strange objects, which usually flew from east to west but were observed once going from west to east.

The group also saw the lights fly straight up and hover before continuing on course.

The group also remembered seeing them about an hour after the big earthquake in the North Central Washington area. The last sighting was Tuesday.

The Federal Aviation Agency offices in Ellensburg and Ephrata told the Daily World Thursday night that they had no records of planes in the area of the sightings at the time. West Coast Airlines at Pangborn Field said a flight had taken off near that time but it headed in the opposite direction.

The Associated Press reported the Air Force had also disowned the lights.

Reports Eerie Sight

SEATTLE (A.P.) — Stranger sights than the northern lights were seen off Prince Rupert, B. C., August 27 by a couple of ship captains homeward bound from Alaska, one of them reported today.

A pillar of blinding light plunged straight downward from the night sky, said Capt. Otis D. Treiber of the cruise yacht Sea Otter. It appeared just as the watch was about to change, he said, and Capt. Arne Monson was beside him in the pilot house.

The greenish-yellow light faded, continued Capt. Treiber, and from its base "a black disc about a fourth the size of the moon" hurtled away at right angles.

"It was as if gravity had repelled the object," he said. "It was lighted in front by a crescent shaped greenish light. There were yellow streamers of light extending back from the disc."

The sight lasted 10 to 15 seconds.

Ketchikan Daily News.

Ketchikan, Alaska
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SIGHT UFO - Aug. 31

HAMMERFEST, Norway (CP) A mysterious object—silent, cylindrical and about 10 feet in diameter—hovered Monday above the bows of the Norwegian vessel Aida near here, Capt. Kaara Eakariassen reported to Hammerfest radio today. The captain, who was alone on board at the time, said the object remained for five minutes before rising rapidly out of sight.

? August A discussion with a Russian.

A George Van Hecke of Westfield, New Jersey, wrote Norbert Gariety about an encounter with a Russian aeronautical expert:

"I recently visited the Russian Exhibit of Science and Technology in New York City. I spent so much time in the Space Tech area that inevitably one of the Russian guides came over and joined my two colleagues and myself. He described himself as an aeronautical engineer and during our conversation, the subject of UFO's came up.

"I had expected the usual derisive [sic] smile but instead, was amazed by a serious discussion of why the Reds believe that we are responsible for the strange things in Russian skies. (An admission of UFO manifestation[s] in the Soviet). When my friends convinced our Russian that my interest in UFO's was mostly serious, he covered his ideas, and the general consensus of people with whom he had talked concerning UFO. The general theme went as follows: Russia feels that UFO's are some sort of super spy devised by us. They feel that their bases, etc., are under surveillance, but to cover up this invasion of Soviet Air space, our official policies deny the existence of UFO's.

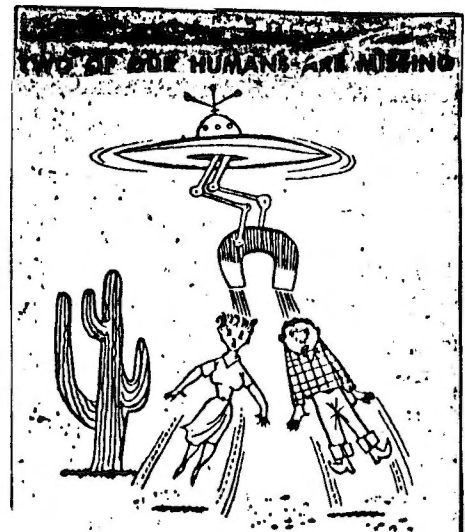
"For the next two hours, in a lounge area, I talked with this man, finally taking him to Inspiration House and buying for him Ruppelt's report on Project BLUE BOOK, and Jessup's *Case for the UFO*, which he promised to take back to his colleagues for analysis. I know he was not convinced, probably feeling that I was as gullible as anyone else in the field. I did labor out of him an implied ideas that the UFO are most active in areas of electrical or atomic development, etc. That they are numerous in Siberian areas, that they must be unmanned because of their speed and maneuverability. Also that they are probably electronically controlled from our fleets in the Mediterranean or from Japan, along with a good deal of nonsense that argumentation could not supplant. It wound up an impasse as far as convincing proof, but it is nonetheless curious." (108.)

? August "Two of our humans are missing."

This news clipping/cartoon was found among items dated "August 1959." Also, the date: "August 1959" is typed across the top of the clipping. The identity of the newspaper of origin is not given. (See clipping right)

3 September Ballston Lake, New York. (night)

"It kept going away and coming back." (See clipping on page 72)



About that story on Cadet Richard Cox you ran not long ago: We had a similar case here in Yuma about four or five years ago when a couple vanished from the middle of the desert without leaving any trace after the light plane in which they were flying ran out of gas. It happened in the middle of a hot, dry summer, with nothing in sight for miles. I've lived all my life in Arizona and I believe that a flying saucer invaded the desert area and picked

4 September. Near Petaluma, California. (afternoon)

"Made me so mad."

A Mr. Allen of San Francisco wasn't too happy with the Air Force's UFO expert. Writing to NICAP, Mr. Allen introduced his sighting report with this:

"I have just finished reading a book entitled, *Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force*, by Lt. Col. L.J. Tacker. Chapter six entitled 'Listen to the Experts' made me so mad I decided to write to you of my own particular experience of two years ago. If one cannot tell the difference between a ping pong paddle and a grapefruit without having a Doctorate in Physical Education and/or Agricultural Studies, this world is in a sorry mess. The word layman is a stigma attached to anyone with a different point of view from the speaker. Following is an account of what I, my wife, and small daughter saw on our trip to the Russian River Resort Area." (109.)

His report:

"Time: Friday [September 4th] before Labor Day (1959) in the afternoon.

"Climate: Dull, Overcast, with dark clouds.

"Location: On the freeway outside of Petaluma, California, approximately 20 miles from Hamilton Air Force Base.

"Story:

"My family and I were traveling to the cabin for the three day holiday. We were disgruntled because of the adverse weather and were looking thru the windshield hoping to see some blue patches of sky. I suddenly noticed what I thought was sky writing. Thinking what a waste of money for advertising on a day like this. I tried to make out words and see the plane. Following the rather rope-like (sort of twisted like a hawser) white material I saw a very large object drift down and settle in an almost perfect 45 degree angle. Once in place there was no further motion or omission of this white exhaust. If it had not been for the exhaust we would probably never spotted this thing because it settled [eventually?] behind a dark cloud. However once seen it was very clear and distinct being of such magnitude and symmetry. There were no windows, gondola, fins, etc., but there did appear to be somewhat of a faint ribbed effect. It was shaped like a panatella cigar and of (to this layman) beautiful proportions and lines unlike anything I have ever

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Flying Saucer Reported Over Ballston Lake

We're off again—a report of the first flying saucer to be spotted in this area in quite a spell drifted into the Gazette office last night.

No little men in green (or any other color for that matter) invaded Ballston Lake last night, but residents were "dazzled" for about 15 minutes by a large object which lighted an area of the northern sky about 10 feet in diameter.

Ernest Root of Ballston Lake said that the saucer would trace a circular motion, stop for a minute, and then shoot off in one direction "faster than a jet ever thought of going."

Root, who said he used to work in the aviation field, said the saucer appeared to be about 30,000 feet off the ground. The object was yellow in color, had a flame of light around its circumference and emitted a bright glow at one point that resembled a jetstream.

