

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

Terrence

Summer 1960. Near Ellis, Kansas. (no time)

"Like a chicken house."

A letter to APRO included this story:

"In the summer of 1960 my three sisters were coming from Hays to Ellis, a distance of 14 miles. Kay was driving, Cyndy was alone in the rear seat. She looked up into the rear window and saw a blinding light and leaped into the front seat. She was 16 years old. Then all three girls saw the glow but could not see the object because it was directly above the car. It followed them for miles. Cyndy became hysterical. Kay and Roma were curious and interested. Three miles from Ellis it dropped directly down and landed beside the road. Kay stopped to investigate. They all saw a row of lighted windows ('like the chicken house') but Cyndy was fighting and screaming and they had to take her home. They returned and could see nothing." (xx.)

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin*. May 1978. Vol. 25, No. 11. p.4. (Witness' name withheld)

Summer 1960. Walkerton, Ontario, Canada. (1:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.)

"Luminous thing" examines tree?

Dr. J. Allen Hynek solicited UFO reports from the readers of *Physics Today* and received a response from a professional astronomer. Hynek promised not publicize names or the exact location of the incident. Here is the story as written up by Hynek:

"The reporter and his brother had been alerted by a relative, a newspaperman, who, in turn, had been called by the provincial police, who had been attempting to follow the light with their cars but had not succeeded in catching up to it as it moved from place to place. The call had come about 2:00 a.m., after the chase had been on for nearly an hour. I quote directly from the report, but names and places are not given..." (xx.)

(xx.) Hynek, Dr. J. Allen. *The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry*. Henry Regnery Company: Chicago, Ill., 1972, p.47.

Here is the astronomer's account:

"We followed country roads until we came within 100 yards of the object. It was hovering around a large tree, which stood alone in the center of a cultivated field. The tree was about 100 yards distant and about 120 feet high. The object, which subtended an angle of about $\frac{1}{4}$ degrees (giving it a physical diameter of less than 3 feet), appeared circular in shape and thus probably a

spheroid. It was highly luminous against the dark sky background and changed color through the whole visible spectral range with a period of ~2 seconds (rather an irregular period). Because it was rather bright, I may have slightly overestimated the angular size, and $\frac{1}{4}$ degrees should perhaps be considered an upper limit. A lower limit would certainly be $\frac{1}{8}$ degrees.

"The object appeared to be examining the tree rather closely. It circled the upper branches, ranging from 50 to 100 feet off the ground, passing *in front of* [Emphasis in original text] the tree, then clearly visible *through* [Emphasis in original text] the branches on passing behind the tree again. It continued this apparent 'observation' of the tree for several minutes while we watched. Then, anxious for a picture, we climbed the perimeter fence and started slowly toward the tree facing due west. We had not gone more than 10 feet before it 'noticed' us and, noiselessly accelerating at a very high rate, headed almost directly south, disappearing over the horizon (on a *slightly* [Emphasis in the original text] rising trajectory) in about 2-1/2 seconds. (I consider my length and time estimates to be quite reliable as I was actively engaged in track and field at the time and thus quite competent at this type of estimation. Even under such exceptional circumstances, these figures are most probably within plus or minus 20 percent.)

"Several observations about the object:

"1. It was certainly too small to contain human life;

"2. It had no apparent physical surface features apart from the circular shape it presented—possibly because the 'surface' was highly luminous;

"3. It moved *deliberately* [Emphasis in the original text] and *purposefully* [Emphasis in the original text] in its 'inspection' of the tree, pausing slightly at apparent 'points of interest' and giving the distinct impression of 'intelligent' behavior;

"4. Its motion was completely silent, even the final rapid acceleration;

"5. It was definitely *not* [Emphasis in the original text] any natural physical phenomenon I have ever encountered or read about (I'm sure you are familiar with what I refer to—"march gas" and the like);

"6. It was definitely *not* [Emphasis in the original text] a distant astronomical object. It was clearly visible alternately *through* [Emphasis in the original text] the branches of the tree and *obscuring* [Emphasis in the original text] the branches of the tree, fixing its distance quite exactly;

"7. It was definitely seen by competent witnesses (including several police officers) besides myself;

"8. On acceleration from the tree it almost certainly should have exceeded the speed of sound. There was no acoustical disturbance whatever. (My uncle attempted to take a picture of it as it accelerated, but the result was not good enough to publish due to our excessive distance from the object and its rapid motion, which combined to produce a very faint blurred image.)

"The salient points to consider are these: the object appeared to be governed by some intelligence, and it did not behave as would a physical phenomenon as we understand it." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid, pp.47-49.

July 1960.

The Lorenzens (and APRO) moves from Alamogordo, New Mexico; to Tucson, Arizona.

At Alamogordo, both the Lorenzens had jobs so they must have made enough money to live comfortably. Coral was employed as a clerk in the Range Scheduling Office at Holloman AFB. Her husband Jim was a design engineer in telemetry, working for a private corporation under contract to the Army at Holloman.

In July 1960 the Lorenzens packed up and moved to Tucson. Coral and Jim never gave a definite reason for the move. One might suggest the couple left town when their 201 files were being checked after the Biggs incident. Another and more reasonable scenario is that Coral quit her position at Holloman to spend her whole time running APRO and her husband then sought another position paying more to cover the drop in income. In any case, Jim went to work as an electronics specialist in the telemetry department of Kitt Peak National Observatory just outside Tucson.

The change of address, to 4740 East Cooper Street, Tucson, had a negative effect on APRO in that Coral no longer had access to UFO reports being made at Holloman, a hot bed of sightings. Ever worst was the loss of local Alamogordo volunteers that helped her run APRO. On the plus side was the fact Tucson was a much larger city than Alamogordo, so the enlistment of new people to handle the paperwork need not be that difficult. Moreover, Coral was now available full time. (xx.)

(xx.) Patton, Frank. "The 'APRO' Story." *Flying Saucers*. FS-19. May 1961. Ed.: Ray Palmer. pp.34-35.

The relocation of residence was marked by an event that aroused Coral's suspicion, after all she was sure her phone in Alamogordo had been tapped and a local FBI agent had showed an sudden interest in her plans for the future just before she left town. Coral wrote:

"On our third day in Tucson we were visited by an 'exterminator' who offered to inspect the premises (for termites) free of charge. He was not discouraged on being informed that since we were renting he would have to speak with the landlord on such matters, but drew Mrs. Lorenzen into a lengthy conversation discussing, among other things, our reasons for moving, where Mr. Lorenzen was employed, and UFOs. Once again we were confronted with a picture of a rather inept businessman. He was dressed in new white coveralls, wore freshly polished dress shoes, and had well-manicured fingernails. Although he invested a good hour of his time in probing conversation, he did not once mention the firm he represented or present a business card or inquire as to the identity of our landlord." (xx.)

(xx.) Lorenzen, Coral and Jim. *Encounters with UFO Occupants*. Berkeley Publishing Corporation: New York, N.Y., April 1976. p.251.

1 July. Leefe, Wyoming. (10:30 a.m.)

UFO checks out waste dump? (See clipping)

Questioned by APRO investigators, the witnesses said the UFO rocked gently in the air, occasionally exposing its bottom surface. It was also claimed that government officials interviewed the men who reported the incident. (xx.)

(xx.) Lorenzen, Coral and Jim. *UFOs: The Whole Story*. A Signet Book: New York, N.Y., 1969. p.221.

2 July. Near Kankakee, Illinois. (early morning)

Blue ball of fire.

According to our source:

"On the morning after the Leefe occurrence, a man and his wife who driving in the vicinity of Kankakee, Illinois, in the early morning hours suddenly became aware of an object coming out of the south when the whole landscape was bathed in a bright blue light. 'It was so bright you could see well enough to pick up a pin off the highway,' the woman said later. The object in question looked like a ball of fire and passed over the car dragging a trail of bluish light behind it. The couple were so frightened by the object that they speeded up, for the inside of the car was so unbearably hot that they could hardly breathe. Their daughter and her husband who had been asleep in the back seat snapped awake when the heat became so intense. Then the light gradually faded and the object disappeared into the north." (xx.)

(xx.) pp.221-222.

2 July. Caribbean Sea (20 degrees North by 62 degrees West) (3:00-3:20 a.m.)

Strange "apparatus" paces plane en-route to Venezuela. (See next page)

Saucer Sighting Reported At Leefe

~~A flying saucer close enough~~ to frighten observers and appear to be landing, was seen at Leefe, Wyoming, at 10:30 a. m., July 1, by five employees of the San Francisco Chemical Company. Four of the persons seeing the unidentified object were Claude Rouse, Gus Troghini and Clyne Clark, all of Kemmerer, and Glen Lutz of Garden City.

Mr. Rouse described the object to Robert K. Barcus, general manager in charge of operations, as follows: It was bright, silver-colored, highly polished metal having the shape of two dinner plates face to face. He estimated it had a diameter of 185 feet, and 14 feet through the center. Five transparent bubbles projected from the bottom.

The object came from the south and maneuvered as if to land on the stockpile area immediately south of the Leefe plant. Mr. Rouse estimated he was about 400 feet from the object as it vertically descended to about 50 feet above the waste dumps. It then ascended and took off to the south at tremendous speed. There was no evidence of jets, rocket exhausts, propellers, fumes or smoke. No sound was heard other than the idling diesel engine of the tractor that Mr. Rouse was operating.

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Extraña Nave Trató de Interceptar Avión de LAV Procedente de España

MAIQUETIA, Julio 2 (Acuña Lezama). Un aparato extraño cuyas características resultaron completamente invisibles por la oscuridad de la noche, al parecer trató de interceptar a un avión de la Línea Aeropostal venezolana, procedente de España. Los tripulantes del Super Constellation Y.V.C. ANE que

nes arribaron en la mañana de hoy a Maiquetía, con más de 30 pasajeros, revelaron al periodista, que la extraña nave les había seguido su ruta por un tiempo considerable, la que al parecer quería interceptar su avión. El aparato fue ubicado a 20 grados norte y 62 al oeste, a las tres de la madrugada. Asimismo señalan, que su vuelo regular lo hacían a 10 mil pies de altura y a pocas horas del Aeropuerto Internacional de Maiquetía. Afirmó la tripulación del Y.V.C. ANE, que la extraña nave volaba algunas veces paralelos con ellos y que justamente a las tres y 20 minutos de la madrugada con una velocidad espantosa había desaparecido.

Article printed in "Ultimas Noticias", page 27, on July 3, 1960.-

STRANGE CRAFT TRIED TO INTERCEPT AIRPLANE OF "L.A.V." COMING FROM SPAIN

MAIQUETIA, July 2 (Acuña Lezama). A strange apparatus, whose characteristics were completely invisible due to the darkness of the night, seemed to try to intercept an airplane of the "Línea Aeropostal Venezolana", coming from Spain.

The crew of the Super Constellation Y.V.C.-ANE, that arrived this morning to Maiquetía, with over 30 passengers, disclosed to the reporter, that the strange craft had been trailing them for a considerable time, that seemed to intend to intercept their plane.

The apparatus had been located 20 degrees North and 62 West, at three o'clock a.m.. They also pointed out that they were making their regular flight 10 thousand feet high and were few hours away from the International Airport of Maiquetía.

The crew of the Y.V.C.-ANE stated that the strange craft had been flying several times parallelly to them and that exactly at 20 minutes past three a.m., it disappeared at a terrific speed.

2 July. Near Cordoba, Argentina. (4:30 p.m.)

Cone-shaped UFO? (See CUFOS newsletter on page 6)



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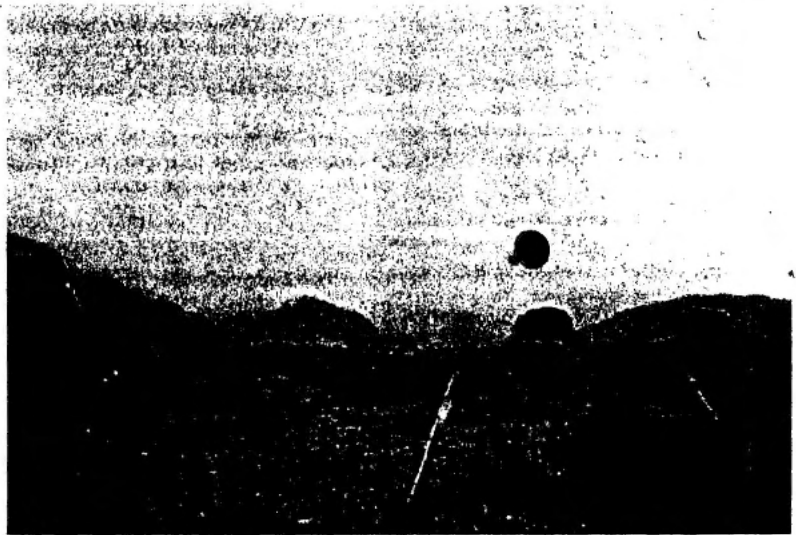
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Cone-Shaped UFO Photographed In Argentina

On July 3, 1960, an officer of the Argentinian Air Force, Capt. Hugo Niotti, was driving his automobile toward the city of Cordoba in Argentina. The weather was inclement, drizzling with a totally overcast sky. The base of the cloud deck was only 100-150 yards from the ground. The rain made driving rather difficult, and Capt. Niotti's attention was concentrated on the slippery road. At about 4:30 PM, he was at about 44 miles (70Km) from Cordoba and near the area of Yacanto. As he was slowly negotiating a long S-curve, he suddenly noticed an object floating in the air to the right of the road. Surprised by this anomalous object, Capt. Niotti stopped the car and, grabbing his camera, got out. The object had a metallic appearance, being completely smooth without visible joints or rivets. To the naked eye, its color was dark gray and uniform. Capt. Niotti could observe that the object had a well-defined conical shape, with its axis oriented toward the south and parallel to the ground surface. It was slowly moving, perhaps at 6 miles/hr toward the south and, at the same time, it was rotating clockwise very slowly about its axis. Capt. Niotti moved a few steps away from his car, and took the photo shown here. He lowered his camera to advance the film, but before he could take a second shot, the object had suddenly accelerated and, increasing its height, had disappeared into the low clouds. All together, the incident had lasted about 40 seconds, and the object had accelerated to a speed of 125 miles/hr in 3 or 4 seconds, all of this without producing any sounds. According to Capt. Niotti, initially the object was at a distance of 100 meters from him, and 20 meters above the ground.



Careful inspection of the original photograph seems to show the horse near the center of the picture looking at the "hovering object."

There are two particulars of interest in this sighting: 1) to Capt. Niotti's naked eyes, at the time of the observation, the object presented a uniform color, dark gray. However, the developed negative and photograph show that the base of the cone is almost black, without nuances or reflections. The cone itself appears tenuous, as if partially hidden by the fog. 2) Capt. Niotti did not remember seeing the horse that so clearly appears at the center of the photo.

The value of a UFO photograph hinges heavily on the reputation of the photographer. In that respect, this photo comes with very good credentials, as the then Capt. Niotti is now a Vicecommodore of the Argentinian Air Force, occupying a very responsible position and being very well considered by his fellow officers and subalterns. In addition, the photo has been given a certificate of "good health" by the SIA (Servicio de Informaciones de Aeronautica) resulting in the publication of the incident in the prestigious Revista Nacional de Aeronautica. Moreover,

the photo was submitted to the computer enhancement techniques developed by Ground Saucer Watch, with the following results: The photo shows a conical object, with a perfectly flat base of a diameter between 3.6 and 4.5 meters. This base is slightly elliptical, with the major axis oriented vertically. The object is not a small model, and appears to be between 100 and 150 meters from the camera. The conical part has a definite metallic appearance. The base appears extremely dark, suggesting a source of energy or a field next to the UFO.

In conclusion: a remarkable photograph showing a truly unidentified object.

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(The above article was translated and condensed from the original Spanish by Dr. Willy Smith, an Associate of the Center for UFO Studies and translator of Spanish correspondence. It appeared originally in UFO PRESS #3, the official publication of SIU, located in Buenos Aires, Argentina.) ☐

How to stop Congress?

With increasing pressure from the Hill, the Air Force had to stop Congress; something not impossible since it had been done before. It happened in 1958.

A note discovered in BLUE BOOK files (no date but located in 1958 records) tells how the Assistant of Public Affairs under Air Force Secretary Zuckert, the Honorable Edwards Trapnell, had dinner with Dr. Robert Calkins, president of the Brookings Institute. According to Trapnell, Calkins suggested: "A citizen committee which could review the [UFO] matter and issue a report in such a way as to get the Air Force off the spot it seems to think we are on." (xx.) The suggestion was perhaps the seminal event

(xx.) A photocopy of the note and additional information can be found in the monograph: *UFOs: A History 1958. Supplemental Notes.* p.29.

in the eventual establishment of the Condon committee. The expression "on the spot" no doubt refers to the Senate's Government Operations Sub-Committee on Investigations which requested "open hearings" on the conduct of the Air Force's UFO investigation in 1958. Note that it skirts the "UFOs are real" issue and instead attacks the Air Force where it was vulnerable. Problems plagued BLUE BOOK and they would be easier to prove than "space ship visits." Proven flaws in the military's credibility might then open the door to ET advocates, so the requested hearings would have to be stopped. Even H. P. Robertson of the 1953 CIA UFO review panel reappeared on the UFO scene to support the "stop the hearings" move. Also, the Honorable Richard E. Horner, Assistant Secretary of Air Force Research and Development, was another person who turned thumbs down. One should recall that Horner was on the January 22, 1958 television program "Enigma of the Skies," * and it was he who summed up the show at the end by asserting the Air Force was not withholding information. "I do not qualify this in any way," he told a nation-wide audience.

The panic that swept the Air Force hierarchy is clearly demonstrated in the February 13, 1958 document entitled: "New AFCIN-4 Plan on UFOs." (See document on pages 8-9)

ATIC UFO Panel.

Apparently in response to the possibility BLUE BOOK operations might undergo Congressional scrutiny, a UFO review panel was launched at ATIC in May 1959 to "spot trends, review tough cases, and explore the future outlook of the program." The panel

* It is curious to note that skeptic Dr. Donald Menzel proposed on the January 22nd program that the Air Force dissolve project BLUE BOOK. This was the thinking taking root at ATIC and the Pentagon. Did Menzel have inside information?

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b. SAFIS has reported that the press is completely satisfied with the periodic UFO "fact sheets" made available to them and the Air Force responses to specific UFO sightings.

c. The reaction from the CBS T.V. program, "UFO, Enigma of the Skies," Circle Theater, 22 January 1958, has been beyond expectation. Only six letters criticizing the program were received by the Air Force - all were from so-called "cranks". Mr. Donald Kehoe, President of the National Investigative Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), alienated himself with the press by going beyond the T.V. script in an attempt to criticize the Air Force.

d. Several meetings between representatives of SAFRD, SAFIS, SAFLL, and Major Byrne, AFCIN, took place to formulate an Air Force response to a request by the Senate's Government Operations Sub-Committee on Investigations to conduct "open hearings" on the Air Force conduct of UFO investigations. Acting Chief Council, Mr. O'Donnel, had informed Mr. Horner, SAFRD, that the public should be informed through the Congressional Committee hearings that the Air Force was doing its job. This unprecedented approach was favorably looked upon by all but the AFCIN member who maintained that the uncontrolled publicity that could result would undo all that the Air Force has recently accomplished in winning public confidence. The proponents of extra-terrestrial vehicles, as witnesses referring to several of the existing sensational "unknown" UFO cases, could arouse a new interest in the existence of "flying saucers". Dr. H. P. Robertson, OSD, R&E, Chairman of the 1953 UFO Scientific Panel on UFO's, agreed with the AFCIN view which was passed on to Mr. Horner who apparently then recognized the inherent dangers and informed Mr. O'Donnel that "it was not in the best interest of the Air Force to participate in an 'open hearing'". Mr. O'Donnel replied that "there was no longer any reason to continue the investigation," and he would "advise the sub-committee to drop it." The permanent investigator of the sub-committee, Mr. Healy, has informed SAFLL that he is completely satisfied with the Air Force conduct of UFO investigations and analysis.

4. In view of the above, there is no longer any basis for congressional, press, or public criticism of Air Force UFO activities. This has in part been evidenced by public complacency regarding UFOs during the past 60 days. The number of UFO inquiries has been drastically reduced since the launching of Sputnik II. It may be assumed that with a better public understanding of the current U.S. pioneering in outer space, public thinking will be more realistically conditioned, transcending from fantasy to fact.

5. It is recommended that the foregoing be used as a basis for briefing of General Lewis.

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C/S, subj: New AFCIN-4 Plan on UFOBs, Comment No. 4 (Cont)

6. Additional Comment: Reference paragraph 3d above, a memorandum is being prepared for General Kelly's signature requesting the Senate sub-committee to issue a statement to the effect that preliminary findings of that committee regarding Air Force UFO activities do not warrant further investigation. Such a statement would be a valuable reference in replies to future public or congressional inquiries. In any event, Mr. Horner has consented to represent the Air Force in all future congressional inquiries regarding UFOs.

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consisted of a diverse group of a half dozen volunteers who were invited to participate because their backgrounds. Attendance had a low priority so one wonders if there was any great incentive to do a thorough job. There was Maj. Friend representing BLUE BOOK of course, and then there was a physicist, and an astronomer. These experts were acceptable members but only the addition of scientist Dr. Hynek made real sense. He had worked for BLUE BOOK for over a decade. In brief, he knew the data. Other members consisted of a public relations specialist, a psychologist, and an Air Force Chaplain. Why the Chaplain? Well, Captain Pritz, the Chaplain at the first meeting, remarked: "...people are generally gullible, especially sincerely religious people, and are easily taken in." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Advisory Panel Meeting 25 May 1959.* File: K243.60-5 1959-1960.
Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. Reel # 86.

Another comment by the Air Force regarding this subject was:

"Many of the cases reported to ATIC have as a basis a religious belief or at least strong religious overtones. It is requested that EWH support the ATIC with the services of a Chaplain." (xx.)

(xx.) *Disposition Form.* Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Advisory Panel.
To: EWH ATTN:Lt./Col. R.M. Graham. From: AFCIN-4E4/Maj. Friend.
Date: 16 March 59.

The religious angle and the presence of a PR man and a psychologist, underscored the Air Force's tendency to investigate the witness rather than the UFO.

Little was accomplished by the panel in 1958, perhaps because Congressional hearings had been fended off by Air Force insistence (as declared in the "New Plan" document) there was "no longer any basis for criticism of Air Force activities."

However, the Air Force had just brought some time. In January 1959 ATIC admitted in an internal document that: "Approximately 80% of the effort in the UFO program is Directed toward the public relations objective." (xx.)

(xx.) *Study by AFCIN-4E4 Unidentified Flying Objects -Project (Blue Book) #5771*
28 September 1959. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. Reel #86.

During the first half of 1960 when Congressional pressure began to increase once again, one of the Air Force's top scientific advisors (out ranking Hynek by a quite a bit) Francis Arcier felt this way: "This [UFO] program has a high psychological warfare potential." (xx.)

(xx.) *Memorandum to Major General Dougher AFCIN-4X1.* Subject: Transfer of UFO. 1 April 60. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files.

Maybe there's no connection but Air Force Colonel Joseph Bryan, III, founder and original director of the CIA's Psychological Warfare section, joined NICAP. According to our source Todd Zechel:

"In talking with former NICAP employees, it is revealed that Bryan was the only board member who showed a continuing interest in the day-to-day activities of the group. Keyhoe in fact, states that Bryan was always after him to see his confidential reports and documents." (xx.)

(xx.) *GSW News Bulletin April '78.* Civilian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (Ground Saucer Watch) 13238 North 7th Drive, Phoenix, Arizona. 85029. p.17.

Colonel Philip Evans of ATIC, the same officer who withheld information from Coral Lorenzen when the Air Force was arguing its case about being fair and open, was worst than Tacker, declaring civilian UFO groups had a membership of 500,00-plus [!] who were all motivated by "financial gain, religious reasons, pure emotional outlets, ignorance, or possibly to use the organization as a 'cold war' tool." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid, p.179.

3 July. Chico, California. (no time)

UFOs take a liking to the north central valley.

Mr. Tom Malmquist told police:

"On July 3rd I parked my car in a barn on a ranch as usual where I work. I looked up at the sky, as I often do, when I noticed three objects in rough formation. They were traveling at a pretty fair speed, when all of a sudden they stopped in mid-air, then they started again in a zig-zag fashion, going a short way then stopping. Over to my right side I noticed two more doing the same thing. The strange thing was that there was no noise. I watched repeated times nightly after that. There were no more in formation, but quite a distance apart. I didn't know what these things really were until the night of July 16-17th." (xx.)

(xx.) Malmquist, Tom. "I Saw a Flying Saucer." *Fate*. July 1961. FS-20. p.58.

4 July. Brookville, Long Island, New York. (8:15 p.m.)

V-formation.

A BLUE BOOK file card states:

"Three objects sighted high in the sky in 'V' formation. Pearly like moon. Extreme speed. 1 ½ times fighter plane. (2500?) Broke formation and one moved straight up. Objects first observed at 40 degrees elevation. 060 heading. Last observed at 60 degrees elevation on 225 heading." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 4 July 60.

4 July. Revere Beach, Massachusetts. (9:35 p.m.-?)

Orange discs.

A letter to the Air Force says there was more than fireworks in the air:

"Could you please tell me whether anyone reported this sighting and whether it has been explained or not? Approximately 1,000 people might have been watching the same Fourth of July Fireworks and seen the same thing. Here is my story...

"My boyfriend...and myself were parked along the beach waiting for the fireworks to begin at about 10:00 p.m. About 9:45 p.m. I noticed an orange disk in the sky a little right of center of [the] car.

"I mentioned it to Bob and he said he had been watching it for 10 minutes and didn't tell me. The fireworks were about an hour late, not starting until around 11:00 p.m. We then continued to watch this object which was not moving. Bob put his head out the window to make sure it wasn't a reflection. We ruled out the moon for reasons I can't remember now. We watched it for about another 20 minutes before it moved swiftly down closer to the ocean where we were startled to see a reflection in the water of the orange disk above. It was hard to tell how low to the water it was or how big because it was out some distance.

"That was about 10:15 p.m. that we first saw it move. About 10 minutes later we spotted another disk move to the right of the one we had been watching. The second disk could not be seen in its entirety, and when they were leaving we noticed that there were then THREE [Emphasis in the original]. The fireworks display came about 20 minutes after the disks left and they were way to the right of the car and certainly had nothing to do with what we saw. When I said they zoomed away, that was an understatement. They went like lightning." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 4 July 60. Name of letter writer deleted.

6 July. South of Portland, Oregon. (9:30 p.m.)

Vertical formation.

A BLUE BOOK File card says two strange objects were seen:

"Two objects the size of a half-dollar at arm's length, round with flat top and round bottom, luminous white. Observed to change formation from side by side to a vertical formation. Traveled from 30 degrees elevation due south to 45 degrees elevation due north, after passing overhead in about 45 seconds. No sound." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 6 July 60.

8 July. Maj. Tacker and APRO again.

Richard Hall of NICAP became curious about APRO's claim about having some UFO physical evidence. Tacker replied to Hall on July 8th: "In a Western Union telegram to this office, Mrs. Coral Lorenzen of APRO declined sending to the Air Force for evaluation the UFO residue they claim to possess." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Mr. Richard Hall, NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Washington 6, D.C. From: Lt. Colonel Lawrence J. Tacker, Public Information Division, Office of Information. Department of the Air Force, Washington. Date: 8 July 60. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files.

Tacker's reply to Hall wasn't completely true. Coral would lend samples to the Air Force under certain conditions. It wasn't a flat out "No."

8 July. A significant Air Force response to Congressional interest.

Was Keyhoe close to obtaining his goal of Congressional hearings on the UFO problem? Instead of quoting Keyhoe, let's note what Major General Arno H. Luehman, USAF Director of Information, said when Congressional Committees finally showed an interest:

"The Congressional Committees involved wanted reassurance from the Air Force concerning our position on unidentified flying objects because they have received a great deal of pressure from constituents advocating public hearings on this subject." (xx.)

(xx.) Memorandum. To: The Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence. From: Major General Arno H. Luehman, USAF, Director of Information, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Air Force, Washington D.C. Date: 2 August 60. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. Reel #87.

At 3:30 p.m. July 8th Lt. Col. Tacker, SAFOI-3d, telephoned Maj. Friend, Chief of BLUE BOOK, to say that a briefing of some Congressional Committee representatives would be held the following Wednesday (the 13th). Col. Tacker asked Maj. Friend to contact Dr. Hynek and Air Force Scientific Advisor, Mr. Arcier, to inform them of the meeting so as to insure their presence (Arcier would miss everything. He was on vacation until July 25th). (xx.)

(xx.) Memo. To: Maj. Friend, AFCIN-4E2. From: Col. Richard R. Shoop. Date: 11 July 60. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files.

11 July. The Air Force plans its moves.

According to a detailed "*Task Activity Report*:" in BLUE BOOK records, the following took place:

"Monday—11 July 1960. Maj. Friend visited with L/Col Sullivan, AFCIN-Pla, for the purpose of briefing him on the status of the UFO Program, and also to coordinate the activities for the week. A meeting was held among L/Col Sullivan, AFOIN-Pla, L/Col Prentiss, AFCIN-181, L/Col Tacker, SAFOI-3d, Maj. J. Boland, SAFL, and Maj. R. Friend, AFCIN-4E2. At this meeting Maj. Boland outlined all of the areas concerning the program which were of special interest to the committees. The principal points were, the Air Force capability as it pertains to the Aerial Phenomena Program, claims relating to classification of reports and withholding information, and specific information concerning the Redmond, Oregon sighting of 24 Sept 59, and the Wash D.C. sighting of 19 July 52 [There were more than one sighting at the Nation's Capital and they were on more than one date—L.E. Gross]." (xx.)

(xx.) *Task Activity Report*. Title: Project Blue Book. Monitor: Maj. R.J. Friend, ASFCIN-4E2. Date: 18 July 60. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files.

The "trick" is...

Let's review the "principal points" mentioned above in the "*Task Activity Report*." One was the Air Force's "capability." That point really breaks down into two parts: the means and the will. The Air Force had the means to do the job, but was it making an honest effort? The Air Force liked to boast of its resources so the "trick" was letting its listeners assume such resources were being fully and effectively utilized.

The second "principal point" was the "classification or the withholding of information." The Air Force's position was that military security concerns merited censorship—not "UFO data," yet the trick is, to use that word again, how does one define "military security information." The March 25, 1960, Biggs AFB case is an excellent example. Data was cut from the publicly released report of the incident and it so happens the censored information voided the publicly released explanation, a meteor. The object seemed to be too sophisticated to be an invention of a foreign power, so one has to put it in on the "UFO list" as a possible mysterious device of unknown origin. Here was a clear example of withholding UFO information.

Finally, "specific information" about two cases, Redmond and Washington, was not that much of problem for the Air Force. Since the meeting was a "briefing," the military could shape its

presentation in any manner it saw fit. The Air Force would talk and the Congressmen would listen. A brief question and answer period would not be much use if no one knew what questions to ask. Unless the Congressmen were UFO experts, the Air Force could get away with a lot. On the other hand, if it was a "hearing," the Congressmen could call in their own experts who could explore any weak areas in the military's "firm" conclusions.

It should be noted that a point not raised was the claim of extraterrestrial visitors. That would be very tough to entertain without hardware. It is noteworthy that the subject did not come up during the July 11th discussions. Apparently the military did not worry about aliens being mentioned in any talks. If such evidence was in hand, the scientific community would be having the briefing.

12 July. The semi-annual "Fact Sheet" as a briefing hand-out.

One also can't say the briefing was any big deal since the only documentation to be distributed was a draft of the latest PIO "fact sheet," some paper regularly sent to the news media or any school boy who wrote letters to the government. (xx.) The fact sheet of July 21, 1960 was a bit

(xx.) *Task Activity Report*. 18 July 1960. p.1.

longer than usual (five pages) perhaps due to being a hand-out to the Congressmen. (See pages 16-20)

13 July. Mr. Stuart French of the Senate Committee on Preparedness is briefed.

Besides Mr. French, present at the meeting was Lt. Col. Tacker, Maj. J. Boland and BLUE BOOK's Maj. Friend. Nothing is said about the content of the July 13th briefing in the *Task Activity Report* but it is assumed the information followed closely what was contained in the "Fact Sheet." A general discussion took place after the formal presentation and Mr. French showed some independence from the usual automatic acceptance of everything the military said. The Air Force's assertion it was doing a good job didn't impress French. He remarked that military was not investigating cases having "high intelligence, scientific, or public relations potential." He even stated he wanted to visit ATIC at Dayton. Moreover, Mr. French asked for summaries of the following cases:

September 24, 1959 Redmond, Oregon.
 Summer of 1952 Washington D.C.
 November 2, 1957 Levelland, Texas.
 August 25, 1951 Lubbock, Texas. (xx.)

(xx.) *Task Activity Report*, p.1.

(A huge mistake on Mr. French's part was asking for summaries. The Air Force did a lot of clever editing of its case files as it was.)

15 July. The big briefing on Friday. Two CIA men show up.

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FACT SHEET AIR FORCE UFO REPORT

A total of 173 sightings of unidentified flying objects or aerial phenomena were reported to the USAF during the period 1 January to 30 June 1960. Of these 173 cases 139 have been analyzed and 34 are pending.

Of the 139 cases analyzed 51 were categorized "Insufficient Evidence." Of these 51 cases 37 were so categorized because there were no additional witnesses. It is the Air Force policy to attempt to determine the probable cause of these sightings. However in keeping with good scientific practices they are categorized for statistical purposes as "insufficient evidence." To give full credit to these particular sightings would be comparable to accepting as fact the results of an experiment which was conducted only once.

During this same period for 1959 the number of sightings reported to the Air Force was 175. Due to the fact that several reports usually reach the Air Force after the end of a period, it is safe to assume that the 1 Jan - 30 June period of 1960 will slightly exceed that of 1959. However, the 173 cases for the first half of 1960 represents a slight decrease from the 189 cases reported to the Air Force for the period 1 July through 31 December 1959.

During the period of this report there were 41 cases reported from foreign countries. The majority of these sightings took place in the Pacific and Far East area.

It is apparent that the public is taking the reporting of unidentified aerial phenomena more seriously. During this reporting period there was only one instance of an actual hoax.

The months of April and June 1960 show a fairly large percentage of astronomical sightings. These large percentages can be attributed to the excessive meteor activity in April and to the proximity of Jupiter in June. Its nearness resulted in an apparent brightness greater than that of a star of -2.0 magnitude and the planet also appeared unusually large.

When categorizing sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena the Air Force attempts to do so primarily by association to a responsible object. If the planet Venus was determined to have been the subject of a report the case is categorized as an astronomical sighting. It should be noted that in most instances the condition under which an object is seen is the real cause of the sighting and not the object itself. An example of this would be a star or planet seen low on the horizon with the associated refraction and diffraction patterns. This brings to point the secondary method of categorizing sightings. In some instances the evidence in a case will indicate the probable cause as a reflection, etc., but the responsible object may not be as traceable as a

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planet or star. In these instances the cases are categorized according to probably cause. A third method is the categorizing of those cases which are determined to be illusions, probably resulting from over active imaginations. Usually these cases are one witness sightings and ultimately fall into the "insufficient evidence" category.

There are still many sightings which are due to the viewing of startling natural objects for the first time; i.e., fireball type meteors. In most of these instances the object itself, coupled with the relative inexperience of the witness, is the resulting cause of the sighting.

It is significant to note the adaptation of the public to the satellite era of the space age as evidenced by only one satellite being reported as an UFO during this period. The one satellite reported was the startling re-entry of the Discoverer VIII on 7 March 1960.

To date no report of unidentified aerial phenomena gave any indication of a threat to the security of the United States, nor were there indications that these phenomena were other than natural.

UFO Report Evaluation - by Category and Percentage Breakdown

1 January 1960 - 30 June 1960

Astronomical	52	37.41
Aircraft	7	5.04
Balloon	6	4.31
*Insufficient Data	51	36.70
Other (Birds, hoaxes, search lights, etc.)	19	13.67
Satellites (Re-entry of Discoverer VIII)	1	.72
Unidentified	3	2.15
	<u>173</u>	<u>100%</u>

*This category includes 37 sightings (21.38%) reported by individuals and in each case there were no supporting witness and no additional information or facts available to allow a valid scientific evaluation of the sighting. Sightings of this nature must be discounted because of a total lack of supporting data. This in effect reduces the total number of cases for the period to only 136 with 102 of these evaluated to date. In the case of the other 14 sightings in the insufficient data category, additional witnesses corroborated with sightings but did not provide sufficient data to allow a valid conclusion. Percentages are straight mathematical computations carried out to only two places based upon totals and sub totals or categories. Therefore when worked in reverse they will not reflect the exact original total or sub total.

UFO cases or files are not closed and should additional information be obtained at a later date, it can result in a solved case and/or may change the category previously assigned to the individual sighting (as in the case of a previously unidentified case being changed to the aircraft category). This open and policy on all UFO files results in minor changes from time to time in UFO category statistics. This also applies to individual reports submitted after the fact. These continuing inputs account for additional minor changes periodically which, of course, are not consistent with previously released figures.

The total number of sightings reported to the United States Air Force since 1947 are as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OBJECTS SIGHTED AND REPORTED</u>
1947	79
1948	143
1949	186
1950	169
1951	121
1952	1501
1953	425
1954	429
1955	404
1956	778
1957	1178
1958	573
1959	364
1960 (through 30 June)	173
	<u>6523</u>

Reporting, investigation, analysis and evaluation procedures have improved considerably since the first sighting of unidentified flying object was made on 27 June 1947. The study and analysis of reported sightings of UFO's is conducted by a selected scientific group under the supervision of the Air Force.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Head of the Department of Astronomy and Director of the Observatory at Northwestern University, is the Chief, Scientific Consultant to the Air Force on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

The selected, qualified scientists, engineers, and other personnel involved in these analyses are completely objective and open minded on the subject of UFO's. They apply scientific methods of examination to all cases in reaching their conclusions. The attempted identification of the phenomenon observed generally must be derived from human impressions and interpretations because scientific devices or measurements are not available. The data in the sightings reported are almost invariably subjective in nature. However, no report is considered unsuitable for study and categorization.

General categories of identification are balloons, aircraft, astronomical, other, insufficient data, satellites and unidentified.

Approximately 4,000 balloons are released in the U. S. every day. There are two general types of balloons: weather balloons and upper air research balloons. Balloons will vary from types 4 feet in diameter to large types 200 feet in diameter. The majority released at night carry running lights which often contribute to weird or unusual appearances when observed at night. This also hold true when observed near dawn or sunset because of the effect of the slant rays of the sun upon the balloon surfaces. The large balloons, if caught in jet streams, may assume a near horizontal position when partially inflated, and move with speeds of over 200 MPH. Large types may be observed flattened on top. The effect of the latter two conditions can be startling even to experienced pilots.

