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- 1966**, March 25 — House Minority Leader [Gerald Ford](#) (R-Mich.) issues a press release proposing that Congress investigate the rash of UFO reports in southern Michigan and the rest of the country: “I think the American people would feel better if there was a full-blown investigation of these incidents, which some persons allege have taken place.” (Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, [[Ford UFO news releases and other documents](#)])
- 1966**, March 25 — Evening. Mrs. R. H. Chappell and her sister Janie Kidd watch two triangular objects, one larger than the other, hovering 40–50 feet above the water at Saanich Inlet, British Columbia. They have flashing ruby-red lights. After two minutes, the lights change to orange and they move off silently and gracefully. Mrs. L. Austin Wright sees a stationary flashing yellow light around the same time. (“UFO’s Sighted: Triangular-Shaped Objects,” *Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands Review*, March 30, 1966, p. 1; Dan Lloyd, “[Are They Really Seeing Things over Canada?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 12, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1966): 30; Marler [79](#))
- 1966**, March 25 — Evening. Mrs. Robert Gorisek of LaSalle, Illinois, sees a triangular object hover above her car for more than an hour as she is driving home from work. The object keeps up with them as they drive through several towns. It has red, orange, and white lights. (“[UFO Sightings Widespread over Country](#),” *Great Bend (Kan.) Daily Tribune*, March 25, 1966, p. 1; Marler [79](#))
- 1966**, March 27 — 5:30 a.m. Both Federal Aviation Administration operators at Muscogee County Airport [now Columbus Metropolitan Airport] and military operators at Fort Benning report a radar-visual sighting of a maneuvering, oblong, green-white object over Columbus, Georgia. The object appears to change shape from cigar to wedge to triangle. (“[Glowing Object in Sky Is Sighted in Georgia](#),” *Casper (Wyo.) Star-Tribune*, March 28, 1966, p. 14; Center for UFO Studies, [[case documents](#)])
- 1966**, March 28 — [Gerald Ford](#) writes to [George P. Miller](#) (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Science and Astronautics Committee, and [L. Mendel Rivers](#) (D-S.C.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, saying he is dissatisfied with [Hynek](#)’s explanation of the Michigan sightings. He “strongly recommends” a House committee investigation into the “UFO phenomena.” (Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, [[Ford UFO news releases and other documents](#)])
- 1966**, March 28 — University of Arizona atmospheric physicist [James E. McDonald](#) writes a 2-page letter to [Thomas F. Malone](#), chairman of the National Academy of Sciences’ Committee on the Atmospheric Sciences, urging that a panel be set up by a scientific body to study Blue Book’s UFO files. He also writes to his legislator Rep. [Morris K. Udall](#) (D-Ariz.) about the idea, asking him to pass the letter on in confidence to [Gerald Ford](#) (R-Mich.). (Bill Murphy, “[The Swamp Gas Aftermath: Some Notes from the Gerald Ford Files](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 2 (July 2010): 11, 13; Clark III 696)
- 1966**, March 28 — Evening. Rob Freeman, 12, leaves a Boy Scout meeting at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Sarnia, Ontario, when he sees what at first looks like a helicopter flying overhead. It has a bright light but is completely silent, moving slowly from north to south. In the blink of an eye, it reverses course to the north. At one point, Freeman can see through the bottom of the object, through what looks like a lens, and he perceives a figure or figures moving around. Some other children also see the object. (“It’s a Balloon... It’s a Meteor... No, It’s a UFO,” *Sarnia (Ont.) Observer*, March 29, 1966, p. 1; “[Documentary Examines Southwestern Ontario Boy’s 1966 UFO Claim](#),” *Sarnia (Ont.) Observer*, November 15, 2022)
- 1966**, March 28 — 8:00 p.m. A man driving about 60 mph in Fayetteville, Tennessee, encounters a large, lighted object only 3 feet above the road on a hilltop. The object is oval-shaped, 23 feet long, dark gray, and has about 30 lights around its perimeter. As it flies off, his car engine and headlights die. The driver has to replace the light bulbs in his headlights after the incident. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 19; [Sparks](#), p. 312)
- 1966**, March 29 — NICAP board member [Charles A. Maney](#) writes to [Gerald Ford](#), imploring him to contact NICAP for proof that the Air Force is withholding evidence about UFOs. (Bill Murphy, “[The Swamp Gas Aftermath: Some Notes from the Gerald Ford Files](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 2 (July 2010): 12)
- 1966**, March 29 — 4:15 p.m. A 10-year-old boy and his Dalmatian are walking familiar paths in a wood lot behind their home near Hampton Falls, New Hampshire. He notices something silver on a ridge and walks toward it. He sees an “L” shaped box, long side parallel to the ground, sitting on tripod legs. His dog runs ahead and sniffs the boxy structure, and then, appearing uninterested, the dog goes off into the woods. The boy stops about 24 feet away, not sure what he is seeing. The object makes intermittent sounds and movements in the following minutes. Then a blast of air from the object sends debris flying. A short high-pitched, then low-pitched, sound is heard as the object lifts off the ground about one foot, stops, swings in a clockwise motion, and settles back on the ground. Intermittent electric-like humming sounds are heard until the object again, with a blast of air stirring up debris and

the same sounds as earlier, ascends vertically, this time to about 10 feet, where it pauses, moves horizontally, pauses and rotates clockwise again, then accelerates straight up. On the final ascent, the sound increases in pitch and loudness. The witness's mother and sister who were at some distance from him also hear the sound. When the object moved horizontally, saplings directly under it swayed. Three elongated imprints are found in the form of a triangle. Reportedly plants do not grow in the area for the next 2 years. (NICAP, "[Hampton Area, New Hampshire: March 29, 1966](#)"; "[Investigators Discover 'Significant' Sighting by New Hampshire Youth](#)," *UFO Investigator*, March 1972, p. 3; Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Prentice-Hall, 1974, pp. 117–124; Raymond Fowler, "[The Flying Box, and Other Cases](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 2 (Summer 2003): 15–20, 26)

- 1966**, March 29 — 9:15 p.m. Charles Cozens, 13, is strolling in a field behind the Hamilton Mountain Police Station on Upper Wellington Street in Hamilton, Ontario. He sees two luminous oval objects about 8 feet in diameter descend and land, making a buzzing sound. The objects have a row of multicolored lights around their rims "flickering like a computer." He approaches for a closer look and touches the nearest object, which feels hard and smooth like metal, but neither hot nor cold. He then touches an antenna-like projection at the end of one of the objects and receives a shock. Frightened, he runs home. His parents confirm a 3-inch burn mark on his hand and question him thoroughly before reporting the incident to authorities. His first-degree burn is treated at a hospital and heals normally. ("[Saw 'Spaceship' on Mountain, Touched It, Boy Says](#)," *Hamilton (Ont.) Spectator*, April 2, 1966, p. 7; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, pp. 4–5; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 45–46)
- 1966**, March 30 — 8:35 p.m. A woman and her four children watch an oval object crossing the road as they are driving south about 9 miles north of Lewisburg, Indiana. It comes close to the car and she hears a pulsating sound, but it seems to come through the car radio, not directly from the object. She drives away, but the UFO pursues her for 8 miles. It changes from reddish-orange to blue-white before it accelerates away. ([Sparks](#), p. 313)
- 1966**, March 31 — 2:00 a.m. Jenő Udvardy is driving home from a late work shift near Vicksburg, Michigan. He sees a cluster of lights on the highway ahead and slows down. When he is within 10 feet, he realizes the lights are on a disc hovering a few feet above the road. It has a brilliant white light, and red, green, and purple blinking lights. Udvardy backs up and his car is buffeted by gusts of wind as the object lifts up. The car motor stalls. He rolls down the window and hears a humming sound. Moments later, the UFO speeds off at a steep angle. ("[Close-Range Sightings Increase](#)," *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 7 (March/April 1966): 3; UFOEv II 207)
- 1966**, March 31 — JANAP 146(E), a joint Canadian–US instruction, adds that photos should be sent to the US Director of Naval Intelligence and adds special CIRVIS reporting instructions for unidentifiable objects. The Canadian Air Defence Command ends its investigation of UFOs and transfers the responsibility to the Directorate of Operations. (Joint Chiefs of Staff, "[JANAP 146\(E\) Canadian–United States Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings](#)," March 31, 1966; Antonio F. Rullán, "[Blue Book UFO Reports at Sea by Ships](#)," December 10, 2002; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Canada*, Signet, 1981, pp. 171–172)
- 1966**, April 1 — 8:45 p.m. After her two French poodles start barking and running in circles, Carol Vander Plate hears a loud rumbling sound outside her home on Hamburg Mountain in Hardyston Township, New Jersey. She looks outside and sees an object twice the size of a jet hovering above some trees about 400 feet away. It turns from white to pink and has three portholes that are black inside. Her TV set goes off, and when she turns on a porch light, the object seems to turn off two large spotlights. After 30 seconds it turns green and takes off like a "streak of lightning." Other witnesses call into radio station WLVP [now WSUS-FM] to report seeing the object. (Berthold E. Schwartz, "[UFOs in New Jersey](#)," *Pursuit* 7, no. 2 (April 1974): 31, 32–33)
- 1966**, April 1 — 10:40 p.m. A man driving 5 miles south of Tangier, Oklahoma, reaches a hilltop and sees a green object wider than the road flying north at very high speed, emitting a shrieking noise and a "heat wave." The car engine dies. ([Sparks](#), p. 313)
- 1966**, April 1? — Night. Students at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, see a star-like object that looks football-shaped through binoculars. It moves in geometric angles around two bright stars until it shoots straight up and disappears. (Michael D. Swords, "[We Know Where You Live](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 2 (January 2006): 10–11)
- 1966**, April 2 — 2:02 p.m. James Kibel, a Melbourne businessman who is a member of the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society, sees a shiny, hemispherical object above his garden in Balwyn, Victoria. It looks to be 20–25 feet in diameter and 120 feet in the air. "It seemed to float down towards me," he says. "It resembled a big mushroom with a stalk pointing towards the earth." He snaps a Polaroid photo, after which the object takes off and disappears to the north. However, when [B. Roy Frieden](#), professor of optical sciences at the University of Arizona, examines the photo, he finds a jagged line of discontinuity running across the center of the image suggesting there are separate photos joined together and rephotographed. In 2017, Canadian researcher François

Beaulieu reexamines the original and notices the reflection of the house below in the shiny object, and he finds that the discontinuity is actually caused by the Polaroid developing chemicals spreading unevenly across the photo. (“[‘Best Photo’ Yet—in Australia](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1966, p. 1; “[V.F.S.R.S. Member Snaps a UFO](#),” *Australian Flying Saucer Review* (Victorian Edition), no. 5 (July 1966): 2; “[The Balwyn Photo](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1966, p. 1; “[Report on UFO Photographed at Balwyn](#),” *Australian Flying Saucer Review* (Victorian Edition), no. 6 (December 1966): 11–12; Story, [p. 40](#); Keith Basterfield and Paul Dean, “[Stage One Report on the 2nd April 1966, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, UFO Observation and Photograph by James Johnson Kibel](#),” 2016; Keith Basterfield and Paul Dean, “[Stage Two Report on the 2nd April 1966, Balwyn, Melbourne, Victoria, Visual and Photographic UFO Sighting by James Johnson Kibel](#),” 2016; François Beaulieu, “[A Re-evaluation of the Balwyn UFO Photograph](#),” February 23, 2017)

1966, April 4 — 7:50 p.m. Businessman Ronald F. Sullivan is driving about 60 mph near Burkes Flat, Victoria, Australia. In the distance he sees a light near the road. Suddenly, the headlights of his vehicle bend to the right and light up a nearby fence. He brakes his car. In the middle of an adjacent field, he sees a column of light some 25 feet high and shaped like an inverted ice cream cone, 3 feet wide at the bottom and 10 feet wide at the top. It then rises to a height of 20 feet, after which the whole light complex disappears. There is no associated noise. Sullivan drives on north to Wycheproof, where he checks his lights but finds nothing wrong. On the night of April 7, 19-year-old Gary Taylor is killed at the same spot when the car he is driving leaves the road and hits a tree. Police find a circular impression about 2–5 inches deep and 5 feet in diameter in the freshly plowed field. (NICAP, “[Bent Headlights Case](#)”; “[Flying Saucer Scare on Road](#),” *Canberra Times*, April 12, 1966, p. 4; “[Strange Incident in Australia](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1966, p. 1; “[Car Headlight Beams Reported ‘Bent’](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 12, no. 3 (May/June 1966): 3; Stephen L. Smith, “[The Bent Beams Case](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 12, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1966): iii; Bill Chalker, “[The Bent Headlight Beam Case Revisited](#),” *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 5, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 17–29)

1966, April 5 — 1:30 a.m. A woman in Durhamville, New York, is awakened by a flash. She thinks her trailer heater has exploded, but everything is in order. The next day, three witnesses tell her a pulsating, luminous object had flown directly above her trailer. (Vallée, *Magonia*, [p. 327](#))

1966, April 5 — 3:00 a.m. [Lillian Louis](#), in Lycoming, New York, sees a spinning object from her kitchen window. It seems to be 10 feet in diameter and is shooting exhaust 20 feet above the ground near her house. It departs suddenly, leaving a trail. ([Sparks](#), p. 313)

1966, April 5 — The House Armed Services Committee conducts the first public hearing by the US Congress on the topic of UFOs. Air Force Secretary [Harold Brown](#) testifies that while USAF has done an excellent job on UFOs, perhaps there is room for “even stronger emphasis on the scientific aspects.” [Hynek](#) recommends that a “civilian panel of physical and social scientists ... examine the UFO problem critically for the express purpose of determining whether a major problem exists.” [Quintanilla](#) is the only other witness. After Committee Chairman [L. Mendel Rivers](#) expresses some enthusiasm for the idea, Brown suddenly realizes that maybe he has found a way to get the Air Force out of UFO investigations. Shortly after the hearing, Brown tells the USAF Office of Scientific Research to accept the February 3 [O’Brien](#) recommendation to seek a university that will accept a contract to study the 600 officially unidentified UFO sightings. (US House Committee on Armed Services, Hearing, [Unidentified Flying Objects](#), 89th Congress, 2nd Session, April 5, 1966; Clark III 1192; Graff 207–208)

1966, April 5 — 7:00 p.m. Four people see a landed object through binoculars at Kittery, Maine. It takes off, hovers for a while, then departs. ([Sparks](#), p. 313)

1966, April 5 — Midnight. W. Smith and another man in Alto, Tennessee, stop to watch a 100-foot long UFO hovering 15 feet above a swamp. They try to follow it, but it flies away, flying between a high-tension power line and a row of trees. Cows, dogs, and horses are restless in all the areas where the object passes over. ([Sparks](#), p. 313)

1966, April 6 — Around 10:15 a.m. A class of students and a teacher from Westall High School [now Westall Secondary College] in Clayton South, Victoria, Australia, are just completing a sport activity on the main oval when they see an object, described as a gray saucer-shaped craft with a slight purple hue and about twice the size of a family car. Witness descriptions are mixed: Andrew Greenwood, a science teacher, tells *The Dandenong Journal* at the time that he saw a silvery-green disc. According to witnesses, the object is descending and then crosses and flies over the high school’s southwest corner, going in a southeasterly direction before disappearing from sight as it descends behind a stand of trees and into a paddock at The Grange in front of the Westall State School (primary students). After about 20 minutes, the object—with witnesses now numbering over 200—then climbs at speed and departs towards the northwest. As the object gains altitude, some accounts describe it as being pursued from the scene by five unidentified aircraft that circle it. Some describe one disc, others claim to see three. The Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society arrives on the site on April 8, speaks to students, and views the ground marking, originally described as a large patch of yellow, flattened grass with a swirly pattern. (“[Object Perhaps Balloon](#),”

Melbourne Age, April 7, 1966, p. 6; “[Flying Saucer Mystery: School Silent, What Was It?](#)” *Dandenong (Vic.) Journal*, April 14, 1966, p. 1; “Flying Saucer Mystery Deepens: Who Were 5 Pilots?” *Dandenong (Vic.) Journal*, April 21, 1966, p. 1; “[Scoop! Flying Saucer over Westall](#),” *Australian Flying Saucer Review*, no. 5 (July 1966): 13–14; “[Academic Throws Light on 40-Year-Old UFO Mystery](#),” *Melbourne Age*, October 2, 2005; Wikipedia, “[Westall UFO](#)”; Internet Movie Database, *Westall '66: A Suburban UFO Mystery*, 2010; Top Documentary Films, *Westall '66: A Suburban UFO Mystery*, 2010; Brian Dunning, “[The Westall '66 UFO](#),” Skeptoid podcast, no. 208, June 1, 2010; [Westall Flying Saucer Incident](#) Facebook group; “[Our 'Roswell' Now One for the History Books](#),” *Melbourne Age*, June 4, 2011; Kate Kachor, “[Westall Flying Saucer: One of Australia's Baffling Mysteries Unsolved 52 Years On](#),” 9News, North Sydney, N.S.W., April 6, 2018; “[Audio Reveals Creepy Details of Australian UFO Mystery](#),” news.com.au, August 7, 2018; “[Westall School 1966 UFO Landing Incident: The Witnesses Speak](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, February 13, 2024; Alex Crowe, “[It Definitely Happened: Westall UFO Witnesses Want Answers to Decades-Long Mystery](#),” *Melbourne Age*, April 6, 2024; Terri Berends, “[Strange Lights in the Sky: The Westall UFO Event, 1966](#),” State Library of Victoria Blog, April 6, 2024)

