

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

July 1963. Lan Zhou City, Gansu Province, China. (afternoon)

Chinese UFOlogist Paul Dong collected this one:

"Pharmacist Shi Guo Kao heard a loud noise in the sky one July afternoon in 1963. She looked up and saw a fire-like object land in her back yard. The object spun around very rapidly before her eyes, and was making noises. After about a minute, the color of the object turned to a dark red and it suddenly exploded with a thundering noise which slightly shook her house and irritated her ears. The object then leaped into the air and disappeared up into the sky above, leaving behind it a red trail." (xx.)

(xx.) Dong, Paul. *UFOs Over Modern China*. Privately published by UFO Photo Archives: Tucson, Arizona, 1983. pp. 43-44.

July 1963. Gallagher's Canyon, about 150 miles north of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. (1:00 a.m.)

"Hey, out there!"

Our source states:

"On a weekend in July 1963, Carl Steiger, who was then a high school senior, and his older brother, George, took their Volkswagen van for a weekend of camping and fishing at Gallagher's Canyon, about 150 miles north of their home in Kelowna, British Columbia. They parked off the road by a creek at the foot of the Canyon and fished all afternoon, then built a campfire and had their supper. They sat up watching the fire die down until about midnight, then went to bed in their sleeping bags in the van.

"George went right to sleep, but Carl was restless. He decided to go out and make himself a cup of coffee over the coals. When he sat up, he could see the new compass they had left on the hump over the engine housing. In the moonlight he could see that the arrow was moving slowly. As he watched it, it would go about three quarters of the way around, from SE through N then down to SW, and back.

"He picked it up, wondering if it was being affected by the engine coil, clicked it off and on again. In his hand it still moved around and back. So he put it down and went outside.

"He could hear the water running in the swift shallow creek and hear a waterfall a little way upstream. Other than that, the night was still. Across the creek on the bare hillside five or six lights were wandering around at about walking speed. His first thought was that a sheepherders must be looking for lost sheep, but that hardly seemed likely at one o'clock in the morning.

"And the lights did not look like flashlights. They were white, about the size of basketballs, and they just floated along. They had no beam coming from them.

"Curious, Carl walked down to the stream and shouted across the water, 'Hey, out there!' Immediately all the lights went out. Carl started back to the van to tell George, but before he got there he was aware that it was getting brighter around him.

"Looking over his shoulder, he could see coming toward him, flying above the trees on the other side of the road, a very large bright light, larger than the van. It stopped about 75 feet away, pulsating slowly as it changed from dark green to light green. The light in a circle beneath it was so bright that Carl could see each pine needle on the ground.

"I could have read the newspaper," he says.

"After three or four minutes, the light continued on its path from southwest to northeast, following the canyon. By this time George had got up and he watched with Carl as it moved along, illuminating the canyon wall.

"About three miles away they could see it rise to the top of Black Mountain, where there was a fire lookout tower. It spiraled to the top of the mountain, its lights clearly reflected in the windows of the tower. Then, picking up speed, it shot into the sky and was lost to sight among the stars.

"The next morning the boys broke camp and started the steep drive out of the canyon. They reached a point where the road dropped sharply on the west side, giving an unobstructed view across the valley. Just below them they could see an apparently abandoned log house standing in a field. There was an outhouse and some rusting pieces of equipment, but the puzzling thing was a large black circle in the green grass.

"After stopping and looking at the scene through binoculars, they found a place on the narrow road to turn around and went back to get a closer look.

"As they thought, when they found the old ranch house it was empty, and there was no sign that anyone had been there for a long time. But about 150 feet from the house, an eight foot wide ring was burned to the ground in the two foot tall grass, leaving an unburned circle about 30 feet across in the middle. On the edges of the ring, the grass leaned away from the burned area. This grass was very dehydrated and crumpled when the fellows kicked it.

"After Carl and George got home, they told their family and close friends about their experience but they did not report it to any authorities. (Carl did tell his science teacher, who had no explanation.)

"UFOs had been reported in the area that summer, Carl says, but he and his brother had taken no particular interest in the stories. They didn't talk much about what they had seen because 'at that time, if you did tell many people they thought you were a little weird.' (xx.)

(xx.) Bieseile, Mildred. "Two Sightings in British Columbia." *MUFON UFO Journal*. No. 194. April 1984. pp.12-13.

1 July. Turnerville, Georgia. (evening)

Our source:

"Mr. and Mrs. (...deleted) were visiting relatives in Turnerville, Georgia, one evening, when they noticed that the television set would not work. The family then went out on the porch, and saw a peculiar object moving slowly toward the earth, almost directly over the house!"

"The UFO had three lights on top of it—red ones and a white one, all in a row and blinking on and off. The object moved slowly for awhile, then swooped down and hovered about five feet above a garden not far from the house. At this point the three top lights went off, and brilliant green light on the bottom of the craft was turned on, apparently for the purpose of observing the nearby woods. For several seconds more, the UFO took turns hovering with the green light scanning the woods, and moving about with the light turned off. The object then moved away and suddenly disappeared. Its presence was accompanied by a strange odor, like brake fluid or embalming fluid, and this odor was smelled later that night by the local sheriff, who was called to the scene.

"The object had no exhaust and moved silently, according to the nine witnesses. The green spotlight was so bright that it reflected back from the ground upon the object itself, leaving no doubt in the minds of the observers that they were looking at a solid, metal craft. The bottom of the UFO was shaped like a bowl, and had a ridge around the circumference. Two of the female witnesses to the near-landing reported a stinging or burning sensation after the object had flown out of sight, and one of them awoke the next day red-faced and with bloodshot eyes. She said that she had not been in the sun the day before." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. (Information Only) 17 July 63.

3 July. Dedham, Massachusetts. (between 10:15 and 10:30 p.m.)

"It went around corners like it was on tracks." (See clipping below)

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3 July

Air Force Vets Tell Of 'Object'

DEDHAM — The owner of a Dedham catering service and a business associate, both Air Force veterans, have reported sighting the mysterious "flying object" seen in recent weeks over the South Shore by 11 other persons. Both men believe it to be a secret government aircraft.

The sighting was made July 3 between 10:15 and 10:30 over Dedham by Frank Hallion, 38, of 157 Elm Street and Keith Perry, 35, of 19 Robinwood Road. Perry is the owner of Robinwood Caterers.

Differ On Details

Perry and Hallion differ slightly on the details of the craft, but both agree "it went around corners like it was on tracks."

Hallion said the object had an orange light on its bottom and a white light on its top, the same colors and pattern reported by most of the other observers.

"I thought I detected a blue flame coming out in a spiral along its side, too, but I'm not sure," he said. "Whatever it was it came out of the northwest, suddenly reversed itself, then went back on the same course again and headed for Weymouth."

"We both know planes and aircraft, but this thing was like nothing we've ever seen before. It had a pretty good roar to it, too. Both of us watched it and

talked about it, then didn't mention it again until I found out that other people had seen the same thing.

"If these people saw it then we're certainly not nuts," Hallion said.

"About the only deductions I can make about it is that if those were flames, it was burning an awful lot of fuel."

String Of Lights

Perry, who also observed its erratic, angular flight pattern, said he thought he saw a string of lights along its side. At one point, he said, the object turned toward him and the lights disappeared. When it again resumed its course the lights became visible again, he said.

"When I came home I said, kidding to my wife, 'That must be one of those flying saucers,'" Perry said.

"It looks to me like Uncle Sam's got some sort of experimental thing that we're not supposed to know about," he said.

4 July. Starmount Forest Country Club, Greensboro, North Carolina. (7:30 p.m.)

"I would suggest that it was not a conventional craft."

An Air Force questionnaire tells us the witness [name deleted] was on the grounds of the Starmount Forest Country Club, Greensboro, North Carolina, on the evening of July 4th when he observed a strange object cross the sky:

"When I saw this UFO I was with a group of boys. We were watching fireworks, which were to our East. I noticed the UFO to the north, but said nothing to no one. I observed it for two minutes as it moved silently eastward, then suddenly reversed direction as it picked up speed, then assuming its original course once again it moved slowly upwards and out of sight.

"It was very large, and was yellow or orange, with a row of red lights at its perimeter.

"The sky was clear, and somewhat lit up from the fireworks. The UFO was about a mile away, at treetop level.

"I don't claim that the UFO was extraterrestrial, but its size and pattern of flight would suggest that it was not a conventional craft." (See drawings of object and object flight path below) (xx.)

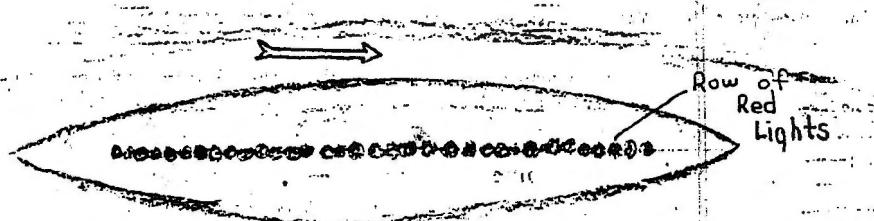
28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place on "A" at the beginning of the path; a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



DOTTED LINE = SLOW SPEED
HEAVY = RAPID ACCEL.

19. 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.



6 July. The Wollaston night sky photo.

Back in late June, Quincy *Patriot Ledger* reporter Richard Pothier had set up a camera in the backyard of his home in Wollaston to take a time exposure of stars. He had not noticed anything at the time, but when he had the film developed some days later he discovered that some very strange images were on the Kodachrome color slide. (See news clipping on pages 6-7)

7 July. Bantam, Connecticut. (between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.)

Eight disc-shaped UFOs.

The sighting:

"Sometime between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m., on July 7, 1963, the Le Blanc family near Bantam, Connecticut, observed a total of eight disc-shaped UFOs. They were seen first by two of Mrs. Angela Le Blanc's children as the objects floated slowly and silently over hills southwest of Bantam. The entire family was called to watch as the discs moved from the northeast to the southwest. The estimated altitude of the discs was from 2,000 to 3,000 feet and the objects appeared to be metallic.

"The length of the observation was longer than one minute but the exact figure was undisclosed in published reports. Police were unable to provide an explanation." (xx.)

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin*. November 1963.

7 July. Istanbul, Turkey. (9:20 p.m.)

"As big as the dome of St. Sophia." "Yes."

The two eyewitnesses in this case were Mme. N. Suar, a chemist; and Mme. N. Kut sal, a professor that taught German at the university.

The report:

A TURKISH REPORT: UFOs OVER ISTANBUL

Ergun Arikdal

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Night Sky Photo Proves A Puzzler

By RICHARD POTIER
Patriot Ledger Staff Reporter

QUINCY — About two weeks ago I took a photograph that makes me wonder what is flying in our skies.

The original purpose of the shot was to photograph the tracks left by stars passing overhead as the earth revolved.

Photography is one of my hobbies. This shot was a half-hour time exposure from the backyard of my Wollaston home.

I mounted my Japanese 35 mm. camera on a tripod, opened the lens for a time exposure and left it. Other than checking from a distance, I did not touch the camera again until about 30 minutes later when I came back and closed the shutter.

Unexplained lights

The photograph, a color slide on Kodachrome X film, was taken either June 25 or 26 at about 9 p.m. I'm not sure which night.

This week I had the film developed. On the slide I immediately saw something which shouldn't have been there — a clear pattern of lights which moved into the camera's view, hovered in at least seven spots, maneuvered, then left the camera's view once more.

The time exposure was able to capture all this, and the intensity of the lights on the color slide clearly show just where the lights stopped and moved, leaving either an image of the lights or a colored "track."

In back of the orange, white and silver lights and tracks were the star trails, the purpose of the shot.

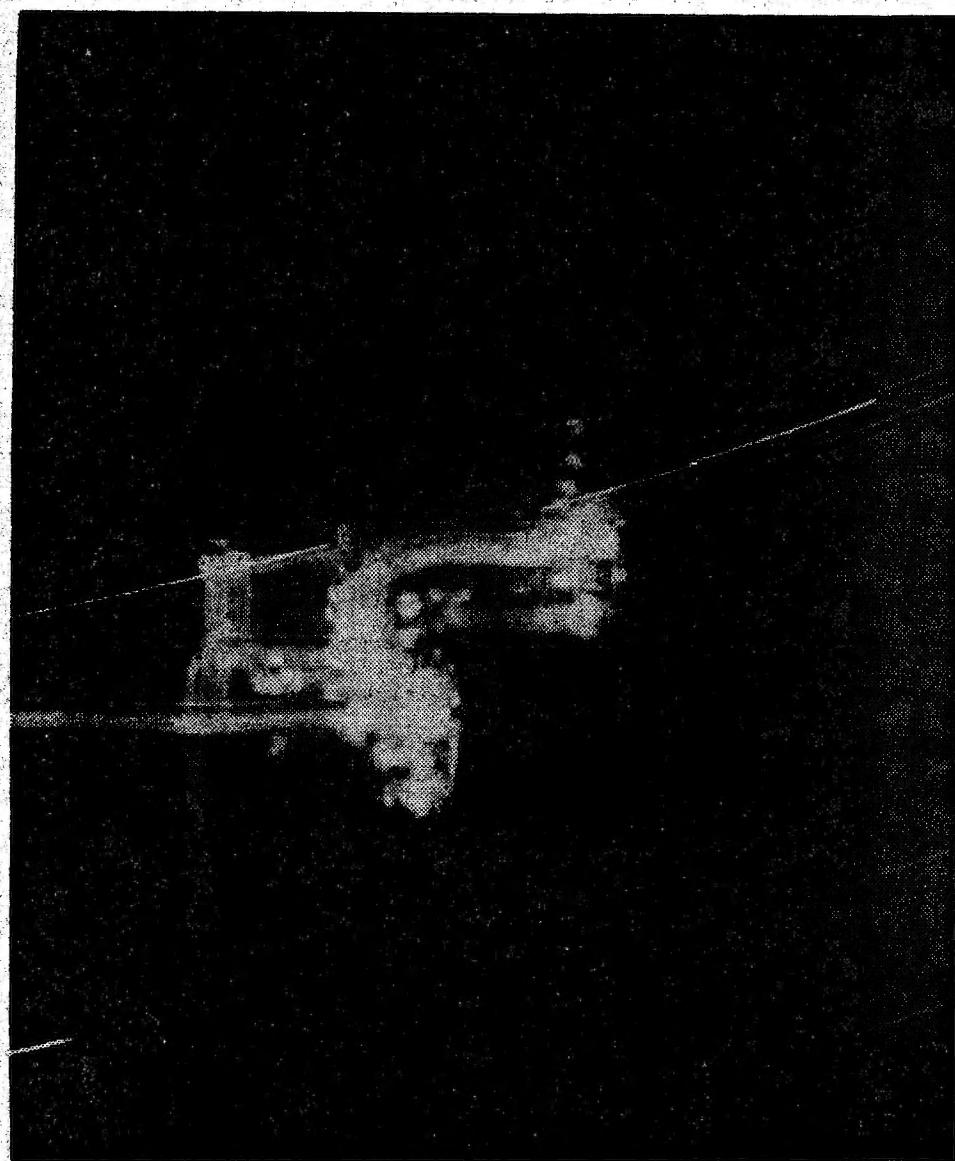
I didn't know what the lights were. I'm still not sure I do.

The accompanying photograph, because of certain detail loss in making an engraving for newspaper reproduction, shows little idea of the maneuvering tracks visible on the sharp color slide.

Checked By Expert

At any rate, I decided to show the slide to someone who might have a better idea than I could come up with.

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UNIDENTIFIED — This many-lighted object, or objects, was photographed two weeks ago from the back yard of a Patriot Ledger staff reporter. The tracks visible are, in the opinion of an unidentified flying object investigator, those of a "flying saucer." (Photograph copyright 1963. The Patriot Ledger — Richard J. Potier.)

Lights In Photo A Puzzle

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I recalled a Patriot Ledger feature story about a Scituate mechanical engineer who is president of a group called the Massachusetts-Rhode Island Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Study Group, which works closely with the Air Force in verifying and corroborating UFO sightings.

The man was Stephen R. Putnam of Bossy Lane, Scituate, a highly-regarded investigator of UFO's and similar phenomena.

He viewed the slide projected on a screen for almost three hours. It is "the clearest, most detailed picture of UFO's of any I've ever seen or heard of," he said quietly.

Putnam told me the object or objects I accidentally photographed were definitely UFO's, or "flying saucers."

Two weeks before my photograph, he told me, two West Quincy girls reported seeing lights maneuvering in an almost exact pattern of what my camera captured.

In essence, he said the lights seemed to be arrayed on a single object which never changed its attitude relative to the ground. In other words, he continued, it made sharp 90 degree turns without turning itself.

It was as if it stopped and slid sideways, he said. The sharp turns it took are clearly delineated on the slide.

He told me the colors, movements and characteristics of the light group were "remarkably consistent" with thousands of non-photographed reports of UFO's all over the country.

"Seventy-five percent of its movements are rectangular, a peculiar feature of nearly all UFO sightings," he said.

Because the lights—ranging in color from orange to white to silver—never changed their relative position, they were apparently mounted on the same framework, he theorized.

"Except for a brilliant orange nucleus, which remained in a central position no matter which way the object stopped, turned or paused, the lights defy interpretation."

He said trying to deduce the shape of the object would be like trying to describe a car at night after looking only at its headlights from a distance.

Long Exposure

Because the slide was a long time exposure made with non-sensitive color film, the lights were captured on film only when they stopped or paused for an appreciable length of time. On my slide there are at least seven such pauses.

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In each group of lights the same relationship of lights can be made out, if the slide is projected on a large enough screen. This is not Mr. Putnam's opinion; this can be seen by anyone viewing the slide, and I looked at it myself for some time.

Returning once more to Putnam's theory, it is at least partly borne out by the slide. The framework—or ship—carrying the lights or emitting the lights would be invisible on the slide, just as a night picture of a car would show only headlights.

All this is his theory. Naturally, I'm not sure. As far as UFO's go, I'm neither a believer nor non-believer. I've never seen one, but I've never spent hours looking for one, either.

So I thought of the natural or manmade phenomena which could cause such similarly-moving lights in the night sky.

Plane Discounted

First, an airplane. These can be quickly discounted because if any government has a plane which flies forward then sideways without pausing and without changing its position relative to the ground, it's not talking about it.

Besides, most experienced airmen will agree that a plane must be going at a certain minimum speed to stay aloft. The inertia at even a slow speed would rule out any sharp L-turns—of which there are several on the slide.

Then, a helicopter. A 'copter carries running lights at night, like most aircraft. These lights are red and green, again like most aircraft.

There are no red or green lights on the slide.

Next, a lighted weather balloon. The movements on the slide are, as Putnam said, mostly rectangular with several sharp corners. No balloon could make such a path guided by wind.

Even fireflies? This theory stuck with me until I realized that the 50 mm. lens of the camera was focused at infinity, and thus set nothing closer than about 150 would be in focus.

This also discounts playful children with flashlights or matches.

Fireworks, even if there were any two weeks ago on a Tuesday or Wednesday night, could not move in rectangular paths and could not stop and go as if at will.

For camera enthusiasts, the one used was a Heiland Pentax 35 millimeter with an f2.50 mm. lens. The film was Kodachrome X, ASA 64, and the lens was wide open and set for infinity.

I am reserving judgment on what came out on the slide, mainly because the UFO theory is extremely difficult to prove.

Putnam is not so reserved. He believes I accidentally photographed the maneuvers of a large, brilliantly-glowing non-earth-based, intelligently-controlled craft.

"For some reason UFO's have been very active in this area recently," he said. He cited recent sightings in Cohasset, the one in West Quincy, and the mysterious metal object which fell several weeks ago on a West Quincy home and which Naval Intelligence officials are still trying to trace.

Nearly all such sightings, he said, report movements similar to the ones on the slide. The brilliant orange nucleus seems to be present in all of the reported objects and is probably an emission from the propulsion or support mechanism of the UFO, Putnam believes.

Not visible in the reproduction is what appears to be either the entrance or exit trail of the object. As the trail veers off, it grows dimmer—showing clearly that the object was either accelerating or ascending at a tremendous rate of speed to leave the camera's view—which again appears to discount most of the "stock" UFO answers.

Anything which can ascend with such speed uses a propulsion system not yet known to man, or to most men. And if it was a secret government experiment—of any government—it would not be maneuvering over Quincy.

Before I took the photograph I took all precautions to make sure no extraneous light or reflections could reach the lens. The yard was surrounded by a wall of tall trees, and the light from neighboring windows was effectively screened by the branches.

The camera was mounted on an immobile tripod and was not moved during the exposure. If it was, the star trails in the sky would be out of focus.

With the lens at infinity and at its widest opening, nothing closer than at least 150 feet would be in sharp focus as the lights and their trails.

Finally, many similar pictures I have taken under exactly similar conditions have come out with the trails as they appear on this slide, but without the lights and maneuverings clearly visible on this one.

I kept the camera in constant view during the entire exposure, if only because it cost more than \$200. No one came anywhere near it and what it photographed was definitely in the sky.

The camera photographed whatever it was that was maneuvering in right angles over Wollaston that night, and all I did was have the film developed.

The rest I'll leave to the experts.

THIS observation occurred on July 7, 1963, at 9.20 p.m. (local time), from the sixth floor of a building on Gülden Street from which there is a splendid view westwards over the Sea of Marmara and the Princes' Islands Archipelago.

It was a warm night, with no wind, a cloudless sky, and the Moon had risen. The two witnesses, Mme. Naime Suar and Mme. Nazire Kutsal, said they had seen three objects to begin with; then, flying in a straight line in groups of three came nine more, making a total of twelve UFOs.

Describing the objects, the witnesses said:

"In the moonlight their colour was silvery, but when not in the moonlight it was a metallic grey."

"The upper portions of the objects were hemispherical and the under portions more pointed, and the under portions were also surrounded by a ring of whitish vapour like the rings of Saturn."

"We were able to get a particularly good view of this ring on one of the objects. At times the ring was very distinct, while at other times it had the form of a mass of cloud and rendered the UFO invisible. The most important feature about it was that this thing, this "ring," which it is difficult to describe either as a cloud or as a mass of vapour, did not remain behind in the air, like the trails left by jet aircraft, and did not dissolve as these trails do. The thing had the definite appearance of a ring and it went along with the spherical objects without separating from them."

"The first three objects were camouflaged from our sight by small masses of this cloud, just as though a silent explosion had occurred. We could not see the objects, but only the clouds."

"Shortly afterwards three more arrived, coming from the East, looking like little clouds, and, in the moonlight, reflecting three round shadows on to the ground. They came from the direction of Kartal and Maltepe. Their shadows on the ground were very marked. Then, having reached an area of the sky where we could observe them very easily, they separated and flew off towards the Princes' Islands, at first at the speed of helicopters, and then increasing their speed and vanishing towards the Sea of Marmara."

"It seemed as though they might have been at a distance of nine or ten kilometres from us and at a height of four or five kilometres."

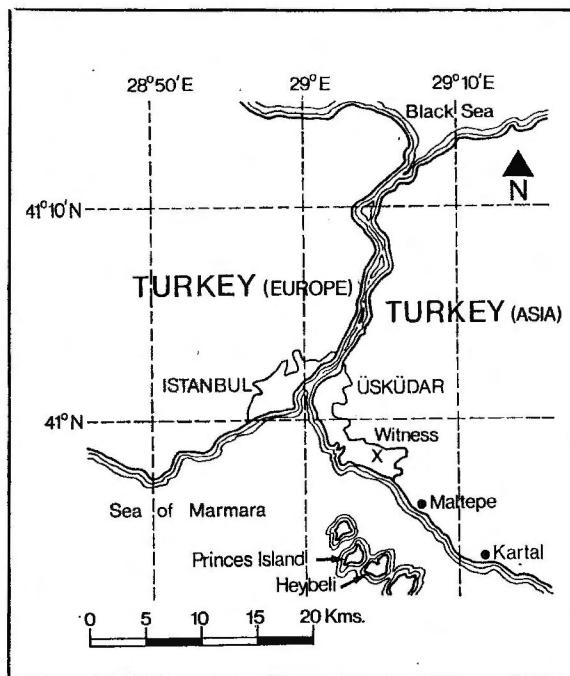
"What was the apparent size of the objects?"

minute, and at arm's length: 0.60 m., the apparent size would have been 1.5 millimetres, which takes us very far indeed from the subjective measurement of 1 metre indicated in the foregoing paragraph—ED. LDLN.)

"Was there anything special about the objects?"

"On the lower part of the domes there seemed to be, faintly visible, some rectangular openings. We were watching, from our balcony, at a height of 20 metres, in fear and astonishment, this gigantic object hanging motionless in the air, dark and silent."

"Although Heybeli Island is quite far from us, we could see the island very clearly in the moonlight. And



"The one that we saw nearest to us was of the width of a little more than one metre. (This is of course a mere piece of subjective guesswork, as the only valid measurement in such a case would be one made with arms fully extended so as to give an apparent angle.—EDITOR OF LDLN.)

"We heard no noise and the object was not luminous. A second object then approached, and for four or five minutes remained as though suspended in the air, above the Island of Heybeli. In size it looked as big as the dome of a large mosque."

"Was it as big as the Dome of Saint Sophia?"

"Yes, perhaps even larger. (Mr. Arikdal tells us that the Dome of Saint Sophia is 31 metres wide and 55 metres high. One can consider the position of the object well determined—despite the distance of about 12 km.—by the shadow which it casts on the Island. At that distance, the apparent angle is less than one

a certain part of the island was covered by the object's shadow—a vast, round shadow. (As one reads this, it seems indeed that the object must have been far bigger than the Dome of Saint Sophia for the two eyewitnesses to have been able to see the shadow cast on the ground on the Island. We think we must multiply the size of the objects by at least five if not even more: thus their width would have been at least 150 metres—ED. LDLN.)

"After five minutes, it moved away towards the Sea of Marmara and was lost to sight on the horizon."

"From ten to twenty minutes later, more objects of similar appearance arrived from the direction of

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Heybeli, and moved away at great speed."

"Have you had any other sightings?"

"That same night, after 2.30 a.m., we had not yet gone to bed. We were watching the sky when, towards the South and at a considerable height, we saw four luminous orange objects. They remained stationary for a long time, looking like coals in a brazier.

"We again saw the same thing three days later, at between 3.30 and 4.00 a.m. On the following days, from the same position, all we could see was two stars.

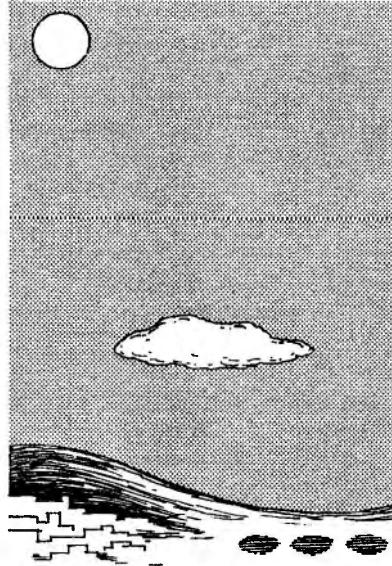
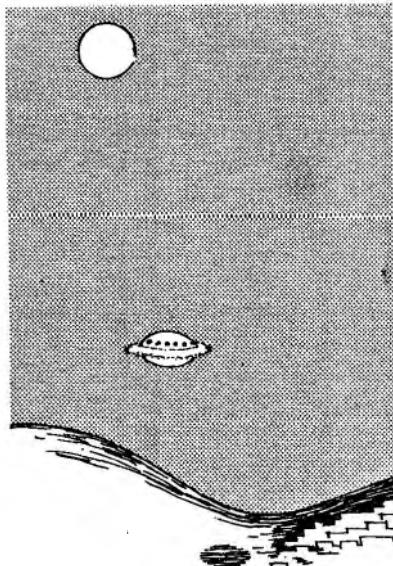
"In 1964 we read in the newspaper *Hürriyet* a more simple account, stating merely that this case had happened. Since then, although we have often watched

the sky, we have never seen any more objects like those."

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The two eyewitnesses are educated ladies. Mme. N. Suar is a chemist, and Mme. N. Kutsal is a professor of German. They are serious persons, with positive temperaments. So far they have had no psychological malaise of any sort, and their mental equilibrium is perfect. I have examined them in my own capacity as a parapsychologist, and have found in them no tendency to hallucination. They were resistant to suggestion.

I gave them various illustrations of UFOs. They considered that what they had seen much resembled the unpiloted craft seen by Daniel Fry at White Sands.



Far left. Fig. 1.
Showing the object, with
portholes and vaporous
ring over the town of
Colins on Heybeli island.

Left. Fig. 2.
Showing the "little cloud"
and the three shadows on
the island of Heybeli.

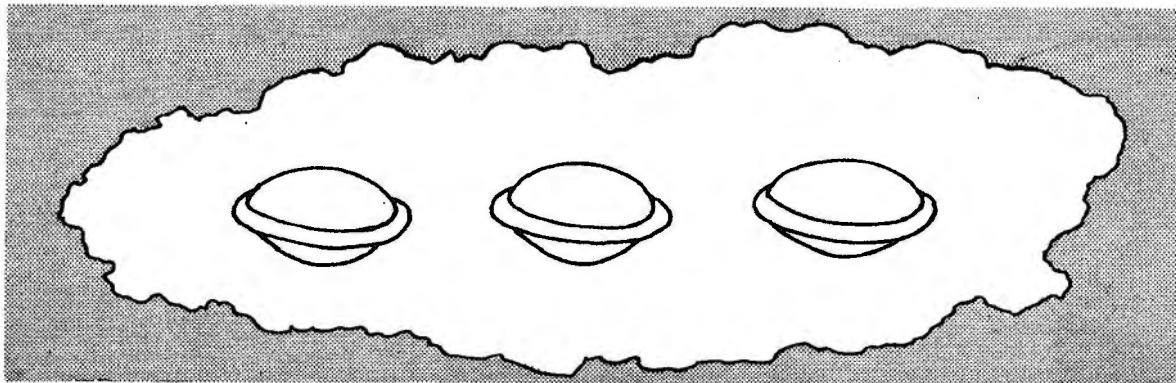


Fig. 3. The three silvery objects in the moonlight and their white, cloud-like rings.

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(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. May-June 1972. Vol. 18, No.3. pp.15-17.

11 July. More reports from the South Shore area. (See clipping)

8 More See Mysterious Air Objects

QUINCY — Eight more persons, making a total of more than 21, have reported seeing one of two distinctive types of "mysterious flying objects" reported seen over the South Shore area in recent weeks.

Blue Hills MDC police also reported receiving four or five calls in the past week from persons alarmed over "peculiarly-acting" lights.

The lights, the callers reported, looked exactly like a meteor or "shooting star" until they suddenly reverse direction, go back up, hover or shoot quickly from place to place in the sky.

Of the 21 reports received so far, nearly all fall into one of two Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) categories.

The first is a near-spherical object with a bright orange light on its bottom and an equally-brilliant white light on top.

Eleven of the reports described this object, using almost the same terms to describe what appears to be the same phenomenon.

Most of the earlier reports, dating from the end of June and early July, described this object.

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UFO Stories Prompt Takeoff In Book Demand

QUINCY — Area libraries have reported an unusual call for books about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) and similar phenomena in recent days.