Many modern aircraft, particularly swept and delta wing types, under adverse weather and sighting conditions are reported as unusual objects and/or "flying saucers." When observed at high altitudes, reflecting sunlight off their surfaces, or when only their jet exhausts are visible at night, aircraft can have appearances ranging from disc to rocket in shape. Single jet bombers

having multi-jet pods under their swept-back wings have been reported as UFOs or "saucers" in "V" formation. Vapor trails will often appear to glow with fiery red or orange streaks when reflecting sunlight. After burners are frequently reported as UFOs.

The astronomical category includes bright stars, planets, comets, meteors, and other celestial bodies. When observed through haze, light fog, or moving clouds, the planets Venus, Mars, and Jupiter have often been reported as unconventional, moving objects. Attempts to observe astronomical bodies through hand-held binoculars under adverse sky conditions have been a source of many UFO reports.

The "other" category includes reflections, searchlights, birds, kites, blimps, clouds, sun-dogs, spurious radar indications, hoaxes, firework displays, flares, fireballs, ice crystals, bolides, etc., as examples: large Canadian geese flying low over a city at night with street lights reflecting off their bodies; searchlights playing on scattered clouds, appearing as moving disc-like shapes.

The insufficient data category includes all sightings where essential or pertinent items of information are missing, making it impossible to form a valid conclusion. These include corroboration of the sighting by an additional witness; description of the size, shape or color of the object; direction and altitude; exact time and location; wind weather conditions, etc. This category is not used as a convenient way to get rid of what might be referred to as "unidentified objects." However, if there is not an additional witness or if the data received is insufficient or unrelated, the analysts must then place that particular report in this category. The Air Force needs complete information to reach a valid conclusion. Air Force officials stressed the fact that an observer should send a complete report of a bona fide sighting to the nearest Air Force activity. There the report will be promptly forwarded to the proper office for analysis and evaluation.

A sighting is considered unidentified or unexplained when a report apparently contains all the pertinent data necessary to normally suggest at least one valid hypothesis on the cause or explanation of the sighting but when the description of the object and its maneuvers cannot be correlated with any known object or phenomenon.

In its Project Blue Book Special Report #14, released in October 1955, the Air Force showed that evaluated sightings in the unidentified category had been reduced to 3 percent at that time.

Unidentified sightings had been 9 percent in 1953 and 1954 and in previous years unidentified sightings had run as high as 20 percent. Project Blue Book Special Report #14, covered UFO investigations from June 1947 to May 1955. Since that time, Air Force statistics show the percentage of unidentified sightings has been reduced to approximately 2 percent.

Air Force conclusions for the thirteen years of UFO sightings involving over 6,500 reports are: first, there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were inimical or hostile; second, there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were interplanetary space ships; third, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings represented technological developments or principles outside the range of our present day scientific knowledge; fourth, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings are a threat to the security of the

country; and finally, no physical or material evidence, not even a minute fragment of a so-called "flying saucer" or space ship has ever been found.

The Air Force emphasized the belief that if more immediate detailed objective observational data could have been obtained on the unidentified or unexplained sightings, these, too, would have been explained satisfactorily.

The Air Force, assigned the responsibility for the Air Defense of the United States, will continue to investigate all reports of unusual aerial objects over the U. S. 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 these reports, and periodic public statements on the subject will be made as warranted.

The Air Force Inspector General's Brief, dated 24 December 1959, contained a notice to all unit Commanders that UFO reports are serious business since they are vitally involved in the Air Force's air defense mission. This Brief stressed that Commanders are responsible for seeing that UFO sightings are investigated and evaluated quickly, thoroughly and accurately. The Brief referred to Air Force Regulation 200-2 concerning unidentified flying objects which outlines the Air Force's obligation to keep the public adequately informed on this subject and also stresses the fact that UFO sighting reports are not to be classified. If an UFO report is classified it is classified for other reasons than the UFO sighting itself.

The Air Force is charged by many private UFO groups with possession of classified information which concludes or proves that space ships from other planets exist and are visiting our atmosphere. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Air Force possesses no information, classified or unclassified, which proves this contention. Many individuals associated with these private UFO organizations are self-appointed authorities on UFOs and consider themselves entitled to be unofficial advisors to the United States Air Force Intelligence Community. Since they are not charged under law with these responsibilities it would be entirely inappropriate and even dangerous at times to exercise the Intelligence system in order to give them, or their organizations, any notoriety or publicity. It is an interesting fact that most of these individuals fail to recognize the fact that there is such a thing as legitimate classified security information. For the past thirteen years these groups have repeatedly stated that their organizations possess documented evidence proving the existence of space ships from other planets. However, when asked as patriotic citizens to deliver this evidence to the United States Air Force or other government agencies they have refused to do so. The obvious conclusion is that they do not possess this information or evidence proving the existence of space ships.

From time to time the Air Force has been asked the cost of conducting the UFO program. It is impossible to estimate the exact amount of funds expended by the Air Force in investigating reported sightings of unidentified flying objects because in addition to the entire facilities of the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, the entire facilities of the nation's scientific and technical community are at the disposal of the evaluators, and the degree of use varies with each case. Also, investigation in the field can involve individual Air Force base personnel and special investigative units and again, in these instances the amount of time expended and the number of personnel assigned to a specific sighting will vary with each case.

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(xx.) Tacker, Lt. Col. Lawrence J. USAF. *Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force*.
D. Van Nostrand & Company, Inc.: Princeton, New Jersey, 1960. pp.157-161.

No reason is provided, but a second Congressional briefing was scheduled for the last working day of the week. That's two briefings in less than 48 hours. The second meeting was a much larger affair than the first. What transpired is contained in the previously mentioned *Task Activity Report*. Apparently Maj. Friend did all the briefing and answering of questions while the rest looked on. It may have been otherwise, but we can't tell. A complete record of attendees has been preserved in the *Activity Report* and most surprising was the names of two CIA people. The CIA men were Mr. John Warner, Assistant for Legislative Liaison to Allen Dulles (CIA director), a key member of the secret agency, and Richard Payne, a CIA Technical Advisor. The CIA presence would have been no surprise to Keyhoe or the Lorenzens who suspected that the clandestine organization was actually in charge of the government's UFO investigation while using the Air Force as a front.

Also present was Mr. John McLaughlin, Administrative Assistant to Air Force Secretary Sharp, so we can be sure the Air Force's top man was fully informed of events.

Lesser figures at the meeting included Maj. Gen. A.H. Leuhman and Brig.Gen. E.B. LeBailly, SAFOI; Brig. Gen. Kingaley and Col. James O. McKee, SAFLI; Lt. Col. Sullivan, AFCIN-Pla.; Lt. Col. Lawrence Tacker, SAFOI; Maj. J. Boland, SAFLI; and of course Maj. Robert Friend, BLUE BOOK chief. Finally, also representing the military was Dr. J. Allen Hynek, consultant to BLUE BOOK. We just might assume Hynek was probably the only one at the briefing who had a decent idea of what the UFO mystery was all about since he had investigated UFO reports personally. Hynek, however, was a timid person and admittedly a small fish in a big pond. The *Task Report* gives no indication the Ohio professor uttered a word.

Across the table, so to speak, were the people who wanted some answers: Mr. Robert Smart, Armed Forces Committee, and Mr. Spencer Beresford, Mr. Richard Hines and Mr. Frank Harmil, of the Science and Astronautics Committee. The CIA representatives were also mentioned as parties being briefed along with the Congressmen, as if Dulles was in the dark about the UFO business, an unlikely possibility. The best bet is that the CIA people were keeping tabs on the interaction between the Air Force and Congress.

The truly amazing thing about this briefing is that so many high level people were in one room with no doubt plenty to say, but they let a mere Air Force Major do the talking. Not only that, it seems Friend was "reading from a script."

Everyone concerned gathered in Air Force Secretary Dudley Sharp's Conference Room at the Pentagon. When the meeting convened the first 30 minutes (a waste of valuable time) were given over to a description of the: "...Air Force's Aerial Phenomena Program, the method of conducting the program, and an explanation of some phenomena and/or objects responsible for sightings." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid, p.2.

Like Congressman French, Robert Smart of the Armed Forces Committee wasn't impressed. When the half hour ended, Congressman Smart immediately spoke up, saying: "...his interpretation of public claims was that the Air Force was withholding information..." (xx.) In the same

(xx.) Ibid.

sentence Smart linked that remark with something startling: "...and that it [information] was *being withheld from Congressional Committees* [My emphasis—L.E. Gross] (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

One can imagine how alarming those words were to the ears of the Air Force people in the room. You can be sure the Air Force didn't want a discussion to move in that direction.

Maj. Robert Friend of BLUE BOOK countered by "changing the subject," pointing: "...out that the Air Force was not in the possession of any evidence classified or unclassified which gave any proof or indication that unidentified aerial phenomena were interplanetary vehicles." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Note that that the question was about "withholding information," not about alien visitations. Having diverted attention from Smart's question, Maj. Friend shifted further away by developing the alien angle. It was: "...pointed out to Mr. Smart that this [keeping secret alien visits] would be a foolish action on the part of the Air Force since the revelation of such information would be so beneficial to Air Force appropriations [assuming of course only the Air Force was investigating UFOs and not some other organization like the CIA]. (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Maj. Friend then returned to the subject of "withholding data." He admitted that, but he also qualified that admission:

"Regarding classification of UFO reports, it was pointed out that Paragraph #18 of AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959, specifically requests that UFO sightings not be classified unless necessary due to supporting information, source, or military potential. Maj. Friends pointed out that no case in *recent years* [My Emphasis—L.E. Gross] was classified for reasons of the UFO sighting itself." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Here Maj. Friend confesses that the Air Force has not always been perfect about sharing UFO information with the public, a impression one does not receive when reading official press releases. (Moreover, one need not be reminded that regulations were no guarantee things would be done right, a fact we will address a bit later in this narrative.)

Congressman Smart shook off Friends' remarks and tried another approach: "Mr. Smart pointed out that the private UFO organizations' claims had a certain amount of weight because of the affiliations of such men as Vice Admiral Hillenkotter and a number of sightings reported by airline pilots. (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

According to the *Task Report*: "Major Friend pointed out that it is without a doubt that airline pilots represent reliable sources, but being pilots alone does not qualify them in other scientific areas." (xx.) With that, the subject of pilot reports was tossed aside rather casually,

(Ibid.)

but the reports were impressive enough to Congressman Smart for him to make specific mention of them. (Surely the FAA, at least, would welcome a government-sanctioned inquiry for a variety of reasons, however that possibility suggests another difficulty. Public hearings on UFOs could draw in other branches of the service or various government agencies. Control of the situation could slip out the Air Force's hands.)

Hillenkotter.

It was stated that such men as Hillenkotter had "affiliations" with private UFO groups and that plans were in the works to write such individuals to "determine the extent of their connections." This "plan" seemed odd. There was no secret about the membership of such men and their assigned duties as either an advisor or board member. Furthermore, the beliefs of such people about the UFO mystery and what should be done about the problem was well covered in civilian publications. The plan may have been to put pressure on persons to recant pro-UFO views and to urge them to stop associating with Air Force critics. It is a fact that before many months passed Hillenkotter abruptly resigned from NICAP and made no more public comments about UFOs. He gave no reason why. As in Ruppelt's case, there was a sudden change in behavior without any new significant data referenced to explain the change.

Maj. Friend tries to downplay the UFO problem.

Maj. Friend: "...pointed out that he has seen UFOs, experienced their startling effects, and in some instances actually reacted to their presence in an unusual manner. One such experience with the associated scientific explanation was described to the audience." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Friend's example must not have been impressive (Where is it in BLUE BOOK files?) because it didn't keep Mr. Beresford from saying afterward that his Science and Astronautics Committee had: "...given some attention to unidentified aerial phenomena and that they appeared to have some scientific potential."

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(xx.) Ibid.

That assertion was an important. Some high level officials suspected UFO reports were worth studying!

Taking his cue from Beresford's statement, Congressman Smart got down to business after the Air Force had wasted a lot of time. Smart said he was aware Air Force bases were investigating routine UFO cases and that was probably adequate but that some incidents required attention from ATIC, a full investigative treatment because of their "intelligence, scientific, or public relation potential." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Moreover, Congressman Smart said: "...that the Committee would be satisfied if they could state that the Air Force has the numbers and capability to conduct the UFO operation." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Didn't the Air Force have such? On page five of the *Fact Sheet* hand-out it says: "...in addition to entire facilities of the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, the entire facilities of the nation's scientific and technical community are at the disposal of the evaluators..." (xx.)

(xx.) *Fact Sheet. Air Force UFO Report.* Department of Defense Official of Public Affairs, Washington 25 D.C. Date: 21 July 60.

The Air Force had the means but did it have the will?

After insisting the Air Force do a better job, Smart stated that: "...the Congressional Committee should be kept advised on all pertinent sightings. He further stated that his future stand to constituents would be based on these conditions." (xx.)

Confronted by Congressional power, the Air Force agreed to comply. At least no hearings were to be held. The *Task Activity Report* summed up with:

"ATIC is to make the necessary budget arrangements to allow investigation of certain significant UFO sightings. To allow us an interim capability, trips will be authorized from the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. The appropriate accounting symbol will be obtained by telephone during this interim period." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

In 1960 the Air Force's personnel strength was over 814,000. Its budget was many billions of dollars. With the authority directly from the Office of the Secretary one would assume ATIC could come up with considerable "numbers and capability" to deal with a huge problem, a problem that was huge in its public relations if for no other reason. Here is the ATIC's plan of action, according to the *Task Activity Report*, to meet Congressional demands:

"AFCIN-4E requested AFCIN-4X6 to initiate the necessary action to obtain the sum of \$3,000. These funds will be used by AFCIN-4E2X to perform on-the-spot investigations of significant sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.

"The investigation of significant cases of sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena on the scale suggested by the investigating committee is not now within the capability of AFCIN-4E2X.

"The assignment of one additional officer is considered mandatory in order to properly perform currently assigned functions as well as the additional investigative duties being proposed. The officer so assigned should be rated and should possess a technical background if he is to contribute maximum effectiveness in the investigation and analysis of unidentified aerial phenomena." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid, p.5.

One man and \$3,000 dollars!

If you are wondering where that \$3,000 figure came from, it was an estimate made by ATIC's informal "UFO panel" earlier. It was assumed significance UFO sightings would run a little over a dozen a year and average costs per investigation about \$200 each.

An opportunity to test the new operation would come in a month in northern California and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, already assigned to BLUE BOOK, would be just the man to send, so all ATIC had to do was to come up with 200 greenbacks. Would ATIC respond quickly and effectively in conformance to orders from the House and Senate Committees? The summary of the July 1952 Washington D.C. UFO sightings requested by Congressman Smart no doubt omitted that part of the story where the chief of BLUE BOOK at the time, Lt. E.J. Ruppelt, happened to be in the Nation's Capital the weekend of the excitement but lacked transportation to get around town. A taxi was too expensive and he even pondered using pocket change to ride a city bus! (xx.) One shouldn't expect too much from ATIC.

(xx.) Ruppelt, Edward J. *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*. Double-day & Company, Inc.: Garden City, New York, 1956. p.162 (Revised edition)

Memos initiating the necessary manpower and funds were generated and circulated within ATIC the latter half of July. At least that much was implemented, however the motivation for ATIC to "maximize its efforts" was gone. Historian David Jacobs explained it this way:

"Hynek had told Smart about ATIC's inadequate capability to investigate UFO cases with scientific potential, displaying his growing dissatisfaction with the Air Force; of course Hynek agreed with all of Smart's recommendations.

"For the Air Force though, Hynek's growing restiveness was unimportant, and the significant aspect of the briefing was that once again the Air Force had successfully prevented open hearings. As General Luehman said to the assistant chief of staff for intelligence, 'All personnel attending the briefing were pleased with the results and the general consensus is that no public hearings will be held in the near future.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Jacobs, David. *The UFO Controversy in America*. Indiana University Press: Blooming & London, 1975. pp.177-178.

What this country needs is "Smarter" Congressmen.

15 July. Air Force ignores evidence?

APRO was highly critical of the Air Force ignoring evidence so it released a statement to the local press. It was also an opportunity to enlist Tucson people to help operate her UFO organization. (See clipping on page 26)

AF Accused Of Ignoring Evidence Of Aerial Phenomena Researchers

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, described as the oldest scientific investigating group in the field of unidentified flying objects, last night sent a letter to the secretary of the Air Force accusing the Air Force of "ignoring evidence given in good faith" concerning such flying objects.

The organization, which recently moved its headquarters to Tucson from Alamogordo, N.M., has submitted photographs and actual physical material, both of which have been verified as authentic by scientists of the government of Brazil, purportedly demonstrating the proof of vehicles "of extra-terrestrial origin" observed in South America. The evidence, says the APRO, has been ignored by the Air Force.

"Furthermore," says the letter, "the implied disrespect shown in apparently ignoring the evidence given in good faith by our neigh-

bors to the south is certainly not an aid to good inter-American relations."

The APRO, which over the years has tabulated what it considers reliable (as distinguished from "crackpot") sightings of UFOs, says the pattern of UFO activity "in general indicates the slow and deliberate advance of a reconnaissance timetable," which, the letter states, may indicate possible belligerence.

The letter goes on to state that a UFO sighted near El Paso last March, and viewed by many observers there over a period of

several hours, was declared by the Air Force to have been a meteor, which was scientifically impossible.

Coral E. Lorentzen, international director of the group, which contains in its membership a large number of scientists, (including Dr. Olavo T. Fontes, former chief of staff, gastroenterological section, National School of Medicine, Brazil; Dr. Jun' Ichi Takanashi, physicist and director of Modern Space Flight Assn., Japan; A. E. Brown, American electrical engineer with 11 years in electronic and guided missile research) said that since the March incident, she has been investigated by the F.B.I., the APRO office was searched in her absence, and the APRO itself has been subject to investigation by the Office of Strategic Investigation of the Air Force.

The letter states that the group is still willing to submit further evidence of the UFO to the Air Force under prescribed conditions.

*Arizona Star
July 15 1960*

17 July. Chico, California. (12:50 a.m.)

More objects over Chico.

According to Tom Malmquist:

"About ten minutes to one (which would be July 17th) I noticed two of these objects rather low in the foothills East of Chico. I jumped in my car and parked at the corner of Dayton Road and Diamond Avenue to get a closer look. They worked their way over the fairgrounds and approached the vicinity of the Northeast, which would be the left side of the Diamond Match Company. Here they swooped low and came to tree top level. I figured they were going to land, so I started my car and started out for them. The nearest was would have been to go along Ivy Street, but it was close because of a bad bridge, so I had to take the long way around. Then I lost them. I returned to the Dayton Road, and they

were back in the foothills again.

"Sunday morning, the 17th, I went into the police station and drew a picture for them. They told me if I saw any more to let them know. That night of the 17th I called them and they sent an officer out. There were five of us in that group. We all saw them (they were higher that night)." (xx.)

(xx.) Malmquist, Tom. "I Saw a Flying Saucer." *Fate*. July 1961. FS-20 p.58.

18 July. Italy/Austria. (8:25 p.m. - 8:40 p.m.)

A curious something in the sky.

An incomplete report of something that excited people in Italy and Austria on the evening of July 18th is available from European sources. The best guess would be a meteor, but if the times and course headings are correct, it's doubtful the "thing" was a shooting star. (See map and text on page 28)

(xx.) *Australian Flying Saucer Review*. Ed.: Peter Norris. February 1961. Vol. II, No.1. p.11.

19 July. San Francisco, California. (8:50-9:00 p.m.)

Huge cigar-shape does an "upsdaisy." (See clipping)

Look!-A 'Mystery Sky Ship'

A "brightly lighted, cigar-shaped" object hovering over the Golden Gate excited the imaginations of many Bay area residents shortly after sundown last night.

Reports to newspapers, police and the Coast Guard

agreed that the object appeared to be some sort of flying machine.

It was seen between 8:50 and 9 p.m. - 7-19-1960

A particularly detailed report was made by Mr. and Mrs. James Mayer, who observed the strangely luminescent "craft" for almost 20 minutes from the Oakland hills.

Mayer said:

"It was a huge, cigar-shaped object moving very slowly

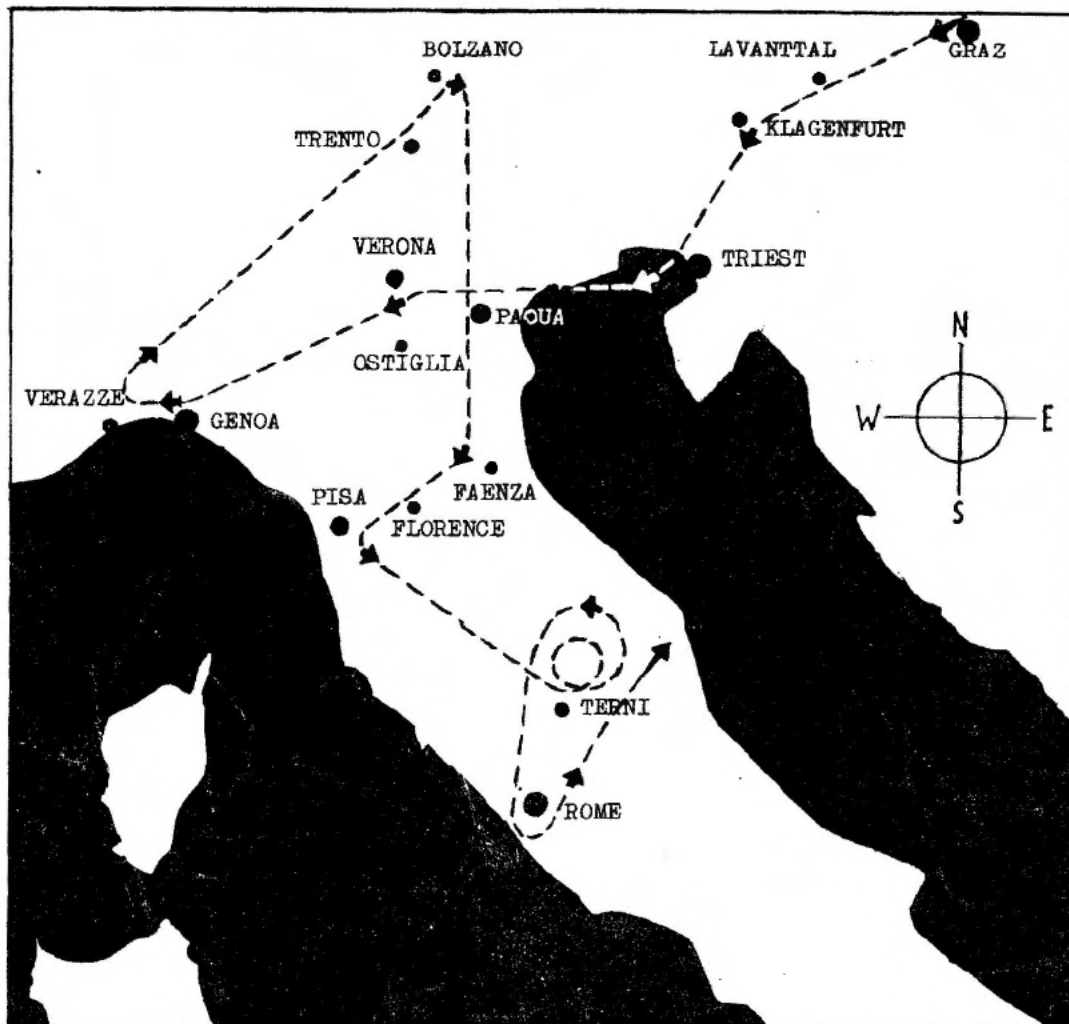
over the Golden Gate or southern Marin county. It was a bright red, perhaps glowing from the reflection of the sun which had dropped below the horizon."

Mrs. Mayer said it had "a short, comet-like tail" and was moving slowly to the south when it "suddenly did an upsadaisy" and dropped toward the earth.

The Mayers said the object leveled off and finally made a "U-turn and headed north, disappearing about 8:50 p.m."

Other witnesses from widely-scattered areas in San Francisco variously reported the object over Mount Davidson and the Marina.

The Federal Aviation Agency said it could shed no light on the mystery. No aircraft answering the "cigar-shaped" description were known to be in the area.



Between the hours of 8.25 and 8.40 p.m. on the 18th of July, 1960 a mysterious object flew over many parts of Italy. It had an oval or globular shape, was green in colour with a bluish trail, then red which changed to blue. The object was flying at varying speeds up to 20,000 km. per hour at different altitudes. In Ostiglia it appeared directly over the T.V. installation. It was seen in Rome, Triest, Bolzano, Genoa, Florence, Trento and Verona almost at the same time. Several airports spotted it on radar screens.

The unidentified flying object was observed last over Rome at 10 p.m. and at Terni at 3.02, 3.37 and 5.32 the following morning.

(Based on reports in "Die Tat", Zurich, "Der Bund", Bern, "Nationalzeitung", Basel, "Neckar-Echo", Heilbronn - Switzerland, as per "Weltraumbote" Sept/Oct.60)

19 July. Memphis, Tennessee. (10:00 p.m.)

Reactions have been "wowish." (See clipping)

Assignment: Memphis—

Pie Shaped Objects Puzzle X Many Flying Saucer Fans

By LYDEL SIMS

Flying saucer fans got a boost and a setback yesterday on the who-made-those-everloving-circles front.

The circles, big things outlined in some oily, blackish substance, have turned up in at least four spots in and around Memphis and Martin, Tenn., lately.

First reactions of viewers have generally been wowish. Speculation has centered around the arrival and departure of little green men from Mars.

One of the more recent reports of circles-in-the-grass-alas came from Rufus Johnston of 4679 Almo, and yesterday a strange postscript was added to the story.

A neighbor of the Johnstons in the Parkway



The Sketch

Village area, Mrs. Shirley Sisk of 2993 Perkins, revealed that her 13-year-old daughter recently saw a strange object in the sky over the vicinity of the Johnston home.

THE OBJECT was seen after the circles appeared on Mr. Johnston's grass, but before a report of the phenomenon appeared in this newspaper. Shirley Sisk (mother, father and daughter are all three named Shirley, by George, but I'm talking about the daughter) even drew a rough sketch of what she saw.

It happened Tuesday night, she and her mother told me yesterday. They were out in the yard about 10 o'clock when Shirley saw this object. She called her mother to look at it, and when she turned back it had gone.

It was bigger than a car, she estimated, and shaped like two pie plates turned together, and it hung motionless in the air about 150 feet up. No lights or openings showed.

Shirley, a recent graduate of Oakville Elementary School, wasn't inclined to call the object a flying saucer or anything else. Let others do that if they wished, she said; she was just telling what she saw.

ON THE OTHER side of the ledger, Leonard Kerr, the Shelby County agent, said yesterday that he has seen several big black circles in people's yards and he thinks it's some kind of fungus.

"Why they form in that manner I don't know," he said.

He added that he doesn't believe little green men formed them.

No doubt he's right. But did it ever occur to you, citizens, that Mars might be inhabited, not by little green men, but by big black fungi?

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24 July. Portville, New York. (between 8:30 - 9:00 p.m.)

"Look daddy, two light bulbs in the sky."

According to our source:

"State policeman Fred Porcello was playing in the yard with his children between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. when his youngest son, Fred Jr. (age 7) pointed to the sky and said, 'Look daddy, two light bulbs in the sky.' He looked and saw two glowing reddish objects which did resemble light bulbs, moving toward them in the southern sky.

"As the UFOs changed their angle relative to the sun, they appeared silvery and metallic. They changed course to the north-northwest, then stopped and hovered for a short period of time. The objects then made a fairly sharp turn, heading east, swung back toward the south and moved out of sight in the distance. They had been visible 4-5 minutes. When not glowing, the UFO appeared to be

dumbbell-shaped—round on the ends with an oblong section between.” (xx.)

(xx.) The Reference for Outstanding UFO Sighting Reports. UFO Information Retrieval Center, Inc. P.O. Box 57, Riderwood, Maryland. 21139. p.69.

27 July. Inskip Hill Forestry Lookout, Tehama County, California. (10:00 p.m.- 10:15 p.m.)

Large cigar-shaped object 60 feet long.

Forestry lookout Laura Jones had some unusual experiences on the job in November 1959. One time about Thanksgiving a strange humming sound could be heard. It was shrill and steady, nearly “driving her crazy.” No source of the sound was located. And then on another occasion, between 5:00 and 5:30 in the afternoon, the hum was heard again, and at the same time she saw something to the northwest in the direction of Little Inskip Hill/Long Ranch. Peering closely she noticed a “large, shiny, top-shaped, object” rise straight up into the sky until it disappeared from view. At that point the hum stopped. A couple of nights later Tuscan Butte Lookout southwest of Inskip contacted Laura to inform her a large cigar-shaped object could be seen near Pattymocus [This must be Pattymocus Butte Lookout in Tehama County, which is in the foothills on the western side the central valley, south of the town of Beegum]. The cigar-shape report was forwarded to the main office but the people there dismissed the sighting as due to a weather balloon.

The big UFO event for Laura, however, came on the evening of July 27, 1960 at 10:00 p.m.:

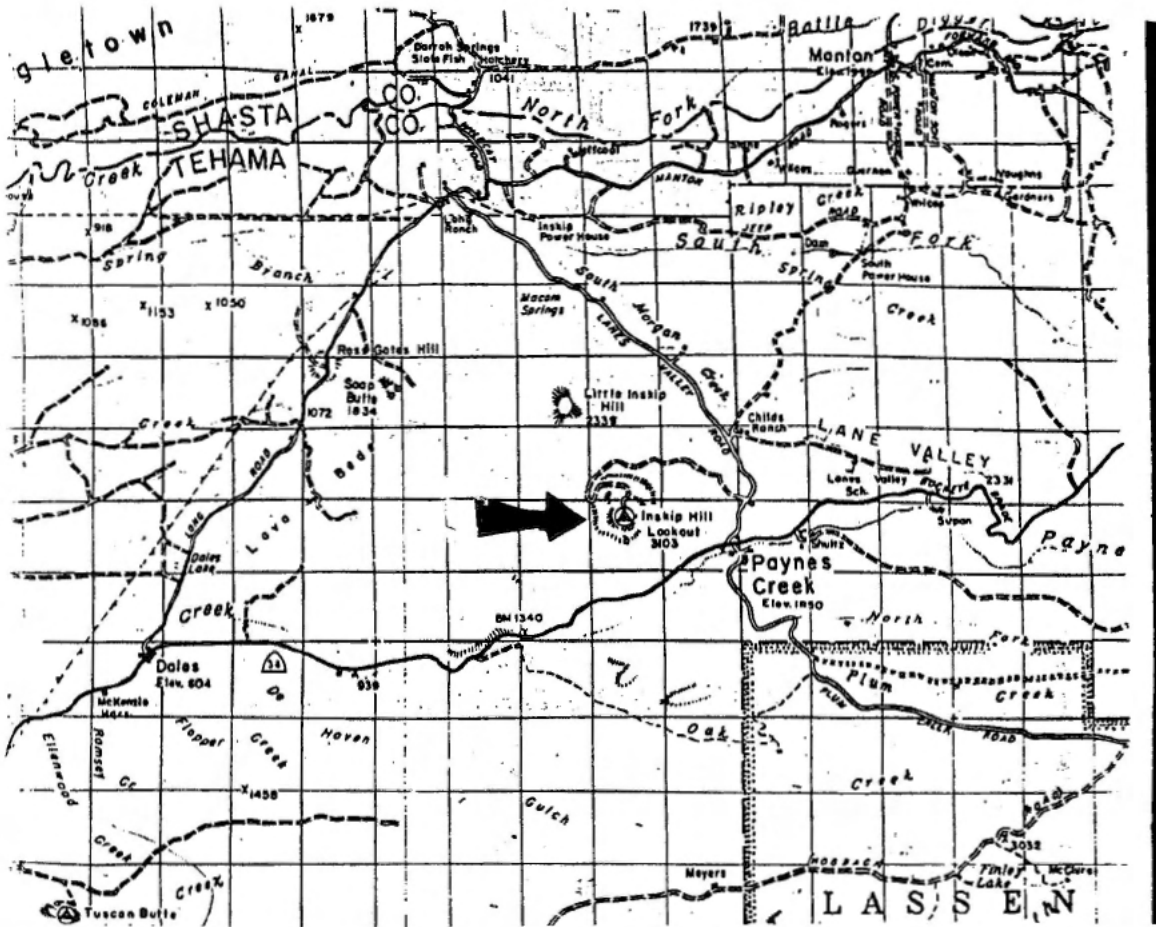
“I heard the same humming again. I ran outside and searched the area. Coming at me from the southeast over ‘Dyes’ [? spelling not clear] Ridge I saw a sharply shiny object. I thought it was the flash of a windshield. Then it turned broadside. I realized that it was a large cigar-shaped object about 60 feet long.

“As it neared the humming grew louder. Five red objects accompanied the object flying in formation although unattached.

“(…deleted) called at that time to tell me that they also had seen the object[s] and had heard them as they rushed over them [Apparently the objects had passed directly over another lookout]. (…deleted) was still very unsure what it was. We were excited and continued to watch. At 10:15 p.m. we saw it approaching again from the Mineral area [The town of Mineral is due south of Inskip] heading toward us at a terrific speed. When it crossed the summit [there is a high ridge in the area called Mineral summit], it veered southeast and sped high up into the heavens. And as it went the stars again began to fall [? My guess is the object gave off glowing particles. She says “again” but fails to tell about the first time]. By this time (…deleted) was scared silly and I was upset. Lt. Roberts [police/military/forestry service?] had to leave and I locked everything up. I was very frightened and uneasy.” (xx.) (See drawing of object by witness on page 31)

(xx.) Handwritten notes evidently by Laura Jones. Name deleted in official records. Found in the file on the mid-August 1960 UFO flap in the Corning, California, area. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files.

July 27, 1960 -
 Silver - glow - Big - 60 to 70' -
 I had the impression of windows - when headlights



Inskip Hill Lookout (3,103 feet elevation) was located in Tehama County a few miles northwest of the town of Paynes Creek. (See map above)

29 July. Chicago, Illinois (night)

"I've been dreading the day when I would sight a UFO." (See clipping on page 33)

30-31 July. Bishopbriggs, Scotland. (Friday night-Saturday morning)

"Mass with a domed top which glowed red."

England's *Flying Saucer Review* printed this one:

"The [Milngavie and Bearsden] *Herald* interviewed no fewer than 18 people who certainly saw, according to the newspaper, what they claimed to have seen. Most of those interviewed were questioned separately and all agreed on the description of the mystery object, as follows: 'A bell-shaped mass with a domed top which glowed red. Around the base of the bell shape was a broad white light, much as if it had been a broad strip light. The object also appeared to have lights shining from windows or portholes, its center.'

"The object was also reported to be making a humming noise like a distant dynamo or some other electrical apparatus. The noise was not like that of a piston-engine or jet-powered aeroplane. Neither did it in any way resemble an aeroplane or helicopter.

"The object was seen in the sky above Bishopbriggs on the night of Friday, July 30 and early Saturday morning, July 31. The altitude of the object, as far as could be judged, was thought to be quite low, about 500 feet. Estimates of the size of the object agreed that it was about 40 feet at the base and 35 feet in height. Mr. George Jerit, aged 57, of 10 Lammarmuir Road, Kirkintilloch, who first saw it in company with 12 others at the school where he is night supervisor. His account of the incident is as follows:

"I saw the object quite clearly. It was about two miles away and 500 feet up. It was cruising slowly over the Lambhill district and coming towards the school. I would say it was shaped more like a bell than a saucer. At the top there was a large circular dome which glowed bright red and right round the circular base there was a white light. As I watched it, the part between the red dome and the base suddenly lit up. From where I was it looked like three rows of portholes. Up until now I would have said these things do not exist. But after seeing this thing I have changed my mind. I know they do exist." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. January-February 1961. p.27.

31 July. Kinney Lakes, Alpine County, California. (about 10:30)

Object shaped like a top.

A letter found in BLUE BOOK Files states:

Experts Up in Air Over Sky Phantom

Adler Chief Spurns Suggestion That Object Was Plane Lights

The director of Adler Planetarium scoffs at suggestions that the unidentified flying object (UFO) he and two staff members sighted was an airplane's lights.

"I know an airplane when I see one," he said.

Robert I. Johnson and two aides saw the object — reddish-hued and apparently moving faster than Echo I, America's new communications satellite — Friday night over Chicago.

"I've been dreading the day when I would sight a UFO," he said.

But Dr. Gerard Kuiper, University of Chicago astronomer, said the object the Adler men saw must have been an airplane's lights.

Dr. Kuiper said he and his staff were watching for Echo I at the same time and saw nothing of a UFO.

On the fact that Johnson's report comes from a trained



G. P. KUIPER

astronomical observer and not an untrained citizen, Dr. Kuiper said the experts are the men most fooled by airplanes.

This is because, he said, they feel that they are least likely to be tricked.

PLANETARIUM observers on the watch Saturday and Sunday nights did not see the UFO again.

However, another UFO sighting was reported Sunday to the civilian director of UFO research here, David Daughters. He said a Belmont beach sun bather reported seeing four dark objects shooting past from cloud to cloud.

Daughters said reported UFO sightings are on the increase. He urged sky-watchers who spot unusual objects to phone KEdvale 9-6238.

THE AIR FORCE has investigated 6,312 reports of

UFOs in the last 13 years, and accounted for most as observations of balloons, aircraft, stars, comets, meteors and other heavenly commuters.

Those unaccounted for were written off as having "insufficient data" to analyze.

Only two weeks ago Sen.

Johnson (D., Texas), called for a continued "close watch" of UFOs.

THE PLANETARIUM director reported, also, that a UFO was reported also at the time of Echo I's first evening passage over Chicago by nine persons Thursday night.

Neither he nor his staff observed it then, however.

A U. S. Weather Bureau meteorologist reported conditions were excellent at 9 p.m. Friday for reflecting light from an earth source.

There were cirrus (ice crystal) clouds at 30,000 feet which could as easily reflect a searchlight, he said.

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TERCIEL 114 Broderick Street San Francisco 17, Calif.