1966, April 6 — NICAP Assistant Director [Richard Hall](#) writes to [Gerald Ford](#), congratulating him on his call for a congressional investigation, saying, “History will record the important role you have played in helping to bring about a rational study of UFOs and public enlightenment on the subject.” (Bill Murphy, “[The Swamp Gas Aftermath: Some Notes from the Gerald Ford Files](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 2 (July 2010): 10, 13)

1966, April 8 — 8:05 a.m. Mike Dorsey and Gary Hunt, both 12, are walking along Redcoat Road in Norwalk, Connecticut, when they see sunlight reflecting off a distant object to the west and behind them. It zooms toward them in a flash, passes overhead from west to east, turns, makes a second pass from east to west, turns again, and makes a third pass. It makes a low humming sound when it passes about 15 feet above them. The boys run to the Holy Ghost Seminary nearby and hide under a nearby bridge abutment as the object continues to maneuver. When it hovers, it does so edge down and makes a fluttering motion. The disc looks metallic, 8 feet in diameter, has a black spot on top near its rim, and a red light on top of an antenna-like protrusion. Red and white lights appear to rotate counterclockwise. Nearly 2 hours later, the object takes off in a burst of speed. (“[Boys Chased by UAO](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1966, p. 5)

1966, April 11 — [Keyhoe](#) appears on the US game show *To Tell the Truth*, where three of the four panelists correctly identify him as “the real Donald Keyhoe.” (“[1966-04-11: Major Donald Keyhoe on To Tell the Truth](#),” Tom Owens UAP YouTube channel, December 2, 2019; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 339)

1966, April 17 — 5:00 a.m. Portage County Deputy Sheriff [Dale F. Spaur](#) and Deputy Wilbur Neff are 4 miles east of Randolph, Ohio, when they see a moving light through some trees at the top of a small hill along the road. The light is headed in their direction. They have heard of a UFO reported over police radio that night and figure this must be what was seen. The object hovers 50–100 feet in the air, bathing the two officers in a bright light. Spaur’s eyes water up. They rush to the cruiser and radio the station; the dispatcher says to wait there until a car with a camera arrives. The object makes some sharp maneuvers, and Spaur drives toward it cautiously. The UFO is 18–24 feet thick and about 35–45 feet in diameter. The object is so bright he hardly needs his headlights to drive. It speeds up whenever Spaur accelerates, and soon he is driving at 80 mph. As the UFO reaches Mahoning County, the pursuit is being broadcast over police radios in three counties. As they reach East Palestine, Ohio, Patrolman [H. Wayne Huston](#) sees the UFO and follows Spaur and Neff, at times reaching 100 mph. Just before 5:30 a.m., two police officers in Salem, Ohio, see the UFO as a “bright ball” much larger than a jet. They also see three jets following it, apparently Air Force Reserve planes from Youngstown, Ohio. Police officer Frank Panzarella in Conway, Pennsylvania, sees the UFO, very bright and in the “shape of a half of a football.” He hears on his radio that a jet interception is in progress. Now in Pennsylvania, Spaur and Neff are given orders to abandon the chase. For most of the event, the object has remained at 1,000 feet, but now it rises to 3,500 feet and hovers. Then it shoots even higher and disappears. In 30 minutes, many police and civilians have seen the UFO. Panzarella alerts the Rochester, Pennsylvania, police operator, John Beighey, and asks him to contact the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport. Beighey calls Panzarella and says the Air Force wants to talk to the police witnesses. Spaur, Neff, and Huston go to the Rochester, Pennsylvania, police station and Spaur phones the USAF station at Pittsburgh. Spaur speaks to some colonel who tries to convince him he has seen something conventional. NICAP’s William B. Weitzel, a philosophy professor, begins his own investigation, tracking down witnesses. Within a few weeks, he or his NICAP associates have interviewed all the police officers, as well as several others who have figured in the UFO chase, either as dispatchers or as those who overheard the radio communications. NICAP members also interview some civilians who claim to have seen a UFO at the same time of the chase and/or had monitored police scanners. (NICAP, “[Portage County UFO Chase](#)”; [Sparks](#), p. 314; “[Saucer Chase Sets Probers Humming](#),” *Akron (Ohio) Beacon-Journal*, April 18, pp. 1–2; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 113–124; Patrick Gross, “[1966 Portage County UFO Chase by Policemen](#)”; William B.

Weitzel, "[The P-13 UFO: Summary Report on April 17, 1966, UFO 'Chase' from Portage County, Ohio, into Conway, Pennsylvania](#)," June 28, 1966; William B. Weitzel, "[The Portage County Sighting](#)," April 8, 1967; NICAP, [[case photos and drawings](#)]; Michael D. Swords, [[case files and clippings](#)]; Center for UFO Studies, [[Gerald Buchert photo case file](#)]; Center for UFO Studies, [[clippings, part one, part two](#)]; Clark III 906–914; UFOEv II 44; "[85-Mile UFO Chase Discussed by Witness Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur, 1966: Introduced by Richard Hall](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, January 4, 2024)

- 1966, April 18** — The US Air Force begins a cursory investigation into the Portage County, Ohio, police chase case. Initially they telephone local news outlets, seeking information. However, local newspapers and radio have only vague outlines of the case. Air Force investigators also interviewed meteorologists and weather agency personnel, hoping to learn that a weather balloon was launched in the area during the UFO chase. They learn that there were no weather balloons launched that morning, and also that the wind had been so mild that the police would have had no difficulty catching up with any wind-borne object. [Quintanilla](#) calls [Spaur](#) to ask him about "this mirage you saw." Spaur insists he has seen a clearly defined metallic object maneuvering at very low altitudes. When Quintanilla asks if they watched the object for more than a few minutes, Spaur asserts that he and Neff chased it for over half an hour, and that [Huston](#) saw the object for much of that period, and that Panzanella too had seen it. Quintanilla then, as Spaur says, "kind of lost interest." (Clark III 910)
- 1966, April 18** — An egg-shaped object, 80 feet in diameter and 15 feet high, is observed from a distance of 80 feet by a 42-year-old witness driving a car near Battle Creek, Michigan. The object supports a cockpit with windows and three rows of lights, emits red flames, and makes the same noise as a heavy truck on wet pavement. The object follows the car for some time. (Vallée, *Magonia*, p. 329; [Sparks](#), p. 314)
- 1966, April 18** — Researcher [John Keel](#) visits NICAP in preparation for writing an article on UFOs for *Playboy*. He meets with [Keyhoe](#) and [Richard H. Hall](#), who offer him full access to the NICAP files and free use of the facilities. He comments, "The small staff of six is doing a remarkable job of keeping abreast of the situation and maintaining a thorough file on sightings throughout the United States." (John A. Keel, "Visit to Col. Maston Jacks, Project Bluebook, Pentagon," [part 1](#), April 26, 1966; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 339)
- 1966, April 19** — [John Keel](#) arrives unannounced at the Public Information Office (Room 4C922) in the Pentagon to interview Lt. Col. [Maston M. Jacks](#) about Project Blue Book. The tense, sometimes heated, encounter lasts two hours. Keel berates Jacks for his lack of knowledge of UFO history and his dubious claim that the Air Force has no photos or films of UFOs. Jacks offers to put him in touch with [Hynek](#), but Keel remarks that "Hynek made a public fool of himself in Michigan and that the public would no longer accept him as an 'expert.'" Jacks offers to put him in touch with [Quintanilla](#) at Wright-Patterson, but Keel says he is not interested in listening to "another man parrot the Air Force line." Keel concludes in a summary report that "Project Bluebook is just a shabby cover up effort and it has now reached the end of its effectiveness." (John A. Keel, "Visit to Col. Maston Jacks, Project Bluebook, Pentagon," [part 2](#), [part 3](#), April 26, 1966; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 339–341)
- 1966, April 19** — 10:45 p.m. In Peabody, Massachusetts, witnesses report an oval object with red, green, and white body lights, oscillating up and down when in motion. The object appears to land in a field off State Highway 114. At 12:00 midnight, two men driving along that route see the lighted disc rise and fly away. (Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition, 1974, p. 339; Vallée, *Magonia*, p. 329)
- 1966, April 21** — [William Dean Howe](#), MP for Ottawa, Ontario, urges a serious investigation of UFOs in the Canadian House of Commons. ("[Canadian Projects](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 10 (Feb./March 1969): 6)
- 1966, April 21** — Rep. [Gerald Ford](#) (R-Mich.) issues a press release: "It was as a result of my call for a congressional investigation that the Air Force is now arranging for a study of UFO's by topflight scientists not connected in any way with the Air Force." ("[Statement by House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford, R-Michigan](#)," April 21, 1966)
- 1966, April 22** — [Quintanilla](#) announces in a press release that the Portage County, Ohio, UFO is an Echo satellite, with later observations (in Pennsylvania) of Venus. Quintanilla calls [Spaur](#)'s superior, Portage County Sheriff [Ross Dustman](#), to give him this explanation, and Dustman laughs out loud. (Clark III 910)
- 1966, April 22** — Lt. Col. [Robert R. Hippler](#) of the USAF Directorate of Science and Technology is tasked with recruiting a university for the UFO project suggested by the O'Brien committee in February. He assembles a panel of experts that suggests he bring in [H. Guyford Stever](#), head of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board. Stever queries MIT, Harvard, the University of California, Northwestern University, and the University of North Carolina, but all refuse to deal with UFOs. (Swords 307–308)
- 1966, April 22** — 9:00–9:45 p.m. Witnesses in Beverly, Massachusetts, including two police officers, see a platter-shaped object the size of a large automobile with 3 red-green-white lights hover silently over Beverly High School then depart to the southwest. At one point, witnesses see the object only 20–30 feet above the head of another witness. (Condon, pp. 266–270; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 106–108; Roy Craig,

UFOs: An Insiders' View of the Official Quest for Evidence, University of North Texas, 1995; [Sparks](#), p. 314; Patrick Gross, "[The Case in Beverly, Massachusetts, USA, on April 22, 1966](#)")

- 1966**, April 23 — 10:45 p.m. On hearing a listener call in a live UFO sighting on WMEX radio, Jeanne Kalnicki of Dorchester, Massachusetts, goes to the window with her two daughters and sees an oval, domed UFO with a ring of blinking red lights bobbing up and down above a building across the street. A yellow light is on top of the dome and alternately flashes on when the red lights blink off. It moves across the street and appears to be moving directly toward them at eye level. Humming, the object moves between their apartment building and the one next door, where it hovers for a few minutes. When the yellow light goes off, Kalnicki can see a glow within the dome. The object then moves erratically away to the east. The family goes to bed, but at 5:00 a.m., 11-year-old Judy Kalnicki is too upset to sleep. She wakes up when she sees a light coming in her window and realizes that the UFO is right outside, bobbing up and down, looking about the size of their 1955 Lincoln automobile, and flashing its lights as before. Thinking it is going to come inside her bedroom, Judy screams. Seemingly in response, the object speeds up its bobbing motion, and she hears a heavy thudding sound. The windows rattle, Judy's bed rocks, and all the lights in the house go off. Downstairs, their German shepherd is whining and scratching at the door. The entire family rushes to the back porch, where they watch the object for about 12 minutes moving to the north toward Boston. The lights come back on. NICAP's investigation shows that the power failure affected 2,500 homes in the area and was caused by two cables burning out a block away from the Kalnicki apartment. One particle on the window sill registered a strong radiation reading of .025 milliroentgens per hour from a Geiger counter. ("[Close Approaches Frighten Observers](#)," *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 8 (May/June 1966): 7–8; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, pp. 45–47)
- 1966**, April 24 — Night. [Marvin](#) and [Viola Swartwood](#) are driving in a rainstorm on State Highway 34B near Fleming, New York, when a "brilliant, flashing ball of fire" appears three feet above the front and slightly to the right of their car. The fire ball lights up the surrounding area, falls onto the car with a loud snap, and vanishes. As the ball lightning hits, Viola feels a shock in her neck and an impulse in her right arm. They drive to the sheriff's office and then to a local hospital because the right side of Viola's body is partially paralyzed. She is in satisfactory condition 5 days later. There is no damage to the car or any reports of normal lightning in the area. ("[Ball of Fire Hits Car; Woman Passenger Hurt](#)," *Syracuse (N.Y.) Post-Standard*, April 28, 1966, p. 38; "[Ball-of-Fire Victim's Condition Improving](#)," *Binghamton (N.Y.) Press and Sun-Bulletin*, April 29, 1966, p. 3C; Mark Rodeghier, "[UFO/Vehicle Very Close Encounters](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 24)
- 1966**, April 25 — 8:52 p.m. Florida Gov. [W. Haydon Burns](#)'s campaign airplane is paced by a UFO. Copilot Herb Bates first notices the UFO when the Convair takes off from Orlando, Florida, headed for Tallahassee. It appears as two bright yellow globes side by side. In the vicinity of Ocala, at about 6,000 feet, everyone on board is alerted and watches the object pacing the plane on the right side. The lights fluctuate in brightness but are very distinct. Burns orders the pilot to turn toward the UFO, and the lights quickly begin a steep climb then disappear. (Bill Mansfield, "[I Was with Burns and Saw 'Flying Saucer](#)," *Miami (Fla.) Herald*, April 27, 1966, p. 1; "[Florida Governor Sights UFO](#)," *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 8 (May/June 1966): 3; "[Governor Haydon Burns Sees a UFO](#)," *Educating Humanity*, April 26, 2016)
- 1966**, Late April — When he learns that Rep. [J. William Stanton](#) (R-Ohio) has expressed an interest in the UFO chase, NICAP investigator William B. Weitzel writes him a detailed letter, outlining the inconsistencies and shortcomings of [Quintanilla](#)'s explanations. Portage County (Ohio) Judge [Robert Eugene Cook](#) (an acquaintance of [Spaur](#) and Neff) also writes to Stanton, defending the police officers' judgment and characterizing the Air Force investigation as "grossly unfair" to Spaur and Neff. Stanton fails to get an answer from the Air Force, so he contacts USAF Chief of Community Relations Division Lt. Col. [John Spalding](#), who promises to send an investigator. Stanton later writes to Defense Secretary [Robert McNamara](#) about Blue Book's treatment of his constituents. (Clark III 911)
- 1966**, May 4 — 4:30 a.m. An FAA air traffic controller tracks an unidentified non-transponding target for about 5 miles at Charleston, West Virginia. The crew of Braniff Airline Flight 42, headed east at 33,000 feet, sees a white-blue object giving off brilliant, flaming light of alternating white-green-red colors. The radar shows the object veering 8–10 miles away at the 10 o'clock position, then approaching the Braniff airliner to a distance of 3 miles. It then makes a 180° left turn to the northwest within a diameter of 5 miles at 1,000 mph, which the Braniff crew confirms as the object descends from 20° above the horizon. (NICAP, "[Charleston R/V Case](#)"; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 83–86](#))
- 1966**, May 8 — A Gallup Poll taken April 14–19 reveals that 46% of Americans who have heard about UFOs think they are real, although only 7% think they are from outer space. 5% of US adults have seen a UFO. ("[Five Million Say They've Seen Saucers](#)," *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 8 (May/June 1966): 7; Robert J. Durant, "[Evolution of Public](#)

[Opinion on UFOs](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 11–12; Lydia Saad, [“Eyewitnesses to Flying Saucers,”](#) Gallup Vault, April 12, 2016)

1966, May 8 — [Quintanilla](#) calls [Spaur](#) again and tells him to be ready for an interview the next day.