The increased interest apparently stems from almost 20 reports of the sighting of UFOs in past weeks and the publication Saturday in The Patriot Ledger of a photograph taken of the night sky by a Patriot Ledger staff reporter.

The photograph, according to UFO investigator Stephen R. Putnam of Scituate, clearly showed the rectangular maneuvering of one or more "flying objects."

A librarian at the Thomas Crane Public Library, Quincy Square, told a reporter yesterday that there had been an unusual run on books on these subjects. Several Weymouth libraries also reported increased interest in recent days.

14 July. Parkstone, England. (3:00 a.m.)

Our source states:

"On the morning of Sunday, 14th July, 1963 Mr. Frank Selwood of Albert Road, Parkstone woke at 3 a.m., and on looking out of his bedroom window he was amazed to see a strange object in the early morning sky. For hovering over a gasholder at the back of his house was a huge cigar-shaped object 'about as big as four terraced houses.'

"After trying unsuccessfully to wake his wife, Mr. Selwood returned to the window to find the object still hovering about 300 feet from the ground. In the middle was an intermittent wavy blue-green light. From the object came a flapping sound, like a broken-down dynamo, and a quiet sort of whistling.

"It continued to hover for almost three minutes and then suddenly sprang into life. The motor whined louder and the flashing light became continuous along the object's entire length. It then moved off towards the west at a fantastic speed.

"Friends and relatives to whom Mr. Selwood spoke about his experience did not believe him, and suggested that he had a bad dream. But he has talked about the incident

so much since that they are now sure that he did see something, and that it was no dream or hallucination.

"This sighting was made three days before the news of the Chariton Crater was reported in the newspaper [See next case about "holes/craters"] (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucers*. August 1964. Issue # 37. pp.9-10

July/August 1963. England.

Mysterious holes/craters. (See pages 12-17)

18 July. Sunnyvale, California. (no time)

Four jets converge?

A NICAP report says:

"A technical writer for United Technology Center saw a disc-shaped UFO hovering in the sky. He exposed an 8 mm color film of the object using a 36 mm telephoto lens (A few frames of the film were submitted to NICAP, but the image is too small to show detail.) When four jet interceptors converged on the UFO (Three from the west and one from the east), it drifted westward tilting back and forth, 'then pulled up in a short arc and shot up out of sight in an estimated three seconds.'" (xx.)

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

18 July. Fern Creek, Kentucky. (early afternoon)

An "entity?"

An item in a *Skylook* publication says that on July 18, 1963, at Fern Creek, Kentucky, in the early afternoon four boys saw a cigar-shaped object which discharged a small disc-shaped craft that landed near the young witnesses. Out of the disc came a small entity [They said] with a large head and wearing tight-fitting clothes that had what appeared to be a "tube-like respirator." Two of the boys received wounds from a black tube pointed at them by the entity." (xx.)

(xx.) *Skylook*. Number 93. August 1975. p.9.

THE WILTSHIRE CRATER MYSTERY

The meteorite that never was

by Waveney Girvan

JULY 16, 1963, will long be remembered in the annals of British UFOlogy. It brought the subject of flying saucers back into the headlines of the newspapers, attracting widespread comment and speculation and leaving the sceptics bewildered. That was not all: it exposed once and for all the deception practised by Whitehall upon the public and the Press. Although the mystery was occasionally bedevilled by inaccurate reporting at the time, the picture is now reasonably clear as to what actually hap-

pened both in public and behind the scenes.

Something appeared to have landed on Farmer Roy Blanchard's field at the Manor Farm, Charlton, Wiltshire.* The marks on the ground were first discovered by a farmworker, Reg Alexander. They overlapped a potato field and a barley field. The marks comprised a saucer-shaped depression or crater eight feet in diameter and about four inches in depth. In the centre of this depression there was found a three feet deep hole variously

described as from five inches to one foot in diameter. Radiating from the central hole were four slot marks, four feet long and one foot wide. The object must have landed—if landed it did—unseen, but Mr. Leonard Joliffe, a dairyman on the farm, reported he heard a blast one morning at approximately 6 a.m. It is not known whether this noise had any connection with the mystery.

* The Manor Farm, Charlton, is in Wiltshire not Dorset. The confusion in many reports was caused by the fact that the postal address is Charlton, near Shaftesbury, Dorset.



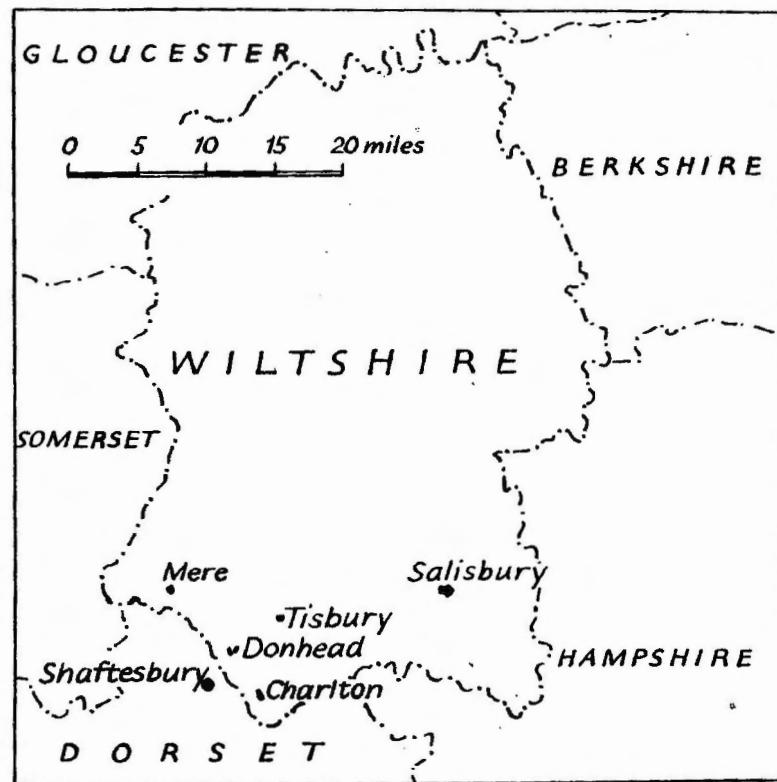
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The crater photographed soon after discovery.

Farmer Roy Blanchard is a man of sound commonsense. He sent for the police who, in turn, summoned the Army. Captain John Rogers, chief of the Army Bomb Disposal Unit, of Horsham, Sussex, arrived on the scene to conduct investigations. It is necessary in view of certain criticisms that will be made later to say that the brave men who undertake these dangerous operations deserve nothing but the highest praise. It is a pity that their work should have become involved in mystification resulting from official policy.

Captain Rogers's preliminary report indicated that there were no burn or scorch marks, nor any trace of an explosion. "My superior and I are baffled," was all he could say. Farmer Roy Blanchard was more forthright. "There isn't a trace of the potatoes and barley which were growing where the crater is now. No stalks, no leaves, no roots," he pointed out, adding: "The thing was heavy enough to crush rocks and stones to powder. Yet it came down gently. We heard no crash and whatever power it uses produces no heat or noise. I believe that we have received a visit from a spaceship from another world." (See *Daily Sketch*, July 17.) When interviewed by Mr. Gordon Creighton on behalf of the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, Mr. Blanchard gave the impression that he had been warned to restrict his comments. When asked what was his opinion of the cow found with burn marks on its hide, he quickly answered that that had nothing to do with the case and that he knew what had caused the damage. When Mr. Creighton told him that similar occurrences in Brazil had caused a drop in the milk yield, Mr. Blanchard, not unnaturally, said he was very sorry to learn this.

On July 19, it was reported that Captain Rogers had sought permission from his superiors to sink a shaft and said that his readings so far were rather unusual and indicated a metallic object of some size, deeply embedded. He added: "We have never encountered anything like

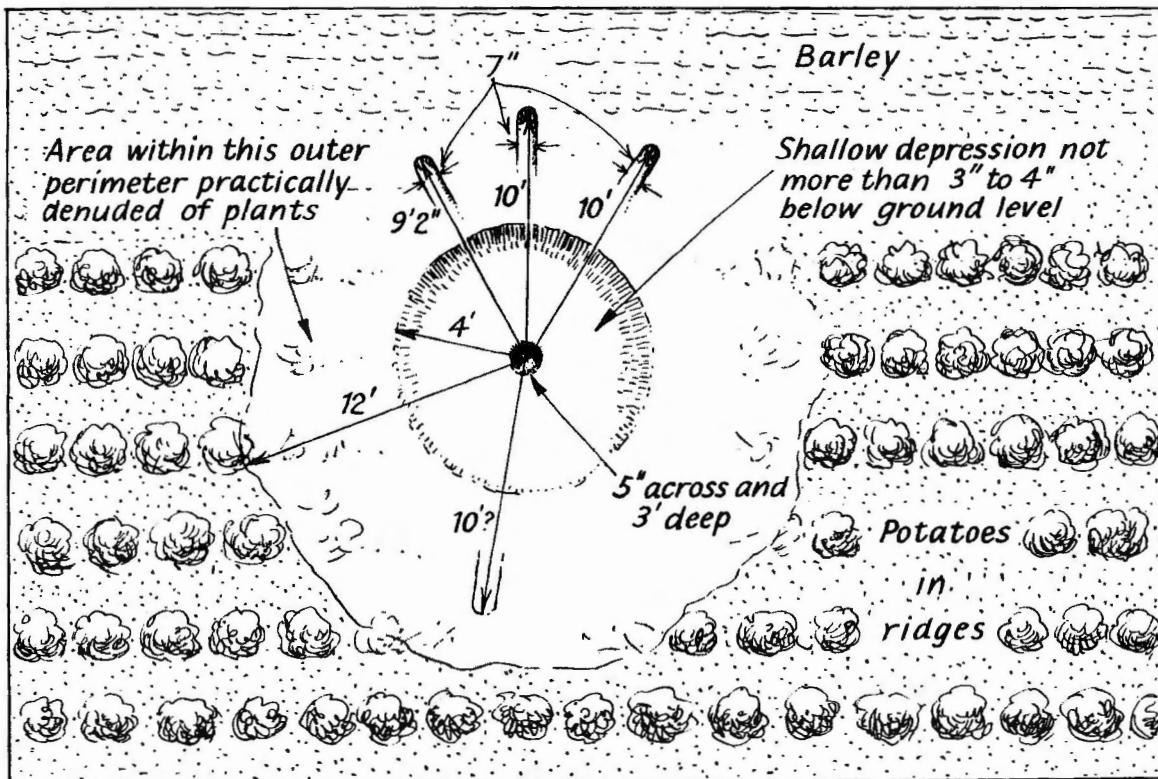


this before." One of his men later told reporters that his detector behaved wildly. This is a crucial point in the mystery in view of the sequel. In these two statements lies perhaps the vital clue.

It was fortunate that the investigations were initially carried out by the Army and not the Air Ministry. Otherwise the cloak of official secrecy would have descended much earlier. At this stage the investigation was open and above board. The Southern Command Public Relations Officer at Salisbury told me that a small piece of metal had early on been recovered from the hole but that it held no special significance.

In the *Southern Evening Echo* of July 20, the name of Dr. Robert Randall first appeared and it was he who first propounded the "spacecraft from Uranus" theory. Subsequently, other newspapers suggested that he was officially helping the

Bomb Disposal Unit to solve the mystery. After Dr. Randall's appearance on television, the *Daily Telegraph* on July 24 printed his theory that a three-legged spaceship from Uranus had landed in the field for repairs. In other papers it was reported that he was an astro-physicist from Woomera, Australia. When I telephoned Dr. Randall, however, he denied having made such claims though he had lived at Woomera. He also denied that he was a physicist, but claimed to be a medical doctor. Further enquiries disclosed that he was, or had been, a process-chaser at Vickers aircraft factory at Weybridge, Surrey. Later, he became rather elusive and for the purposes of this story we must bid him a temporary farewell. Our enquiries, however, continue. The mystery of Dr. Randall remains — the solution may be simple or it may be more pro-



found—but his intervention must not be allowed to confuse the main stream of the narrative.

On July 23, the *Daily Express* reported that it had become known that the village policeman, Police Constable Anthony Penny, stated that he had seen an orange object flash through the sky on July 10 and vanish near the field in which the strange marks were found. He had not reported this fact earlier as he had been on holiday. Meanwhile investigations continued and the matter was given very serious attention as was proved by the fact that Dr. John Lishman, medical officer for health for Mere and Tisbury rural council, had been called in to discover if there was any hazard to health.

It was not very difficult to prophesy what would happen next, particularly when it was reported that two Air Force officials had arrived on the scene. It was obviously no use pretend-

ing that a weather balloon had made a hole in the ground and had penetrated to some six feet. It was bound to be a meteorite and when the object was finally dug up, with Mr. Patrick Moore present, the object was in a way buried all over again. Mr. Moore's verdict: "It is something from outer space and almost certainly a meteorite, though a shrimp-sized one compared with many others on record. However, by crashing down at something like 45 miles per hour it would have turned itself into a very effective explosive, and its blast effect would account for the peculiar 'wheel with spokes' shape of the crater." (See the *Guardian*, July 26.) The Southern Command announced that the half-pound lump of matter was being sent to the British Museum for investigation. It should be remembered that Patrick Moore had already committed himself to the opinion on television that the object was a meteorite and as a fanatical

opponent of the flying saucers he would be determined to seize upon any possibility to debunk them.

The one part of Patrick Moore's statement which was to be proved accurate was the shrimp-like size. By comparison, the crater was a veritable whale. It was impossible that the former could have caused the latter. Neither could it have caused the four radiating slot marks.

Time was running short. Previous and similar experiences had taught me how difficult it is to revive a story that has been killed. (Authority, no doubt, relies upon this as part of its technique in blocking information.) While it is true that Southern Command and Patrick Moore had protected themselves with a "probably," the public would tend to ignore this and accept the meteorite as the final explanation. Action that day, July 26, was imperative. But what action?

Of all unlikely people, Dr. Menzel came to my aid. I had that morning been reading his fascinating book, *The World of Flying Saucers*, which is referred to elsewhere in this issue. I felt certain that this professional sceptic would not overlook meteors as possible sources of misinterpretation. I was not disappointed: he devoted a section of the book to this subject. He added that it was difficult to disabuse the witnesses because meteors very often burn out as soon as they reach our atmosphere. Only infrequently can they be traced when they land in the form of a meteorite. On pages 102 and 103 of his book he refers to the Norton County, Kansas, incident of February 18, 1948, when a fireball (allegedly causing saucer reports) was seen. The meteorite fell in Furnas County and weighed more than a ton and had made a six-foot crater. The impact occurred in a field. I quote from Dr. Menzel who, in turn, is quoting from an article, "Tracing the Norton, Kansas, Meteorite Fall," in *Sky and Telescope*, Vol. vii (1948), p. 294, which refers to the field as: ". . . so overgrown with weeds that even the large crater made by the record-breaking main mass of fall was finally located only when by chance a caterpillar tractor started to fall into it." Two points immediately struck me. A meteorite weighing more than a ton had made a six-foot crater, yet a "shrimp" weighing half a pound had done much better with eight feet. In the Kansas case, the vegetation had not disappeared.

Armed with these facts, I telephoned Southern Command at Salisbury to confirm the weight of the Charlton object. I began to notice a great reluctance to answer my questions openly and it became obvious that the P.R.O. wanted to wash his hands of the whole affair. I became more and more suspicious. I therefore decided to inform a colleague of mine, the Science Editor of a national newspaper. By a lucky chance he knew the expert at the British Museum to whom the object had been sent for investi-

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gation and he was promptly informed that the object was a piece of common or garden iron-stone which could be found buried all over Southern England. On further enquiries, I was told by Southern Command that this was the case. I then asked if they proposed to issue a correction, but the reply indicated that this was not their job, nor would they say who would or could give the facts to the public. To prevent the story being killed I informed the Press Association in London and a number of newspapers individually. It was in this way that, through various media, on July 27 the public learnt that the object found in the Manor Farm field was not a meteorite. For the first time, the sequence of mystery followed by "explanation" and culminating in silence had been broken. The accusation against authority is not in the first place for having misled the public (though why a meteorite should even "probably" be offered in explanation before

it was investigated is suspicious in itself) but, when the real truth was known, in not putting the record straight. In another day's time all attempts to explode the "explanation" would have been frustrated.

It is significant that Dr. F. G. F. Claringbull, Keeper of the Department of Mineralogy at the British Museum, who finally destroyed the meteorite explanation prefers to keep an open mind on the subject and made this significant remark: "There is more in this than meets the eye." (See *Yorkshire Post*, July 27.) Students of the flying saucers will be heartened to know that many scientists of repute are becoming less and less inclined to scoff at the saucers.

There are a number of lessons to be learnt from the Manor Farm mystery. Editors of newspapers, for the most part, are much too easily hoodwinked on the subject of flying saucers. They never get the hang of the

three-card trick: they always draw weather balloon or meteorite, never the flying saucer. The time to start probing is after the "explanation" and not only before.

The investigator can learn a trick or two as well. Investigation on the spot is always valuable but it should be conducted with caution. Ask questions but give no opinion at an early stage. Remember that someone, somewhere, is planning a way to kill every flying saucer story and to make the UFOlogist look silly. It may not be Heaven that sends "experts" like Patrick Moore and "Dr." Robert Randall to try us. It could be some other agency. To knock down Aunt Sally you must first find someone to erect the poor old lady. The lunatic fringe we cannot control, so let the sun-worshippers and the cultists sacrifice themselves if someone has to go. Gazing into craters is valuable work, but it is the "explanation" that has to be watched above everything.

The importance of the piece of ironstone now becomes apparent. If ordinary ironstone is widely distributed and highly magnetic, then the Bomb Disposal Unit's detector would not be of much use. If violent reactions were obtained from the Charlton object then it must have been magnetised in some way, perhaps by proximity to a force field. This proves, in the first place, that the whole affair was not a hoax. Some evidence would surely have been apparent on the surface of the field, but nobody can suggest that the ironstone had been planted: the British Museum suggested that it had been buried in the ground for some time. Borrowing some of Patrick Moore's caution (but armed with sounder information) I would say that in all probability a machine of unknown origin landed in Farmer Blanchard's field some time in July and then took off again. The behaviour of the Army goes a long way to support this theory. The sense of the matter rests with Farmer Blanchard who, when faced with con-

ventional "explanations" replied: "But where have my crops gone?" Where indeed?

A chastened Southern Command commented: "The cause of the phenomena is still unexplained but it is no part of the Army's task to unravel such mysteries." (*Western Daily Press*, Bristol, July 27.) At last authority has admitted that there is a mystery! Perhaps in future it will be even more cautious and tell the public the plain truth without the trimmings. On July 30 I was able to give the public the basic facts on B.B.C. Television.

The facts quoted above were communicated immediately to Major Wall, Conservative M.P. for Haltemprice, who had put down a question on the subject in the House of Commons. The Government's answer was now highly satisfactory. The crater is a complete mystery. Major Wall is to persevere and is to ask whether further investigation is to be carried out.

One of the still unsolved problems is the exact role played in the mystery by Robert Randall. All UFO investigators should give the matter a top priority.

The reason why Robert Randall and his Uranus theory were given such publicity was because he seemed to have been "adopted" by the Bomb Disposal Unit. Sergeant James Reith of that Unit declared that he knew his name and had met him at Woomera. "You can take his name as an authority on flying saucers." The P.R.O. Southern Command at Salisbury now explains this curious endorsement as being due to the excitement of the moment. It will be noted that it was not just Randall's face that was familiar, it was his qualifications and his place of employment. But for this remark, and others, "Dr." Randall would never have been quoted on television nor, in all seriousness, in the *Daily Telegraph* on July 24. It is interesting to ask, if excitement on what the Army describes as a routine job leads to a misinterpretation of this magnitude, what would happen if

the men of the Bomb Disposal Squad got really worked up. The reply given to me about the whereabouts of the piece of local ironstone may have a double significance: "We have no further interest in it. All we could do with it would be to whitewash it and put it in the Sergeants' Mess."

NOTES

Main references: *Daily Sketch*, July 17 and 22; *Southern Evening Echo*, July 17 and 19; *Daily Express*, July 17, 19, 20, 22 and 23; *Daily Mail*, July 20 and 22; *The Times*, July 19; *Yorkshire Post*, July 19, 24 and 27; *The Guardian*, July 18, 23 and 24; *The Daily Telegraph*, July 23, 24, 26 and 27; *Daily Mirror*, July 26; *Western Daily Press*, July 27.

I am indebted to Mr. C. A. Stickland, Information Officer of the London UFO Research Organisation, for the sketch map reproduced in accompaniment of this article. He asks for details of any sightings in the area from mid-June to mid-July. His address is 22 Roseberry Street, London, S.E.16.

The sequence of events in the mystery of Randallism is in danger of being overlooked. It is as follows:

1. Crater discovered by Farmer Blanchard.
2. Military arrive to investigate.
3. "Dr." Randall appears on scene.
4. Randall endorsed by Bomb Disposal Sergeant Reith.
5. Randall appears on television with space ship theory. *Daily Telegraph* next day (July 24) publishes straightforward interview elaborating this theory.
6. Randall contradicted by meteorite "explanation."
7. Disappearance of Randall.
8. No meteorite after all. Randall, once so confident and now vindicated, remains incommunicado. Why should he be so shy now that he is re-established? Surely human nature being what it is, he would in the normal way turn upon his detractors.

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review.* September-October 1963. Vol. 9, No.5. pp.3-7.

NOTES ON THE DUFTON FELL CRATER

JOHN BAINBRIDGE

The Charlton crater was reported fully in the September-October issue of the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW as it had attracted the widest publicity, but others, including the Westmorland craters, were briefly reported in the World Round Up section. Here is a fuller report by a local investigator of a still unexplained phenomenon.

Location and approach.—Dufton Fell in North Westmorland. Nearest approach by car from the south: Appleby through Brough and then on to Middleton-in-Teesdale, then take the turning to High Force and proceed to London Hotel. Turn left 20 yards before hotel and proceed approximately two miles to some disused mining buildings in the valley.

Description of valley.—A shallow water-logged basin of land at a considerable height above sea-level. The gathering ground for the River Tees. No trees. No other buildings in sight other than the disused mining buildings. The two craters are clearly visible across on the hill-side on the other side of the valley. Distance away from the buildings, possibly one and a half miles.

The valley floor is little less than a treacherous bog, traversed by the River Tees and with numerous deep gullies up to six

feet deep and at places six to eight feet wide. Even the firmest ground squelched underfoot with moisture. The hill-sides even up to the craters, were only a little better.

The craters.—There are two of them, approximately 150 to 200 yards apart, set well up on the hill-side about two-thirds of the way to the top. Both craters are more or less level with each other, with a slight rise of ground between them. The features of each crater are more or less identical. These consist of the "crater" itself or what, for the purpose of this report, I will call the impact areas and from which lead off down to the valley a form of extensive gullying. The gullies are very much greater in the area of damage than the actual impact areas which are only about 30 to 40 yards across. The gullies are at least half a mile in extent, probably more. In fact, they extended

out of sight round the fold in the hill. Indeed the whole phenomenon is consistent with a vast column of water being poured or dropped on to the impact area and then tearing its way down the hill-side causing severe and extensive damage on the way. Just how extensive the damage is can perhaps be visualised when I describe how at least one slab of solid earth the size of a large wardrobe had been bodily swept to one side and a mass of earth, chest high, had been piled on top. The craters themselves, which were about two feet deep and very irregular in shape, were the smallest part of the total damage. There were no magnetic reactions to be observed with my pocket compass. (There would seem to be no apparent connection with the UFO problem, though the mystery of the 40 missing sheep must remain a puzzle if "natural phenomenon" is offered as a solution.—Ed. tor.)

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(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review.* November-December 1963. Vol. 9, No.6.

CRATER RIDDLE ON THE FELLS.

Farmers' discovery

Yorkshire Post Correspondent

GIANT craters which have appeared on the slopes of Dufton Fell, Westmorland, are mystifying local shepherds. The craters were discovered by two farmers, one of whom wonders whether they have anything to do with his loss of 40 sheep.

The farmers, Mr. Bill Richardson, of Ohyll House, Dufton, and Mr. John Rudd, of Dufton Hall, were on the far side of the fell looking over their

sheep when some distance away they saw the ground had been torn up. As they got nearer they saw two massive craters, the bigger of them measuring about 60 yards across and being about two feet deep.

Mr. Rudd said: "Round the edges of the crater the fell seemed to have been pushed up. All the soil appeared to have been washed away down this channel."

There are many theories as to the cause of the craters. Some locals blame a recent thunderstorm; others recall a similar happening on the fell tops mystifying their parents over half a century ago.

* * Editorial comment.—P. 4.

Yorkshire, England
The Yorkshire Post
1 August 63.

Mysterious Holes

STRANGE happenings in July. A 15ft-wide crater was found near Flamborough Head, and an unidentified flying object was reported in the same area. Some schoolboys claimed to have sighted a flying saucer over Roundhay Park woods, Leeds. Further holes were found in Dorset and East Lothian. The Dorset one was only about eight feet wide, and a foot deep. But the potatoes and barley growing where it was found have not been crushed — they have simply disappeared, roots and all. A cow in a near-by field began peeling in scales, as if it had been scorched. Yesterday, yet more holes were reported, this time in Westmorland. A huge channel connects them with a river almost a mile away. One of the farmers who discovered them wonders if they have any connection with his recent loss of 40 sheep. Curiouser and curioser.

Only one of the holes has been thoroughly examined — the Flamborough Head crater, for example, was said, rather weakly, to have been caused by lightning exploding a pocket of natural gas. Army experts, however, were called to the Dorset hole. They came to some negative conclusions — that it was caused neither by a meteorite, nor a bomb — but could go no further. Questions have been tabled in Parliament.

The Blame the Bomb movement — what will happen now the bomb is banned? — has always taken care of irregular weather, bad health, the high rate of unmarried pregnancy, and so forth. But holes are obviously the prerogative of flying saucers. To them, there is no mystery. The holes were made by craft from other planets. Their ideas should not be dismissed too lightly. About 70,000 people have claimed to have seen flying saucers. Of course, they could all be wrong.

Yorkshire, England

The Yorkshire Post

1 August 63

(For more on mystery holes see the Appendix)

18 July. Quincy photo. "Alters ideas?" (See clipping below)

Patriot Ledger

Thursday, July 18, 1963

Ten Cents

Astronomer Says Mystery Photo By Quincy Man Alters UFO Ideas

CAMBRIDGE — A top New England astronomer said yesterday the photograph taken several weeks ago by a Patriot Ledger Staff Reporter "comes very close to scientific evidence about UFO's."

The astronomer was Dr. Gerald S. Hawkins, director of the Boston University Observatory and staff astronomer at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and the Harvard College Observatory.

Dr. Hawkins said the color slide, which shows a red-orange object maneuvering in rectangular patterns over Wollaston, "is forcing astronomers to think and think hard for the very first time about these UFO's."

He based his comments, he said, on a preliminary analysis of the photograph printed in the July 6 issue of *The Patriot Ledger*. He said he would analyze the original slide before

making any final opinions, however.

Dr. Hawkins said he, like most astronomers, "is forced to discount almost all the visual sightings of these UFO's."

"But a picture with this detail comes very close to scientific evidence."

He also said the photograph taken by Staff Reporter Richard Pothier would probably go on the record books as "The Quincy Incident."

18 July. Congressman Carl Vinson, Chairman, Committee on the Armed Services.

Nineteen-year-old NICAP member John P. Speights wrote letters to the Air Force questioning the military's treatment of the UFO problem. He received the usual form letter type replies, but then the young man sent a missive to Congressman Carl Vinson, Chairman, Committee on the Armed Services, who happened to be one of the most powerful men in Washington. Rep. Vinson forwarded Speight's letter to the Air Force, along with his own request for information on the status of the military's UFO program. Vinson's interest caused a stir. It should be recalled that NICAP's plea for UFO hearings died on Vinson's desk only a few months before.

Speight's letter was effective because, as the Air Force suspected, it copied facts and figures from NICAP literature. That made answers more difficult, aside from the fact that requests from legislators required more than the routine form letter responses. Carefully worded drafts were drawn up and submitted for approval. Col. de Jonckheere notified General Arthur Pierce that: "... this letter to AFNIN from Congressman Carl Vinson requires your personal attention since it suggests the possibility of a Congressional hearing." (See "Staff Summary sheet" on page 20.) The military was still concerned Keyhoe and his people would win the day.

22 July. Near? Eveshurn, Near? Cheiltenham, England. (about 10:15 p.m.)

Inverted dessert dish.

Item in the *Flying Saucer Review*:

"The Gloucestershire Echo of July 23 carries this story...

" 'An unidentified flying object was seen by an ex-R.A.F. cadet at Hinton-on-the-Green last night. He was driving along the main Eveshurn-Cheitenham road at about 10:45 p.m. when his attention was attracted by lights in the sky.

" 'He stopped and got out of his car and saw the object at a height of about 1,800 to 2,000 feet. It was, he said, shaped like an inverted dessert dish, with three tiers of lights in yellow, orange, and red round the outside.

" 'The object crossed the main road at a speed of 100 m.p.h., travelling north-west. It was completely silent. There have been other reports of the object being seen.'"

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(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. September-October 1963.

22 July. Northfield and Yatala, South Australia, Australia. (about 6:35 p.m.)

Square windows?

A press report:

"A strange flying object with square-lighted windows has been reported over Northfield and Yatala on Monday night.

"The report was made today by a 38-year-old railway examiner, of Hillcrest Gardens, who said the object glowed with a 'bright white light from the windows in

STAFF SUMMARY SHEET				
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				Col de Jonckheere 72111
SUBJECT Congressional Correspondence on the U.S. Air Force UFO Program, Congressman Carl Vinson				
SUMMARY				
<p>1. Congressional correspondence on UFO's received by this Deputy is routine; however, I believe that this letter to AFNIN from Congressman Carl Vinson requires your personal attention since it suggests the possibility of a Congressional hearing.</p>				
<p>2. There have been two Congressional briefings on the program, one in the summer of 1958 and the other in the summer of 1960. During the summer of 1961, we were successful in preventing a hearing by briefing Mr. Richard P. Hines, a staff member of the House Space and Astronautics Committee, on our method of handling the program and our findings. Mr. Hines was visiting FTD to gather background information on the program for Congressman Joseph Karth, a member of the committee. As a result of Mr. Hines' report, Mr. Karth recommended to Chairman Overton Brooks that there be no hearings.</p>				
<p>3. Earlier this year an article on unidentified flying objects was prepared for the <u>Encyclopaedia Britannica</u> by Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, consultant to our UFO program, and Lt Col Robert J. Friend. Mr. A. Francis Arcier made many suggestions and approved the final article which is to appear in the next edition of the <u>Encyclopaedia Britannica</u>. Mr. Arcier decided that the article should be prepared by Dr. Hynek to prevent unnecessary publicity for FTD and to gain the prestige which Dr. Hynek's name carries. I suggested to AFNIN that a copy of this article be attached to the letter to Mr. Vinson.</p>				
<p>4. If you approve my proposed reply to Congressman Vinson, I will send information copies to SAFOI and to AFSC(SCFA).</p>				
<p>5. The background section of this folder contains the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. AFNIN letter to FTD b. Copies of the documents which established the UFO project c. Documents related to Mr. Hines' visit to FTD d. Congressman Karth's letter to Major Keyhoe e. UFO article which will appear in <u>Encyclopaedia Britannica</u> 				
<p>6. If you desire any further information, Lt Col Friend and I will be available.</p>				
<p>Do not forward to Command Section until this block has been signed and dated by the appropriate OPI. This block, when signed, signifies completed coordination and that the OPI is aware of concurrence, non-concurrence and either resolution of difference or why the non-concurrence should be overridden.</p>				
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it.' The man's name and address can be supplied to genuine inquirers.