"On July 31 our family went on a picnic for the day at what is called Kinney Lakes. There are three of these lakes. The elevation of these lakes is 8,730 feet and they are located in Alpine County on Highway 4. On July 31 visibility was very good. We arrived at Kinney Lake No. 2 at about 9:00 o'clock. Four adults and two children remained at the picnic grounds. At about 10:30 an object shaped like a top came over the crest of the mountain from the direction of Kinney Lake No.1 and passed straight over Kinney Lake No. 2. The thing was soundless until it was over about the middle of the lake then it made a swish sound like a jet except there was no roar or whistle to the sound it made. When it reached the other end of the lake the sound stopped. We expected it to hit the side of the mountain but there was no sound of an impact." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: "The Air Force." From: (...deleted) Arnold, California. Date: Not given. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 31 July 60

The "top-shaped" thing disappeared behind a tree line, and since it didn't reappeared the witness assumed it continued out of sight along the foot of the mountain and down the valley until it reached Blue Lake. The witness was sure it didn't go over the mountain. While under observation the metallic-gray "top" was moving in an easterly direction at terrific speed. The shape of the object puzzled the witness, because while it wasn't a "missile or satellite," it wasn't a "flying saucer" either. In any case, the witness was sure it was "man-driven and man operated." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

This case is not one of the better ones in the files, but few reports are made in the mountain areas of California and the unusual small UFO flap in the Tehama County in the northern central valley was just beginning, making the sighting one of interest.

31 July. Congressional follow-up.

Apparently the House Science and Astronautics Committee was committed to a follow-up on its recommendations. Their man Dick Hines was selected to check on the Air Force. Maj. Friend, apparently on leave, was summoned back to duty to deal with the visit. (See document on page 35)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. Date: 31 July 60. Reel #87.

5 August. Between Moulle and Lille, France. (about midnight)

UFO blocks highway.

According to our source:

"One of the closest sightings in a long time occurred last August 5th between the town of Moulle and Lille in France. A man named Daniel Huot and his wife were

TO: Colonel Wynn

SUBJ: Congressional Investigation of the UFO Program

1. At approximate 1515 hours 31 July Colonel Mullins of AFLC called Project Blue Book office reporting that he had been in contact with Colonel Boland's office, Legislative Liason, ^{Secretary of the H.F.} concerning Congressional Committee investigation of the Air Force UFO Program. He further stated that a staff investigator for the House Science and Astronautics Committee (Congressman Overton Brooks, Los Angeles, Chairman) Mr Dick Hines, was going to visit FTD in about a week to 10 days ^{from 3 Aug 61} and Col. Bolin suggested that we prepare for his visit. Col. Mullins was given Major Friends leave phone number, and was going to give ^{same} this to Col. Boland, as it is felt that it would be much to our advantage to have Major Friend at FTD when Mr. Hines makes his visit.

James B. Bolin
Tsgt NCOIC

driving home from a visit with relatives, when a very bright round object suddenly blocked the highway in front of them. It was 'the color of the sun,' and was only about 10 feet above the ground when first seen. The UFO then moved to one side of the highway and let the car pass, but it continued to follow Muot and his frightened wife for half a mile, at a distance of about 100 feet from the car. The object made no noise and gave off no smoke. It was about 15 feet high and 10 feet wide, and brightly lighted on the bottom, whereas the upper part was darker and somewhat indistinct. Mrs. Huot claimed to have seen a human form within the strange machine, but she was able to give no details. The incident occurred late at night, and there were no other witnesses." (xx.)

(xx.) No case (Information Only) 5 August 1960. Between Moulle & Lille, France. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. Another source claims the original story appeared in the French newspaper *Quest-France* on August 5, 1960.

5 August. Senator Johnson orders UFO watch.

Senator Johnson wrote a letter to Donald Keyhoe on August 5th to inform NICAP's director he was ordering a "close watch" on major UFO developments. Johnson was not only the powerful Senate Majority Leader he was now the Democratic vice presidential candidate. Teamed up with the handsome John F. Kennedy, who was a huge favorite with the nation's media, what Johnson did and said was front page news. (See news clipping on pages 37-38)

8 August. Tehama County, California. (9:05 p.m.)

A "major UFO development?"

Things were about to pop in northern California. It started with two loud booms. (See sheriff report below)

TEHAMA COUNTY
SHERIFF
SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT

INFORMATION ON FLYING OBJECTS

Type of Crime

REPORT ON FLYING OBJECTS, TEHAMA CO. *Cal*

Crime Report No.

On Monday 8-8-60 at approximately 9:05PM at the Tehama County Jail there was heard and felt two loud Booms, at about 9:25PM received a radio report from the Corning Police Dept. that there was a ball of fire falling from the sky, The ball

...continued on page 39

Senator Johnson Orders Watch on Flying Saucers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (UPD.)—Senate investigators have been ordered by Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson to keep "close watch" on major developments involving unidentified flying objects, it was disclosed today.

Johnson, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, also has ordered the staff of the Senate preparedness sub-committee to give him a report on any "significant" sightings of UFO's along with an analysis of resulting Air Force investigations.

Congressional sources said the check has been underway some time but that nothing sensational has turned up so far.

Johnson revealed his order in a letter to retired Marine Air Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, head of a private group called the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. The organization has been battling for years to gain official recognition of the existence of such things as flying saucers.

Keyhoe made the letter public along with a statement by

his group accusing the Air Force of a "wrong and dangerous" policy in allegedly suppressing information on UFO's.

Keyhoe's committee said it had carefully evaluated hundreds of UFO reports by military and airline pilots, missile trackers and other experts during the last three years.

"It was the majority conclusion," the committee said, "that the UFO's reported by these skilled observers were unknown devices under intelligent control."

*Wilmington Ae
Morning News
Aug. 6 1960*

TAMPA, FLA. TIMES Aug. 11, 1960
Circ. D. 42,780

Johnson Orders 'Saucer' Watch

Well, sir, we may finally have a hint of the source of the flying saucers. Democratic vice presidential candidate Lyndon Johnson, who also is Senate Majority Leader, has ordered Senate investigators to keep a close watch on major developments involving unidentified flying objects.

Speculation ranged far and wide on the "flying saucers," including some discussion that they come from outer space. But Senator Johnson's concern suggests another explanation entirely.

Do you suppose he suspects they may be a Republican secret weapon?

or object appeared to be falling to the East of Los Molinas and Vina area. This report was radioed from the Corning Police dept. by Officers [redacted] and [redacted]. Writer reported this to the California Div. of Forestry, CAA and the US Radar Base at Red Bluff, as the falling object was thought to be a Aircraft of some sort. All of the reports from the above was neg. as to any of our Air Craft., and no Fires." (xx.)

(xx.) *Air Intelligence Information Report*, by Duane K. Bilsend, Provost Marshall Division, McClellan AFB, California. 23 August 60. Tabs A-E. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files.

The two booms and numerous inquiries about them were recorded in the logs at the Red Bluff Air Force Station. (See extract copy on page 40) Further activity would be recorded in northern California in the following days.

11 August. Left Hand Canyon, Colorado. (3:10 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.)

"I thought the reports of these strange aircraft were a lot of hogwash. I know better now. I was really shaken by this experience."

Taking place in Colorado, a report by Ray Hawks attracted the attention of Coral Lorenzen's APRO. The APRO investigators were able to add some additional detail to press stories:

"At 3:10 p.m. on August 11, in broad daylight, Hawks, who was an employee of a trucking company at Boulder, was operating a farm tractor with a shovel loader attachment in Left Hand Canyon, which is about two miles south of Buckingham Park, and approximately seven miles south of Buckingham Park, and approximately seven miles north and two miles west of Boulder.

"A muffled sound of detonation was the first indication of anything unusual, and looking upward to the apparent source of the sound, Hawks watched a disk-shaped object dropping vertically downward out of the cloud cover. It then stopped in midair about 650 feet away from Hawks and about 200 feet above the ground. It wobbled a bit as it stabilized itself, Hawks said, and he compared this motion to that of a silver dollar dropped on a table which will wobble for a bit before coming to a rest. Then all motion ceased and Hawks got a good look at it.

"Hawks said the thing looked like two concave disks joined together at the rim and it was about one-fifth as deep as it was wide. Dull aluminum in color, its surface appeared velvety, and around its perimeter, a little inside from the edge, was a series of shiny metal plates with a small gap between each, which could be seen on the under-surface as it descended and on the upper surface as it came to rest. One of these 'plates' was giving off a bright royal blue smoke which sort of oozed around the edges. It was during these observations that Hawks

859TH RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE) (ADC)
 United States Air Force
 Red Bluff Air Force Station
 Red Bluff, California

E X T R A C T

8: August 1960

- 2110 - Heard about two "Sonic Booms"
 2123 - Rec'd call from Mr. [REDACTED] (Red Bluff Sheriff Office) that he had rec'd call from two policemen in Corning stating they had seen a large fiery ball of fire fall to the ground about 15-20 miles east of Corning. Also farmer called sheriff saying boom had broken his irrigation ditch.
 2133 - Called FAA Controller (Ops) & he said he heard boom; but no A/C under his control.
 2135 - Called SSGT Day to notify PADS & see if they had any info.
 2138 - Sgt Day informed me PADS had no report & nothing super sonic in area; but will check as much as possible let us know. Sgt Day also checked 28th Air Division (Point Areana) with negative results.
 2200 - Mr. [REDACTED] called again & said some phone calls were coming in (flying Saucers & everything) so I got a patch to PADS Senior Director Major Frederick & let them talk about it awhile, coordinating like mad. They both got the picture & said they would call if anything new come up. All info not to be disseminated to public.
 2230 - Major Frederick called & said this info was not to be released to any civil agencies except Headquarters 28th AD was investigating the incident & all inquiries were to be handled through the 28th Air Division was investigating the incident & all inquiries were to be handled through the 28th Air Division (San Francisco Sector)
 0615 - Turned off lights
- s/TSOT Gleason
 s/Martin J Groom

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 Captain, USAF
 Executive Officer

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Ass't Administrative Officer

claimed he heard a sort of intermittent hum, much like an electric motor which is out of phase and idling. This sound seemed to come from inside the object.

"The next move on the part of the disk was surprising to Hawks; the plate which had been oozing smoke began to tilt from within until one end was withdrawn inside and then the whole plate was taken inside 'just as you might tilt the windshield of a car prior to withdrawing it inside the car [Some early automobiles had windshields hinged at the top so they could popped open to provide fresh air to the occupants. Electric powered air conditioning as we know it today came later], he said. An elongated hole where the plate had been was then visible. Immediately, then, another 'plate' appeared to be worked into place from within, and Hawks said he heard a 'click' as it came to rest. Just a few seconds after the operation was over, the hum increased in intensity until it had attained a very high pitch, and the disk appeared to be surrounded by a shimmering field much like the heat haze from a hot pavement.

"Then the disk elevated instantly and disappeared back into the clouds from which it had originally come. And it was gone.

"A fairly commonplace occurrence (where UFOs are concerned) had taken place when the disk first came upon the scene. Hawks had been working the shovel loader when the disk came out of the clouds and his engine cut out. Thinking that he had continued the lifting operation after the shovel had already been fully elevated (which sometimes would cause the engine to stall), Hawks tried to restart the engine but the starter seemed to be dead.

"Hawks told APRO's investigator that he had had an extraordinary feeling of peace and contentment during the whole episode, with no inclination to approach the disk or leave his machine. He also said that he felt the whole operation took about fifteen minutes and that when the disk disappeared back into the clouds he felt as though he were 'coming to his senses' and reached down to restart his engine which functioned perfectly from then on.

"Later estimates made by investigators put the size of the disk at least 100 feet in diameter and about 20 feet thick at the middle. Hawks claimed that on a later date when he was again working the canyon he found an Air Force helicopter on the ground, and a colonel and a major talked with him, suggesting that he tell the newspapers that the flying saucer would return. Hawks refused, saying that he would appear to be crazy if he said such a thing. The two officers said that they wanted him to make the statement in order to prevent public panic about the incident. Wisely, Hawks refused the request.

"Although Hawks was the only witness, to our knowledge, of the 'repair job,' our investigator felt, after a long interview with him, that he was an intelligent observer and was telling the truth and that therefore this particular sighting is considered to be one of the best, mainly because of the integrity of the observer and the amount of detail observed." (xx.)

(xx.) Lorenzen, Coral and Jim. *UFOs: The Whole Story*. A Signet Book: New, N.Y., 1969. pp.223-225.

13-14 August. Near Corning, California. (Saturday about 11:50 p.m. until about 2:05 a.m. Sunday morning)

"We stopped and leaped from the patrol car." "We saw something that could defy the law of gravity."

Interview of Highway Patrolmen Stanley Scott and Charles A. Carson (names occasionally deleted in BLUE BOOK records) over radio station KBLF Red Bluff:



Radio KBLF interview of officers [redacted] and [redacted] of highway patrol, Red Bluff, Office.

Saturday night, approximately 11:50, almost midnight.

Where did you first spot the unidentified flying object?
East of Corning (?), about 4 miles East of Corning to be exact.

You were on the Hoag (?) road where the people know the area around here, right? Now, what you spotted, we have had a lot of talk and people have called it different things and everything else; so, the best way possible, Mr. Scott, if you could more or less identify what it looked like from where you were this time of the evening.

At first we thought it was an airliner coming down and after looking closer at it and getting out of the car, we realized that it was not a conventional type aircraft. It was surrounded by a bright white glow, a glow of light. It was shaped similar to a football. A row of white lights ran horizontal to the object across the center of it, and on each end there was a red light which would sweep the countryside as the object turned. It pointed the red light in the direction...

How far were you from this when you sighted it the first time?

It is hard to say, not knowing the size of the object. It is possible that we were as close as a half mile or anywhere up to a mile and a half to two miles at the closest.

Something I asked [redacted] this afternoon, I'll ask him again; but right now, I would like to ask you. The very first moment you saw the unidentified flying object--what was your first feeling?

At first I didn't have any feeling until the object had performed a few maneuvers and then appeared to be coming straight toward the patrol car. At that time, I did get scared and the hair on the back of my neck stood up and I was quite shocked.

Was there ever a feeling of fear in any way, form, or was it mostly curiosity or shock, like you say?

Well, I did feel fear just one time there when it first started toward us, and after that, it was more curiosity. We were then trying to find out what it was.

Well, [redacted], to your own idea now, Mr. Scott more or less explained what it looked like--once again it looked like it had either a row of lights or a row of windows on the side of the object, is this right?

Yes, it appeared to be windows. The windows were only visible when the object would turn at a certain angle to us. It appeared to have to manipulate the machine in order to get this beam to sweep

in the sense that the beam wasn't movable in itself, that the entire object had to move to move the beam light--this fixed light.

This fixed light, was this one the nose and one, more or less, the rear of the ship?

We only saw one beam in operation at a time but both red lights on the front and rear or sides, how ever the case may be, were always visible.

Would you say it was round?

The light or the object?

No, the object itself.

The object was round.

In other words, if someone would say a flying saucer--that is what it looked like?

Yes, that's right.

And it was supposedly hovering over the ground at a certain altitude for a certain length of time right in that area?

That's correct, quite considerable lengths of time it hovered over the ground and appeared motionless.

Well, you know a lot of people have been talking about weather balloons and illusions and so forth; and right now I would like to point out that we have with us two members of the California highway patrol and they in no way are seeing any illusions, the big thing we want to point out. And, in checking with the weather bureaus in _____ on the San Francisco Bay area--there were two balloons let out with red and white lights but these balloons were never in the area where the officers were. And so, if anyone has the idea that this is an illusion, no, it is not!

And something else, too, _____, I would like to bring out and that is the fact that you or Mr. Scott put the red light on the object.

That was officer Scott, he propped (?) the red light on the object.

What happened then?

Well, then the object moved away from us, and we followed it in the patrol car at which time we lost sight of it. We stopped after several miles and got out of the patrol car and, as I recall, we climbed on the hood of the car to look over a knoll. There it was, looking right back at us.

Good feeling, right?

It was hovering about a mile away. At this time it appeared to be about a mile away.

Well, _____ was saying earlier that at one time it was behind the hill and all at once it seemed to jump over the hill.

That was the time.

It appeared a lot closer that what it was.

How big would you say the object was?

As large or larger than an airliner.

Could you say in feet approximately?

About 150 to 200 feet.

(would be) difficult to say even in the daytime--you could not determine whether it was round or oblong.

Well, do you say this, that maybe perhaps it knew of your presence there especially with this red light on?

I firmly believe it was aware of the presence of the light because the object moved away immediately. As officer Scott brought the red light on, it moved directly away from us.

Well, then it did move away. Did it move away slowly or did it do this all at once, with speed?

It moved away fairly fast. It moved so swiftly that we lost sight of it. That is when we lost it the first time.

I see, like it did notice the red light and it was leaving the area. Then did it return after you put the red light ...

It came back towards us on one other occasion.

Let's put it this way, how do you feel about the whole situation right now?

I am like officer Scott; I still find it rather difficult to believe even after watching. It was amazing to sit out there for two hours and fifteen minutes watching this thing, and it is even more difficult to tell someone else what you saw. It is quite an experience. That is all you could say about it.

So, if someone would say to you that they felt you saw a balloon or an optical illusion, what would you say?

I would say that I wish that person had been sitting where I was and I had been sitting home.

Is that your same feeling, Mr. Scott?

That's right, it was definitely not a balloon or optical illusion. We saw something out there.

It was a UFO, an unidentified flying object. I can see what you mean.

Well, there it is. In other words, we have an unidentified flying object, maybe never again, then again we might.

This is in the _____ area on highway 99 E and as a guess it was approximately 200 feet (sq ft ?) in diameter, and had weird lights and so forth, and hovering over the ground down there, and shifting from back and forth and, once again, it was not an optical illusion: it was there.

Well, _____, would you like to say anything to sort of wrap this up. I know you have been busy all day long and both Mr. Scott and Mr. Carson have been with the wire service and the television all day and now I have them cornered, too, trying to get more out of them; but after this experience tied up with press and everything else, what do you think of it now?

Oh, even with the press it was quite an experience. I think most of the reporters and people we talked to were quite impressed due to the number of creditable people that saw the thing. I go along with Scott 100 per cent. I am sure glad I wasn't there by myself. If I had been, I would have gone home and thought it over by myself before reporting it.

Isn't it true that someone in the area at the time traveling through called in somewhere and reported, more or less, confirming your reports of the same object?

Yes, two people from San Francisco called today to report that they had seen the object in the area at that time as they were passing through on highway 99 E.

How many people would you say saw the object that you know of that night?

I have no idea. There was, I believe, at least 8 of us at that time that we knew of right then that was watching the object. However, I do know that some people have called the highway patrol reporting that they also saw the object. Of course, this happened today after the story broke.

I was talking to some of the residents of the _____ area and they said too that they also spotted the object. (narrator)

Well, gentlemen, since time is running out I would like to take the opportunity to say thanks after a busy day with press and with the office work and so forth. I would like to thank you a lot for taking the time and coming out here. To me this is a fantastic story. I think it is just fabulous and like you said, I am glad you weren't alone because if I were in the position I would feel the very same way. So, thank you so very much.

We have officer Scott and officer Carson here.
Highway Patrol, Red Bluff Office.

Local newspaper coverage of the Saturday night/Sunday morning excitement:

Mystery Flying Object Puzzles

The unidentified flying object seen flitting around Tehama County Saturday night remains a mystery today.

Officials at the local radar base claim no knowledge of the strange object and deny tracking it on their radar screens. However, Major M. J. LeRoy, commander of the base, said a complete report of the incident as reported by Highway Patrolmen Stanley

E. Scott and Charles A. Carson has been forwarded to the Portland Air Force Defense Sector for investigation.

Ruel Blohm, captain of the local patrol office, stated today he also has sent a complete report to the patrol operations office in Sacramento.

In the mean time it appears all will remain in the dark other than for the descriptions of eye witnesses of a huge oblong object emitting a "violently red" light which performed what is stated as "unbelievable" aerial feats.

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Eight Officers Report Seeing Flying Saucers

A huge object reportedly to be at least as large as an airliner emitting an extremely red beam described as being 10 feet or more across flying at low levels

east of Corning and in the Vina plains area, was spotted by two highway patrolmen, three sheriff's deputies and three city policemen and other citizens Saturday night, shortly before midnight.

The object was first spotted by the Highway Patrolmen when they were on Hoag road east of Corning. The two men said at first they saw what appeared to be a huge airliner dropping from the sky as if it were going to crash.

"We stopped and leaped from the patrol car in order to get a position at what we were sure was going to be a crash," stated the men. When leaping from the auto, the patrolmen noticed complete silence but said they still assumed it to be an aircraft with its engines off.

"The object was probably within 100 to 200 feet of the ground when it suddenly reversed completely at a high speed and gained approximately 500 feet in altitude," their report stated.

The patrolmen said at that time the object stopped and was completely visible to both of them. It was not any type of aircraft known to them. It was reported as being surrounded by a glow causing it to appear as an oblong object. There were red lights at each end and sides, and at times white lights could also be seen between the red one, according to the report.

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Highway Patrolmen Charles A. Carson and Stanley E. Scott (left to right) have been busy fellows the last couple of days giving accounts of their unidentified flying object story to papers, radio and television all over the state. Some of those who in the past chalked off this type of UFO accounts are now looking a little more concerned. The story of the huge object emitting white and red lights at low levels over various parts of the county has been confirmed by eight peace officers plus other citizens. (Daily News photo)

(Continued on page 48)

The patrolmen said they watched the object perform various aerial feats. At this time they called the sheriff's office which called the local radar base reporting the happenings.

According to the patrolmen at that time the officials at the base said they were tracking an unidentified object but did not say if the two were the same. No information was available from the base today.

As the patrolmen continued to watch the object on two occasions it came directly at the patrol car each time sweeping the area with a huge red light. One of the patrolmen described the light as being violently red and 10 feet or more across. From their position the men could not tell if the light ever struck the surface.

As the object came within about a mile of the officers they turned their car's red light toward it and it immediately went away from them.

The officers said the strange machine used its red light to sweep the area six or seven times.

According to the report, the object then started slowly moving easterly and the patrolmen followed it until reaching the Vina plains fire station at which time they reportedly saw a similar object approaching the first from the south.

The second object moved close to the first at which time both stopped, the men said.

After watching for two and a half hours, a sight, the patrolmen themselves found hard to believe, they returned to the local sheriff's office.

At that time the patrolmen said three sheriff's deputies stated they had seen the object from a distance and described it exactly as the CHP pair had seen it.

Also near the same time Saturday night three city policemen saw what they described as a slowly moving object appearing to have red and white lights coming from it, at a low altitude.

The possibility of the object being the satellite recently shot into orbit was discounted by the patrolmen who stated they had seen the orbiting satellite cross the sky earlier.

The patrolmen also stated they experienced radio interference every time the object came close to their patrol vehicle.

13 August. Formal written report to CHP headquarters.

A document found in Air Force BLUE BOOK files apparently is a CHP report submitted to the State Patrol Office in Sacramento. It is addressed to the "Area Commander."

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Area Commander - 130

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Officer [redacted] and I were EB on Hoag Road, east of Corning, looking for a speeding motorcycle when we saw what at first appeared to be a huge airliner dropping from the sky. The object was very low and directly in front of us. We stopped and leaped from the patrol vehicle in order to get a position on what we were sure was going to be an airplane crash. From our position outside the car the first thing we noticed was an absolute silence. Still assuming it to be an aircraft with power off we continued to watch until the object was probably within 100' to 200' of the ground when it suddenly reversed completely, at high speed and gained approximately 500' altitude. There the object stopped, at this time it was clearly visible to both of us and obviously not an aircraft of any design.

familiar to us. It was surrounded by a glow making the round or oblong object visible. At each end, or each side of the object there were definite red lights. At times about five white lights were visible between the red lights. As we watched the object moved again and performed aerial feats that were actually unbelievable.

At this time we radioed Tehama County Sheriff's Office requesting they contact local radar base. The Radar Base confirmed the U.F.O. - completely unidentified.

Officer [redacted] and myself, after our verification continued to watch the object. On two occasions the object came directly towards the patrol vehicle, each time it approached, the object turned, swept the area with a huge red light. Officer [redacted] turned the red light on the patrol vehicle towards the object and it immediately went away from us. We observed the object use the red beam approximately 6 or 7 times, sweeping the sky and ground areas. The object began moving slowly in an easterly direction and we followed. We proceeded to the Vina Plains fire station where we again were able to locate the object. As we watched it was approached by a similar object from the south. It moved near the first object and both stopped, remaining in that position for some time, occasionally emitting the red beam.

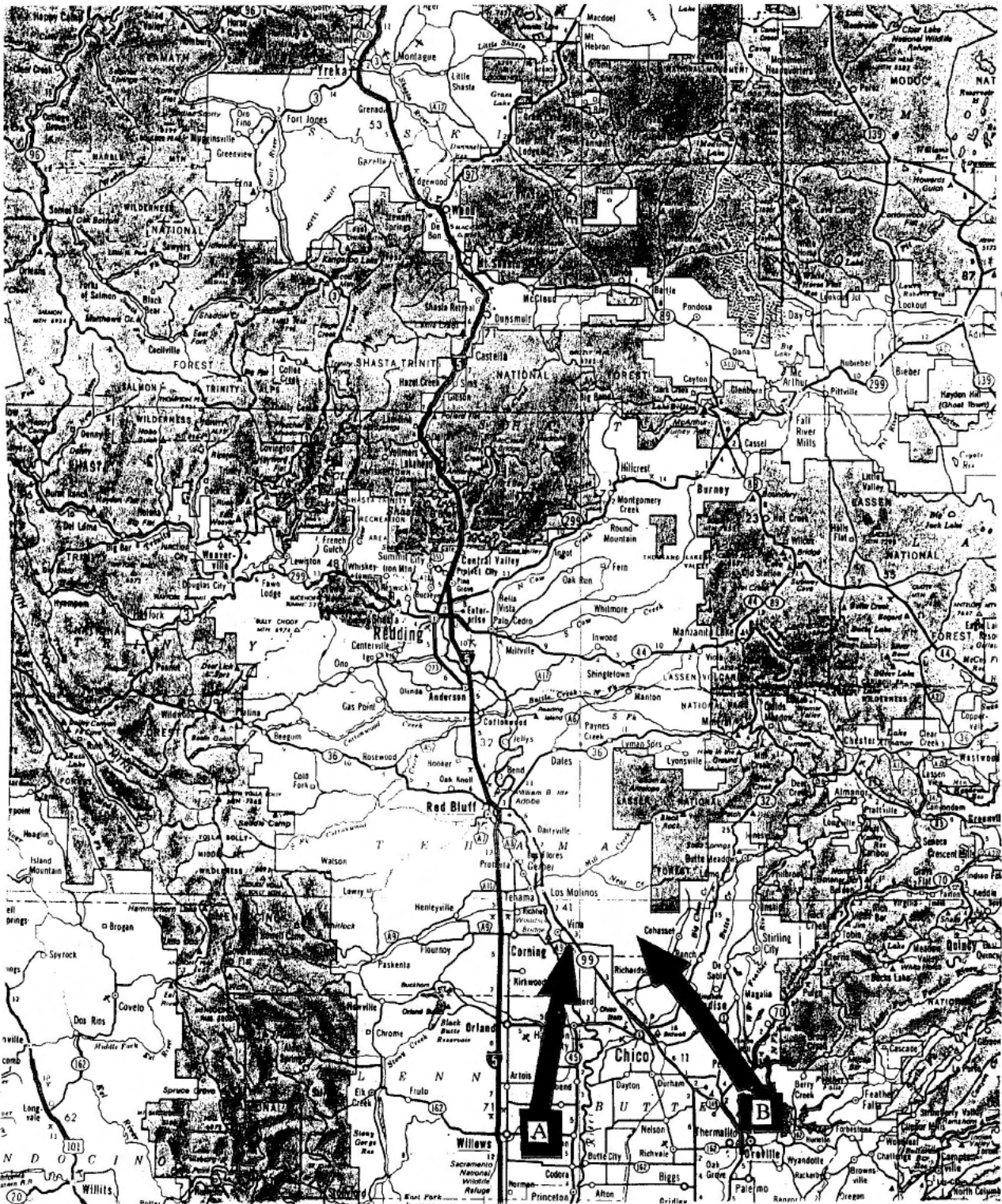
Area Commander

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Finally both objects disappeared below the eastern horizon. We returned to the Tehama County Sheriff's Office and met Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted], who had gone to Los Molinos after contacting the Radar Base. Both had seen the U. F. O. clearly and described to us what we saw. The night jailer also was able to see the object for a short time, each described the object and its maneuvers exactly as we saw them. We first saw the object at 2350 hours and observed it for approximately two hours and 15 minutes. Each time the object neared us we experienced radio interference.

We submit this report in confidence for your information, we were calm after our initial shock and decided to observe and record all we could of the object.

[redacted]
Charles A. Carson, [redacted]



Map: (A) Police view object from a location near Vina. (B) "Airplane crash" or "meteor" believed to have fallen east of Vina and west of Cohasset.

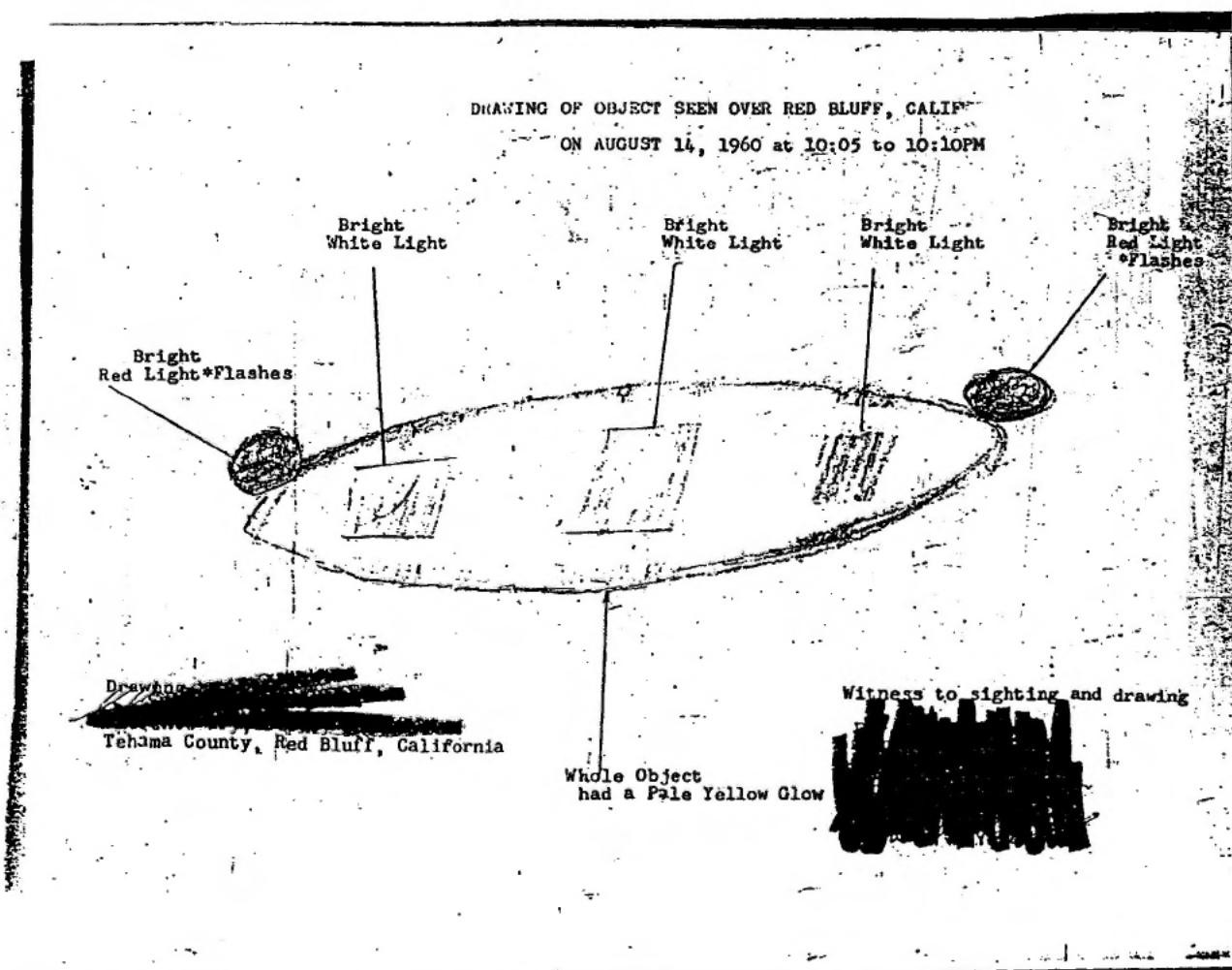
14 August. Sunday morning reports from Los Molinas and Red Bluff areas.

(See Sheriff Supplemental Crime Report and Air Force Operations Log on pages 52-54)

14 August. East of Los Molinas, California. (10:05 p.m. to 10:10 p.m.)

Like a large hovering boxcar.

Sunday evening, about 24 hours after the Carson and Scott sighting, more police including Deputy Clarence Fry of the Tehama jail, viewed a mysterious object. (It should be mentioned that police radio frequencies said to have been jammed were: CHP 42.34, CHP 54.86, and the Tehama County Sheriff Office: 155.73) (See Sheriff Supplemental Crime Report on page 55 and drawing of UFO below)



TEHAMA COUNTY
SHERIFF
SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT

INFORMATION ON FLYING OBJECTS

Type of Crime

REPORT ON FLYING OBJECTS, TEHAMA CO. *Col*

Crime Report No.

On August 13, 1960 at about 11:30PM, Officers [redacted] and [redacted] of the California Hiway Patrol radioed the Tehama Co. Sheriff's Office and stated that they were watching a flying Object and had been for about one hour.

At 12:00 Midnight this Officer and Officer [redacted] went to Los Molinas and set on a small hill to the East named or called Blueberry Hill and at approximately 12:30AM of 8-14-60 observed four objects in the Western sky, they were traveling from the south to the north in a straight line and at times they would go straight up or down, one of the objects seem to stop and hover over the Red Bluff area. After a short time there was a Object seen going from the North to the South.

859TH RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE) (ADC)
 United States Air Force
 Red Bluff Air Force Station
 Red Bluff, California

E X T R A C T

14 August 1960

- 0030 - [REDACTED] Red Bluff police officer called in to report "UFOB"
 obj flying north shape round red bright said state troopers also saw
 these.
- 0100 - Police officers saw 4 of these objects above. [REDACTED] called these
 in. All info we read was passed to Maj Frederick at PADS
- 0230 - [REDACTED] called said they received interference and jamming
 on all their radios.
- 0240 - Passed all back information to PADS.

s/ SSgt Day

s/Martin J Groom

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David E. Snyder
 DAVID E SNYDER
 1st Lt., USAF
 Ass't Administrative Officer

Extract from Operations Log

14 Aug 60

0715Z Received A call from [REDACTED] at this time, He reported that he had received various calls from individuals in town reporting an object flying Eastbound. The way he described the object and from my own observations, I told him it was the Satalitte ECHO 1, that was supposed to be in view at this time. (RS) Relayed this INFO to PADS(KS)

0735Z SSgt Day recieved a call from [REDACTED] of the Red Bluff Police, He said that he receive d a call from a Calif. Highway Patrolman patrolling Highway 99 and the Hyway Patrolman reported seeing 3 (three) flying objects - traveling Northbound. Patrolman [REDACTED] then went outside and saw for himself 1 (one) object flying North Patrolman [REDACTED] described it as being round, with a red XX glow and a white light directly behind and to the left. He reported that it was doing between 30-40 MPH @ around 1,000ft no Noise was heard. SSgt Day then called Red Bluff Airport and they said they had an aircraft take off @ approx. this time and would check on any flights of three's. We saw nothing here on the PPI. Patrolman [REDACTED] address is [REDACTED] Red Bluff Reported this INFO to PADS(KS)

1015Z Received another calll from [REDACTED] He reported seeing 4 (four) red flashing objects between 1200 Local - 0100 Local Between 0100 Local - 0430 Local he saw 5 (five) red flashing objects. He said the whole RBPd & Calif Hyway Patrol on duty tonight had seen the objects We observed nothing This INFO was passed to PADS (KS)

This INFO was logged by [REDACTED]

TEHAMA COUNTY
SHERIFF
SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT

INFORMATION ON FLYING OBJECTS

Type of Crime

Crime Report No.

REPORT ON FLYING OBJECTS, TEHAMA CO. *Cal*

On 8-14-60 at approximately 10:05 to 10:10PM went out side of the Tehama Co. Jail to check the Sky as officer [redacted] radioed that he had a object in the Los Molinas area that had appeared to have landed twice to the east of Los Molinas, on checking out side of the Jail observed a object coming in from the west to a position of about South East of the Jail and it appeared to stop and hover for a moment in that position, Writer called to the four trustees a [redacted] and a [redacted] to come out side and observe the flying object, by the time the four above men arrived the Object was gone but was spotted in the North West by Mr. [redacted] when the writer and others got across the front of the jail yard the Object was hovering and it looked lik a large Rail Road car with two large Red Lights one on each end, the hole Object was a pale Yellow glow in color and white lights appeared along it in three or four places which may have been windows. The Object then took off in a southernly direction and passed out of sight with out any of the above four persons and this writer hearing any type of motor or sound from the Object. A few moments later the Corning Alice radioed (Officer [redacted]) and he stated that the object was west of Corning going South at agreat Speed.

15 August. Air Force maintains surveillance?

News out of Washington on the 15th concerned a policy letter to all commanders from the office of the Secretary of the Air Force. The letter asserted that the USAF maintains a "continuous surveillance of the atmosphere near Earth for unidentified flying objects." Meanwhile, out in California a Major Leroy insisted his SAGE site had had no contacts with any UFOs.



STANLEY SCOTT
'It shot up 500 feet'

Major Malden LeRoy, commanding an Air Force radar station in Red Bluff, reported he had picked up no thing in his scope. However, he said his equipment would not have caught an object that close to ground. He said he had made an official report on the reported sighting to his superiors.

San Francisco, California
The San Francisco Chronicle
16 August 60



MAJ. MALDEN LeROY
Nothing on the radar

16 August. Banner headline in a San Francisco paper. (See page 57)

16 August. "Sighting has received widespread news coverage."

Faced with Congressional concern, so recently stated, that BLUE BOOK was failing to investigate significant UFO events, the California excitement could not be ignored. The Air Force had often claimed to be unaware of some impressive UFO incidents because they "were not officially reported," regardless of the news coverage received. Suddenly the Air Force acquired the ability to read and listen. SAFOI, the Public Information Office in the Pentagon (Tacker's home base) alerted ATIC to what was happening out on the West Coast. (See on page 58)

16 August. ATIC begins to investigate.

The official summary of the incidents in northern California tells us:

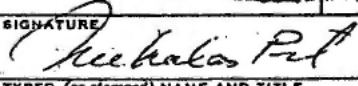
"On 16 August 1960, ATIC made telephone contact with the 859th Radar Squadron (SAGE) (ADC), Red Bluff Air Station, Red Bluff, California. The 859th is tied in with the Portland Air Defense Sector, Adair Air Force Base. Major LeRoy of

STATE COPS RACE 'FLYING SAUCER'

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the Radar Station reported that nothing had appeared on their scopes which *called for a scramble* [My emphasis. This does not rule out weak or erratic blips. During my own experience as a radar operator in the ADC in 1956-60 only a strong and consistent target moving at a reasonable speed was considered worth a scramble. Anything else was considered spurious and ignored. This fact may explain why UFOs make violent maneuvers] between 12-16 August 1960. Contact was again established with the 859th on 17 November 1960, and at this time Major LeRoy denied having informed patrolmen (...deleted) and (...deleted) that an unidentified object was on the scope of his unit on the night of the sighting. The Radar Unit at Red Bluff is a SAGE station. The equipment at Red Bluff is only monitored at the Station and is tied in to the Portland Air Defense Sector, which has the identification and intercept responsibility. Major LeRoy informed the California Highway Patrol that his station had no capability for identification, but that in view of the fact that no scramble had occurred, no unidentified object was on the scope [See my earlier comment. Major LeRoy evidently had no first hand knowledge of what, or what not, was on the scope.] The Major stated that the officers were not convinced that his information was all true." (xx.)