"It kept going away and coming back," he said. Root commented that he wasn't the only observer of the strange object. His family and the Carpenter and Hey families were also out in their yards watching the display, he said. "It left just as abruptly as it appeared."

seen. There were no lights or noise. The color was a dull silver. I called my family's attention to the object and we looked at the object for a good ten minutes having slowed down to approximately 30 miles per hour. The thing did not move within that time but rather seemed intent on watching the traffic below. There was nothing exciting or sinister about the object so we kept on going." (110.)

4?/5? September Glasgow, Illinois. (between 10 and 11:00 p.m.)

Flight pattern filled with variations.

In a letter written by a Miss Nancy Holdane is this account of something she and her family witnessed during a clear September evening:

"Their flight pattern was filled with variations. When I first saw them [white lights, brighter than the stars] they were flying southeast and in a 'V' shaped figure. They then broke away and each flew separately directly out straight from their position in the pattern. [She made some dots in her letter to illustrate the "V" shape formation mention in the first sentence. The dots are reproduced below and to the left. My interpretation of the formation break up is shown below and to the right—Loren Gross]

"V" shaped figure.



"They were very erratic for a few minutes and turned sharp angles, switched directions and suddenly went into their formation [the same one?] but immediately went the opposite direction or northwest. After about a half... [? page cut off] they flew very rapidly out of sight." (111.)

5 September Naha Air Base, Okinawa.

Two rows changing into a V-formation.

Nine military men stationed at Naha Air Base observed some round, flare-like objects, with a tail similar to short contrail. The objects were white in color and the size of a U.S. five cent piece held at arm's length. The objects appeared at about 10 degrees above the horizon and traveled south to north, moving in two rows of three abreast and then changing to a 'V' of five. They then disappeared one at a time until only one remained.

Two more military witnesses a mile from the intersection of Highway 24 and Highway 16 said they saw the objects came into view flying on a level course north to south, but shortly after passing nearly overhead, the objects began a rapid climb nearly straight up out of sight. The lead object climbed five seconds before number two. All eyewitnesses were radar operators assigned to the 313rd Air Division. (112.)

5 September. "Ice saucers."

An article in the September 5th issue of the *Saturday Review* by Donald Robey suggested that

ice cometoids enter the earth's atmosphere and undergo ablation through spinning and melting until they take on saucer-like forms. These "ice saucers" might explain some UFO reports according to Robey. (113.)

When Donald Keyhoe and Richard Hall at NICAP heard about the idea they thought it was silly. Apparently many others thought so too because no one paid attention, with one exception. The semi-official magazine *Air Force* reprinted the article. The theory was so feeble, however, even Major Tacker eventually had to admit Robey's "ice saucers" were not being seriously considered. (114.)

7 September Lexington, Kentucky. (night?)

Made a 70 degree dive and then hovered.

An ex-Air Force pilot with a command rating and over 4,000 hours flying time observed round glowing objects in the sky some 10-15 miles north of his home in Lexington. He was unable to determine the size of the objects. No exhaust was seen, or noise heard. Up to five objects were visible at one time. For 25 minutes the witness watched the mystery objects maneuver: "All objects would fade and grow in magnitude, travel East and West and back, make sharp changes in directions, and speed up to several thousands of miles per hour." (115.) On one occasion one of the objects: "...hovered at 15,000 feet, and then made a 70 degree dive to 5,000 feet and hovered." (116.)

7 September Wallingsford, Kentucky. (about 2:30 a.m.)

Ground trace case. The Ogden story.

Adding some interest to the Lexington sighting was a possible connection with our next incident.

Walter E. Ogden, a 64-year-old rural mail carrier, lived in Wallingsford, an unincorporated community near the town of Cynthiana. Mr. Ogden was a man of excellent reputation. Friends, neighbors and townspeople considered the popular postal worker honest, sincere, and reliable. (117.)

About 2:00 a.m. Monday morning, September 7th, Mr. Ogden suffered a mild asthma attack. Choking, he got out of bed and went outside to get some fresh air. The weather was muggy and warm. Near the back door was an old cistern covered with wood. Half awake, Mr. Ogden sat down and leaned against the well top to get comfortable. He may have dozed off for a minute but wasn't sure when asked about it later. The view from the rear of Mr. Ogden's home extends beyond the backyard. Bert Hamm's farm was visible, and on that property is a pasture in a small valley surrounded in part by high hills covered by trees.

Without warning a bright light made Mr. Ogden open his eyes. About 40 feet above the trees in the direction of the pasture, was a glowing, "pumpkin-shaped" object with no superstructure. (118.) The thing was hovering. Questioned about the object's appearance, Mr. Ogden said the thing was a: "...sort of grayish color, only all around this thing, which had a funny shape, there was a bluish light, as if the thing were giving it off. I remember I could plainly see fences, bushes, and so on within a few hundred feet of it, so it must have been giving off quite a bit of light." (119.) Investigators learned the glow seemed phosphorescent: "Tree tops could be seen 150 feet away by the light given off by the object. The light was such that it did not bother

Ogden's eyes. It was described as being like a light given off by a radium dial on a watch or clock." (120.) For a minute or so, Mr. Ogden stared at the object as it remained parked in the air. And then something happened: "All of a sudden a blaze of fire of a bluish nature streaked from the bottom of it and the thing rose about 500 feet." (121.) Moreover: "The object left in its place above the trees a perfectly formed [blue] smoke ring, apparently formed by the sudden acceleration, and which remained for minutes and then disintegrated." (122.) When the object reached 500 feet, it zoomed away horizontally. As Mr. Ogden described it, the thing: "...moved toward the east so fast it was out of sight in the 'snap of a finger.'" (123.) And it: "...made no noise except a sort of 'poof'-- like gunpowder ignited in the open." (124.) Finally: "Upon leaving, the object assumed a brilliant blue illumination." (125.)

Later that morning when Mr. Ogden was up and around in the light of day, he told friends and neighbors about his experience but no one took him seriously. He became the butt of friendly jokes. (126.)

The rest of the Wallingsford story would be played out beginning September 13th.

11 September Ward Kimball interview.

"Let's kill the flying saucer stories."

A director of TV productions for Walt Disney, Ward Kimball, was known to have an interest in UFOs. While working on films for the Disney Company that dealt with space, Mr. Kimball had met reputable airline pilots and rocket scientists who had seen objects they could not explain. And some of his friends, whose judgement he respected very highly, had also "seen things."

When Mr. Kimball did a charity gig (his hobby was playing in a band) for the Ventura Assistance League on September 11th, a local UFO organization approached him for an interview. Probably the best part of the interview concerned a southern California newspaper:

"Kimball told the story of the now-defunct *Los Angeles Daily News*, which was at first very good about publishing UFO reports.

"I have a friend who worked on the newspaper—he now works on the *Los Angeles Mirror*—and he said that when they started publishing the UFO reports that came in on the teletype, their PX board was so swamped by calls from people wanting to know more about them that they became a nuisance, and consequently the managing editor said, 'Let's kill the flying saucer stories, because every time we run something, our telephone lines are jammed and the boys can't even call their wives; they have to go down to a phone booth.'"

"And it became a real nuisance," Kimball continued, "especially because most of the reports, if they involved investigations of jet pilots from the Air Force, there was an immediate blackout of additional information, and the newspaper was subsequently unable to follow up with any explanation. They were more or less standing there, as you might say, with 'egg on their face.' Even though UFO reports still came in on the teletype as much as ever, they were forced to cut out publishing them." (127.)