"He said: 'The object seemed to be revolving and hovering just under a layer of cloud. I was cycling along Hampstead road about 6:35 on Monday night when I first saw it. I was able to watch it for about five minutes before it seemed to speed off toward Port Adelaide.'

"He said there was no noise from the object, and he was sure the sighting was not that of an aircraft nor was it caused by trick lighting.

"The man, who is employed at Adelaide Railway Station, is married with four children. He said he had never before seen an object like this. From the distance he estimated it to be about 300 feet in diameter.

"Like others who have seen unidentified flying objects in South Australia this year, the man will tape record his impressions of the object for the SA branch of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society.

"Adelaide police received another report on Monday night that a Joslin woman had sighted a similar object hovering in the sky to the north-east of her home." (xx.)

(xx.) Adelaide, Australia. *Adelaide News*. 24 July 63.

22 July. Parr, Lancashire, England. (about 8:30 p.m.)

It stopped in the air about 70 feet high.

Report from England:

"Three youths reported seeing a mysterious object hovering low over a tip of waste land opposite Redgate Drive. Parr, Lancashire. (Parr, not to be confused with a similar named place in Cornwall, is a parish near St. Helens, Lancashire.)

"The boys, 12-year-old Michael Holland, of 42 Redgate Drive, and two friends, Paul Lightfoot and Keith Kerfoot, were playing on the tip at about 8:30 p.m. when they noticed a shining object in the sky at a great height.

"According to the Holland boy, 'We saw this thing very high up at first, then it came down very fast. It stopped in the air about 70 feet high. It had a red flashing light on top of it and it flashed like those on top of police cars. It was spinning when it first came down, but then it stopped and the flashing light went out. We were all watching it when something slid back underneath it and what looked like a periscope came out. It swiveled round and pointed at us. Then it went back in and the machine went up very fast into a cloud. We saw it again about five seconds later, and then it vanished.'

"The boy told a reporter that the machine was silver and shining brightly. The cloud into which it disappeared was unusual in color, but he could not exactly describe the tint. He maintained, however, that the cloud moved against the wind and that the flying machine stayed in it until both were some distance away. The machine left the cloud and disappeared." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 10, No. 3. p.24.

24 July. Leeds, England. (8:45 a.m.)

Circular and had a cockpit on top.

Another report from England:

"A group of schoolboys claim to have sighted a flying saucer over Leeds yesterday. They saw it hovering over Roundhay Park woods at 8:45 a.m. as they were on their way to school, they said. For a moment they lost sight of the object behind some trees. When it reappeared it flew off at high speed and vanished."

"The boys had just reached the top of Kentmere Approach, Seacroft, where they all live, when Michael Lee, ten, first saw it. He shouted to his friends and they all saw the silver-gray object over a hollow in the woods about a mile away. Another boy, John Duffy, ten, said that the object was circular and had a cockpit on top. 'It flew away too fast to be an airplane and it made a buzzing sound,' he said."

"All the boys felt too afraid to tell their school teachers, but John told his uncle, Mr. Donald Foy, when he returned home. Mr. Foy said the description fitted that of two objects he saw over Leeds six years ago, which he had never mentioned to his nephew before. Leeds police did not receive any 'flying saucer' reports yesterday. Spokesmen at Church Fenton, Linton-on-Ouse and Dishforth R.A.F. stations could not say whether any aircraft were in the Leeds area at 8:45 a.m." (xx.)

(xx.) Yorkshire, England. *Yorkshire Post*. 25 July 63.

25 July. Lanarkshire, Scotland. (9:45 to 9:56 p.m.)

"I'm thoroughly convinced flying saucers exist."

Town Councilor sees saucer.

"A 64-year-old town councilor claims he saw a flying saucer over Lanarkshire on the day six people saw a strange object flying above Edinburgh. About the same time a number of mysterious spider-shaped craters were discovered in various parts of the country. He is Councilor John Gallagher, of Calder Avenue, Coatbridge, and was on duty at Whifflet North Junction signal-box last Thursday (July 25)."

"He said last night: 'A plane heading toward Renfrew attracted my attention. Just as it was disappearing the flying saucer came into view. It hovered about 100 feet above the center of the town, then moved round to the north side, over the parish church.' But when Mr. Gallagher, a father of eight, looked away for a few seconds to attend to a passing train, the object vanished."

"He said: 'It must have had tremendous speed to disappear so quickly. I told only my family about it at first because I was afraid I'd be ridiculed. I never believed in such things before, but now I'm thoroughly convinced flying saucers exist.'

"Mr. Gallagher's description of the object tallied with that given by Edinburgh observers. He also logged its appearance—it came over Coatbridge at 9:45 a.m. and disappeared at 9:56." (xx.)

(xx.) London, England. *Daily Mail*. (Scottish edition) 1 August 63.

26 July. Maryhill, Washington. (early morning)

Whatzit scares trucker. (See clippings on page 24)

27 July. Bernardo de Irigoyen, Province of Misiones, Argentina. (6:50 p.m.)

Perfect V-formation.

Our story:

"*La Razon* (Buenos Aires) for June 9, 1965, carried a report from Rosario stating that General Raul Fabian Pistarini, Commandant of the National Argentine Gendarmerie in the North-East, recently gave a press conference at which one of the topics was, inevitably, the great UFO wave of the summer of 1963. In this connection, Commandant Zirone told the newspapermen of an interesting earlier sighting—in 1963. He said that at 6:50 p.m. on July 27, 1963, when he was commanding the Gendarmerie detachment at Bernardo de Irigoyen, he and the Chief of Police, Commandante Jose Chiachio, and the Deputy-Chief, Senor Linka, had seen seven oval luminous UFOs flying in a perfect 'V' formation on a West-East course in the direction of Brazil. The objects, moving at great speed and altitude, gave off many-colored flashes of light, and as they passed beneath the cloud cover they lit up the clouds with their varied colors. The authorities at Eldorado, 170 kilometers distant, later reported that the formation had passed over there. The paper quotes this as being one of the rare occasions on which a high officer of the Argentina National Armed Forces has spoken openly about UFOs..." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. November-December 1965.

28 July. Long Ashton, England. (8:35 p.m.)

Flying at about 100 feet:

"There was a flying saucer over Providence Lane last night...At least, according to John White and Howard Williams there was. They rang the *Evening Post* to report a mysterious flying object spotted at 8:35 p.m. over Providence Lane, Long Ashton. 'It was oval in shape, green in color, and flying at about 100 feet,' reported bricklayer John White, who lives at 19 Providence Lane.

"'It had an aerial and made a whistling noise, like tuning a radio,' said builder's laborer Howard Williams, who lives next door at No. 21. Both said IT came from the direction of Weston-super-Mare, flew at about 100 feet over the top end of the lane, near Long Ashton golf course, and rapidly climbed out of sight after about two minutes.

"'I have never seen anything like it before, but there was no sign of little green men or anything like that. There were no windows in the machine,' reported Howard but a check with Long Ashton police, local flying clubs and R.A.F. stations, and the Filton Met. Office failed to draw any other reports to help solve the mystery." (xx.)

Unusual Flying Saucer Type 2228 Whatzit Gives Trucker Scare

By IRMA DAWN MOAR

WHO SAYS a truck driver's work is monotonous?

Jim Wheeler was on a run to Goldendale, Wash., last Friday morning—early—when he discovered that things aren't quite as humdrum as they might sometimes seem.

The St. Helens man was near the Maryhill museum when he saw a flash in the mirror of his truck. At first he assumed it was the lights of a car coming up behind him—but then the phenomenon occurred which Wheeler will remember the rest of his life:

ANOTHER FLASH of light caused him to look to the left, and he saw a huge object, saucer shaped, giving off an eerie light

It was about 1,000 feet in the air and on about a 45-degree angle from the ground, riding along on the top of the ridge, he said.

Lights all the colors of the rainbow, and then some, were coming from the object. When asked if he could tell what the object was made of, Wheeler said the nearest he could describe it would be loops of fluorescent tubing.

Whatever it was, the object was between 35 and 50 feet across, Wheeler estimates, and about 20 feet thick.

IT FOLLOWED along beside his truck, turning the inside of the cab a bluish color, for about 20 minutes as he was climbing a long hill.

Wheeler, a driver for Oregon Nevada-California Motor Freight

Nevada-California Motor Freight said when he was about two-thirds of the way up the hill the object tipped over on its side, revealing a glowing white top, made a sharp turn to the right, and disappeared over the hill—all in the span of about 15 seconds.

And that was the last Wheeler saw of the "unidentified flying object" but it won't be the last he remembers.

HE REPORTED the incident to the air force in Portland.

If you're thinking perhaps Wheeler didn't see what he claims to have seen—there was another witness. Another truck driver, hauling a load of hay from the Toppenish, Wash. area and traveling about a mile behind Wheeler's truck, saw the same unbelievable thing.

It's truly a case for "Believe It

Jim Wheeler Has Experience With Flying Saucer

A harrowing eight-mile portion of a recent trip, was experienced and related by Jim Wheeler, driver for the O.N.C. Motor Freight Lines, out of Portland, last week.

Wheeler was rambling along with two trailers, when he spotted a flying saucer following him about 1000 feet in the air as he was going up the hill from Maryhill, Wash.

According to Wheeler, the saucer stayed with him until he neared the top of the grade, then banked and flew across in front of his truck and within 15 seconds was out of sight.

He estimated his speed at 35 miles an hour and the saucer followed him for about 20 minutes.

The saucer, which cast an eerie glow inside the truck cab, was between 25 and 50 feet in diameter and about 20 feet high. It was built in a series of rings, one on top of the other and each a different color.

He reported what he had seen to the air force at the Portland air base when he returned at the end of the trip. He was advised that he would be interviewed in the near future.

That this experience was not a figment of his imagination was proven by an Indian who was a mile behind Wheeler and saw and reported the same phenomenon. This is the second time Wheeler has seen a saucer, according to him. The first time was several years ago.

Wheeler resides in St. Helens with his wife and two children.

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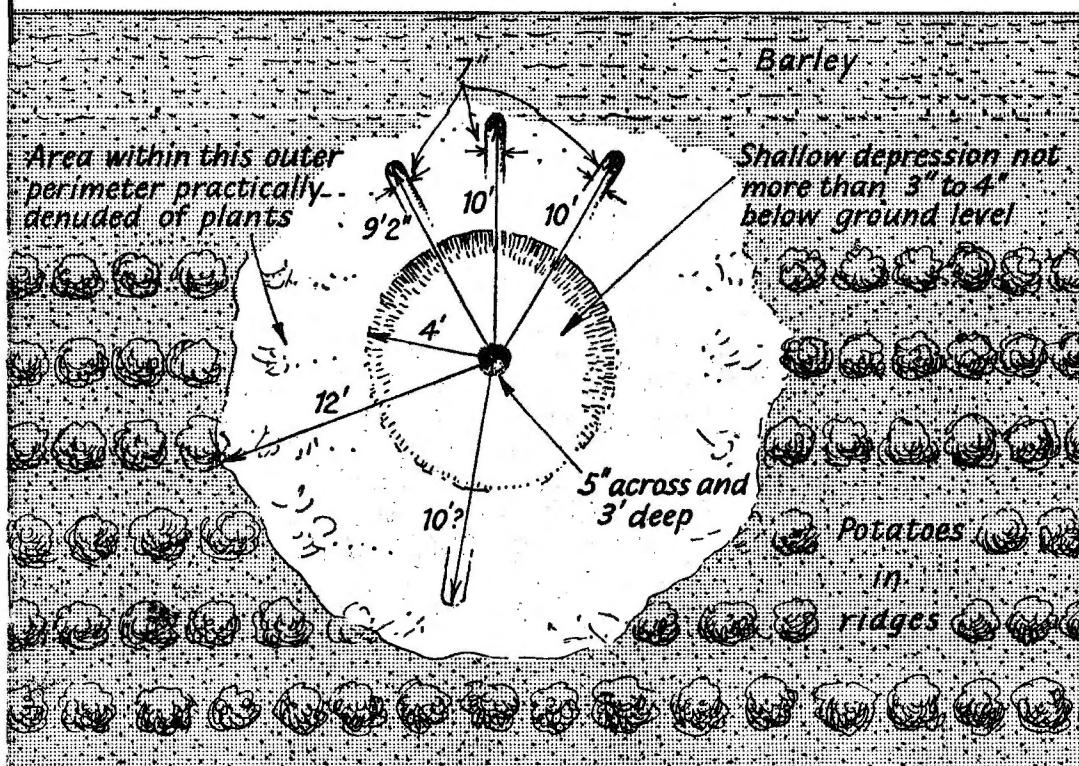
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**THE WILTSHIRE CRATER
FULL INSIDE STORY**

(xx.) Bristol, England. *Bristol Evening Post*. 29 July 63.

2 August. Liberal, Kansas. (8:45 p.m.)

Emitted a beam of light downward. (See teletype message)

PHONE CALL AUGUST 3, 1962 (about 5:00 p.m.)
FROM DAVE DAVIS; KTVO-TV, OTTUMWA, IOWA

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT FROM LIBERAL, KANSAS:

A SERIES OF BRILLY LIGHTED COLORED OBJECTS WERE SEEN AT LIBERAL AIRPORT BY AT LEAST A DOZEN WITNESSES. CENTRAL AIRLINES AGENT FRED JONES SAID ABOUT FOUR OBJECTS IN ONE GROUP FLEW OVER THE AIRPORT, ONE STOPPED, STATIONARY AND EMITTED A BEAM OF LIGHT DOWNWARD LIKE A LANDING LIGHT. HE SAID SIMILAR REPORTS CAME FROM ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.; PUEBLO, COLORADO; GARDEN CITY, KANSAS; GUYMON, OKLAHOMA. (TIME AT LIBERAL: 8:45 P.M. CST; AUGUST 2)

CENTRAL AIRLINES PILOT, CAPT. JACK METZKER, ON A FLIGHT FROM WICHITA TO AMARILLO, REPORTED SIGHTING MANY OBJECTS MOVING HIGHER AND FASTER THAN ANYTHING HE HAD EVER SEEN.

4 August. Fairfield, Illinois. (11:30 p.m.)

The "Ronnie Austin" case. Hoax or real event? Quintanilla and the BLUE BOOK boys in action.

In his memoirs, ex-BLUE BOOK chief Hector Quintanilla skips the first four months of his time on the job (April-July 1963), apparently because in his opinion nothing worth knowing occurred during that period (The readers of this monograph could argue with that). So how and when did he begin to relate his BLUE BOOK adventures in his manuscript? He chose the Fairfield, Illinois, "Ronnie Austin" case. (xx.)

(xx.) Quintanilla, Hector. "Project Blue Book's Last Years." *UFOs 1947-1997*. Eds.: Hilary Evans and Dennis Stacy. John Brown Publishing Company: London, England, 1997. p.111.

The Fairfield case, or if one prefers, the "Ronnie Austin incident," caused headlines in the local newspaper, the *Wayne County Press*. (See clipping on pages 26-34) The impressive nature of the report triggered news service interest and the story was immediately sent nation wide. The *Chicago Tribune*, for example, gave the UFO account 15 column inches on its front page. Did this mean Quintanilla rushed to the scene? Hardly. It was Air Force practice to pay little attention to UFO reports in the press.

The Chicago media knew about Dr. J. Allen Hynek and his consulting role with the military so it was newsmen that got the ball rolling on an inquiry. The Fourth Estate people phoned Hynek and asked his advice. Hynek would not commit himself because he wasn't aware of many details. The professor contacted BLUE BOOK on August 6th. Quintanilla and his staff had no knowledge of the excitement in southern Illinois until then. The nearest Air Force base to the

location of the sighting was Scott Field, Illinois, so a Col. Harkness at that installation was requested to investigate in compliance with Air Force Regulation 200-2.

Questioned over the phone, George Sexton, Village Marshal of Wayne City, told Scott field investigators he and a deputy had watched an unimpressive bright point of light in the sky for a half hour because Austin insisted it was a UFO "besieging" the farmhouse. Sexton suggested that what he had observed was probably the planet Jupiter.

BLUE BOOK received the results of the initial investigation on August 7th. Aside from obtaining the Jupiter suggestion from Marshal Sexton, phone checks were made with air control traffic centers and weather bureaus as a matter of routine. Jupiter appeared to be the best bet. The Air Force's involvement might have ended at this point, however media interest was very high. Sexton's office at Wayne City had received over 50 telephone calls and letters from newspapers and TV stations, plus numerous other sightings of odd lights in the heavens. ATIC decided to send a team from Wright-Patterson to Illinois to "complete the investigation," as the military expressed it. It would be a high profile, low risk, visit. Quintanilla already had an answer (Jupiter) and two lawmen to back it up.

The BLUE BOOK team consisting of Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend, Capt. Quintanilla, and T/Sgt. Charles R. Sharp, willingly posed for a picture after they arrived in Illinois which was published in the August 12th edition of the *Wayne County Press*. The newspaper called the Air Force men a team of "physicists" and claimed that the threesome had spent the weekend investigating aerial phenomena reported in Wayne County several nights the previous week. The truth is the military men were not physicists, unless you count a few college courses, and BLUE BOOK inquiries were rarely that complete. The official Air Force file on the excitement admits: "None of the other reported sightings were investigated." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. Fairfield, Illinois. 5 August – 8 August 1963.

This Fairfield incident, as reported, is a classic example of a UFO car chase and one of the better ones recorded. It covered quite a distance and was rather dramatic if the witnesses' reactions were genuine. Quintanilla' version of events avoids getting into specifics, an old Air Force trick. No loose ends or gray areas allowed. The assertion that Austin was "fooled" by Jupiter hovering over his home made it easy to say he had also been fooled by the moon when the "followed" his car. (See map of the "chase"on page 28)

Here are some details:

"Jefferson County authorities sent Deputy Harry Lee, who arrived [at the Austin home] at 1:10 a.m., after State Trooper Richard Gidcumb and George Sexton, Village Marshal of Wayne City had arrived at about 12:45. The latter had heard the call on their car radios. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Withrow who are neighbors of the Austins were also called and they observed the light from their home....As the party of observers watched, the light slowly ascended higher into the sky and toward the south and by the time Lee arrived at 1:10 it appeared to be just an extremely bright star in the southeastern sky where it remained until it faded out of sight with the coming of dawn." (xx.)

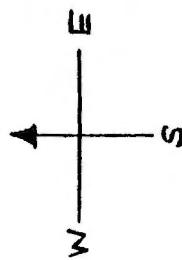
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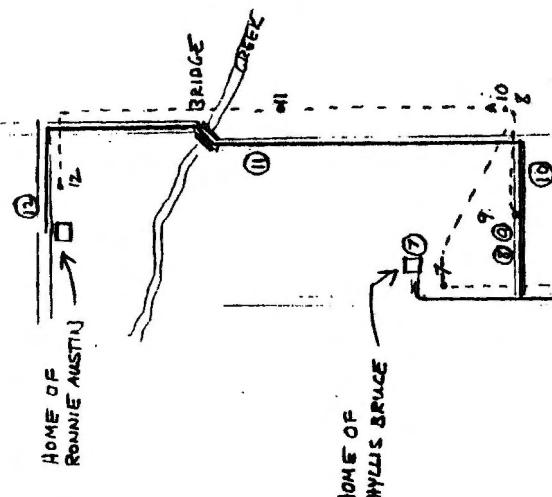
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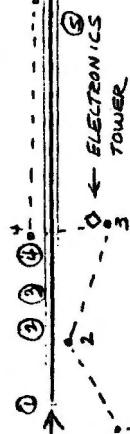
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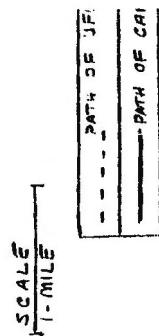
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- CREEKS - CARS POSITION

CASE
RECORD # 560

Keenes Boy Chased Home By 'Flying Saucer'; Police Called!

BOY GIVEN SEDATION TO QUIET HIS NERVES AFTER INCIDENT.

An 18-year-old Keenes boy was chased home Sunday night by a flying saucer or some other unknown heavenly body.

The whole neighborhood out his way is talking about it.

The lad was so frightened he ran into his home, awakened his father and mother and when his dad saw it he ran inside for his shotgun. They wondered if it might be some invaders from Mars or Russia.

Dad In Kitchen

Whereas father displayed his gun, the object seemed to move about.

So the family ran back into the house — gathered in the kitchen and turned out the lights.

Quickly they called police at Mt. Vernon. The men police were promptly summoned to look which At last the parents thought they were taking.

Deputy Saw It

Among the officers rushing to the scene was Deputy Sheriff Harry Lee, of Fairfield.

"It was different than anything I ever saw," said Mr. Lee. "It was much bigger than a star. It had two lights and seemed to be racing."

"It was up in the sky to the southwest at about a 45 degree angle. I couldn't make out any form to it, except for a



"IT CAME WITHIN 100 FEET OF ME" said Bonnie Austin, above, as he described his tussle with a flying saucer in a Press-Gazette interview.

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round light, something like a star, although it didn't flicker any," Deputy Lee said. "It was moving upward and to the southeast and kept this general direction."

When asked what it was, the deputy just shook his head in wonderment.

The boy who first saw the object was Ronnie Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Austin, who live west of the "Big Store" in Hickory

Hill township.

Ronnie and his girl friend, Miss Phyllis Bruce, were returning home about eleven o'clock from the drive in movie at Mt. Vernon when they noticed it through the door window of their car.

"Scared To Death"

"It was white and round and about the size of an automobile", said Ronnie in describing the object to a Press reporter. "It just soared along over the tree tops. We could tell it wasn't an airplane. Every once in awhile it would swoop over toward our car.

"I tried to get away from it," continued Ronnie. "But when I'd speed up, it'd speed up; when I'd slow down it'd slow down. I drove up to 120 miles an hour but it stayed right with us. We were scared to death."

"Brighter Than The Moon"

A Press reporter hastened to the Austin neighborhood early Monday morning (today).

A neighbor, Mrs. Dwight Withrow, was excited about the happenings. She was called during the night to view the object. "It was ten times brighter than the moon," she said with excitement, "and much bigger than a star."

Roxie Austin, Ronnie's sister was talking about the event. She described the object as "having a white glow with some sort of an object projecting from it."

Ronnie's grandmother, Mrs. Ebbe Austin, was pretty excited about the whole affair. Interviewed she said, "That boy's about to have a nervous breakdown . . . there's such a thing as a person being scared to death . . . I'm worried about him. I knew there was something wrong last night . . . our dogs yelped and barked all night long."

The boy's mother is an inspector at Airtex Products in Fairfield. She said she had no idea what the object was, but that it came far too close to their home for comfort. Asked if they discussed the

incident at breakfast this morning she exclaimed, "Breakfast! We were so excited we didn't even have any." Mrs. Austin is a daughter of Curt Tyler of Wayne City.

Ronnie told the reporter, the object at one time turned from white to a yellow glow. He said it seemed to give off a cool feeling once when it passed over his car.

Crowd Gathered

A crowd of 25 or more gathered out there around the Austin home to view the object at different times during the night.

Ronnie graduated from Wayne City High School in 1962. Since then he has been working at a nursery firm at Mt. Vernon. The boy is on vacation this week.

The Austin family lives about three miles north of Highway 15 in Hickory Hill township, west of the "Big Store".

Was Morning Star

Village Marshal George Sexton, of Wayne City, rushed to the scene. He said when he arrived he saw nothing more than what appeared to him to be the Morning Star. He said Ronnie became so excited while he was there that he had to be carried into the house.

State Trooper Richard Gidcumb, of McLeansboro, told the Press he saw a strong light flash across the sky there Sunday night, but he seemed to question the flying saucer story the boy told.

Ronnie's girl friend, who viewed the phenomenon with him is Phyllis Bruce, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bruce, of western Wayne.

In Fairfield, Police Radio Operator Kenneth Talbert said he watched it in the southeastern sky until 4 a. m. "It looked like a cross in the heavens to me, said Mr. Talbert.

Mike Hill, of Fairfield, told friends he was up about midnight and noticed an unusually brilliant light in the southeastern sky.

Darted Near Car

Bright Light In Sky Near Keenes Puzzles Police

Was it a flying saucer?

Officers of Jefferson and Wayne counties were pondering that question last night after a bright light shaped like a half moon, was reported hovering over a car for several miles between Mt. Vernon and Keenes.

A man who lives three miles north of Keenes told officers that the strange incident occurred while his teen-age son and his girl friend were driving home from Mt. Vernon.

The boy, who was almost hysterical when he arrived home, told his father that the strange light would dart down within 50 feet of the car.

The father told officers when he called that he could still see the lighted object hovering in the neighborhood, very low.

A Wayne county deputy sheriff and a state trooper went to the home. The deputy reported he could see the light, bigger than a star, but that it was high and some distance away when he arrived.

The incident remained a mystery today.

Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Register-News.

5 August 63.

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Light-In-the-Sky Story Gains Momentum Here; Another Strange Object Is Seen

ARMY INTELLIGENCE MAN
DUE IN FAIRFIELD TO
STUDY CASE.

Story Given Big Play

The "light in the sky" story is gaining momentum!

Score of people saw an unusual object in the eastern sky here Wednesday night about 9 o'clock.

Descriptions of how it looked seem to vary with the location from which it was viewed.

Bright As Diamond

Perhaps getting the best view of the phenomenon was Chauncey Uphoff, who operates a farm on highway 15 four miles east of Fairfield and his guest that evening, Mike Hill, operator of the Hill cleaning plant here.

Said Mr. Uphoff, "Mike and I were sitting in the yard talking and we hadn't had a drop to drink," Mr. Uphoff noted jokingly. "And all of a sudden Mike said, 'Did you turn your porch light on . . . look at that up there . . . it looks like a big diamond.'

"I quickly saw it . . . it was moving from the west, along over the railroad track to the east. Never saw anything like it before. I ran inside and called the police station.

Lights Went Out

"When I got back, Mike said, 'Look there, here comes something else . . . it's a jet plane.' And sure enough there was another object but it didn't have blinker lights like a jet. Anyway, the diamond object suddenly swung around toward the jet plane object and as it neared the plane, or whatever it was, the lights on the diamond object went out. After the plane passed, there it was again. And then the light changed to a different glow and she swooped around toward us with lightning like speed and at this point it looked like a kite with a long tail. Quickly it circled back to the south and seemed to hover right there in the heavens at about a 45 degree angle over what would be the village of Merriam. Finally it disappeared down toward Grayville."

"It was big and it was bright," continued Mr. Uphoff. "It looked like it might be a thousand or more feet up. It made no sound whatever."

No Imagination

Continued Mr. Uphoff, "Now Mike and I weren't born yesterday . . . we're not getting all excited about this flying saucer business, but for darn sure we saw this sight in the sky . . . it wasn't an airplane or anything like that, but we don't know what it was. Any way we sure didn't just imagine it."

Mr. Hill noted that Mr. Uphoff's dogs went into barking spasms several times while all this was happening. He remarked that it's unusual for Mr. Uphoff's dogs to do much barking but last night he had to quiet them two or three times.

This might tie in with a report following the incident near Keenes Sunday night when Ronnie Austin, 18, was chased home by a big, bright object in the sky. After that neighbors there reported how their dogs had barked so that night.

Others Saw It!

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Short, 300 Lakeview Drive saw it too! They witnessed a strange object in the northern and eastern sky about 9:00 Wednesday evening. Mrs. Short told the Press, "It was a large circular brilliant light, with four lighted projections sticking out. It reminded me of a bathosphere they use for going deep down into the sea, a round ball with metal projections sticking out."

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Mrs. Short went inside her house to call the Press Editor and by the time she got back outside, the strange object was gone. The Shorts and a neighbor lady at one point heard a jet plane go by in the sky, and believed for a time that the object might have been this plane.

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Mr. and Mrs. Perry Padgett, 306 North First, told a Press reporter of seeing a strange light in the sky as they drove home from Cisne at about 9 o'clock Wednesday evening. "It looked the size of a large ball of brilliant light, with slight orangy cast, and it had light antennas or projections sticking out," Mrs. Padgett said. It moved, however, from the east and by the time the Padgetts got to Geff it was up over their car. Then it disappeared. As to what it looked like, Mrs. Padgett suggested drawing a round sun, then adding light beams sticking out from that sun.

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Circuit Clerk James Wilson said he and members of his family saw the strange light Wednesday night. He said it frightened his little daughter until she cried. At times, he said, it looked like a cross in the sky with an illuminated tail. He declared it wasn't anything imagined by the group . . . that they really saw it.

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Lawyer Dick Cochran said he and some guests at their home saw the light moving northwest about 9 p. m. Monday. He said he believed it was one of the man-launched satellites.

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Meanwhile at their home north of Keenes, the Orval Austin family remains steadfast in the story of what they witnessed Sunday night. The Press was unable to reach Mr. and Mrs. Austin, or son Ronnie Thursday (today), but it did interview Mr. Austin's mother and father, who live nearby, Mr. and Mrs. Ebbie Austin.

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When told by the reporter that their son, Orval had been quoted Tuesday as saying what he saw was nothing more than the morning star, the mother said, "I don't know where you got that. Orval was here last night talking about it. His father told him that he wished that he'd been called . . . that he didn't think it would have scared him." Then she quoted her son as replying, "Oh, yes it would . . . it did look horrible."

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She asked the Press to correct a statement published Monday to the effect that she said her grandson was near a nervous breakdown. She said her statement was The Austins have received many calls about the incident.

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Deputy Sheriff Harry Lee was called by an Army Intelligence Officer from Chicago and questioned extensively about the object seen by Ronnie Austin in western Wayne county Sunday night. The officer said he would probably send someone to Fairfield for questioning of those seeing the object that night.

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The deputy sheriff on Wednesday night was telephoned by Air Force Intelligence agents from Scott Field, and one officer is expected in Fairfield Thursday afternoon (today), to question persons about the object and objects seen in the Wayne county area since Sunday night.

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Deputy Lee said he had received over 50 telephone calls and letters from newspapers, TV stations and cranks, with information and questions about the mysterious objects. A man at Addison, Ill., wanted to swap information about the object, as he had gone through a similar experience himself. This man may come here.

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Another man, Harold Solem, from Evanston, emphatically declared in a letter to Deputy Lee that it was an Unidentified Flying Object from another planet. "I wish I could have been in your shoes and saw that object Sunday night," Mr. Solem wrote. The Evanston man declared the people in these "ships" are not hostile to us, are exceptionally religious and highly learned, far ahead of us on earth. He said the small ships sighted here are from a larger mother ship. He said the saucers

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"SHE SWOOPED AROUND WITH LIGHTNING LIKE SPEED" said Chauncey Uphoff (left) as he demonstrated the action with his hand to his viewing partner, Mike Hill, when they discussed the Wednesday night phenomenon this morning.

require no fuel, operate on magnetism, coming from Venus, Mars and other planets. He said they heard our signals in connection with moon contact efforts from World War II days and thought we were in trouble, so came down to see what our trouble was. Actually, Mr. Solem added, solemnly, "there are non-earth people already here and with us, but we don't know them."