(xx.) "Congressional Request for Summary of UFO Sighting" (Mr. Robert Smart, House Armed Services Committee) AFCIN-4E2x. SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker) Date: 23 November 1960. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. See 13 August 60 records.

16 August. Corning, California. (8:30 p.m. to 8:40? p.m.)

"They flew erratically around each other."

Corning residents Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Million, Mrs. Louis Pryatei and her son Robert, viewed some strange objects in the sky. A press story stated:

"The four were standing in their front yard in the 1400 block of Butte Street, watching for satellite Echo One when they saw two subjects in the eastern sky. They described the objects as cigar-shaped, and they saw red and white lights shining from them.

"The UFO's flew soundlessly and erratically around one and other for about 10 minutes before disappearing to the northeast." (xx.)

(xx.) Corning, California. *Corning Daily Observer*. 17 August 60. p.1.

16 August. Near Bully Choop Lookout, California. (9:45 p.m.)

Three objects flying in formation.

According to Forester Laura Jones on watch at Inskip Lookout:

"...on August 16th at 21:45 Mr. Silva and I saw three fast moving objects in the vicinity of Bully Choop Lookout flying in formation, going north, circling at sharp right angles, [and] then disappearing.

"Then we saw one move in over [the] Tomhead area and hang motionless for about 45 minutes. It had flashing white, red, and green lights. I alerted Digger Butte and Tuscan Butte [other lookouts]. They also saw the same object." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: The Air Force? From: (...deleted) (Has to be Laura Jones due content of letter) Date: Not given. Found in the Air Force's BLUE BOOK 16 August 60 file.

16 August. Corning, California. (9:50 p.m.)

"Boomerang-shaped like flying wing."

The Corning newspaper reported another sighting on the evening of the 16th by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Wells and their two children:

"Last night's sighting by the Wells family on Prune Street was made at 9:50 as they were watching for Echo One. Thinking the object to be the satellite, they called their children Glen, 10 and Kimber, 6.

"As the four members of the Wells family watched, however, the object approached from the wrong direction for Echo One. Boomerang-shaped like a flying wing, it approached from the southwest, moved at an 'unbelievable speed,' and finally disappeared to the northwest, twice emitting bursts of white light.

"The Wells family said that altogether the object was in sight for less than five minutes.

"After the object had disappeared, as soundlessly as it came on the horizon, the Wells saw Echo One appear on schedule.

"The Corning residents said that the object was not an airplane because they had seen them earlier and they had blinking wing lights and moved much slower.

"The lack of sound also impressed the Wells. Earlier they had seen a jet approach soundlessly, but then heard its roar as the jet was flying away from them.

"The UFO, however, made no sound at any time during its appearance and disappearance." (xx.)

(xx.) Corning, California. *Corning Daily Observer*. 17 August 60. p.1.

16 August. Red Bluff, California. (about 10:00 p.m.)

"Two bright objects"

According to a press account:

"A little before...[10:00 p.m.] two women in Red Bluff said they saw 'two bright

objects,' much larger than stars. Moving from south to north, while they were scanning the skies from Miller's Trailer Park.

"Both Mrs. Virgil Dickie and Mrs. Bill Schwartz reported the sightings. They watched the objects until they moved behind the hills and disappeared." (xx.)

(xx.) Clipping found in the Air Force's BLUE BOOK file for 16 August 60.
No date or name of newspaper recorded.

16 August. Roseville, California. (11:00 p.m.)

"I never would have believed it if I did not see it myself."

A press report stated:

"The sighting in Roseville was made first by Mrs. Alice Wamsley who notified her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Painter. They said they all spotted two oblong lighted objects in the sky which remained visible for an hour, bobbing and swaying from time to time.

"The Painter's son, Mike, and a friend, Walter Gordon, also went outdoors and said they witnessed the sight, as did Police Captain Hugh Mc Guigan and Sergeant James Hall.

"The two officers later drove out to Base Line Road to avoid city lights and stated they continued to see the things until they suddenly vanished.

" 'Each was as big as a washtub, apparently,' Painter told a reporter.

" 'I never would have believed it if I did not see it myself,' Hall declared. 'No airplane could have traveled that fast [Apparently referring to the objects' departure].'

(xx.) Sacramento, California. *The Sacramento Bee*. 17 August 60. p.C3.

16 August. Mineral, California. (11:10 p.m. to 11:40? p.m.)

V-formation.

Sheriff deputies Bill Gonzalez and Al Perry were seeking some men who robbed the Chester (Plumas county) Bank of America branch of \$16,500. They set up a roadblock on Highway 36 at Mineral Lodge hoping to catch the suspects. The weather was very clear.

While waiting to nab the robbers, the lawmen noticed six objects in a loose V-formation, glowing a brilliant red and white, and maneuvering silently in the air between the town of Mineral and Turner Mountain. They watched for about a half an hour. Said Gonzalez: "They were dipping and diving and moving at simply unbelievable speed." (xx.)

(xx.) San Francisco, California. *The San Francisco Chronicle*. 18 August 60.

About a half dozen people staying at the lodge also saw the objects, as did about 50 persons in the town of Mineral.

According to Gonzalez and Perry:

"...the objects looked quite large but were so distant they could not identify the shapes. They flashed white and red lights..."

"Nor were there any vapor trails," Perry added. He said, however, he would estimate that they moved faster than any jets possibly could." (xx.)

(xx.) Clipping found in the Air Force BLUE BOOK file for 16 August 60. No Date or newspaper recorded.

16 August. Tuscan Butte area and Red Bluff, California. (about 11:20 p.m. and 11:45 p.m.)

More objects or the same.

A Supplemental Crime Report mentions observations by lawmen other than Gonzalez and Perry. The time given for the Mineral sighting does not agree with other sources. (See below)

TEHAMA COUNTY SHERIFF SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT	
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REPORT ON FLYING OBJECTS, TEHAMA CO. <i>C90</i>	
On 8-16-60 at about 11:20pm while inrout to the Mineral area on a Road check a Object of about the same description was spotted by Officer [redacted] and writer in the Tuscan Butte area, this Object was observed to the South and was in hovering position the object then moved off to the south and was about three to four miles from the above Officers. At about 11:45PM while Officer [redacted] and writer were waiting at Dales Station for Officers [redacted] and [redacted] Officer [redacted] and writer observed a Object of a Pale Yellow color with a Red flashing light that appeared to be hovering in the Red Bluff area, these sightings were about two to two and a half hours after the sightings at Mineral.	

17 August. Belle Mill Road/ Hog Back Road, Tehama County, California. (7:30 p.m. PST)

Reddish-purple round object.

According to our source:

"Mr. (...deleted) Red Bluff, California was driving up Belle Mill Road with his wife and son toward what is commonly called Hog Back Road. Mr. (...deleted) reported that he and his family sighted a bright metal-like object at approximately tree top level which was flying in a northerly direction. Mr. (...deleted) stated that the object was approximately three to four miles away and the first impression was that it was a large helicopter. When Mr. (...deleted) and his family reached the spot where they thought the object to be, they sighted it approximately one-half mile away and approximately 100 feet below them. The object appeared to immediately pick up speed, rising out of the canyon and passing over the road in front of the family. It dropped from sight for a few moments and was then seen traveling up a branch canyon. The object was described as completely round and approximately 35 to 50 feet in diameter. When it rose from the canyon and passed over the road it appeared to have a light near the nose. The light had a reddish purple hue. The object was reported to have a second light which was located on the back. The second appeared as a narrow bluish band. The object was estimated to have a speed of 25-30 miles per hour." (xx.)

(xx.) Summary. UFO sightings in the Red Bluff area between 12-20 August 1960. 23 November 60. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. Paragraph three, page one.

17 August. Yreka, California. (8:30 p.m.)

Red and green lights.

Some reports came on the 17th from towns some distance north of the Red Bluff along highway 5, the main north-south route to Oregon. At 8:30 p.m. at Yreka citizens saw suspicious lights. According to the local paper:

"Charles Davis, 721 Pioneer St., told the Siskiyou Daily News he watched an unidentified object between 8:30 and 10:00 p.m. yesterday.

" 'It was a mile or maybe two west of the airplane beacon on the Siskiyou,' he said.

" 'It had red and green lights. Once in a while I could see a lighter colored light. The lights seemed to be flashing,' he said.

"Davis said when he first saw the object he thought it was a plane, but it stayed in one place too long. 'I could not identify the shape,' he said.

"Mrs. Sandy Lucero and her brother, Gary Hanlon, 720 Discovery St., reported 'We thought it might be a weather balloon, we didn't think it was a flying saucer.' The observers ruled out the possibility that the object might have been a satellite, because they saw it [Echo One] when it passed over, Davis reported." (xx.)

(xx.) Yreka, California. *Siskiyou Daily News*. 18 August 60.

17 August. Dunsmuir, California. (no time)

About 40 miles south of Yreka on Highway 5 is Dunsmuir. No time is mentioned. The brief account states: "Jack Rochester of Dunsmuir told the California highway patrol he, his wife, son and their dog [?] all saw an unidentified flying object hovering over south Dunsmuir." (xx.) Without more data, one could not rule out stars to explain the Yreka and Dunsmuir sightings.

(xx.) Ibid.

17 August. Inskip Hill Lookout, California. (8:00? p.m.)

Back in the Red Bluff area sightings were more convincing. About 8:00? Forestry employee Laura Jones and another woman were sitting on the catwalk of the Inskip Lookout Tower when they heard a loud rushing sound that terrified them. Something seemed to crossing the sky low and fast but nothing was visible. About 8:30 p.m. a Correctional Officer from the California Department of Corrections assigned to the Plum Creek Prison (Honor) Camp, a Lt. Roberts, stopped by. Miss Jones told him about the "mystery thing." He laughed. (xx.)

(xx.) Written statement by Laura Jones (name deleted but identity known from press accounts). Date: Not given. Found in the BLUE BOOK's 13 August 60 file.

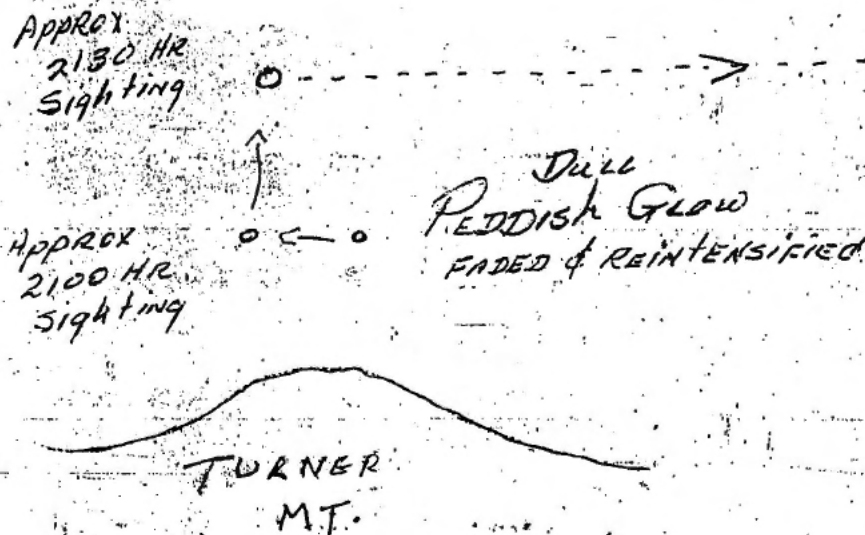
17 August. Inskip Hill Lookout, California. (about 9:00 - 9:30? p.m.)

What happen next is given in a written statement, accompanied by a sketch by the witness. (See below and on page 65)

August 20, 1960
Plum Creek Prison Camp

On August 17th at approximately 8 or 8:30 PM I went up in the forestry look-out at Inskip Mountain for a clearer view of Echo E. At about 9 PM I saw a dull red light above the horizon at what Mrs. [redacted], the look-out, described as Turner Mountain. This was observed by Mrs. Jones, Miss [redacted], and me for some-time, 15 to 20 minutes at least. I lost sight of the light at times, as it appeared to fade and then come back stronger, gradually, not with quick flashes. Later, about 9:30 PM we all three observed a similar colored light moving from right to left at the same elevation for many miles, finally losing sight of it completely. The original light over Turner Mountain was first apparently stationary. By lining it up with a tower support I found it to be moving to my left, then upward. Because of its fading periodically I lost it a number of times. With the binoculars I usually managed to find it again.

/s/ [redacted]



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(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 16 August 60.

Miss Jones' account went this way;

"We saw a large red ball-like object moving fast toward us from the Mineral area toward Morgan Summit. I alerted Turner Mountain [Lookout] and they verified that they also saw it. (...deleted) called at that time to tell me that they also had seen the objects and had heard them as they rushed over them. Lt. Roberts was still very unsure of what it was. We were excited and continued to watch. At 9:30 p.m. we saw it approaching again from the Mineral area heading toward us at a terrific speed. When it crossed the summit, it turned S.E. and sped high up into the heavens. And as it went the stars [sparks?] again began to fall. By this time (...deleted. The other woman) was scared silly and I was upset. Lt. Roberts had to leave and I locked everything up. I was very frighten and uneasy." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Miss Jones added that when the UFOs are in the area her radios go dead or emit an awful noise like a wild ...(squeak? Not legible). Mostly they just go dead. Also when the UFOs are in the area her little dog hides under the bed, cries and puts its paws over its ears. (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

17? August. Mount Shasta, California. (about midnight)

Stars?

The town of Mount Shasta is also on highway 5 north of Red Bluff. A press report states:

"Five citizens of Mount Shasta reported seeing three flying objects over their area.

"Police Chief Harold Barnum said his office began receiving reports of flying objects at about midnight, and they remained in the area for about two hours.

"Barnum said three of his officers, Pete Chinae, Jack Brown and George Kerr reported seeing the objects also. Barnum said the objects were described as being very round, star-like appearance and having red and blue or possibly green lights.

"Barnum said the most prominent of the objects was seen west of the city in the Castle Crags area. There were three of the objects sighted in all. Barnum reported They were in the area for about two hours." (xx.)

(xx.) Siskiyou, California. *Siskiyou Daily News*. 18 August 60.

18 August. Pondosa, California. (no time)

No detail about what was seen at the town of Pondosa was given in the Siskiyou paper. The place is in the mountains on highway 89, due east of Dunsmuir about 40 miles, or "way out in the boomdocks." (xx.) However, the California Highway Patrol Daily Log received by tele-

(xx.) Ibid.

printer some information from the Yreka Area Office:

"0195 [August 18th] Redding CHP advise UFOs over Pondosa area. They have reported that numerous residents in area have been watching with binoculars for last 1 ½ hours.

"0400 hours re above: "the thing" still over Pondosa area." (xx.)

(xx.) The California Highway Patrol Commissioner's Office contacted the Provost Marshal Division at McClellan AFB, California, to relate this information. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 13 August 60 file.

18 August. Redlands, California. (1:45 a.m.)

"I don't scare easy but when I first saw that thing up there, I felt just like it was watching me." (See clippings on pages 67-68)

18 August. McClellan investigates.

It took five days but an Air Force investigator finally made a personal appearance in the UFO-saturated region. At 4:30 p.m. August 18th a Duane? [Name not very legible] K. Bilsend arrived at the Red Bluff Air Force Station. He interviewed 1st Lt. David E. Snyder, USAF, and Major Malden J. LeRoy, USAF. Also at the interview was Captain Ruel Blohn,

'Echo' Isn't the Only Object in Night Sky

By CHARLES G. PALMER

Another non-believer in the existence of mystic flying saucers has finally "seen the light."

The initiation of Mrs. Corrine Bay, 917 Washington street, into exclusive, "I-Sighted-A-Saucer-Society" reportedly took place at about 1:45 Thursday morning.

Mrs. Bay claims she saw a football shaped object with a line of red lights along its side suspended in the air over the street in front of her home. She described it quite as large and fatter than a football, more like a flattened circle.

The former "flying saucer" skeptic stated that as she watched the object, it tilted toward her enough to reveal a dome molded into its upper side.

Mrs. Bay said that the "visitor" moved in a westerly direction, then reversed its course toward Redlands, Calif. It did not travel particularly fast and produced a steady and constant deep roar.

Her sighting and identification of the "saucer" is backed up by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Bay, with whom she is living. She awakened the couple and they saw the object too.

Mrs. Bay's description of the "thing" approximates the description of an object pursued Saturday night by two highway patrolmen in northern California. They also saw a large red football.

Redlands,
California.

Facts.

19 August 60.

Mrs. Corrine Bay, of Redlands, saw her first "flying saucer" about 1:45 yesterday morning in the skies above Redlands.

"I used to be quite skeptical, but I'm not anymore," said Mrs. Bay. "I know I saw something, and I know what it looked like."

Her first sighting is not without verification. Frightened by what she saw, she awakened her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Bay, with whom she is living at 917 Washington St. They saw the object too, just as Mrs. Bay described it and with the same conviction.

Mrs. Bay said she was curled up in an easy chair by an east window working on a crossword puzzle. She felt a vibration and heard a roaring sound. Glancing through the open window, she saw just through the trees in the front yard lights that she presumed came from an airplane.

She returned to the puzzle, but as the noise persisted glanced again through the window to see "quite large and sort of hanging over the street" a football shaped object with a line of red lights along its side.

"I remember it was fatter than a football, more like a flattened circle, and as I watched it tilted toward me enough to see a dome molded into the upper side of it."

Mrs. Bay said she is not certain it actually stopped as she watched it, but at no time was she or the two others who saw the object particularly impressed by its speed.

"As I realized what I was looking at it continued to move around to the north where I could no longer see it."

She said it was then that she awakened the others and told them what she had seen.

Mrs. Myrtle Bay ran to the back porch, and her husband

near of the house the object was visible moving in a westerly direction toward San Bernardino.

As the three watched, the "UFO" swung around in a partial circle and approached Redlands again.

The husband and wife, "by now wide awake," agreed with their sister-in-law on the shape and the red lights along the side. They said the object also had a white light at either end and one red light was flashing, "like the red lights on the roof of the police cars."

As they watched the mysterious craft move eastward across the city, they could hear a strange, deep roar—"steady and constant, and with a hum mixed in with it."

After the object disappeared "toward Mentone" the trio returned to the living room. It was just 2 a.m. and they talked about what they had seen until nearly 4 before calling the Police Department.

"We hesitated before calling. We didn't want them to think we had been drinking or were seeing things or trying to fool anybody."

Corrine Bay didn't look like she was trying to fool anyone when she was interviewed yesterday at noon. She was still excited, and trembling a little as she relived the few moments of sighting the brightly lighted object.

"I don't scare easy," she said, "But when I first saw that thing up there, I felt just like it was watching me. For a few moments my voice wouldn't work."

"I never really believed it when people talked about seeing 'flying saucers' like that man near Vidal or those highway patrolmen up north. But now I've seen one, and so have my relatives."

"I'm still skeptical these things might be from outer space, but if they are I wish they would visit me. I have a lot of questions."

Asked what word in the crossword puzzle she was working on when she was interrupted by the night visitor, Mrs. Bay smiled.

"I think it was 'container' and I was thinking, 'container — cup — saucer'?"

"I'm never going to finish that puzzle," she said.



SHE WAS SKEPTICAL—Until yesterday, Mrs. Corrine Bay of Redlands didn't think much of "flying saucer" sightings. But she quickly changed her mind. She's shown holding sketch of object she saw hovering near her home.

Commander of the California Highway Patrol Sector, Red Bluff Area. Only a few paragraphs of the interview are in BLUE BOOK files and they are impossible to read. Written in long hand and greatly faded, the notes tells us almost nothing. Bilsend must have been from the Provost Office at McClellan AFB. (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 13 August 60 File.

ATIC should have flown in BLUE BOOK advisor Dr. J. Allen Hynek for reasons that will soon be apparent.

18 August. Honeydew, California. (9:58 p.m.)

A mysterious "Flying V"

At the same latitude as Red Bluff, near the coast in a valley just west of Humboldt Redwood State Park, is the town of Honeydew. On the 18th a most peculiar UFO sighting was made there. A Eureka newspaper published:

"A strange V-shaped and lighted unidentified flying object in the southern Humboldt skies last night was reported today by Honeydew postmaster Leonard I. Meland and his wife Marie.

"Meland said the object, glowing red in front and with lights on the inside of the V-structure, was clearly visible for more than two minutes and was definitely not confused with balloon satellite Echo [One] or the northbound San Francisco-Seattle to break into sight at 9:54 p.m., when the UFO appeared approaching Honeydew from the King's Peak area to the south.

"Meland said he at first assumed it to be the plane, due at about 10 p.m., but it was quickly evident that the object was neither the scheduled aircraft nor the balloon satellite.

"The strange visitor was clear enough to be photographed if he had a camera, Meland said.

"When it reached a point straight overhead the UFO made an abrupt turn and headed north-east toward Weott [A town on highway 101], the red turning to white and exposing what Meland said appeared to be some part of a fish-tail.

"The San Francisco-Seattle plane appeared from the south at 9:58 p.m. and continued on the usual course, Meland stated. The UFO, he said, had appeared to be twice the altitude of the plane.

"Satellite Echo showed up at 9:59 o'clock and was out of sight at 10:04, he continued.

"Meland said that both he and his wife are thoroughly satisfied that the strange V-shaped UFO was not confused with either of the other two airborne vehicles.

"Meland said the light of the strange craft covered about one quarter of the visi-

ble sky area during its course over the southwestern Humbolt community." (xx.)

(xx.) Eureka, California. *Humbolt Standard*. 19 August 60.

18 August. Manton/Long Ranch/Digger Butte areas, California.

A very brief note in BLUE BOOK's 13 August 60 file states: "Aug 18 Six or seven terrific moving objects with very bright lights in Manton-Digger butte area- and over Long Branch." No other information provided. These locations are to the north of the Inskip Hill Lookout and along the Shasta-Tehama county line.

19? August. Red Bluff, California. (about 11:00 p.m.)

Appeared circular, like a disc.

A Dr. Clarence W. Winning of Red Bluff told Dr. James McDonald in 1966 that he remembered some information that might be of use, but he was vague about some details after three years had passed. Dr. Winning said, according to McDonald's notes:

"[He said]...he, himself, saw a red, glowing object over his home area, about 2300, when returning from a night call. He awakened his wife and they both watched it 10-15 minutes. He thought it was 5-700 feet up, definitely not a plane or meteor. Moved slowly, and could go up or down like a helicopter. Thought it couldn't actually have been a helicopter because [he] would have heard the noise and seen the blades, but negative on both. Said he recalled that many others in that area saw objects that week...Has never seen any since. Said the object looked about 30-40 feet across, and appeared to be circular, like a disc. Winning did not seem a particularly good observer, but that he had seen something unusual appeared evident." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Richard Hall, NICAP. From: Dr. James McDonald. Date: 29 October 66.

19 August. Duane Bilslend's investigation.

As stated previously, McClellan AFB had been notified by TWX on the 17th significant UFO reports were being made north of Sacramento. A Duane Bilslend (No rank mentioned in official documents or press accounts), supervisory investigator assigned to the Provost Marshal Division, was dispatched. He enplaned for Red Bluff the following afternoon. Meanwhile, Lt. Snyder of the Red Bluff radar station had begun to gather witnesses' testimony. When Bilslend arrived both he and Lt. Snyder cooperated in an official inquiry (The bulk of data used in compiling this review of the northern California sightings was obtained by them).

On the 19th Bilslend paid a visit to Inskip Look Out Tower with Sheriff Lyle Williams and Lt. Snyder so they could examine the countryside from that location. A vigil was established for several hours. No UFOs were observed. Inskip Tower, near the town of Paynes Creek, offered a good view to the north and northeast, (the areas of Manto and Long Branch) where UFO activity had been reported the night before.

Dr. Clarence Winning of Red Bluff thinks his UFO experience may have been on the 19th. In that case, Bilslend was too far away and looking in the wrong direction to see what was hovering over Winning's home. The 19th date is not cut in stone. The doctor wasn't sure of the day but there was activity officially recorded very early in the morning of the 20th close to Red Bluff when Bilslend was probably asleep. (See below)

20 August. Near Los Molinas, California. (12:30 a.m.- 2:15 a.m. & 1:15 a.m. - 1:30 a.m.)

Rose up from Mill Creek canyon. (See Sheriff's Crime Report)

TEHAMA COUNTY SHERIFF SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT	
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Type of Crime	Crime Report No.
REPORT ON FLYING OBJECTS, TEHAMA CO. <i>Col.</i>	
On 8-20-60 between 12:30AM and 2:15AM of this date Officer <i>[redacted]</i> and writer observed four objects east and north of Los Molinas, two Objecys were high in the sky and were of a pale Reddish-Yellow color and a Red Klas flashing light, these object appeared to stand still as no movement was seen, at about 1:15 to 1:30AM the last two were seen to rise up from the groundor possibly from the Mill Creek canyon area. This is a true and as accurate a statement as this officer can submit at this time.	

The record does show a report at Red Bluff on the 21st at 10:00 p.m., more reasonable hour to do some sky watching. Bilslend was in Red Bluff at the time and was alerted to this sighting. A person reported a "round object with a reddish hue" near the horizon. Bilslend had time to reach a vantage point and observe the suspect light himself. There was considerable haze from a forest fire, which hindered any clear view, but according to Bilslend it was agreed the UFO was a star. (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 13 August 60.

The prime sighting was the August 13th manifestation. NICAP adviser Walter Webb contacted officer Charles Carson to clear up a few points;

"We [Carson and Scott] made several attempts to follow it, or I should say get closer to it, but the object seemed aware of us and we were more successful remaining motionless and allow it to approach us, which it did on several occasions.

"There were no clouds or aircraft visible. The object was shaped somewhat like a football, the edges (here I am confused as to what you mean by edges, referring to the outside visible edges of the object as opposed to a thin, sharp edge, no thin sharp edges were visible) or I should say outside of the object were clear to us... [the] glow was emitted by the object, was not a reflection of other lights. The object was solid, definitely not transparent. At no time did we hear any type of sound except radio interference.

"The object was capable of moving in any direction. Up and down, back and forth. At times the movement was very slow. At times it was completely motionless. It moved at high (extremely) speeds and several times we watched it change directions or reverse itself while moving at unbelievable speeds.

"When first observed the object was moving from north to south [partrol car moving almost due east]. Our pursuit led in an easterly direction and object disappeared on eastern horizon. It was approximately 500 feet above the horizon when first observed, seemingly falling at approximately 45 degree angle to the south..

"As to the official explanation, I have been told we saw Northern lights, a weather balloon, and now refractions.

"I served four years with the Air Force, I believe I am familiar with the Northern lights, also weather balloons. Officer Scott served as a paratrooper during the Korean Conflict. Both of us are aware of the tricks light can play on the eyes during darkness. We were aware of this at the time. Our observations and estimations of speed, size, etc. came from aligning the object with fixed objects on the horizon. I agree we find it difficult to believe what we were watching, but no one will ever convince us that we were witnessing a refraction of light." (xx.)

(xx.) Hall, Richard. *The UFO Evidence*. Published by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., 1964. p.61

BLUE BOOK's Major Friend quickly concluded the UFO(s) was:

"...a refraction of the planet Mars and the two bright stars, Eldebaran and Betelgeux...For the whole period of the sightings in this area there were not only inversions but on some days double inversions. Feels positive that the original conclusion is that as stated above.

"In instances where people say that they start driving toward the object that is a great distance away, it always gives you the impression of going with you. Without accurate equipment, the angular deviations are much too small for them to cover."

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(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 13 August 60.

The Air Force's official spokesman, Lt. Col. L.J. Tacker, actually released Friend's conclusion to the media. The Pentagon statement must have made even anti-UFO fanatic Donald Menzel blush since he was a Harvard astronomer.

NICAP's astronomical advisor Walter Webb showed that the stars Alderbaran and Betelgeuse, plus the planet Mars, were below the horizon from 11:45 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. when Patrolmen Carson and Scott witnessed the UFO. None of the named celestial bodies came up into view until 1:00 a.m. (xx.)

(xx.) *NICAP Special Bulletin*. October 1960. p.1.

Furthermore, it goes without saying that what Carson and Scott described bears no resemblance to a mere point of light in the sky.

Dr. James McDonald questions Officer Carson.

In 1966 scientist James McDonald reviewed the Carson/Scott case. He was most interested in confirming the claim the Red Bluff radar station made radar contact with the UFO. There was a reference made in the *San Francisco Chronicle* that said the SAGE site detected 'an object' but Bilslend arrived on the scene at that time and a firm denial was issued. However, we know the denial was based on the fact no jets were scrambled, not that any object had been detected.

An unexpected bit of information that emerged from questioning Carson was the "ice-water" treatment the lawman received from the radar site commander. McDonald wrote:

"The California Highway Patrol (CHP) office at Red Bluff informed me that Charles A. Carson has been transferred to the Santa Cruz [California] area. The CHP office there gave me his unlisted phone number when I identified myself. I reached him by phone at this home Thursday evening, October 27th. His home address is 2660 Borregas Drive, Aptos, California. Carson informed me that CHP Patrolman Stanley Scott, who was with him that night, was killed in an aircraft accident, so I could not contact him. I spoke with Carson for over an hour, and found him quite articulate and intelligent, and careful in his description of the event. On the basis of the phone discussions I would rate his reliability and credibility as high.

"I quickly confirmed the main features of the sighting as reported in the *Evidence* [NICAP's book *The UFO Evidence*]. They sighted the object as they were heading east on a road east of Corning. It was descending at a steep (45degree) angle from north to south (i.e., from their left to right). He estimates that it was not over ¼ mile away when first noted. Their first impression was that it was an aircraft in distress, so they jammed on the brakes and leapt out to get a better view of what they thought was going to be a disaster. The object was making no sound and they saw no exhaust, no wings, but took it to be a power-off dive, viewed from the side. It proceeded down its glide path passing over their road and continuing a short distance south. When at a point whose altitude he recalls as a few hundred feet above terrain, the object instantaneously reversed its motion and climbed more or less back up the glide-path to a position almost due east of them, but a bit south of the roadway. There it hovered for a minute, long enough for Patrolman Scott to dive for the radio and call the dispatcher to send other cars and alert all cars in the area.

"Next the object came west towards them, losing altitude from about 300-500 feet to perhaps 50-100 feet above terrain. At closest approach it was 'within easy pistol range,' perhaps 150 yards, he recalled (They had only .357 Magnums, but with armor-piercing bullets, and they debated whether they should fire, deciding not to unless it came still closer, which it did not.). They could see lights at each end of the football-shaped object, whose length he put over 100 feet but under 200 feet. It looked metallic and one of the lights was an intense and steady red light which he estimated at about six feet in diameter. Its beam seemed to extend out a distance in the air, and then to end in some curious manner that he did not understand then or now. It seemed to go out a few hundred yards, evidently being visible from dust in the air, though that's only an inference on my part. It seemed to be fixed to the object and as the object maneuvered and turned, it did too.* The object went 'though any maneuver you might mention' during the more than a minute that it remained in that general spot. They noted static on their radio during this time, while they talked with Tehama County Sheriff's office that dos their dispatching after 1700 in the evening. He indicated that they 'were a little bit nervous about the thing,' but did not request permission to fire.

"Then it began to move away from them, towards the east, and since the Tehama dispatcher (Deputy Clarence Fry) had indicated that he was getting other cars they took courage and elected to follow it at judicious distance. Its eastward motion was sometimes very slow, occasionally very fast, 'so fast as to be unbelievable.' Occasionally it drifted back toward them 'almost as if in water.' They couldn't see the light all the time, as it turned from time to time. This was in open, but rolling country, and it tended to stay well to their south most of the time, so that from time to time during their extended chase (which he recalled only as 'over an hour') the object would become temporarily hidden behind isolated hills. They knew all the back roads and would take side-roads from time to time to try and get near it. Once it did not come out behind a hill, so they stopped, climbed up on the hood of their patrol car to look over an embankment when all of a sudden it shot up to within only 150 feet of them before darting eastward once more. They resumed their pursuit of it and got as far east as a place which sounded phonetically like 'Romiano Ranch,' a monastery he said. This was east of Highway 99E. To this point he estimates over an hour had elapsed. He did not know just where the other cars were, they never joined his car. I believe he indicated that he learned later the others never got closer than Los Molinos, but they definitely saw a red-glowing object to their south [Mars, Aldebaran, and Betelgeuse were to the east below the horizon!], he learned.

"It was getting farther and farther ahead of them, so they broke off the attempt at keeping up with it, pulled back to 99E and went south to where they knew there was a forest fire control tower. The forester was gone but the tower was open and they ran up to the top to observe the remainder of the episode from there. The object was

* This is one of most interesting parts of Carson's testimony. This "curious thing" about the light beam may be what has observed in other UFO encounters where beams of light emitted by a UFO seemed solid, bending and having "cut off" ends, something said to be impossible by modern science.

then only a 'light,' but it gradually climbed up over a range of hills about three miles east and continued eastward. Before it finally disappeared, a second 'light' came in from the south, approached the first 'light' and then the two moved on eastward and eventually disappeared, terminating the observations. He estimated that the total time might have been about two hours to this point. Said the radio log would show the correct time.

"He confirmed that they had asked the dispatcher to check with the Red Bluff radar base and confirmed that they said [Emphasis is McDonald's] they had the object on their scopes, going through the reported motions to the east, etc. Carson was at first somewhat reluctant to get into this aspect, saying that he was not free to 'involve the Air Force,' but when I read from the published account in the [NICAP's] *Evidence* he opened up a good bit. He said that the Air Force never came to interrogate him (he was a bit cryptic and definitely annoyed in saying this, but I believe I got the correct picture). Said you 'might call it an interrogation' in that he and Scott, the next AM asked for an appointment at the Red Bluff radar base, drove there (nine miles west of Red Bluff). He said he stated to the commanding officer something like, 'Well, we understand there was a bit of commotion last night,' to which the officer replied 'Not to my knowledge' and immediately gave them what he termed 'the ice-water approach.' So they asked to talk to the man who was on the radar the preceding night and the commanding officer denied them permission to see him. Carson said 'I was getting a bit testy' at that point, but they left. Somewhere along the line, evidently a few days later, he thought he had talked to someone from the Air Force [Lt. Snyder?], but described it as a 'tongue-in-check investigation.' He couldn't recall just how this interview came about and didn't remember where it was done. He told me that a Dr. Clarence W. Winning, of Red Bluff was at the Tehama County Sheriff's office that night and was on one of the phone extensions and heard the radar base say that they had a radar fix on the object, and said a lot of other persons were on other extensions listening in, as he heard it later; but knew of no others by name [This is how Dr. Winning's UFO experience became known. McDonald sought him out and questioned him]

"Carson said that night was clear, with no wind, a 'beautiful night' [It is my assertion UFOs love very clear weather, not necessarily something shared by my colleagues. I have admit the idea does not seem to jive with the possible fact UFOs were machines of extremely advanced technology. Why would weather be a factor? One might also say more people are out and about in good weather conditions. Still, I favor the good weather theory—L.E. Gross]." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Richard Hall. From: Dr. James McDonald. Date: 29 October 66.

This questioning of Carson took place in 1966. Carson had six years to ponder what he experienced that August night in 1960. After careful reflection, he could have thought that maybe the Air Force was right, that the image was blurry and he could have made a mistake.

McDonald's interview continued with Carson's current beliefs, which did not vary from the lawman initial impressions.

"He is now and was then a private pilot and so was Scott. He was familiar with all the conventional planes in the area and is positive this was no plane, nor meteor, nor northern lights. He understands that the Air Force later claimed they were looking at

a star. 'I know what I saw. It was not a star. I saw what I saw. I've never seen anything like it before or since. We saw something that could defy the law of gravity.' And concerning the Air Force star-explanation he stated that 'I'd hate to try to take one of my cases into court with such weak arguments!.' As you can see, his initial reluctance to 'involve the Air Force,' which came out when I first brought up the radar question, had evaporated as he proceeded through his account and on to the USAF handling of the thing. 'When we walked into that radar station and got ice water, we knew what was coming,' he said. But his CHP base struck by them, and elected to release no names, just the story, which was marked Confidential in the CHP files. Some reporter, who later (three months later) told him he'd been awarded \$50 for digging out the only two men on duty in that area that night, so it came out in the local press by about two days later. Evidently handled locally as a big story. This had one useful side-effect: A number of persons who had seen the red-glowing object, some while driving on 99E, wrote them letters confirming the sightings, etc.

"He said Dispatch Fry was running from his radio out to the front of his building, from which he could see the red object, since it was several hundred feet above the ground and that's generally open country. He mentioned that Fry brought several trustees outdoors 'as witnesses.' Carson said 'we came in for a lot of kidding but fortunately there were a lot of people who saw it. We could lay them end to end.' He mentioned an interesting point: The following nights there were more Air Force planes in the air over the county than he'd ever seen before. But he heard no more from the Air Force. He heard from a deputy that an Air Force investigator had interrogated a federal forester whose whole family had seen a similar object, but he thought it was the next night, though not sure of that. Didn't know this forester by name, only hearsay report. He also mentioned that the 'University of California sent up a team to check taking samples of soil and fence-wire. (Magnetic check?) He can't recall any names of these people. I wonder if it could have been Dr. Harder, an APRO man?"

(xx.) Ibid.

The question of a radar target.

McDonald continues:

"Hoping to secure more definite confirmation on the radar sighting, I phoned Dr. Clarence W. Winning of Red Bluff, on Friday evening, October 28, 1966...This netted no firm check. Winning was vague on details, though as we talked, his memory came back on some details. He was doing alcohol blood tests there [Tehama County Sheriff's Office] that evening. Recalls a lot of commotion during the sighting, and remembered there was something about radar checks but was unable to say for sure whether he was on an extension phone. I don't know just what to make of that. He did not seem evasive, yet he just couldn't recall." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

21 August. East of Crater Lake National Park, Oregon. (about 10:45 p.m. PDT)

"I just could not believe what I saw."