12 September Norris' letter to authorities about Rev. Gill.

If we can bring ourselves to believe Australian authorities were that lax, it was through the efforts of a civilian UFO group, the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society, that the Directorate of Australian Air Force Intelligence learned about the spectacular UFO sightings at the Boinanai Mission. Mr. Peter Norris, the President of the Victorian organization, wrote a letter to Canberra on September 12th that read:

"Dear Sir,

My Society has been undertaking investigations into the alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects reported by the Rev. W.B. Gill of Boinanai Anglican Mission, Papua, New Guinea.

"Since Father Gill and his many witnesses reported exchanging signals with humanoid beings aboard the object, these sightings, once established as authentic, appear to furnish the much-coveted proof that the UFOs are intelligently guided machines.

"Accordingly, I respectfully submit your Department the following questions, trusting that you will see fit to assist us in our inquiries:

"1. Has the Department initiated inquiries into Father Gill's claims? If so, has any conclusion been reached as to the veracity and accuracy of these witnesses?

"2. If the reports are regarded as genuine, has the Department arrived at any conclusions as to the nature and origin of the objects described therein?

"3. If the Department has not, in fact, investigated the reports, is the Department satisfied that these incidents do not constitute the infringement of Australian territorial jurisdiction by aircraft emanating from an alien earth nation?

Yours truly,

(signed) Peter E. Norris, LL.B.

Hon. Pres., Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society." (128.)

13 September Wernher Von Braun.

"Seven Mysteries of Space."

The dawn of the Space Age produced such a flood of mail to the desk of the Army's top rocket scientist, he made arrangements with the editors of the weekly newspaper supplement *This Week* to publish answers to the seven most asked questions. The one that interests us, of course, is: "What is your opinion of UFOs?" Braun's reply, although reflecting the official position on UFOs, is better than anything to come out of Major Tacker's office:

"During the last 10 years, official U.S. investigators have tabulated about 6,000 sightings. They could account for all but two per cent.

"I cannot account for that mysterious two per cent, either [at least it called it "mysterious."] But a lifetime spent with the testing of guided missiles has taught me to be extremely careful with eye-witness accounts of the behavior of flying objects. Of three experienced observers questioned after a rocket-launching mishap, one would swear that he clearly saw a part coming off before the rocket faltered; a second would deny this but claim that the missile oscillated violently before it veered off the course. A third one saw neither a part coming

off, nor an oscillation, nor any veering off the course, but would insist that the rocket was flying perfectly steady until it was abruptly ripped apart by an internal explosion.

"Such contradictions are the rule rather than the exception. And yet we are dealing here with experienced observers who not only had seen many firings before, but who had the great advantage of being mentally prepared for the imminent test.

"To those who, either through personal observations or through hearsay, still insist that objects of extra-terrestrial origin are roaming through our atmosphere, I can only say that I have never seen such objects and cannot believe in their existence until I do." (129.)

13 September Wallingsford, Kentucky.

The official investigation.

On Sunday, September 13th, Ogden's next door neighbor, W.F. Lee, had a family reunion. Mixing with the crowd was the "saucer-sighter." According to Ogden:

"...while we were eating a picnic lunch several people were kidding me about the flying saucer. A group of young fellows decided to go up into the field and look where it had been. When they reached the spot they yelled for the rest to come up there. We did, and there was a large circle burned right into the ground.

"The circle was 12 feet, three inches in diameter. Not everything had been burned, only a narrow ring nine inches wide leaving the center normal in appearance." (130.)

Someone at the reunion phoned the Kentucky State Police. Sometime after that State Troopers arrived. The officer in charge seems to have been Trooper Kenneth Eggem. (131.) Some interesting comments have been attributed the State Police by the APRO investigator:

"Upon observing the location of the UFO's hovering, they questioned Mr. Ogden as to why he had not reported it and informed him that they had standing orders to report such incidents to Air Force Intelligence immediately. Mr. Ogden sat in the State Patrol car while they radioed headquarters [in the city of Morehead] and were put through to Wright-Patterson Airfield in Dayton, Ohio, which in turn ordered the Air Force agents to Ogden's home." (132.)

Meanwhile, Sheriff Bob Stokely and some of his deputies reached the scene and patrolled the area. (133.)

14th September The FBI, the Air Force, and the Army show up.

There is some confusion over who investigated officially and when they arrived. It seems that the Sheriff had something to do with the appearance of the FBI:

"Sheriff R.L. Stokely stated that FBI Agent Joseph Mooney, Resident Agent

at Cynthiana, Kentucky, interviewed the sheriff at the latter's office a day or two after 'authorities' were notified. Mooney did not go to the site but advised Stokeley to call a number in Louisville, which he did. Two men then went to the site, where they took soil samples, photographs and measurements and made tests for radioactivity. They identified themselves to Stokeley as Stark from Lexington, and Thomas from Louisville..." (134.)

Who were these two men? Mr. Ova J. Gulley, who lived directly across the road from Ogden, was certain that at least one person who took pictures of the site was a U.S. Air Force investigator (135.) A story in the *Fulton Leader* said: "The Army officials who visited the scene Monday questioned Mr. Ogden and others concerning the incident and took extensive pictures and measurements. (136.) An APRO investigator mentions "two AF agents and several other people." (137.) The APRO man tells it like this:

"Two AF agents arrived, giving their names as Mr. Thomas from Louisville and Mr. Stark from Lexington (the photographer), as well as several other people of whom Mr. Ogden was told was an FBI agent [agent(s)? None of the accounts mention uniforms]. They requested the County Sheriff to have the area roped off and guards stationed around the perimeter. The agents had a Polaroid Land camera and a Speed Graphic [a much superior camera] with which they proceeded to take pictures from all angles. They built a small fire and with the Polaroid they took a picture, passed it around and then burned it. The number of pictures taken with the Polaroid is not known, but amounted to more than one roll. Pictures taken with the Speed Graphic were kept. Witnesses and APRO's investigator suggested the Polaroid was used to determine correct angles for areas and other places. The surrounding area was thoroughly searched but apparently nothing additional was found," (138.)

Lowell Denton, editor of the *Flemingsburg Gazette*, was less certain than Mr. Gully the photographer was Air Force. He published that the official investigators included: "...an FBI agent and an AF or Army photographer from Lexington..." (139.)

The Wallingsford case file in Air Force BLUE BOOK records was prepared by an Army outfit, "Region V, 109th CIC Group, Louisville, Kentucky." (140.) The report was on loan but the loan was rescinded and the material apparently became a permanent part of BLUE BOOK. (141.) Its possible no Air Force people were ever at Wallingsford.

"Told to get out."

This information about the Army is interesting in light of what NICAP investigator William Leet told Keyhoe:

"One of the Lexington FBI agents told me this Morning [29 October 59] that his office made a preliminary report to FBI Headquarters on the Sept 7th Wallingsford sighting and was told that the FBI has no jurisdiction in such cases, exclusive jurisdiction being in the OSI at Wright-Patterson; that the CIC sent in a man on this sighting and he was 'told to get out.'" (142.)

Gray Barker asked Ogden if he was questioned. The Postal worker replied: "For two solid hours, just like Philadelphia lawyers. I have never been through such a cross-questioning in my life." (143.)

The "ring hoax."