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Butch Musgrave and a Bramble boy from the Boyleston area reported to Deputy Sheriff Lee sighting a lighted object, four to five times the size of a star, going from east to west and "really moving." This was about 9 p.m. too. Also from the Boyleston area, a group of seven or eight persons, including Raymond L. Owen, at about dusk sighted a big bright light—"as big as a desk"—speeding across the sky. It was going west to east. What was it? "I don't know," Mr. Owen told the Press.

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After the reports came in at nine o'clock Wednesday evening of new "flying saucers" sighted, Deputy Lee maintained a lookout for some time. State police 12A headquarters dispatched Trooper Al Lane, of Fairfield, in search for the lighted objects. None were sighted for the remainder of the evening.

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"God's intervention to save this country". That's the description given the strange flying objects in the sky by a colored Washington, D.C., minister, Rev. Charles Beck, said to be bishop for a Cross In The Sky church in the nation's capital. Rev. Beck called the Press from Miami, Fla., Tuesday afternoon, wanting to know details of the incident involving the Austin boy. He asked for a copy of the Press carrying the story.

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Rev. Beck told of an occurrence at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., recently where a strange lighted cross

floated into a motel room, awakening a woman and her two children. This lighted cross floated around the room, then went out the window and back up into the sky, Rev. Beck told the Press.

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Rev. Beck said he would pay \$200 to \$300 for Austin to go to Washington for a radio interview. Rev. Beck, also said to be a cultural attache for the Ghana delegation to the United Nations, broadcasts over a UBC radio network, have several churches in eastern United States.

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Rev. Beck thinks we're being observed by other planets and said he had collected considerable information on the subject of unidentified flying objects. He said our present racial troubles may be involved with the appearances of the lighted crosses and objects. The Washington, D. C. minister hopes to come to Fairfield next Wednesday to talk with the Austin family.

FLYING SAUCERS OVER KING CITY

"Fireball" Hovers Over Ex-Mt.V. Mayor's Home

AF Crew
AUG 12 1963
Investigates

'Light' Story

FAIRFIELD, Ill. — Air Force investigators were here over the weekend checking reports of sightings of a "light in the sky" in the area last week.

Two officers and an enlisted man from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton, O., questioned witnesses who said they had seen the strange light.

Before they left, the investigators said the information would be evaluated later and they couldn't comment on the reports.

No New Sightings

No more sightings of the strange object were reported over the weekend, but a former mayor of Mt. Vernon Ill., reported seeing it in that area Friday night.

Harry Bishop said he saw the light follow a car along the Centralia Road, past his home at the northern edge of Mt. Vernon, between 10 and 11 p.m. When the car turned off and stopped, Bishop said, the light turned, hovered over the car and then moved off westward.

Size of Washtub

Bishop said the light was "bright red, about the size of a washtub and 400 to 500 feet high."

A former Army pilot, Robert Trammel of Mt. Vernon, also reported seeing the light at about the same time. He said it appeared to be about the same color and intensity as a radio tower warning light, but it seemed to be about 1500 feet high.

A fireball as big as a washtub hovered over the home of a former Mt. Vernon mayor last night.

More flying saucer reports poured into both the police station and sheriff's office during the night as numerous people reported "strange lighted objects in the sky."

Harry L. Bishop, former mayor who lives at the north edge of town on the Centralia Road, said the fireball he saw "coming right down the Centralia Road from the north" was "the brightest red light I have ever seen."

"It appeared to be only about 300 or 400 feet high, was oval shaped and was about the size of a washtub," said Bishop.

The ex-mayor said his wife saw the fireball first and called him about 10:10 p.m. "I could hardly believe my eyes," he said.

"I first saw the lighted object following the route of the Centralia Road," he said. "When it got over my house, it stopped and I could see it very clearly. Although it was bright red it did not light up the neighborhood."

Bishop said the fireball then moved westward, went out of sight for a moment "like somebody had turned the light off." He said it then reappeared in the west and seemed to be traveling at a high rate of speed.

"It seemed to be making a light whirring sound," he said.
Called The Neighbors

"I thought those people at Fairfield were crazy when I read about the strange things they have been seeing in the sky," said Bishop, "but I've changed my mind after last night. (Many lights in the sky have been reported recently in the Fairfield area.)

His first thought, he said, was that he had better call some neighbors to watch the fireball "or everyone would think I was crazy."

"I called neighbors and they also watched the strange lighted object," he said. "I noticed a car coming down the Centralia road. It stopped suddenly and the driver jumped out and looked upwards. He saw the object, too, and it startled him to a stop."

Bishop estimated that the fireball was in sight for from ten to 15 minutes.

Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Register-News

10 August 63

Evansville, Indiana

Press

12 August 63.

Civilian UFOlogist Coral Lorenzen was, of course, more willing to take Austin at his word. The APRO chief also had more than her trust in Austin's judgement to rely on. She wrote in her UFO publication: "...Jupiter does not stay in the southeast and fade with the dawn—it proceeds across the sky in the west. [Deputy Harvey] Lee would not commit himself except to say that when he arrived the light appeared only as a large, white star moving slowly south and ascending." (xx.) Nonetheless, the official explanation of the thing most people actually saw re-

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin*. January 1964. p.3.

mained Jupiter. Why didn't astrophysicist Hynek challenge it? After all, he later went to Wayne County and questioned witnesses himself. Apparently Hynek was not yet prepared to challenge "the-powers-that-be."

The bottom line here is that Austin's "experience" may well have been a balloon, a hoax, or just hysteria. It doesn't matter. There are plenty of other such cases on file. The point here is that one would prefer to believe in an alien visitation than Quintanilla's stupid assertion the planet Jupiter had left orbit.

Hynek tells us: "...it had been repeatedly stated that Blue Book adopted no astronomical interpretation of a UFO sighting without my concurrence as consultant astronomer, but the rule was frequently and flagrantly violated." (xx.)

(xx.) Hynek, Dr. J. Allen. *The UFO Experience*. Henry Regnery Company: Chicago, Illinois, 1972. p.107.

5 August. Zitacuaro, Michoacan, Mexico. (4:27 a.m.)

Balls of fire maneuver in the sky.

APRO printed: "At 4:27 a.m. on the 5th of August, 1963, residents of Zitacuaro, Michoacan, left their beds to watch the passage and maneuvering of several 'balls of fire' over the town. The objects maneuvered in the sky for some time before finally leaving at high speed." (xx.)

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin*. January 1964.

6 August. Edinburgh, Scotland. (4:00 a.m.)

Spinning top with a flat bottom.

Item in the *Flying Saucer Review*:

"The *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch* on August 6 reported: 'Another unidentified flying object has been sighted in Edinburgh. At 4 a.m. today 16-year-old Robert Brown, of 14 Loganlea Terrace, a vanboy with Smith's Bakeries at Hawkhill, saw an aircraft 'shaped like a spinning top with a flat bottom' hovering over the city.'

"I heard a "wheeing" noise and it was in my vision for two or three minutes. It was twice the size of an aeroplane, but was travelling very slowly,' said Robert.

"He added: 'It was silver and shiny and flying quite low. It took off, climbing in the direction of Arthur's Seat.'" (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. November-December 1963.

6 August. Caracas, Venezuela. (10:00 a.m.)

Immense crowds. Sirens sound. Official cars zoom to and fro.

The Caracas newspaper *Ultimas Noticias* announced:

"With great alarm, a large proportion of the population of Caracas yesterday watched the arrival and departure, over the city, of a flying saucer with travelers from another world. It was thought that it had landed somewhere in the Las Acacias suburb, after almost grazing the treetops and performing various acrobatic movements, and after remaining suspended in the air for several minutes at a point between the University City and the National Television Building. Observers say that during the time that they were able to get a good view of the craft it shone with a most dazzling brightness. Then, when it disappeared up into the sky again, it went so quickly that it seemed to have disintegrated in mid-air.

"The time was 10 a.m. The sun was shining brightly and the sky was very clear. Observers who saw the craft hovering say that it was just like the way a helicopter hovers when its crew are investigating something.

"At first people thought it must be some kind of large military plane, but when it vanished so suddenly they realized it could not be from this world. Immense crowds flocked to the area around the National Television Building expecting to see the 'crashed plane,' sirens were sounded, and official cars sped to and fro. But nothing was found. The Radio Station had in the meantime already announced that a plane had crashed close by the National Building." (xx.)

(xx.) Caracas, Venezuela. *Ultimas Noticias*. 7 August 63.

6 August. Arlington Heights, Illinois. (12:06 p.m.)

Car shakes. Watches stop. (See clipping on page 36)

7 August. Story in the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

Chicagoan tells of a September 1962 car chase:

"A Chicagoan said Tuesday he was chased for almost two hours by a huge white light while returning by auto from a vacation in Canada last September.

"Howard M. Horwich, 25, of 7525 N. Claremont, said he was telling his story now because of news reports that a Wayne County (Illinois) family had been dogged by a similar light last Monday night.

"Horwich said he and a friend, Louis Edelman, 28, of 855 W. Buena, were driving at night along a deserted road in a forest between Sudbury and Toronto, both in Ontario province, when the light appeared.

U.F.O. Reported

Strange Force

Shakes Up Car

8/16/63

Report of an Arlington Heights couple that "something" shook up their car and broke the main springs on their watches Tuesday joined other reports of unidentified objects flying over Illinois and Indiana this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Kafka of 1604 N. State Road were driving on the Tri-State expressway about noon when, "for some unaccountable reason, our car began to shake."

"IT SOUNDED like the motor was falling apart," Kafka explained. He let the car coast over to the side of the highway, the engine still running, but could find nothing wrong, he said.

The incident occurred at 12:06, the Kafkas judged later. That's the time both their watches were stopped.

"It's really funny — neither of us wear our watches much, except when we go out," Kafka said. "We set them at exactly the same time when we left home, and we didn't notice anything wrong with them until we got to my aunt's (Mrs. Sadie Boehler) in LaGrange."

"I THOUGHT we were early,

getting there just after noon, and I mentioned it to my wife. She glanced at her watch and agreed. Then my aunt told us it was almost 1," he said.

Whatever force hit the Kafkas' car was unreported by anyone else, but there was little traffic on the expressway at the time, he said.

"But the coincidence of the watches, especially, is too much," he said. "My cousin at LaGrange, a chemical engineer, said it's practically impossible for two watches to have the main springs snapped like that at the same time."

KAFKA CHECKED with toll officials, a car agency, auto electrical experts, a city newspaper and the Nike base for an explanation. They couldn't give him one, but now they're checking. Nike officers sent the report on to air force intelligence in Madison, Wis.

As for the car — "I'm going to have to have it checked. It doesn't seem to be hitting on all eight since it happened." (A)

Herald
Arlington Heights, Ill.
Weekly Circ. 8,325

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"He said it was circular in shape and as large as the car or larger, and it hovered, spinning overhead. It was particularly strange because it seemed to give off little radiance, Horwich said.

"He said he and his companion got out of the car and tried to communicate with it, without success. While they were looking at it, the light shot a strong beam at a passing train for a few moments.

"Horwich said he was fearful of the light and tried to evade it by speeding and making quick stops. The efforts failed, but the light finally disappeared of its own accord, he said." (xx.)

(xx.) Chicago, Illinois. Sun-Times. 7 August 63.

8 August. Rep. Glenn Cunningham (R. Nebr.)

Congressman Cunningham made these remarks:

"I think it quite possible that the Air Force is withholding information about at least a certain number of these [sightings] because I have found that the military services in the past have sometimes acted in a secretive way in other matters when there was really no justification for it..." (xx.)

(xx.) *The UFO Evidence*. Ed.:Richard Hall. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomenon: Washington D.C., 1964. p.177.

10 August. Evansville, Indiana. (night)

Nothing would work. Dogs barked all over the place. (See clipping below)

Saucer or Light?

This Trio Saw IT

Have those mystery lights which have been plaguing the residents of Fairfield, Ill., and Wayne County moved to Evansville? At least three Evansville residents believe so.

Rozeeta Galloway, 15, 2824 N. Grove, said she was sitting with her aunt, Mrs. Walter Weibert, 1132 Fountain, and Mrs. Weibert's child in a car on Bromm Road four miles north of Evansville Saturday night when they saw an unusual light circling the car.

It stayed there maybe four or five minutes. It was white, and it

reminded me of a flashlight but it was bigger than anything I ever saw and it was so high in the air," she said.

Walter Weibert said his wife tried the lights and ignition in the car four or five times, but nothing would work.

He said his wife told him that the younger girl screamed and hid on the floor. She said dogs were barking "all over the place."

"When I looked up, I saw the light disappearing and then the car worked okay," Rozeeta Galloway said.

Weibert said they had driven to the Broom Road address to pick up some fishing gear from a cousin. He was at the house and did not see the lights.

The mystery lights have reportedly been seen by dozens of Fairfield and Wayne County residents who described them as everything from a "blazing ball of light" to a "flying saucer."

Evansville, Indiana
Sunday Courier Press
11 August 63

13 August. Near Ellsworth, Maine. (no time)

Lights along its length.

A short report in NICAP files states: "A family and their housekeeper observed an elliptical object, apparently on the ground adjoining Molasses Pond, for more than an hour. Body lights were visible along its length, and rays of light shone upward from each end of the object occasionally." (xx.)

- (xx.) *The UFO Evidence*. Ed.: Richard Hall. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., 1964. p.141.

Mid-August. Fenshui Commune, Hanchuan, China. (evening)

Light beam out of the sky excites Commune members.

UFOlogist Paul Dong collected this account:

"Zhou Youde, in company with Zhou Jianxin, a commune member, and a few dozen others, were enjoying the cool [air?] on the thrashing ground of Xieli Brigade, Fenshui Commune, Hanchuan County, when suddenly a very slender beam of light shot out from the western sky. First it shown on the gable of Zhou's house, then moved on to the spectators. It was so bright that the people could not open their eyes. All uttered a cry of surprise. The beam moved eastward and shown on the ground, its light spot a few meters in diameter. Like a similar case already reported, the light radiated [from the? This is the first time an object is mentioned—L.E. Gross] flying object itself was rather dim and could not be clearly seen, but its apparent diameter could be made out to be more than 30 centimeters. The light beam then moved horizontally eastward, went off and on two or three times, then went out of sight. It moved rather slowly, stopping at times, but rapidly gained speed. It appeared in the west at an elevation angle of 20 degrees, turned east, then vanished in the north at 20 degrees elevation angle. The night was cloudless and without wind. The observers believed it to be the same kind as that which appeared four months ago. The powerful light beam suggested a mighty source of energy. The light beam which swept the ground remained in sight for three minutes." (xx.)

- (xx.) Dong, Paul. *UFOs Over Modern China*. Privately published by UFO Photo Archives: Tucson, Arizona, 1983. p. 44.

15 August. Washington, Illinois. (about 12:20 a.m.)

Could hardly keep his eyes on it.

A news story said:

"What has two headlights, one in front of the other, and shines so brightly it is dif-

ficult to look at?

"That was the essence of the description of it given to a *Pantagraph* reporter at Washington.

"Howard McGinnis heard his dog putting up quite a commotion around 10:20 p.m. Thursday [the 15th] and walked out of his farmhouse to investigate.

"Glancing north Mr. McGinnis says he spotted a large object close to the ground a short distance away. The glare was so bright he could hardly keep his eyes fixed on it.

"With the familiar Caterpillar Proving Grounds in sight, the object appeared to land in a dense area of trees nearby.

"Mr. McGinnis unnerved, ran back into the house and told his wife of the incident. At 12:20 a.m. they both decided to call the state police.

"Soon after the call officers searched the area in which the object supposedly came to rest. They found nothing.

"During this time numerous similar sightings from other persons in the area were reported to the police.

"Mr. McGinnis, it was reported, didn't sleep the rest of that night." (xx.)

(xx.) Bloomington, Illinois. *Daily Pantagraph*. 18 August 63.

16 August. Senator Len B. Jordan (R. Idaho)

Senator Jordan told a letter writer who made an inquiry: "Since you are a member of NICAP, I would welcome any information you might provide me which would improve my knowledge of this very mysterious phenomenon..." (xx.)

(xx.) *The UFO Evidence*. Ed.: Richard Hall. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomenon: Washington D.C., 1964. p.177.

16? August. Bluford, Illinois. (about midnight)

Only 50 feet over the barn. Motorist drives into a ditch.

A short item says:

"More strange lights were seen in the skies over Bluford and Mt. Vernon last night. Mrs. Jean Gutzler reported to the sheriff's office shortly after midnight that a bright white object lighted up the yard at her home west of Bluford and seemed to be only about 50 feet high over the barn. She said it disappeared in a short time.

"Many other Bluford area residents have reported seeing the bright darting lights for three straight nights this week. One motorist was so startled that he lost control of his car and it went into a ditch. A Bluford resident said the light seemed to be white in color, oval-shaped on top and flat on the bottom and that it had fingers [?] leading from it, lighted at the ends." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. No Case (Information Only) 16 August 1963.

Bluford and Mt. Vernon, Illinois. (Civilian UFO publication *FSIC*, October 1963.)

17 August. The road junction about two miles north of Cyr mountain on the road from Birch Point to St. David, Maine. (3:30 a.m.)

TIMES RECEIVES MORE REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

David and Michael Saunders of Ft. Kent looked up from their play about dusk to see a silver disc glide through the sky from north to south. This is the second recent sighting of an unidentified flying object in the Valley. They called their mother and grandmother from the house, but by the time the adults arrived, the object had disappeared over the hill.

The boys, aged nine and eight, are sons of David Saunders of the Immigration Service in Ft. Kent. They saw the object while playing outside their home on the Frenchville Road on Sunday, August 18.

Their father was away at work at the time. He said that he paid little attention to the story until he saw an item in last

week's TIMES reporting a similar incident and asking for reports of other sightings.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders agree that their boys are not inclined to make up stories. "Especially the older one," Saunders said; "I've learned from experience that when he says he saw something, he saw it."

The boys said that the object hummed intermittently as it passed, something like a radio which isn't working very well being turned on and off. The object was shaped like two dinner plates stacked with their tops together. It was flying very low, they said; when it passed over the hill, it just cleared the trees.

They said that they are familiar with the appearance of airplanes. "It didn't have a tail

like a helicopter," David said. "It didn't have propellers or wings," Michael said. "It was going too slow to be a plane."

They judged that it must have crossed the river on its way south. Their father said that this is strange since aircraft are not supposed to cross the border.

Lieutenant Rice of the Public Information Office at Loring Air Force Base said that experimental aircraft, whether American or Canadian, would be very unlikely to cross the international border. Thus the explanation that the object was the product

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David, left, Andrea, and Michael Saunders are interviewed by our artist Lionel Dufour in preparation for a sketch of their strange experience.

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of some Air Force experiment becomes unlikely.

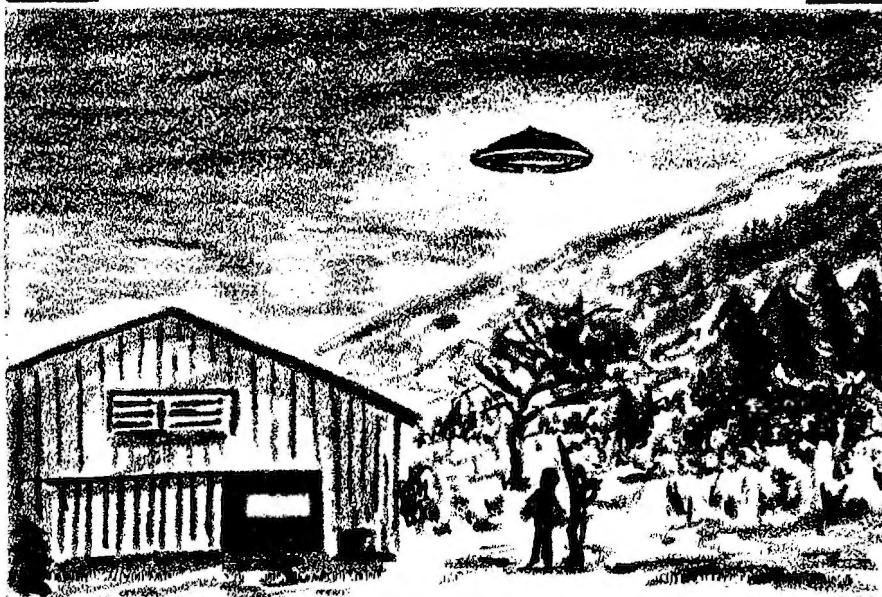
FIRST SIGHTING

The first sighting of an unidentified flying object in the Valley occurred at 3:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, about 40 hours before the boys in Ft. Kent saw something.

A lone hiker stopped to rest at a road junction about two miles north of Cyr mountain on the road from Birch Point to St. David. Looking toward the sky south, he saw an object moving slowly toward the northwest. The object seemed oval shaped. It gave off a yellow light, the same color light as the moon. The observer could not determine the altitude, but it seemed to be as high as the orbit of one of the man-made satellites he saw a couple of years ago. It moved along an extremely irregular course, making frequent turns as sharp as a hundred degrees or more. No airplane could make such turns. The speed was hard to determine due to the uncertainty about distance. It appeared to be moving slowly. The observer watched it for about fifteen minutes during which time it moved from the vicinity of the planet Saturn to the vicinity of the constellation Orion. The TIMES ran a notice about this sighting in last week's issue. But this notice could not have spurred the imaginations of the boys in Fort Kent, because it was not printed until four days after they had seen their object.

If it's not any kind of conventional aircraft, if it is not an Air Force experimental craft, then...

HOW THE BOYS DESCRIBED IT



Our artist's conception of the unidentified flying object, drawn after he had interviewed the boys, is shown above. LIONEL DUFOUR DRAWING

AIR FORCE SKEPTICAL BUT WANTS REPORTS ON SIGHTED OBJECTS

Fort Kent, Maine
Saint John Valley Times
29 August 63

17 August. Bloomington, Illinois. (9:00 p.m.)

The "phantom" was sitting motionless in the front yard.

A press report tells us:

"The 'phantom light' which has been hovering about and stalking people in Central Illinois lately made its Bloomington debut Saturday night.

"That was two nights after it appeared in Washington to the west of the Twin Cities, as reported in Sunday's *Pantagraph*.

"Spotting the light Saturday night were two 10-year-old girls, Nancy Hilden of 202 Fleetwood and Glenda Tillinghast of 212 Parkview.

"The light they saw wasn't a bright one; it just glowed.

"Nancy was visiting Glenda. At 9 p.m. the girls started to leave the house. Glenda was going to walk Nancy part way home.

"When they opened the door, they said, they saw the light about midway in the Tillinghast front yard. The light floated toward the street; the girls went onto the front porch.

"The light swung back toward them. The girls ran inside and upstairs, where Nancy called her father to come get her and Glenda. They also informed the baby sitter, Miss Rachel Ryan. Miss Ryan had a crying baby (Glenda's brother) to contend with at the time and didn't investigate.

"The girls went downstairs again. Glenda opened the front door a crack but was afraid to look out. Nancy did look. She reports that the light was sitting motionless in the yard. It was four feet long, two and a half feet high, and had a one and half tail, she said.

"The girls closed the door. When Nancy's father arrived in the car, the light was gone.

"The advent of the phantom light marks the end of a three year 'drought' of such news items for the area.

"The year 1960 was the last big year for unidentified flying objects and other unexplained phenomena in Central Illinois." (xx.)

(xx.) Bloomington, Illinois. *Daily Pantagraph*. 19 August 63.

20 August. Gloucester, England. (night)

Oval-formation.

The local newspaper published:

"More strange objects in the Gloucester sky! This time they were seen by Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Riley, who are staying at 35 Teddington Gardens, Gloucester. Mr. Riley told *The Citizen* today: 'My wife Doreen and I were walking toward our parked van in Brunswick Road after a visit to the cinema last night when, to my amazement I saw a cluster of lights in the sky speeding silently from east to west.' He said that he saw about eight or ten lights. Then suddenly they changed direction and headed southwards. 'As they did so they fanned out into an oval shape, apart from three at the rear end which lagged, or dropped down slightly. When the change of course was completed, however, they closed up with the remainder to complete the oval, which glided off towards Bristol and disappeared from our view,' he commented.

"Mr. Riley said he thought they were at a height of about 2,000 feet, and on this assumption the span of the oval would be several hundred feet. 'Neither my wife nor I believe in flying saucers,' he went on, 'but the object or objects we saw would appear to defy explanation.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Gloucester, England. *The Gloucester Citizen*. 21 August 63.

20 August. Near Rome, Italy. (9:32 p.m.)

The President of the Republic of Castelporizan's chauffeur.

On August 20th at 9:32 p.m. the President of the Republic of Castelporizan's chauffeur was

driving a Fiat 2300 on a road on his employer's estate near Rome. The Fiat was doing about 80 kilometers per hour when a strange object suddenly loomed above two trees situated near a long bare patch in the forest which ran along the road, an area flanked by high trees and low shrubbery. The object was a domed-disc. (See drawing on page xx) The dome, or tower, on the object seemed to terminate in a kind of rotating glass roof which slightly protruded. Three elliptic, illuminated portholes were located in the tower. The rest was of the object was dark and only visible because of the Fiat's headlights. The UFO was an estimated 20 meters in diameter.

The chauffeur hit the brakes and the Fiat lurched to the left in quick stop. At the same time the engine died. The UFO dived on the car, swooping over it. For three seconds as the UFO passed over, the Fiat shook rapidly from top to bottom (A sound was heard during the whole time that reminded the witness of a jet or an electric motor running at high speed).

Alarmed at the approach of the UFO the chauffeur tried to drive away but the engine refused to start. The UFO reversed its course and made a second pass over the Fiat. For a second time the car experienced violent tremors.

The UFO sailed slowly (an estimated 30 kilometer per hour) back to its original position, a few meters above two trees some distance away. The craft, or whatever, then changed from a horizontal position with the underside being parallel to the ground, to a vertical position with the underside being perpendicular to the surface of the earth. Then it zoomed with "lightning velocity" horizontally toward the west.

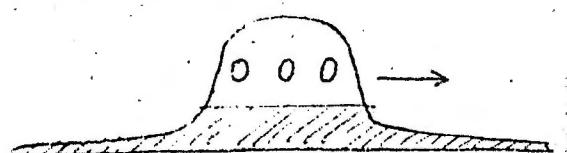
Needless to say, this incident was not your usual UFO case. Two official Italian investigators questioned the chauffeur on September 20th. The chauffeur made a favorable impression. He turned out to be a very serious person, sincere and trustworthy, never contradicting himself. The fact that the man made no attempt to profit by the report or go public was also to his credit.

The investigators, accompanied by the witness, visited the site of the encounter where the chauffeur demonstrated the various phases of his observation. The duration of the event was determined to be 32 seconds. At the spot where the chauffeur said he had applied the breaks, skid marks were noted inclining toward to left which coincided with the statement made by witness earlier.

The field and trees in the area were examined but no evidence of UFO's visit was found. Rome's Fiumicino Airport was contacted and the control tower personnel informed the investigators no air traffic took off or landed during the period indicated.

The car stalling was blamed on the excitement of the moment, human error working the clutch. Puzzled by the case, the Italian Air Attache stationed in Washington D.C., a General, sent a report on the incident to the Pentagon with the hope the Americans could identify the UFO its "Stato Maggiore Aeronautica" organization could not. (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 22 August 63.



Official drawing. The witness said was the object was *chiarissimi* (outline very clear)

21/22? August. Skjervey, Norway. (5:00 p.m.)

"It was certainly no balloon or parachute." (See article from the Flying Saucer Review below and on page 46.

A NORWEGIAN UFO EXPERIENCE IN 1963

Nils J. Jacobsen

This account submitted by our correspondent in Norway, is based on a report translated into English by K. Aasheim.

THIS report of a particularly interesting Norwegian sighting in 1963, has come to the attention of UFO-INFORMASJON of Oslo. The observation took place over the sea near a small island named Skjervøy which lies off the coast of the northern part of Norway. Here follows a summary of the incident, as told by the observer himself, Helge Mikalsen of Skjervøy, in a report signed on March 22, 1968:

"On August 21 or 22, 1963, at 5.00 p.m., I put out in my boat on a fishing trip to the sound called Kagsund, near Skjervøy. The weather was clear and there was no

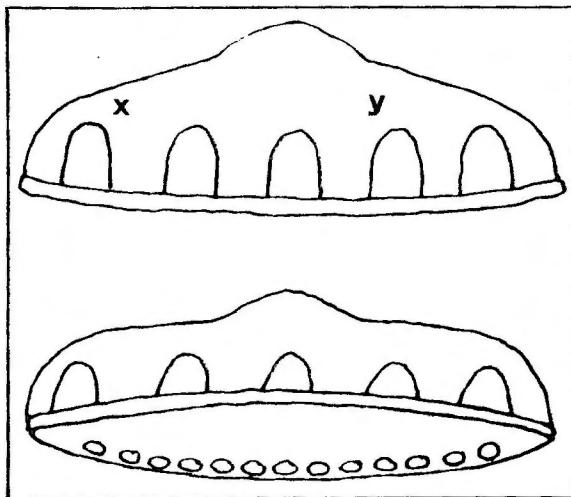
outline of a grey object. I figured it was some sort of balloon or parachute. The object then started to move eastward straight against the wind, and keeping the same altitude it passed over a mountain top (2,350 feet), and a small village.

"As the object moved out over the sound, approaching me, it came lower and I realised it was certainly no balloon or parachute. Then the thought struck me that it was a UFO. I now observed two objects, one large and one small. The large object had five big 'windows' on the side towards me, which were oval on top and about 6 feet high. The distance to the object was 450 feet, and it hovered about 40 to 50 feet above the water. Suddenly, what appeared to be two rails came down out of the large object, and the smaller one hooked on to these and was drawn into the larger one. The small thing was oval, about 6 by 9 feet. No flame or smoke was observed, and there was no sound.

"The time was by now 6.40 p.m., and I must admit I was feeling nervous and afraid. For a short moment I had looked around for other witnesses, but could see no other boats. The wind had now increased and the sea was dark, but underneath the object the sea was calm and shiny. In one of the object's windows, I saw a green light, the beam from which was directed at me. The round light (about one foot in diameter) was changing colour, light and dark green, and something seemed to be moving behind the light. I tried to lift a fish into the boat, but could not manage it. I seemed to be paralysed. Whether this was due to the excitement or something else, I do not know.