Thomas Page, Bob Rodolp and "Jim," all experienced a UFO encounter in Oregon approximately 10 miles before the junction of Highways 230 and 97, while travelling east on Highway 230. If the report is true, there may have been some connection with the UFO flap in northern California. Reports in California had been shifting northward. Mr. Page relates the details:

"During the summer of 1960, I and two of my college roommates had decided to go to Canada to see my sister and do some fishing. On the way to Canada we stopped at Crater Lake, Oregon for dinner. After dinner we decided to travel through the night in order to get to Canada sooner. We were to take turns driving. I took the first turn and was driving out of Crater Lake. The vehicle I was driving was a 1955 Ford Pickup with a camper on back.

"A short time later I found myself on a straight road with several dips. There was little or no traffic and it was about 11:30 at night. As I was driving I noticed a car in front of me, or what I thought was a car. The lighting on the back of the car was strange. Both red taillights were out and there was a white light on the left side of the vehicle.

"The car was traveling at the same speed I was, so I decided to increase the speed of the truck to get closer to the vehicle and see what kind of light it had. As I increased the speed of the truck the light dimmed and went straight up in the air.

"I just could not believe what I saw and in a few brief moments decided not to tell my roommates sleeping in the camper. Just after I saw the light go up into the air I came over a small hill. As I started down I saw the light again or one just like it.

"I stopped the truck, got out and went to the back of the camper to get my sleeping roommates up to see this thing. One of my roommates, Bob got up and we got into the truck and watched the light. I did not Bob what had happened and he thought the light was a car stopped on the wrong side of the road. I turned the truck lights off to get a better look at the light. We then tried to get closer but as the truck moved forward the light backed up, keeping the same distance from us.

"My other roommate, Jim, knocked on the truck window [It must have been the small window between the camper and the cab]. I stopped the truck and he got up front with us. We noticed that the light was very bright but did not hurt our eyes. When looking at each other we noticed that our faces were not illuminated and our heads did not make shadows on the back of the truck. We thought this was strange because we estimated the light to be close, maybe 20 to 50 yards away.*

* This phenomenon has been noted in other cases. It has been suggested that the UFO emits some kind of energy that acts directly on the brain, exciting nerve cells in the cortex without stimulating the retina of the eye. This may also explain why a witness would say that the UFO's light was "the most brilliant they had ever seen," or that the colors were intense.

"We also noticed some colors on the end of one of the rays coming from the [See footnote again]. The light then dimmed and went out. We next saw a very dim white light that took the shape of an upside down cereal bowl that was as wide as the road. Bob noticed a little red light above the bowl-shaped light but we could see no connection. The dim bowl-shaped light, or whatever it was, was new to us and caused a considerable amount of apprehension.

"I had turned the truck engine off to listen for sound. We were facing down hill, so I started to roll the truck closer for a better look but the bright light came on again and moved slowly away from us. At this time I noticed the light in the side rear view mirror. At first I was confused as to why I could see it in the mirror. Then I realized there was another one behind us. And I stopped the truck and got out. Behind us was another light. We guessed the distance to be about 50 yards. I walked to the back of the camper and watched the light. Bob and Jim had gotten out of the truck on the other side. None of us could hear any sound.

"I was frightened, but also frustrated at not understanding what was going on. I started running toward the light to get closer to see what it was. As I started toward the light, it started moving towards me. Jim yelled at me to stop, which I did because now I was more frightened than frustrated. The light was still moving towards me so I raised my hands, not knowing what else to do. The light dimmed, reversed direction and went back up and over the hill out of sight. This light was not seen again.

"The light in front of the truck was still there. We got back in the truck and watched the light for a short time and then noticed a car in the distance coming toward us. I turned the lights of the truck back on and both Jim and Bob went out on the road to flag the car down.

"The light in front of us moved upwards and the car passed under it, but did not stop. The light moved to the right and disappeared over some trees. We got back in the truck and left the area." (xx.)

(xx.) Page, Tom. "Coming Out of the Closet." *MUFON UFO Journal*. # 226. February 1987. pp.8-9. Page was not a believer in UFOs but his Oregon experience haunted him. Years later he finally took a serious interest in the UFO mvstery hoping to find a rational answer. (See drawings on pages 79-80)

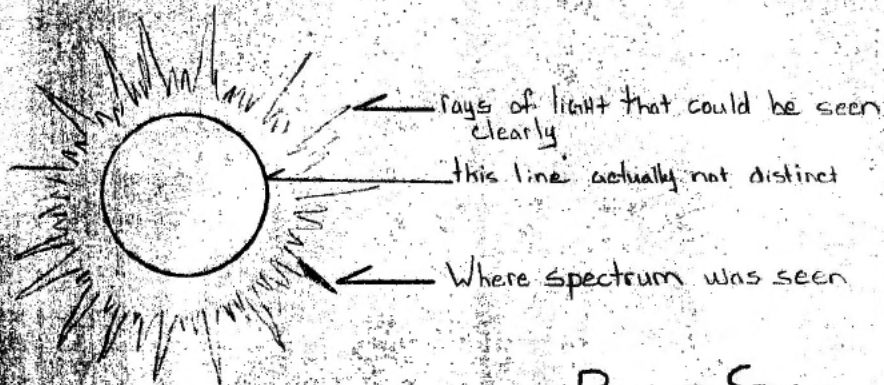
21 August. Rogersville, Pennsylvania. (no time)

According to our source:

"On August 21st, several people in Rogersville, Pennsylvania, informed the State Police about a circular object which they had seen hovering 100 feet or so above the ground near a local high school. The object was flat on the bottom with a protuberance on the top. There were red, green, and white lights around the circumference of the saucer, and a flashing red light on top. The UFO finally flew off with a sound that resembled that of an electric motor..." (xx.)

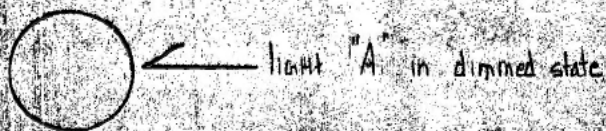
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o ——— little red light

BRIGHT STATE

(B)

o ——— little red light

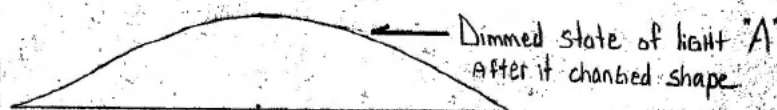
DIMMED STATE

light assumed this shape when it made a sudden movement
or reverse direction as a transition between state "A" & "C"

C

↑
Approximately
20'

○ ← little red light

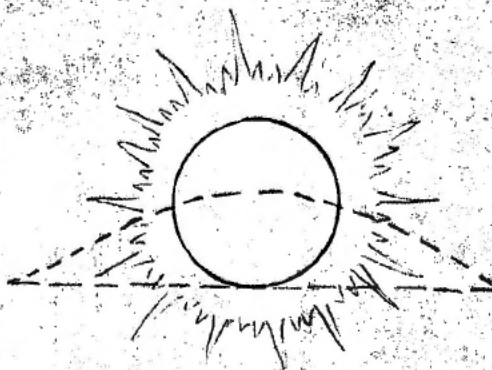


Approx. Diameter of the road = 25'

Dimmed Cup Shape

D

○ ← little red light



Drawings "A" compared to drawing "C" to show a comparison of shape & size relation.

- (xx.) "No Case (Information Only) 21 August 1960. Rogersville, Pennsylvania."
Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. Data probably from an unnamed civilian UFO
publication.

25 August. Uniontown, Ohio. (3:45 p.m.)

"What's that?"

Uniontown was a small place but it could claim an impressive UFO sighting. (See clipping on page 82) A letter was sent to the Air Force, which is preserved in BLUE BOOK files. An official report form was supplied the "Mars family" (They must have subject to some ribbing with that name). The form has some useful artwork by the witnesses. (See drawings on page 83) (xx.)

- (xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 25 August 60. The newspaper account gives the location as East Liberty but the Mrs. Mars's letter says "R.D. #2 Uniontown."

26 August. Mesa, Arizona. (8:00 p.m.)

Four beams of light.

A case in NICAP's *UFO Evidence*:

"Mr. Clete L. Miller, Science Department Head and Chemistry Teacher, Mesa High School (Holds M. S. degree, served in Army Air Corps 1942-1946, single engine pilot.) At 8:00 p.m. Miller and his wife saw a hovering object in the southeast sky, emitting four beams of light. Flashes of light, apparently from a beacon on top of the object, also were visible. 'Suddenly all four lights went simultaneously,' Miller said, 'and re-appeared in a like manner—standing still much farther to the north.' A rumbling noise appeared to be associated with the UFO.

"When the local newspaper printed Miller's report next day, several other citizens called to confirm his sighting. Miller called nearby Williams Air Force Base, and determined that there were no unusual aircraft in the area at the time." (xx.)

- (xx.) Hall, Richard, Ed. *The UFO Evidence*. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., 1964. p.68.

27 August. Stevens Pass, Washington. (9:30 p.m.)

Numerous "mystery lights" were seen in the skies over Washington, mainly the Seattle area, the last half of August. There is little detail of interest except for the Stevens Pass report which stated a "brilliant white light occasionally flashed a white beam on the ground 'as though looking for something.'" A half dozen more "mystery lights" were reported in September.

27 August. Akron, Ohio. (3:45 p.m.)

"What's that up there?" (See clipping)

'Flying Saucers' Sighted by Akron Woman, 3 Boys

Plain Dealer Bureau

AKRON, O.—An East Liberty woman and three boys reported yesterday they had seen two unidentified flying objects over Akron.

She is Mrs. William Mars, 36, of 716 Southwood Drive.

Despite her apt name for sighting heavenly object, Mrs. Mars said she always thought other persons who reported flying saucers were making things up.

"But I saw them," she said. "I never saw anything like it

before but it must be true. The boys saw it, too."

Round and Shiny

She described them as round, shiny, metal objects which came out of the southeast and disappeared in three minutes in the northwest. She said they rotated as they moved in a straight path.

The centers were thicker than the edges, she said. She got a good look at only one of the objects and saw the second one only when the first tipped on its side and veered off to the northwest.

She said she was out checking the garden of her son, Billie, 10. Her younger son, Donnie, 7, cried, "What's that up there."

She then saw the object and at first thought it was a space capsule or Echo I and then remembered the satellites were not visible in daytime.

Like a Spinning Record

Billy said the object looked like a spinning record with the funnel through the hole.

A neighbor boy, Kenneth Louthenheizer, 7, was with them and also saw the objects.

Mrs. Mars reported the sighting to George Popowich, acting director of the Unidentified Flying Object Research Committee here.

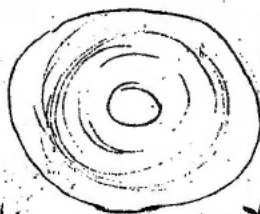
Popowich questioned Mrs. Mars and the boys and then announced Mrs. Mars had sighted genuine UFOs. Popowich said there have been about a dozen reports of flying saucers since Echo I went into orbit but that most were probably Echo.

Cleveland, Ohio.
Cleveland Plain Dealer.
28 August 60

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

- a. Sound none
- b. Color aluminum, metallic; when reflected sun was very bright

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.



Looking up at object,
and under, I presume.



Looking sideways at
object, as it went into NW
sky.

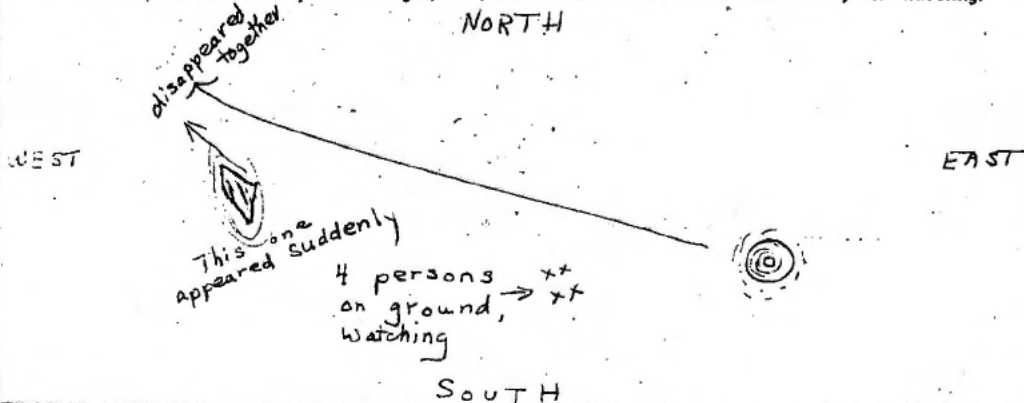
18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

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

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



(xx.)

30 August. Crete, Illinois. (about 4:00 p.m.)

Chrome-like, football-shaped. (See below)

August 30, 1960

Officer-in-Charge
U. F. O. Investigation Unit
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I wish to report the sighting of an object which might be of interest to your group. At about 4:00 PM yesterday, August 29, Mr. [REDACTED] of Crete, Illinois, saw a gleaming chrome-like football-shaped object hovering over the ground. At the time of the sighting, he was driving north on Illinois route One, between Crete and Steger, Illinois. He observed the object through an open window and, as he approached it, it began to rise, accelerating until it was out of sight. Visibility was very good, but there may have been a few scattered clouds. The relative bearing of the object from him was probably NNW and he observed it for something less than a minute, I would judge.

I am reporting this because Mr. ██████████ would probably not take the trouble. I would suspect that many sightings go unreported. Mr. ██████████ is a farmer in his sixties, not given to hallucinations, and only one other time in his life has he seen anything which puzzled him so (apparently he saw a "fire ball" many years ago). He is not well-read on the subject of U.F.O.'s and I would respect the validity of his having observed something.

He feels that the object was shining so brightly that there must have been others who saw it, and he's investigating this possibility today. Should you desire further information, please contact Mr. ██████████ in Crete, Illinois

Respectfully,

John T. Cizek
IT USNR

Deer Forest Illinois

Hovering football-shaped object. (See letter to the Air Force on page 85)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 30 August 60.

31 August. "NICAP Report on Secrecy Dangers." (See page 86 for Rep. Leonard Wolf's remarks that were inserted in the Congressional Record)

September 1960. Wanup, Ontario(?), Canada. (about 9:30 p.m.)

"Want to see something funny?"

A Canadian mass circulation publication, *Maclean's Magazine*, carried a UFO report by a Mr. Jerry Boileau, the chief photographer at Hamilton's CHCH-TV. It said:

"In September 1960 I was on a holiday with my family at my father-in-law's farm at Wanup, about 16 miles east of Sudbury. On this night at 9:30 p.m. we were sitting in the kitchen. My wife was feeding the baby. My brother-in-law was outside. He came in and said: 'Want to see something funny?' So I went outside and looked up and this thing, a big ball of light, was up there, pretty high at first. It was dark on the farm. There is no hydro and it was overcast. This thing seemed to light up the whole countryside. I was standing there, and it came down closer and closer, making a winding, whipping noise, so loud it hurt your ears. My wife had come out with Timmy, who was three years old then, and he started screaming. The noise really got bad. I told them to get in the house. I opened the door and sort of pushed them in, and then I turned around and got my last good look at it. I saw a big round dome, about the size of three cars, and it seemed to have a second stage above the first—it was as if the second stage was revolving the other way. Then it sort of took a sudden glide on an angle and—whoosh!—up it went. It disappeared so fast—not like a jet. You could hardly follow it. I noticed separate white lights on it before it took off. Later, my wife said she thought some of them were colored—we could never agree on that. The noise was sort of like when you hear a big jet winding up. It was really whistling.

"I got in touch with the Falconbridge Radar Station—I had a younger brother in the air force there. I even saw the C.O. and told him about it. They said, no, they hadn't picked up anything on the radar. My wife and my brother-in-law talked about it for a while and made an agreement not to say anything else to anybody. I didn't want to be made an ass of, and I didn't want people to think another bloody crackpot. We kept it quiet for five years." (xx.)

(xx.) Ruddy, Joe. "Look—there's a Flying Saucer!" *Maclean's Magazine*. November 1967. (180:93)

1 September. Birmingham, England (?)

Russian space scientist: "I never heard of flying saucers."

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NICAP UFO Report

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. LEONARD G. WOLF

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 31, 1960

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, I include an urgent warning by Vice Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, that certain potential dangers are linked with unidentified flying objects—UFO's. Admiral Hillenkoetter's request that Congress inform the public as to the facts is endorsed by by more than 200 pilots, rocket, aviation, and radar experts, astronomers, military veterans, and other technically trained members of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Among them are Rear Adm. H. B. Knowles; Col. Joseph Bryan III, U.S. Air Force Reserve; Lt. Col. Jas. McAshan, USAFR; Lt. Col. Samuel Freeman, U.S. Army Reserve, Aviation; Mr. J. B. Hartranft, president, Aircraft Owners Pilots Association; Capt. R. B. McLaughlin, Navy missile expert; Mr. Frank Rawlinson, physicist, National Aeronautical and Space Agency; Dr. Leslie Kacburn, space consultant, University of Southern California; former Air Force Maj. William D. Leet, with three officially reported UFO encounters while an Air Force pilot; Frank Halstead, 25 years as curator, Darling Observatory; Rear Adm. D. S. Fahrney, former chief of the Navy missile program; Col. R. B. Emerson, U. S. Army Reserve, head of Emerson Testing Laboratories; Prof. Charles A. Mancy, astrophysicist, Defiance University; Capt. W. B. Nash, Pan American Airways.

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The "NICAP Report on Secrecy Dangers," with documented evidence on UFO's, was first submitted confidentially to me, and to several other Members of Congress, including Senator LYNDON JOHNSON. In a reply to NICAP, July 6, 1960, Senator JOHNSON stated that he had ordered the staff of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee to keep close watch on UFO developments and to report on any recent significant sightings and the Air Force investigations of such sightings.

Although I have not had time for a detailed study, I believe the conclusions of these experienced NICAP officials should be given careful consideration. Certainly their sober evaluations should be completely disassociated from the obvious frauds and delusions about UFO's which unfortunately have been publicized. The NICAP report is stated to be the result of a 3-year investigation—its conclusions based only on verified visual, radar, and photographic evidence by trained, reputable observers.

On August 20, 1960, NICAP sent me the following statement to be added to the original report:

There is a growing danger that UFO's may be mistaken for Soviet missiles or jet aircraft, accidentally causing war. Several Air Defense scrambles and alerts already have occurred when defense radarmen mistook UFO formations for possible enemy machines. NICAP agrees with this sober warning by Gen. L. M. Chassin, NATO coordinator of Allied Air Services:

"It is of first importance to confirm these objects . . . the business of governments to take a hand, if only to avoid the danger of global tragedy. If we persist in refusing to recognize the existence of these UFO's we will end up, one fine day, by mistaking them for the guided missiles of an enemy—and the worst will be upon us."

Today, this danger may surpass the one cited in NICAP's report: That the U.S.S.R. might spread false rumors that the UFO's are secret Red devices which have mapped all the U.S. and allied targets and could be used as surprise-attack weapons. (Some Americans already suspect hidden fear of UFO's as the reason for secrecy.)

We are sure you will agree it is imperative to end the risk of accidental war from defense forces' confusion over UFO's. All defense personnel, not merely top-level groups, should be told that the UFO's are real and should be trained to distinguish them—by their characteristic speeds and maneuvers—from conventional planes and missiles. This is not in effect today.

Second, the American people must be convinced, by documented facts, that the UFO's could not be Soviet machines.

Certainly every Member of Congress will agree that any such danger of accidental war—even if slight—must be averted in every possible way. It is also important to prevent any unfounded fear that the UFO's are secret enemy devices.

After discussing the subject with colleagues, I am certain that there is real concern by many Members of Congress. Without necessarily accepting all the conclusions of the NICAP Board of Governors and technical advisers, we are convinced that a thorough study of the UFO problem should be made. Pending such action, I believe that publication of the NICAP report will help to reduce the dangers cited by Vice Admiral Hillenkoetter and the other NICAP officials.

For those Members desiring to do so the previously mentioned confidential report can be obtained upon request at the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, D.C.

RUSSIAN 'NEVER HEARD OF FLYING SAUCERS'

A flood of written questions on Russian sputnik achievements followed a *Conquest of Space* lecture in Birmingham Town Hall last night by Professor Alla Masevich, vice-president of the Astronomical Council of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Science in Moscow. They ranged from queries about the radiation belts around the earth to: "Do you believe in flying saucers?"

In reply to the flying saucers question Professor Masevich smiled and said: "I have never heard about flying saucers in my country. Nobody knows them."

Her lecture revealed no secrets. Informative as her descriptions and explanations of Russian sputniks may have been to the layman, there was nothing which had not already been published in this country.

Question Parried

One question about the size of Russian sputniks and the method of putting them into space was parried by Professor Masevich, who said she was not acquainted with the technical details of rockets. "My subject is astronomy," she said.

Slides were used to illustrate her lecture to about 800 who attended. One of the slides was of the "other side" of the moon; a picture taken by a camera in the Russian satellite that went round the moon and transmitted pictures back to earth.

A film supposedly about Russian moon rockets was mainly a propaganda film which used only conventional rocket and satellite pictures interlinked with monologues on how proud everybody was at the Russian successes.

Professor Masevich's lecture was organised by the Society for Cultural Relations with the U.S.S.R.

Birmingham, England (?)
Birmingham Post.
 2 September 60.

2/3 September. Cromwell, Connecticut. (11:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.)

Flying Triangle.

"It was weird. I don't mind telling you my wife was scared." (See clippings on page 88)

5 September. Allentown, Pennsylvania. (no time)

Flat undersurface.

According to our source: "A metallic-appearing object, with a flat under-surface, was seen Hovering, then ascending rapidly out of sight. Three witnesses." (xx.)

(xx.) *The UFO Investigator*. Vol. I, No. 11. December-January 1960-61. p.6.

8 September. Consett, South Shields, Fawdon and Fenham, Newcastle, England. (8:30 p.m. / between 9:15 p.m. and 9:40 pm.)

Flying Triangle or formation of lights? (See clipping on page 89)

9 September. Hannibal, Ohio. (no time)

Sighted at the Ormet Aluminum plant.

Triangle That Flies Sighted Along Shore

CROMWELL, Sept. 17.—Richard Ireton has come up with a new flying saucer angle—a triangle that flies. He reports having seen a flying triangle in the shoreline area two weeks ago.

Ireton, who lives at 34 Grove road, here, said he and his wife first noticed it about 11:30 p.m. while they were driving on Rte. 1 in Westbrook.

It was hovering 80 feet or so above the cottages along the oceanfront. When it moved—noiselessly and lightning fast—it traveled in the direction of its apex when going upward and in the direction of its sides when moving sideways. In other words, the view of the moving triangle was the same as that of an equilateral or scalene triangle as it would appear drawn in two dimensions on a sheet of paper.

Ireton, a machinist, is an Air Force veteran. He said the mysterious object appeared to be about the size of a fighter aircraft or possibly a bit bigger. At two points of the triangle were white lights, and at the apex a blue light shone. In the middle of the solid figure, a red light flashed much like the light atop a police cruiser.

"Anticipating ridicule and disbelief, Ireton withheld reporting the strange sight for a fortnight. But he got such a good look at it that his curiosity eventually got the better of him and he notified State Police."

"I don't want the publicity," he says. "I'm just dying to know what it was that I saw. I incline to the belief that it is a new type of aircraft the government is testing."

Ireton's father and several neighbors at the shore also reported seeing the object, though not at so close a distance.

"One minute it was hovering over the beach and the next moment it had zoomed up so high it appeared to be one of the stars," said he. "And it never made a sound."

Ireton had the object in his binoculars for a good half hour.

"It was weird," he says. "I don't mind telling you my wife was scared."

He has heard nothing from official sources as to what the object was. State Police indicated they had received reports of other sightings, he said.

New 'Saucer' Twist:

'Flying Triangle' Seen in State

CROMWELL (Special). — Richard Ireton has decided that seeing triangles isn't so square.

Ireton, who lives at 34 Grove Rd. here, said Friday he, his wife and neighbors all saw "flying triangles" two weeks ago. He said he didn't report his findings at first for fear of being "ridiculed."

Now, he says, he's going to ignore opinion and stand by his facts. His detailed descriptions of what he saw and how he saw it testify to his work as a machinist.

Eerie: No Noise

Ireton said that about 11:30 p.m. Sept. 2 he and his wife were driving on Rt. 1 in Westbrook. After crossing a bridge, he noticed "an aircraft about to crash."

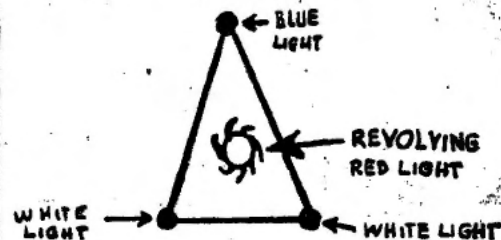
He stopped the car to watch the object, which he and his wife saw "veer to the south toward the shore." They drove to the beach. There they saw the object again, going "about the speed of a Piper Cub plane."

The eeriest part of the whole thing he said, was that the flying object made no sound.

'Terrific Speed'

The object went toward Cornfield Point where it hovered in the air, going first back and forth horizontally and then up and down, Ireton said. It then flew back past him toward the public beach at Westbrook.

Ireton returned to his car and drove to the public beach. There he said, he saw it go up and off



at an angle "at a terrific rate of speed" toward Long Island Sound — but with no sound of its own.

He said the object had, at two points of the triangle, white lights, at the third point, a blue light. In its center was a revolving red light, Ireton said.

He said the object seemed to fly in an "upright position," with the blue-lighted point on top. He said it was about the size of a jet fighter plane.

After it zoomed away to a great height, he said, it looked like a bright star.

Back Again

The next night, Sept. 3, he was at his father's cottage on Chalker Beach when the object was seen again by the Iretons, the people in the next cottage and their grandson. It was seen about 9:30 p.m., hovered over the water for a while, then went up very fast and stayed in one spot.

Ireton watched the object with binoculars for half an hour. Then

he became cold, he said, and went into the cottage. Several people in this area told him they saw the same thing at the same times, he said.

Finally feeling his experiences weren't incredible, he reported the sightings to the State Police. They said other sightings were reported, but had no advisory on what the object might be.

'No Bug'

No neophyte plane spotter — he's an Air Force veteran — Ireton said no one seemed much interested in his report.

"I'm no bug on this thing," he said. "I hesitated for a long time and didn't want to report it because I know these things are laughter at. I laugh at them myself. But I saw this thing, close."

See TRIANGLE, Page 2

Triangle

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up, with binoculars. It kept bothering me and I had to report it."

Since reporting it, he said, he's heard nothing from the authorities.

"I don't even think they made a note of it," he said. "Maybe I should have called the Air Force."

A Los Angeles, Calif., policeman reported seeing "a flying triangle" there Thursday morning.

Hartford, Connecticut
The Hartford Courant
17 September 60

MYSTERY FLYING TRIANGLE IS SPOTTED FLASHING OVER NORTH

REPORTS of a mysterious flying object sighted over Tyneside last night have been sent to the Air Ministry in London for investigation.

The object, described as "a triangular formation of lights with a red light in the centre," was seen by people in Consett, South Shields, Fawdon and Fenham, Newcastle.

A spokesman at R.A.F. Station, Acklington, said today that he had received reports on the phenomenon from at least two sources and these had been passed on to the Air Ministry.

"I have no further information about this," he said, "and even if I had we are not allowed to release information."

Mr. J. Leslie Otley, secretary of the Tyneside Unidentified Flying Objects Society, said his wife and two neighbours saw the lights between 9.15 and 9.40 last night circling over Deanham Gardens, Fenham.

'BALL OF LIGHTS'

"A friend of mine, Mr. A. Miller, telephoned to say he saw them too, over Consett at 8.30 p.m.," said Mr. Otley.

"I reported the sighting to Acklington, who told me they had received a similar report from a man in South Shields. In the early hours of today I received a phone call from the Fighter Command Headquarters at R.A.F. Stanmore, asking me for further information."

Mrs. Otley said she first saw a single light in the sky, but later this was followed by "a triangular formation of lights, with a red light in the centre."

After 20 minutes, the formation moved off northwards, she said.

According to our source:

"An elongated UFO with red and white lights, flying at an apparent height of 500-600 feet, was sighted from the Ormet Aluminum Plant. No sound was heard, though the strange device moved across the plant grounds at a low altitude." (xx.)

(xx.) *The UFO Investigator*. Vol. I, No. 11. December-January 1960-61. p.6.

12 September. Grand Portage, Minnesota. (0430Z)

A BLUE BOOK file card states:

"Very large object similar to tank on water tower, showing many bright red lights at 700-800 feet estimated. Headed west from Grand Portage, returned heading east to Suzy Island (in Lake Superior), descended behind a hill on the island disappearing momentarily, reappeared, heading west and disappeared. All maneuvering at slow speed." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 12 September 60.

12 September. Nevis, Alberta, Canada. (10:25 p.m.)

Sphere casts an eerie bluish-green light. (See clipping)

14 September. Lorain, Ohio. (0752Z)

90 degree turn.

A Blue Book file card states:

"Bluish-white-pale-orange-colored object, star-like, same brightness as Echo I. First appeared as one object, but after making a 90 degree turn appeared as four objects following each other in a straight line evenly spaced. Objects suddenly disappeared in the earth's shadow one by one while 35 to 40 degrees above the horizon." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 14 September 60.

15 September. Medford, Oregon. (8:31 p.m.)

Red cigar.

A press report stated that a red-lighted cigar-shaped body was seen in the sky. (xx.)

Nevis Woman Startled By Flying Object

Mrs. Albert Gibson, of Nevis, was startled late Monday night by the appearance of a sphere-like object that cast an eerie bluish-green light over the area surrounding her home.

Mrs. Gibson said the "ball," about the size of a two-quart container, seemed to remain poised over a field. Trees, hills and blades of grass were clearly visible in a light that shone from the under side of the object.

GREAT SPEED

There were no cars in the area at the time, Mrs. Nevis said. No sound came from the object and it sped away in a westerly direction at a great speed when she made an appearance outside the house.

The Nevis housewife said she had retired but got out of bed at about 10:25 p.m. to go downstairs for something when she noticed the light.

Her interest was sharpened, she said, because she had read reports in *The Herald* on the appearance of Echo I, the U.S. balloon satellite, and had planned to stay up and watch for it.

Calgary, Canada

Herald

15 September 60

(xx.) Medford, Oregon. *Medford Mail Tribune*. 16 September 60.

15 September. Hilts, California. (9:00 p.m.)

Red cigar.

A press report states that two cigar-shaped, red lighted bodies were seen in the sky." (xx.)

(xx.) Medford, Oregon. *Medford Mail Tribune*. 16 September 60.

15 September. Yreka, California. (10:30 p.m.)

Red cigar.

A press report states that two cigar-shaped, red lighted bodies were seen in the sky. (xx.)

(xx.) Medford, Oregon. *Medford Mail Tribune*. 16 September 60.

15 September. Tucson, Arizona. (0455Z)

20 orange objects.

A BLUE BOOK File card stated: "About 20 round, bright orange objects slightly smaller than a grapefruit, had football-shaped formation. No sound or tail. Formation moved sideways from east made approximately 90 degree turn and moved South-Southeast faded from view." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 15 September 60.

15 September. Santa Monica, California. (7:40 a.m.)

Flying Triangle hovers over aircraft plant. (See clipping below)

'TRIANGLE' SPACE SHIP IS SIGHTED

Los Angeles Is Excited Over
Mystery Object in
Morning Sky

9-15-60

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A police officer says he saw a flying triangle this morning. That's right. Triangle, not saucer.

Desk Officer Don Anderson at the West Los Angeles Police Station said a woman called at 7:30 a. m. today to report she saw a flying saucer hovering about 300 to 400 feet above the Douglas Aircraft plant in Santa Monica. Several others called about it.

Officer Anderson went outside and saw it, too.

"It was a triangular shaped dark object," he reported. "At 7:40 a. m. it was traveling in a northeasterly direction at about 1000 feet at a slow rate of speed."

The officer estimated that it might have been about 10 feet in diameter. He theorized it might have been an experimental craft or even a runaway kite with a balloon inside it.

A spokesman for the Douglas plant said men in control towers on either side of the airport saw nothing resembling the re-

ported object.

"We make nothing fitting this description," he said, "although a small weather balloon, about two feet in diameter, is released each morning about that time."

16-18 September. Montague and Yreka, California. (about 7:00 p.m.)

Silver dome-shaped object.

A press report said:

"The third report of an unidentified flying object within the month reached the *Mail Tribune* news room today.

"The report came from the Montague, California, area, where several residents during the past few days have reported seeing a silver, dome-shaped object.

"About 7 p.m. each day for the past several days, some Montague residents have seen 'the object' in the Bald mountain area, about seven miles northeast of Montague. It rises slowly from the vicinity of the mountain, hovers and later disappears in about the same area, residents reported.

"The object, according to witnesses, has red, green and white flashing lights, and usually is comparatively close to the ground.

"The object was seen by Mrs. Ardith Piper and her two sons, route 1, box 162B, Monday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and by Louis Rockwell and his family Sunday night.

"Rockwell said the Sunday evening sighting was over the Yreka area, where the object hovered over a mountain in the vicinity, and disappeared in about the same location where it rose.

"Last week, several residents of the Hilts area reported sighting two unidentified flying objects. An unidentified flying object was reported in Medford [Oregon] that same evening, and previous to that, a Rogue River [Oregon] couple reported seeing an object in the Rogue River area." (xx.)

(xx.) Medford, Oregon. *Mail Tribune* 20 September 60.

19 September. North of Susanville, California. (0810Z)

"Cucumber" follows truck?

Another interesting story out of northern California. A BLUE BOOK File card states:

"Cucumber-shaped object with impression of transparency. Appeared to give off bright light. Object appeared to follow truck and at one time crossed in front of truck. Object appeared to have floating action instead of abrupt movements. Object flashed four times and then disappeared in a steep climb." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 19 September 60. (Note: the Air Force often uses the words: "seem to," "appeared to," "gave the impression," when the witness never uses them. This has the effect of discrediting the report. Evidently this tactic is applied above in the Susanville sighting)

19 September. Air Force is in trouble again.

The briefings given to some Congressional Committees during the summer failed to advert all Congressional criticism. On the 19th of September Congressman Edgar W. Hiestand of California lashed out. The press reported:

"Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand, R-Calif., and the Air Force sharply disagreed Saturday over the old question whether there is evidence that flying saucers are real.

"Hiestand, writing Air Force Secretary Dudley Sharp under the date of September 19, to suggest release of full information about source said:

"After all, although the unidentified flying objects are unknown devices, there seems to be enough evidence available to convince that they are real rather than imaginary." (xx.)

(xx.) Atlanta, Georgia. *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*.
16 October 60.

20 September. Greenbrae and San Anselmo, California.
(4:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.)

Zig-zagging oval? (See clipping.)

21 September. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. (no time)

"The weird thing was..."

A very brief item in BLUE BOOK files said:

"On September 21 at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, three witnesses watched a silvery disc-shaped UFO maneuver over the area. One witness stated: 'The weird thing was that we could see red and blue flames coming from it now and then.'" (xx.)

(xx.) "No case. (Information Only) 21 September 1960. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada." Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. [Information probably from a civilian UFO publication.]

23 September. Between Wendover and Salt Lake City, Utah.
(1:50 a.m.)

Faster than a jet.

According to our source:

Eight Sight Flying Disk Over Marin

Eight persons—six of them youngsters—declared they saw a mysterious flying disk dart across the skies above Marin County yesterday.

A group of five Greenbrae boys, described by one of the parents as serious-minded and not inclined to flights of fancy, said they saw the object whip through the sky as they watched the partial eclipse of the sun shortly after 4 p.m.

OVAL-SHAPED

Ross Murphy, 10, of 75 Eliseo Drive, described the object as gleaming silver and oval-shaped on top. He said it sped from over San Rafael toward Mount Tamalpais and disappeared in about 20 seconds. The object seemed to emit rays, Ross said.

The sighting was confirmed by his four companions, Bruce McPhun, 10; Robert Adams, 10; Steve Bernheim, 9, and Steven Donati, 10, all of Greenbrae.

Ross said it was neither an airplane nor a balloon.

ZIG-ZAGGED

Three hours later, at 7:45 p.m., a San Anselmo family saw a bright round silvery object zig-zagging across the sky from northwest to southeast.

Julius Galliani and his son, Lowell, were watering their lawn at 80 Lincoln Avenue when they observed the disk weaving through the sky. Mrs. Claire Galliani was called from the house.

"It was bigger and brighter than Echo I satellite," Mrs. Galliani said. "It took almost a minute to cross the sky."

They said it didn't fly in a straight line like other satellites, but instead bounced from side to side.

San Rafael, California
Independent-Journal
21 September 60

"Spear-shaped object, then as it came down it looked huge. At first appeared silver then had pulsating red-orange color became bright and more intense. Traveled South, hovered, then Southwest. Very rapid travel Southwest—would make a jet look as if it were standing still." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 23 September 60.

23 September. Off the north coast of Labrador. (12:05 a.m.)

Cylinder with portholes?

An Air Force BLUE BOOK File card states: "Cylinder-like object larger than an aircraft with port hole-like lights along side. The object approached the surface of the ocean at an angle, hit, and disappeared under the water. Object traveling backwards to direction that a satellite would take." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 23 September 60.

25 September. South of Midway Island. (0700Z)

Oval object reported by military aircraft.

An Air Force BLUE BOOK Files card states:

"Round or oval object, six inches in diameter, continually changing red, green and white. The light from the object was very bright. Object climbed from water level, sped past the tail [of the aircraft]. Object passed from view behind a cloud bank." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 25 September 60.

25 September. Between Alamogordo and Holloman, New Mexico. (about 9:20 p.m.)

"I asked if they had seen what I had."

A press report said:

"A Holloman housewife reported seeing a strange quarter moon-shaped bright orange object hovering between Alamogordo and Holloman at about 9:20 p.m. Sunday.

"The object seemed very low and either stopped or was moving very slow," she explained this morning.

"As we approached it burst forth at full speed and disappeared over White Sands," she said.

"The car in front of me kept blinking its lights so when I turned into the base I pulled alongside and asked if they'd seen what I had. After they told me they had, I was relieved," she laughed." (xx.)

(xx.) Alamogordo, New Mexico. *News*. 26 September 60.

26 September. Carrizozo, New Mexico. (2:35 a.m.)

"Seemed to be dripping a stream of something." (See clipping on page xx)

There was a mention in the press of reports made people in Carlsbad but no details were given. Moreover, it was said security guards at Holloman AFB, and White Sands Missile range had sighted a bright green object trailing an orange flame about 3:00 a.m. Military sources were not that forthcoming with information. (xx.)

(xx.) El Paso, Texas. *Herald-Post*. 26/27 September 60.

26 September. Just north of Las Cruces, New Mexico. (2:58 a.m.)

"We approached within 100 feet."

Some 5 ½ hours after the housewife's experience, a more spectacular object was observed:

"Police Officers Benjamin Rios and Frank Alexander reported they spotted the object just above or atop Three Crosses Hill at exactly 2:58 a.m. The policemen, riding in the same car, approached the light to a distance estimated at about 100 feet before it sped away.