1966, May 9 — Weitzel is at Portage County police headquarters in Ravenna, Ohio, to record [Spaur](#)’s interview and has brought two reporters and UFO researcher David Webb. [Dustman](#) is there too. [Quintanilla](#) asks Weitzel and Webb to leave, and the reporters leave as well. The interview becomes heated at times. (“[Interview with Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur, 1966](#),” SpaceTimeForum YouTube channel, March 28, 2013; Clark III 911–912)

1966, May 10 — The documentary “UFO: Friend, Foe, or Fantasy?” appears on *CBS Reports*, hosted by [Walter Cronkite](#) and narrator [Bill Stout](#). Guests include [Carl Sagan](#), [Donald Menzel](#), [Harold Brown](#), [Lawrence Tacker](#), [Donald Keyhoe](#), and [J. Allen Hynek](#). The tenor of the show is to debunk UFOs, although Cronkite says the CIA has been secretly tracking UFO sightings around the world, even as it denies doing so. Air Force Capt. Gary Reese claims that NORAD’s satellite-tracking radar covers altitudes from 100,000 feet to 2,000 miles up but never finds any UFOs. He neglects to mention that UFOs are found in the atmosphere below 100,000 feet. (Even so, NORAD has been detecting occasional Unidentified Satellites, USATs, for years.) Reese makes a broad statement that the Air Force has never substantiated a “flying saucer” despite NORAD’s covering “nearly every square foot of the US” on its radar. USAF Maj. Albert Morse of NORAD spacetrack network supports Reese. A handwritten letter by Robertson Panel member [Thornton Page](#), discovered in the Smithsonian’s archives by [Michael Swords](#), confirms the CIA’s long-suspected role in the CBS program. In the September 10, 1966, letter, Page relates to [Frederick C. Durant](#) that he “helped organize the CBS TV show around the Robertson Panel’s conclusions.” [Quintanilla](#) has spent 3 days editing and censoring the TV program’s script to make sure it conforms to USAF public relations policy. (“[Columnists Hit NBC Documentary](#),” *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 8 (May/June 1966): 8; Terry Hanson, “[Close Encounters of the Nuclear Kind](#),” *Online Journal*, March 31, 2009; Swords 195–196, 308; Clark III 808; Jacobsen, *Area 51*, pp. 206–207; “[UFO: Friend, Foe or Fantasy? 1966](#),” nutsandbolts ufo YouTube channel, February 15, 2013; “[UFO: Friend, Foe or Fantasy’: An Investigation into the UFO Phenomenon, Hosted by Walter Cronkite](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 3, 2023)

1966, May 17 — Weitzel writes to [Quintanilla](#) with another critique of the Blue Book explanation. Even [Hynek](#) urges the USAF Foreign Technology Division to change the designation to “unknown.”

1966, May 21 — 3: 15 p.m. William C. Powell is flying a light Luscombe aircraft over Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, with one passenger, Muriel McCrave. He spots a bright-red circular disc with a dome on top as it is apparently following an outbound flight of Navy jets from NAS Willow Grove [now NAS Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove] at 4,500 feet. The object makes a sharp turn without banking and approaches his plane on a near-collision course, passing below the starboard wing about 300 feet away and disappearing to the rear. They both get a good look at the object, which has no wings or visible means of propulsion. (NICAP, “[Domed Disc Observed by Pilot and Passenger \(Powell Case\)](#)”; Keyhoe and Lore, *UFOs: A New Look*, 1968, p. 6; James E. McDonald, “[Statement on Unidentified Flying Objects](#),” in *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968, pp. 45–46; UFOEv II 44–45)

1966, May 22 — A witness driving between Blue River, British Columbia, and Jasper, Alberta, sees a gray object the size of a car and shaped like a bowl land on the road and make a whining noise. After it silently takes off, the object leaves three impressions of landing pads about 4 feet square. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 184)

1966, May 27 — In the House of Commons, MP [Claire Brooks](#) asks Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) how many unexplained UFO reports were logged by his department in 1964–1965. He replies 5 out of 74 for 1964 and 14 out of 56 for 1965. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)

1966, June — Broadcaster [Frank Edwards](#) publishes *Flying Saucers—Serious Business*, and it becomes one of the best-selling UFO books of all time. (Frank Edwards, *Flying Saucers—Serious Business*, Bantam, 1966; Clark III 435; Nick Redfern, “[Spying on the Saucer Writers](#),” *Mysterious Universe*, February 20, 2012)

1966, June — 3:15 a.m. Edward Argerake is asleep at his home in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, when his bedroom explodes in light. He hears a pinging noise a light source begins pulsing with diffraction rings outside his window shades. He begins to feel numb and weak, but the sounds grows louder and he lapses into unconsciousness. He wakes up at 6:15 a.m. and the light and noise are gone. Because of this event he becomes interested in UFOs and joins NICAP’s Massachusetts subcommittee. (Michael D. Swords, “[A Trick of the Light](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 10–11)

1966, June 1 — 10:30 p.m. On Lake Ontario, off Clarkson, Ontario, former RCAF pilot Richard H. Plewman and Jack Grant are cruising on the lake when they see lights on the water ahead. They can see a disc with a dome on top casting an oval reflection on the lake surface. Around the dome is a row of bright yellow lights; blue-green lights

are visible around the lower perimeter. After hovering briefly, the UFO takes off at high speed and disappears.

(“[New Reports by Space Experts Add to UFO Proof](#),” *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 9 (Aug./Sept. 1966): 5)

- 1966, June 2** — 7:30 p.m. Harold Harper is talking with neighbors in his front yard in Massillon, Ohio, when they see a large lighted object coming from the southwest. It is about 50–60 feet in diameter, smoky in color, and cigar-shaped with a ball on one end. It stops and hovers at about 1,000 feet altitude. Then three smaller objects appear to come from it; they gain altitude, separate, and disappear at terrific speed in different directions. The large object goes straight up at terrific speed. (*Massillon (Ohio) Evening Independent*, June 3, 1966; Herbert S. Taylor, “[Satellite Objects: A Further Look](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 25–26)
- 1966, June 6–8** — [James McDonald](#) has obtained a small amount of money from the Office of Naval Research to travel to Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, and examine the Blue Book files. On his first visit, he is steered to an unedited copy of the Robertson Panel report. As it has not been released, McDonald is disturbed, seeing it as evidence that the CIA is directing a cover-up. (Ann Druffel, *Firestorm*, Wild Flower, 2003, [pp. 55–65](#); Clark III 1017; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 342; Graff 211)
- 1966, June 6–10** — The US Army releases *Bacillus globigii* into the tunnels of the New York City Subway system during peak travel hours as part of a field experiment on the vulnerability of subway passengers in New York City to covert attack with biological agents. (Department of the Army, *U.S. Army Activity in the U.S.: Biological Warfare Programs*, volume 1, February 24, 1977; “[Army Report Details Germ War Exercise in N.Y. Subway in '66](#),” *Washington Post*, April 21, 1980; “[How the U.S. Government Exposed Thousands of Americans to Lethal Bacteria to Test Biological Warfare](#),” *Democracy Now!*, July 13, 2005; John Ellis and Courtland Moon, “The US Biological Weapons Program,” in Mark Wheelis and Lajos Rózsa, eds., *Deadly Cultures: Biological Weapons Since 1956*, Harvard University, 2009, pp. 26–28)
- 1966, June 8** — [McDonald](#) visits [Hynek](#) at the Lindheimer Astrophysical Research Center in Evanston, Illinois, saying heatedly that he should have spoken up about the CIA cover-up and all the absurd explanations that he made up: “Allen, how could you have sat on this data for 18 years and not let us know about it?” Hynek’s then-associate [Jacques Vallée](#) has to intervene. Hynek replies that if he did, the Air Force would just replace him and he would lose access to all the files. McDonald says Hynek should have spoken up in 1953 and cannot get Hynek to agree that he is even a little bit timid. (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science*, North Atlantic, 1992, [pp. 186–187](#); Ann Druffel, *Firestorm*, Wild Flower, 2003, [pp. 67–72](#); O’Connell 201; Clark III 696)
- 1966, June 8** — X-15 pilot [Joseph A. Walker](#) is killed when his F-104 Starfighter chase aircraft collides with a North American XB-70 Valkyrie. At an altitude of about 25,000 feet, Walker’s Starfighter is one of five aircraft in a tight group formation for a General Electric publicity photo when his F-104 drifts into contact with the XB-70’s right wingtip. The F-104 flips over, and, rolling inverted, passes over the top of the XB-70, striking both its vertical stabilizers and its left wing in the process, and explodes, killing Walker. The Valkyrie enters an uncontrollable spin and crashes into the ground north of Barstow, California, killing copilot [Carl S. Cross](#). Its pilot, [Alvin S. White](#), ejects and is the sole survivor. (Wikipedia, “[Joseph A. Walker](#)”)
- 1966, June 11** — Early morning. Several witnesses driving from Dabajuro to Coro, Falcón State, Venezuela, stop to watch a triangular object that stops and hovers in midair for short intervals. The object gives off a beam of light in various directions. (“[The South American Scene](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1966, p. 8)
- 1966, Mid-June** — 1:30 a.m. Student pilot [Joseph Gambucci](#) is flying near Hibbing, Minnesota, when he sees a bright, elliptical light making three 360° turns to the left at approximately 3,000 mph. The light is white, mixed with green and red. It climbs to 40° above the horizon then disappears at a height of 31,000 feet. Gambucci checks with Duluth Air National Guard Base, which reports having a UFO on radar at the same position as his aircraft. Other radar units in northern Minnesota and southern Canada are said to track the object. (NICAP case file)
- 1966, June 16** — Dusk. Several witnesses in Uniopolis, Ohio, watch a domed black disc with lights and a powerful light beam shining from its bottom. One of the observers is alerted by his dog barking persistently and looking to the south. The object flies directly over the house, heading north, and is also seen by his wife, a neighbor, and the neighbor’s children. The light beam shines into a nearby wood, lighting up the trees. (Michael D. Swords, “[The Timmerman Files](#),” *IUR* 26, no. 4 (Winter 2001–2002): 13–14)
- 1966, June 19** — 12:05 a.m. A group of Boy Scouts camping out at Mount Mitchell State Park, North Carolina, sees three red pulsating lights in a triangular pattern approach, then hover until about 5:00 a.m. The lights blink at different speeds, with the center one turning white every fifth pulsation. At sunrise, the object lifts up, appearing red and bell-shaped through binoculars. Six smaller objects are hovering nearby on either side of the larger object, changing formation. The group then disappears behind a mountain. When the Scouts start to explore in the direction of the objects, about 60 feet from their camp they discover trees with broken branches and some crushed undergrowth, plus three holes in the ground forming an equilateral triangle. (Fred Merritt, “[A Preliminary Classification of Some Reports of UFOs](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 10; [Sparks](#), p. 315)

- 1966, June 19** — 9:45 p.m. US Army soldiers are watching an outdoor movie at Nha Trang Air Base [now closed] on the southern edge of Nha Trang, Vietnam. The viewing is made possible by the installation of six new 100kw diesel-powered generators. A Shell Oil tanker is anchored in Nha Trang Bay, two Douglas A-1 Skyraider aircraft are warming up on an airstrip, and eight bulldozers are at work on nearby hills. Sgt. William Dalrymple sees the sky light up to the north and a bright object approaches, alternately moving at high speed and slowing down. It descends toward the soldiers, stops dead, and hovers about 300–500 feet above the ground. The surrounding valley and hills are lit up by it. Then the generators fail and everything on the base goes black for 4 minutes. The UFO finally goes straight up and out of sight in 2–3 seconds. (NICAP, “[Major E-M Case over Missile Site](#)”; Bill Beene, “[A Good Case for UFOs](#),” *Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle*, March 17, 1967, p. 8B; “[Vietnam UFO Incident Uncovered](#),” *UFO Investigator*, July 1973, pp. 1–2; Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, 1974, pp. 101–103; UFOEv II 80)
- 1966, June 22** — Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) tells the House of Commons that both military and civilian UFO reports are investigated, and that 351 reports were received between 1959 and 1965, adding that “No defence implications have been found.” (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1966, June 23** — 3:42 a.m. NASA contract flight engineer Julian Sandoval and two independent witnesses see a glowing elongated object with a blunt end. It has a series of four body lights varying from brilliant green to a bluish tinge, and is hovering at an estimated 12,000 feet near Placitas, New Mexico. When the object moves its glow brightens, and it appears to be a powered craft. The witnesses watch the object for an hour and a half, after which it climbs vertically, accelerates to a high velocity, and disappears to the northeast in about 12 seconds. In a report to NICAP, Sandoval estimates the departure speed at “Mach 6 or better.” (“[Apollo Engineer Spots UFO](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1966, p. 2; “[New Reports by Space Experts Add to UFO Proof](#),” *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 9 (Aug./Sept. 1966): 3)
- 1966, June 24** — 3:30 a.m. Officer William L. Stevens Jr. of the Richmond, Virginia, Police Department, is patrolling the northeastern section of the city in Car 625, going north on Meadowbridge Road near the city limits. About 4 blocks ahead is the Atlantic Rural Exposition Fairgrounds [now the Richmond Raceway]. Looking in that direction, Stevens notices some odd greenish-yellow lights in the distance. He radios the dispatcher and drives ahead to investigate. Above the Richmond-Henrico Turnpike, he sees a large, dirigible-like object hovering, with a row of alternating green and yellow lights around its perimeter, surrounded by a mist. The object seems to be about 100–125 feet long and 30–40 feet high with no structural details visible. Stevens accelerates toward the object, which reacts immediately by turning laterally about 90° and moving swiftly away. He continues to speed up, but the object maintains its distance. The chase continues into Hanover County, with Stevens going more than 100 mph. After 10–15 minutes, the object suddenly accelerates and disappears in a matter of seconds. (Keyhoe and Lore, *UFOs: A New Look*, 1968, [p. 9](#); UFOEv II 187)
- 1966, June 25** — 9:30 p.m. Several objects violate the air space over the Ellsworth AFB H-01 missile launch facility southwest of Union Center, South Dakota, setting off the vibration sensors. Helicopters attempt to chase the objects, but they fly away quickly to the north-northeast. Other sightings take place over the next week. (National UFO Reporting Center, [\[case report\]](#); Nukes 241–245)
- 1966, June 30** — On [James E. McDonald](#)’s second visit to Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, his request for a photocopy of the Robertson Panel report is denied. (Clark III 696)
- 1966, June 30** — [Richard Helms](#) becomes director of central intelligence. He is the first DCI since [Dulles](#) to push hard for results in the mind-control field. Operation MKSearch goes into overdrive. Old projects are resurrected, abandoned projects reactivated. The safe houses are told to expect a steady supply of Viet Cong expendables to experiment on. One of the projects to be revived is the less than successful Operation Mindbender. Renamed Operation Spellbinder, the assignment is to create a sleeper killer, a real-life Manchurian Candidate. A hypnotist is recruited from the American Society of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis. He becomes known to the CIA staff as “Dr. Fingers” and is selected because his file states that he has no qualms about conducting potentially terminal experiments. The intended victim of the experiment is [Fidel Castro](#). After attempts to program several would-be assassins, the operation is discontinued and written off as a complete failure. (Sid Taylor, “[A History of Secret CIA Mind Control Research](#),” *Nexus*, April/May 1992; “[Project Spellbinder](#),” in Brad Steiger and Sherry Steiger, *Conspiracies and Secret Societies: The Complete Dossier*, 2nd ed., Visible Ink, 2012)
- 1966, July** — 11:00 a.m. An Air Force Douglas C-47 Skytrain is flying 25 miles southwest of Provo, Utah, when the pilot snaps two color-slide photos of a reddish disc-shaped object that briefly comes into view before speeding away. The Condon commission declines to examine the photos in detail, noting some discrepancies. (Condon, [pp. 270–273](#); Patrick Gross, “[UFOs Photographed](#)”)