What attracted a lot of attention was the smell. The *Fulton Leader* published a: "...very peculiar odor resembling gas and toxic fumes." (144.) The APRO investigator described it this way: "A very strong odor resembling that of sulfur." (145.) Mr. Ogden liken it to "gasoline." (146.) Ogden's son-in-law, Charles Faulconer, said it reminded him of "fuel oil." (147.) The Army CIC report in BLUE BOOK files said the burned area: "...smelled of a fuel product similar to kerosene." (148.)

Apparently it was the *smell* of some conventional inflammable liquid that made the Air Force evaluate the whole case a hoax. Unfortunately, although soil samples were taken, no mention was made of any test to confirm the presence of a fuel product!

Mr. Lowell Denton, publisher of the *Fleming Gazette*, told the NICAP investigator over the phone he: "...did not notice any [smell] when one of them [official investigators] held a sample of soil under his nose." (149.) Moreover, Mr. Denton mentions an observation of the site on, or about, the 13th of September. The impression is that he made a personal visit:

"...the pasture in which this existed was mostly in weeds and wild grass—very little Bluegrass—and that the burned ring was not black and charred, as though caused by a grass fire, but was burned only brown, the way a weed killer might leave it..." (150.)

During a trip to Wallingford in November Leet was shown the ring site by Mr. Ogden. Leet wrote:

"He showed me a crimson band on the pine trees about 30 yards from the ring. The band is about 25 yards long and about *4 feet deep* [My emphasis-- L. Gross] It is horizontal and not parallel with the ground, which slopes. If it is a prank it would have been very hard to accomplish." (151.)

NICAP investigator Leet has even more to add. Early in 1960 he and an engineer named Pat made a second trip to Wallingford to take a look at the site. Leet wrote Richard Hall:

"Your letter of January 28th with the information that ATIC considers the Wallingford case a hoax, is very interesting. Pat Riddle and I went over there again last Sunday and surveyed the area again as his notes on the previous survey disappeared. The ring is a definite depression in the soil about 1-1 1/2 inches deep which has been noticeable to Pat all along, and which could not have been caused by the burning of fuel oil or gasoline." (152.)

There is also the possibility we have two events here. One could be Ogden's sighting, and the other a "ring hoax."

Wallingford and Socorro.

One thing that suggests Ogden may have been telling the truth was how he describes the object's departure. Here is the Army CIC version, which is like the press accounts, but has something to say about long the flame was seen: "The object rose perpendicular to the ground at a tremendous speed to a height of 400 to 500 feet. The *flame went out* [My emphasis -L. Gross] and the object traveled horizontally to the ground in an easterly direction out of sight." (153.)

Was this thing rocket propelled or not?

Compare Ogden's sighting to the famous April 24, 1964, Socorro, New Mexico, report. The Socorro object rose straight up on blue flames, the flames cut out, and then the object zoomed away very fast horizontally. (154.)

15 September. Trenton, Ohio. (7:00 p.m.)

Hovering disc?

This is a quote from a NICAP bulletin:

"Trenton, Ohio—A disc-shaped UFO which hovered over northeastern Delaware county for nearly two hours after 7:00 p.m. was seen by several residents. Ray Wright, South Condit, observed the UFO through binoculars at 7:00 p.m. and reported it to the sheriff's office. He described it as round and flat with two lights and a dark space in between. Alerted by Wright, a group gathered to watch. All said the lights blinked out each time a plane passed nearby, then came back on again." (155.)

17 September. Rochester, Michigan. (2:45 p.m.)

Circling disc. (See clipping right)

19 September. Sydney, Australia.

"I saw men in a flying saucer."

Father Gill had left New Guinea and was now in Australia. It was very important to have the Anglican missionary tell his story in person if the fantastic events at the Boianai were to gain any credence. Only he could supply the many details missing in news accounts and correct any errors in circulation. But most all, it was Gill the man that carried the day. Everyone that interviewed the missionary was very impressed by his sincerity, powers of observation, and note taking.

20 September. Jakarta, Indonesia. (2:00 a.m.)

"We were scared."

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Flying Saucer Is Seen Over Rochester

Derrel Morehead, 339 Parkdale, reported having seen a "flying saucer" above Rochester last Thursday at 2:45 p.m.

Morehead said he was walking east on University Drive near Pine when he sighted the object just below cloud level.

It was quite small, he said, about the diameter of a helicopter propeller, and disc shaped. The color was silver, except that the underside was reddish as if heated.

While he was watching it, it moved constantly in a circle, and several times was obscured by the lower edge of the cloud bank.

Morehouse said he did not see what became of it, and that he simply lost sight of it as he was walking toward the business district.

A report from the Indonesian military:

"...at 2 a.m. an Air Force patrol witnessed a UFO over the city of Jakarta. M/Sgt., now Chief Warrant Officer, Abdul Hakim told me [See footnote #156.]: 'We were driving westward on Sultan Agung Street when I first noticed an object to the fore and the left of us. At first I thought it to be an aircraft because it hovered and was shaped like a disc. I and the other patrol members did not have time to watch it however, because all of a sudden the object radiated an immense brightness as if it were exploding. Without a sound, the object accelerated straight into a northwesterly direction. The neon-like light was so bright that it literally lit up the sky, telephone poles and then cast a shadow on the ground. Frankly speaking, we were scared when the object suddenly lit up because we really thought it was going to explode.'" (156.)

21 September. Portsmouth, Virginia. (about 5:30 p.m.)

"Do you see what I see in the sky?"

According to a press account:

"Three school girls en route from a nearby store, claimed Monday that they saw a brightly-hued object in the sky that appeared to move downward, slowed, then sped upward, out of local range.

"The girls, Jean Yen, 12, a Harry Hunt Junior High student, Reva, 8, and June, 10, her sister, both of Briggs Elementary School, live at 704 Washington St.

"They agreed that Jean was the first to spot the object. They also confirmed her description of it. Jean said it appeared to be round until, as it dropped downward, it slowed its 'spinning,' then it was cigar-shaped.

"She described it as a 'real bright silver when it was spinning slowly but, as it soun upward and gained speed, it turned red as fire.

"Jean said she nudged June and said, 'Do you see what I see in the sky?' June then pointed the object out to Reva.

"The girls said they had gone to the store for some milk and were walking eastward down County street, toward Washington. They were only a block from home.

"An older sister, Genevieve Holderby, 20, said she had gone to the front porch at approximately 5:30 p.m. to see if the girls were in sight. 'I saw a sudden bright red glow in the sky. As I looked upward the light or glow disappeared,' she said.

"A few minutes later, she added, the sisters came around the corner and told what they claimed to have seen." (157.)

24 September. Redmond, Oregon. (about 4:00 a.m. to 7:29 a.m.)

Radar/visual case?

The Air Force considers this case to be two separate incidents. The first incident took place at the city of Redmond, Oregon, which is about 150 miles southeast of Portland. The most detailed account of the "visual" incident is the interview of officer Robert Dickerson of the Redmond police department by Dr. James McDonald. The questioning took place in 1966. (158.) Writing to Richard Hall, Dr. McDonald says:

"I asked him to describe the episode as he now recalled it. He said he'd never seen anything at all like it, before or since, and isn't sure he'd report it to anyone if he did see another! He was working the 'graveyard shift,' before dawn, and was driving east on the highway to Princeville (Hwy. 126, he said). Suddenly he saw what, at first, he took to be a 'falling star.' He thought it was going to go all the way to the horizon, but it stopped instantaneously, at a point which he estimates at perhaps 200 feet above the ground, at a distance he puts at not over ¼ mile. It illuminated all the juniper trees and the ground, and looked like a glowing object rather larger than an airliner. Longer across than it was high, but he saw no structure, just a uniform bright glow, comparable to a mercury-vapor light, he stated. When it stopped in this abrupt manner, he did not know whether to run, or what to do, he said with a chuckle. But he stayed, and it was stationary for perhaps a few minutes, as nearly as he could now recall. Then the light went out, and he saw it climb off eastward at an angle, giving off a dull red glow and looking more like a red streak at this time. Since he was heading east and it went off to the east, he decided to drive out to the airport and see if he could find anyone there who had seen it and see if he could get any information out of them." (159.)