"I judged the large object to be about 30 feet high, and 105-120 feet long (diameter?). I cannot say for certain if the object was oval or circular, as it had the same side turned towards me during the whole of my observation. It was flat underneath, but had a dome on top.

wind. At about 6.30 p.m. I was going to change my fishing location to near the 'Skjervøyskjeret' (sunken rock), and was looking west towards the island Arnøy. I suddenly saw a flame, as from a rocket, shooting out from the mountain. I thought the Navy was performing some kind of training mission, but if so, they would have had to be testing something new, because I saw a 6-feet-wide orange-coloured flame. I then saw an object which went straight up in the air, but the speed was not as fast as that of a rocket being launched! At a height of about 6,000 feet, the flame disappeared and I saw the sharp



From sketches made by the witness

"The object had stopped right over a large sunken German cargo ship which was shipwrecked here in 1944, and which carried ore (metal) and quicksilver. I watched something—I am not too certain of this—either being drawn out of, or dumped into, the sea. Several little dark things were seen between the object and the sea surface. To me it seemed that something was coming up out of the sea, and entering in through the bottom of the object. It hovered motionless throughout this time which was about 10 minutes. The UFO then tilted a little to one side and started to accelerate.

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Norwegian UFO *Continued from Page 18*

Suddenly the large object's speed increased tremendously, and in one minute it had disappeared in a northerly direction out the fjord of Kvenangen.

"The colour of the object was metallic, or silver-grey.

"The upper sketch shows the object as I saw it hovering in front of me. It was through the window on the left side, marked X, that the little object was drawn into the larger. The second window from the right, marked Y, was the one from whence the green light beam shone.

"The second drawing represents the object as seen from below, at an angle. Here is seen a detail which is not mentioned in the story: a series of round, funnel-like cups, which I believe must have been movable, because some of them pointed down, while some pointed in other directions. I cannot describe these in more detail, as I only saw them for a few seconds.

"I give my word that this is a true account of a personal experience."

On the basis of the investigations carried out by TRONDHEIM UFO FORENING, Trondheim, and UFO-INFORMASJON, Oslo, it is considered that this person is reliable, and that the story very likely is true. Mr. Mikalsen has agreed to his account being published.

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pp.18,24

26 August. Wadsworth, England. (7:45 a.m.)

The "Thing" that flew across the Ackroydon Estate. (See article below)

"Round with a flat top"

The Wadsworth Borough News on August 28 gave the following account of a sighting in the district: "A clear and lucid account of a mysterious flying object sighted at 7.45 a.m. last Monday (August 26) was given to the Wadsworth Borough News by ten-year-old David Anthony Mohan, who lives at 13 Grantley House, Ackroydon Estate.

"Suddenly I saw something moving," said David. "It was travelling in a north-easterly direction and seemed to pass right over the top of Timperley

Court. It was fairly high and seemed to be moving at about 60 m.p.h. Although the sun wasn't shining, it was glistening brightly like whitish silver. I didn't hear any noise of engines. I had a very good view," continued David, "and it was too large to be a balloon. I think it was about a hundred feet in circumference. It was roundish in shape but had a flat top, like a platform. It seemed to be a deck. From underneath was sticking out a long object like a wireless aerial, quite straight. While I watched it, he added, 'I had it in view for about seven seconds and it disappeared behind a small cloud. I waited for it to come out of the other side

but it did not reappear.'

"Close questioning does not shake any detail of David's story. He is accustomed to seeing plenty of aircraft, but is positive that he has never before seen any object resembling 'The Thing' that flew across Ackroydon Estate on Monday morning. David's family occupy one of the top maisonette flats of Grantley House, and David went to the window to look at the weather prospects for the day. On the skyline in front of him was the tall block named Timperley Court on an adjoining estate. It was a cloudy morning with no sunshine; the light was quite dull."

(Credit to Mr. Laurence Cooper.)

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(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. November-December 1963.

29 August. The Russians again. (See clipping)

In Russia, the man in the street was curious about stories of anomalous atmospheric phenomena. Articles about UFOs were a sharp contrast to the tedium of everyday Marxist propaganda that saturated the popular and official media.

Martian Theory

MOSCOW, Aug. 29.—(Reuters)—Soviet biologist Vasily Kupreskikh supports the theory that thinking beings inhabit Mars and also feels Martians once visited the earth, perhaps several thousand years ago, Moscow Radio said today.

To meet the domestic demand for information about the UFO mystery, the Communist Foreign Literature department issued a Russian translation of Donald Menzel's book *Flying Saucers* in 1963. The American professor was overjoyed and contributed a new introduction to the volume. Menzel was enthusiastic about Moscow's official attitude toward the UFO problem, which was a persistent ridiculing using a stereotyped formula. Menzel was riding high, apparently endorsed by both BLUE BOOK and the Kremlin. Nonetheless, as we can tell from the Reuters dispatch, there seems to be some serious interest in the possibility of life on other worlds among Russian scientists and such speculation escaped the censors. Another thing to note was that the Soviet Academy of Science contacted the editor of England's *Flying Saucer Review*, without attracting much attention, and requested that the UFO magazine be sent them to them regularly. (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 13, No. 4. July-August 1966.

September 1963. Betty and Barney Hill speak for the first time at a public gathering:

"One evening in September 1963, the Hills were invited by their church discussion group to relate (for the first time at any kind of gathering) their experience with the UFO in the White Mountains. They had mentioned the incident to their minister, who along with the others in the church had a growing curiosity about the subject in the light of increasing Unidentified Flying Object reports throughout New England, and especially in New Hampshire and Vermont. Because of these reports, Barney and Betty felt that people might be willing now to accept their story without the usual skepticism. They had mixed feeling about the idea, as usual, although Betty was now becoming convinced that their story should be told. If it should represent a landmark in the history of the phenomenon, did they have a right to confine it to themselves?

"At the discussion group meeting was another invited speaker, Captain Ben Swett, from the nearby Pease Air Force Base, who was well known in that area for his study of hypnosis, a subject which together with the story the Hills would tell might make up an interesting evening.

"'After the Captain listened to our story—as much as we could tell with the blanking out of memory that took place at that moment at Indian Head—he was interested that the account was cut off as if by a cleaver at that point,' Barney recalls. 'We mentioned the fact that Hohman, Jackson, and Major MacDonald had recommended hypnosis, and as a man well acquainted with it himself, the Captain agreed that this might be a good idea. Especially if it were conducted by a psychiatrist. As a layman, he didn't dream of doing it himself. We, too, were aware of the danger of indiscriminate hypnosis. But it did stimulate our interest in the idea, which had been dormant for a long time.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Fuller, John. *The Interrupted Journey*. Dell Publishing Co.: New York, N.Y., June, 1967. p.77.

What role personnel from Pease AFB played in the Hills' story is subject to conjecture. Were the military authorities on top of things, or were they clueless about events taking place in the area? We might note some claims made in 1965 in the wake of the famous New Hampshire

sightings of September 3rd of that year as detailed in John Fuller's best-seller *Incident at Exeter*. NICAP investigator Raymond Fowler recalls interviewing Muscarello's mother. Fowler says she: "...purportedly saw confidential drawings of a UFO landing site pattern that was *handcuffed* [Emphasis mine—L.E. Gross] to an Air Force investigator who visited her house." (xx.)

(xx.) Meroth, Bonnie. "UFO Sighting Terrified Locals 40 years Ago." Portsmouth, New Hampshire. *Herald*. 2 September 2005.

Moreover, another claim making the rounds was that: "The neighboring farmer was instructed by the Air Force to plow under landing marks in his field." (xx.) It was also said: "The air-base

(xx.) Ibid.

intelligence officer was seen buying up all the newspapers carrying stories about September 3 [and]...a base commander was seen in civilian clothes rather than in uniform while investigating." (xx.) Documenting such stories would have value.

(xx.) Ibid.

Late 1963. The Hills. Hypnosis is approved.

At his next session with Dr. Stephens for treatment of his exhaustion and general malaise, it was suggested to Barney that he seek the help of a Dr. Benjamin Simon of Boston, an expert in healing psychiatric disorders and who was also proficient in hypnosis.

It would be early December when Barney finally contacted Dr. Simon.

September 1963. Kent coast towns. (night)

Hovered over the coast.

News from England:

"The lunch edition of the London *Evening Standard* on September 19th carried the following item in its Kent Newsletter section: 'A mysterious nocturnal object with an orange-red glow has been sighted hovering over Kent coast towns and has led to a spate of flying saucer rumors. It was first seen at Margate by Mr. Taffy Rooke, a reliable witness. A few days later there was a sighting at Ramsgate. The latest is by a couple at Herne Bay. The R.A.F. at Manston has no idea what the object can be. Each time it appeared to hover a few hundred feet up before rapidly flying off to sea.' (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. November-December 1963.

5/6 September. Waukegan, Illinois. Stranded at the dock.

Norman Jack Maynard, a motel manager and president of the "Great Lakes Identified Flying Objects Association," held a two hour meeting at Waukegan's Mathon's restaurant on Thursday

September 5th. The current UFO flap in the Illinois had generated considerable interest and the Association's main ambition was to make some kind of contact with flying saucers. They shared the naïve belief that if they could be in an open space where they could be easily seen, a visual display might trigger the alien's curiosity. Maynard invited skipper Peter (Pete-the-Greek) Prevenas, Captain of the tug *Wargarita W.*, to the gathering. The plan was to charge each person \$1.25 for a place on deck during a short night excursion out on Lake Michigan.

Friday evening, September 6th, some 50 people showed up at the Waukegan harbor where the *Wargarita W.* was moored. Among those present was Edward Baumann, a reporter for the *Chicago American* (What the heck, Maynard might get lucky!). The contact hopefuls had a variety of equipment, including powerful flashlights and roman candles. Maynard was optimistic, since he claimed "60 positive sightings of space ships" up to that time. Some in the group had traveled up to 100 miles to take part. For example, the Rev. Dean Johnson of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Sycamore, Illinois, had driven at least 70 to get there with his wife and kids. Rev. Johnson was probably the only one with any real credentials. The clergyman, dressed in black with his white collar, related his sighting of a double-deck, drum-shaped, windowed ship that passed just 300 feet from him back on May 19, 1963 (See the monograph pages covering that date). When Johnson mentioned "square" windows instead of portholes on the UFO he saw, Burt Holland, a theatrical booking agent and like Maynard a "witness to numerous space ship visits," declared the craft the rector had seen was probably an "old model."

The saucer fans boarded the tug at midnight for the anticipated boat trip.

Captain Pete was a no-show. The group waited an hour. To pass the time Maynard half-heartedly flashed a message skyward in Morse Code: "We are your friends." Finally Maynard gave up and refunded everyone their buck twenty-five. The skipper may have changed his mind, got drunk, overslept, or whatever. We don't know. (xx.)

(xx.) Chicago, Illinois. *American*. 7 September 63.

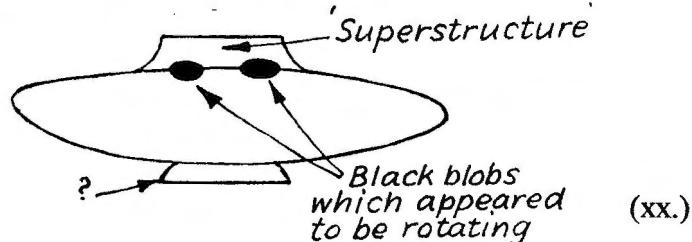
6 September. Tooton, England. (no time)

Took an S-shaped course. An item in the *Flying Saucer Review* states:

"On Friday, September 6, 1963, Michael Blake a fifth-former at Testwood Secondary Modern School., was at Hornsdown Avenue, Houndsdown (about half a mile south west of Totton) when he noticed an oval-shaped reddish object in the south east at an elevation of about 60 degrees. He said that the object appeared to be 'very high.' It started to descend at an angle of about 45 degrees to his left, i.e. the direction of descent would have been approximately north or north east. The angle of descent was not constant, but decreasing.

"As it descended, it oscillated from side to side. With respect to the vertical plane the UFO did not follow a straight line, but took an 'S' shaped course. During descent the color alternated between dark red and light red and was 'very bright.' When the object was at an estimated altitude of about 200 feet, it appeared to be directly over the electric power station at Marchwood which would place it three miles north west of Hythe. Michael then went indoors to tell a friend about the object. He estimates that he was away for only 10-15 seconds, but when he returned with his friend the ob-

ject had vanished. From start to finish no sound was heard. While it was hovering over the power station for between two or three minutes, a super-structure became clearly visible as will be seen from the following sketch:



(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 10, No.1. January-February 1964. p.3.

10 September. Norland, Halifax, Canada. (10:00 p.m.)

Metallic disc.

Our source states: "A flat, elliptical object with a metallic appearance remained stationary in the sky over Norland in Halifax at 10:00 p.m." (xx.)

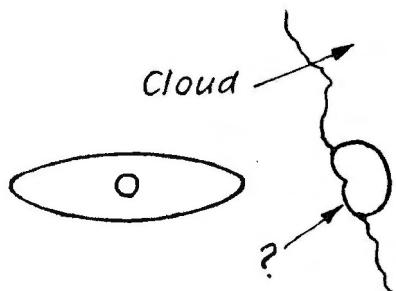
(xx.) Vallee, Jacques. *Anatomy of a Phenomena*. Ballantine Books: New York, N.Y., (1965) 1968. p.82.

14 September. Totton, England. (about 9:00 p.m.)

"A bit darker than a red-hot poker."

Another *Review* item:

"Yet another pupil of Testwood Country Secondary Modern School has come forward to testify to a UFO sighting. Vivienne Taylor is a second-former and lives at 14 Mountbatten Road, Totton. At about 9 p.m. on Saturday 13, 1963, she and her father saw a fairly bright oval-shaped object at an elevation of 40 degrees in the south or east-south-east. The object was of a reddish color, 'a bit darker than a red hot poker.' It traveled from left to right (i.e. approximately south-west) and it disappeared behind a cloud. It emerged at the point from the cloud almost immediately at the point it had entered, traveling now in the opposite direction. Here is Vivienne's drawing of the object at this stage:



"When it emerged, it seemed to have a heart-shaped or B-shaped dark marking in the center. There seemed to be another of these markings at the edge of the cloud. Neither of these markings was noticed before the object went behind the cloud. There was no noise at any time. Vivienne is absolutely sure as to the perfectly elliptical shape. I [The *Review* investigator] got her to select from a number of closely resembled her sighting. The one she chose made it probable that the object was, in fact, circular. As with the other people I have quoted, I am convinced of her good faith. Her father described the object as being: 'Something irregular—something you wouldn't normally see.'" (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 10, No. 1. January-February 1964. p.4.

17 September. Perpigman, France. (10:30 p.m.)

From a V-formation to an in-line formation. (See article right)

Ten UFOs

The following report is taken from the Perpignan paper *L'Indépendant*, issue of September 19, 1963 : "A Perpignan resident, M. Vergès of rue Flaubert, saw last Tuesday (September 17) ten unusual objects moving at great speed in the sky at 10.30 p.m. — there were no stars visible at the time. The height at which the objects were seen was estimated at approximately 2,000 metres.

"That evening, M. and Mme. Vergès were looking at television. A programme had just ended and Mme. Vergès went out on to the terrace and, lifting her eyes to the sky, saw the objects which were proceeding in a line and oscillating. She immediately called her husband who fetched his binoculars and saw that the objects had assumed a new formation. One moment they were in a line which appeared to be heading in the direction of Boulou, the next they seemed to be making for Prades

in a vertical formation after having flown over the boulevard Clémenceau in a "V" formation.

"M. Vergès, whom it is impossible to doubt and who holds an important administrative position in the town states that when viewed through his binoculars, these objects, which could only be called flying saucers, possessed an ellipsoid shape and were about 30 cm. in length.

"M. Verges who, for a long time has wanted to see a saucer says that the 'unknowns' could not have been aircraft, nor birds nor weather balloons. There was no noise, no lights and no smoke, while a dozen aeroplanes would have made an unmistakable roar. The objects, M. Vergès declared, were of a grey colour and metallic."

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1964. p.28.

17 September. Word begins to leak out about the Hills.

"Under no circumstances mention this."

A member of a New England UFO group, Jeanne Weller, wrote to UFOlogist George Fawcett on September 17th and happened to say:

"Look back two APRO Bulletins ago, and see if you can locate the Hills incident which took place at Franconian Notch New Hampshire. We have just heard a very remarkable story about them in regard to this sighting that was not revealed in the

report by Walter Webb. However if you should write to Walter about anything under no circumstances mention this sighting until I tell you the reason. We have reason to suspect something is cooking, just what we don't know. Mrs. Dallasandro went to visit them last week and they related quite a fantastic story to her that seems to be the truth. She said she is completely sold on their honesty. Incidentally, Mr. Hill is negro and Mrs. Hill is white. They are going to come to our next meeting and relate the whole incident [The Hills still did not know the whole story] to our group. I'll send you all particulars on same when I get them." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: George Fawcett. From: Jeanne Weller. Date: 17 September 63.
George Fawcett UFO collection. Roswell UFO Museum, Roswell, New Mexico.

19 September. Wonthaggi and South Dudley, Australia. (about 7:30 p.m.)

Every TV went crazy. (See clipping below)

Thursday, September 26, 1963.

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THE EXPRESS, Wonthaggi.

SOUTH DUDLEY'S "SAUCER"

THEY'RE SEEING THINGS AGAIN AT SOUTH DUDLEY, NEAR WONTHAGGI.

In January a silver object turned out to be the planet Venus.

But last Thursday night it was nothing short of a flying saucer.

It was first sighted by children in a playground at 6:45. They hurried home and told their parents. Soon half of South Dudley's 140 residents were watching an orange ball the size of a beach ball a mile away in the west. It made no sound.

Tom (Sos) Lymer, 45, P.M.G. linesman, says: "It was flashing on and off like an aeroplane light. But it was many times bigger and brighter. It was also moving much slower than a plane. Suddenly flame shot out, and it travelled at a tremendous speed. We all lost it for a few moments. Then the kids picked it up in the south. It was hovering. I ran inside to the wife, and told her there was a flying saucer outside. She laughed at me. But when she came out and had a look she changed her mind."

Tom Ruby, 48, truck driver, of South Dudley, said that after hovering, and still flashing on and off brightly, the strange object moved over the sea and disappeared.

DURING THE 25 MINUTES IT WAS ABOUT EVERY T.V. SET IN WONTHAGGI AND SOUTH DUDLEY BEHAVED CRAZILY.

Some screens went blank, others produced a double picture, others only lines, and some were just snowy.

Members of the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society visited South Dudley on Sunday, and obtained detailed accounts from eye witnesses.

APRO received this additional information from its overseas contacts Sylvia Sutton and Judith Magree:

"Mrs. Sutton reported: Mr. Lymer, the lineman, confirmed the reports published in the newspapers. John Waters, 17-year-old student, saw two objects on Saturday night. One appeared first, traveling in an arc but not stopping and the second object came over a little higher and followed the same trajectory.

"Des Pugh, 15, saw one object on Friday and Saturday nights. Brian Pugh, 12, saw one object on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Joyce Pugh, 7, saw two objects on Saturday night. Mr. Chris Jolly, retired farmer, saw one object on Saturday night. All agreed that the time was about the same on each night.

"Prior to any newspaper reports, at about 8:15 p.m., on Thursday, 19 September,

Mrs. Sutton had received a phone call from a man at Mt. Eliza. He described a similar orange-colored object with flashing or blinking lights, traveling in a south to south-easterly direction. He and his family watched until it finally disappeared. This man asked if there had been any other reports given to Mrs. Sutton. She said there had been none up to that time. From his home at Mt. Eliza, Wonthaggi and Dudley South would have been in the direction in which he saw the object. Mrs. Sutton called the Air Force, the Weather Bureau, Civil Aviation and the Moorabin Light Aircraft and established that there were no balloons, kites, planes, etc., in the area at that time.

"Mrs. Sutton also stated in her report, that when a disc-shaped object came down over Charles Brew's milking shed near Willow Grove in Gippsland District, there was no effect on the milking machine—which was driven by diesel fuel [engine?]. In the Gippsland District in the Latrobe Valley area, which produces one half of the electric power for the State of Victoria plans are in progress for supplying even more of the state's electric power. Also Wonthaggi and Dudley South are both coal mining towns. She then pointed out that UFOs appear to be preoccupied with locations of scientific and industrial importance." (xx.)

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin* (1963? Source data missing) pp.1,6.

19 September. Hillenkoetter: "All surmises put to rest?"

Vice-Admiral Hillenkoetter's abrupt departure from NICAP's board of governors in early 1962, which stunned Keyhoe, was made worst in late 1964 by arch-skeptic Donald Menzel using the ex-CIA director resignation to discredit the Washington D.C. UFO group. Menzel announced on Boston radio station WEEI that Hillenkoetter had "repudiated his belief in UFOs" and that the Vice-Admiral "accepted all of his negative explanations" proposed in the 1963 book *The World of Flying Saucers*. These assertions were puzzling to Keyhoe since in Hillenkoetter's resignation letter he gave no hint that he felt Menzel had any solutions to the mystery. *The World of Flying Saucers* was hardly any different from the Harvard professor's 1953 debunking book, *Flying Saucers*. Hillenkoetter did say in 1962 UFOs were not U.S or Russian craft and he recognized that the Air Force's job of investigating UFOs was a "difficult assignment." He felt the Air Force "could not do any more," so why make life so miserable for them. Finally, expressing a point civilian UFOlogists were reluctant accept, he also stated that "all we can do is wait for some action by the UFOs." With the advantage of hindsight, we have to acknowledge that some 40 years later we hardly know much more about the phenomenon then we did in 1962. The mention of getting off the Air Force's back when NICAP was putting Congressional pressure on BLUE BOOK, proves the two were linked. The Air Force had other missions to perform.

As we have noted, the Air Force appears to have become frustrated with the public relations difficulties the UFO mystery generated. They wanted to move in the direction of "getting rid of the problem," and Menzel provided a way out, even if it was imperfect, so the Air Force officially indorsed *The World of Flying Saucers*. Anyone who went along was just obeying the Pentagon wishes. It had been that way for many months in 1963. On August 2, 1963, Menzel sent Hillenkoetter a copy of *The World of Flying Saucers*.

On September 19, 1963, Hillenkoetter wrote Menzel:

"Dear Dr. Menzel:

Please accept my deepest apologies for the delay in answering your letter of 2 August, as well as the acknowledgement of the receipt of your book. I was away for some time during the summer and the Navy Department forwarded your letter to my home where I was a long time receiving it.

Thank you very much for your book. To my mind, it was very well done and I enjoyed it and found it of great interest. I should say that you have effectively put to rest all surmises about flying saucers being from 'outer space.' You have done a thorough and praiseworthy job.

As I told you at the last "Ends of the Earth," [a dinner for some group apparently held every December—L.E. Gross] I resigned from NICAP about 20 months ago feeling that it had degenerated from an organization honestly trying to find out something definite about possible unknowns into a body bickering about personalities. The Air Force, too, could have helped by not being so secretive.

At all events, you have done a fine job and I am very grateful you were so kind as to send me your book.

Again, with thanks and the hope of seeing you at the next 'Ends of the Earth,' please believe me.

Most Cordially,
R. H. Hillenkoetter." (xx.)

(xx.) *International UFO Reporter*. Vol. 20, No. 2. March/April 1995. p.16.

The letter from Hillenkoetter to Menzel on September 19, 1963, was so laudatory one would think the Harvard professor wrote it himself (he had an enormous ego). That's an interesting thought because Keyhoe wrote Hillenkoetter on December 13, 1964, asking about Menzel's claims. The Vice Admiral replied on January 8, 1965, and said:

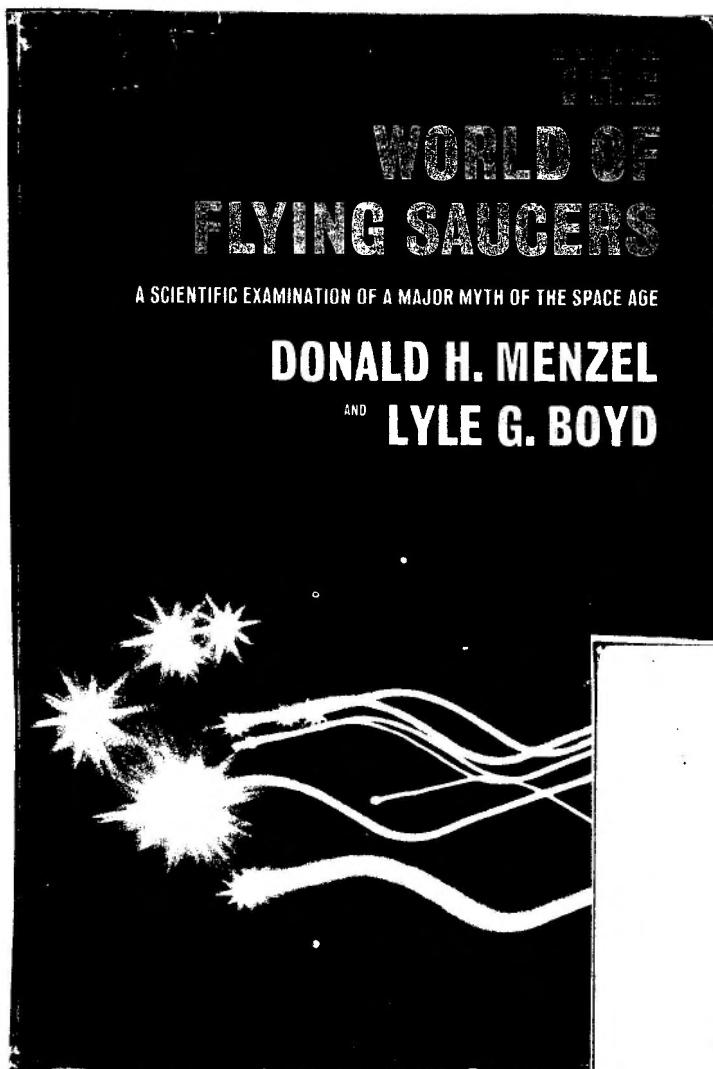
"I saw Dr. Menzel at a dinner in December but other than saying 'Good Evening —Merry Christmas' there was no conversation and I have never carried on any conversation with Menzel about NICAP or UFO. He did send me a copy of his book for which I thanked him but took no position on the statements he made." (xx.)

(xx.) *International UFO Reporter*. Vol. 20, No. 2. March/April 1995. p.16.

The Air Force: other missions to perform.

Early in 1963 there was a strong belief among American experts Communist China had "expansionist designs." China had already attacked India once to acquire disputed border territories. In May 1963 President Kennedy and his aides discussed the feasibility of resorting to nuclear weapons to help India to defend itself if Beijing launched another invasion. These administration deliberations took place just months after the Cuban Missile Crisis. The geopolitical situation no doubt worked against any UFO Congressional hearings. (xx.)

(xx.) Giridharadas, Anand. "Kennedy considered '63 attack on China." (International Herald Tribune) San Jose, California. *Mercury News*. 26 August 05. p.12-A.



Contrary to Major Hart's assertion, disagreements in the scientific community were not minor. Also, he admits that just a few cases "had been solved" by Menzel

Evidence that Menzel and the Air Force were now allies is illustrated by the fact that Major Hart of BLUE BOOK gave the Harvard professor latest UFO debunking book a good review on the dusk jacket.

THE WORLD OF FLYING SAUCERS

**DONALD H. MENZEL
LYLE G. BOYD**

"It is a pleasure to publicly recognize the substantial contribution of Dr. Donald H. Menzel and Mrs. Lyle G. Boyd to the growing accumulation of solid scientific knowledge related to unidentified aerial phenomena. As bona fide scientific researchers, Dr. Menzel and Mrs. Boyd have been accorded full access to the Project Blue Book files. In their research they have paid particular attention to those case reports that seemed to fall into their special area of interests—mirages, sun dogs, and meteors, and the movements they appear to make."

"Through their efforts several of the old cases in our files have been provided logical solutions that have allowed the case to be removed from the 'unknown' category. As is normal in the scientific community, there are areas of minor disagreement. This we consider a healthy situation and hope it serves to spur our good friends on to greater effort and other interesting books."

*Major Carl R. Hart,
Project Blue Book Information Officer,
United States Air Force*



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President Kennedy, right, talks with Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, left, and Gen. Maxwell Taylor in late 1962. In spring 1963 the three discussed using nuclear weapons against China.

26 September. Sunnyvale, California. (4:00 a.m.)

Pulsating UFO sails over the Peninsula.

News report and follow up investigation by NICAP Subcommittee director Paul Cerny. (See pages 57-58)

Big 'Flying Squid' Spotted Over Area

SUNNYVALE — A weird flying object was sighted in the sky over Sunnyvale early Wednesday morning by three public safety officers and several citizens.

One startled motorist described the object as "like a giant squid or jelly fish, shooting out a trail of gas."

Air Force radar and Moffett Field observers failed to spot the object, but scores of area residents reported seeing it between 4 and 4:30 a.m.

Public Safety Officers Galen Anderson, Ron Gierard and Lt. John Haag noticed the object while on patrol duty. They said it appeared to be a round disc, more solid in one part than in others, with a light that faded in and out.

Mike Taylor, 19, of 1340 Mastic St., San Jose, also saw the object while driv-

ing through Sunnyvale. He said it was like a "giant squid," as large as a blimp.

Glen J. Davis of 1960 Santa Rosa Ct., Santa Clara, said the object was shaped like a "three quarter moon."

Sunnyvale residents reported the object disappeared while moving southwest toward the sky over Los Altos. George Scott of 11412 Mora Dr., Los Altos, and his 15 man cement plant crew also spotted it.

The cement crew, working in the hills near Cupertino, said it was roughly spherical, about as bright as the moon, with a brighter spot in the middle.

Officers said they were about to mark the reports down as "hallucinations" until the three patrolmen reported it, too. Now nobody is sure what it was.

San Jose, California
Mercury-News

26 September 63

'Pulsating' in Bay Sky--?

There was a flying saucer, or UFO, or something, checking out the Peninsula early yesterday.

Mrs. Ray Johanson, of 925 Canada Rd., Woodside, one of 20 people who called San Mateo or Santa Clara sheriff's offices, reported at 4:10 a.m.

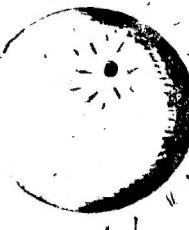
that she had seen a "half-moon shaped, pulsating" object in the sky, heading southward and leaving a vapor trail.

Workmen at the Permanente Cement plant west of Los Altos reported at about the same time they saw some-

thing in the sky, and their description tallied with that of Mrs. Johnson.

The Federal Aviation Agency's air route traffic control center had no idea of what the "thing" could have been.