- 1966**, July 4 — The Freedom of Information Act, requiring the full or partial disclosure of previously unreleased information and documents controlled by the US government, is signed into law by President [Lyndon B. Johnson](#). (Wikipedia, "[Freedom of Information Act \(United States\)](#)")
- 1966**, July 7 — In a Blue Book briefing, Brig. Gen. [William C. Garland](#), deputy chief of USAF Public Information at the Pentagon, again denies that NORAD radars have picked up any "spaceships," interplanetary "interlopers," or "extraterrestrial vehicles." (Clark III 808)
- 1966**, July 9 — 2:00 p.m. [Kenneth Arnold](#) takes a 16mm film of a UFO over Idaho Falls, Idaho. The object looks like a weather balloon, but it is flying at a speed of 45–75 mph into a north-northwest wind. (Kim Hansen, "UFO Casebook," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, p. 53)
- 1966**, July 13 — 2:00 a.m. Railway linesman Camillo Faieta is on duty at the crossing in Fornacette, Pisa, Italy, when he is dazzled by a powerful light coming from the Emissario Canal. The light goes out and he sees an object hovering above a small islet in the canal. Two little men emerge, but the bright light comes on again and the object takes off. Police turn up other witnesses, but Italian and US air force officers from the nearby Camp Darby military complex tell Faieta not to speak about the incident any further. (IPinotti 147–148)
- 1966**, July 18 — 9:00 a.m. W. T. Jackson and Kelly Dikeman, two mechanics at a service station in Baytown, Texas, see a white object shaped like two saucers face-to-face with a row of square windows in between. The object is hovering above a store about 300 feet away, then it begins moving, rapidly accelerates, and speeds away. ("Baytonian, Witness Describe 'Saucer,'" *Baytown (Tex.) Sun*, July 25, 1966, p. 1; "Reflections Don't Have Windows, Flying Saucer Witness Contends," *Houston (Tex.) Post*, September 8, 1966; Gardner Soule, *UFOs and IFOs: A Factual Report on Flying Saucers*, Putnam, 1967, pp. 47–52; James E. McDonald, "[Statement on Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," in *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968, pp. 57–58)
- 1966**, July 19 — MP [John Langford-Holt](#) asks UK Prime Minister [Harold Wilson](#) in the House of Commons whether, since the Defence Secretary is responsible only for air defense implications of UFOs, he would allocate the assessment of their wider implications to another department. Wilson says he will not, but that reports are taken seriously when there is adequate information. (Good Above, p. 60; Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1966**, July 20 — [James E. McDonald](#)'s third visit to Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. He is again denied a copy of the Robertson Panel report because it has been "reclassified." He is convinced that USAF has done a lousy job of investigating UFOs and that UFOs are actually good evidence for the ETH. (Clark III 696)
- 1966**, July 22 — 9:00 p.m. W. J. Norton, curator of the Ludlow Museum, and his family see a UFO shaped like a silver isosceles triangle to the east of Llandrindod Wells, Powys, Wales. It hovers for 30–40 seconds and emits a low hum. ("[Llandrindod Triangle](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 12, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1966): 32)
- 1966**, July 22 — 11:25 p.m. While driving his son home from the railway station in Fremont, Indiana, a realtor and retired WWII Navy officer see an illuminated, 25-foot diameter disc with portholes on its lower convex surface. The object descends low over the car and hovers above it. They have it in view about 5–8 minutes. When two other cars approach, the object extinguishes its lights, then shoots straight up into the sky, leaving a trail of bluish light. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 108–109)
- 1966**, Late July — Col. [J. Thomas Ratchford](#), an AFOSR scientist, approaches the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, about contracting with the Air Force for a UFO study. Its director, [Walter Orr Roberts](#), is interested, but [William W. Kellogg](#), associate director of the Laboratory of Atmospheric Physics, is not. Roberts suggests the University of Colorado. Ratchford talks to prominent University of Colorado physicist [Edward U. Condon](#), who hesitates but finds the \$300,000 offered by the Air Force (plus \$13,000 in operating expenses) attractive. (Robert J. Low, "[Some Thoughts on the UFO Project](#)," memo to E. James Archer and Thurston E. Manning, August 9, 1966; Swords 309; Clark III 1192; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 345–346)
- 1966**, Late July — 7:00 p.m. Raquel Jodorowsky is in a traffic jam in Mexico City, Mexico, as people are getting out of their cars and looking to the sky. A large glowing object is hanging at 45° above the horizon to the east. The object ejects smaller bright objects that fly away. After 30 minutes the large object dims, becomes smaller, and disappears. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 11)
- 1966**, July 29 — [J. Allen Hynek](#) writes to a citizen interested in UFOs and says that he thinks the Portage County, Ohio, case should be labeled unidentified and has told the Air Force as much. Its evaluation as a satellite or Venus has not originated with him as a mere consultant. (Bill Murphy, "[The Swamp Gas Aftermath: Some Notes from the Gerald Ford Files](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 2 (July 2010): 12)
- 1966**, July 30 — The fourth and final launch of a D-21 drone from an M-21 ends in disaster 150 miles off the coast of California. Unlike the three previous launches, this one is performed straight and level, not in an outside loop to assist in the separation of the drone from the aircraft. The D-21 suffers engine problems and strikes the M-21's

tail after separation, leading to the destruction of both aircraft. The two crew members eject and land at sea. The pilot, [Bill Park](#), survives, but the launch control officer, Ray Torrick, drowns. [Johnson](#) decides to refit the D-21 to launch from a B-52 bomber in order to not endanger any more M-21s. (Wikipedia, "[Lockheed D-21](#)")

- 1966**, August 1 — [Jacques Vallée](#) meets, through his friend [Aimé Michel](#), with physicist [Yves Rocard](#) and gives him a copy of outstanding Blue Book UFO reports, but the contact goes no further. (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science*, North Atlantic, 1992, [pp. 55, 198, 201–202](#))
- 1966**, August 1 — 7:45 p.m. Several children are playing outside in Rushville, Indiana, when they see an object hovering above a tree near them. Its altitude is about 75 feet. They describe it as round, brighter than the moon, silver, and about 4 times larger than the full moon. It has a fuzzy edge and rocks slightly as it hovers. One girl, Donna Glosser, calls it to the attention of others who are about a half-block away. When she does, the object changes to reddish-orange, seems to revolve, and moves across a road so fast it seems to jump. It stops abruptly over some trees on a hill about one block away. At least one adult watches the object for 5 minutes. The same object is apparently seen by a group of teens at the Dairy Delight Drive-In about a mile and a half away. It becomes brighter after 45 seconds and speeds away. ("[Children Watch Object in Central Indiana](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1966, p. 8)
- 1966**, August 7 — The *Washington Star* runs an article on UFOs by retired USAF Lt. Col. [Charles Cooke](#) saying that he has analyzed first-hand UFO encounters by Air Force pilots that show strong support for the ETH.
- 1966**, August 9 — [Robert J. Low](#), assistant dean in the University of Colorado Graduate School, is also interested in the UFO project. He consults with several scientists and reports on what they tell him in a memo to E. James Archer, dean of the graduate school, and [Thurston E. Manning](#), university vice president. The memo, which is not sent to [Condon](#) and is intended to show university officials that the project will not embarrass them, says: "Our study would be conducted almost exclusively by nonbelievers who, although they couldn't possibly prove a negative result, could and probably would add an impressive body of evidence that there is no reality to the observations. The trick would be, I think, to describe the project so that, to the public, it would appear a totally objective study but to the scientific community, would present the image of a group of nonbelievers trying their best to be objective but having an almost zero expectation of finding a saucer." He recommends stressing the psychology and sociology of the witnesses rather than physical evidence. The memo stays under wraps for a year and a half. (Robert J. Low, "[Some Thoughts on the UFO Project](#)," memo to E. James Archer and Thurston E. Manning, August 9, 1966; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [p. 239](#); Swords 309–310, 321–322; Clark III 1192; Powell, *Keyhole*, 346–348, 365)
- 1966**, August 15 — Office of Scientific Intelligence Deputy Director Karl H. Weber writes to Col. Gerald E. Jorgensen, chief of the USAF Community Relations Division, that "We are most anxious that further publicity not be given to the information that the [Robertson] panel was sponsored by the CIA." Weber notes that there is already a sanitized version available to the public. (Gerald K. Haines, "[CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947–90](#)," *Studies in Intelligence* 40, no. 5 (1997): 67–84)
- 1966**, Mid-August — Rep. [J. Edward Hutchinson](#) (R-Mich.) introduces HR 866 for an investigation into Project Blue Book's methods.
- 1966**, August 16 — 2:51 a.m. The crew of a Canadian Forces Hercules C-150E are flying above Regina, Saskatchewan, when they see a cigar-shaped object cross their flight path. It has 6 rectangular patches on its side. It is visible with the naked eye for about 90 seconds, then it rapidly shrinks and disappears to the southwest very rapidly. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [p. 112](#))
- 1966**, August 16 — Iraqi Air Force Col. [Munir Redfa](#) defects by flying a MiG-21 to Israel. In what is considered one of Mossad's most successful operations, Redfa's entire extended family is smuggled safely out of Iraq to Israel. The MiG-21 fighter is evaluated by the Israeli Air Force and later loaned to the US for testing and intelligence analysis at Area 51. Knowledge obtained from analysis of the aircraft is instrumental to the successes achieved by the Israeli Air Force in the Six-Day War. (Wikipedia, "[Munir Redfa](#)")
- 1966**, August 16 — The chief of the Australian Directorate of Public Relations writes to the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence requesting reconsideration of its decision to stop making summaries of UFO sightings reported to the Department of Air available to the public. DPR hopes the summaries will be useful in responding to public inquiries and thinks that restricting them will reinforce the theory that the government has something to hide. The summaries continue to be published erratically through the end of the 1970s. (Swords 393–394)
- 1966**, August 19 — 4:50 p.m. US Border Patrolman Donald E. Flickinger, in the process of taking two prisoners back to Canada, sees a silvery domed disc floating down the side of a hill near Donnybrook, North Dakota, about 10 feet off the ground. It moves across a valley and climbs to 100 feet, hovers over a reservoir, then appears to land in a field 250 feet away. It tilts on edge and rises into the clouds at high speed. Flickinger finds three odd indentations

in the field in the form of a triangle with sides of 10–12 feet. Some stones also seem to have been moved recently. (Hynek *UFO Report*, [photo](#) betw. pp. 152–153; Condon, [pp. 273–274](#); [Sparks](#), p. 317)

- 1966**, August 20 — Afternoon. Some boys looking for a lost kite on the Morro do Vintém in Niterói, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, discover the bodies of two dead males and report them to the authorities. The Morro do Vintém is a hill with difficult terrain, and the police are unable to reach the bodies until August 21. When a small team of police and firefighters arrive, they encounter an odd scene: the bodies are resting next to each other, partly covered by grass. Each one is wearing a formal suit, a lead eye mask, and a waterproof coat. There are no signs of trauma or struggle. Next to the corpses, police find an empty water bottle and a packet containing two wet towels. A small notebook is also identified, on which were written the cryptic instructions, “16:30 be at the specified location. 18:30 ingest capsules, after the effect protect metals await signal mask.” The two men are identified as Manoel Pereira da Cruz and Miguel José Viana, two electronic technicians from Campos dos Goytacazes. Following an investigation, police reconstruct a plausible narrative of the men’s last days. On August 17, Cruz and Viana leave Campos dos Goytacazes saying that they needed to purchase some materials for work (although they tell others they are on a secret mission). The two men then board a bus to Niterói and arrive at 2:30 p.m. Evidence shows that the waterproof coats were purchased at a shop there, and one bottle of water from a local bar. Upon being interviewed, the waitress from the bar described Miguel as “very nervous,” and noticed he frequently checked his watch. That is the last time they are known to have been seen alive; it is presumed they go directly from the bar to the spot where they were discovered. One theory revolves around the testimony of a friend of the two men, who claims that they are members of a group of “scientific spiritualists” who are apparently attempting to contact extraterrestrials or spirits using psychedelic drugs. Believing that such an encounter would be accompanied by blinding light, the men cut metal masks to shield their eyes and may have died of drug overdoses. This account is corroborated by the esoteric diary entry found at the scene and by mask-making materials and literature concerning spirits found at the men’s homes. In April 1980, [Jacques Vallée](#) locates the exact spot where the bodies were found and notes that no vegetation is growing there. (Wikipedia, “[Lead masks case](#)”; Charles Bowen, “[The Mystery of the Morro do Vintem](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1967): 11–14; Clark III 774–775; Jacques Vallée, *Confrontations: A Scientist’s Search for Alien Contact*, Ballantine, 1990, [pp. 3–15](#))
- 1966**, August 22 — [Phil Klass](#) asserts in *Aviation Week* that the Exeter UFO was a plasma discharge from high-voltage power lines. (Philip J. Klass, “Plasma Theory May Explain Many UFOs,” *Aviation Week and Space Technology* 85 (August 22, 1966): 48–61)
- 1966**, August 24 — 10:00 p.m. Airman 3d Class Michael D. Mueller reports by base radio seeing a multicolored light high in the sky above the Minot AFB M-6 Minuteman launch site southeast of Norma, North Dakota. A team goes to his location and confirms the object and sees a second white object passing in front of clouds. The base radar detects the object, which is tracked at about 100,000 feet (20 miles). The object rises and descends a number of times, and each time Maj. Chester A. Shaw Jr., in charge of the M-6 missile crew, finds his radio transmission interrupted by static, even though he is 60 feet underground. The UFO gradually descends to ground level 10–15 miles south of the base. The Air Force sends a strike team to check on it. When they are within 10 miles of the site, static disrupts their radio contact. Five to eight minutes later, the glow diminishes and the UFO takes off. Another UFO is sighted and tracked on radar; the first object flies underneath this second one. The two objects disappear separately. The entire episode lasts about 4 hours and is confirmed by two other missile launch sites, M-4 and N-7 (near Mohall). Another report from the same time period mentions that some missiles went off alert for 24 hours after a UFO sighting at the N-1 missile alert facility. (NICAP, “[Minuteman Site Jammed by UFO](#)”; “Minot Launch Control Center ‘Saucer’ Cited As One Indication of Outer Space Visitors,” *Minot (N.Dak.) Daily News*, December 6, 1966, pp. 1–2; Condon, [pp. 274–277](#); [Sparks](#), p. 317; “Air Force Sternly Denies UFO Minuteman Incident,” *Christian Science Monitor*, December 5, 1973, p. 8; Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Prentice-Hall, 1979, [pp. 294–296](#); Robert L. Salas and James Klotz, *Faded Giant*, BookSurge, 2005, p. 5–6; Nukes 238–240, 248–251; “[UFO Hovered near Missile Launch Control Center at Minot AFB](#),” *UFOs & Nukes*, September 19, 2012; “[Former Missile Officer: UFO Whistleblower Demonstrates ‘Tremendous Courage’](#),” *Minot (N.Dak.) Daily News*, June 17, 2023)
- 1966**, August 27 — [Hynek](#) releases to the press a letter rejected by *Science* magazine in which he reports a pattern to UFO sightings that “suggests that something is going on” and disputing seven misconceptions about UFOs. (“[Expert Criticizes Scientists for Dismissing UFOs](#),” *Miami (Fla.) Herald*, August 28, 1966, p. 5-C)
- 1966**, August 31 — Col. [Ivan C. Atkinson](#), deputy executive director of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, formally approaches the University of Colorado with a request to conduct a comprehensive and independent examination of the UFO problem.
- 1966**, August or September — Mid-afternoon. Two men are returning home from bowling in Norwood, Massachusetts. The Moon is visible in about three-quarter phase in the sky. Both glance up and see a group of 6–7 disc-shaped

objects moving horizontally toward the Moon. When they reach a position just below the Moon, they loop around it in an upward, back, and onward motion, then continue on their way. (Michael D. Swords, "[We Know Where You Live](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 2 (January 2006): 9–10)

- 1966**, Early September — Night. Bank official Gerardo Bagnulo is on a pleasure outing with members of his family when he sees two objects moving across the sky on the coast of the Gargano promontory in southern Italy. He manages to take one color photo before the objects disappear near the northwest horizon. The photo shows both a round object and a cylindrical object. (Roberto Pinotti, "[The Gargano Peninsula Cigar](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1984): 6; "[As is often the case](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 6 (Dec. 1984/Jan. 1985): 8; Roberto Pinotti, "[Evidence for UFOs in the Italian Past](#)," *The Spectrum of UFO Research*, CUFOS, 1988, pp. 115–116; 1Pinotti 154–156)
- 1966**, September — Early morning. A UFO is seen hovering at low altitude by all personnel at Heathrow Airport Air Traffic Control in London, England, at a time when no aircraft are in motion. The UFO is tracked on radar and its speed at departure is clocked at 3,000 mph. The Ministry of Defence is notified, and investigators arrive on the scene and tell the witnesses that they have seen nothing, threatening to charge them under the Official Secrets Act if they reveal the sighting publicly. (Good Above, [pp. 71–72](#))
- 1966**, September — 1:30 a.m. Airman 1C Patrick McDonough is working on an astro-azimuth observation at one of the Malmstrom AFB missile launch facilities near Conrad, Montana, when a UFO comes in from the north and stops directly overhead at 300 feet. It is about 30–50 feet in diameter and disc-shaped, with dim lights outlining it and a white light emanating from the center. It remains about 20–30 seconds, then shoots away noiselessly to the east at tremendous speed. Montana Highway Patrol dispatchers in Pondera County receive more than 20 UFO reports that morning. (Nukes 247–248)
- 1966**, September — 4:00 a.m. Deputy Sheriff Ed Korenek is driving north of El Campo, Texas, on State Highway 71 when he sees something like a car on fire ahead of him. Suddenly he notices that another object is pacing him, He hits his brakes and reaches for the radio, but it is dead. He sees another flaming object above Wharton Regional Airport to the east. He accelerates toward the object ahead of him, which slides off the highway to the right, sucking its flame up behind it as it moves away. The object above the airfield disappears, and when Korenek turns his car around, his radio begins working again. ("[The Texas Flap](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1967, p. 3)
- 1966**, September — 7:30 p.m. Dennis Billings hears amplified sounds (a conversation, children playing, rattle of dishes) coming from a closed house in Decatur, Alabama, and sees a dark object above the house light up into an orange sphere. It drops white sparks. Its lights appear to be a spectrum of colors that blink in sync with its movements. He watches it with binoculars as it moves away. Then another object appears and hovers above the yard of the house for several minutes, displaying a dome-like structure beneath. It eventually follows an airplane before returning to the vicinity of an airport, where it hovers for 10 minutes then interacts with another similar object. The sighting leaves his eyes feeling strained. ("[Object Photographed in Alabama](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1970, pp. 5–6)
- 1966**, September 3 — Science columnist John Lear receives a declassified (sanitized) copy of the Robertson Panel report and publishes a version of it in the *Saturday Review*. He calls for the release of the full document. (John Lear, "[The Disputed CIA Document on UFOs](#)," *Saturday Review*, September 3, 1966, pp. 45–50; Clark III 1017)
- 1966**, September 5 — 2:00 p.m. Franz Trautsamwieser takes a photo of the Church of San Giorgio Maggiore in Venice, Italy, from the other side of the canal. He does not see anything, but the developed photo shows a UFO-shaped whitish object next to the tower. ("[UFO over Venice?](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1967, cover, 17)
- 1966**, September 12 — The Air Force turns down a proposal [Hynek](#) has made for them to create a computer program to put Blue Book's UFO reports into a machine-readable format, ostensibly because it is too preoccupied with the Vietnam War. (Center for UFO Studies, [[Hynek correspondence](#)], p. 2)
- 1966**, September 13 — 7:30 a.m. 11-year-old [Randy Rotenberger](#), near Stirum, North Dakota, sees a silvery domed disc hover about one mile away, approach, then land within 900 feet, making a low-pitched whine. It takes off so fast it just vanishes." An Air Force investigator finds landing indentations 7 inches deep and [possibly] radiation level of 100 microroentgens/hour. Electrical power is off in the area for about 4 hours. (NICAP, "[Domed Object Leaves Traces](#)"; [Sparks](#), p. 319; "[Landing In North Dakota](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, July/August 1966, pp. 1, 3; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, pp. 58–59; Ted Phillips, *Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings*, CUFOS, July 1975, Case 247, p. 43; UFOEv II 263; Clark III 950)
- 1966**, September 17 — 4:45 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald MacGilvary see a glowing cigar-shaped object oriented vertically, tilted at times, for about an hour near the edge of the water at Crane Beach, Ipswich, Massachusetts. Two smaller

glowing objects approach the larger object, moving around erratically, with an up-and-down skipping motion. The two rendezvous with the larger object, then a third smaller object is seen. The smaller objects periodically leave the larger object and flies around the area. One flies low over Ipswich Bay toward the witnesses' home. At closer range it shows an elliptical shape illuminated by a faint glow. ("[Satellite' UFO Landing Case in Massachusetts.](#)" *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 10 (Oct./Nov. 1966): 4)