When Officer Dickerson arrived at Roberts field, he went to the air traffic communication station which was upstairs in the administration building. According to the Redmond station log Dickerson reported in at 1259Z or 4:59 a.m. (160.) McDonald continues:

"FAA employee Laverne Wertz was on duty and Dickerson got him outside and the two watched with binoculars. At that juncture it was just a glowing white light, oval, with longer axis horizontal. It lay off to their east. It made small oscillations, but did not change its general location. There seemed, he said, to be something like 'heat radiation waves' emanating from it. He puts its range at perhaps 7-8 miles then, but said this was a guess influenced by subsequent reports that its brightness awakened several persons in the town of Powell Butte, which lies at that 7-8 mile distance. They watched it for about 30 minutes, then he decided to drive towards Powell Butte to get a better view of it. Before he left, Wertz contacted Seattle FAA ARTC radar and they said it was showing on their radar. A request to scramble USAF jets originated somewhere, Dickerson doesn't know where." (161.)

The Redmond FAA log states Seattle ARTC was contacted at 1310Z or 5:10 a.m. This is interesting because the Seattle log says the Redmond station contacted them at 1400Z or 6:00 a.m. (162.) Even more interesting is an Air Force document that states two F-102s were scrambled from Portland International Airport to identify an unknown flying object at 1300Z

or 5:00 a.m. That would mean the jets took off ten minutes before Redmond reported in!? The same Air Force document states the jets were turned over to the control of Mt. Hebo radar site at 1311Z or 5:11 a.m. If these times have any meaning, it would seem the scramble was for a radar return and not the visual report from Redmond. In any case, the jets got to Redmond quite fast. According to the Redmond FAA log, observers (Wertz and someone else? Mr. Davis?) saw the UFO do something extraordinary:

“We continued to observe UFO. Stayed very steady and projected long tongues of red, yellow and green light. These tongues of light varied in length and extended and retracted at irregular times. Observed high speed aircraft approaching from southeast [Portland is northwest from Redmond. Were the jets redirected?]. As aircraft approached UFO took shape of mushroom, observed long yellow and red flame from lower side as UFO rose rapidly and disappeared above clouds estimated 14,000 feet, scattered layer.” (163.)

According to what Dickerson told McDonald, he wasn't at Roberts airport when the UFO shot upward. Instead, officer Dickerson was in his patrol car speeding toward Powell Butte. McDonald writes:

“As Dickerson drove east towards Powell Butte, he had gone only about 2-3 miles [along Highway 126], watching the stationary luminous object through his windshield, when suddenly it shot straight upwards, with almost instantaneous acceleration. He emphasized the way in which it lit up the broken cloud deck as it passed through it, spreading a momentary whitish bright glow over the deck [These clouds could have hidden Venus. This is an important point that came up later]. He, himself, never saw jets, but Wertz informed him later that Wertz was monitoring traffic and heard the communications indicating that the jets were just approaching the area when the object shot up. Dickerson states that Wertz also saw the rapid ascent, from the Control Tower. He said Seattle FAA radar confirmed its rapid ascent. Wertz told Dickerson that Seattle had it at 3,000 feet prior to ascent, and that it went to 54,000 feet. He said all this could be found on the FAA logs, but he had not seen them, himself.” (164.)

McDonald wondered if Seattle had HRI capability but the Redmond log, according to chief Davis, confirms, to an extent, Dickerson's claim. Prior to the object's rise the Redmond log says the UFO was: “...approximately 10 miles northeast of the station at an estimated 3,000 feet [note this is an estimate]. (165.) After the jump, the Redmond log says: “UFO reappeared south of Redmond approximately 20 miles and at an estimated [must have been a visual guess] 25,000 feet.” (166.) The next figures specify radar confirmation: “Seattle Air Route Center advised radar contacted UFO at 1420Z [6:20 a.m.] located 25 miles south of Redmond at 52,000 feet. No further sightings made at this station.” (167.)

There is a definite possibility altitude information was being fed to Seattle by the Klamath Falls GCI site which was controlling the jet interceptors.

Was the UFO Venus?

McDonald adds:

"The next AM, at the same time, he and Wertz checked the eastern skies. Although they had not noticed Venus the preceding morning, they saw it on the AM of the 25th, in the eastern skies, very bright [a bit of cloud could have cloaked it]. However, he said they were looking down the direction of [Highway] No. 126, which provided a definite reference line, and while Venus lay to the left (north) of Highway 126, they had seen the bright, hovering, oval object to the right (south) of 126. Also, he indicated that the object was not a circular (!) light like Venus; it was oblong, he said. He could not account for the fact that they had not been aware of Venus the preceding morning, and indicated they got some ridicule over this, though none in the press, apparently." (168.)

The radar incident. Part two of the Redmond case.

The Keyhoe puzzle.

The director of NICAP was not known to invent information, but the lack of footnotes in his books can lessen the credibility of his writings. He was protecting his sources in every case, one assumes. The Redmond "jet chase," as related by Keyhoe, is sensational stuff, but from where did he get his material? He gives no hint? The earliest Redmond account appeared in NICAP's *UFO investigator* (March 1960), a second very brief reference appeared in *Flying Saucers: Top Secret* (1960), and an extensive article was published in the *UFO Evidence* edited by Richard Hall (1964). In none of these accounts is there the sensational version of events Keyhoe mentions in his 1973 book, *Aliens From Space*. (169.) In a Chapter titled: "The Hidden Gamble," Keyhoe asserts that the jets scrambled out of Portland were on a "secret mission," the purpose of which was to: "...capture the UFO—and its crew, if one was aboard. This was the goal—the powerful driving purpose behind the Redmond mission." (170.)

As the UFO shot upward, in Keyhoe's *Aliens From Space* version, the:

"...nearest pilot frantically banked to avoid a collision. As the UFO shot up past him another jet, caught in the churning air from the machine's exhaust, almost went out of control. Three other pilots pulled out of their dives and climbed after the fleeing disc. But even with extra speed from their afterburners they were quickly left behind.

"As the UFO disappeared in the clouds at 14,000 feet, one AF pilot, guided by his gunsight radar, climbed after the unseen craft. His approach apparently was registered aboard the disc, for it instantly changed course, tracked by height-finder radar at Klamath Falls. Even after the AF pilots gave up the hopeless chase, the radar operators were still tracking the UFO in high-speed maneuvers between 6,000 and 54,000 feet.

"When the pilots landed, still tense from their frightening experience, they were hurried into an Intelligence debriefing session. After describing the UFO encounter they were ordered not to discuss the pursuit, even among themselves." (171.)

Keyhoe even adds more sensational claims:

"Within hours, a new development upset the AF. When HQ learned of the discs' exhaust blast, it was feared that the UFO might be using nuclear power. Through the

FAA at Seattle, Flight Specialist Wertz was ordered to make a flying check for abnormal radioactivity. Using a Geiger counter, Wertz and the pilot of a Tri-Pacer circled at various altitudes in the area where the UFO had hovered. The results, teletyped to the AF, were never released." (172.)