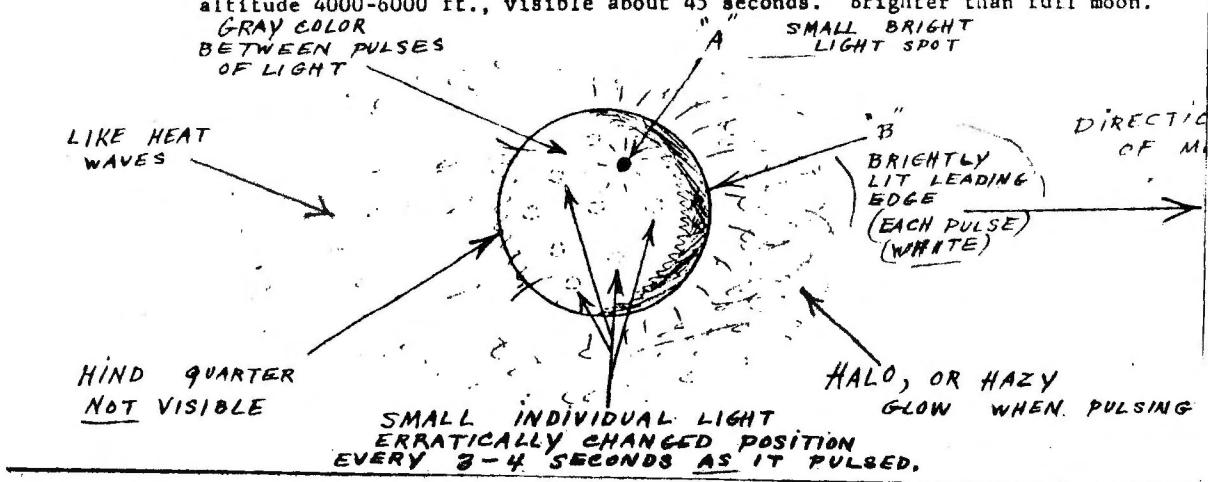
San Francisco, California
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SUNNYVALE 4:00 AM SIGHTING SEPTEMBER 26 1

This object appeared larger than a full moon, according to Officer Anderson, about basketball size at about 8 foot away. It appeared as a disc on edge, with about 3/4 or more of its outline showing. The trailing 1/4 of the circle, if it were there, appeared more or less invisible. Police Officer Lt. Haag told Anderson that he saw what appeared as heat waves in this quarter area and further to the rear. The disc appeared grayish in color except when the small spot of light ("A") lighted up about every 3 to 4 seconds. The color then changed to yellowish - white, some trace of orange, but predominately along the front leading edge portion ("B"). This produced a pulsing effect every three or four seconds. This in turn gave an eerie lighted haze or mist illumination of the area just outside the disc circle itself as if it were glowing or surrounded by a gas, or thin cloud, halo, etc. At each 3-4 second pulse, the small inner bright light would move around erratically to various new positions within the disc area.

The object was visible about 45 seconds to Officer Anderson and traveled in a perfectly straight line over south Sunnyvale toward Los Altos, then suddenly made a turn and was momentarily edgewise and vertical to Anderson's vision, then immediately disappeared from sight. Officer Anderson and Lt. Haag were only about a third of a mile apart at the time and Officer Girard was perhaps a mile to their northeast. Speed of the object was about that of a propeller driven military aircraft, elevation about 45° from Officer Anderson, estimated altitude 4000-6000 ft., visible about 45 seconds. Brighter than full moon.



"Squid," "disc on edge," or a "whatever," as seen over the south bay on September 26, 1963. Copy of the original report by NICAP's San Francisco Bay Area Subcommittee. Drawing by Paul Cerny. Information from the author's files.

27 September. Tobacco Valley, Eureka, Montana. (night)

Dogs bark. Object hovers.

A press account states:

"Fred Johnson went out to see what his dogs were barking about Friday night just in time to see a lighted object streaking across the sky, leaving a brownish-blue trail behind it. It stopped in the southeast and hung in the sky in one spot the rest of the evening, or until they went to bed. He called the neighbors, who also saw it. It looked like an undersized moon, and appeared to be hundreds of miles away, he said." (xx.)

(xx.) Eureka, Montana. *Tobacco Valley News*. 3 October 63.

NICAP Connecticut (N*C, or NICAP*CONN) was one of Keyhoe's most active regional subcommittees. (See president's report on page 60)

October 1963. Aufu County, Jiangxi province, China. (6:00 p.m.)

Came down to an altitude of 100 meters.

According to UFOlogist Paul Dong:

"Zhouxiang Middle School, Aufu County, Jinggang Shan Prefecture, Jiangxi Province, was the site of an unusual event. Xie Yizhi, of the Provisional Tele-Communications Press observed, at about 18:00 hours, a round flying object in the sky. Its initial position was almost vertically overhead (60 to 70 degrees angle of elevation), and it approached at great speed, becoming larger as it came closer. It came down to an altitude of about 100 meters, at which time it looked a few feet in diameter. In three to four seconds it flew up rapidly and vanished in the sky above. The whole duration of its appearance did not exceed five seconds. The object flew at an extremely high speed, and was not seen to be self-rotating." (xx.)

(xx.) Dong, Paul. *UFOs Over Modern China*. Privately published by the UFO Photo Archives: Tucson, Arizona, 1983. p.45.

October 1963. Kuangtung-Wuhan air route, China. (no time)

Plane chased by UFO.

According to UFOlogist Paul Dong:

"On an undetermined day in October 1963 an Li-2 Airliner (A Soviet-built version of the Douglas DC-3) on the Kuangtung to Wuhan air route was chased

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 7, 1962 THRU OCTOBER 5, 1963

NICAP*CONN has just completed its first year (if you didn't come on October 4th you missed our birthday party with TWO flying saucer cakes!) and it seems appropriate to outline at this time what we have done during the past year. Here is a summary of our activities:

SPEECHES TO CIVIC, CHURCH AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS- I have delivered six speeches to a total of 222 people in the following cities and towns: Hartford (2), Simsbury, Thomaston, Windsor Locks, and Torrington. A total of \$25 in fees was received for NICAP. About 150 information packets and NICAP membership applications were distributed following these talks. For comparison: in the two years before N*C was formed, I delivered speeches in Hartford, Bloomfield, Windsor Locks, West Hartford, and Springfield, Mass. to 250 people; and NICAP received \$60 in fees.

RADIO AND TELEVISION SHOWS - N*C secretary Nancy Williams and I appeared on the WTIC-TV "Perception" show. This 30 minute program was telecast twice and drew considerable mail requesting more data on UFOs. Information packets and NICAP applications were mailed in answer to these inquiries. I discussed UFOs with WTIC-AM's Dick Bertel, and our one-hour taped discussion was run on Bertel's "Americana" show over a one-week period. N*C member Howard Nichol appeared for two hours on the WBMI-FM program "Dialogues" and discussed UFOs. Nancy and I appeared "live" on WSOR-AM for a 30 minute discussion of UFOs. All mail resulting from these shows was answered by information packets and NICAP applications as well as personal replies where appropriate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - A complete count is not available, but at least eight letters by N*C members appeared in Hartford, Waterbury, Meriden, and Springfield, Mass., papers during the past year. A letter in Aviation Week resulted in a report from Seattle, Washington, of hitherto unknown possible UFO activity. The Seattle subcommittee was notified and has been investigating.

NEWSPAPER STORIES - We have received much favorable publicity on our organization, its aims, and those of NICAP. These stories have included:

- 1) Stories in Meriden, Hartford, and Springfield papers on the formation of N*C.
- 2) Several columns in the Springfield and Hartford papers at various times during the past year.
- 3) A long article with photo in the Waterbury Sunday Republican magazine section.
- 4) A long article with photo on the front page of the Middletown Press.
- 5) An AP story which was sent to all 23 daily papers in Connecticut.

Letters of inquiry (all promptly answered) and speaking invitations have resulted from these stories.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS - On request of the Lawyer-Pilots Association, a nation-wide organization of about 500 flying lawyers, I wrote a 1000-word article "You and the UFO" which appeared in the "Legal Eagle News" for May 1963.

by three luminous unidentified flying objects for 15 minutes. The pilots gave a moment by moment report of the action by radio to the Chinese Civil Aeronautics Administration during this time. Upon landing, the crew was debriefed by Air Traffic Control, and the passengers were interviewed by authorities and ordered not to discuss the incident with anyone." (xx.)

- (xx.) Dong, Paul. *UFOs Over Modern China*. Privately published by UFO Photo Archives: Tucson, Arizona, 1983. pp.44-45.

1 October?

Another sign that the sensational aspects of the Hill experience was leaking out was Herbert Taylor's August 27th letter to the Air Force which led to Major Maston Jack's "scandal and absurdity" reply to Taylor on October 1, 1963. When the letter from the Pentagon UFO spokesman was shown to Walter Webb, the NICAP investigator of the Hill case, he was shocked (For the details the reader is referred back to the UFO history monograph covering the period of July-August 1961, pp.104-106). Instead of putting doubts to rest, Major Jack's version of events called attention to the Hill's claims. If for no other reason, the Hills were now compelled to seek vindication. It's no wonder the couple were now willing to discuss the encounter at a public meeting, moreover, Walter Webb could offer support.

4 October. Lamujarvi, Finland. (evening)

"A smart guy has build a fine airplane."

A Finnish report.

A Mr. "N.N.," [name withheld], a carpenter by trade from the city of Nivala, related his sighting which took place the evening of October 4th.

On the shorefront near Lamujarvi in Pyhanta parish he was building a summer cottage for a cattle dealer. He was quite alone and in the evening he went fishing. Although the sky was heavily overcast, and he assumed it was good weather for angling since the air was quite calm and the lake surface did not billow. The clouds were very low, but it did not rain.

Suddenly a thing like a wash basin or saucer, seemingly made of stainless steel, descended out of the cloud layer. It did not do anything special. It just came down close to the surface of the lake where it hovered for some time. The thing then rose again, passing out of sight into the clouds. As the carpenter watched the arrival and departure, he was thinking that perhaps "some smart guy had build a fine airplane." He admitted, however, he experienced some apprehension since anything could have happened. The lake is isolated with the nearest neighbor some ten kilometers away.

He estimated the object's size as some 20 meters in diameter and that it was stationary over the water about 200 meters away. He noted that during the time the object hovered, the lake surface just below the thing appeared to be bubbling. (xx.)

- (xx.) *BUFORA Journal*, published by the British U.F.O. Research Association. Spring/Summer 1971.

11 October. Near Sonora, California. (just after 8:00 p.m.)

Item in a Modesto paper:

"EARLY HALLOWEEN OR SPACE SHIP?

(Photo of witness examining 'angel hair' strung out on bushes and twigs, with following caption: 'Larry Jacobsen inspects the substance clinging to burned trees at the spot where he says he saw three men in green uniforms beside a craft resembling something perhaps from space.' *Bee Photo.*)

"Sonora—Now Larry Jacobsen is not saying for sure that he saw a landed flying saucer and its three occupants on a hill overlooking Sonora.

"In fact, he does not even like to talk about it very much. But something was there, he contends, and he 'hadn't had any medicine or booze or even a cigar,' either.

"Something is still there.

"Clinging to the charred trees on the hill is a filmy, white, web-like substance resembling the 'angel hair' which science fiction fans might recognize as evidence that 'visitors' have been on the scene.

"They resemble spider webs, but insect life there was burned out not long ago by a fire which threatened Sonora.

"Jacobsen, a photographer and adventurer who shrugs off his wooden leg and tackles such projects as shooting the rapids of the Colorado River every so often, earns his living as owner and operator of the community television antenna service here.

"Most of his electronic equipment is located high atop a hill to the south of town. Jacobsen says while working up there at night in the past, he has encountered bears, lions, and varied other animals.

"Then there was last Friday night (October 11, 1963.)

"It was just after 8 o'clock and dusk had turned to darkness as Jacobsen walked out of his little metal shed after replacing some electrical tubes.

"As he looked across a saddle to another nearby hill, he said, three 'dull, orange-looking lights' attracted his attention.

"reaching in his truck, Jacobsen hauled out a portable spotlight and flashed it on the hill.

"Greenish Uniforms.

"In his light, he reports, he saw the forms of three men dressed in greenish uniforms and walking about a long, metallic green object. One of them was near the top of the hill and the other two were near the green whateveritwas.

"They paid no particular attention to the light in Jacobsen's hand, which he flipped off nearly as fast as it had gone on.

"Then Jacobsen pulled a neat bit of strategy. He jumped in his truck and got out of there as fast as he could.

"The next day—his nerves how settled—Jacobsen returned to the scene. He could find no tracks other than those left by truck. And no footprints at all. Only a filmy, white substance clinging to the trees." (xx.)

(xx.) Modesto, California. *Bee*. 16 October 63. p.1.

APRO and the U.S. Intelligence community:

"In the fall of 1966, Olavo T. Fontes, a member of APRO's advisory staff and our special representative in Brazil, visited the United States briefly on medical business. Fontes is director emeritus of the gastroenterological branch of the National School of Medicine of Brazil, and co-sponsor of one of the world's most modern clinics in which he practices internal medicine. While in the Chicago area, he met with Dr. J. Allen Hynek to discuss their common interest—UFOs.

"During the course of this meeting, Hynek, knowing that Fontes had good connections with the Brazilian Defense Community, asked if it would be possible for Fontes to obtain UFO cases from the Brazilian Air Force and send them to him. Fontes promised to find out.

"When Fontes, in due time, relayed the request to his Air Force 'connection' he did not receive an immediate answer. Before responding, the Brazilian officer had decided to request a security check on Dr. Hynek. Fontes' friend was able to state eventually that the check was favorable, and that Fontes' own name had actually appeared in the report on Dr. Hynek obtained from an unnamed United States Intelligence agency.

"Dr. Hynek, the report said, had on at least two occasions visited at the home of a prominent writer on the subject of UFOs, a Mrs. Lorenzen of Tucson, Arizona. Furthermore, the report continued, a Dr. Fontes of Brazil had visited her on at least one occasion.

"Dr. Hynek and Mrs. Lorenzen have been acquainted since 1953; they met while she was in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to address the Milwaukee Astronomical Society.

"Hynek's visits to the Lorenzen were not particularly significant, being in line with his stated policy of 'monitoring the noise level,' but lest they be misinterpreted, they were made unannounced while he was in the area on other business. Therefore, since they are mentioned in the report, we must conclude that someone was watching the Lorenzens, or watching Hynek, or both.

"The statement about Fontes is more revealing. Dr. and Mrs. Fontes visited us in 1963, bringing with them their two oldest children. We reserved an apartment for them at the Tucson Inn since there was not enough room for the four of them at our home. On the evening of the day they arrived, Mr. Lorenzen had an engagement (he is the inventor of various electronic devices for musicians and occasionally accepts engagements with dance combos in order to verify the efficacy of current design under actual playing conditions). He left Mrs. Lorenzen and Dr. and Mrs. Fontes at the Tucson Inn at about 8:30 p.m.

"Mrs. Fontes, who was in poor health at the time, wished to retire early, as did the children. Mrs. Lorenzen and Dr. Fontes, who had much to talk about in connection

with UFOs, not wishing to disturb the sleepers, walked a block to Sambo's Restaurant, where they conversed over coffee from 11:00 p.m. to until about midnight. Since this was the only occasion on which these two appeared together at a restaurant it must be the 'dining' incident referred to in the report; establishing rather conclusively that on at least this one occasion a member of the United States Intelligence community was watching APRO officers." (xx.)

- (xx.) Lorenzen, Jim & Coral. *UFOs Over The Americas*. Published by the New American Library: New York, N.Y., 1968. pp.190-191.

12 October. Between Monte Maiz and Isla Verde, Argentina. (3:30 a.m.)

Robots terrorize truck driver?

Here is the best account of the case as published in the *Flying Saucer Review*.

"*Flying Saucer Review* for January/February 1964 gave a brief outline of the case of the 47-year-old Argentine truck driver, Eugenio Douglas, who had an alarming encounter with gigantic UFO entities. Many more details of the affair have since come to hand, and in view of the importance of this case I am sure that readers will want to have everything relevant recorded here.

"It was 3:30 a.m. on October 12, when Senor Douglas was taking a load of coal along the road between Monte Maiz and Isla Verde, bound for his home town of Venado Tuerto in the Province of Santa Fe. A violent rainstorm had just started, when, at a point about three kilometers beyond Monte Maiz, he was blinded by a powerful white light. At first he thought it might be some vehicle with full headlights, but soon perceived that there was only one beam.

"He now felt a burning and prickling sensation on the face, as though from 'fiery needles.' An intense heat, accompanied the approaching beam of light, and it seemed that the insides of his eyeballs were burning. He collapsed, half fainting, over the wheel, and his truck went into a ditch.

"Climbing out a few moments later, dazed but otherwise unhurt, he perceived that the source of the blinding light was an oval or round object which barred the road. He could make no estimate of its size, but it seemed to be at least 30 feet high. The pouring rain hampered his vision to some extent, but what now followed he saw very clearly indeed.

"Suddenly another light, less blinding, appeared at the side of the object. It was a door opening, and from it there emerged three enormous beings in human form, whom he described as 'robots.' Their height was tremendous. He told the Police later: 'Perhaps four or five meters, or even more...'

"Their clothing, of a nature and appearance which he was unable to describe, seemed to be 'stuck to their bodies.' On their heads were glowing helmets, from which emerged short antennae, 'like those of a snail.' (Douglas has no recollection of the faces of the creatures, but feels that they cannot have been too different from ours, for although he felt fear, he is emphatic that he felt no revulsion whatever.)

"Seeing him there beside his truck, the entities shone a beam of red light at him. Or rather, as he described it, it was not so much *one* beam of red light as *many* red lights, of tremendous power, which seemed to irradiate his skin as they struck him. The beams were

burning him, and in his confusion and terror he drew his revolver and fired three or four shots at them then fled in panic back down the road to Monte Maiz, still feeling himself pursued by the burning red light.

"When he had first felt the burning and pricking in his face and eyeballs while still in the truck, he had tried to shield himself with his poncho, and as he fled down the road he now tried to wrap his head as best he could in the blanket. Having gone some distance, he looked back and saw that the creatures were going back into the machine. The machine took off, and proceeded to make a series of dives at him on the road and at each dive he again felt the burning and prickling in his body.

"At the very moment while this was happening, a number of residents of Monte Maiz were taking part in a vigil beside the body of a Senor Ribas who had died that day. Suddenly they all noticed that both the lights in the room and candles in the funerary chamber were changing color. At first they became a bright red, changing then to green, and finally, began to give off an asphyxiating gas which forced them to rush out of the house. Arriving on the street outside, they at once beheld the strange spectacle of truck driver Eugenio Douglas running madly toward them, waving a revolver in the air and with his head muffled up. Out of breath and exhausted he was uttering piercing cries for help.

"The house where the wake was in progress was on the outskirts of Monte Maiz and close by was the first cluster of street lamps, marking the beginning of the populated area and the people who had just rushed out of the house saw a vivid red light in the sky and saw the same changes taking place in the street lamps which turned red, then green, and began to give off the same unbreathable gas.

"By now there were many people who were witnesses all this. For example, there was a family returning from a party. They too saw the changes in the street lamps, and a few minutes later they beheld the truck driver, who, with his face covered with mud and holding his poncho, was running wildly round and round one of the light standards.

"All these people, with the Ribas family, and a number of others who had participated in the wake, now accompanied Douglas to the Police Station, where he was at once interrogated and examined. The witnesses also told what they had observed with the street lamps and the candles, and the Police realized that this story was entirely true..." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. November-December 1965.

Coral Lorenzen's sources adds this:

"The police at Monte Maiz later told the Agrega paper, *Accio*, that Douglas was hysterical but in other respects all right when he came rushing in to tell his story. A physician who examined Douglas said that he found unexplainable marks or welts like burns on Douglas' face which Douglas attributed to the light from the disc.

"Examination of the ground where the object was reported to have landed yielded nothing but police said they expected nothing for the incident had taken place during a rain storm which had continued for some time after the event and therefore any marks would have been washed out." (xx.)

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin*. January 1964.

In addition, there is a translation of an article in an Argentine newspaper that was forwarded to BLUE BOOK which told of another witness, a businessman named Mateo Manocchio. (See page 67)

14 October. Woodingdean, England. (about 6:45 a.m.)

THE THING came to visit.

Our source states:

"The following account is taken from the *Brighton Argus* issue of October 14, 1963: 'Young, red-headed Mrs. Joan Child was in the kitchen of her Woodingdean bungalow home, preparing an early breakfast, when THE THING came to visit. Tea cups clattered and Mrs. Child fair jumped out of my skin as with a W-H-O-O-S-H and a roar, IT flashed down over her garden hedge and passed her kitchen window. Now a mystified Mrs. Child is wondering what IT was. And so are her neighbours in Farm Hill, Woodingdean, who dashed from their homes as that W-H-O-O-S-H rattled the windows.'

"It was so strange. I am sure it came from Up Above. And I most certainly have never seen anything like it before,' said Mrs. Child, glancing, still warily, out of her kitchen window.

"Then Mrs. Child gave all the evidence she had on the THING. It was about 6:45 a.m. and I was just preparing my husband John's breakfast when the 'Woosh' came. It was a terrific noise, just as if some monster gas jet had been ignited, and as I looked up a ball of fire about 12 feet in diameter flashed past about 6 feet from the ground. I was terrified. I had never seen or heard anything like it in my life and I immediately thought of my neighbour. She came rushing out and we went to have a look round, but there was no sign of any damage or burn marks. My husband heard the noise, and so did my son Raymond, who was in bed—and that is something, because it usually takes an awful lot to wake him up.

"Mrs. Child is convinced her fiery early morning visitor wasn't a firework. And she dreads to think what would have happened if it had come in a few yards to the left. It would have hit her kitchen.

"Elderly Mrs. Helen Manning, who lives next door, was scared stiff, by that WHOOSH. She didn't see the fireball but the noise was tremendous. Said her husband, George: 'I got my brother to climb up on the roof to see if anything was there, but he drew a blank. It is a complete mystery.'

"And even the astronomers at the Royal Observatory, Herstmonceux, were for once without an answer. 'I am as mystified as the people in Woodingdean. I have no explanation to offer and we certainly haven't had any reports,' said a spokesman. Then he added: 'Come to think of it, I heard an odd bang myself...'" (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 10, No. 1. January-February 1964. pp.24-25.

21 October. Near Trancas, province of Tucuman, Argentina. (9:30 p.m.)

Terrified family trapped inside their home.

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SOMETHING MORE ABOUT THE FLYING SAUCER SEEN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF UNION.

Last night the head of General Inspection of Political Headquarters received a more ample account of the news that was originally sent about the strange experience of the lorry driver Eugenio Douglas, who, as we have informed previously, when driving his vehicle in the outskirts of Monte Maiz, was attacked by the occupants of an extraordinary circular vehicle and injured in different parts of his body by red lights that they directed on the frightened lorry driver. The amplification now is to confirm the story of the chauffeur referred to, which by its fantastic setting, would appear to be the result of some hallucination.

In accordance with the information only now transmitted, on the 18th. inst. Mateo Manocchio, businessman of the district, presented himself to the police at Monte Maiz. According to what he stated, around 3.30 a.m. when he was driving his automobile on the main road that joins the above mentioned town with Isla Verde, upon arriving level with a railway crossing which exists at the entrance to the town, he observed a strange individual, who kneeling on the railway tracks, had his face covered by a cloth and one of his hands held high, waving a revolver. At the same time the street lighting commenced to turn to a brilliant red and thereupon he decided to retire quickly from the vicinity. That also accounts for the fact that Manocchio did not report to the police as he felt unwell, after the strange experience he had been through. As can be appreciated, the declaration made by the businessman confirms the assertions of Douglas, which we have dealt with fully in a previous edition.

CORDOBA, October 1963.

If true, this case tells us UFOs were willing to do more than flee the scene like a scared cat. In this instance, according to witnesses, the UFOs seized and held territory and left only when it suited their purpose.

Gordon Creighton translated news clips and examined letters from Argentine citizens in order to compile the following story for publication in England's *Flying Saucer Review*:

TRANCAS, AFTER SEVEN YEARS

Oscar A. Galíndez

This is an exclusive Report to Flying Saucer Review from Señor Galíndez, who is our representative in Argentine. Translation from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton.

THE Trancas case is perhaps one of the most exceptional occurrences in the whole history of the UFO problem. Not merely for the number and the quality of the witnesses, but also for the features of the phenomenon itself and the close similarity it displays with other incidents of the same type.

At the time of its occurrence the Argentine press published very brief and indeed contradictory accounts of the events. The news services reproduced these literally, the result being the same deficiencies in their stories.*

Without impugning in any way the recognised rectitude of the witnesses, but considering that the case merited a more thorough-going study, we considered it necessary to essay a re-examination of it, at the distance of seven years from its occurrence. The results of our private enquiry have been positive, inasmuch as we are now in the happy position of being able to furnish a complete and truthful panoramic picture of the events, taken direct from the mouth of one of the people involved, who has been so kind as to go over the present report and check it.

The Interview

In the course of one of his journeys to various places in Argentina in connection with his work (the investigation of air crashes) Señor Alberto Máximo Astorga, the general co-ordinator of our UFO study group, was in Tucumán during the middle of 1970. Interested as he is in the UFO phenomenon, he took advantage of the opportunity to make enquiries among military circles regarding this remarkable type of sighting. And so it came about that he made contact with a military officer who is related to the Moreno family and who was good enough to give him a letter of introduction to Señora Yolié del Valle Moreno, one of the Trancas witnesses, who is today resident in Córdoba. This circumstance was of most particular advantage to us in our task of re-examining the Trancas case inasmuch as my father and I also live in Córdoba.

The letter of introduction enabled us to arrange for a personal interview with the witness. This interview took place on October 2, 1970, those present being the lady herself, Señor Alberto Astorga, my father, Señor Benjamín Galíndez, and myself.

Congratulations and thanks to Señor Alberto Máximo Astorga and Señores Benjamín Galíndez and Oscar Galíndez and their colleagues of the Círculo Argentino de Investigaciones Ufológicas of Córdoba, for this altogether excellent follow-up in depth of a case that is seven years old. The possibilities inherent in such an exercise were discussed with Señor Astorga when, on the occasion of a visit he made to England in 1970, he had meetings with Messrs. Creighton and Winder, and myself. The wealth of material that he and his friends have now turned up makes this a model of careful field-work, and reminds us of the correctness of the advice of several leading figures in our field that there is always something new to be found, even in old cases, if one tackles them thoroughly.

We look forward to the results of further probes of this kind that our Córdoban friends have told us they will undertake when the opportunity arises.

CHARLES BOWEN

Señora Yolié Moreno is married to a well-known member of the Argentinian Armed Forces but, in compliance with the special request of her husband, we are describing her by her maiden name in order to avoid any embarrassments for the husband vis-à-vis the said branch of the Armed Forces.

The Report

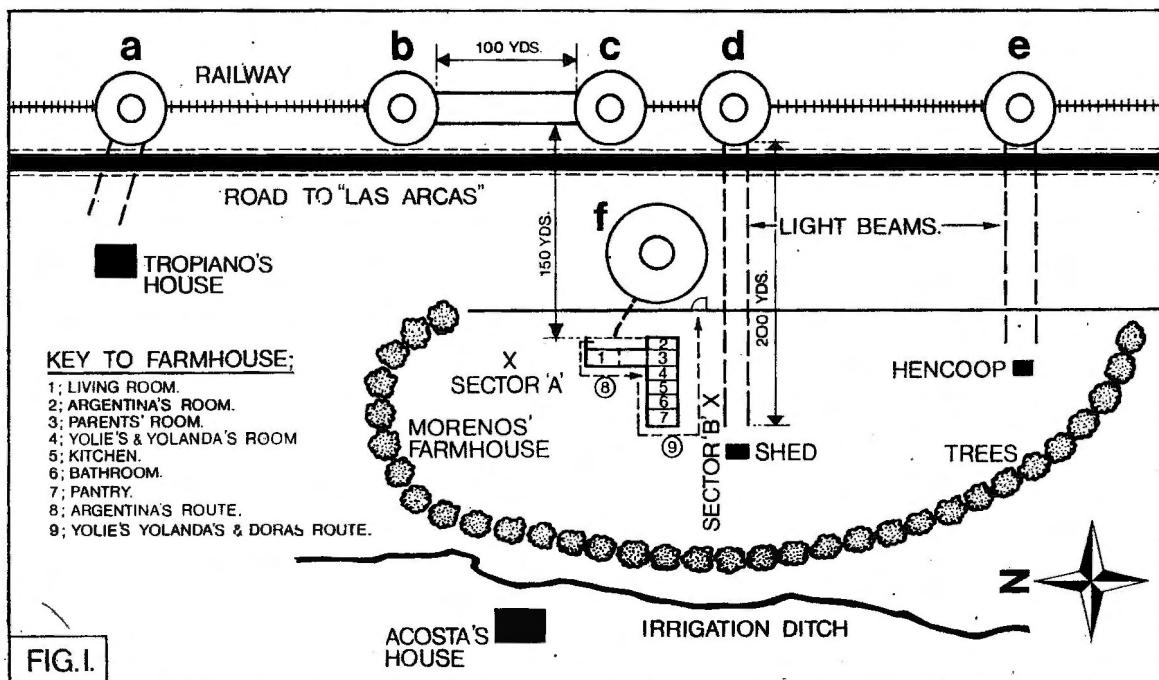
Señora Yolié Moreno is now 28 years old and has two children. She is a person of deep education and culture, as are the other members of her family also, which fact fortifies the importance of her statements. According to her account, the sequence in which the events occurred at Trancas was as follows:

At 7.00 p.m. on October 21, 1963, there was a breakdown at the private power-plant of the "Santa Teresa" Estate belonging to her family. The plant is vital for the supply of electricity to the household as the property stands in an area that is uninhabited over a radius of 1½ miles round about, being located two miles from the country town of Trancas, in the Tucumán Province of Argentina. The Moreno family were therefore obliged to use portable lamps and candles. The witness is unable to say whether this difficulty over the power supply had

any connection with the phenomena that subsequently occurred.

After taking their evening meal the family had perforce, in view of the failure of the electricity, to retire to bed at about 8.00 o'clock. Señora Yolié, who was at that date already married, had to remain awake however because at 9.30 p.m. she would have to feed her first-born baby. She was resting in room No. 4 (see Fig. 1) with her little boy and her sister Yolanda (aged 30 and unmarried).

At that moment, the domestic servant Dora Martina Guzmán (aged 15) knocked on the door of the room to say that she was frightened. But she did not make clear what was the cause of her fear, so that Yolié attached no importance to it and thought it was simply due to the loneliness of the place where the house stands. Later she mentioned to Dora Martina how strange she thought this was, seeing that as a country girl the maid ought to have been quite used to such experiences.



Moments later, Dora Martina was back again, insistent, saying now that, out in the back courtyard, she could see lights for which she could find no cause. She explained that every time she went outside the house the whole area round about was suddenly lit up for a few seconds. There were no signs of a thunder-storm brewing. Merely a few scattered clouds in the sky.

Yolié and Yolanda got up and went out to the back courtyard. They saw nothing. They waited there a few minutes, and then went back to room No. 4. But no sooner had they done so than Dora Martina called them again to say that the lights had reappeared. So the two sisters went outside again for a second time, but again they saw nothing peculiar. Dora Martina was however panic-stricken. She begged them to stay out there for a little while as, so she said, the lights gave the impression of appearing at repeated intervals. So great was her fear that she said she would leave till the next day all the domestic chores still waiting to be done.

The three of them then walked to the far left of the courtyard (sector "A" in Fig. 1). There they saw that over in the direction of the Belgrano railway line, which is 150 yards from the house, there were two bright lights linked by a shining prolongation, like a tube, about 100 yards long. (Objects "b" and "c" in Fig. 1) Some silhouettes (approximately 40) could be seen, outlined against the bright background. The figures were

moving to and fro, so that the witnesses thought that possibly there had been a derailment on the line or some sort of sabotage. The shadows, undoubtedly of human people and of normal height, seemed to be passing backwards and forwards in both directions, but Yolié thinks they were doing so *inside* the "tube" (see Fig. 2).