- 1966**, September 19 — Air Force Regulation 200-2 is replaced by AFR 80-17, which orders members of the military who investigate UFO reports to release information if there is an explanation, but if there is none to withhold the information, even from the Colorado project (explicitly modified November 9). Radarscope photos are automatically classified. However, it does require that every Air Force base have an official with scientific background responsible for investigating UFOs. (US Department of the Air Force, "[Research and Development: Unidentified Flying Objects.](#)" Air Force Regulation 80-17, September 19, 1966)
- 1966**, September 20 — 10:00 a.m. Private pilot James J. O'Connor is flying at 9,500 feet near Sebring, Florida, when he sees what appears to be a delta-shaped object overhead. Curious, he climbs toward it but levels off at about 10,000 feet due to lack of oxygen equipment. Suddenly the object descends toward his plane and begins pacing him, its huge size blocking out the sunlight. It makes a "singing" noise like car tires on a wet pavement. After a few minutes, he pulls up his plane, reduces power, and stalls out, diving as fast as he can. He drops to 3,500 feet, looks up, and sees the object still pacing him, seemingly as big as a football field. The UFO changes shape to a wedge, then a thin line, doing a reverse peel-off in a 360° turn. As it climbs away, it looks like a cone with the point upward. He estimates the object had followed him for 17 minutes. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore, eds, *UFOs: A New Look*, NICAP, 1969, [p. 7](#); UFOEv II 128–129)
- 1966**, September 21 — 6:30 a.m. Eight RCAF airmen are refueling an aircraft in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada, when they see an object in the east moving at great speed. It comes to a complete stop, descends, and hovers for 20 minutes. It then shoots up and disappears quickly. At about the same time, fishermen Ivan Collicut and Patrick O'Halloran are out for an early morning catch at Burton, Prince Edward Island, when they see a rapidly moving light. ("[Near-Landing Observed by RCAF.](#)" *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 10 (Oct./Nov. 1966): 4)
- 1966**, September 21 — At a meeting of the University of Colorado psychology department, [Stuart W. Cook](#) announces that the university is considering taking on the UFO project, with [Condon](#) directing. Cook says it will need the help of psychologists. [William A. Scott](#) and [David R. Saunders](#) are interested. Around this time, Condon agrees to an informal question-and-answer session about the project. [George Gamow](#) and Richard Sigismond are in attendance. Gamow is surprised that Condon has never heard of the Trindade Island UFO photos. Sigismond applies for an opening on the committee and is accepted, but he declines the offer after a 20-minute interview with Condon, whose negative bias on the subject is unyielding. (Richard Sigismond, "[A Confrontation with Dr. Condon: Prelude and Aftermath.](#)" *IUR* 8, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1983): 3–5, 16; "[Condon Confrontation Continues.](#)" *IUR* 9, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1984): 9; Clark III 1192)
- 1966**, September 22 — 3:00 a.m. Police from several vantage points in Deadwood, South Dakota, see a large white hovering object, changing color to green to red then back to white. It hangs motionless for 15 minutes. When a spotlight is shone on it, the object blacks out. Two smaller white objects operating independently approach and hover nearby. The large object bobs around and emits blue light beams toward the ground, and finally speeds away in 3 seconds. (NICAP, "[Satellite Objects, Sept. 22, 1966, Deadwood, SD](#)"; Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, eds., *UFO's: A Scientific Debate*, Cornell University, 1972, [pp. xxii–xxiii](#); J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 49–50](#); UFOEv II 187–188)
- 1966**, September 22 — Psychologist Michael Wertheimer tells [Cook](#) he will participate in the Colorado project. (Clark III 1193)
- 1966**, September 22 — [Hynek](#) appeals to Secretary of the Air Force [Harold Brown](#) to create a program to put UFO reports into a machine-readable database. He also recommends a more scientific approach to data acquisition that will make the Air Force look better to the public and the scientific community. (Center for UFO Studies, [[Hynek correspondence](#)], pp. 3–5)
- 1966**, September 24 — 3:30 a.m. A man named Gaines is driving his girlfriend home in Peoria, Illinois, when they see a large, luminous, blue sphere hovering low in the sky. It shoots off, so he drops the girlfriend off. On the way home the blue ball returns; his car begins to pick up speed, the brakes won't work, and the doors won't open. He races on this way for a few blocks, then the UFO takes off. ("Peorian Reports Seeing Flying Object Which Took Over Control of His Auto," *Peoria (Ill.) Journal-Star*, September 25, 1966; Michael D. Swords, "[Messing Around with the Force.](#)" *IUR* 31, no. 4 (March 2008): 17)
- 1966**, Autumn — Night. A young couple parking in a rural area near Rockford, Illinois, see a bright light that appears over some nearby trees. It is so intense that it hurts their eyes, so they start the car up and drive down a gravel

- road. The light is gone, but near where it had been they can now see two gray figures with large slanted eyes and wearing clothing with a square insignia on the torso. As they leave the area, they smell a pungent, metallic odor. ([“Letter,”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 6, 9; [“Out of the Past,”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 2 (March/April 1984): 8–9)
- 1966, Autumn** — 7:30 p.m. Estelle Conway looks outside her dining room window at Highland Lakes, New Jersey, and sees a large orange ball with a dark vermilion border hovering about 300 feet above a pond about a quarter-mile away. When she looks for it 15 minutes later, it is no longer there. Around the same time, electrical engineer Guy F. Adams sees an opalescent-like, neon-green ball” about 50 feet across moving slowly across a road for 6–8 seconds near Conway’s home. (Berthold E. Schwartz, [“UFOs in New Jersey,”](#) *Pursuit* 7, no. 2 (April 1974): 31, 33–34)
- 1966, October** — [Hynek](#)’s lengthy letter about UFOs and Project Blue Book is published in *Science* magazine. It addresses seven misconceptions about UFOs. “I cannot dismiss the UFO phenomenon with a shrug,” he concludes. (O’Connell 201–204)
- 1966, October** — The Canadian Directorate of Operations issues Canadian Forces Administrative Order 71-6, “Reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects,” to make it easier to obtain UFO reports from military bases and police forces. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Canada*, Signet, 1981, [p. 173](#))
- 1966, October 1** — [James E. McDonald](#) writes to [Thomas Ratchford](#) of the USAF Office of Scientific Research to tell him that he will soon speak out for radical changes in the handling of UFO reports. (Clark III 697)
- 1966, October 2** — 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Everett Steward is talking on the telephone at her home in Cincinnati, Ohio, when she smells a foul odor in the room. She goes to her bedroom, but she has a feeling of being watched. Looking out the window, she sees an oval-shaped object with portholes and red, green, and white lights revolving around it. It is 75 feet in diameter and hovering at 100 feet. She wakes up her husband, who also sees it, and calls her married daughter, Mrs. Janet Emery, a mile away; the Emerys also see it, and a neighbor with binoculars can see that it has square windows glowing yellow. Janet goes outdoors and sees the UFO eject a red ball, which maneuvers while the first UFO takes off southward. The red ball flies 75–100 feet over Janet’s head; its underside is shiny like aluminum foil. Mrs. Steward goes to bed, but the odor is still in the house. After some time, the room is filled for an instant with brilliant white light; then this vanishes and a globe of light about 21 inches in diameter appears at the foot of her bed. Inside are 5 “non-human, hairless heads” with oval, sunken eyes. Instead of noses, there are slits, and they have no mouths. Telepathically, they repeat several times: “We have made contact.” Mrs. Steward screams and the globe disappears. She is so disquieted by the experience that she goes under psychiatric care for the next 2 years. (Stringfield, *Situation Red*, Doubleday, 1977, [pp. 33–36](#))
- 1966, October 3** — [Phil Klass](#) has another article in *Aviation Week* on plasmas as an explanation for UFOs. (Philip J. Klass, “Many UFOs Are Identified as Plasmas,” *Aviation Week and Space Technology* 85 (October 3, 1966): 54–73)
- 1966, October 4, 18** — Excerpts of [John G. Fuller](#)’s book about the [Betty and Barney Hill](#) abduction case, *Interrupted Journey*, appear in a two-part article of *Look* magazine. (Wikipedia, [“Barney and Betty Hill”](#); John G. Fuller, [“Aboard a Flying Saucer, Part I,”](#) *Look* 30, no. 20 (October 4, 1966): 44–48, 53–56; John G. Fuller, [“Aboard a Flying Saucer, Part II,”](#) *Look* 30, no. 21 (October 18, 1966): 111–121; Clark III 585)
- 1966, October 4–5** — 5:00 a.m. Jack Jones is delivering newspapers on John Street in Connorsville, Indiana. He notices a group of lights in a field to the west past the dead end. He thinks it might be a new light installation and moves on. The next day, Jones is with another paper carrier, Don Doe, and he suggests they go see the new lights. Jack sees the lights, but they are in a different position somewhat to the north. Both boys sit on their bicycles and watch a dark disc-shaped object with flashing red, green, and white lights on it that is apparently on the ground some 840 feet into the field. They estimate it is 27 feet in diameter and 10 feet high. They hear a high-pitched whirring sound and smell a faint odor of sulfur and tannic acid. After watching it a few minutes, they hear a new sound as if someone is walking slowly toward them through some thick weeds. They take off on their bicycles and don’t look back. Some days later, investigators find three holes, 8 feet apart in an equilateral triangle, where the object was seen. The holes measure 7 inches at the top and 1 inch at the bottom. ([“UAO Landing in Indiana,”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1966, pp. 1, 3)
- 1966, October 5** — At a University of Arizona Department of Meteorology colloquium, [James E. McDonald](#) gives his views on the reality of UFOs and the Air Force’s concealment of information. His colleagues respond negatively, and McDonald acknowledges to [Gerard Kuiper](#) that what he is doing is professionally risky. Nevertheless, the university’s Space Sciences Committee gives him a \$1,300 grant toward his research expenses. ([“UFOs Are ‘Real,’ Physicist Asserts,”](#) *Arizona Daily Star*, October 6, 1966, p. B-1; Clark III 697)
- 1966, October 6** — [Thurston Manning](#) signs the University of Colorado contract with the Air Force. The project is to run from November 15, 1966, to January 1968. (Clark III 1193)

- 1966, October 7** — The Air Force publicly announces the creation of the University of Colorado UFO project. [Low](#) is made project coordinator. The primary team will be [Saunders](#), ESSA astronomer [Franklin Roach](#), Wertheimer, chemist [Roy Craig](#), University of Arizona electrical engineer Norman Levine, administrative assistant [Mary Lou Armstrong](#), University of Arizona astronomer [William K. Hartmann](#), physicist [Frederick Ayer](#), and psychologists [Dan Culberson](#) and James Wadsworth. (Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), “[Air Force Selects University of Colorado to Investigate Unidentified Flying Object Reports](#),” October 7, 1966, release no. 847-66, p. 13, in Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 222–224; “[The Colorado Project](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1966, p. 3; “[UFO Probe Given to Colorado U.](#),” *San Francisco Examiner*, October 7, 1966, p. 42; “[University Starts UFO Probe: NICAP to Submit Factual Reports](#),” *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 10 (Oct./Nov. 1966): 1, 3; Clark III 697, 1193; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 346–350)
- 1966, October 7** — [McDonald](#) speaks to the media about the secret Robertson Panel report. The CIA has ordered the Air Force to debunk UFOs, he says. (“[UFO Hush Blamed on CIA Men](#),” *Phoenix Arizona Republic*, October 7, 1966, pp. 21–22)
- 1966, October 8** — [Condon](#) is widely quoted in the media as saying it is “highly improbable” that UFOs exist. “The view that UFOs are hallucinatory will be a subject of our investigation, to discover what it is that makes people imagine they see things.” (Chesly Manly, “[UFOs Prober Keeps Open Mind and Door](#),” *Chicago Tribune*, October 16, 1966, pp. 1, 4)
- 1966, October 8** — 7:00 p.m. Loch Ness monster researcher [Frederick William “Ted” Holiday](#) is fishing on the lifeboat slipway at Tenby harbor, Pembrokeshire, Wales, when he and other fishermen notice a small, bluish, luminous cloud moving in a circle about three times its own diameter above them. After a short time, he resumes his fishing, but 10 minutes later a dark object emerges from the cloud and beams down a brilliant ruby light on them. The cloud moves west and the object moves southwest. By the time he retrieves binoculars from his car, both objects are gone. (F. W. Holiday, “[Was God at Aberfan?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1972): 3–4)
- 1966, October 10** — [Hynek](#) discusses UFOs in *Newsweek*. The article covers the resurgence of interest in UFOs and encourages scientists to remain open to the possibility that some sightings might not have simple explanations, like weather balloons or optical illusions, and should be studied scientifically. He also warns against gullibility and stresses a careful, systematic approach to UFO research, amid rising public interest and media attention to incidents like the Barney and Betty Hill abduction. (“UFO’s for Real?” *Newsweek*, October 10, 1966, p. 70)
- 1966, October 10** — 5:20 p.m. A woman and five children, 4–9, watch a metallic object fly past their farm home in Newton, Illinois. It moves slowly and uniformly in a westerly direction approximately 50 feet above the ground. The object is about 20 feet long and 8 feet in diameter and seems to have longitudinal seams. There is a small dorsal fin at the rear and a rectangular black aperture near the front. A brownish-gold design is visible on the lower rear portion, and the object is surrounded by a bluish haze, about 5 feet thick, that contains bubbles or sparks. It disappears by turning abruptly nose up and disappearing from sight in 1–2 seconds. About 70 minutes later, another witness about 7 miles away sees an elliptical blue light moving in the same general direction. (Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, eds., *UFO’s: A Scientific Debate*, Cornell University, 1972, pp. xxix–xxx)
- 1966, October 10** — 9:15 p.m. Police Sgt. Benjamin Thompson of the Wanaque (New Jersey) Reservoir Police watches a bright light performing fantastic maneuvers over the reservoir. He notices a slight mist in the wake of its movements. It descends to 150 feet above the water, then shoots up. Thompson has also seen UFOs at the reservoir in January and March. Some teenagers see a UFO in the area 2 nights later. (NICAP, “[The Wanaque Sightings](#)”; “[Water Reconnaissance Continues](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1966, pp. 1, 3; “[UFOs Return to Wanaque Reservoir](#),” *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 10 (Oct./Nov. 1966): 6; “[The Wanaque ‘Flap](#),” *Saucer Scoop* 1, no. 9 (December 1966): 10–11; Sanderson, *InvRes*, pp. 58–62; Center for UFO Studies, [case files])
- 1966, October 11** — 9:45 p.m. Two boys in Elizabeth, New Jersey—Martin Munov and James Yanchitis—are walking home on 4th Street near East Jersey Street, adjacent to the elevated New Jersey Turnpike. Yanchitis tells his friend that there is someone following them. They turn and see a man standing behind a high wire fence separating them from the turnpike 30 feet above them. The fence is 8 feet high and the embankment running up to it is steep. John Keel interviews the two boys three days after the incident. They tell him that the man is 7 feet tall, has a dark complexion, and is wearing a green work suit. He has a bald head, large eyes, and a huge grinning mouth full of white teeth. (John Keel, *Strange Creatures from Time and Space*, Fawcett, 1970, p. 176)
- 1966, October 15** — 4:45 a.m. Forester Jerry H. Simons is driving home from a camping expedition, notices a reddish glow behind him, and stops his car near Split Rock Pond, south of Newfoundland, New Jersey, to investigate. A flat-bottom, red-orange disc with a dome on top is hovering above and behind his car. Near panic, he flees the area with the object following him. When the light from the object illuminates the ground around him, his car engine, dashlights, and headlights all fail. When the object recedes, his lights and engine function normally. This sequence is repeated three times, strongly demonstrating a direct correlation between the light from the UFO and

the failure of his car's electrical system. Shortly after the sighting, Simons begins experiencing a recurring illness (the reason for his story appearing in a medical journal); it is characterized by fatigue, anorexia, soreness, muscle weakness, chills, and significant weight loss. After about 6 months he has fully recovered. (Berthold Eric Schwarz, "[UFOs: Delusion or Dilemma](#)," *Medical Times* 96 (October 1968): 967–981; UFOEv II 37; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part 2](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 14)