"Track JB-129."

The Air Force admits scrambling jets to investigate a unidentified blip which was given the number "JB-129." In a letter to Senator Magnuson, the Air Force said the Seattle and Redmond FAA logs were "misleading." The scramble was in response to the notification of a UFO sighting, but that there was no: "...evidence of radar tracking of the UFO or any success of the attempted intercept." (173.) Moreover:

"The radar return bearing track No. JB-129 on the Klamath Falls ground-control interception station was not an unidentified flying object. It was determined by the four senior controllers on duty during the period of search that this radar return on the ground station scope was a radar echo from a gap filler antenna located on a mountain at the 8,010-foot level. This radar return did not move during the entire period of the search." (174.)

The way the letter to the Senator describes it, there didn't seem much to be excited about. So why did the Air Force go so much trouble to check out a "stationary" target?

The 25th Air Division compiled a report on the radar/jet case in early 1960. Fortunately this was more than three months after the incident, because after three months recorder logs and intercept action reports were routinely destroyed, thus the official records that would have showed the speed and altitude performance of track JB-129 were not available and never would be. The Senior Controller on duty, Captain Gordon Poland, was also unavailable, having been transferred to Iceland on February 1, 1960.

What we do know is in the 25th Air Division summary. The two F-102s scrambled at 1300Z (5:00 a.m.) returned to base at 1420Z (6:20 a.m.) with "negative results." (175.) We assume no radar or visual contact was made in contrast to Keyhoe's "wild" story. We are then told two more jets were sent up at 1452Z (6:52 a.m.) (176.) It should be remembered that at 1420Z Seattle reported the UFO was about 25 miles south of Redmond at 52,000 feet. At 1511Z (7:11 a.m.) Seattle notified Redmond that the UFO was 25 miles south but that the UFO was at: "various altitudes from 6,000 to 52,000 feet." (177.) Orders came from McChord AFB, Washington, to have two more F-102s held in readiness. (178.) At 1529Z (7:29 a.m.) the airborne jets returned to base "without results." (179.) At 1608Z (8:08 a.m.) a single F-102 was scrambled. At 1613Z (8:08 a.m.) the Air Division summary says: "One civilian Tri-Pacer aircraft took off from Redmond Airport for low altitude search. One of the crew members was equipped with a Geiger counter." (180.) This confirms some of what Keyhoe claims. At 1655Z (8:55 a.m.) the single F-102 aloft reports in from the area of Pauline Mountain. The pilot is making a visual search of the ground apparently. He reports seeing boats on a lake and a radio relay station. He also reports weather conditions: "scattered clouds and bumpy air." (181.) At 1718Z (9:18 a.m.) another single F-102 was scrambled. This pilot reports clouds from 20,000 feet to 12,000 feet. He sights a ranger station near Pauline Lake. (182.) At 1821Z (10:21 a.m.) the Tri-Pacer aircraft returned to Redmond. No object sighted and no radiation detected. (183.) At 1823Z (10:23 a.m.) yet another aircraft, an F-89, was scrambled from Portland. The F-89

returned to base with negative results. At 1949Z (11:49 a.m.) the senior controller at 25th Air Division ordered the scrambling of an H-19 helicopter from Kingsley Field. The craft conducted a search until 2154Z (1:54 p.m.) with negative results. At 2155Z (1:55 p.m.) track JB-129 was scrubbed from plotting board. (184.) The summary noted that beginning at 1700Z, or 9:00 a.m., the 25th Air Division scrambles were made part of an Air Defense exercise. (185.) It had to be full daylight by then and would explain the single plane scrambles and the helicopter. Apparently the pilots of these flights were in no hurry because they were requested to check for any ground features or weather that might be effecting the radar beam. The Pauline Mountain /lake area was where the gap filler radar antenna was located. The Air Force record states:

“Repeated passes were made by the interceptors at levels from 40,000 down to 12,000 feet. The interception being directed *through* [My emphasis –L. Gross] our radar return JB-129. No interceptor received a radar return on his airborne radar. At altitudes below 12,000 feet visual search was conducted under VFR conditions with negative results.” (186.)

With the information the Air Force provides, there isn't much of a case for a Redmond radar object, but there is some indirect evidence the military felt there may have been a strange craft in the sky over Oregon on the 24th. A press account states: “Wertz also said the Seattle FAA office ordered him to search the Redmond area by plane. He and a private pilot, Ben Jacques, canvassed a large area southeast of here [Corvallis] using a device to check for radioactivity, but nothing turned up.” (187.) This confirms some of what Keyhoe claims and tells us it wasn't Wertz's idea, nor could it have been the FAA's idea. The agency isn't in the nuclear business. The request had to come from the military.

Interest in the case lingered for many months because there was a hope an IGY aurora research camera located near Redmond, that took pictures of the night sky on a regular basis, might have captured the UFO on film. Richard Hall of NICAP pursued this possibility but eventually received bad news from Mr. G. Sprague of the IGY World Data Center:

“As mentioned in Professor Gartlein's letter of December 22, 1959, we found nothing unusual on this film, and the same is true of the inspection made by Wolf, and the Portland *Oregonian*. You should bear in mind, however, that the camera gives a very small image of the sky, and it is seldom possible to see star sized objects unless they are very bright. This is especially true of pictures with clouds. Venus and the moon show just before sunrise, but no other stars are visible.” (188.)

25 September. Leroy, Ohio. (11:15 p.m.)

It was no barn owl.

A press report said:

“The sighting of a weird ‘flying saucer’ that flew clockwise and then counter-clockwise and lit up with a golden glow is being investigated by the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Research Committee of Akron.

"The strange object was spotted by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Indoes and Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Monchilov from Monchilov's backyard just south of Westfield Inn.

" 'We thought it was a barn owl at first. Then it got bigger,' Monchilov said. 'It was about 20 feet around, oval-shaped, and flare [sic] lights sticking out from the rim on both sides giving off a golden glow.

" 'The thing hovered about 200 feet in the air and moved back and forth in the sky for about five minutes. Then it disappeared into the southwest.'

" 'We waited about 10 minutes but it didn't come back. We all got in Indoes' car and drove south on Route 221 to see if we could sight it again. We turned south at Friendsville and about a mile down the road we saw the thing in a field. It was spinning clockwise. Then it rose vertically right off the ground, hovered in the air a couple of seconds, and then began rotating counter-clockwise. Then it disappeared straight up.'

"This spot was about three miles southwest of Monchilov's place.

" 'I don't believe in flying saucers but I saw something,' Monchilov said. 'It was a clear night and the stars were shining brightly. All four of us saw the same thing.'

"They witnessed the eerie something at 11:15 p.m. on September 25. They are convinced it wasn't a searchlight. To make sure it wasn't floodlights lighting up construction work on the Ohio Freeway nearby, they drove to the site and found it dark.

"Monchilov called the State Highway Patrol in Medina. George Popvitch, director of the UFO committee in Akron, sent an investigator to LeRoy to make tape recordings of the UFO descriptions.

"Monchilov is a Barberton industrialist and Indoe is an agricultural teacher in Wooster and former president of the Medina County Board of Education." (189.)