The surrounding vegetation prevented the witnesses from seeing in greater detail, and they were obliged to kneel down so as to see underneath the branches of the trees.

They agreed to go closer to the railway track in order to investigate.

The two Moreno sisters went back first to their room to put on enough clothing, for it was a very cold night. While Yolanda went to look for a flashlight and Dora went to get a "Colt 38" which she keeps for when she is alone in the house, Yolié tiptoed through room 3, where her parents (Antonio Moreno Ebaich, 72, and Teresa Kairuz de Moreno, 63) were asleep. This brought her to room No. 2, where her other sister, Argentina Moreno de Chávez (aged 28, and married to an Army officer) and her two children were sleeping. Her purpose in doing this was to ask Argentina to keep an eye on her own baby for her while she went outside. When Argentina heard what she had to say, she tried to dissuade her from going out of the house as it was always possible that the people might be guerrillas or

saboteurs who would no doubt not hesitate to open fire on her if they saw her. But Yolié insisted that nothing would happen.

At that point, Argentina, now moved by curiosity herself, went out on to the adjoining gallery. She began to walk towards the end of the gallery so as to be able to see these supposed lights that her two sisters and the servant had seen. Then she let out a shocked scream,

shaped form which was hanging there suspended in the air only 14ft. away from them (see object "f" in Fig. 1).

It was a solid body some 28 to 30ft. in diameter, its surface appearing to be of metal, resembling aluminium. It had a number of sections, fitted together with protuberances that looked like rivets, and on the top it had a dome, likewise of metallic appearance, but

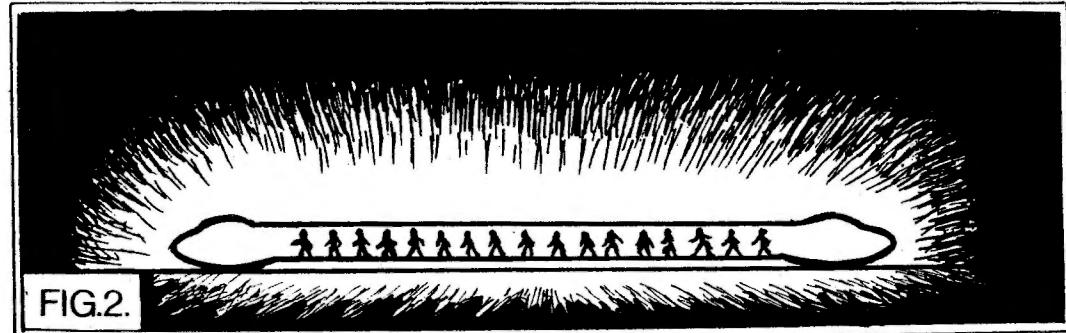


FIG.2.

weeping and shouting that there were a number of strange machines near the house. Terrified, Argentina lost control of herself and ran frenziedly round towards the back of the house (see dotted line in Fig. 1). In her distraught condition she ran into a pile of bricks that were lying in the yard and fell down on the ground. She at once got up again and dashed into room 4. The change in her appearance—she is normally a person of calm and introvert nature—astonished the other sisters. They had never seen her so upset. She was weeping, and in broken gasps she told them that the things she had seen truly were craft.

The Moreno parents now awoke with all this disturbance, but the children did not. Yolié, Yolanda, and the servant went out quickly via room 4 and headed for the right-hand section of the house (see dotted line of their movements in Fig. 1).

The three of them were making resolutely for the railway track, Dora Martina leading the way.* The first detail that now caught their attention was a faint greenish light near the front gate of the farm. They thought this must be the lights of the small truck driven by Señor Huanca, an employee on the farm, and so Dora Martina ran forward to open the gate and let the vehicle in. But, just as she was about to do so, Yolié shone her flashlight on to the green light. Suddenly six little windows lit up, revealing a strange disc-

darker and with no rivets (see Fig. 3).

There were no emblems or markings on the object. The small windows were rectangular, about 35in. by 25in., and emitted a powerful white light. The rest of the surface of the machine could not be seen because a whitish mist was coming out of its lower extremity. From the dome to the bottom of the windows the distance was about 8 to 10ft., and from the bottoms of the windows to the ground was only another 5ft. The machine was rocking gently to and fro, but not revolving on its axis. It was quite clearly not resting on the ground.

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At once a sort of coloured band lit up inside the object and commenced to rotate, a detail which they could observe through the windows. The windows themselves were now changing colour, slowly and in sequence, which made it look as though they were travelling round, and in a counter-clockwise direction. At the beginning this impression of movement was given by a reddish light passing from one window to another. But gradually this process speeded up, until the whole periphery took on an orange tone. A soft hum accompanied the movement of the lights. And the whitish mist began to thicken, giving off a penetrating odour resembling the smell of sulphur.

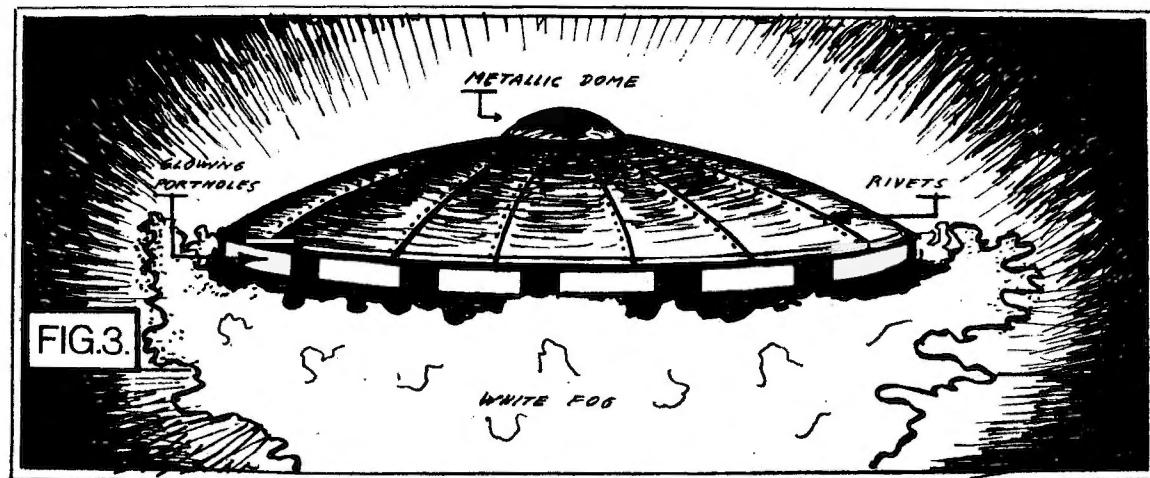
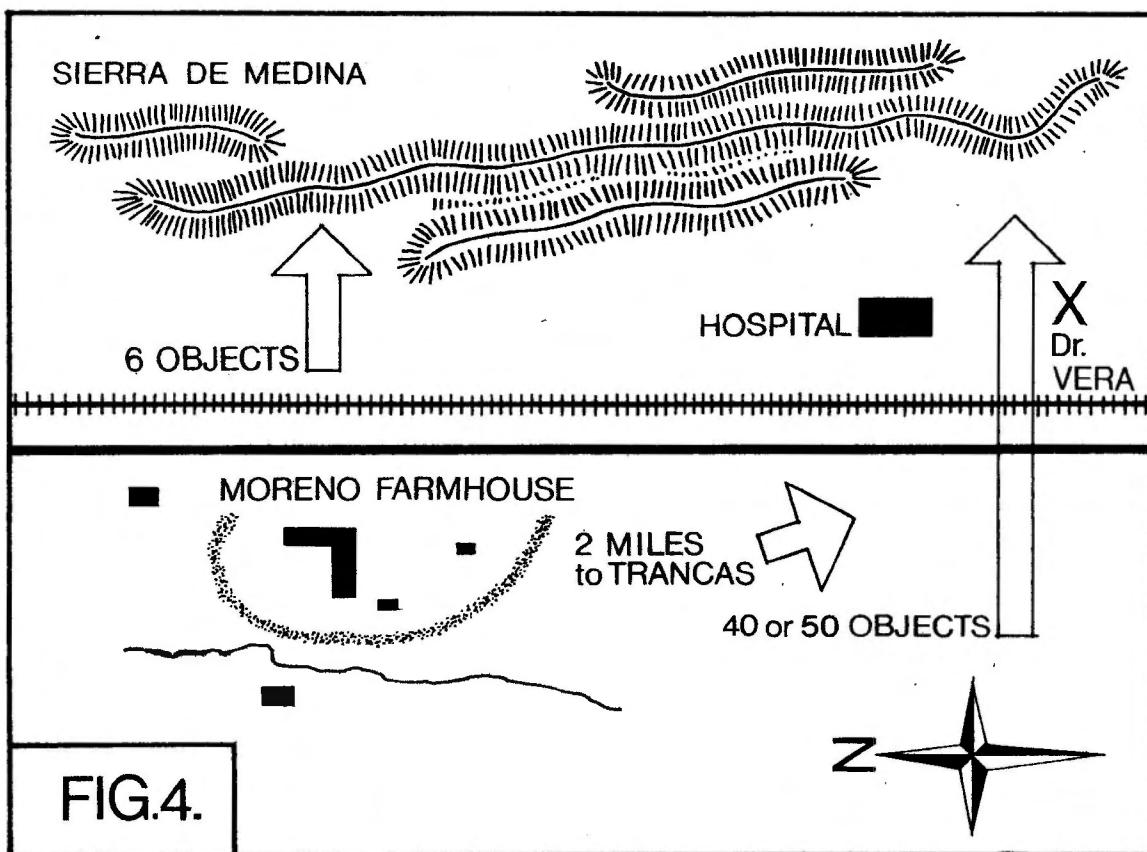


FIG.3.



The three witnesses took in all these details in less than 30 seconds. Then a sudden tongue of flame emanating from the object—they are unable to say from which portion—brought them back to reality, for it knocked them down violently and hurled their bodies, rolling them a distance of 6ft. or so on the ground. They picked themselves up and ran panic-stricken to the gallery. The servant Dora Martina had suffered most from the effects of the flame, as she had been in front of the Moreno sisters, both of whom merely felt a powerful sensation of heat. (Next day, Dora Martina was treated at the Trancas Hospital for first and second degree burns on face, arms, and legs. Yolié thinks there must be records of this at the hospital.)

Simultaneously with all this, three more bright lights (objects "a", "d", and "e" in Fig. 1) lit up on the railway line, making a total of six of these strange bodies. The distance between the most widely spaced two objects ("a" and "e") was about 400 yards. (It is probable that the lights seen from the rear of the house by Dora Martina, and the origin of which she was unable to establish, were these lights coming on and going out in unison. From the centre of the courtyard it is in fact not physically possible to see the railway embankment, but it is of course feasible for the glow from the objects to have lit up the whole courtyard.)

Coherent Beams of Light

As the band inside the craft rotated faster and faster, object "f" gradually became enveloped in the mist emanating from its under part. The structural features of the machine finally vanished from their sight, being just perceptible thereafter as an orange-coloured cloud.

From the window of room No. 2, which looks eastwards, the Moreno parents were able to observe how,

from the upper part of this same object "f", there came a "tube" of light about 10ft. wide, which was seeking out with extreme precision all the various features of their house, as though conducting a careful scrutiny.

The other objects, either at rest on, or suspended above, the railway tracks, had the same metallic appearance as object "f", though the latter seemed to be considerably larger. (Señora Yolié Moreno calls it "the mother ship" ["la nave madre"], not only on account of its size, but also because it was this one that seemed to dictate the behaviour of the other five.) The whole area round about was very strongly illuminated, so that it was a relatively simple task to appreciate these details.

When Señora Yolié saw that two compact beams of light were starting to come from object "d" she went out again through the door of room No. 4 and walked towards the far right side of the house (sector "B" in Fig. 1). The beams were directed straight at a shed, 40 yards from the house, in which shed they had a tractor. (No. 8 in Fig. 1.) It took a few minutes for the beams to cover the distance of 200 yards between the railway line and the shed, and the beams finally stopped about 6 or 7ft. in front of the shed. To see the 10ft.-wide beams advancing was a terrifying sight. At no point throughout their length did they touch the ground, but they remained just 3 or 4in. above it. The beams were perfectly cylindrical, with no shadows anywhere. (However, in view of the diameter of the objects themselves, the points of origin of the "tubes" must necessarily have been smaller than their final extremities.)

The beams emitted no vapour, and gave off no sound (which, erroneously, the press had reported them, at the time, to have done). The beams remained in front of the tractor shed for about 40 minutes. (Next day the

Morenos found that the oil marks that had been on various parts of the tractor had vanished as though the tractor had been carefully washed down.)

Instinctively, Señora Yolié thrust half of her right forearm laterally into one of the "tubes" of light from object "d". She had in fact been thinking at first that the beam might be a jet of water concentrated by some unknown mechanism (the crystalline clarity of the light beams had led her to this speculation). But her forearm did not get wet. She merely felt a powerful sensation of heat which, however, produced no effect on her skin. It was something immaterial. The "tube" showed no alteration as a result of her action. (Obviously, if the light beams reached as far as the shed, then it is clear that they were equally unaffected when they penetrated the fence.)

Once more, terror in the face of the unknown sent Yolié running back into the house.

The father, old Señor Moreno, wanted to go out himself and investigate the cause of the lights, but his daughters prevented him from doing so. His wife, Señora Teresa de Moreno, was praying. From the windows of rooms 2, 3, and 4 they could see the luminous beams slowly advancing from the other objects towards the outbuildings of the farm. The beams were white and perfectly cylindrical in configuration. Their light did not scatter. They resembled 10ft.-wide pipes, lying parallel, two to each object except for object "f", which had only the one beam. The extremities of the beams ended abruptly. (The "tube" linking objects "b" and "c" had by now disappeared, along with the humanoid shadows. Now both objects "b" and "c" were directing compact beams of light at the house.)

From object "e" they saw coherent beams emerge and move slowly towards a hencoop containing 40 birds, which lay to the south of the tractor-shed (No. 9 in Fig. 1). The beams stopped sharply a short distance from the hencoop and remained stationary for many minutes.

Meanwhile, inside the farmhouse the temperature was rising to above 40°C, and remained fluctuating around about 40° (before the beginning of these phenomena, the thermometer had stood at a mere 16°C in the house). The bed-clothes of the three children, still asleep, were drenched with perspiration.

Inside the house the whole place was lit up as bright as day. Señora Yolié Moreno is unable to find the explanation as to where the light entered. None of the witnesses noticed whether the light beams were passing through the walls, but Yolié indicated to me that this may well have been the cause of the illumination inside the house, though she hesitates to assert it flatly. (The fact that the beam had no difficulty in penetrating Yolié's forearm and the farmhouse fence strengthens the evidence that this may be the correct explanation.)

Furthermore, the hypothesis of the Frenchman Jean Goupil regarding canalised magnetic fields provides a theoretical explanation of these "tubes" as toroidal discharges of a magnetic field. Walls of wood or stone constitute no obstacles for a magnetic field. According to Goupil's theory the luminous beam of the toroidal discharge can reconstitute itself on the other side of the wall, thus giving the amazing appearance of a light that penetrates a solid body. Likewise, bearing in mind the emission of a not inconsiderable quantity of energy, the temperature inside the house would be bound to rise.¹

At one point during the course of these phenomena Señora Teresa de Moreno saw a shadow which passed in rapid silhouette across the window of room No. 3. She is unable, however, to say whether this vision of a shadow was the product of her own emotional state

at the time, or whether the figure was real (another Hopkinsville?).²

After a short while, object "f" projected its beam of compact light towards the south, in the direction of the town of Trancas. The beam advanced slowly, and after some 10 or 15 minutes it seems that it had reached the immediate outskirts of the town. Then the beam rose upwards and swung around in a 180° turn, facing now towards the north. Then it slowly withdrew, vanishing finally into object "f" which then began to move towards the railway line. There the other objects joined it, and all of them flew off at low altitude eastwards, towards the Sierra de Medina (range of mountains). The time since the beginning of the observation had been 40 or 45 minutes. For more than half an hour thereafter the horizon was tinged with orange lights.

Verifications

The following details, subsequent to the incident, are of particular interest, inasmuch as they provide authentic endorsements for the occurrence of a phenomenon that truly is altogether out of the ordinary.

(a) When the machines had departed, the Morenos went out into the garden, where the cloud produced by object "f" was still hanging. It was extremely thick. A powerful smell of sulphur floated over the spot. The cloud did not disperse until four hours later.

(b) Beneath the air-space where the object "f" had been rocking to and fro, and within a circle 28 to 30ft. in diameter, they found, forming a perfect cone 3ft. high, innumerable little white balls $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter. Next day they found similar little balls on the railway line, but not in such vast quantity as in the garden. The little balls crumpled under gentle pressure.

The head of the chemical laboratory of the Institute of Chemical Engineering in the University of Tucumán, Sr. Walter Gonzalo Tell, did an analysis of them, which showed that they contained 96.48% of calcium carbonate and 3.51% of potassium carbonate.

(c) The farm dogs, renowned for their fierceness, never barked once. Nor did they bark after the objects had vanished. The dogs seemed dazed, as though asleep. The same effects were observed in the hens.

(d) The copse of carob trees in the area where they found the little balls were all withered a few days later.

Over the years since, by using fertilisers, they have managed to get things to grow again in the area, but not as well as before. (The reader may recall the resemblances to the French case at Valensole, and Dr. Jacques Lemaitre's plan in that connection.)³

(e) At 10.30 p.m., the same night, Señora Yolié Moreno went across to the house of their neighbour Sr. Francisco Tropiano, which lies about 100 yards to the north of the Moreno residence (No. 10 in Fig. 1). She asked him whether he had noticed anything strange during the last few minutes (object "a" had been directing its solid beams right at Sr. Tropiano's house). But Sr. Tropiano said he had neither felt nor seen anything, as he had been fast asleep. All that he was able to do was to confirm the presence of the orange glow which still persisted in the east.

(f) Still bent on gathering additional details about the phenomenon, the Morenos questioned the overseer of their farm, Sr. José Acosta, whose house lies to the west of theirs, at a distance of 100 yards or so, but on the other side of an irrigation ditch. Acosta's own first question to them was why the field had been on fire, as he had seen that it was lit up to the east of his house. He added that he had "amused himself" watching numerous bright objects which were moving about for a considerable period to the westward. (Clearly these were features that the Moreno family had not seen. Study of

Fig. 1 will show that from inside the Moreno farmstead the view is shut off by the trees. The Morenos were unable to see the objects observed towards the west by Acosta. Likewise Acosta could not see the objects seen in the east by the Morenos. Acosta could only have seen the glow from the objects on the railway line, and so put it down to a fire.)

(g) Another piece of unpublished testimony came from a lady physician, Dr. René Vera, doctor at the Trancas Hospital, which lies outside Trancas.

On the night in question, her car broke down[§] as she was driving towards Trancas. So she decided to finish the journey on foot. The time was about 11.00 p.m. when she saw come flying over, from west to east or rather slightly towards north-east, a squadron of 40 or 50 luminous bodies which passed overhead at low altitude. They left the whole atmosphere impregnated with the smell of sulphur to such a degree that she was almost made ill by it.

This incident was related to the Morenos by Dr. René Vera herself long after the press reverberations of their own story had died away. She had not wanted to report it at the time, out of fear of the usual ridicule that she would have incurred.

(As these things were coming from the west, we think, bearing in mind their large number, that they were probably the same ones that the farm overseer Acosta had seen travelling towards the Sierra de Medina. Only a few minutes earlier, the objects seen by the Morenos had made off towards this same range of mountains. We wonder whether the compact projected beam of light that did an 180° turn was not perhaps a sort of signal to form formation with the other ones seen by Acosta?)

Fig. 4 explains very clearly the sighting reported by Dr. René Vera.

(h) Señora Yolié Moreno told us that, at the time, she had to fill in a technical questionnaire for the Argentine Navy, and complete a test for the Pentagon in the U.S.A.

(i) In the opinion of Señora Yolié Moreno (basing her assumptions on the rivets seen in object "f" and also on the humanoid silhouettes seen at a distance) the objects observed by them were *the product of a terrestrial technology*.

This assertion is particularly important, not as regards the terrestrial hypothesis itself, but as regards the fact that the remark reveals Señora Moreno as a person not inclined to fanciful ideas. If there was any one thing that served to keep her calm during her experiences that night it was this belief of hers that "since they were people like us, it could not be any question of extra-terrestrial intelligences."

Some Interesting Comparisons

(I) The description of the band prompts us to recall the late Wilbert Smith's theory regarding "magnetic sinks" which could be utilised by means of conducting rings revolving around them. The luminous effects of a machine employing this procedure would be due to the rotation of the ring, although at times they might build up to a corona discharge.

In Wilbert Smith's view, many saucers would be invisible to everybody at night, particularly when there is an absence of heat in their rings since they are not rotating. (Remember that, at the beginning, object "f" remained in semi-darkness, at a short distance from the Moreno farm.)

But if the speed of the rotating ring were to increase, and if the ring were to heat up again as a result of its

motion inside the magnetic field, Smith maintained that a pink glow would appear. Then, at still greater speeds, the colour would grow brighter, turning to red, and then to orange, and then to yellow, and finally would reach the reddish-white glow of white-hot metal. The conversion process would gradually be more rapid each time.⁴

(In the Trancas case, the revolving band began to move slowly, with a colouring between pink and red. As its rotation became faster, the colour turned to a vivid red and then finally to an orange shade which persisted during the 40 or 45 minutes of the phenomenon. The phases of major revolution velocity—which would have been yellow and then reddish-white—were not attained by the Trancas object. Nevertheless, the correlation and sequence in the colour variations do coincide with Wilbert Smith's theories.)

(II) Sulphur

Among the Argentine cases in which the odour of sulphur was a distinctive feature it is worth recalling the notable landing at Villa Constitución⁵ in the Province of Santa Fe on September 11, 1967. On that occasion the object remained suspended for four hours at a height of only 3ft. from the ground. ||

(III) Residua

In its chemical composition the carbonated residue at Trancas tallies completely with the residue left from the landing outside Bahía Blanca, also in Argentina, on May 12, 1962. The analysis of the Bahía Blanca material was done in the laboratories of the National Southern University and showed the presence of a high percentage of calcium carbonate and a residue of potassium carbonate.⁶

(IV) Coherent Light Beams

When we interviewed Señora Yolié Moreno, we showed her various UFO publications that contained descriptive sketches of sightings involving "tubes" of light. Great indeed was her astonishment when she perceived the marked similarities between those cases and the Trancas phenomenon. It is well worthwhile to bear them in mind inasmuch as they confirm the authenticity of the Trancas case. Here they are:

Case I: May 6, 1967. Hochfelden, near Strasbourg, "tube" of light coming from an object some 100 or more feet from the ground. Observing it through his windscreen, he was able to see that the "tube" was between 2 and 3ft. in diameter and that it was hollow.¹¹

(Yolié Moreno had the same impression when she was watching the advance of the "tubes" projected by object "d".)

Reinterpretation of the "Cloud Cigars"

Reasons of space prevent us from discussing this at greater length, but we cannot resist the temptation to launch the following theory: is it not possible that the "cloud cigars"—or at least *some* of them—might not be a special class of objects at all, but projections of coherent light beams such as those seen at Trancas? How would the object "f" have appeared, had its beam almost two miles long been observed at a great altitude? The slow forward movement of the beam would have given it the character of an object that, circular at first, became tubular later. Like, for example, the "cigar" over Dôle (France) on August 18-19, 1954, France. From a strange object a sort of luminous cylindrical beam was projected towards the ground. It vanished suddenly. Then a second and similar beam appeared, and then two more, all of them parallel. The three beams all terminated abruptly at a height of 3ft. from the ground.⁷

(The most notable differences between this and the Trancas case lie in the thickness of the "tubes" of light and in their instantaneous disappearance. At Hochfelden the diameter of the first beam was of the thickness of a thumb, and of the subsequent beams it was of the thickness of a little finger.)

Case II: August 29, 1967. Oka, Canada. From a disc-shaped object there emerged a compact beam of light which moved about in various directions as though performing a mission of observation.⁸

(In the opinion of the witnesses at Trancas, the beams in their case seemed to be making a meticulous study of the outhouses and dependencies of the farm.)

Case III: August 31, 1968. Villier-en-Morvan, France. From a landed object standing 1½ miles from the witnesses there slowly emerged a compact luminous beam which covered the distance to them in between five and 10 minutes, till it arrived at a spot 30 or 40 yards from where they were. The "tube" was 3 or 4 ft. in diameter. After a few minutes it was slowly drawn in.⁹

(Object "f" at Trancas projected a coherent beam about two miles long, which distance it covered in between 10 and 15 minutes. The enormous diameter of the "tube" in this French sighting seems very similar to the Trancas case.)

Case IV: September 1, 1968. Mendoza, Argentina. Several strange beings, which a few minutes previously had been involved in a curious case with two witnesses, entered a flying object by means of a compact beam of light which remained at a steady inclination of 45° to the ground.¹⁰ ¶

(In the opinion of Señora Yolié Moreno, the figures that were moving to and fro between objects "b" and "c" at Trancas were apparently doing so *inside* the "tube" linking the two objects.)

Case V: End of October 1967. Boyup Brook, Australia. A man who was driving in his car towards Boyup Brook suddenly found himself the focal point of a

as described by Aimé Michel.¹² On that occasion the object, almost circular to begin with, became steadily longer until it was cylindrical.

A reverse process is described by Jacques Vallée¹³ when he cites the phenomenon that occurred at Homer, U.S.A., on April 11, 1964. One of the objects seen on that occasion had the shape of a pencil, but a few seconds later its length began to diminish, until finally it assumed the aspect of a saucer.

The cloudy mass that generally surrounds one of the ends of the "cigars" could be interpreted as the *nucleus of the projection*. Let us explain: the object "f" at Trancas was surrounded by a dense cloudiness—to such a degree that finally the cloud hid the structural shape of the object. Only after that did it emit the compact beam of light towards the farmhouse. This process leads us to think that the production of the cloud might be intimately related to the projection of coherent beams of light. Cloud and projection would then be two aspects of one and the same phenomenon. If object "f"—with its long luminous beam—had been at a great altitude, it would have been seen as a whitish "cigar" with an orange cloud at one of its extremities. We have raised the question, and we leave it posed.

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28 October. San Andres (Province of Tucuman), Argentina. (evening)

60 meters from the ground.

Item in the *Flying Saucer Review*:

"According to the daily *La Gaceta*, of October 29, a certain Señor Roberto Capdevilla was driving home on the previous evening when, on National Highway No.9, he beheld a luminous red object suspended above the side of the road. He estimated that it was at

about 60 meters from the ground and about 150 meters distant from his car, and he had it under observation for about four minutes. He described the object as looking 'like half an orange.' It eventually disappeared slowly towards the south." (xx.)

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30 October. Meridian, Indiana. (night)

"It was eight feet above our willow tree. It was there about four and half minutes." (See clippings below)

Flying Saucer Seen At Meridian

Meridian: A flying saucer was reported Thursday to have been seen in Meridian Wednesday night by at least four persons, three of them from one family.

Mrs. Avys McCadden of Cambridge, teacher at the Meridian school, was one of those reporting seeing the object.

Mrs. Albert Gordon, and her sons, Richard, 15, and Russell, 12, of 1231 West First Street, said they were within about 35 feet of the object, which they described as circular in shape.

Richard and Russell first noticed the sound of the object about 8:45 p.m., and that when all three looked out the window of the home, the strange craft was hovering over a willow tree in their yard.

Richard added the sound of the object was a piercing, humming noise. He described the object as about 35 in diameter. He added the craft hovered over the tree about 4½ minutes and then flew slowly toward Kuna.

Donald Vincent, of Miller Apartments in Meridian, and Richard Pritchett, 1217 West First Street, who were working on a car nearby, also heard the sound of the object. Pritchett said he thought it was an outboard boat motor being tested in a tub of water.

Nampa Idaho Free Press Meridian Area Plagued By 'Strange Object'

MERIDIAN—Federal Aviation Agency officials are checking reports of a "strange object" that hovered over Meridian Wednesday night.

Three members of the Albert Gordon family, 1231 W. First St., told of seeing a round object that made a "loud, deep and weird noise."

A Mrs. Pauline Koch, Kuna highway, reportedly saw a flash and heard a noise when she was in Meridian on an errand.

THE GORDONS said the object didn't appear to be a helicopter. And an FAA spokesman at Boise said no helicopters had taken off from the Boise airport or Mountain Home Air Force Base Wednesday night.

Richard Gordon, 15, told this story:

"My mother, Russell and I looked outside. It was dark, but as much as we could make out, the thing was perfectly round and about 35 feet in diameter. A red light on its side flashed on once, then went off quickly."

"IT MADE a very deep humming noise—very penetrating and weird. The noise went through my head. It hung about 8 feet above our willow tree—very low and motionless—then slowly moved on. It was there about 4½ minutes."

"We were pretty scared."

The youth said he has been close to helicopters in the past, but the object's noise didn't sound like a 'copter's.

"We went back in the house and called the flight control center at Gowen Field," Richard added.

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31 October. Dalyston, Victoria, Australia. (4:15 a.m.)

"It stayed 100 yards ahead and 80 feet up." (See clipping on page 76)

A FLYING OBJECT SHOCKED BREAD CARTER

A bread carter was frightened by an unidentified flying object at Dalyston, near Wonthaggi, at 4.15 last Thursday morning.

He stopped his panel van for 10 seconds in the pre-dawn darkness before driving up a hill beyond which he thought the U.F.O. had landed.

When he topped the hill 30 seconds later the U.F.O. was miles away.

The bread carter is Jim Davidson, 28, of Hagelthorn St., Wonthaggi.

He said: "It started with a slight glow in the sky to my left. It got bigger as it came towards me."

"When it reached me it turned and took up my course.

"It stayed 100 yards ahead, and 80-ft. up.

"It was 8-ft. to 12-ft. long, and glowed orange, except for two tail fin sections at the rear that glowed red.

"It was weird. It was not metallic or any substance like metal: it was more like a cloud. But it was not a cloud.

"I followed it for two miles. At times I closed my eyes hard to make sure I was not seeing things.

"It gave me a fright when it moved across the road to my right, and continued to pace me.

"Then it moved further to the right, accelerated up a hill; and started to descend.

"I stopped. I was frightened. I did not want to go on. Then I realized I had bread to deliver to Nyora, and drove on.

"I expected to see it on the ground the other side of the hill. But nothing was there. I looked around, and several miles out to sea I could just make out a moving, orange glow."

Others saw it

At the same time as Davidson made his sighting two other breadcarters in three-mile distant Wonthaggi saw a red glow over Dalyston.

They are Frank Coleman, 43, of Henry St. North Wonthaggi, and Norm Veal, 42, of Watt St., Wonthaggi.

Veal said: "We thought it was a fire. But it did not give off the skywards glow of a fire.

"We watched for a while, trying to establish what it was. It was most peculiar.

"Ten minutes later when we got up into a higher part of Wonthaggi we had another look, but could see nothing.

"We mentioned it when we returned to the bake-house after our round. That's when we learned about Jim's sighting."