- 1966**, Mid-October — [Keyhoe](#) is stressed by [Condon](#)'s statements, so he calls both Condon and [Low](#). Both assure him they were misquoted and ask for NICAP's support. He expresses his doubts to [Saunders](#), who with [Richard Hall](#) convinces him to lend his support to the project, for now. (UFOs Yes, 117)
- 1966**, October 19 — [James E. McDonald](#) speaks to the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the American Meteorological Society on the inadequacy of military UFO investigations and the need to take seriously the "possibility that these aerial objects may be some type of extraterrestrial probes." (James E. McDonald, "[The Problem of the Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," October 19, 1966; "[Prominent Scientist Praises NICAP, Calls AF Study 'Appalling](#)," *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 10 (Oct./Nov. 1966): 1–2; Clark III 697)
- 1966**, October 20 — [Hynek](#) visits [Franklin Roach](#) in Boulder, Colorado, to meet [Condon](#) and other Colorado project members. He notes that Condon has a "basically negative attitude." (Clark III 1193)
- 1966**, October 20 — 11:50 p.m. A telecommunications technician in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, sees a strangely behaving nocturnal light. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [p. 45](#))
- 1966**, October 21 — [Hynek](#)'s letter on misconceptions about UFOs is belatedly published in *Science*. (J. Allen Hynek, "[UFO's Merit Scientific Study](#)," *Science* 154 (1966): 329)
- 1966**, October 21 — Night. Three junior high school students are standing at one end of their street in Amsterdam, New York, when they notice a star-like light to the right of the Moon. The star proceeds to draw a right-angle step around the Moon and continues northward, where it joins two other objects. The three objects then form 90° angles, equilateral triangles, and other geometrical figures. Two of the students go home for binoculars, and while they are away the sky show stops. They remain in the sky, but stationary. The objects look spherical through binoculars with some sort of lighted, colored areas that rotate. (Michael D. Swords, "[We Know Where You Live](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 2 (January 2006): 10)
- 1966**, October 26 — 11:50 p.m. A man is driving in a rural, wooded area near Takoma Park, Maryland, when he sees a disc that seems about to land in a clearing. It puts on a red-and-green light show as it hovers. A large central beam of light shines onto the field below. The car radio bursts with static, and he hears a whirring sound coming from the object. He tries to accelerate the car, but it won't move. Radio and drive functions resume when the UFO moves away. ("UFO Sighted Here, in Frederick," *La Plata (Md.) Enterprise*, November 3, 1966; Michael D. Swords, "[Messing Around with the Force](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 4 (March 2008): 17, 29)
- 1966**, October 28 — The Space Defense Center's satellite-tracking Delta I computer system at Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, becomes operational. (Wikipedia, "[Space Defense Center](#)")
- 1966**, October 31 — Night. An observer in Gloucester, Massachusetts, notices a particularly bright star in the southwestern sky that is moving in a wide arc. When it reaches Ursa Major, it paces along the Big Dipper, then turns and takes an approximately parallel course to the front of the constellation. (Michael D. Swords, "[We Know Where You Live](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 2 (January 2006): 10)
- 1966**, November 1 — The University of Colorado UFO project officially launches. [Michael D. Swords](#) writes: "It was one of the most peculiar scientific grants of all time. Normally a governmental grant goes to a scientist who has initiated it or is at least vitally interested and experienced in the field, and essentially knows exactly what he is going to do. This grant was to a scientist who was pushed into it, had little interest and apparently no experience, and, despite his brilliance, 'didn't have a clue.' Because the reports of the UFO phenomenon are so complex and multidimensional, this short-term 'backwards grant' was doomed to fail before it was even signed." (Swords 309–312)
- 1966**, November 1 — 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Ray Tibbetts is talking on the phone in her home at Newfields, New Hampshire, when her son, Dale, yells that there is a strange light outside. Her foster daughter, Anita Purrington, joins Dale and they both get excited. Mrs. Tibbetts runs to a window when the house lights begin blinking on and off. She goes to her son's room and sees a huge object with two tiers of four windows from which a strange, yellow-green light is shining. The size of one of the windows is as big as her living room wall. An apparent ceiling line is visible in the bottom tier. Suddenly an intense white light shoots out from the object at Mrs. Tibbetts, who is knocked backward and gets spots before her eyes. When her vision clears, the UFO is gone. She has pains in her eyes the next two days and they are extremely sensitive to light. She drives to a clinic in Exeter, New Hampshire, which finds a spasm in the eyelid and tearing, but it attributes this to the cobalt therapy she has been getting. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., [Strange Effects from UFOs](#), NICAP, 1969, pp. 10–11)

- 1966**, Early November — [Low](#) and [Hynek](#) make the Colorado project's first field trip, to Minot and Donnybrook, North Dakota.
- 1966**, November 2 — 7:25 p.m. [Woodrow Derenberger](#) is driving his panel truck home to Parkersburg, West Virginia, on Interstate 77 when a low-flying dark object about 35 feet wide cuts in front of him and forces him to stop. It hovers a foot above the ground, only 20 feet ahead. The object has a profile similar to a kerosene lamp chimney flattened on the bottom side. A door opens and a smiling man of dark complexion descends, wearing a topcoat ("blue and quite shiny, having a glistening effect") over shiny blue trousers. Without opening his mouth, which bears a fixed grin, he addresses Derenberger telepathically, asking him to open his window. For the next 10 minutes he conducts a telepathic conversation, first asking Derenberger's name and saying that his own is "Indrid Cold" from a planet called Lanulos in the "Ganymede galaxy." He tells Derenberger not to think of him as an alien and concludes by saying, "We will see you again." After admitting Mr. Cold, the UFO rises vertically and disappears. A truck driver named [Walter Vanscoy](#) is going north on I-77 and sees, in apparent confirmation of the encounter, a truck parked on the berm of the southbound I-77 lanes with a man wearing a knee-length coat standing by the passenger side. Derenberger's space adventures are only beginning. ("[The Woodrow Derenberger Interview, November 3, 1966](#)," The MothMan Wikia; "[Parkersburg Salesman Speaks with Spaceman](#)," Beckley (W.Va.) *Raleigh Register*, November 4, 1966, pp. 1–2; "[Man Claims Contact](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1966, p. 8; "[Salesman's Contact Claim](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1967): 33; "[Dubious Contactee Claim](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 1 (May/June 1967): 4; "[Derenberger's Contact](#)," *Flying Saucer Digest* 1, no. 2 (Summer 1967): 4–6; Woodrow W. Derenberger, "[I Met a Man from Another World!](#)" *Probe* 5, no. 1 (September 1968): 8–11; John A. Keel, *Strange Creatures From Time and Space*, Fawcett, 1970, pp. 176–187; Woodrow W. Derenberger and Harold W. Hubbard, *Visitors from Lanulos*, Vantage, 1971; John A. Keel, *The Mothman Prophecies*, Tor ed., 1991, pp. 50–52; Jerome Clark, "[The Adventures of Woody Derenberger](#)," *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 7–8; Brian Dunning, "[Who Is the Grinning Man?](#)" Skeptoid Podcast, no. 367 (June 18, 2013); Taunia Derenberger-Bowman, *Beyond Lanulos: Our Fifty Years with Indrid Cold*, The Author, 2016; "[Indrid Cold: The Woodrow Derenberger Interview \(with Captions\)](#)," Appalachian Oddity YouTube channel, June 15, 2016; "[Indrid Cold: Casefiles #1](#)," Small Town Monsters YouTube channel, November 1, 2017; Clark III 402–403; Brent Swancer, "[The Bizarre Story of Woodrow Derenberger and the Alien Indrid Cold](#)," Mysterious Universe, August 30, 2020; Theo Paijmans, "The Terrible Grinning Men," *Fortean Times* 397 (October 2020): 32–34; Raymond A. Keller, "[Lessons Learned from an ET Contactee: The Derenberger Report](#)," Rense News, July 9, 2021)
- 1966**, November 4 — [Derenberger](#) has another encounter when he lapses into a trance while driving a truck with a colleague along US Highway 50 near Parkersburg, West Virginia. He starts speaking, sometimes mumbling, other times conveying messages about "ships." Derenberger later says that Cold was sending him a telepathic message that his ship was directly above the truck. A sighting of a UFO "like two glass chimneys from a kerosene lamp welded together at their widest or bulging ends" at 6:45 p.m. by [Irma Hudgins](#) and her daughter [Pamela Sue](#) near the intersection of I-77 and State Highway 47 seems to confirm some UFO activity. Derenberger has further meetings with Indrid Cold and his companion Carl Ardo, who often pass undetected among earthlings, through the early 1970s and in 1984. (John A. Keel, *The Mothman Prophecies*, Tor ed., 1991, pp. 54–55; Clark III 404–410; Jerome Clark, "[The Adventures of Woody Derenberger](#)," *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 8–11, 20–23)
- 1966**, November 5 — [Condon](#) tells the press that he knows "some people [[McDonald](#)] who believe the air force is misleading us, but I don't think so. Maybe they are. I don't care much." (Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space*, Signet ed., 1974, p. 113)
- 1966**, November 6 — 6:30 p.m. A driver on State Highway 47 near Parkersburg, West Virginia, sees a UFO and gets out to watch it. At first it looks like two lights near the American Viscose plant across the Little Kanawha River. The object crosses the river and the highway then turns off its lights at about 100–150 feet altitude. The lights come back on and it starts moving toward the witness, stopping right over his car and focusing a bright beam of light on him for 10 seconds. It shuts off and the object moves leisurely away to the south. (Clark III 405)
- 1966**, November 11 — [Hynek](#) and [Vallée](#) give an extended briefing to [Condon](#) and his staff. Hynek urges the project to adopt a rating system, by which if a sighting emerges as both strange and credible, it will be deemed worthy of further investigation. Vallée recommends standardized report forms that ask all the right questions. They both sense that [Low](#), not Condon, is "clearly the decision-maker." Hynek tells [Craig](#) that the project *must* recommend that scientific investigation of UFOs be continued. (Jacques Vallée, *Forbidden Science*, North Atlantic, 1992, pp. 227–231; Clark III 1193; UFOs Yes, 50–61; [Sparks](#), p. 5)
- 1966**, November 11–13 — 8:26 p.m. Four hours and 40 minutes after takeoff of the [Gemini 12](#) mission on November 11, astronauts [Jim Lovell](#) and [Buzz Aldrin](#) take a photo of a white, lozenge-shaped object outside the spacecraft. The NASA Photo Evaluation Lab explains it as a solar axis reflection. On November 12, they take a photo that shows

another white object that is unidentifiable. NASA thinks this object is just trash from a space craft. A photo of three triangular, reddish-orange lights is taken on November 13, but they are said to be the Agena Ranging Lights prior to docking. (Robert Emenegger, *UFO's: Past, Present, and Future*, Ballantine, 1975, photo section; NASA photos [S66-62871 G12-S](#), [S66-62966 G12-S](#), and [S66-63402 G12-S](#))

- 1966**, November 13 — Barber and amateur astronomer [Ralph Ditter Jr.](#) of Roseville, Ohio, takes several “spectacular” photos of a daylight disc. Later, Raytheon deals with the photographic analysis of the photos. The report states that the object in the photos is 3–4 inches in diameter, not 30 feet as claimed by Ditter; the object is not at a considerable distance, but a mere 3–4 feet from the camera lens; and the photos are not taken in rapid succession, but approximately 70 minutes has elapsed between photos. Also, the numbers on the backs of the photographs are out of sequence with Ditter’s story. (NICAP, “[The Ditter Photo Hoax](#)”; Center for UFO Studies, [[Ditter photos](#)]; Center for UFO Studies, [case documents, [part one](#), [part two](#)]; E. L. Merritt, “[Photogrammetric Analysis of a Non-Synchronous Pair of U.F.O. Exposures](#),” June 1967)
- 1966**, November 14 — [Quintanilla](#), Lt. [William Marley](#), and Col. [Robert Hippler](#) of AFOSR brief the Colorado project staff. Quintanilla contradicts [Hynek](#)’s account of the swamp gas explanation. (UFOs Yes, 61)
- 1966**, November 15 — 11:30 p.m. Two young couples from Point Pleasant, West Virginia—Roger and [Linda Scarberry](#) and Steve and Mary Mallette—are joyriding in an area outside of town known as the “TNT area” [the site of a former World War II munitions plant and now part of the McClintic Wildlife Management Area] when they encounter a large gray creature whose eyes glow red when the car’s headlights pick it up. Scarberry describes it as shaped like a man but nearly 7 feet tall. They describe it as a “large flying man with 10-foot wings” that are folded against its back. Terrified, they drive away but pass a similar creature on a hill by the road. As they pass it, it spreads its wings, rises into the air, and pursues their car, keeping pace at even 100 mph. The entity does not pursue them into town, but they drive directly to the Mason County Courthouse, where they tell their story to Deputy [Millard Halstead](#), who accompanies the witnesses back to the site. He hears strange static disturbances coming from his radio, but they find no evidence of the encounter. On November 16, Sheriff [George E. Johnson](#) holds a press conference to discuss the sighting, the press begins calling the creature “Mothman” based on a comic book character. The Scarberrys and Mallettes go back to the site in the daylight and find odd-looking tracks like “two horseshoes put together.” After this sighting, more people begin reporting encounters, and hundreds of cars swarm out to the TNT area at night in search of a Mothman sighting. In May 1976, representatives of the Ohio UFO Investigators League reinterview several witnesses, all of whom stick to their stories and sometimes add interesting details. (“Couples See Man-Sized Bird...Creature...Something,” *Point Pleasant (W.Va.) Register*, November 16, 1966, pp. 1, 3; “Four Pt. Pleasant Car Occupants See ‘Bird-Like Creature,’” *Morgantown (W.Va.) Dominion News*, November 17, 1966; “Monster No Joke For Those Who Saw It,” *Athens (Ohio) Messenger*, November 18, 1966, p. 1; John Keel, *Strange Creatures from Time and Space*, 1970, [pp. 214–215, 219–222](#); John A. Keel, *The Mothman Prophecies*, Tor ed., 1991, [pp. 59–61](#); Clark III 779–781; “[Scarberry and Mallette’s Mothman Sighting](#),” The MothMan Wikia; Daniel A. Reed, “The Mothman and the Crane: A Contemporary Perspective,” *Skeptical Inquirer* 46, no. 4 (July/August 2022): 52–56)
- 1966**, November 17 — 4:00 a.m. Police officers A. G. Huskey and Charles Hutchins see a round, glowing object with a wide, flat rim around the center resting on the ground near Gaffney, South Carolina. They estimate the diameter to be about 20 feet. As they watch from less than 50 feet away, a door opens and a small humanoid being descends. The observation lasts several minutes. Footprints are found at the site. (“[Little Green Man May Come Back](#),” *Florence (S.C.) Morning News*, November 19, 1966, p. 2; Curtis Fuller, “I See by the Papers,” *Fate* 20, no. 4 (April 1967): 25; John A. Keel, “[The Little Man of Gaffney](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 2 (March/April 1968): 17–19)
- 1966**, November 22 — [McDonald](#) informally visits several Colorado project members. He explains radar complexities and mirage effects and tells them that they will soon be “confronting astonishing evidence of mishandling of the UFO problems by your sponsoring agency.” (UFOs Yes, 64)
- 1966**, November 22 — 9:00–10:00 a.m. A biochemist and consultant to a logging company and his wife are traveling on State Highway 58 through the Willamette Pass, Oregon, when he decides to stop and take photos of some scenery. He stops at the Diamond Peak overlook, takes 2 photos, then pauses to take a third. Suddenly, he claims, a disc-shaped object with a domed top ascends into his field of view. After stopping for 3 seconds, it shoots off toward the right and disappears into a cloud bank. When he develops the roll of film, the photos show a blurred disc-shaped object with two black bands beneath and sitting atop a seeming column of vapor. NICAP is given the photo but is not impressed. In 1989, physicist Irwin Wieder performs a detailed analysis of the photo and determines that it is a blurred photo of the “Diamond Peak” sign taken from a passing car. (“[Oregon Photo Fails Validation Test](#),” *UFO Investigator*, November 1971, p. 3; “[Oregon Photo Still in Doubt](#),” *UFO Investigator*, August 1972, pp. 2, 4; Adrian Vance, “UFOs and ‘The Oregon Photo,’” *Petersen’s PhotoGraphic Magazine* 1