The Arkon investigator learned that the object was gray in color. Mr. Monchilov was rated the best observer in the group. In regards to the object's movements, Mr. Monchilov noted: "When it revolved or spun counter-clockwise, it was hovering, and when it revolved clockwise it moved." (190.) As to the object's size, Mr. Monchilov, used this method: "...judging by the size of the chimney as the object went behind it, it was fifteen to twenty in diameter. A dime held at arm's length would not have obscured the object." (191.)

25 September. Tres Arroyos, Argentina. (7:45 p.m.)

Two luminous spheres.

APRO's Argentina representative forwarded the following report to Coral Lorenzen:

"Five people traveling in a car from Coronel Pringles to this locality, watched two flying saucers for five minutes. At 7:45 p.m. a well-known businessman of this locality, Senor Alargo, was driving his car in company with Mario Moraschi, Hugo Pergalli, Domingo Conti and his wife, when at about a distance of 15 miles from town, they suddenly spotted two luminous objects, seemingly sphere-shaped and which looked as though they were suspended in the sky. Senor Alargo estimates that the objects, which gave off a blinding

light, seemed to be at a height of 3,000 meters (about 10,000 feet). One of the objects moved horizontally and landed at a great distance from them, then it took off and disappeared. The other one remained in the same location, apparently, and suddenly the light around it vanished and it was no longer visible. The observers stated that the light was very strong and of a greenish blue. (192.)

26 September. Ruthven, Iowa. (4:00 a.m.)

Swooped over, hovered over, car.

NICAP compiled this account from two news clippings:

"A brilliantly lighted UFO, elliptical in shape, was seen by police officers and citizens for nearly two hours beginning about 4:00 a.m. Roger Olsen and Fran Wilbur, of Spencer, told police that the brilliant object had swooped in from the north passing over their car, then doubled back and hovered at low altitude ["60 feet" according to the *Spencer Times*]. The couple drove into Spencer and reported the incident to police. Officers Ben Decker and Homer Runge, equipped with field glasses and a powerful telescope, watched the UFO maneuver around the area. Decker said the object had a shape similar to a fat cigar (i.e. an ellipse) and glowed a brilliant white tinged with blue on the perimeter. It moved erratically, hovering, going up and down, back and forth. Occasionally the light would dim, then brighten again." (193.)

27 September. APRO warns the public.

UFOs are hostile and dangerous. (See news clipping on page 89)

28 September. St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. (no time)

"A door opened and flames spewed forth."

According to the *Toronto Star*:

"Two flying objects, one pear-shaped and one needle-nosed, rendezvoused over Notre Dame bay near here over the week-end, a St. John's housewife claimed today.

"Mrs. Duncan McCormae said she and a companion were watching the first object through binoculars hovering just above a dark cloud. 'I was suddenly very afraid as I watched a door open in the bottom and it started to spew forth flames,' she related.

" 'Then suddenly the strangest thing of all. The pear-shaped object had remained stationary in the sky but at that point a needle-shaped object of about the same size suddenly appeared and passed close to the first object traveling at terrific speed.'

"The needle-nosed object disappeared over the horizon but the pear-shaped one was in view for seven minutes, said Mrs. McCormac.



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Belief Hostile Beings Flying Saucers To Earth Expressed

ALAMOGORDO — Initial public, printed declaration that Unidentified Flying Objects — long believed in some quarters to be of extra-terrestrial origin — are hostile and dangerous to inhabitants of Earth, at least in some instances, is contained in the current issue of the APRO Bulletin, publication of the international Aerial Phenomena Research Organization with headquarters here.

The statement that, "There are such things as UAOs from other planets, and these things from space may have entities controlling them that mean to do us harm," is contained in an article written by Dr. Olavo T. Fontes, Brazilian representative of APRO, who has completed an exhaustive investigation of three incidents occurring during the latter half of 1957, and which are now being made public.

"The UAO situation has come to the point where it would be wise for mankind to start turning the eyes and thoughts toward outer space, because there is more danger lurking there than on the earth itself," Dr. Fontes continues, adding, "We must be ready."

Copies of the APRO Bulletin, issued regularly to members of the organization scattered throughout the world, were made available to news media of the U. S. by headquarters of the organization in Alamogordo. Dr. Fontes' sensational statements are contained in the concluding article of a series of three written for the Bulletin on the subject of the 1957 Brazilian occurrences.

Latest UAO report to be examined here by the APRO was brought to attention of APRO officials by S. J. Goldberg, engineer staying at the Rocket Motel, who

described the sighting of an unusual object in the sky at 2:04 a.m. on a recent Wednesday. APRO officials who discussed the sighting with the engineer later offered the opinion that the object probably was a portion of a boomer from one of the several satellite rockets thrown into the heavens within recent days.

Stressing the fact that their investigations are carried on as carefully and scientifically as possible, APRO Bulletin editors state that after "considerable soul-searching" the Fontes report "should be made available to every citizen of the earth," and for this reason the report was included in their publication and made available to news media in this country.

Fontes describes reported "attacks" by UAOs against airliners in two separate occasions and "a vicious attack by a saucer against two soldiers" — sentinels at a Brazilian army installation — to support his contention that "the existence of hostile UAOs (is) self-evident" and "that 'they' are testing weapons against harmless civilian airplanes as well as against military fortifications and soldiers."

The Brazilian also charges that military authorities already are cognizant of the hostile character and activities of at least some UAOs, but "they cannot talk." He declares that each of the instances he cites to support his contention, is a carefully-guarded military secret, which he is revealing for the first time.

"Some type of weapon was used — possibly a micro-wave ionizer — i.e., the same device that has been tested again and again against grounded vehicles" in the reported attacks on the planes and the soldiers, Fontes states. Result of the use of the "weapon" was to render instruments useless, cause malfunction of electrical equipment, and in the case of the soldiers, to generate a heat sufficient to render them unconscious. The Brazilian observer concludes that based on his observance of the three incidents "two things (are) absolutely certain: (1) that UAOs possess weapons of peculiar type which have been tested against planes, soldiers and a military fortress; (2) that UAOs are hostile . . . at least some of them."

28 September. Empire, Oregon. (between 3 and 4 a.m.)

"It was really beautiful."

A Coos Bay newspaper printed:

"An Empire housewife and her two young sons reported to police and the Air Force their sighting early Sunday morning of 'a brightly and beautifully colored flying object.'

"Mrs. Joseph A. Carlson, sons Joe, 9, and Norman, 7, told Empire patrolman Norman Parrish they viewed an object fitting the news descriptions of the object sighted near Redmond recently.

"They said the object passed low over the Michigan and Madison avenue schools between 3 and 4 a.m. Sunday. Mrs. Carlson said she was unable to sleep and that her husband was out of the house, working in a line changeover for Pacific Power and Light.

" 'We watched it for quite awhile,' she told Parrish, 'it was very brightly colored, really beautiful. I woke my boys up and they were really excited about it.'

"Parrish said the object had disappeared by the time he arrived, after being delayed by other work. Mrs. Carlson reported the object disappeared into clouds to the south after gaining altitude." (195.)

28 September. Coos Bay, Oregon.

"Strange night experience?"

A curious footnote to the Carlson sighting was the claim of a man living in Coos Bay who asserted he became weightless when apparently the same UFO that buzzed the town of Empire also passed over his house. (197.) This was one of those really "far-out" reports that fascinated UFO investigator Berthold Schwarz who mentions the incident in his book *UFO-Dynamics*. (196.) An extensive interview of the "weightless" man was published in a 1978 issue of the newspaper *Empire Builder*. (198.) The 1978 article does not inspire confidence in the man's 1959 claim.