"Rios said it moved at 'tremendous speed.'

" 'I've never seen anything move so fast,' he said.

"As it 'flew' away, Rios said it left a 'trail of dripping green fire in its wake which extinguished almost immediately [Another press account put it this way: "...appeared as a bright green disc with three exhaust spouts putting out what appeared to be green and white phosphorus]."

"The officers reported the object to the police department." (xx.)

(xx.) Las Cruces, New Mexico. *Sun-News*. 26 September 60.

26 September. Alamogordo, New Mexico. (about 3:00 a.m.)

Gigantic sparks.

The "thing" was also spotted by an Alamogordo officer, Al Montes:

"Montes said this morning he noticed the object while patrolling in the Food Mart Shopping Center.

" 'At first I thought it was a plane exploding—gigantic sparks flew from the thing—but I never heard a crash,' he said today.

" 'I waited, but there never was a crash,' he reiterated." (xx.)

(xx.) Alamogordo, New Mexico. *News*. 26 September 60.

26 September. El Paso, Texas. (3:00 a.m.)

Bright green- orange tail.

The El Paso newspaper said:

"Leon Dube, 3719 Edgar Park, reported that he and two companions sighted a green object over the city as they drove toward White Sands Missile Range at 3 a.m. Monday.

"He said the bright green object with bright orange tail was visible for approximately 30 seconds and was moving from west to east directly over El Paso." (xx.)

(xx.) El Paso, Texas. *Times*. 27 September 60.

26 September. Las Cruces, New Mexico. (4:10 a.m.)

According to the *Sun-News*:

"About 4:10 a.m. the police radio officer heard Alamogordo requesting information from Truth or Consequences asking if that city had any knowledge of an aircraft in distress firing a distress signal.

"It was at this time that the Las Cruces department relayed its information to Alamogordo and were informed that Holloman had called a base alert in connection with an unidentified flying object (UFO).

"Alamogordo and White Sands Missile Range then called the Las Cruces station in an attempt to get further information. White Sands reported that the same described UFO was seen by personnel at that installation at almost exactly 3 a.m." (xx.)

(xx.) Las Cruces, New Mexico. *Sun-News*. 26 September 60.

26 September. Las Cruces, New Mexico. (dawn)

No trace.

The press reported:

"Later, at daylight, Rios and Alexander returned to the scene, it found no trace of the 'flying green light.'

"The incident is believed to have been the first time in the Southwest area that two putable reports were made on a UFO by persons who were able to approach it such a close distance.

"Rios, a former security guard at WSMR [White Sands Missile Range], said he has seen UFOs before, but never so close.

"He stressed that he could not make close estimates on the size or speed of the object.

"The plice car was stopped at the intersection of Dona Ana Road and Main when the object disappeared into the sky in a northerly direction." (xx.)

(xx.) Las Cruces, New Mexico. *Sun-News*. 26 September 60.

26 September. The Air Force comments.

An El Paso paper published:

"Capt. Jack Patterson, officer in charge of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) investigation at Holloman said reports to his office indicated the mysterious fireball was a 'very bright luminous green and trailed orange flame.'

"Captain Patterson said persons seeing the object 'generally agreed' that the UFO was visible for approximately 20 seconds and traveling in a 'level trajectory' from east to west." (xx.)

(xx.) El Paso, Texas. *Herald-Post*. 26/27 September 60.

Captain Patterson told the press he felt the object was a meteorite: "There is increased meteorite activity at this time of year...and reports as the ones today fit the pattern of past years." (xx.) Meanwhile, Holloman AFB and Alamogordo denied a base alert had been called.

(xx.) Alamogordo, New Mexico. *News*. 26 September 60.

26 September. Silver Lake, Michigan. (2245-2300Z)

Fiery red cylinder.

An Air Force BLUE BOOK File card states: "Long, cylinder, somewhat cigar-shaped object with fiery red surface. When first sighted was stationary, then accelerated swiftly in a somewhat north-south direction but climbed rapidly upward until no longer visible." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 26 September 60.

26 September. Pacific Ocean 21 -52N, 178-25W. (0700Z)

"Fireball" rises from the sea, moves around in the sky.

Military teletype message out of Hickam AFB, Hawaii, reported:

"ON 26 SEP 60, AT 0700Z AND POSITION 21-52N, 178-25W, AN UFO WAS OBSERVED BY THE CREW OF A MILITARY AIRCRAFT. THE OBJ WAS RPTD AS ROUND OR OVAL IN SHAPE, SIX INCHES IN DIAMETER AT ARM'S LENGTH AND CONTINUALLY CHANGING FROM RED TO GREEN TO WHITE AND REPEATING THE CYCLE. EACH COLOR WOULD PERSIST FOR THREE TO FOUR SECONDS BEFORE CHANGING TO THE NEXT. THE LIGHT FROM THE OBJ WAS RPTD TO BE VERY BRIGHT. ONLY ONE OBJ WAS RPTD, BUT IT WAS OBSERVED SEVERAL TIMES. THE OBJ LEFT NO TRAIL AND MADE NO

SOUND WHICH COULD BE DETECTED BY THE WITNESSES. WHEN THE OBJ WAS FIRST SIGHTED THE MISSION AIRCRAFT WAS IN A LEFT TURN, THE OBJ APPEARED TO CLIMB FROM WATER LEVEL AT THE EIGHT O'CLOCK POSITION, SPED PAST THE TAIL OF THE RPTG AIRCRAFT TO THE FIVE O'CLOCK POSITION WHERE IT WAS LOST FROM VIEW. WHEN NEXT THE OBJ WAS SEEN THE MISSION AIRCRAFT WAS LEVEL AT 15,000' ON A COURSE OF 210 DEGREES. THE OBJ WAS SIGHTED AT SIXTY DEGREES RELATIVE BEARING AT 40 DEGREES ELEVATION AND MOVING ACROSS THE NOSE TO A RELATIVE BEARING OF 330 DEGREES LOW. THE OBJ DISAPPEARED BEHIND A CLOUD BANK WITH TOPS AT 10,000'. THE OBJ WAS OBSERVED FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR MINUTES." (xx.)

(xx.) Joint Messageform. To: COFS USAF WASH DC. From: ATIC, W-P AFB. Info: PACAF HICKAM AFB HAWAII. Date: 30 September 60. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 26 September 60.

27 September. Aurora, Colorado. (0422Z)

V-formation.

An Air Force BLUE BOOK File card states: "Six round, red or maroon objects, size of pea. Had 'V' formation, then split up to a straight line and faded slowly to the south." (xx.) Any

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 27 September 60.

27 September. Sputnik V?

The public information officer at White Sands told the press on the 27th that Sputnik V re-entering the earth's atmosphere could have been the UFO reported the night before. The Alamogordo paper carried the story but did not let it stand unchallenged:

"However, later developments tend to discount this theory and although investigation continues, authorities have not reached any definite answer." (xx.)

(xx.) Alamogordo, New Mexico. *Daily News*. 27 September 60.

28 September. Eagle, Grand Junction, Colorado and Farmington, New Mexico. (9:35 p.m. – 10:35? P.m.)

FAA detects "space object" that hovers 30 minutes. (See clipping on page 99)

29 September. Arlington, Texas. (6:23 p.m. to 6:39 p.m. CST)

Radio Officer for Pan American Airways reports UFO.

Testimony of J. Rodriguez, Jr., of PAA:

"At 6:23 p.m., CST while watching 8 or 9 kids (ages 10 to 16) play fast ball in the front yard across the street in from my home, I looked up, east, elevation 50 degrees approximately, and I saw a bright pin point of orange-colored light travelling toward the south; its speed was faster than a high flying jet aircraft, but slower than a meteor. As it reached a point below the moon it slowed down very rapidly, at which time I turned and ran toward my house for my field glasses [See sketch on page 100, position 'A' to 'B'].

"Upon returning with my field glasses (7 power) the kids had now taken up the watch. Mr. Louis Via, my neighbor across the street, was also out in his front yard where we all were. While the kids insisted that it was up there just below a bright star, Mr. Via and myself said 'no it's just another star [See sketch, position "C"]'. Soon we all realized that the stars were moving, as though around each other clockwise. I took up a position where I could use the house roof for reference to see if one was moving.

"Mr. Via and myself soon agreed that the bottom one was slowly moving upward and clockwise around the star, which I then realized was the planet Jupiter. The movement between positions 'B' and 'C' was seen by the 8 or 9 kids. While watching the movement between positions positions 'C' and 'D,' Mrs. Via came outside and also saw the orange colored point of light moving. My field glasses did nothing for seeing what it was, still a bright point of light.

"At about 6:35 another neighbor came over from two houses down, Mr. and Mrs. Rowmach. Mrs. Rowmach said: 'Rod, I've been watching that very fast moving light since you ran toward your house a while ago.' We all stood there and watched it slowly moving up and getting smaller, but still bright...'

"About 6:37 p.m. while trying to point out the UFO to another neighbor, Rodriguez saw it take off suddenly toward the west and vanish 'as fast as a meteor.'" (xx.)

(xx.) *The UFO Evidence*. Ed.: Richard Hall. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., 1964. p.45.

FLASHING UFO IS A MYSTERY IN SOUTHWEST

Spherical Flying Saucer
Enclosing a 'Square'

Reported to AF

9-29-60

DENVER (AP)—An unidentified object flashing red, white and green lights high over Southwest Colorado was reported last night by Federal Aviation Agency offices in three cities.

Reports came to the FAA here from Grand Junction and Eagle, Col., and Farmington, N. M.

An FAA spokesman said the reports were forwarded to the North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs.

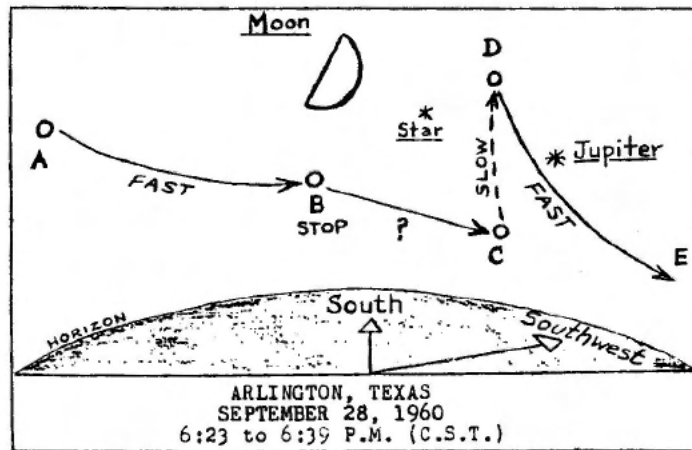
An FAA employee at Eagle, using an inclinometer, estimated the object was 37 miles above the earth. The inclinometer is an instrument used to track and determine the altitude of high-flying objects.

The object appeared to hover for about 30 minutes, then moved off to the southwest. It first was seen about 9:35 p. m. (MST).

Two pilots—one flying a Frontier Air Lines plane, the other a military jet—reportedly spotted the object.

The FAA at Grand Junction said the object appeared to be spherical, and enclosing a square object. The lights, alternately flashing the different colors, appeared to emanate from the square object within the sphere.

The FAA spokesman here said it was the first such unusual sighting in several months. He declined to comment further on it.



30 September. Fortean Society will cease.

In a letter to Fortean Society member R.F. Smith, Mrs. Thayer relates some bad news:

“Since the very sudden death of my husband, Tiffany Thayer, on August 23, 1959, every effort has been made to continue the work of the Fortean Society. I know now it cannot function without him. The Fortean Society will cease, perhaps only temporarily, as of September 30, 1960.

(Signed: Kathleen Thayer September 12, 1960)” (xx.)

(xx.) Letter to R.F. Smith in author’s private collection.

The Air Force’s strange behavior.

In spite of the agreement reached with the Congressional Committees to allocate additional personnel and funds to BLUE BOOK (\$3,000 and one officer), the Air Force tried to substitute another course action it called a “close telephone monitorship” with local air base investigators working on significant UFO cases. In effect, nothing was really being done to implement the recommendations by men like Congressman Smart from the House Armed Forces Committee. Worst yet, Congressman Smart was not informed of the Air Force’s actions until he finally made an inquiry in November. This was a serious breach of government cooperation. The military was skating on thin ice.

Not only was the Air Force playing games with Congress, it was misleading the public. As historian David Jacobs observed:

“Publicly the Air Force remained silent about its congressional briefings and investigatory problems. It continued to castigate its critics and assure the public that top-level scientists with command of all necessary facilities were conducting a rigorous scientific investigation of UFOs.” (xx.)

(xx.) Jacobs, David. *The UFO Controversy in America*. Indiana University Press: Blooming & London, 1975. p.179.

Perhaps only the President or the Supreme Court could make the Air Force take the proper measures to satisfy the critics. The legislative branch certainly wasn't getting much respect from the Pentagon. How could the Air Force jerk around some of the most powerful men in Congress? What was it about the UFO problem that made the military behave in such a strange manner?

The Prime Minister of England, Margaret Thatcher, decades later, was said to have made a slip of tongue in regards to UFOs: "You can't tell the people." Maybe things are so bad "you can't tell the U.S. Congress either."

1 October. Russia: Flying saucer sightings sweeping the country. (See clipping below)

October 1960. Berkh-Biysk, Russia. (about 11:00 p.m.)

A dark cloud, a pencil of light. The "emitter."

Translations always leave something to be desired, and the Russian way of expressing an event is awkward, but this account suggests something very odd took place.

The following is the testimony of Yu M. Novikov who was employed as an inspector for a hydro-electric power project:

"In October, at approximately 2300 hours, I left the office together with a group of about 50 working people after a conference. The office was at one of the ends of the settlement and I set out for home towards its center.

"After about 20-25 meters I glanced at a completely clear sky and something appeared; with complete cloudlessness, one lone dark cloud stood over the center of the settlement closer to the forest.

"But already in the following instant everything changed. The dark cloud was lit up by a weak reddish light (a hazy glow) and only then did I notice that it was oscillating.

FLYING SAUCERS ARE JUST 'FAIRY-TALES'

STRATFORD TIMES
SINGAPORE
TUESDAY 10/1/60

MOSCOW, Monday.
TWO leading Soviet newspapers yesterday denounced as "fantastic fairy-tales" reports that flying saucers had been seen over Russia and warned the public it was time to scotch such rumours.

The party newspaper Pravda and the youth newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda both quoted the Soviet academician and Lenin prize-winner, Mr. Lev A. Artsimovich as saying that such reports resulted from "self-deception or intentional falsification of facts."

He added it was time to end the circulation of these fantastic fairy-tales, no matter how breath-taking they appeared to be.

Mr Artsimovich said rumours of flying saucer sightings were sweeping the country and too many irresponsible people had been giving lectures on the subject.

Much material, he said, had been taken from the American Press, but some was Soviet inspired.

'Tiny men'

He said it was being claimed that tiny men from Venus had landed at Uzbekistan and Tadzhikistan, in south-west Russia, and had "jumped out of a flying saucer and begun searching for a place to buy sweets."

There had been widespread circulation of a picture of a flying saucer taken by a Soviet citizen in the far north. This had been investigated by the Soviet Academy of Sciences' Institute of Geophysics and shown to be an "optical illusion which could be artificially produced by any amateur photographer."

Komsomolskaya Pravda stated how pictures could be produced by light refraction, and published its own picture of a "flying saucer" in a central Moscow square.

"A pencil of light began to emerge from the cloud very slowly. The impression was such that some sort of body which emits light seemed to separate from it.

"The body withdrew farther and farther away parallel to the ground and, in proportion to this, the beam grew longer, throwing its light on the cloud which had now become similar to a parachute but with the only difference that it was not stretched from the air but it somehow wriggled its surface like a flag in a weak wind.

"What was most instructive of all was the fact that the longer became the beam of the body moving away from the 'parachute,' the lighter became the 'parachute' itself, acquiring a blue shade permeated with red streaks at one moment or, conversely, a red shade permeated with blue streaks at another moment.

"It did not descend and did not rise. The beam of light fell on it exactly on the center, not blinking and not bending at all. The beam was like the beam of a motion picture projector: narrow at the exit from the body and expanding toward the 'parachute' which it illuminated.

"The pencil of light was extremely dense and the light was strong, but not blinding, somewhat like a white luminescent glow but considerably whiter.

"The body was emitting the light was not visible, but from some unclear shadow at the exit it was felt that it exists.

"The outline of the 'parachute' dissipated somehow, having no clear boundaries, and at the moment of its defection some parts of it were sometimes lighter, sometimes darker, however preserving the color prevailing in a given position.

"From one to 1.5 minutes after the body moved away from the 'parachute' about 20 meters (that's how it seemed, and all these 1.5 minutes the 'emitter' moved away from the 'parachute') it somehow moved in the opposite direction along the same axis without jerks.

"The beam was shortened accordingly and the luminescence of the 'parachute' was decreased. Having reached the 'parachute,' the beam seemed to enter it.

"The luminescence of both stopped. Something like a cloud again appeared, and in the same instant it moved slowly in the direction of the taiga [frozen countryside] and there, combining with its massif, it ceased being visible.

"Everything that occurred lasted for more than five minutes. It is interesting to note that after the cessation of the luminescence the sensation on onsetting darkness was absent as happens when you emerge from a brightly illuminated room into an evening street. All objects were distinguished just as before this.

"Turochak is a God-foresaken place, especially in the time period described. Berkbiysk is even more so...

"Whether someone spoke at this time or all remained silent I did not notice since I was completely absorbed by the observation.

"However, when the 'parachute' disappeared, a large group of people approached me and asked excitedly: 'What was that?' I shrugged my shoulders." (xx.)

(xx.) Zigel, Felix Y. *UFO Sightings over the USSR*. Volume One in a series. Ed.: R.F. Haines. LDA Press: Los Altos, California, 1968. pp.88-90.

2 October. Port Elizabeth, South Africa. (7:00 p.m.)

Reddish-gray object. (See clipping on page 103)

3 October. More unusual Russian speculation. (See clipping below)

Oct. 3, 1960 **ARKANSAS GAZETTE** Oct. 3, 1960

Nuclear Blast Over Siberia in 1908?

Reds Say Evidence Points to One

New York, Oct. 4 (AP). — A Russian magazine suggests that a nuclear explosion of extra-terrestrial origin may have taken place over Siberia June 30, 1908.

The magazine *Sovietskaya Rossiya*, in an article in its August 28 issue, reported in the *New York Times* today, also theorized that:

1. Two small moons of the planet Mars may be artificial satellites placed in orbit by a civilization which once thrived on that planet before it lost most of its atmosphere.

2. A heretofore unperceived force exists in the cosmos which controls time and causes spinning bodies, such as planets Earth, Saturn and Jupiter to be heart shaped.

The Siberian explosion concept was rechecked last year by several scientists and senior students on expedition from the Russian Academy of Sciences.

The *Times* said: "They found that the radioactivity of plants at the center of the explosion site was from 50 to 100 per cent higher than on the edge of the area of destruction, at a distance of 20 to 25 miles in all directions. There was a sharp drop in radioactivity some six miles from the center point."

"Some of the rock and earth samples also showed abnormally high radioactivity."

The report was that at the time local inhabitants saw a huge fireball fall from the sky and "the explosion that followed leveled 700 to 800 square miles of forest" and caused winds that "swept water from

the lakes and hurled men long distances."

The *Times* said men visiting the site later were puzzled that there was no great hole in the ground or fragments typical of meteorites. "There were many small craters within 3,000 feet of the center and tiny globules of nickel-iron imbedded in bed rock fused by the explosion."

The Russian magazine was quoted as saying Dr. Gennadi Piekhanov, of the Betatron laboratory of Tomsk Medical College, who last year visited the area with the expedition, had "confirmed the existence at ground zero, the explosion center, of 'telegraphed, timber'—tree trunks stripped of bark and branches. This, he said, led some of the members of the expedition to the conclusion that the explosion took place above the ground."

10.3.60

SHINY ROUND OBJECT SEEN OVER P.E.

PORT ELIZABETH, Wednesday. — A strange reddish-grey, shining, round object was seen over Port Elizabeth about 7 p.m. yesterday.

It appeared to be travelling fast in a southerly direction.

Mr. I. T. Bunyard of 6 Fifth Avenue, Walmer, whose attention was drawn to it by his son, said that the object travelled on a course parallel with the coast for some distance.

Then it seemed to hover for a while before turning out to sea and disappearing from sight over Bird Island.—Sapa.

Oct 3, 1960
Daily Argus

4 October. Cressy, Tasmania, Australia. (6:10 p.m.)

Rev. Lionel Browning and the "mother ship."

Receiving little notice in the U.S., an impressive UFO sighting in Tasmania generated headlines in the local press. What was most embarrassing for authorities, was the fact the principle witness was an Anglican minister. As in the 1959 Father Gill case, it would be awkward to try and discredit a clergyman.

'FLYING SAUCER' SEEN AT CRESSY

Mysterious ships in sky



AN ANGLICAN minister and his wife, previously scept about reports of visitors from other planets, are sure they h seen flying saucers and a mother ship.

The Rev. Lionel Browning and Mrs. Browning, of Cressy, vealed their experience yesterday al though it occurred on Tuesday.

"We did not say anything about it before because we were reticent abo leasing such fantastic information," said Mr. Browning.

Other Cressy residents have reported a mysterious, frighten- ing explosion on the same night. At 6.10 on Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. Browning were looking east through the rec- object had a dull surface, even though the setting sun was shining on it. He said that any noise would have been drowned by the wind. He estimated that the ob- He said: "The ship travelled in a perfectly straight direction towards Western Junction. "After about a minute of steady movement, the ship stop- ped in mid air. "It hovered above the Pan- Mr. Browning desc smaller objects as "Zy era, about 30 feet in with a flat underside rounded dome on top. He said the objects grey in colour but hav- "It hovered above the Pan- about three distinguishing feature

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Rev. Browning and Mrs.
Browning's official testimony.

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STATEMENT BY THE REVEREND LIONEL BROWNING

1. Mr Browning stated that at approximately 1810 hours on the 4th October 1960, he and his wife were standing in the dining room of their home and looking out through the window at a rainbow over some low hills approximately eight (8) miles to the east. The hills, the highest of which are approximately eight hundred (800) feet, were partly obscured by low cloud and rain. As they were looking at the scene, his wife drew his attention to a long cigar shaped object which was emerging from a rain squall. The object was a dull greyish colour, had four or five vertical dark bands around its circumference and at regular intervals along its length and had what looked like a short aerial array which projected outwards and upward from the northern facing end of the object. The object seemed to be slightly longer than Viscount aircraft which Mr Browning frequently sees flying in that area and he therefore estimated the object's length as about one hundred (100) feet. The outline of the object was well defined and was even more so a little later when it had as a background the tree covered slopes of a rain free area of the hills. Mr Browning estimated from landmarks below the object, that it was over the Panhangar Estate owned by the Mills family and was therefore approximately three and one half (3½) to four (4) miles distant. The object after emerging from the rain squall moved on an even keel in a northerly direction at an estimated speed of sixty to seventy (60-70) MPH and at a constant height of approximately four hundred (400) feet. His estimate of the speed of the object was made by comparing its rate of movement with that of Viscount aircraft which he has seen flying in the area and his estimate of the height of the object was by comparison with the height of the hills behind it. The object moved approximately one and a half miles (1½) north, also estimated by reference to land marks below it, and then abruptly stopped. Within seconds, it was joined by five or six small saucer like objects which had emerged at high speed from the low cloud above and behind the cigar shaped object. The small objects stationed themselves at positions around the cigar shaped object at a radius of about one half (½) of a mile and then, after an interval of several seconds the cigar shaped object accompanied by the smaller objects, abruptly reversed back towards and then into the rain squall from which it had emerged. The reverse movement was at approximately the same speed and height as during its outward movement. In all, the cigar shaped object had been visible for approximately two (2) minutes and the small objects for approximately one (1) minute. Neither Mr nor Mrs

Browning heard any unusual noise during the period of the sighting.

2. Mr Browning and his wife watched the area for several minutes after the disappearance of the objects into the rain squall but there was no re-appearance. Mr Browning then telephoned the Control Tower at Western Junction Airport and reported the sighting.

3. Mr Browning stated that on the 9th October 1960 he gave a full report of his and his wife's sighting to the Launceston "Examiner" newspaper and permitted an "Examiner" photographer to photograph through the window of their dining room, the area over which they had seen the flying objects. Also, a sketch of the objects to serve as a basis for artists impression of the objects to be superimposed on the photograph was made by Mrs Browning and given to the "Examiner". The following day, the 10th October 1960, the report and the photograph with the artist's impression superimposed thereon, were published in the newspaper. Mr Browning stated that the published report, apart from having given the length of the cigar shaped object as three (300) instead of one hundred (100) feet and having stated that he (Mr Browning) knows of other witnesses to the sighting, was accurate. He also stated that the artist's impression superimposed on the published photograph depicted fairly accurately the shape, size and appearance of the objects but they should have been shown as being below and not above the skyline.

4. Mr Browning stated that since he made public his and his wife's sighting of the objects, he has received several reports of believed sightings of flying objects and has also received many reports of loud explosions. He himself heard such an explosion at 2130 on the 27th October 1960 and is of the opinion that it was too close and loud to have been from an area about ten (10) miles distant where the Hydro Electric Commission does rock blasting. Mr Browning is of the opinion that the explosion he heard and probably those heard by other local residents are associated in some way with the flying objects seen by him and his wife.

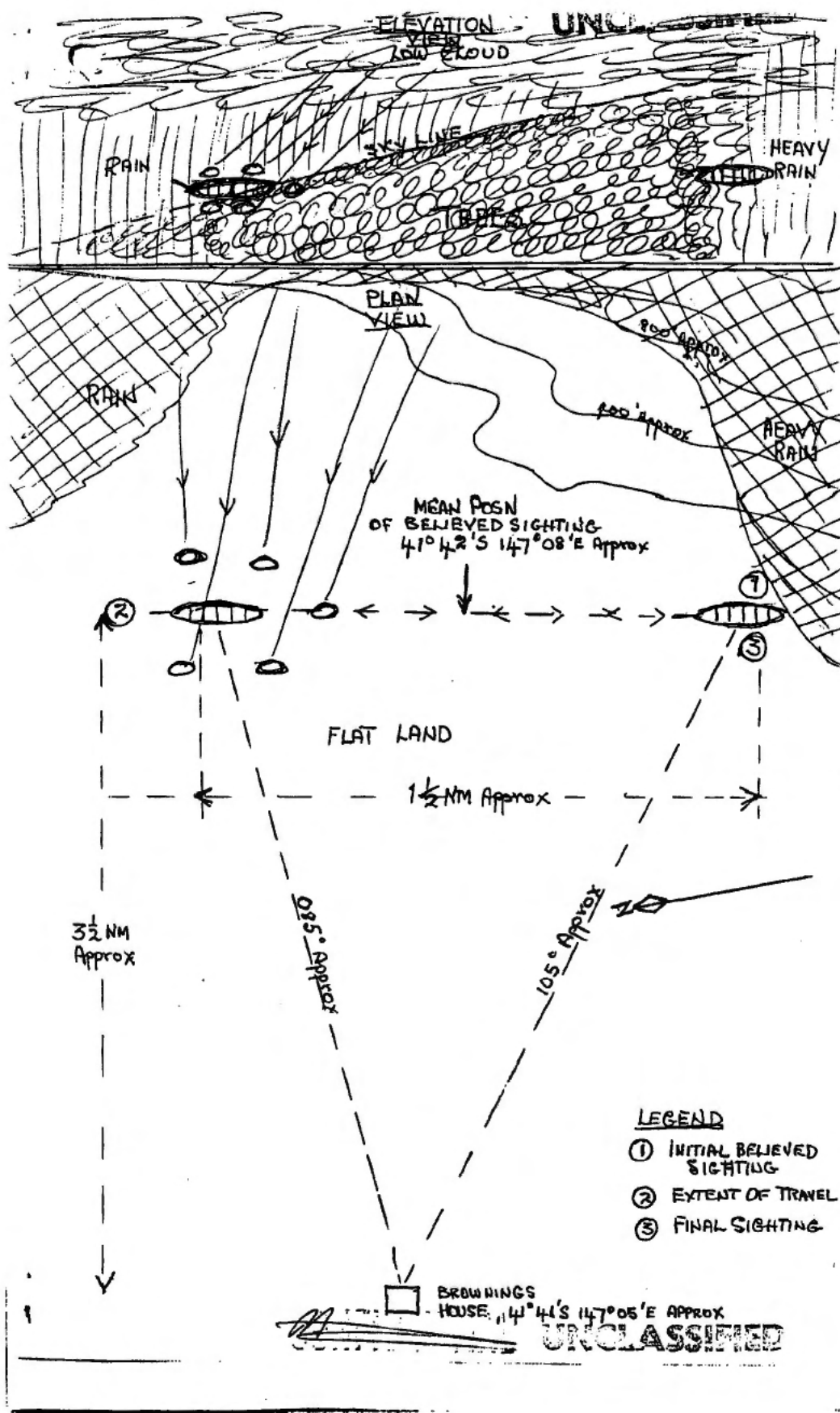
5. Mr Browning stated that prior to his and his wife's sighting of the unidentified flying objects he had been sceptical about reports of such objects but now both he and his wife are convinced that such objects exist. He also stated that whereas prior to his and his wife's sighting he neither had interest in nor any association with Unidentified Flying Objects Societies but now he is both interested in and willing to be associated with such societies and has in fact accepted an invitation to give a talk on his and his wife's sighting to the Melbourne Unidentified Flying Objects Society on the 16th November 1960.

STATEMENT BY MRS BROWNING

1. Mrs Browning stated that she agreed completely with the account of the sighting given by her husband with the exception that when watching the cigar shaped object she was - and is - of the opinion that the projection at the northern end of the object was more like a propeller rotating in the vertical plane than like an aerial array as described by her husband.

2. Mrs Browning stated that like her husband, she had been sceptical of the reports of unidentified flying objects prior to her and her husband's sighting but now she feels compelled to believe in the existence of such objects. She further stated that she had not prior to the sighting, had any interest in or association with Unidentified Flying Object Societies.

(See official sketch on page 107. Art work shown on page 104 was done by an artist on the staff of the *Examiner* based on the Rev. Browning's and his wife's description.)



5 October. Can UFOs start World War III?

One of the contentions Donald Keyhoe used to impress Congress was the possibility a flight of UFOs might be mistaken for a Russian A-bomb attack. On October 5th this was put to the test.



The new North American Ballistic Missile Early Warning System began start up operational tests on October 1, 1960. Refinements of the system were expected to take several months. The plan was to provide at least 15 minutes warning of any Russian launch of long range rockets.

Royal Canadian Air Force Marshal Roy Slemon occupied the "hot seat" at NORAD headquarters that 5th day of October when BMEWS's long range radar indicated unexplained activity far out in space. The return was solid and constant. The Air Marshal had only 15 minutes to make a decision. Should he assume the worst and order a counterstrike, or assume it was a false alarm?

Fortunately, NORAD had additional requirements for the determination of a nuclear assault by Moscow. These requirements were secret but some were obvious. For example, if the Russian head of state was giving a speech in Red Square at that very minute, it would be unlikely war was imminent.

Since the radar return information was not confirmed by any other source, Air Marshal Slemon decided it was a false alarm.

As it turned out, the return was real enough. Technicians learned that BMEWS radar was more powerful than they thought. The mysterious target was the Moon coming up over the horizon! (xx.)

(xx.) Montreal, Canada. *Montreal Gazette*. 23 December 60.

5 October. Poznan, Poland. (no time)

UFO over Poland? (See clipping)

6 October. Thule Air Base, Thule, Greenland. (11:55Z)

"Observers were standing in front of BMEWS building."

By an odd coincidence, the day after the false long-range radar alert, a UFO was reported near Greenland's BMEWS site.

A number of General Electric and RCA employees assigned to the BMEWS project viewed a strange thing while standing in front of the BMEWS building at the J-Site. Their attention was attracted by an "unusual occurrence of light in the sky" (as the military report on the sighting expressed it). An orange-colored light which appeared to be half the size of a dime (at arm's length?) was seen at 200 degrees magnetic on a heading of 20 degrees magnetic. The light/object (no shape discernable) would travel in a straight line, slow down, and then speed up. Moreover, the UFO would move 90 degrees off course both left and right at times. When last seen it was at 45 degrees magnetic elevation. There was no sound and the light intensity did not change. The viewing experience lasted for five minutes. The sighting was



'Flying saucer' over Poland

WARSAW, Wed. (AAP): A mysterious luminous object, rising and dropping and changing direction of flight, appeared in the skies over Poznan yesterday. Newspaper reports said the object was seen by many Poznan residents as well as by police guards and railway guards. People in Poznan were said to be wondering whether the object was a space rocket manned by beings from Mars.

"NEWS" Adelaide, OCTOBER 6, 1960

made at 11:55 p.m. "during night conditions," something one needs to know since daylight hours vary at that latitude. (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 6 October 60.

8 October. Denver, Colorado. (0110Z)

"Shape of a cereal bowl."

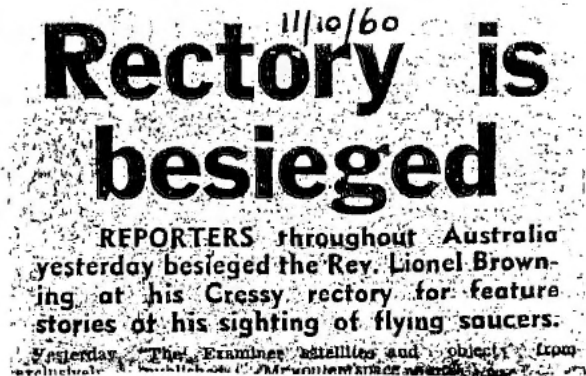
An Air Force BLUE BOOK File card states: "Bright white object with red light on top. Shape of cereal bowl, size of quarter. Stopped, hovered, then climbed and gained speed. Resumed normal level flight and disappeared very fast to the west." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK File card. 8 October 60.

11 October. Where are the Australian authorities?

Rev. Browning's "mother ship" sighting, at first exclusively published in Tasmania's *Examiner*, caused a sensation throughout the country. Newspapers clamored for more details. As the *Examiner* reported on the 10th, the Browning's rectory was "besieged" by newsmen.

However, no authorities seemed to show an interest!



12 October. Peter Norris alerts Parliament.

In regards to the Browning case, the prominent Australian UFOlogist Peter Norris in Melbourne wrote his big city paper on October 12th to ask the question: "Is the Federal Government satisfied that unfriendly nations are not infringing Australian territorial sovereignty?" (xx.)

(xx.) Melbourne, Australia. *Herald*. 12 October 60.

13 October. A response to Norris.

Norris' question had some effect. The Ho. L.C. Haylen (Lab. N.S.W.) suggested to the Minister of Defense, A.G. Townley, that a Parliamentary committee be appointed to investigate flying saucers. (xx.) While the suggestion did not immediately address the Browning incident, it did

(xx.) *Australian Flying Saucer Review*. February 1961. Vo.II, No.1. p.3.

offer some hope.

16 October. Evandale, Tasmania, Australia. (8:15 p.m.)

"I stopped the car and we all got out."

The Tasmania *Examiner* was receptive to saucer reports now and gave a big play to some strange "satellite" sightings on the 14th and the 15th, neither of which matched the strangeness of Evandale incident on the 16th. (See clipping)

FAMILY REPORTS OBJECT IN SKY

A STRANGE object performed manoeuvres in the sky last night above Evandale.

The phenomenon was witnessed by a Launceston couple and their son.

The family wishes to remain anonymous.

They were travelling along the Evandale-Western Junction Rd. toward Launceston when the object was sighted at 8:15 p.m.

"My son looked through the car window towards Perth and said he saw a rather large light.

"He pulled the window down and said the light was a funny one for an aeroplane.

"I stopped the car and we all got out," the man said.

The object was estimated to be more than 1000 feet up. It emitted a bright orange light.

"It approached us at a terrific speed, much faster than a plane.

"Then when it was overhead it hovered for about three minutes.

"There was no noise. It was quite eerie.

"Then suddenly it shot away from us towards Poatina.

"It left a white cloud behind it. Could have been a sort of vapour trail," the man said.

A week ago "The Examiner" published a detailed story of a report by the Rev. Lionel Browning and Mrs. Browning, of Cressy, who saw objects in the sky.

They stated that five flying saucers and a large mother ship manoeuvred mysteriously over Cressy.

The man who told his story to a reporter last night said he had been sceptical of

Mr. Browning's story.

"However, the episode I've just seen, has put me in a completely different frame of mind.

No normal plane

"It certainly wasn't any normal plane," he said.

Two passenger aeroplanes landed at Launceston Airport about the time of sighting.

The Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society, a group of university graduates, is impressed by Mr. Browning's story.

They believe that his description is one of the most detailed reports of saucers seen during the day.

Launceston, Tasmania
17 October 60.

16 October. Dry Creek, Oregon. (3:00 p.m.)

A brief item in BLUE BOOK Files states: "On October 16 at Dry Creek at 3 p.m. a group of disc-shaped objects in roughly rectangular formation were sighted by Mr. (...deleted). Each UFO was undulating as it rotated around its axis, and the objects constantly changed position relative to each other." (xx.)

(xx.) No Case (Information Only) 16 October 1960 Dry Creek, Oregon. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 16 October 60. (Information probably taken from a civilian UFO publication)

17 October. Northern Tasmania. (8:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.)

Switchboard jammed.

The evening of the 17th strange lights were seen again over northern Tasmania. Some said the lights were only 500 feet in the air, others said the lights hovered and then sped away. Descriptions mentioned "slow-moving circles of light" and "multicolored circles." A Mr. D.G. Simons of Launceston remarked that at 8:25 p.m. he saw a yellow-orange, oval-shaped, light traverse the heavens. Since the night was very cloudy, no stars were visible, making the odd lights more noticeable. (xx.)

(xx.) Launceston, Tasmania, Australia. *Examiner*. 18 October 60.

18 October. UFOs question raised again in Parliament.

The Launceston *Examiner* banner headlined on the 18th: "REPORTS OF MORE LIGHTS JAM SWITCHBOARD."

A Senator O'Byrne representing Tasmania asked if the Defense Department was investigating and if the strange lights were due a Australian defense system. The Minister of National Development, Senator Spooner, said that as far as he knows, there had been no official comment on the UFO problem. Moreover, Senator Spooner: "...alluded to a 'light-hearted exchange of views' which led him to believe the Minister of Defense did not regard them [UFOs] as 'something upon which we should need to go to the lengths of re-modeling our defense system.'" (xx.)



SENATOR SPOONER

(xx.) *Australian Flying Saucer Review*. February 1961. Vol. II, No.1. p.3.