FOOTNOTE: At South Dudley last month, between Wonthaggi and Dalyston, a U.F.O. was seen by 60 people.

Last May a youth claimed a mysterious flying object followed his car along a road near Mount Gambier.

The youth did not disclose his name because people might think he was "crackers".

The youth said the object was on the side of the road. When he was within 20 yards a bright light came on and dazzled him.

He said: "I pulled up. The object moved across the road, and shot into the air. It hovered above the car. I headed off at 50 to 60 miles an hour and the light followed."

Five nights earlier a car load of people reported to Mt. Gambier police that a similar light followed their car for several miles.

Near Adelaide the following month another motorist reported to Willaston police that a strange, glowing object rose from the roadway at 9.30 p.m. on June 28.

The man, who did not want his name used, said the object was about 25-ft. wide, 12-ft. high, and had a concave top and a flat base.

Within 12-ft.

He said: "I was within 12-ft. of it before it suddenly rose from the roadway. I was terrified. It rose several hundred feet before it made off at a fantastic speed. I cannot say whether it was solid or made up of gases.

"But I am sure of one thing: I saw it, and never want another experience like it."

Wonthaggi,
Australia
The Express
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31 October. Iguape, Sao Paulo, Brazil. (2:30 p.m.)

Gave a palm tree a glancing blow and then plunged into the river. (See clipping below)

Brazil's Flying Saucer

At 2:30 p.m. on October 31, 1963, residents of Iguape, in Brazil's Sao Paulo province, rushed out of their homes to see a silvery, disc-shaped object surmounted by a low dome flying overhead.

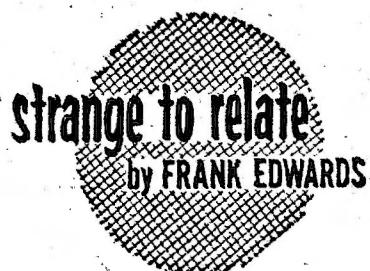
The object was obviously in difficulties for it moved jerkily and oscillated as it went. As it moved it made a heavy pounding noise. The disc lurched over the house of Mrs. Elidia de Sousa, beside the river. Barely missing the house, the disc shot forward and gave a palm tree a glancing blow. The disc then zigzagged out over the river, losing altitude, and finally plunged into the water.

According to the report made to the Brazilian government, about 50 people saw the object plunge into the river. Among them were some fishermen.

When the water began to boil at that point where the disc had submerged, the fishermen drove stakes into the bank to mark the spot. It had gone into the water where it was about 12 ft. deep with an estimated 15 ft. of soft mud on the bottom of the stream.

The Brazilian government rushed divers to the scene, and troops to maintain a round-the-clock watch. Other government representatives removed a section of the palm tree.

Witnesses told the government investigators that the disc appeared to



be about 16 ft. in diameter, with a low dome about 40 in. high. It looked, they said, like a shiny wash-basin upside down.

Day after day and night after night the divers searched the muddy bottom of the Peropava river. The Brazilian Navy brought various types of underwater detection gear to the spot, but after two weeks of fruitless searching the project was discontinued.

It was decided that the disc had either been washed downstream and was lost in the mud, or that it had managed to repair itself while underwater and had slipped away during the night.

That it went into the water as described was accepted by the government of Brazil beyond question. But where it went after that is an unanswered question . . . a very important question.

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? November 1963. Linwood, New Jersey. (night)

The dog barked the whole time.

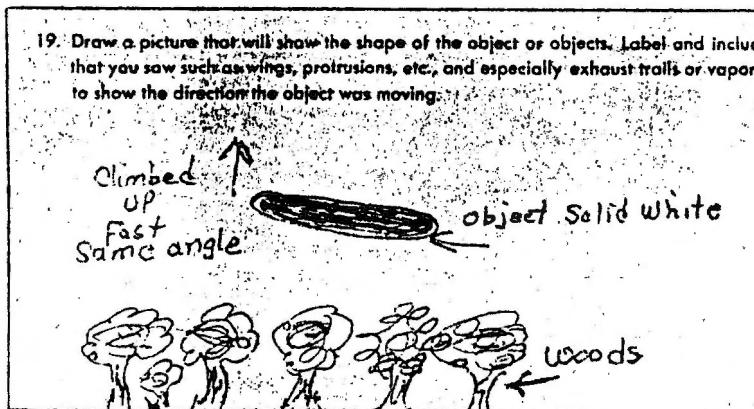
A youth was outdoors in the residential section of Linwood when he noticed something hovering above some trees 300 yards away, an object that was visible in spite of the fact there was no moonlight. A thick layer of cloud over the region made the evening exceptionally dark. The object was cigar-shaped with fuzzy or blurred edges but still appeared to be a solid body. No sound was heard during the 15 minutes the UFO was observed. The boy's dog barked the whole time. Suddenly the thing zoomed upward out of sight. (See drawing by witness)

In his letter to the Air Force the witness said:

"At the time of the sighting I was 13-years-old but I remember it as if it were yesterday.

"I have had a good education and I am mentally stable, I hope! I have discussed UFOs with many people and after my sighting I am a firm believer in them. I was not before the sighting. I have seen some pictures in the paper which resembles the UFO I saw. I think I should mention I live near the swamp, but I know it was not swamp gas as some people have told me. If I could be of any assistance in explaining this further with anyone, I would be pleased to do so." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. November 1963. (No exact date available)



November 1963. *UFO Evidence* to be published.

A special report to NICAP membership announced:

"We are pleased to announce that a quick response to our Special Interim Issue (Vol. II, No. 9) has assured a larger print order for the *UFO Evidence Report*, with high quality format and added documents. Unlimited member orders can now be accepted; checks earmarked exclusively for the Report will be placed in a special account. A substantial portion of the Report is now written. The first draft should be completed on or about December 1st. Target date for printing will be sometime in December, as soon as possible after careful checking and editing.

"Book publishers, film producers, radio and television stations in large cities and small towns in recent weeks have bombarded us with requests for information,

indicating that UFOs will be published extensively in coming months. But our first responsibility is the Report. When it is circulated, NICAP representatives will make public appearances to discuss it and answer questions. Then in 1964, Congressional hearings could result immediately (a possibility indicated by the number of Members of Congress who have shown strong interest in studying the full Report). If not, we will be in a position to steadily publicize reliable UFO sightings so that Congress could not ignore them indefinitely." (xx.)

(xx.) *Special Report to Members.* National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. November 1963.

2 November. West Frankfort, Illinois. (2:30 a.m.)

UFO trails vehicle.

Our source states:

"A strange light, apparently following a truck driver, was reported during the early hours.

"The driver informed West Frankfort police that an object had trail him at an altitude of around 400 to 500 feet from south of town to the 37-Route 149 intersection. Thereupon, the object seemed to veer west. The time was given as 2:30 a.m.

"Night patrolman Arthur Marks presumably was halted by the truck driver, at which time he entered the patrol vehicle with Marks and proceeded to follow the object as it travelled towards Zeigler, seven miles west of their location. The UFO, appeared.

"Others in the general vicinity are reported to have had similar experiences; but it seems that there was discrepancy as to whether any radio message concerning the sighting actually was received. Apparently an alert was sounded at around 2:00 a.m., through District 13 State Police headquarters at Du Quion. Nevertheless, when questioned, they allegedly were unable to locate any record of the message in their logs."

(xx.)

(xx.) *The UFO Reporter.* Ed.: Eugene Steinberg. Vol. 4, No.1. Spring 1964. p.20.

12 November. Atlantic Ocean? (Location unknown) (no time)

Magnetic compass points toward UFO.

According to our source:

"During the night of the 12th, a large UFO was sighted from the stern of the Argentine Navy transport, *A.R.A Punta Medanos*. The huge object was round-shaped and moving high speed. It had no lights and made no sound. When the UFO appeared, the needles of the ship's magnetic compasses suddenly and simultaneously swung off

course, pointing toward the UFO. At the time the object was about 2,000 meters away from the ship. After the object was gone, the compasses returned to normal." (xx.)

(xx.) Gribble, Bob. "Looking Back." *MUFON UFO Journal*. Number 247. November 1988. pp.21-22.

12 November. Chandlers Ford, England. (3:00 a.m.)

Descended like a falling leaf.

According to our source:

"On Tuesday, November 12, at 3 a.m., Mr. D. Mackintosh, a science master at Testwood Secondary Modern School was driving his car through Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, when he noticed a silvery object in the south east. This object appeared to be oval and descended like a falling leaf. It then remained motionless for a few moments and Mr. Mackintosh estimated that it was over the railway works at Eastleigh. The object then ascended and disappeared. Whether it accelerated swiftly or went out like a snuffed candle, Mr. Mackintosh was not sure—he was having to keep part of his attention on his driving. He now wishes he had stopped to get a good look." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 10, No. 1. January-February 1964. p.4.

13 November. Southport, England. (early morning)

"They followed me." "I was quite frightened."

Our source states:

"The following account sent to us by Mr. D. M. Vernon, appeared in the *Manchester Evening News* on November 13, 1963: 'Mr. Tony Softley, a Southport restaurant owner, claimed to day that he was followed home in the early hours by a flying saucer. Police, R.A.F. and coast guards were alerted by a garage where he stopped. The object was seen by six people at the garage and was under observation for more than an hour.'

"Police said today there were no reports of shipping or aircraft in distress and no other inquiries had been received. They said the object—bright star-like lights—were similar to lifeboat recall signals but no lifeboat had been launched.

"I noticed the light as I was driving into Southport from Preston, said Mr. Softley. It seemed to be following me. After a while it changed color from white to green and was joined by another. They came in quite close as though they were following me. I was quite frightened." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 10, No. 1. January-February 1964. pp.27-28.

14 November. Carson City, Nevada. (4:45 a.m.)

The bedroom window drapes light up. (See clipping on page 81)



Carson City, Nevada
Appeal
14 November 63

Flying Saucer Arrives Here?

The "legend" of the Flying Saucer has returned with an eye-witness report from a Carson City resident who testifies that she saw a disc shaped object, "tremendous" in size, hovering in the skies southwest of here early this morning.

Blanche Pritchett, Carson City, reported seeing the object as it hovered above the clouds at about 4:45 this morning with a brilliant shaft of light illuminating a hill northwest of town. The huge object, she said, stood stationary in space while she watched it from a window in her home.

The disc, she said, gave off an "odd bluish green color with a goldencast." "A vibratory hum" came from the object, she added.

"I've never seen any-

thing like it in my life," Mrs. Pritchett, said.

She first noticed the object early this morning after seeing the drapes on a bedroom window "lighting up" from a glow outside the window. Then she looked out the window to see the object. At first she said that she thought it was a fire.

A radio station which she had been listening to went off while the object was lighting the skies, she said. Then the skies suddenly went "pitch black" when the object disappeared, after which the radio station came back on, she said.

Other persons reported calling police, the weatherman and a radio station in Reno this morning to report "a glow in the sky" southwest of Reno.

14 November. Mar del Plata, Argentina. (12:30 a.m. to 12:45 a.m.)

Hundreds of residents view cigar-shaped maneuver over city. (See document on page 82)

14 November. Five miles from Wagonmound, New Mexico. (no time)

Mystery sphere.

Our source states:

"On November 14, 1963, Mr. Charles Romero was driving north at 45 miles per hour and was approximately five miles out of Wagonmound, New Mexico, when his wife called his attention to the right side of the road. Between the highway and the railroad which allowed a space of one hundred yards, they observed a large sphere about 50 feet in diameter. The sphere started upward and made no audible noise. The sphere changed colors and before disappearing left a strange spiral effect shown in the below illustrations.

"Investigating for I.N.S. (Interplanetary News Service—a civilian UFO group) Robert L. Dobbins New Mexico Representative and a teacher in the Magdalena, New Mexico

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ANOTHER FLYING SAUCER. ON NOV. 15, 1963

Several newspapermen and many persons assure us that they have seen a flying object in Mar del Plata, which as always, emitted white and bluish lights, and circled over the Atlantic city during fifteen minutes. It was faster than any known airplane.

MAR DEL PLATA. (From our agency). - Upon the cry of "a flying saucer" hundreds of inhabitants of the sea-side resort at dawn yesterday - Nov. 15, 1963 - rushed to their balconies and to open spaces to see the rapid motion of an object of the shape of a cigar or spindle, which flashed an intermittent light, at times white and at others of a bluish tone, which circled over the city for fifteen minutes.

The phenomenon was visible between 0.30 and 0.45. The mysterious object remained almost all the time suspended in the air, balancing lightly, and afterwards took off at a very high speed in a northerly direction and disappeared in a few seconds. The machine - which by the way it manoeuvred, cannot be thought of as a celestial phenomenon - appeared in the west sector of the city, at about thirty degrees above the horizon.

Among the witnesses of the movements of the apparatus we have Horacio Tarifeño, chief of information service of Radio LU9 of Mar del Plata, who personally proved the existence of the object from the roof of the building occupied by the radio station, after having received numerous telephone calls regarding its presence.

A similar situation was created in LU6 Radio Atlántica. When Juan Carlos Villegas Vidal was due to take over the news service, he perceived on the horizon, through the windows, a light that was different to that of airplanes. According to his testimony, the flying object sent forth phosphorescent rays of varied colors. After remaining for a long time completely still, the object started at a racing speed, and was rapidly lost in the distance.

High School came across a student who observed a similar phenomenon on January 12 in Springer, New Mexico. The student had no previous knowledge of Mr. Romero's sighting before his own encounter with the object." (xx.)

(xx.) *Interplanetary News Service.* Vol. 2, No.4. (no month known) 1968?

18? November. Woodbridge, New Jersey. (5:45 p.m.)

M-shaped formation.

According to our source:

"Eight to ten disc-shaped objects, apparently flying in a northerly direction, were reported to Woodbridge police.

"Howard Neilsen, 26, an employee of the Hess Oil Co., claims to have spotted the objects at 5:45 p.m., while at West Avenue of the Port Reading district.

"Neilsen indicated that the objects were flying in an 'M' formation, giving off a reddish glow, and added that their speed exceeded that of a conventional aircraft. He further stated that the discs on the three trailing points of the 'M' formation would peel off and exchange positions.

"Further confirmation of the sighting has not turned up; however, APIC will continue to investigate the matter." (xx.)

(xx.) *The UFO Reporter.* Ed.: Eugene Steinberg. Vol. 4, No.1. Spring 1964. p.21.

20 November. Near Neche, North Dakota. (night)

Circled their car:

"Two Neche high school girls en route home at night sighted an 'unidentified flying object' which, they said, circled their car at high speed and at no great distance from it before disappearing.

"The girls, Nita Kain and Cherly Kelm, said they were returning home on Highway 55, east of Neche, when they sighted the UFO which they said was oval in shape and of indeterminate size. It was colored bright orange and appeared surrounded by a light haze.

"The girls said the object sped across the front of their automobile and circled it to the side before disappearing to the southeast." (xx.)

(xx.) Cavalier, North Dakota. *Chronicle.* 5 December 63.

21 November. Moulins, France. (5:55 p.m.)

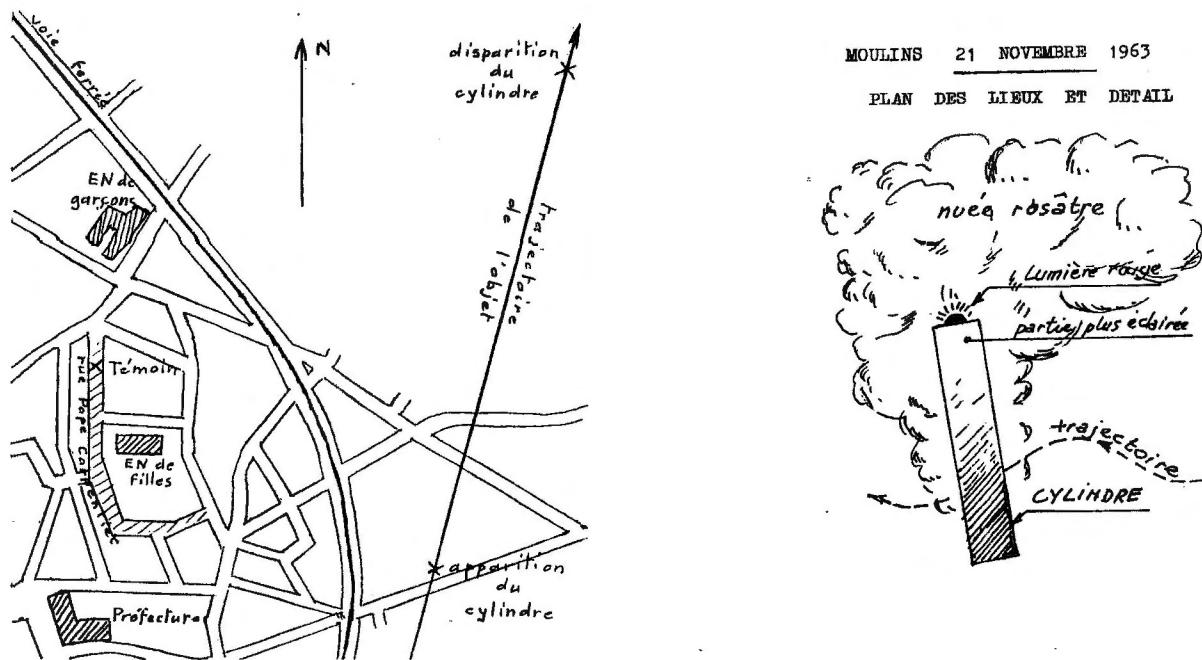
Cylinder in a pink cloud.

A French source asserts that a Jean Giraud was watching an aircraft in a cloudless afternoon sky when he noticed to the southeast at an elevation of some 60 degrees a small faintly luminous

pink cloud moving along in an undulating motion. Immersed in the lower portion of the cloud was a luminous cylinder inclined at 15 degrees from the vertical. At the top of the cylinder was a red light that appeared to be oscillating, which Mr. Giraud assumed was caused by the light being invisible during the periodic undulations. The pinkish haze seemed to be generated by the cylinder.

The UFO traveled on a south to north course without making a sound, finally disappearing behind some rooftops after being under observation for some 10 minutes. (See map and drawing) (xx.)

(xx.) *LDLN*, #134. April 1974. pp.19-20.



28 November. Near Alta Gracia, Argentina. (10:00 p.m.)

Hovering 20 meters above the ground.

The *Flying Saucer Review* informs us:

"The *Diaria de Cordoba* for November 29 reported that at 10 p.m. on the previous evening two men named Gustavo Pipino and Carlos Perez had been driving along the road to Alta Gracia in the province of Cordoba when they came across a luminous blue object, circular and about 20 meters from the ground and at about 50 meters from the highway. While they were watching it, the object suddenly made off and vanished at staggering speed." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. January-February 1966.

2 December. Grand Rapids, Michigan. (9:30 a.m.)

"Flying Compact." (See clipping)

5 December. Hereford, England. (no time)

It began to follow me.

A newspaper account said:

"Wormelow lorry driver Mr. Tom Walker is convinced that he has seen a flying saucer...driving home to Grove Cottage, Wormelow, Tom saw something in the sky...he told our reporter: 'It was low down beside me and not far away and it began to follow me all the way up the Callow and home to Wormelow. What made it stranger was the fact that when I reached home it soared up into the sky and disappeared.'" (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 13, No.1. January-February 1967. p.10.

10 December. Cosford, England. (11:30 p.m.)

Dome-shaped UFO lands within confines of air base.

The news account:

"RAF Cosford is to be found in picturesque Shropshire, 150 miles north west of London.

"Since it opened in 1938, the base has provided excellent training facilities for RAF ground crew and it now enjoys an international reputation for excellence.

"In fact, it is the RAF's largest training facility of its kind..."

"It is the evening of Tuesday, December 10, 1963.

"The clock has just struck 11:30 p.m. and two young apprentices are scurrying back to their barracks after returning late from a night out.

"By shinning over a fence, they hope to avoid detection by the guards and subsequent punishment.

"But then something strange happens.

"A large, dome-shaped UFO lands within the confines of the base and begins to bathe the surrounding area in an intense green light.

"The young men hide in between two hangars.

"Terrified, they watch the UFO as it raises itself to a height of 10 feet, still pouring out its strange, green fluorescence.

"After a minute or two they decide to make a run for it. The young airmen raced

Sees 'Flying Compact' in Morning Sky

"It was about the size of a compact," said Mrs. Wayne Elliott as she described the object she saw in the sky Monday morning.

Mrs. Elliott, of 2512 Parkdale Ave. SW, said she was driving west on 28th St. west of S. Division Ave. about 9:30 a.m. when she saw the object "glittering in the sun, about a half-mile away."

The object appeared to be suspended, motionless, for some time, she said. Then it tipped up on edge and moved rapidly off to the southeast, out of sight. As it moved away, she said, "it looked like a pancake."

Mrs. Elliott said she had a good opportunity to observe the object, when she stopped at Buchanan Ave. for a traffic signal. She believed she held the object under observation about three minutes.

There were no other reports of unidentified flying objects here Monday.

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to the guardroom and blurted out their story, but what happened next was predictable.

"The duty sergeant, suspecting they were a tad inebriated, impolitely told them where to go.

"He point blank refused to investigate, and, by the time anyone did bother to look, the UFO had vanished into the ether.

"As you can imagine, the incident caused a furore.

"However, a month was to pass before word of the incident spread outside of the camp.

"Then, one evening in nearby Albrighton, UFO investigator Wilfred Daniels had a chance meeting with the chaplain of RAF Cosford—a genial Reverend by the name of B.G. Henry.

"Allegedly, Henry spilled the beans about what had happened to Daniels, something which the Reverend later hotly denied.

"At one point, he even threatened Daniels with legal action.

"However, the genie was out of the proverbial bottle and extremely reluctant to go back in.

"Suddenly, RAF Cosford was under siege by the nation's press and the Ministry of Defense people were furious. That something happened at RAF Cosford is beyond doubt. The RAF accused the apprentices of being inebriated.

"The Air Ministry went as far as to suggest that they were both trying to get themselves discharged from the RAF—presumably by attempting to appear unhinged.

"What the Air Ministry couldn't explain was what had caused the strange scorch marks at the location where the UFO had apparently landed.

"Neither could they explain how others had seen the eerie green light.

"A basketful of explanations were put forward by the MOD: The airmen were drunk (possibly true, but were they that drunk?); the light was from a steam train traveling nearby (it would have been invisible from where the airmen were standing) and the scorch marks were from 'a barbecue held in a nearby property.' Err...of course. I mean, doesn't everyone hold barbecues at midnight near air base runways?

"Not surprisingly, the public refused to believe a word of it.

"Heavyweight researchers like Waverney Girvan were sure that there had been a coverup.

"Articles appeared in Specialist journals like the *Flying Saucer Review*, closely followed by pieces in the *Kensington News*, the *Wolverhampton Express & Star*, the *Daily Sketch* and the *West London times*.

"The Air Force, the Air Ministry and the MOD have never admitted that a UFO invaded RAF Cosford on that cold December night in 1963." (xx.)

(xx.) South Shields, England. *Gazette*. 14 April 05.

14 December. On the road between Potchefstroom and Vereeniging, South Africa. (about 1:00 a.m.

"Do you see what I see?" "Yes, but I don't believe it!"

A Mr. W.T. Muller and a Mr. Leslie Immelman were in a car on the road between Potchef-

stroom and Vereeniging early Saturday morning December 14^th. Mr. Muller, who was driving, was in the process of making a U-turn when something unexpected happened. Mr. Immelman's testimony was included in a news story published in the paper *Die Brandwag*:

"I noticed that the whole area seemed to be lit up all of a sudden. It was so bright that I could see all the boulders and potholes along the road. Just as the car was back on the tar road it seemed that night had suddenly turned into day."

"Suddenly a strange bright object appeared ahead of us and made straight for our car at a terrific speed. I was afraid that the object would hit our car, so I jumped out absolutely petrified. Mr. Muller did likewise. Standing next to the car in the tarred road. We were astounded to see the object dive right over our car and ascend up into the sky."

"Mr. Immelman said that the object traveled at incredible speed, suddenly changed its course and made another pass at the motor car. Fifty feet above the car the object suddenly stopped and hovered for at least two minutes, thereby giving them the opportunity of taking in all its details. It was a round object, some 50 feet in diameter. 'The object glowed with an orange light and on the one side we noticed a bright blue light which lit up the whole area as clear as daylight,' said Mr. Immelman. From this blue light protruded a long fiery tail which emitted bright electrical sparks."

"Whilst it was hovering I also became aware of a gentle hum. There was no heat. I continued to watch this strange thing in great amazement. I nudged my friend and said, 'Do you see what I see?' He replied, 'Yes, but I don't believe it!'

"All of a sudden it shot away again heading towards Parys, then changed its course towards Potchefstroom, but soon it returned again and dived low over the motor car. Five or six times the object returned, swooping low over us only to disappear into the distance. At one stage the object stopped at the side of the car and hovered over the road."

"You know," continued Mr. Immelman, "I fully intended to keep this fantastic experience to myself. I was afraid of ridicule and disbelief. But when a report appeared in *Dagbreek*, I decided to speak up. What I had seen, I had seen..."

"If this was not a genuine flying saucer these men had seen, what was it?" (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 10, No. 3. May-June 1964. p.27. (*Die Brandwag*
10 January 64)

28 December. Ngongotaha, New Zealand. (10:15 p.m.)

Ruby-red circle of light.

The *APRO Bulletin* noted in its monthly magazine:

"V.E. Burnett of Ngongotaha, N.Z., reported in a letter to the Editor, *Auckland Press*, that on 10:15 p.m. on December 28, 1963, he saw traveling slowly in an east-west direction, low enough to be visible through the trees, a moon-sized, glowing, pulsating ruby red circle of light composed of equal-sized segments, the space between which were easily discernible. The object moved in 'leisurely' fashion across the sky, pulsating

evenly at regular intervals. While watching, Burnett was amazed to see it turn back on its path, about one third of the way. Make a slight detour to the left and head south over the town of Ngongotaha. Trees and a hill prevented him from seeing what actually became of it. The whole sighting lasted 'at least a good five minutes.'" (xx.)

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin.* Source data missing. Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 28 December 1963.

Betty and Barney Hill.

The key to the locked room.

At the end of the year, Dr. Simon had reviewed NICAP's investigator Walter Webb's report on the Hill's White Mountain experience. He planned to use the material to help treat the Hill's odd amnesia. On Saturday, January 4, 1964, in Simon's doctor office, the Hill's underwent the first of many hypnosis sessions. Hopefully the procedure would be "the key to the locked room."



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Dr. Benjamin Simon

Fuller, John G.
The Interrupted Journey
 Dell Publishing Co., Inc.:
 New York, N.Y., 1966.
 (Photo Section)



Barney and Betty Hill with their dachshund, Delsey, who was with them on their interrupted journey.

Appendix: Mystery earth movers:

There is no direct evidence that ties massive unexplained holes in the earth to UFOs, but one wonders if there might be a connection. There was a series of puzzling "excavations" in the 1980s in the Canadian farming country of Ontario. Near the town of Cooper huge chunks of earth were mysterious "cut" from the ground and then moved! Three triangular pieces, 8"x 11'x 7'x 6', and another 8"x 7'x 5'x 4', were removed from the ground in one piece and shifted intact, somehow, to places 15 to 20 feet away. Farmer Reginald Trotter, on whose land the phenomenon occurred, was amazed. He figured the largest chunk weighted at least 600 pounds and there was no way earth moving equipment could get to the locations without passing through his front yard. Furthermore, there were no tracks or any other indications at the "excavation" sites to suggest machinery had been used.

Giant "earth cookie."

An event to top any at Cooper's took place in the U.S. near Grand Coulee Dam in Washington State early in October, 1984. A two-ton divot was "flown through the air" to an area some 70 feet away! (See clipping below)

A Giant Divot Sandbags the Scientists

No one knows how
the earth spun away
from the ground

BY MERCER CROSS

Washington

AMONG AFICIONADOS of oddball natural occurrences, it's called the "cookie-cutter" puzzle. The term refers to a mysterious hole in the ground that was

discovered last October in northwestern Washington state, on the Colville Indian Reservation, not far from the Grand Coulee Dam.

A chunk of earth 10 feet long, 7 feet wide, and 18 inches to 2 feet deep, weighing at least a couple of tons, was uprooted from a depression in a wheat field. It apparently arced through the air, rotated slightly en route, and landed virtually intact 73 feet away.

Since then, winter storms have blanketed the hole with snow. Cows grazing in the field have trampled down the edges.

Nobody has figured out how or why the dirt took flight. Several scientists have examined the giant divot and come away scratching their heads. Okanogan County farmers Rick and Pete Timm, who found the displaced dirt, notified Don Aubertin, director of mining on the Indian reservation. He suspected a meteorite fragment. A geologist hired by the reservation took a look and said no.

"There was no sign of impact," Aubertin told a newspaper reporter when the story came to public attention. "The hole was not a crater. It had vertical walls and a fairly flat bottom. It was almost as though it had been cut out with a giant cookie cutter."

Theories abound. One is that an earthquake caused the freakish upheaval. A quake with a 3.0 rating on the Richter scale, its epicenter some 20 miles from the hole, had rattled the area nine days before the Timm brothers' discovery.

Stephen D. Malone, a University of Washington earthquake expert, discounts that possibility as "beyond the incredible." A quake that small, he explains, lacks the power to boost a heavy patch of turf out of the ground.

"A hoax, I think, is a possibility," Malone says. So do some other scientists who have not inspected the site. Others say they don't see how a hoax

could have been perpetrated in the field, situated in a remote area sprinkled with massive boulders that local residents call "haystack rocks."

For one thing, no signs of human intrusion — no wheel tracks, footprints, or evidence of machinery — were found.

Robert L. Schuster, a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., examined the puzzling hole. He leans toward the theory that an underground methane gas explosion may have popped the earth out.

"I'm not ruling out the earthquake, myself," says Greg Behrens, a geologist with the federal Bureau of Reclamation at Grand Coulee Dam. Behrens, who probably has spent more time studying the riddle than anyone else, thinks the methane theory is improbable.

Nevertheless, he sent soil samples to the bureau's regional office in Boise, Idaho, for analysis. No lab tests had been conducted by last month; low priority and a shortage of staff were given as reasons. The government plans no further investigations.

The quake could have generated concentric surface seismic waves, Behrens says. "Trouble is," he wrote John P. Timmerman, chairman and treasurer of the Center for UFO Studies, "that anything this large has neither been witnessed nor monitored during a seismic event."

In his letter to Timmerman, Behrens cited other potential natural causes of the inexplicable uplifting: a "freak tornado" or a "complex freezing action" combined with strong winds. But, he wainly noted, the weather was warm when the incident was supposed to have occurred.

Behrens went on to mention several conceivable man-made causes, among them an excavation dug by an enormous crane or an airborne pick-up of the earth by a helicopter.

"Man has done more spectacular things," Behrens concluded. "But the cost would be high and the profit nil."

The cookie-cutter mystery "doesn't hold up as a very strong case for our field of study," says Timmerman, a savings-and-loan executive in Lima, Ohio. but, he adds, "It's a little hard to walk away from something like this, because it's so tantalizing. It's very suggestive."

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