(January 1973): 35–37; “Postscript on the Oregon Photograph,” *UFO Quarterly Review* 1, no. 1 (January/March 1973): 18–24; Adrian Vance, “[The Oregon Photo: Using Photography to Tackle a Mystery](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1973): 3–6; Irwin Wieder, “[The Willamette Pass Oregon UFO Photo Revisited: An Explanation](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 7, no. 2 (1993): 173–198; Irwin Wieder, “[The Willamette Pass Photo Explained](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 18–19; Paul Cerny, “[The Oregon UFO Photo Identified](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 309 (January 1994): 14–15; Clark III 1281–1283)

- 1966**, November 22 — 10:00 a.m. A deer hunter searching for game near Roaring River State Park, Missouri, returns to his group’s camp and becomes alarmed when he sees smoke rising from it. He finds their tent and other camping equipment destroyed. The tent is still smoldering, one of the aluminum tent poles is singed, and the aluminum cots are melted. The tent is set up under two trees, but their leaves show no traces of damage at all. About 15 feet away is a dead tree with its top still burning. The witness then hears a low humming sound and sees an object rising from the valley about 300 feet away. He is able to take a photograph of it as it ascends and manages a second photo a few seconds later. It is an aluminum-colored disc, about 25 feet in diameter and 8 feet thick, with a band around its center and some kind of projection at its rear. The humming sound intensifies as the object picks up speed and disappears in 20 seconds. (CUFOS case file; Ted Phillips, *Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings*, Center for UFO Studies, 1978, p. 44; B. J. Booth, “[UFO Encountered, Photographed, Roaring River, Missouri, 1966](#),” UFO Casebook)
- 1966**, November 22 — 4:20 p.m. At least eight employees of the American Newspaper Publishers Association in New York City watch a UFO from their offices on the 17th floor at 750 Third Avenue. The UFO is a rectangular, “cushion-shaped” object whose bright, reflective surface first catches the eye of Assistant General Manager Donald R. McVay. They go outside onto the terrace and watch the object move southward over the East River, then hover above the United Nations building. It flutters and bobs “like a ship on agitated water.” It rises slowly and moves south then west. One of the other witnesses is the manager of the Publications Department, William H. Leick. (“[Major Sighting Wave](#),” *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 11 (Jan./Feb. 1967): 4; James E. McDonald, “[Statement on Unidentified Flying Objects](#),” in *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968, p. 54)
- 1966**, November 28 — At [Saunders](#)’s invitation, [Hall](#) and [Keyhoe](#) brief the Colorado project members. They meet with [Low](#) and show him some strong NICAP reports like the 1959 Redmond, Oregon, case. Low dismisses it as too old because the witnesses “wouldn’t remember the details.” Keyhoe focuses on the cover-up, while Hall argues that the best way to assess UFO evidence is to look at the aggregated evidence. (Clark III 1193; UFO Yes, 62–63; Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space*, Signet ed., 1974, [pp. 108–110](#))
- 1966**, November 28 — 12:10 a.m. Spanish contactee [Enrique Villagrasa](#) receives by telephone his first message from inhabitants of the planet Ummo. The caller speaks in a slow monotone and with a foreign accent, answering questions about history and science. Villagrasa has the impression he is talking to an “electronic brain.” Other messages follow, and Villagrasa passes them on to [Fernando Sesma](#), an employee of the Spanish telegraph service and head of Amigos de los Visitantes del Espacio. (Clark III 1184)
- 1966**, November 28 — Night. Janis Bodungen, 17, is on her way home on Farm Road 1300 northwest of El Campo, Texas, when she sees two bright lights coming toward her. As they approach, the two lights turn into one large golden light as tall as the trees. She turns the car around and speeds away. (“[The Texas Flap](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1967, pp. 3, 5)
- 1966**, November 30 — 4:35 p.m. J. G. Hockenberry is flying a Cessna 150 near New Kingstown, Pennsylvania, when he sees a saucer-shaped object, about 30 feet in diameter, approach and hover beside the aircraft. It has a dull, gray-white finish and one blinking red light. When the pilot flies into a cloud layer, the object rises straight up and out of sight. (NICAP case file)
- 1966**, December — [Low](#) visits NICAP headquarters in Washington, D.C. He admits that [Condon](#) thinks the early reports are worthless. [Keyhoe](#) tells Low that before he wastes any time supplying them with reports, he wants to know what Condon thinks of the 1965 cases they already provided. Otherwise, NICAP might pull out. (Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space*, Signet ed., 1974, [p. 112](#))
- 1966**, December — Colorado project member and psychologist [William A. Scott](#) devises a witness questionnaire. One page is devoted to the UFO, the other 20 are about the psychological profile of the witness. When he discovers that the witness is not the project’s main focus, he goes home. (UFOs Yes, 67–69)
- 1966**, December 2 — Wertheimer goes to Washington, D.C., to interview witnesses of the National Airport radar-visual sightings of 1952. Virtually every witness disputes Gen. [John A. Samford](#)’s explanation of temperature inversions. (UFOs Yes, 72–74)

- 1966**, December 7 — A TAP Air Portugal airliner piloted by Capt. Henrique Maia is paced by two luminous objects near Luanda, Angola. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 24)
- 1966**, December 15 — 5:30 p.m. Four witnesses driving northwest near Elmer, New Jersey, see a triangular object with rounded corners and three blinking lights. It is moving slowly in the opposite direction. After visiting Woodstown and returning to the southeast at 6:15 p.m., the object reappears and passes over the car. (Marler [134](#))
- 1966**, December 17 — [Hynek](#)'s article, in which he states that hundreds of puzzling UFO cases exist and urges a serious inquiry, appears in the *Saturday Evening Post*. (J. Allen Hynek, "[Are Flying Saucers Real?](#)" *Saturday Evening Post*, December 17, 1966, pp. 17–21, [transcribed](#) by NICAP; Graff 214–215)
- 1966**, December 21 — Lockheed test pilot [William C. Park](#) flies an A-12 for 10,198 statute miles in only 6 hours, at an average speed of 1,660 mph. ("[William C. Park Jr.](#)," *Roadrunners Internationale*)
- 1966**, December 25 — 3:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Brooks are stopped along a rural road 2.5 miles south of Monroe, Oregon, when they hear a loud engine noise. Brooks, who is outside of the car, feels a blast of wind that throws him against the vehicle. An object emitting large, reddish-orange flames takes off into the sky and joins two similar objects. The couple returns home and brings back two of their children to the scene and find some flattened grass. ("[Weird Aerial Phenomena in Oregon](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1966, p. 6; [Sparks](#), p. 319)
- 1966**, December 28 — The Defense Department makes a recommendation to President [Johnson](#) to terminate the A-12 program due to budget concerns and because of the development of the SR-71 Blackbird. It is to be phased out by June 1968. (Wikipedia, "[Lockheed A-12](#)")
- 1966**, December 30 — 3:30 a.m. A Canadian Pacific Airlines DC-8 is at 35,000 feet on a northwest course off the coast of Peru. Capt. Robert Millbank and five flight crew members observe a pair of objects that pace the plane for 7 minutes. The phenomenon, appearing initially as a pair of high luminosity lights separated by about 3–4°, is first spotted 70° to the left of their flight path at an estimated elevation angle of about 10°. Some of the crew members report vaguely perceiving a connecting structure between the two lights. The lights hover for about one minute, pulsating, then move down toward the plane and assume a position off the left wing for another minute or two. As it paces the airliner, the object emits a V-shaped pair of thin light beams upwards, then later downwards. Finally it accelerates, pulls away, and climbs rapidly out over the Pacific to the west and disappears in the distance. (NICAP, "[Pair of Luminous Objects Hover near DC-8](#)"; "[Major Sighting Wave](#)," *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 11 (Jan./Feb. 1967): 1; Condon, [pp. 280–282](#); UFOEv II 129–130)
- 1966**, December 30 — 8:15 p.m. A physics professor named Galloway [possibly [Louie A. Galloway III](#)] is driving through a wooded area near Haynesville, Louisiana, and sees a bright, pulsating glow, changing from orange to white, in the woods about one mile away. He estimates its visible light power output at about one megawatt. Coming back the next day, he locates traces of burns and calls the USAF and University of Colorado UFO project. (Condon, [pp. 61, 277–280](#); [Sparks](#), p. 320; Jacques Vallée, "[Estimates of Power Optical Output in Six Cases of Unexplained Aerial Objects with Defined Luminosity Characteristics](#)," *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 12, no. 3 (1998): 350–352)

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- 1967** — The US nuclear stockpile reaches its peak at 31,255 bombs. (Ryan Crierie, "[U.S. Nuclear Stockpile, 1945–2009](#)")
- 1967** — Night. Miss E. R. East, of Gibsons, British Columbia, is awakened by a banging noise and sees a brilliant orange-red light soaring above hills behind the town. As she watches, its color changes to glowing white and the object moves toward the Strait of Georgia. Suddenly, a 10-foot-wide beam of light shoots down to the water. As it strikes the surface, it bends and lies flat on the surface, lighting up the wharf on Keats Island. As she stares at it, her eyes begin to sting. (John Magor, *Our UFO Visitors*, Hancock House, 1977, pp. 37–38)
- 1967** — A French government UFO project, to be led by former inspector general at the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique [Jean-Luc Bruneau](#), is approved. Bruneau recommends that the study first become a project of the Centre Nationale d'Études Spatiales, and later a European initiative. But the project is postponed because of the political crisis in France in May 1968. (Gildas Bourdais, "[From GEPAN to SEPRA: Official UFO Studies in France](#)," *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 11)
- 1967** — [Robert M. Wood](#), physicist and aerospace manager for McDonnell Douglas Corporation, is assigned the task of exploring breakthroughs in gravity propulsion. The project includes laboratory evaluation of hypotheses, field observations, and examination of UFO literature. At one point there are 4 full-time and 3 part-time employees involved in the effort, code-named BITBR ("Boys in the Back Room"). Employees included mechanical engineer Joseph M. Brown, physicist [Darell Boyd Harmon Jr.](#), and [Stanton T. Friedman](#). Wood networks with [James E. McDonald](#), [J. Allen Hynek](#), [Carl Sagan](#), and the Colorado project. The initiative is terminated in 1970 at Wood's

recommendation due to its inability to project a technological payoff. However, there is some evidence that McDonnell Douglas had another UFO research project in the late 1970s. (Robert M. Wood, "[A Little Physics...A Little Friction: A Close Encounter with the Condon Committee](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1993): 6–10; Robert M. Wood, "[McDonnell Douglas Studied UFOs in 1960s](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 486 (October 2008): 3–8; [[Robert M. Wood McDonnell Douglas documents](#)]; Keith Basterfield, "[The McDonnell Douglas UAP Study](#)," Unidentified Aerial Phenomena: Scientific Research, September 22, 2020; Keith Basterfield, "[Which Aerospace Company Is Hiding a UAP Black Project?](#)" Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, August 28, 2021; Curt Collins, "[SKYLITE: The Project to Mimic UFOs](#)," *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, September 9, 2021; Keith Basterfield, "[A Second McDonnell-Douglas UAP Study in the 1970's? A Preliminary Article](#)," Unidentified Aerial Phenomena: Scientific Research, July 4, 2023)

- 1967**, January — Night. French rocket scientist [Jean-Pierre Morin](#) is driving three members of a launch team to the tower at Interarmy Special Vehicles Test Center at Hammaguir, Algeria. When they arrive at a row of buildings, they notice a light in the sky silently coming toward them. Their car engine sputters and fails. It stops and hovers at an elevation of 45° about 1,600 feet away. Morin thinks it is attached to a black, cylindrical object 980–1,300 feet in length and 100 feet in diameter with “flames” of different colors along its side. The light begins moving slowly again, and a car with astrophysicists stops and watches it for another 20–30 minutes before it ascends and disappears. (Good Need, [pp. 296–297](#))
- 1967**, Early January — 7:30 p.m. Robert Blaine is driving with five other witnesses on State Highway 55 two miles southeast of Farwell, Minnesota, when his headlights and engine suddenly go out. He sees an orange flash to his left at the level of his hood and tiny beads of light cross in front of the windshield. A passenger sees an orange-and-red flash go by on the driver’s side at window level. The car coasts to a stop, then the engine and headlights go back on again by themselves. (“[Car Buzzing Incidents on Increase](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 5)
- 1967**, January 3 — 2:00 a.m. A dome-shaped object hovers for several miles and 10–15 minutes above a car in New Richmond, Indiana. It illuminates the road, and the car draws to a stop with loss of steering control and the radio failing. Examination of the car by Fred Hooven and David Moyer, engineers at the Ford Motor Company, two months later shows no faults unexplainable by ordinary causes. (Condon, [pp. 102–106](#), [282–285](#); Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 65–66; UFOEv II 208)
- 1967**, January 5 — [Hynek](#) writes to [Condon](#), telling him that he, [Jacques Vallée](#), and William T. Powers are devoting more personal time to the UFO problem and are setting up a file area in the Lindheimer Observatory at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He mentions that there is enough underground interest in UFOs among his scientific colleagues that he is thinking of creating an informal “invisible college” to discuss the subject quietly. He mentions that he sat in on a hypnosis session a few weeks previously with Benjamin Simon and was allowed to question [Betty and Barney Hill](#). He also suggests that the Colorado project recommend that police squad cars carry cameras that can document ongoing UFO reports. (Center for UFO Studies, [[Hynek correspondence](#)], pp. 6–7)
- 1967**, January 5 — An A-12 flown by pilot [Walter Ray](#) is lost during a training flight near Leith Canyon, Nevada. Due to a faulty fuel gauge, the aircraft runs out of fuel 70 miles from Groom Dry Lake. Ray glides to a lower altitude to perform a controlled bailout but cannot separate his parachute from his ejection seat. He is the first pilot to be killed in an A-12 accident. (Wikipedia, “[Lockheed A-12](#)”)
- 1967**, January 6 — [Hynek](#) speaks to an overflow crowd at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. He says he has had to revise his thinking on UFOs, urges scientists to take an active role in investigations, and confirms reports that NORAD and SAC radar has tracked UFOs, citing a case in which SAC radar tracked a UFO at 4,000 mph on an erratic flight path. (Story, [p. 413](#))
- 1967**, January 9 — Two teenage brothers of Mount Clemens, Michigan, Daniel A. and [Grant P. Jaroslaw](#), take some Polaroid photos from the backyard of their home of a domed object moving slowly above Lake St. Clair. After they release the images to a wire service, the Air Force requests the originals for analysis. They refuse to relinquish them but give an officer at Selfridge AFB [now Selfridge Air National Guard Base] some copies. Maj. [Raymond Nyls](#) attempts to recreate the photos at the original site using a block of wood hanging from a string on a children’s swing set. USAF turns the copies and Nyls’s recreations over to the National Photographic Interpretation Center, which takes a serious look and suspects a hoax but cannot prove it conclusively. (“[Two Brothers Photograph Circular Object in Michigan](#),” Northern Ontario UFO Research and Study; Joey Del Ponte, “[Formerly Secret Memo Shows How the Air Force Investigated UFO Sightings](#),” *Muckrock*, February 14, 2018; Curt Collins, “[Dr. Hynek and the UFO Photo Investigation of 1967](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, October 21, 2021)