19 October. Hatteras Inlet, North Carolina. (0920Z)

Hatteras Inlet is a channel cutting through the long thin island that divides Raleigh Bay from Pamlico Sound. The village of Hatteras is a few miles north. The tower referred to in the report may not have been a GOC post. Instead, it may have had some sort of Marine function. In any case, this "incoming" document was found "floating" loose in BLUE BOOK files. (See the document on page 112)

(xx) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 19 October 60.

20 October. Australia's Minister of Air replies.

Another legislator from Tasmania, G.W.A. Duthie of the Labor Party, raised the UFO question again, this time in the House of Representatives. This was no doubt due to continual reporting of unusual lights in the sky over his home district. The Minister of Air, F.M. Osborne, replied by saying only 3-4 percent of UFO reports were unexplained and that nearly all reports had a perfectly normal causes, with high-flying aircraft, weather balloons and celestial bodies causing most of the excitement (Anyone from the U.S. would recognize Osborne's remarks as standard Pentagon excuse-making).

The editor of the *Australian Flying Saucer Review* knew better:

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"While no one would question the correctness of the Minister's explanation, it still remains obscure—under what category does Rev. Browning's noiseless 300-foot object come? It is apparent that the Air Minister's statement was of a general character. Rev. Browning case was evaded in the same manner as that of Rev. Gill in November, 1959." (xx.)

(xx.) *Australian Flying Saucer Review*. February 1961. Vol. II, No.1. p.3.

24 October. "Your Space Age Candidate." (See clippings below)

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Flying Saucer Debate Rages Over Election

Flying Saucer devotees of the United States are having an intramural debate on whether visitors from other planets are concerned about Tuesday's presidential election.

Gabriel Green of Los Angeles, Calif., has announced himself as the Space Age write-in candidate for president.

This has surprised and aroused the ire of Wayne S. Aho, director of Washington Saucer Intelligence, Inc., a Reno lecturer several weeks ago, who declares that "advanced intelligence visiting the earth do not name candidates for whom we should vote."

Aho said the visitors have "helped us to be more discerning of issues and qualifications of candidates" and that his own information indicates that "... Nixon may become that man of destiny for America at this time."

"It is my belief that you have been influenced by so-called progressive friends and your own choice, rather than by space visitors," Aho told the Space Age presidential aspirant.

Did Gabriel Green
change the outcome
of the Presidential
election?

Flying Saucerer Quits Campaign

LOS ANGELES — UPI — Gabriel Green, "your write-in space age candidate," has withdrawn from the presidential race.

Green, 35, of Whittier, said he is president of a group known as the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America.

His candidacy at this time is impractical because "not enough Americans have yet seen flying saucers or talked to outer space people to vote" for him, he said.

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So Here Is Why Kennedy Won

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LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The Gabe changed the outcome of the election by his decision to withdraw and to support Sen. Kennedy.

Citing as his reason for withdrawing as a candidate and supporting Kennedy, Green said, "I believe that the great volume of information which has been withheld by the government on the subject of flying saucers and the solution to our problems presented by the space people from other planets will not be suppressed to the disadvantage of our people, the nation and the world under a Kennedy administration."

Elary J. Willsie said if Green had remained in the presidential race instead of withdrawing in favor of Sen. John F. Kennedy, "it appears likely that he would have polled at least 500,000 votes."

"With so close a margin between President-elect Kennedy and Nixon, it seems evident that

25 October. Near Oatlands, Australia. (no time)

Cigar-shaped object.

A press report tells us:

"A cigar-shaped object was seen moving slowly in the sky near Oatlands by Mr. E. Edwards and his wife.

"Mr. Edwards said the object seemed to be traveling in a south-easterly direction, and was about 300 feet above the ground.

"It hovered for some time. It made no noise, and there seemed to be an orange light," he said.

"It then moved off towards the east.

"A similar object was seen in the sky over Robe." (xx.)

(xx.) Launceston, Tasmania, Australia. *Examiner*. 26 October 60.

27 October. Robe, Australia. (11:56 a.m.)

"Red cricket ball?" (See clipping)

27 October. Lexington, Kentucky. (5:50 p.m.)

"Faster than a jet."

According to a NICAP report:

"B.L. Kissinger, Jr., Attorney, and his wife at 5:50 p.m. watched a circular object hovering in the sky to the southwest. After about ten minutes, the UFO took off toward the northwest (the shape changing to elliptical), at a speed 'faster than a jet.' The UFO departed on a rising course, leaving a visible trail." (xx.)

(xx.) *The UFO Evidence*. Ed.: Richard Hall. Published by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., 1964. p.68.

29 October. Keyhoe and NICAP get some press attention. (See clipping on page 115)

30 October. Crescent City, California. (0157Z)

Groups of unexplained lights.

In the far north of California, over on the coast, is Crescent City. Its possible UFO activity in the Crescent City area was part of the summer sighting wave in the central valley. A BLUE BOOK File card states:

MYSTERY "RED BALL" AT ROBE ROBE, October 27. Robe primary school children, while having a lesson out of doors, were amazed to see an object resembling a "red cricket ball" fly overhead and into the sea at 11.56 a.m. today. "ADVERTISER"	The school principal (Mrs. O. Kermode), who was taking the class, said she had "never seen anything like it." "When one of the children pointed to the sky," she said, "we saw a red object no bigger than a cricket ball travelling towards the Robe harbor. It was not going very fast." "Suddenly it began to zig-zag crazily, and then it fell rapidly from a height of about 300 ft., leaving a trail of smoke. It disappeared quickly, presumably into the sea." Adelaide, S.A.
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"Round white objects, one red. Total of six in three groups. First group at tree-top level; second overhead; and third (single) overhead to the northeast with all objects moving generally west. All disappeared over horizon. Appeared as bright lights. Single object dropped and hovered, also appeared to twinkle. Second group rotated in circle retaining same relative position. Negative reports from radar and no aircraft in area."

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 30 October 60.

Major Feels Objects Superior Space Craft Former Skeptic Convinced on Saucers

THE HARTFORD TIMES
Saturday, Oct. 29, 1960

By DAVE GIBSON

Back in 1949 "I was a 100 per cent skeptic."

Donald E. Keyhoe, a retired Marine Corps major and now director of the NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena), described his feeling Friday about one of the more intriguing subjects of the post-World War II days—flying saucers.

The major, a thin, balding, high-gear man who can talk for hours about UFOs, or "un-identified flying objects"—cigar-shaped, triangular-shaped, in addition to disc-shaped—was in town to tape some television and radio interviews.

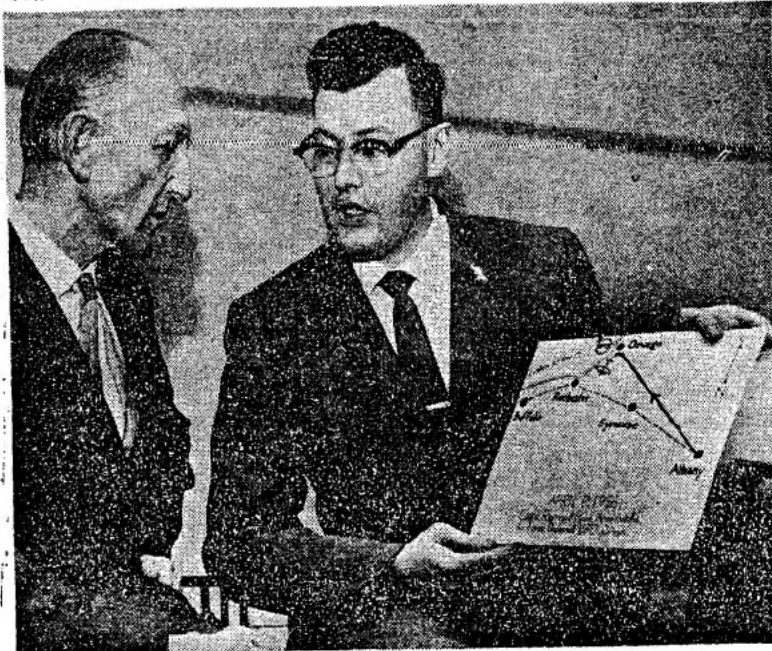
Since 1949 he has changed his mind. Looking into a maze of sighting reports for True magazine, he interviewed a long list of pilots and other people, scientific and otherwise, considered "reliable" or "factual" in their observations.

THE RESULT, insofar as the major and other members of the NICAP are concerned, has been that some 10 per cent of around 650 sightings since 1947 have been "unsolved"—they weren't nailed down as the result of natural phenomena or man-made objects (planes, balloons, rockets, etc.).

The NICAP, he explained, is made up of voluntary groups throughout the country—there are some 250 active reserve or retired Air Force officers in it and a lot of engineers and scientists.

"What we want are hearings so we can get some of these reports out in the open, and procedures set up on UFO reporting," he says. "Already we have been able to convince 40 congressmen they have been misled and there should be some action after the election."

An NICAP digest report of documented evidence shows, the major says, UFOs are "intelligently-controlled machines superior to any known earth-made devices," the Air Force



MAP tracing saucer hunt is examined by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, left, and his host, George W. Early of Bloomfield, Hamilton Standard engineer, member of flying saucer group. [Times

knows this, but has kept "the truth" from coming out.

THIS OUT-of-this-world talk is what makes the NICAP and Major Keyhoe the objects of raised eyebrows.

In this novel area of exploration and conjecture, the feeling now is that it would be possible for UFO craft to be reconnaissance vehicles from other worlds.

"Those atomic bombs we exploded in World War II would have been noticed outside our atmosphere, and a few years afterwards (in 1947) we received a lot of saucer sighting reports," he points out.

Why a delay of some two years?

THE ANSWER may not be exactly reassuring to anyone

who wants to confine his thinking to mundane "reality." but . . .

"The nearest star system outside our own system is some $4\frac{1}{2}$ light years away, and although this means that communication would have to be carried out at speeds faster than the speed of light (186,300 miles per second) to explain these sightings two years later, a number of scientists now feel that the speed of light could be exceeded by some means of propulsion unknown to us."

One of the latest incidents reported, Major Keyhoe explains came after the launching of the huge "Echo" balloon communications satellite in August. A large mystery object was sighted orbiting the earth intermittently by, among others, Prof. Robert L. Brown,

director of the Southern Connecticut State College Observatory.

CONJECTURE is that it was a space ship of some type—it went faster than any satellite and was going the "wrong" way (in the opposite direction from the rotation of the earth).

Sightings have been reported for some 200 years, the major explains, and "the reason we want to get UFO reports organized and out in the open is to try and clear up a lot of the confusion."

Meanwhile, for those of us who only grasp the wild blue yonder, the experience of having a bull session with Major Keyhoe and his ilk can only be confusing—and breathless.

31 October. Celina, Ohio. (9:20 a.m.)

"It kinda' takes you back a little when you see one yourself." (See clipping below)

Today...

...Not A Witch On A Broom?

A U.F.O. (Unidentified Flying Object) was seen passing overhead this morning by a Celinan whose first words when he called it in to The Standard were, "Now don't think I'm crazy but here's what I saw."

The man was A. E. Strom of 808 Hemlock St. He said that he was sitting in front of his picture window and happened to glance out of the window at 9:20 this morning and saw a big, black round object pass over the house about 500 feet up and going in a northwesterly direction. He said it was quite large, going fast, and visible for over a minute.

He said it was no plane or anything he had ever seen before, but was spheroid in shape. He said he could hear no noise, but he was indoors. Strom said his wife, also saw it.

The Sheriff and City Police knew nothing about it and said they received no other reports of anyone having seen it.

THE U.S. WEATHER RADAR Station in Bellefontaine also knew nothing about it, and will file it as an U.F.O. report and send it through the regular channels.

However they reported that several of them had been reported in the past, and Chief Warrant Officer Scott said that he even saw one himself not long ago.

"It kinda' takes you back a little when you see one yourself," he said.

Usually they are reported to be light colored, however, and Scott said that the one he saw was silvery, but they otherwise fit the description of the one Strom saw.

It was very gray at that time of the morning and almost any large, round ball flying overhead might look dark or black in that light.

It couldn't have happened at a more appropriate season.

CELINA, OHIO, STANDARD
Circ. D. 7,500

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? November. Rye, New York. (about 6:00 p.m.)

"Oh isn't that beautiful."

A teenager living in Rye, New York, wrote directly to Air Force Chief of Staff Curtis Le May asking for explanation of something that had greatly frighten him. Apparently no answer was provided and the youth's letter ended up in a dust-covered BLUE BOOK File. Here is what the young man wrote:

"One November day last year just before a large snow storm hit our area, I was walking outside my home with a friend of mine at about 6 p.m. Miss (...deleted) of Rye, New York. As we both got out in the middle of the road in front of my house, My friend looked up and said 'oh isn't that beautiful.' As I looked up I saw a large object of about 10 feet in diameter having an orange-red color. This was a perfectly round object. This object was dimly glowing and didn't appear to be solid. It had no definite border. By that I mean it had no definite ending of where you would say this still is the object and here is its end. The edges were blurred, although the entire object was almost entirely round. As we looked at it, it was approximately 50 feet high, straight above us. As we stood there we got extremely shocked because it started coming down on us at a slow speed. As it came down it swelled to almost 15 feet in

diameter. The closest it ever came to us was about five feet above our heads. At that point we weren't interested in it anymore and we both ran hysterically to my house door step. I rang the door bell frantically, but my parents were at the other end of the house so they didn't get to the door right away. Meanwhile, this object came down almost level to the ground and just stood there about 30 feet from us. I made a frantic attempt to get away by running around the other end of the house to our kitchen entrance where my parents were having dinner. As I was about to enter the kitchen door, I heard my friend scream terribly. (She still remained at the front door, not wanting to take the chance of running into the open) By the time that I got to the front door to let her in I saw her turn white from scaredness [sic]. She told me that she went out to see what this thing that scared us was. As she went out from the door step she said she saw it go way up into the sky until it became about the size of the moon or a little smaller. Then she said it changed color to a yellow-white and started down at her at extreme velocity. As it came down again it swelled up to being about 15 feet in diameter.

"As we both were very scared we told my parents the story and they both laughed at us and told us that we were dreaming." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: General Curtis Le May, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air force, Pentagon, Washington D.C. From: (...deleted) Rye, New York. Date: 26 November 61. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. November 1960.

3 November. Price County, Wisconsin. (4:30 p.m.)

Sheriff's son sees UFO.

According to Coral Lorenzen:

"Two small boys, both eight years old, came upon a disk-shaped object perched on a hill in Price County, Wisconsin. Investigation indicated that the two boys (one of whom was the son of the local sheriff) were honest children and that they gave a description of something which they had actually seen.

"At 4:30 p.m. on November 3 the two went out to use the new bows and arrows given to the sheriff's son. When in an area of a gravel source, they heard a high-pitched humming sound and found the air in their vicinity to be very warm for early November. Looking around to find the source of the noise and the unusual warmth, they saw an aluminum-colored object perched on the hill from which they had just descended. Not being familiar with such things, the two boys ran toward it to get a better look, but as they approached, it rose into the air and disappeared into the sky at high speed. Feeling the ground with their mittened hands, the two boys found it to be quite warm.

"Drawings [not available] made by the boys presented the appearance of the typical disk with a domed top, and the sheriff, although puzzled by what the boys described, was certain they were telling the truth to the best of their ability. A check of the vicinity

where the object had landed showed no radioactivity beyond the normal background reading, and investigation by APRO member Earl Grummett indicated that the object seen had been in the vicinity of 20 to 25 feet in diameter, which is a typical size." (xx.)

(xx.) Lorenzen, Coral and Jim. *UFOs: The Whole Story*. A SIGNET BOOK: New York, N.Y., 1969. pp.225-226.

3 November. Near Wichita, Kansas. (7:20 p.m.)

UFO lands. (See clipping)

4 November. Near Wichita, Kansas. (4:00 a.m.)

Police investigate. (See same clipping)

Wichita Morning Eagle, November 5, 1960

Lighted UFO 'Parked' Near Wichita All Night

Reports of strange lights in the sky continued to be received Friday in the wake of an official search and sighting of the mystery lights by a sheriff's officer early Friday.

The reports indicated that whatever descended from the sky lingered just outside the northeast city limits from 7:20 p. m. Thursday until Sheriff's Patrol Lt. Hollis Nichols approached at about 4 a. m. Friday. He was within a quarter mile, he reported, when the three lights winked out. They were in a field north of 37th North just west of Andover Rd.

Most witnesses agreed that whatever caused the mystery lights descended from the northwest at a tremendous speed. Those who saw the descent said the phenomenon appeared to come to earth approximately where the officer later spotted the lights standing about 10 feet above the ground.

Two of the most detailed reports were those by Edgar Boslaugh, 1519 Lulu, and Mrs. George Enterline, 1733 E. 24th North.

Think Plane Crashing

Boslaugh, who has pilot experience, was driving east in the 2400 block of East Harry at 7:20 p. m. with his brother-in-law, Marvin Way, 6002 E. 8th. Boslaugh was looking at the full moon in the eastern sky when the other man called his attention to a bluish-green light. Both at first believed it was an airplane crashing. They agreed that it came to the ground somewhere north of Harry and to the east.

Mrs. Enterline was driving east on 24th North at Minnesota at the same time. She too had rolled her car window down in anticipation of a plane crash when she saw the brilliant unidentified flying object race toward the earth east of her.

Ernest Feeler, 2206 W. MacArthur Rd., reported seeing what he thought was a falling star Thursday night. "Brightest one I've ever seen," he said. "She was gone in three seconds. Begon about 60 degrees above the horizon and fell down over the

Boeing Airplane Co. plant with a tail about three-quarters of a mile long."

Other Calls Received

A Derby man driving east of Beech Aircraft Corp. plant also saw the object, he told Sheriff's Dispatcher Frank Hensley. Hensley reported receiving other similar calls.

The pulsating glow emanating from the mysterious source resulted in a number of calls to both Butler and Sedgwick County authorities from citizens reporting a large fire. Patrol cars from both counties were used in a search for the fire during the night. Units from Augusta, El Dorado and Andover also were involved in the search.

Lieutenant Nichols said the glow appeared to die down as he approached the site. There were three lights in the field, he said. One bright blue, the middle one purple and one a bright yellow. He said the purple was the most vivid color he had ever seen.

Lights Not Moving

The lights were spaced about 10 feet apart and were about 10 feet above the ground. They were not moving. The officer watched the lights so long he almost drove into a ditch, he reported. When his eyes were forced back to the road to prevent an accident, the lights disappeared, Lieutenant Nichols declared.

There was no building, well or structure of any kind in the field, the officer reported after a careful search for a possible explanation of the lights. With disappearance of the lights, reports of a fire in the area ceased.

Nichols said that during the time he observed the lights, he was unable to see any object with or behind the lights.

6 November. Kengtung, Burma. (no time)

"Window" in front?

According to a small item in BLUE BOOK Files:

"On November 6 at Kengtung, Burma, the Rev. (...deleted), a Catholic missionary, another missionary and several other natives reported seeing around-shaped UFO, with a fiery tail. In an earlier case, Rev. (...deleted) reported, his school children—who had never heard of 'flying saucers'—sighted an odd wingless 'aircraft' described as having a bright 'window' in the front." (xx.)

(xx.) No Case (Information Only) 6 November 1960. Kengtung, Burma. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 6 November 60. Information taken from an unnamed civilian UFO publication.

6/13/16-? November. Minot AFB, Minot, North Dakota; Altus AFB, Altus, Oklahoma; Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas. (no times)

Curious series of events over mid-west air bases. A blue-colored sphere was seen hovering over Minot AFB on the 6th, a yellow UFO over Altus AFB on the 13th, and a brightly glowing body and strange lights in the sky were reported for more than week in the vicinity of Sheppard AFB. Apparently the principle Sheppard sighting took place on the 16th. (xx.)

(xx.) No Case (Information Only) 6 November 1960. Minot, North Dakota. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 6 November 60. Information taken from an unnamed civilian UFO publication.

9 November. Albuquerque, New Mexico. (night)

"I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it."

According to our source:

"Perhaps it was the tension of an extremely close election or the strain of staying up so late getting election returns, but a Snow Vista resident reported seeing a flying saucer yesterday morning.

" 'I wouldn't believe it if I hadn't seen it,' the man said. 'I have read a lot about those things and I don't believe in them.'"

"The man, who refused to give his name, said he was looking out of the window at home and saw a silver saucer-shaped object flying very fast from north to south. Suddenly, it went 'straight up in the air' and disappeared, he said.

"The man said he called his wife to the window but the object was traveling so 'terribly fast' that it had disappeared by the time she got there." (xx.)

(xx.) Albuquerque, New Mexico. *Tribune*. 10 November 60.

11 November. Moline, Iowa. (no time)

A brief item in BLUE BOOK Files states: "On November 11 at Moline, Iowa, a large silver

object with an antenna protruding from one side was reported by Moline Airport weather observers." (xx.)

(xx.) No Case. (Information Only) 11 November 1960. Moline, Iowa. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 11 November 60. Information taken from an unnamed civilian UFO publication.

11 November. Newington, Connecticut. (about 11:30 p.m.)

Eerie movie "House of Usher," not part of the scheduled entertainment. (See clipping)

Drive-in Has Visit From V-Shaped Spector

THE HARTFORD TIGER
Saturday, Nov. 12, 1960

"Unidentified Flying Objects," UFOs for short, were seen over a drive-in theater in Newington Friday night.

They were not part of the scheduled entertainment, although the "House of Usher," an eerie movie, was playing at the time.

Miss Judith L. Fraser, 19, of 106 Leyton St., told The Times today she spotted the objects high in the sky about 11:30 p. m.

"There were about a dozen, in a V-formation, with a line of them off to the side, heading from north to south.

"They were bright orange, and looked as though they might be large, although their height made them look

small, the way a plane does at high altitude.

"It wasn't a satellite," she said positively, "as I know what they look like from having seen them."

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MISS FRASER said her companion, Richard Villa, 21, of Spring St., in Newington, saw them too, after she drew his attention to them.

"Finally they went out of sight, cut off from view by the top of the screen," Miss Fraser said. "They came by just as there was a lot of action on the screen."

After the UFOs passed from view, Miss Fraser and Mr. Villa went back to watching the movie.

14 November. The Pentagon and "qualifying words."

The Air Force publicly released its explanation of the Red Bluff sighting on November 14th. Coral Lorenzen of APRO noted the use of "qualifying words" like "probably due" and "highly probable." The official explanation:

"The Red Bluff, California, sighting was probably due to the refraction of common objects. Weather data reveals that there were temperature inversions throughout the general area during the period of the sightings. While the actual object responsible for each sighting cannot be determined, it is highly probable that the UFO seen by the highway patrol officers was the planet Mars." (xx.)

(xx.) *The APRO Bulletin*. September 1960. p.8.

Anyone with an ounce of sense would consider Mars as highly improbable as an explanation.

The Air Force had also used "qualifying words" describing the patrolmen's observations. For example, "it seemed" to them, and it was "their impression." There was no expressed uncertainty in the police testimony.

14? November. The Australian Air Force finally conducts an investigation of Rev. Browning's "mother ship" sighting.

Exactly when the investigation was initiated is not available, but an official document dated 14 November 1960 gives the results of a "preliminary analysis." (See below)

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Staff Officer to the Minister

1. Herewith is a copy of a report of an unidentified flying object observed by the Reverend Lionel Browning of Cressy, Tasmania.
2. Action has been initiated to have this report investigated by the senior RAAF officer Hobart. A preliminary analysis of the available information indicates that this sighting was some form of natural phenomena associated with the unsettled weather conditions. You will recall that the sighting by Reverend William Gill in the Hoiemai area of New Guinea, which also received wide publicity, was very similar and occurred under almost identical weather conditions. On that occasion, after investigation, we concluded that the sightings were either known planets seen through fast-moving cloud, or natural phenomena. The notable difference between the reports is that objects observed by the Reverend Browning were dull grey in colour, while those seen by the Reverend Gill were brightly lit and, in one case, allegedly contained humanoid beings.

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15 November. Hampstead, England. (8:30 a.m.)

Cylinder with windows?

A Mr. Vessey wrote to England's *Flying Saucer Review* to say:

"Tuesday, November 15, 1960. Hampstead, N.W. 3.

"This morning at 8:30 a.m. I saw a mysterious object hovering above me—it was cylindrical in shape, with a row of four or five windows on the side, fairly high. It appeared to be made of silver metal, extremely brilliant. It made a rapid course of about 45 degrees – 60 degrees from the horizontal. It was eventually hidden by house-roofs. The visibility was excellent, the sky clear. The object travelled absolutely silently." (See sketch by witness) (xx.)

(xx.) David W.I.C. Vessey, 10 Uphill Grove, Mill Hill, N.W. 7, England. *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 7, No.3. May-June 1961. p.iii.

17 November. Lexington, Kentucky. (1:00 p.m.)

Chasing vapor trails.

According to a press account:

"Charles Otto, 1006 Celia Lane, told Leet he saw an object resembling a star Thursday night. The object was very fast and moved to the north over the city, he said.

"Hunt Stevens, Bates Creek Pike, said he and several other men traced [tracked?] three objects with a transit about 1:00 p.m. Thursday.

"He said the objects appeared to be chasing vapor trails made by jet aircraft in the area. They were round and seemed to change color from a light gray to a brighter light. They also appeared to be spinning rapidly." (xx.)

(xx.) Lexington, Kentucky. *Herald*. 19 November 60.

17 November. Minister of the Air F.M. Osborne admits there was an "investigation."

Australian UFOlogists were following the reactions of authorities closely. Here is there what they learned as it was reported in an issue of the *Australian Flying Saucer Review*:

"...Mr. Osborne admitted on November 17 that he had instructed the resident Air Force officer in Tasmania, Wing Commander G. Weller to interview Mr. Browning. According to our information the R.A.A.F. listened to Rev. L. Browning very attentively and did not question the veracity of his story. In reply to Rev. Browning's query, Wing Commander Weller stated that the R.A.A.F. evaluation would not be available to him when completed [Considering the incredible explanation offered, it not surprising its release was withheld—L. E. Gross]

"The Opposition Whip, Mr. Duthie, has forwarded to our Melbourne Co-Editor a letter from the Minister for Air, refusing his application for the Department's UFO files. No reasons were given for the refusal." (xx.)

(xx.) *Australian Flying Saucer Review*. February 1961. Vol. II, No. 1. p.3.

18?-19? November. Fayette County, Kentucky. (evening)

Numerous incidents in Kentucky cause comment. (See clipping)

The Lexington Herald

Saturday, November 19, 1960

UFO Sightings Reported Here On Two Days

Unidentified flying objects, mysterious oval shaped devices with what has been described as "incredible" speeds and maneuverability, have been reported by at least 10 persons during the past two days.

Most of the sightings were in the southern or eastern sections of Fayette County, but some were seen in the west.

The reports were the first since Chevy Chase residents last summer reported seeing reddish objects while looking for Echo I satellite. The object in question was tracked by several observatories, but apparently has never been identified.

The recent reports of UFO's were turned over to William Leet, president of the Blue Grass Chapter of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

Leet listed the following reports.

Mrs. William McCord, Richmond Road, said she and her daughter saw one of the objects yesterday morning while driving with her daughter on the New Circle Road near the Richmond Road.

She said the object was seen between 8:45 and 9 a.m. and that the round silvery device was traveling roughly parallel to the Richmond Road.

John E. Hawkins, 1642 Townley Drive, driving in the same vicinity as Mrs. McCord at approximately the same time, said he saw an elliptical, shiny object, perhaps 6 to 7 miles high traveling toward Richmond.

Patricia Ann Gayhart, 644 South Addison Avenue, reported she saw a round silvery object traveling toward the Mason Headley Road.

Mrs. Leslie Cole, 937 Carneal Road, said she was in her yard and saw a silvery object in the sky about 11 a.m.

Mrs. Cole also said she saw an aircraft about the same time and was sure the object was not a plane through comparison.

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Hunt Stevens, Tates Creek Pike, said he and several other men traced 3 objects with a transit about 1 p.m. Thursday.

He said the objects appeared to be chasing vapor trails made by jet aircraft in the area. They were round and seemed to change color from a light gray to a brighter light. They also appeared to be spinning rapidly.

Sue Daugherty, of 734 Price Avenue, told Leet that she and two other persons watched an object for a short time about 6:30 p.m. Thursday from a point on Delcamp Drive. It also resembled a star.

Leet said that Mrs. Dorothy Birch, 1925 Vicksburg Drive, reported she saw a large ball of light descending toward the earth about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday night near Lane Allen School. She said sparks came from the device and then it disappeared.

Jackie Woodrum, 450 Morgan Avenue, reported at 6:35 p.m. Wednesday he saw a very large round object at high altitude going faster than a jet plane. Rays of different colored lights extended from the object, said he.

Walter Sharkey, 1836 Endon Drive, told Leet that he and his wife saw an object, four to five times the size of a star moving fast from northeast to southwest about 10:15 p.m. Thursday night.

19 November. Near Rouen, France. (night)

According to an item in England's *Flying Saucer Review*:

"Monsieur Remy Carbonnier saw a UFO standing on legs on the railway track near his house during the night. He and his 'Belote' went to inspect the spot next morning. He found no marks or traces there, but 'Belote' sniffed the ground and then dashed away, howling." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. March/April, 1961. p.9.

23 November. Southeast of Denmark, Wisconsin, over Lake Michigan. (5:30 a.m.)

"We have never seen anything like it before and don't know what it was."—Midway Airport official. (See clipping)

Denmark Pair Sights Fire Ball Over Lake

Object Also Seen By Residents of Five-State Area

Two Denmark farmers reported seeing early today a strange light in the sky which has authorities in a five-state area puzzled.

Arthur Jensen, Denmark, Rt. 3, said he was with his neighbor, Harvey Pelishek, at 5:30 a.m. when they spotted a "ball of fire" hovering southeast of Denmark over Lake Michigan.

Jensen said as he watched the ball it "suddenly went

straight up leaving a trail of smoke."

He said he watched the ball rise for about one minute when it "plunged down over the horizon."

Like Plane Explosion

"It looked like an exploding airplane and was about the size of an evening star," Jensen said in describing the fire ball.

At other points in the Midwest, airport control towers and observers reported sighting an unidentified flying object which looked like a bright light traveling from west to east.

Sightings were reported between 5:15 and 5:30 from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. However, no one was able to track the object on radar, according to press association reports.

Detroit Metropolitan Airport said it believed the light might have been caused by a high flying jet plane releasing a chaff shower in a test of radar jamming equipment.

Never Seen Before

Midway Airport in Chicago said this might be an explanation but added, "We have never seen anything like it before and don't know what it was."

The possibility that the object was the reflection of the sun on a weather balloon released at 3:50 a.m. in Sioux Falls, S. D., was discounted by a spokesman for the Weather Bureau in Chicago. He said it wasn't likely that the balloon could have traveled 500 miles between its launching time and 5:15 a.m.

The Federal Aviation Agency control center in Chicago said it saw some mysterious bright lights high in the sky "that didn't look like a meteor."

Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Press Gazette.

23 November 60.

24 November. Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. (0532Z)

A BLUE BOOK File card states:

"Round orange object, size of a large star observed as appearing to move at high speed with three stops. Course zig-zag from 70 degrees elevation at 180 azimuth fading in distance at 50-55 degrees elevation 110 azimuth. Stops were for duration of 1 1/2 second. No sound, trail, or exhaust accompanied the observation. Sighting with naked eye." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 24 November 60.

24 November. Near Defiance(?), Ohio. (about 10:00 a.m.)

Flying Egg. (See typed statement by a scientist, name deleted, whose high standing was cer-

tified by NICAP advisor Charles Maney)

THE DEFIANCE COLLEGE
DEFIANCE, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
CHARLES A. MANEY

I hereby certify that the following account of a UFO sighting, witnessed by a scientist known to me, on the faculty of a large university in the State of Ohio, a man of high standing, having grants for research, has been approved by him as an accurate statement. Charles A. Maney

"At about 10:00 A.M. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, 1960, I was driving my car south on a highway not far from the campus. A member of my family was a passenger. Low in the sky ahead of me appeared a black spot which I first assumed to be an approaching plane. But as the object got closer I could see that unlike a plane the object had no wings. My curiosity aroused I drove the car to the side of the road adjacent to a golf course, where I and my companion got out to get a better look at the approaching sky object. As it passed us at its closest point, the object was at a straight line distance of from 1200 to 1500 feet, at an altitude of approximately 70 degrees and clearly visible.

It was egg-shaped or elliptical, perfectly smooth, no protuberances or markings, clear curved edges, and a bright chalk-white on top with just a narrow band of shadow across the bottom.

The apparent diameter of the horizontal major axis of the ellipse shape viewed at arms length figured out to be approximately 100 feet.

The object moved at moderate speed like that of a conventional propeller-driven plane, but silently with no trace of noise whatever. The object traced a smooth arc of travel with no up or down motion. It was in sight some five minutes, moving toward the northwest until it disappeared from view."

(xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Evidence*. Ed.: Hall, Richard. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., 1964. p.54.

28-29 November. Center Township, Pennsylvania. (11:00 p.m.-3:45 a.m.)

"I'll never forget that night." (See clipping on page 128)

WEIRD LOOKING THINGS WITH BLINKING LIGHTS

Young Housewife

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Spots 2 UFOs

By BILL TAYLOR

They were weird looking things, square shaped, with a white light on each corner and a red light on the dome-shaped top which blinked on and off.

They would hover for a while in one spot, as if making plans. One would leave. Then it would come back and the other would leave. Then it would come back again, and the two of them would dart about at 90 degree angles, as if playing games with anything or anyone who might be watching them.

THAT DESCRIPTION was given to police in Center Township, Monaca, Aliquippa and Coraopolis and to the Air Force at Greater Pittsburgh Airport for two strange objects that hovered over the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rohm, Biskup Lane, Cener Township, Monday night and early today.

It all began shortly after 11 p.m. Monday when 21-year-old Mrs. Rohm walked into a bedroom of her home. She glanced out a window and was startled by what seemed to be two flying objects, hovering in the dark November sky near her home.

She moved closer to the window for a better look and then she became frightened. She could see that the objects were not an illusion and that they were out there in the night, looking as though they wanted a place to land.

"At times they seemed to come right toward the house and I was afraid they would land near the house," says Mrs. Rohm.

"I was scared to death," she said.

MRS. ROHM, who was at home alone with her 17-month-old daughter, her husband was working a night turn shift at Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. "I was afraid to do anything except just watch for a while.

"They kept leaving and coming back, she said and they stayed there for quite a while before they were out of sight."

"I couldn't sleep and kept watching where they were," Mrs. Rohm said.

At 12:30 a.m. one of the objects returned and hovered in the same spot where the two of them had first caught the attention of Mrs. Rohm.

Then, in a few minutes, the second one came back. Mrs. Rohm became more frightened and called police. At 12:45 a.m. Center Township police officer Mike Mezmar was at the house watching the objects with the blinking lights going on and off.

Mezmar called Aliquippa police, who alerted Monaca police and Coraopolis police.

Coraopolis police contacted the Air Force at Greater Pittsburgh Airport for a report on any flying objects in the area. The Air Force reported that no flying

objects were supposed to be in the area.

At 2:36 a.m. the red light on the dome of one of the flying objects seemed to get brighter and stayed that way until about 3:45 a.m., when the objects circled around and moved slowly away in a northerly direction. They were not seen again.

A policeman called Beaver Falls police, who said that there were red lights on an object over the city, but said it appeared to be an airplane moving north.

TODAY the Air Force at Greater Pittsburgh Airport had no explanation. Neither did the police departments which were alerted.

And so, the happenings may be recorded in the log books of the police stations and the Air Force as "unidentified flying objects sighted over Center Township Nov. 28 and 29, 1960." And the happenings may be forgotten by many.

But in Center Township there is a frightened housewife and mother who says: "I'll never forget that night."

30 November. Middleton, Connecticut. (night)

"It was kind of scary." (See clipping below)

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~ 6 DEC 1960

Over the Belltown:

UFO, Running Lights Aglow, Hangs in Air, Then Zips Away

Two students at the Vinal Regional Technical School sighted a strange flying object Wednesday night as they were driving to East Hampton, it was learned today.

Leo DeGraff, a senior at the school, said the "thing" was neither an airplane nor a dirigible as far as he could see.

"It was kind of scary."

DeGraff and a companion, Wayne Rich, had the object under observation for several seconds.

At first it was standing still in the dark sky about 300 to 500 feet higher than a nearby telephone pole. On either side of the object were lights, one red and one green. Small white lights were visible along the outline.

DeGraff said the object made no noise and was apparently colorless. Observing from outside their car the two boys watched the object hover then move off slowly to the side. Finally it speeded up and disappeared into the clouds.

They agreed that they had never seen anything like it before.

DeGraff said he believes he saw a flying saucer although fellow students at Vinal are not giving this theory much support.

DeGraff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeGraff, 53 Airline Ave., Portland.

December 1960. Yeppoon, Australia. (afternoon?)

Circular fluorescent shape.

A report by Laurie F. Cocks which was published in England's *Flying Saucer Review*:

"In December 1960 soon after I had won my present grazing block in a ballot, I was travelling to Theodore from here, and went by way of the coast road through Marlborough. My father and mother were at the coastal resort of Yeppoon, having a house there, so I called in on my way to break the trip for the night. After tea, I had a few beers at the Strand Hotel on the sea front. I had known the publican for some years, and whilst talking to a few of the locals I noticed a light over the sea towards the North Keppel Island. I remarked on this, and one of the men and myself ran down on the beach to get a better view.

"The light travelled the distance from the island to Double Heads, some nine miles, in a few seconds, and I have not seen any machine travel at this rate in the atmosphere close to ground level. On reaching the coast line it turned north and headed in our direction, toward Wreck Point, and went out of sight behind this point, letting us think it had crashed. It reappeared in a second or two and continued towards the Yeppoon Hospital. It stopped here and hovered over the hospital for a minute or two. There was no noise from it at all.

"It then appeared to drift slowly in the direction of Rockhampton (westwards), rising slowly as it did. The light was a circular fluorescent shape, the size of which did not appear to be much bigger than a car—it cannot have been very high in the sky as it disappeared behind Wreck Point. We did not report the sighting but discussed it at the hotel for some time, naturally." (xx.)

(xx.) Johnson, J. "Notes from my Queensland file." *Flying Saucer Review*. Supplement No.7. October, 1971. p.9.

2 December. Terryville, Connecticut. (about 4:30 p.m.)

Firey orange/yellow glowing body—black smoke.

An Air Force document states:

"On 6 December 1960, (...deleted) advised a Special Agent of this office that at approximately 1630 hours, 2 December 60, when it was dusk, almost dark, her son called her outside where in a due easterly direction, he pointed out an object in the air. (...deleted) described the object as fire orange in color, shaped and about the size of a carriage lantern, or old-fashioned post lamp. From the point of observation to the East, the horizon is formed by a line of trees approximately ¼ mile away. The field of vision from due East to North is limited to about 20 degrees because of a wooded area. From the description furnished by (...deleted) the UFO at time of first sighting appeared to be less than 200 feet in the air and about 200 yards away, over a pond located in a hollow running from North to South.