30 September. Glenora, British Columbia, Canada. (7:00 p.m.)

"Orange disc with windows?" (See news clipping on page 91)

(Second week?) September. "Diamond Rock area," Oregon. (about 3:30 or 4:00 p.m.)

More objects over Oregon.

Two hunters contacted researchers so their UFO sighting could be put on record:

"About 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. these two men were hunting wild pigeons on the northern slope of the Tiller Trail Divide and while looking for them in the sky, they noticed three rather round and bright silvery objects apparently hanging

'Orange Discs with Windows' *Islanders See* *and* Duncan Families Astonished *Hear 'Saucers'*

DUNCAN — Eleven persons here saw what appeared to be "flying saucers" last week, and four of them said one of the "orange discs" made such a high pitched noise it hurt their ears.

"I've seen about everything, but never anything like this," said Jack Wilson, a plant foreman at the Crofton pulp mill and a resident of Glenora south of here. "We heard a noise like a high-pitched dynamo," he said.

He said his daughter, Gaynor, 14, was riding her horse in a field near their home when one of the objects came down over her. "She said it was like a moon and lit up the ground around her. She saw black lines in it like windows," he said.

She galloped home and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and another daughter, Margaret, 11, rushed out of their home and saw "big discs of orange light," as the object sped northward where it was joined by another flying object.

Mr. Wilson said he called some friends, Mrs. Norman Howarth and their three children, at Maple Bay, who also saw the objects shortly after 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Mrs. Donald Morton, wife of a North Cowichan councillor, reported seeing the objects with her son. She called neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Smith, Somenos Road, who also saw two lights darting around in the sky north of them.

"I'm willing to go along with the theory of flying saucers, until someone disproves it," commented Mr. Wilson, last night.

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motionless high up in the sky toward the northwest. They were estimated to be at least five miles away and at a 45 degree angle of sight.

"While the men stood watching and wondering about them, a regular scheduled passenger plane came in from the south, headed north and at a lower altitude than that of the UFOs. The three objects then headed towards the west at terrific speed and disappeared from view. A few minutes after the plane had gone out of sight the three UFOs were seen to come in swiftly from the west, increase their altitude at a sharp angle and hover over the same area as before. All during the sighting they made very little motion, kept a close formation and were level with each other.

"As long as the men were in the area the bright objects remained in the same place. Total observation time would have been close to an hour." (199.)

? September. Westover AFB, Massachusetts. (about midnight)

V-formation. "Mother object."

A signed statement by Airman 1/C L. Frazier says:

"It was in September 1959, about midnight one night and a few of us were working in a B-52 jet bomber on the flight line at Westover AFB, Mass. S/Sgt. Cordell, a bomb navigator radar mechanic was checking out the radar set aboard. Suddenly, he called the rest of us up to look at the screen.

"There were seven objects on the screen. One large round object and six smaller ones, three on each side and to the rear forming a 'V' formation. They were coming from the north and were headed toward Westover. At about 150 miles away and in the center of our screen, three of the smaller ones appeared to move up and join the other three indicating a banking movement. Then they made a 180 degree turn and followed exactly the same path off our screen in a northerly direction. The exact speed is not available, but it was far greater than any known aircraft. About five minutes later, they returned and followed the same pattern. S/Sgt. Cordell thought it may had been the radar set so he boarded another B-52 and once again observed the same identical procedure.

"Upon contacting Westover tower, we were informed only that they were watching their screen.

"All of the objects were round in shape and kept a close 'V' formation to the 'mother object.' After the third time the objects came around, they left our screen in a northerly direction and did not return. We watched and waited for about an hour and a half—nothing.

"The total time consumed in our observation was about one-half hour. The pattern of flight looked like noose hanging from a rope.

"I swear that this statement is true and correct and the facts stated were witnessed by me; no more nor no less.

(Signed) A 1/C L. Frazier,
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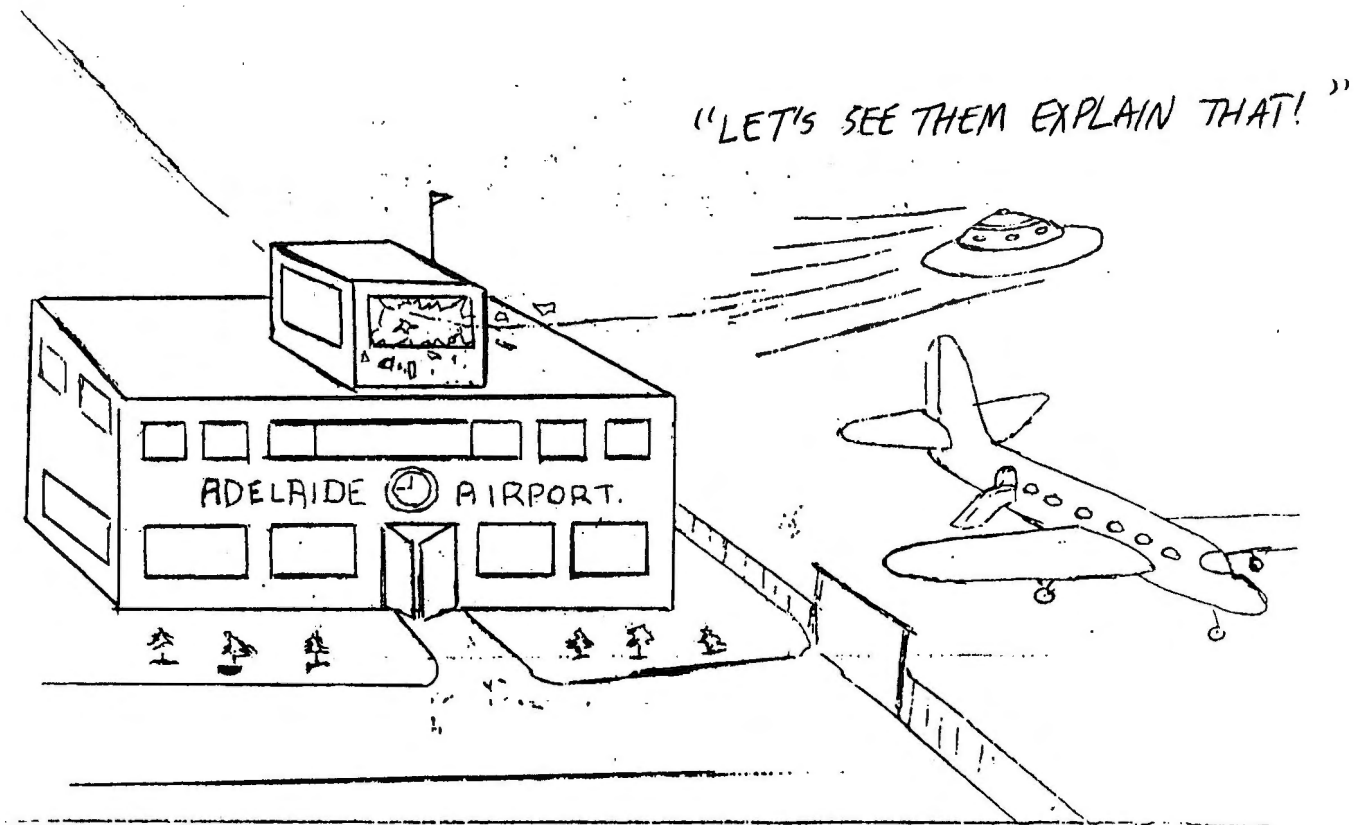
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