"After noting the UFO, (...deleted) turned inside the house. About five minutes later she was again called outside by her son. This time the object had moved North to a position almost out of sight. It had also enlarged to about twice its size in width and seven times its size in length and changed color from fire orange to yellow. Although generally rectangular in shape, its edges were irregular rather than straight and square. (...deleted) again went inside the house, but a few minutes later was again called by her son. Outside she could no longer see the object but observed a heavy, black smoke in the air and noted a smell similar to that of a burning auto tire. Although the children had said that the object was going down, (...deleted) did not feel that it had because from her two sightings, the object had not changed altitude." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 1st District Westover AFB, Massachusetts. OSI Files. 9 December 60.

The military file included a short item in local newspaper that might have had some connection to the sighting in question:

"(...deleted), said he and about 10 other people were leaving work about 4:30 p.m. yesterday [the 3rd?] at Alcorts, Inc., when they saw an object in the sky, believed to

be the Russian space ship which burned in the atmosphere.

"He described it as very high, looking as if the sun were reflecting on it as well as being engulfed in a smoke screen." (xx.)

(xx.) "City People Spot Russian Space Ship." Waterbury, Connecticut. *Waterbury Sunday Republican*. 4 December 60.

3 December. Pleasantville, New Jersey. (6:00 a.m.)

"Grandpop, that's coming right straight towards us." (See clipping)

Saucer-Shaped Aircraft Is Sighted By 2 Hunters

A duck hunter who prepared to fight off an unidentified flying object with a shotgun Tuesday disclosed the story of his recent early morning encounter with the saucer-shaped aircraft.

When Earl Leeds, Sr., 65, of 27 W. Thompson Ave., Pleasantville, was out hunting with his grandson at 6 a.m. the morning of Dec. 3, the UFO flew at them over the meadows about 300 feet above the ground.

"Grandpop, that's coming right straight towards us," cried the boy, Greg Corson of 13 East Dr., Linwood.

Leeds slipped shells into his shotgun and replied, "Don't worry if it comes at us, I'll shoot it."

As it reached them, it rose vertically up in the air.

Leeds was prompted to report the UFO yesterday after he read of a mysterious object sighted on successive Friday nights by William Vogt of 27-A Trenton Ter. and his son, William Jr.

"This happened Dec. 3, early Saturday morning," Leeds said. "What that boys says in the paper, that's true."

According to Leeds, the UFO was saucer-shaped, measured about 60 feet in diameter, had a red glow that lit up the group and that changed to purple as it rose vertically. It came out of the east, then turned southwest.

The object traveled silently Leeds reports, and moved with a jerky motion, "like a bouncing ball," the bouncing motion all taking place in the air.

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5 December. The nationwide Dave Garroway show.

NICAP reports on the Tacker vs Keyhoe debate:

"The Garroway UFO discussion on December 5, 1960, originally was limited to 13 minutes. After the NBC switchboards became jammed with calls, Garroway twice extended the interviews, finally using the entire second half of his program. The following extracts from the taped discussion will indicate the AF spokesman's attitude:

"Garroway (to Tacker): 'Will you defend this book [Tacker's *Flying Saucers and*

the U.S., Air Force], please, because we're attacking it, apparently. Why is the Air Force—why did you write an official book about this subject?"

"Tacker: 'Because I felt the AF was being set upon by Major Keyhoe, NICAP and other UFO hobby groups who believe in space ships as an act of pure faith... What I object to is this countless harangue that the AF is withholding information. This is ridiculous.'

"Garroway: 'Well, just saying it's ridiculous won't prove it one way or another, will it?'

"Tacker: 'Yes, it will. Oh, you mean my saying it's ridiculous. No. But I can prove it—we haven't withheld information.'

"Keyhoe: 'You can't prove it because we have cases you have withheld.'

"Tacker: 'What do you mean withheld?'

"Keyhoe: 'I'm talking about NICAP.'

"Tacker: 'What is NICAP? A UFO hobby group!'

"Keyhoe: 'Are you saying that about Adm. Hillenkoetter...Col. Emerson...we've got high AF officers: Col. Joseph Bryan, USAFR, Col. McAshan—'

"Tacker: 'You're impressing me immensely, Major.'

"Keyhoe: 'We sent a confidential report to Members of Congress...(with) a digest of the evidence. In this book [Tacker's], Col. Tacker says that all the Congressmen who talked with AF officers about this subject were completely satisfied with the AF answers...Rep. John McCormack, House Majority Leader, says a House Select Committee of which he was Chairman tried to get information and was unable to do so, and a number of them were convinced that there were unexplained objects. Rep. Joseph Karth said that in executive sessions they tried to get it (UFO information) from the AF and the Air Force took refuge in security and said this was involved with the Nation's safety.'

"Tacker: 'That's absolutely erroneous. We've never taken refuge in security.'

"Keyhoe: 'Are you calling Rep. Karth a liar?'

"Tacker: 'Are you calling Gen. White a liar?' Did you read the foreword to the book? (Gen. Thomas D. White is the AF Chief of Staff).

"Garroway: 'What did you say about the foreword, Colonel? It proves what?'

"Tacker: 'I asked if he was saying Gen. White's statement was erroneous.'

"Garroway: 'In regards to—what?'

[Here Tacker plays his best card in an attempt to foil Keyhoe. Garroway, unlike other unsophisticated interviewers in the media, discerns Tacker's move. Clearly the most dangerous man in the room to Tacker was not Keyhoe but the media person guiding the discussion. This was an ominous development—L.E.Gross]

"Tacker: 'In regard to the fact that no space ships had ever been found. That they don't exist.'

"Garroway: 'That wasn't what we were talking about, I believe.'

"Keyhoe: 'We have letters from a number of Congressmen who say they are seriously concerned over the secrecy. This report (NICAP Confidential Report to Congress) they accepted as proof that these objects are real—'

"Tacker: 'Worst bunch of drivel I ever read, that report...'

"Keyhoe: '...this drivel you talked about was approved by the former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, Vice Adm. Hillenkoetter, Admiral Knowles, Colonel Emerson... and about 200 scientists, engineers and others, none of whom could be

called crackpot types. They are concerned (with the secrecy) for two reasons: There is a danger in the present AF policy. You're had hundreds...'

"Tacker: 'Let me interrupt again to say there is no such policy.'

"Keyhoe: 'The policy is stated in your book—to explain away. AF Reg. 200-2 says...'(Tacker interruption)'...all AF activities must reduce the (unsolved) reports to a minimum.'

"Tacker: 'Section 18 says all information will be given to the public and it won't be classified.'

"Keyhoe: 'Well, it certainly is not...'

"Garroway (answering Tacker): 'Yes, but the information given out is that which has been reduced to a minimum.'

"Keyhoe: 'In 1957 we asked you for a number of cases. You didn't even reply...'

"Tacker: 'I have furnished you every case you asked for.'

"Keyhoe: 'I asked for the Capt. Ryan case where the AF sent an airliner to chase one of these objects.'

"Keyhoe: 'We have the tape, the transcript—it's in Senator Monroney's office.' (Taped interview in which Capt. Raymond Ryan and First Officer William Neff, American Airlines, describe the UFO chase, confirm it was ordered by Griffiss Air Force Base, and admit leaving their assigned course, without informing the passengers, and pursuing the UFO to the shore of Lake Ontario. Capt. Ryan also confirms that the AF asked them to aid Griffiss AFB jets in intercepting the strange flying object. A digest of this documented case appears in the Confidential Report to Congress.)

"Tacker: 'You said you had it. (the tape). I've never seen it. I've never heard it.'

"Keyhoe: 'Any time you care to hear it—I have the transcribe here...'

"Keyhoe: 'I'd like to mention...that President-elect Kennedy about a year ago wrote one of our members and called this 'an important topic.' Would you say he was one of the deluded?'

[Here again, in something of a corner, Tacker plays his space visitor card to avoid having to choose his words carefully, especially when it concerns the President-elect. Keyhoe, nonetheless, takes up the challenge—L.E. Gross]

"Tacker: 'It's a real important subject. And I want to stress right now that the AF doesn't deny the possibility of these things. It simply states that to date there is no evidence to come up with the sensational claim that there are extraterrestrial vehicles in our atmosphere.'

"Keyhoe: 'In 1948—and you have denied the document exists—there was a Top Secret Estimate that these things were interplanetary. That was first stated by Capt. Ruppelt...'

"Tacker: 'I've never seen or heard of it.'

"Keyhoe: 'Capt. Ruppelt, head of the Project, stated that it was a black document stamped "Top Secret" on the cover...Later we checked with Major Dewey Fournet, who was the monitor of the Project at that time and is now on our Board. I have a letter I'll show you later in which he says: 'I am hereby confirming the existence of two documents the Air Force has denied. One of them is the 1948 estimate...'

"Tacker: '...I can say right now there's no such AF conclusion.'

"Garroway: 'Could you afford to say in your official position that there was such a

document if it were secret?" [Here Garroway is being a problem again]

"Tacker: 'Could I say?'"

"Garroway: 'If such a document did exist and it were stamped Top Secret or Secret, could you admit the existence of it? As a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force?'"

"Tacker, after a noticeable hesitation: 'I doubt it. But having a top secret clearance, [Need to know clearance?], and having gone through all the documents, there is no such document.'"

"Garroway: 'But you just said you doubted you could say so.'"

"Tacker: 'I can say there isn't one.'"

"Keyhoe: 'I would like to have your answer on this specific case, the Washington [1952] sightings...' (Interruption by Tacker)"

"Keyhoe, after Tacker interruption: '...you brush off the Washington sightings as a temperature inversion.'"

"Tacker: 'That's exactly right.'"

"Keyhoe: 'You stated (in the book) these things were not picked up by radar at Andrews AFB.' (Page 22, lines 4 and 5: "Andrews AFB radar operators were unable to pick up these images on their radar scopes.")"

"Tacker: 'I did not state that.'"

"Keyhoe: 'I beg your pardon...'"

"Tacker" 'Oh, at Andrews AFB. Oh, that's right. They were on the radar at National Airport."

"Keyhoe: 'I have here a signed report by an AF weather observer, a radar expert, who was in the (Andrews AFB) tower. It describes picking up these blips...' (Signed report available at NICAP. "Objects appeared on radar scope...as though approaching runway...Path of objects orderly and direct...Speed observed, by switching range knob on scope, estimated at better than 900 mph...appeared as clear solid blips, not fuzzy as usually seen with weather phenomena...Size (of objects) estimated by blips as 100 to 200 feet in diameter....After passing over runway, objects separated and performed high-speed maneuvers...faster than any aircraft before observed.")"

"Tacker:—evading mention of his previous denial: 'We don't consider those people experts. I have 4,000 hours on radarscopes.'"

"Keyhoe: 'A lot of people are expert on radar...they guide airliners into airports... Let me get to this. This person says they were picked up on radar—they came in formation and split up, operated at speeds over 900 mph. Now you deny flatly...'"

"Tacker: 'Apparently, right.'"

"Keyhoe: 'At Washington Airport, the experts on radar tracked these things at speeds up to 7200 mph...'"

"Tacker: 'A radar operator is not an expert, Maj. Keyhoe.'"

[At this point Garroway forces himself into the debate. Tacker, no doubt well briefed to counter Keyhoe, finds his new foe more difficult to handle. NICAP, in its notes inserted in this transcript, provides some background information on the TV host] (Of special interest here is a previous AF claim that Dave Garroway had promised to help debunk UFOs. In a letter from then Ass't. Secretary of the AF, R.E. Horner, to Rep. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, copy in NICAP possession—Horner stated that Garroway had agreed to help put the UFO subject in 'proper perspective.' After the December 5th program,

Mr. Garroway told NICAP's director he had never made any such statement. A copy of the AF letter was sent to him at his request. In one exchange of the program, Garroway politely disagreed with AF methods of disqualifying UFO reports. Some of his questions were based on his 27 years experience with astronomy.)

"Garroway, quoting from the officially approved AF [Tacker's] book: 'Many sightings by qualified and reliable witnesses have been reported. However, each incident seems to have an unsatisfactory fact associated with it, such as shortness of time under observation'...If you saw Marilyn Monroe walking by, and you saw her for one second, would that be adequate?"

"Tacker: 'I could probably recognize her.'

"Garroway: 'That's what I mean.' Again quoting: 'Inaccurate estimates of distance from the observer. How is it known they are inaccurate?'

"Tacker: 'Generally just by a simple mathematical computation at the Technical Intelligence Center.'

"Garroway: 'How do they know what the distance is?'

"Tacker: 'Well, just based on the size of the object given, they can determine.'

"Garroway: 'But the object isn't given.'

"Tacker: 'It generally is, in the report. The object and the size—the approximate size.'

"Garroway: 'If we don't know what the object is, how can we give the size?'

"Tacker: 'Well, they give the size—as it appears in the sighting.'

"Garroway: 'Oh, the angular size?'

"Tacker: 'Yes, sir.'

"Garroway: 'That doesn't tell you anything about the distance, does it?'

"Tacker: 'Oh, they can work out the distance from that, certainly.'

"Garroway: 'One sighting of an angular object like a star, or planet, or anything?'

"Tacker: 'Yes, sir.'

"Garroway: 'Well, astronomy would like to know that. That's not the Doppler effect.'

"Tacker: '...In the early days investigative techniques were not as good. It was a new subject. This is where the science-fiction type of thing Maj. Keyhoe writes got started...'

"Keyhoe: 'I will make you an offer. I will agree to appear with you in public and expose (reveal) what we don't have time to put on here. If you can prove what you said is true. I will resign as Director of NICAP and recommend to the Board that we disband.'

"Tacker, after indicating bases, communications, etc. at AF disposal: 'When I compare this to what your equipment probably is—a typewriter and some stationary—it doesn't add up very well. I think it's ridiculous.'

"Keyhoe: 'Our equipment includes about 200 (advisers) including top astronomers, missile trackers...rocket experts...we could cover every field involved in space travel planning...What it all boils down to is that you are under orders to deny this (UFO reality and the secrecy.) It is your job.'

"Tacker: 'That's not so.'

"Keyhoe: 'I'm going to ask you to explain one case here.'

"Tacker: 'I—okay, go ahead.'

"Keyhoe: 'Last August at Red Bluff, California, two state troopers reported they were sighting an object which at one time hovered 500 feet above their patrolcar, and cut out their radio. It swept the ground with a red light. They pointed their own red light up and this object immediately climbed at high speed. AF radar at Red Bluff said they were tracking the object. They told the *San Francisco Chronicle* and...'

"Tacker: 'Air Force radar at Red Bluff did not track it...and they made the statement that they had nothing on the scope...'

"Keyhoe: 'We asked you about this—you stated that these people had been misled by seeing the planet Mars, the star Aldebaran and the star Betelgeuse.'

"Tacker: 'Exactly.'

"Keyhoe: 'We checked with the Hayden Planetarium, at Boston, and other astronomers...Mars did not rise for an hour afterward, Aldebaran did not rise for two hours, and Betelgeuse was three hours below the horizon.'

"Tacker: 'There was a temperature inversion...it causes a refraction and a mirage above the horizon.'

"Garroway: 'How much refraction?'

"Keyhoe: 'Not for three hours—it doesn't pick up a star three hours below...'

"Tacker: 'I'm giving you what our scientific community told me—and that's that.'

"Keyhoe: 'You're putting your word of astronomers who are every day working out problems like that.'

"Tacker: 'I'm using the word of astronomers who work for the U.S. Air Force, sir.'

"Keyhoe: 'Under contract, and under orders to explain these away until you are ready to answer.'

"Tacker: 'That's ridiculous. Why don't you get off that kick—you don't believe it yourself.'" (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. I, No.11. December-January 1960-61. pp.1-4,7. There were a number notes inserted in the transcript by the editor of the *Investigator* that were left out to save space. For example, details about the Red Bluff case were omitted since the information has already been included at length in the monograph covering the appropriate time period.

The same issue of NICAP's *Investigator* included feedback from viewers who contacted NICAP, Dave Garroway, and the Air Force Chief of Staff (with copies sent to NICAP). Here are some samples:

" 'Tacker was rude...obviously under orders to keep Maj. Keyhoe from talking.' (TV station staff member)

" '...I resented his...conduct.' (AF Reserve Lieut. Colonel.)

" 'If any proof were needed of the AF's attempt to keep the public from knowing the truth about UFOs, their spokesman, Tacker, gave it in his ungracious, apparently planned assault.' (Well-known author)

“...Tacker’s statements disparaging NICAP seemed slanderous...” (Documentary film producer.)

“Col. Tacker’s condescending laughter didn’t convince me in the least...I object strenuously to this censorship.” (Librarian)

“I was shocked by Tacker’s behavior...It’s quite clear that NICAP has been a real thorn in the side of the AF.” (Professional astronomer at a planetarium.)” (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. I, No. 11. December-January, 1960-61. p.7.

To reign in Keyhoe and media moderators like Garroway, certain precautions were now taken. The actions had the favor of a totalitarian regime:

“For the nationwide Garroway show, the AF had not yet set up ‘ground rules,’ and this program has unusual significance. Since then, to avoid proof of AF secrecy and UFO reality, Public Information Officers have ordered that any questions must be submitted in advance, with an outline of what the questioners expect to cover. No queries of an accusing nature are permitted, and Tacker or his representatives reserve the right to reject any questions or statements.” (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. I, No. 11. December-January, 1960-61. p.3.

6 December. Official reaction to Tacker’s performance.

Since all official statements about the UFO problem released to public had to be issued by Lt. Col. Tacker’s office at the Pentagon, Maj. Robert Friend of BLUE BOOK visited PIO headquarters at the Department of Defense on December 6th to assist in the preparation of latest, semi-annual, UFO “Fact Sheet.” ATIC filled out a “Task Activity Report,” recording Friend’s activities in Washington for Air Intelligence files. The document also included some comments about the TV show.

ATIC’s version of events was brief and it seems the BLUE BOOK writer could not bring himself to use an unflattering word like “unfavorable,” instead expressed himself in this manner: “...and others in a different vein.”

The Task Report said:

“L/Col Tacker informed Maj. Friend that his appearance on the Garroway show, Monday, 5 Dec 60, had been extended for the entire program as a result of telephone calls from the viewing public. Maj. Friend listened to a tape recording of the show. A copy of the recording has been requested for the ATIC files. For those who heard the first portion of the show, the second half was generally the same. L/Col Tacker was possibly a little more aggressive during the second portion. The Department of Defense was flooded with calls concerning this program, some favorable and others in a different vein. On Wednesday the first letters with comments on the show began to pour into SAFOI.” (xx.)

(xx.) Task Activity Report. Project BLUE BOOK. Monitor: Maj. R. Friend AFCIN -4E2x. 9 December 60. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. December 1960.

The Task Report drops the subject after merely mentioning the arrival of mail. The sterility of official records is disturbing. Anyone ignorant of the controversy surrounding the UFO problem would assume little of significance occurred. A person would tend to take at face value Air Force assertions that the only people concerned with UFOs were "sensation-seekers and publishers of science fiction."

The truth of matter is better demonstrated by the remarks of House Majority Leader John W. McCormack who urged NICAP to contact both the House and Senate space committees. Congressman McCormack told Keyhoe:

"I am glad you wrote me on the [UFO] subject. Some three years ago [1957?] as Chairman of the House Select Committee on Outer Space, out of which came the recently established NASA, my Select Committee held executive (closed) sessions on the matter of 'Unidentified Flying Objects.' We could not get much information at that time, although it was pretty well established by some, in our minds, that there were some objects flying around in space that were unexplainable." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. I, No.11. December-January, 1960-61. p.1.

Another, and more revealing statement, came from Congressman Joseph E. Karth:

"As a member of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, I of course have had contact with high Air Force officers and have an opportunity to hear their comments on and off the record on the subject of unidentified flying objects. Despite being confronted with seemingly unimpeachable evidence that such phenomena exist these officers give little credence to the many reports on the matter. When pressed on specific details the experts refuse to answer on grounds that they (UFOs) are involved in the nation's security and cannot be discussed publicly. I share your interest and concern for the nation's well-being and will continue to seek a definite answer to this most important question." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. I, No.11. December-January 1960-61. p.1.

If UFOs in any way affected the nation's security (See above), why hadn't the Air Force acted on Congressman's Smart's recommendations? The proposed increased scope of BLUE BOOK hardly amounted to a strain on the Air Force's resources. To remind us how puzzling this situation was, the requirements will be listed again. They were the same as before except for the addition of few more dollars for advisor Hynek and a couple of devices of modest cost, perhaps added to give the impression something had been done. An Air Force document mentioned BLUE BOOK's suggested needs:

"Assignment of one additional officer to the Aerial Phenomena Group. Present strength is one commissioned officer and one non-commissioned officer.

"An increase in the services of Dr. Hynek at an estimated additional cost of \$1,000 per year.

"Additional travel funds in the amount of 3,000 per year.

"Procurement of a polaroid camera and geiger counter for field investigation work." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Hq USAF (AFCIN) Washington 25, D.C. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. December 1960. Reel #87.

Maybe if the Pentagon Generals' wives had a bake sale they could raise sufficient funds?

Apparently nothing was done to accomplish Congressman Smart's requests until the August UFO flap in northern California forced the issue. An Air Force letter admits the Pentagon failed to meet the requirements of Smart's recommendations:

"During the period 12-20 August 1960, a rash of sightings occurred in the Red Bluff, California area. These sightings were handled in a routine manner by the Air Force, but apparently the conclusions did not satisfy the UFO public. In November 1960, those Red Bluff sightings came to the attention of Mr. Smart. While querying SAFLI concerning the California sightings, Mr. Smart also requested information concerning Air Force progress toward strengthening the UFO program as proposed during the July briefing. SAFLI advised Mr. Smart that the suggested changes had yet to be accomplished." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Hq USAF (AFCIN) Washington 25 D.C. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. December 1960. Reel #87.

6 December. Leticia, Columbia. (3:25 p.m.)

UFO buzzes airstrip.

A Mr. Mike Thalakis sent a message to the American embassy saying he and several people saw an object like a crystal ball about three feet in diameter flying about 30 feet high over the airstrip at Leticia Colombia. The ball traveled about 1,500 feet horizontally and then zoomed vertically.

American authorities had no record of a "Mike Thalakis" but one consul employee said he vaguely recalled such a person who was Greek-American and runs a business in the city of Leticia, exporting tropical fish to Tarpon, Florida. No other information is recorded. (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 6 December 60.

8 December. Martinez, California. (6:15 a.m.)

A Flying What?

The local press reported:

"A 6:15 a.m. entry on the Martinez police log by Patrolman Dave Kristick resulted in 'raising eyebrows' from day shift patrolmen reporting for duty. The entry reports

an 'unidentified flying object' with red, white and green lights sighted overhead... Hamilton Field notified, denied responsibility. However, Kiristick's sighting was verified by Sgt. Arlis Marlar and sheriff's radioman, he maintained." (xx.)

(xx.) "A FLYING WHAT?" Martinez, California. *Contra Costa Gazette*. 8 December 60.
9 December. Carignan (Gironde), France. (8:30 p.m.)

Two round portholes?

An abstract from a French UFO journal:

"Mme. Dhelens, in the Chateau Maille, heard her dog barking furiously. She looked out a second-floor window and saw an oval luminous object twice the size on an automobile, hovering just above the ground in the Chateau's park. In its upper part were two round portholes, behind which she saw indistinct shadows moving. It quickly took off. Two neighbor women also saw the object. It left a 12-foot circle of yellowed grass, which later died." (xx.)

(xx.) *Ouranos* #27 (August 1961), pp.1-6.

9 December. Celina, Ohio. (morning)

A metal strip around the middle.

A short item from Ohio tells us:

"A flying saucer was spotted this morning by a Celina housewife and her two-year-old daughter who asked that her name not be used. She said it was seen over South Buckeye Street at 9, headed south, about 200 feet up.

"She said it looked silver with the sun shining on it, and like a round ball with the top and bottom slightly flattened. It had a metal strip around the middle, and was the size of a small airplane without wings. It did not have a usual motor noise but sort of a whine like a vacuum cleaner." (xx.)

(xx.) Celina, Ohio. *Standard*. 9 December 60

10 December. Atlantic City, New Jersey. (Morning)

UFO hovers over jet.

A press report states:

"Three men at a Route 30 gas station claim they saw a bright, round disc hovering over a delta-wing jet aircraft on the morning of Saturday, December 10th. The witnesses agreed the object appeared to stay above and behind the jet, out of the

pilot's line of vision, for a minute or two and then sped away at a tremendous rate of speed toward Philadelphia." (xx.)

(xx.) Atlantic City, New Jersey. *Press*. 18 December 60.

13 December. Portland, Connecticut. (10:00-10:20 p.m.)

"It looked like dinner plate." (See clipping)

Mysterious Flying Object Is Sighted 2nd Time in a Week

12/14/60

Reports of a strange flying object sighted over East Hampton a week ago appeared to get some substantiation today in the report of two Portland residents who watched a haloed "saucer" through binoculars for 20 minutes last night.

Mrs. William Bastel of 8 Stoner Terrace, Portland, was attracted by the object as she looked out a north window about 10 p.m. She called her husband and before the thing disappeared they summoned neighbors who viewed it with them.

She said it moved around the sky about a third of the way up, travelling toward the west. It continued around to the south and east, then appeared to stand still for a short time. Starting up again, it soon vanished, Mrs. Bastel said.

It looked "like a dinner plate," she said, but at times a conical form was also noted. "Metallic" lights aboard varied in color. The halo encompassing the object was of yellow-orange hue. One white light also was observed and a red light glowed irregularly. It appeared to move in a pulsating manner, something like a jellyfish, Mrs. Ba-

siel said, and the observers at no time heard a sound from it.

After pausing in the eastern sky briefly, the object picked up speed and disappeared about 10:20.

Mrs. Bastel said she was at first reluctant to report the sighting but decided to because of the reality of the thing.

Middletown, Connecticut
Press

14 December 60

14 December. The Brookings Institution Report. Will Earth's civilization collapse?

This research study containing a dire warning has been referenced by UFO authors for decades. (See clipping on page 142)

18 December. *Washington View*.

Dec 15, 1960

THE NEW YORK TIMES, TH

Mankind Is Warned to Prepare For Discovery of Life in Space

**Brookings Institution Report Says Earth's
Civilization Might Topple if Faced
by a Race of Superior Beings**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (UPI) — Discovery of life on other worlds could cause the earth's civilization to collapse, a Federal report said today.

This warning was contained in a research report given to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration with the recommendation that the world prepare itself mentally for the eventuality.

The report, prepared by the Brookings Institution, said "while the discovery of intelligent life in other parts of the universe is not likely in the immediate future, it could nevertheless happen at any time."

Discovery of intelligent beings on other planets could lead to an all-out effort by earth to contact them, or it could lead to sweeping changes or even the downfall of civilization, the report said.

Even on earth, it added, "societies sure of their own place have disintegrated when confronted by a superior society, and others have survived even though changed."

Responding to Crises

"Clearly, the better we can come to understand the factors involved in responding to such crises the better prepared we may be."

The agency's 190-page report, prepared at a cost of \$96,000, was for the space agency's committee on long-range studies. The authors, headed by Donald N. Michael, also recommended further study of other space activities, including the diplomatic and propaganda effects and the implications of communications and weather satellites.

On the question of life in outer space, the report said that if intelligent or semi-intelligent beings were discovered in the next twenty years they would probably be found by radio communications with other solar systems.

Evidence of such existence "might also be found in artifacts left on the moon or other planets," it said.

An attempt already has been made to contact outer space. Government scientists at Greenbank, W. Va., used radio antennas in an effort to pick up signals that might have been beamed by intelligent beings. They concentrated on a star about fifteen light years away.

Signals sent out from Greenbank were of a kind that would show to anyone listening on other planets that they were man-made, not the result of natural phenomena.

Tacker is busy.

The image of itself the Air Force wanted to promote went hand-in-hand with castigating its critics. PIO spokesman Maj. Lawrence Tacker used the media to spread the word:

“On the radio show *Washington Viewpoint* he outlined the ‘vast scientific resources’ the Air Force used to analyze UFO sightings, resources such as the Air Research and Development Command, the Air Material Command, and scientific consultants from many different colleges and universities. Furthermore, Tacker said, the Air Force had ‘instantaneous communications world-wide,’ which enabled it to hear about a sighting anywhere in the world ‘in a matter of minutes.’ He compared this to a ‘small group of euphologists [sic] who have a typewriter and read a newspaper account of the thing and—you see you really can’t compare.” (xx.)

(xx.) Jacobs, David. *The UFO Controversy in America*. Indiana University Press: Bloomington & London, 1975. p.176.

Tacker’s book, *Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force*, dealt with the situation the same way: the Air Force was being “set upon,” subject to “countless harangues” by hobbyists proclaiming ET visitations on “pure faith.” (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

24 December. Near Durango, Colorado. (midnight)

UFO on a mountain top.

A press story stated:

“‘At midnight, a light appeared on the brow of a Mountain top north of the Wade Folsom ranch. Folsom commented that it was as if the star of Bethlehem had returned. There was something strange about this “star” though, for it was round and beneath the many tiny lights there appeared to be tiny “windows” which blinked. The tall Pine trees on the mountain top stood out in stark relief behind the object and there was a glow about it. First the glow was white, then green, and then the object disappeared as mysteriously as it came. First the sky was bright with hundreds of tiny blinking lights that seemed to turn around and around and dim to almost nothing. First on one side and then on another like some giant breathing thing. Then in another moment the object was gone, leaving only the cold night with a bright moon and twinkling stars,’ so said Ruth Stephenson, one of the observers.

“At least a dozen people in Folsom’s home saw the object.

“‘...it was definitely there,’ Folsom said... ‘a small merry-go-round except that it wasn’t revolving. It appeared to be hovering about two or three feet above the ground in a clearing surrounded by small timber about 400 feet north of Florida Road. ‘But

it didn't appear to land and when I looked the next day there were no signs that it might have landed.'

"Folsom said the object appeared to be about 20 feet in diameter. 'At the top you could very definitely see a circle or dome and every foot or so apart were lights. They were evenly spaced and burning like a 100 or 200 watt light bulb.' Below the dome there were numerous 'rectangular curtains'—'I wouldn't call them windows, because they didn't look like ordinary windows. There were about five or six up and down and they seemed to revolve—to flop over, one row after another.'

"The object remained stationary, he said, for about 15 minutes. Then it's lights brightened, turned light green and finally faded out, 'slowly, like a gas flame.'

"...Mrs. Stephenson and three other women went...up the mountainside in search of anything which might explain the strange happenings. Mrs. Stephenson noted... broken limbs and bark scraped from the trees about six feet from the ground. The broken limbs she noticed had come from the tops of the trees." (xx.)

(xx.) Durango, Colorado. *Durango Herald*. 28 December 60.

25 December. Cottonwood, Minnesota. (about 11:45 p.m.)

"Half-ball with dome."

According to our source:

"An unidentified man and his family were visiting relatives. At about 11:45 p.m. the husband went outside for a breath of fresh air, then noticed an unusual light traveling in the north. Not knowing of any satellite which would be in that sky sector, the observer watched the object, which obligingly came closer. In about 30 seconds it was close enough so that he could observe the following details...it was shaped like a 'half-ball' with a dome on top, which was about half the size of the bottom portion. On the extreme left was what he took to be a porthole, as light was shining from it. At the base of the object was an opening which revealed a small part of the interior. All that was observed of the inside was what looked like a white string. The UFO itself was a tan color, had a silvery glow outlining it, and was quite large.

"The object seemed to flutter down, rocking gently from side to side, somewhat like a 'falling leaf.' It came down at an angle, stopped, hovering a bit. Then it ejected a whitish object the size of a pea held at arm's length. It appeared to come from the back side of the large object.

"The small object floated in a westerly direction until it appeared 'about the size of a star.' After this, the first object, the large one, went straight down and let out two reddish objects Nos. 3 and 4, which came out together, rather than one at a time. They were the same size as the first small one. After clearing the 'mother-ship,' they flew southeast at the same distance from each other, appearing to flash green light beams at each other. As the observer put it, 'for example, No.3 would shoot out the beam, and hit No.4, and in turn, No. 4 would return a similar beam. After three or four such exchanges they separated and went different directions.'

"The 'mother-ship' (object No.1) went a short distance in the direction of No. 4, then stopped briefly and began moving up and down in the opposite direction... Finally it went twice as high as its original apparent altitude, where it hovered. Suddenly the observer noticed two reddish objects, apparently No. 3 and 4, near the opening of the big 'ship.' They entered the opening or port, and while they were doing so, No. 2 (The small white object), was spotted coming back to the big object. When No. 2 had entered the opening, the 'port' closed, and the large object left in the same direction it had come.

"The duration of the sighting was from ten to fifteen minutes, and there was only one witness." (xx.)

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin*. November 1962. p.2.

29 December. San Raphael, California. (9:30 a.m.)

A very brief note found in BLUE BOOK files: "December 29, 1960—Near San Rafael, California—9:30 a.m. Three, round, silver craft flying in tight V-formation. Pursued by Jets from Hamilton Air Force Base." (xx.)

(xx.) No Case (Information Only) 29 December 1960. San Raphael, California. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. (Information from an unnamed civilian UFO publication)

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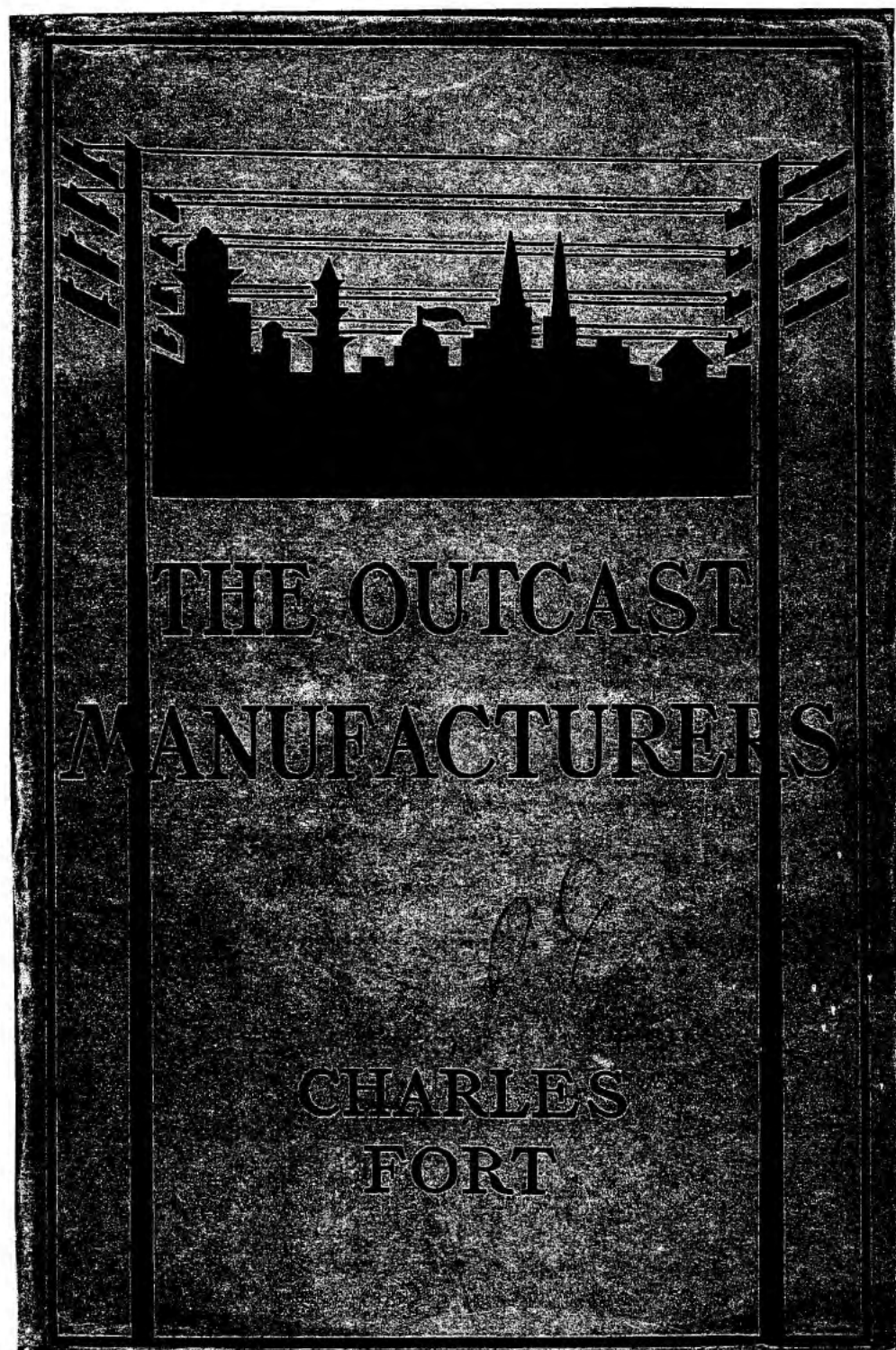
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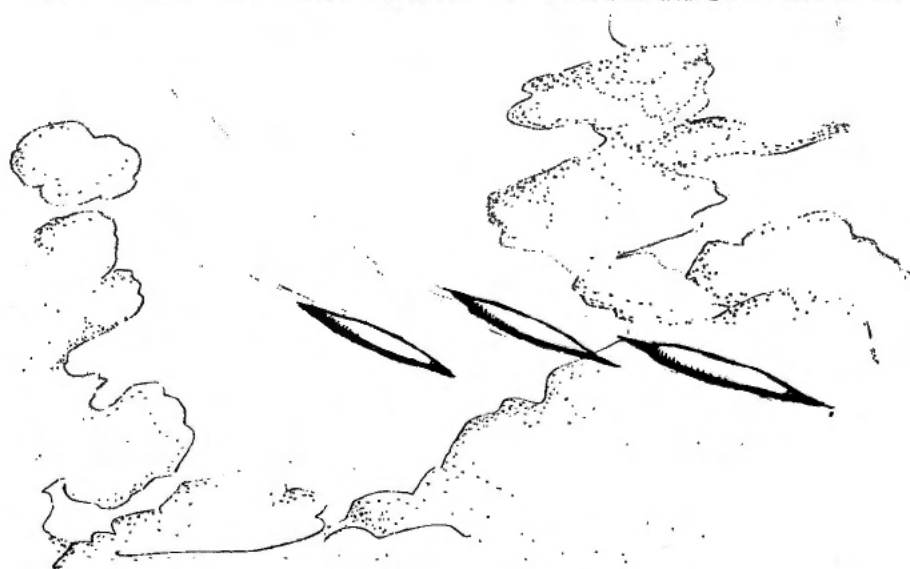
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