- 1967, January 11 — Evening.** A farmer in the department of Aveyron in southern France sees two objects, one in the shape of an elongated artillery shell and the other a ball of light, both of which he has encountered in the past few days around his farm. He jumps in his car and chases the ball of light until he gets close to the brilliant-white, shell-shaped object, which has a rounded top that shines with a maroon light. It is about 45 feet tall and stands straight up. He gets out to look at it, but it moves to a 45° angle, rocks a bit, emits some greenish steam from its base, and suddenly takes off. The ball of light, about 4 feet in diameter, has stayed stationary about 450 feet ahead of him, so he gets back into his car. It begins moving again, and he chases it at speeds of up to 62 mph. It maintains the same distance ahead of him, until his engine dies and his headlights go out. Then he notices a saucer-shaped object with a red light on its side descend from the northwest. It is slightly bigger than a Peugeot 404 car and comes down to 9–12 feet above the ground about 60 feet away. The top of the object has two transparent cupolas. In each of them is a helmeted, humanlike figure dressed in green coveralls trimmed with white. The object remains hovering for a few seconds. The UFO then rises to 150 feet with a whistling sound, swoops back to near the ground, and pauses. Turning a brilliant yellow-white, it finally takes off at tremendous speed. The farmer feels a wave of burning heat on his face and a temporary sensation of paralysis. It causes a nearby roadsign to vibrate. His headlights come back on and he is able to start the car normally. The man has trouble sleeping for the next few days, then he goes through several weeks (until roughly March 15) of excessive sleepiness. (François Lagarde, “[The Aveyron Inquiry—3](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1971): 3–9)
- 1967, January 12 —** The USAF advisory committee holds a special briefing in Boulder, Colorado. [Condon](#) discusses project plans and asks the Air Force where the project should place its emphasis. Lt. Col. [Hippler](#), along with Col. [Raymond Sleeper](#), Blue Book’s boss as Foreign Technology Division Commander, says the project is not required to prove or disprove anything, but that “we don’t want any recommendation from you unless you feel strongly about it.” He rejects Wertheimer’s suggestion that the project should concentrate on witnesses, not sightings. Hippler and [Ratchford](#) do not adequately respond to [Low](#)’s question about what USAF wants from the project. (“[Air Force Advisory Panel Briefing](#),” January 12, 1967; Roy Craig, *UFOs: An Insiders’ View of the Official Quest for Evidence*, University of North Texas, 1995, p. 235; Michael D. Swords, “[The USAF-Sponsored Colorado Project for the Scientific Study of UFOs](#),” *1995 MUFON Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1995, pp. 149–163; Clark III 1194; Swords 314–315)
- 1967, January 12 — 7:30 p.m.** A luminous object crosses the sky off Agadir, Morocco. It leaves a white trail that turns into a rainbow and falls into the sea with a deafening sound. The US Defense attaché in Rabat, Naval Capt. C. G. Strum, says the sighting “could be valuable in pursuit of Project Moon Dust.” (US Department of Defense, “[UFO Sighting over Agadir, Morocco](#),” January 18, 1967)
- 1967, January 13 —** [Condon](#) and [Low](#) visit Cheyenne Mountain, NORAD’s underground Space Defense Center complex in Colorado, for a “classified briefing” by orbital analysts 1Lt. [Henry B. Eckert Jr.](#) and Capt. Dick A. Cable of the 9th Aerospace Defense Division’s 1st Aerospace Control Squadron about NORAD’s radar network, hours after another classified briefing for Condon and staff at Boulder concludes. The Cheyenne Mountain briefing is the first in a series of tactical moves designed to discourage Condon’s project staff, [Hynek](#), and [McDonald](#) from using NORAD as a source of UFO data or resource for future investigations or instrumentation. (Clark III 804–805; UFOs Yes, 66)
- 1967, January 13 — Early morning.** Sgt. Norman Finley of the Joplin, Missouri, police alerts fellow officers about an unexplained object overhead. Pittsburg, Kansas, police dispatcher James Cunningham notifies the Joplin police that a UFO has been seen over Pittsburg. He describes it as an object with bright colors of “vivid blue-green with flashing lights.” Cunningham alerts the Joplin station because the object seems to be leaving Kansas and heading for Missouri. After receiving that call, Joplin’s Lt. [Charles Hickman](#) drives to Stone’s Corner near the Joplin airport. He waits for nearly an hour before spotting a UFO in the sky, which he watches for more than an hour. It is about 1,000 feet high and seems about as big as two houses. It makes turns and maneuvers “as if it were being controlled.” For the next three days, there are more sightings in the early morning hours at Coffeyville, Kansas; Joplin, Springfield, and Newton County, Missouri; and northeast Oklahoma. (UFOs Yes, 109–110; Condon, [pp. 286–290](#))
- 1967, January 13 — 10:00 p.m.** The crew of a Lear Jet flying at 41,000 feet over southwestern New Mexico sees a flashing red luminous object in their 10 o’clock position. The object splits into four smaller red objects vertically several times, each separated by about 2,000 feet and each emitting a “red ray.” It then retracts the lowest objects into the top object. Albuquerque radar tracks a target 39 miles ahead of the Lear Jet moving on the same heading, with no transponder signal. At that moment the object blinks off visually for 30 seconds then blinks back on. The UFO floods the jet with an intense red light so bright that the pilot has difficulty seeing his instrument panel. It maintains its position in front for a few minutes then blinks out, comes on again, and falls back behind the left wing. It then pulls forward again. Albuquerque radar reports that it looks like the target had merged with the jet.

Both the UFO and the jet make left turns over Winslow, Arizona, after which Los Angeles Center radar picks up both targets. Past Flagstaff, the object climbs at a 30° angle and disappears to the west in less than 10 seconds. (NICAP, “[R/V](#)”; [Sparks](#), p. 321; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 82–83; Martin Shough, “[RADCAT: Radar Catalogue: A Review of Twenty One Ground and Airborne Radar UAP Contact Reports Generally Related to Aviation Safety for the Period October 15, 1948 to September 19, 1976](#),” NARCAP TR-6, December 2002, pp. 118–121)

- 1967**, January 15 — 5:45 p.m. Helen Godard and her two nieces, Candy and Missy, are driving through Granville, Massachusetts, when they see a domed disc with white light emanating from portholes in its base. They hear a humming sound, and the sky and ground are illuminated by white light. Red flame-like jets appear at one end when the object moves. Its speed is variable. At one point, all the lights go out, and when they come back on the portholes are showing red light. The object is seen three times within 20 minutes before it disappears over a hill to the east. (“[4 See UFO near North Granby](#),” *Hartford Courant*, January 17, 1967, p. 15; “[Major Sighting Wave](#),” *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 11 (Jan./Feb. 1967): 4; “[Jan. 23–67–Granby](#),” *Saucer Scoop* 2, no. 2 (May 1967): 5; Condon, pp. 285–286)
- 1967**, January 16 — [Hippler](#) writes to [Condon](#), saying that “No one knows of a visitation. It should therefore follow there has been no [extraterrestrial] visitation to date.” Moreover, Condon should “consider the cost of the Air Force program on UFOs, and determine if the taxpayer should support this for the next decade.” (Lt. Col. Robert H. Hippler, [Letter to Edward U. Condon](#), January 16, 1967; Kevin D. Randle, “[The Hippler Letter](#),” *A Different Perspective*, March 21, 2007)
- 1967**, January 17 — Night. Francis Bedel Jr. is driving on State Highway 135 five miles north of Freetown, Indiana, when a glowing white light darts into his field of vision. It hovers above the road for a few seconds, then slowly reverses its course. Bedel is so busy staring at the spectacle that he loses control of his car, which goes off the road and is badly damaged. Phil Patton and his wife apparently see the same object, about 30 feet in diameter, that comes within 100 feet of their car on the same road. It has a brilliant red light and flashing yellow and white lights on its perimeter. (NICAP, “[The 1967 UFO Chronology](#)”; “[Wreck Caused by UFO](#),” *Muncie (Ind.) Star*, January 18, 1967, p. 8; “[UFO Caused Car Wreck?](#)” *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1967, p. 1; Edwards, *FS—Here and Now!*, Lyle Stuart, 1967, pp. 217–218)
- 1967**, January 18 — 6:00 p.m. A family in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, watches through binoculars a disc with a red light on a projection at the rear approach them at about 400–500 feet altitude. As it nears, the object emits two pinkish-white light beams downward at about a 45° angle from its forward edge. It then turns, rises suddenly, joins a second object, and both speed away. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *UFOs: A New Look*, NICAP, 1969, [Appendix D](#))
- 1967**, January 19 — 9:05 a.m. Tad Jones is driving a truck in Dunbar, West Virginia, when he sees a dull, aluminum sphere about 20–25 feet in diameter hovering about 4 feet above the road some 500 feet ahead of him. It has two antennae protruding from the top and two legs beneath it, with a propellor between them that rotates slowly when hovering (but faster when flying). There is a window at the top and a flange in the middle. When he gets to about 10 feet of it, the object ascends swiftly. (“[Major Sighting Wave](#),” *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 11 (Jan./Feb. 1967): 4)
- 1967**, January 20 — 6:30 p.m. Three girls (Kimberly Lodge, Ellen Kenney, and Janice Shafer), 16–17 years old, are driving near Methuen, Massachusetts, when they see a string of 9–10 bright red lights on a dark object that is moving over a field. The object hovers and swings around, revealing lights of a different color and configuration. When the girls stop to watch, their car stalls and the radio and lights go off. It has four glowing lights in the shape of a trapezoid, with red lights on top and white lights forming the base. The lights appear to be reflecting off a metal surface. The object starts moving slowly and then shoots away at high speed. A second car about 3 miles away also sees 7–8 bright lights flying low. (NICAP, “[Car Stalls after Girls See UFO over Field](#)”; “[Major Sighting Wave](#),” *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 11 (Jan./Feb. 1967): 3–4; Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, eds., *UFO’s: A Scientific Debate*, Cornell University, 1972, pp. xxvi–xxvii; Raymond Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Prentice-Hall, 1974, pp. 138–143)
- 1967**, Late January — [McDonald](#) is lobbying [Frederick Seitz](#), president of the National Academy of Sciences, with some mild criticisms of the Colorado project and the establishment of a UFO research panel. Seitz is not convinced. (Clark III 698)
- 1967**, January 21 — The Centro Ufologico Nazionale is legally established in Milan, Italy, with Mario Maioli as its first president, as a test of cooperation among several regional UFO groups. Such a national organization had been called for by the Centro Studi Clydeologici of Gianni Settimo in Turin on September 26, 1965. It begins publishing *Notiziario UFO*, edited by [Roberto Pinotti](#), in January 1967. (Wikipedia, “[Centro ufologico nazionale](#)”; Centro Ufologico Nazionale, “[1° assemblea propositiva per un Centro Unico Nazionale per lo studio dei fenomeni ritenuti di natura extraterrestre \(CUN\)](#)”; Story, p. 67; Pinotti 143–146; *Notiziario UFO* 1 (1967))

- 1967**, January 24 — 5:25 p.m. A 14-year-old boy in Yorba Linda, California, sees an object shaped like a top hat apparently hovering above houses across the street. It seems large and cylindrical, dull metallic, and has four legs. He grabs a camera and snaps a photo of the object, which has started moving away. Los Angeles photographer Joseph Carson rules out simple hoaxes using a model and considers it a genuine image. An unnamed commercial photographer conducts a densitometer analysis and finds no evidence of a hoax, concluding that the object was 100 feet or less from the camera. (Ann Druffel, "[The Yorba Linda Photograph](#)," in Charles Bowen, ed., *UFO Encounters*, special issue no. 5 of *FSR*, November 1973, pp. 26–35; UFOEv II 286–287; Patrick Gross, "[Yorba Linda, California, January 24, 1967](#)")
- 1967**, January 25 — [Condon](#) gives a talk in Corning, New York, and says: "It is my inclination right now to recommend that the government get out of this business. My attitude right now is that there's nothing to it ... but I'm not supposed to reach a conclusion for another year." [Keyhoe](#) is astonished by Condon's remarks. ("[Most UFOs Explainable, Says Scientist](#)," *Elmira (N.Y.) Star-Gazette*, January 26, 1967, p. 19; UFOs Yes, 117–119)
- 1967**, January 25 — 6:35 p.m. [Betty Andreasson](#) has her first abduction experience in South Ashburnham, Massachusetts. Placed under hypnosis on several occasions in 1977, Andreasson relates that following the appearance of the creatures every member of the family except her enters a state of paralysis "as if time had stopped for them." A Christian evangelical, Andreasson thinks they must be angels. The culminating event is when Andreasson witnesses a giant phoenix-like bird burn up and reappear from the ashes as a giant worm. Further hypnotic probing brings forth apparent memories of lifelong interactions with extraterrestrials. [Raymond E. Fowler](#)'s 1979 book about the case contains the first reference to an implant in abduction literature, a motif that later becomes much more common. (Raymond E. Fowler, *The Andreasson Affair*, Prentice-Hall, 1979; Raymond E. Fowler, *The Andreasson Affair: Phase Two*, Prentice-Hall, 1982; Raymond E. Fowler, *The Watchers*, Bantam, 1990; Raymond E. Fowler, *The Watchers II*, Wild Flower, 1995; Raymond E. Fowler, *The Andreasson Legacy*, Marlowe, 1997; Mark Cashman, "[Behavioral Classification System for UFO Occupants](#)," *IUR* 24, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 19; UFOEv II 529–530; Betty Andreasson Luca and Bob Luca, *A Lifting of the Veil*, The Authors, 2017; Marcus Lowth, "[The Extraordinary Claims of Betty Andreasson](#)," *UFO Insight*, March 24, 2018; Clark III 114–122; "[The Betty Andreasson Alien Abduction Incident in South Ashburnham, Massachusetts, January 25, 1967](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 8, 2024)
- 1967**, January 26 — 8:30 p.m. The teenage daughter of a lieutenant colonel residing on a US Army base in Heidelberg, Germany, hears a strange pulsating sound. She tells her father, and they look out the window to see a dirigible-shaped object about 50–60 feet long hovering about 150 feet off the ground above a motor vehicle shed. Before long, a crowd of 50–60 people gather around their apartment building to watch the object, which is only 100 feet away. Some observers with binoculars say it is metallic and has lights that alternate in red, blue, and green colors. After about 20 minutes, US Air Force jets approach in response to a call from the base, and the UFO's lights increase in intensity and it speeds away. ("[Around the Globe](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 4)
- 1967**, January 28 — 1:45 p.m. Alex Butler, 10, and five young friends are playing on Studham Common as they are making their way to Studham Lower School, Bedfordshire, England. Suddenly a flash of lightning strikes nearby, and Alex sees a little blue man about 3 feet tall with a high bowler hat and beard standing motionless on the opposite bank. It is clothed in a one-piece garment with a broad black belt and black box in front. A dim glow envelops him, giving him a blue color. The other boys see it too. They begin to run toward the creature, but it disappears in a puff of smoke. The little man appears in a different spot, and the boys start running there, but again he disappears. As the vanishing act repeats again, the boys hear a deep-toned sound emanating from two spots nearby. At that point the school bell sounds, and the boys rush off to class. Miss Newcomb, the school headmistress, interviews the boys and collects their written reports in a scrapbook (now lost). (R. H. B. Winder, "[The Little Blue Man on Studham Common](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1967): 3–4; Theo Pajmans, "[The Little Blue Man of Studham Common](#)," *Dunstable & District Local History Society Newsletter*, no. 38 (August 2012): 279; Theo Pajmans, "In Search of the Little Blue Man," *Fortean Times* 339 (May 2016): 56–57; Patrick Gross, *URECAT*, October 16, 2006; Brent Swancer, "[Strange Encounters with Little Blue Men](#)," *Mysterious Universe*, September 1, 2018)
- 1967**, January 30 — 8:04 a.m. Commercial pilot [Delton Schwanz](#) is with his wife [Della](#) and three children 5 miles southwest of Crosby, North Dakota, when they see a bright-white, sharply outlined, lozenge-shaped object to the west. It momentarily hovers, then moves in level flight to the left, with a smooth climb in the southwest. It drops white "strips" of light that descend vertically and disappears to the south by ascending to about 30°–45° elevation. At around the same time, George Larsen (Larson?) and Larry Pateof (Pace?) are driving by car 20 miles west of Crosby near the intersection of Highways 5 and 85 and see a large white light moving rapidly from west to south dropping something and disappearing suddenly. ([Sparks](#), p. 321; Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 73–74)

- 1967**, January 30 — 6:45 p.m. [Reinhardt N. Ausmus](#) and his wife [Ruth](#) are driving north on State Highway 99 in Sandusky, Ohio, when they spot a bright light in the sky. Stopping their car, they watch it hover for several minutes before it is suddenly extinguished. (“[UFO over NASA Station](#),” *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 12 (March/April 1967): 6)
- 1967**, January 31 — [Saunders](#) stops in at NICAP in Washington, D.C., to pick up some case material. [Keyhoe](#) and [Hall](#) show him a clipping about [Condon](#)’s statements in Corning, New York. Saunders suggests that Condon is misquoted. But several NICAP members had been in the audience and one has already resigned to protest NICAP’s support of a sham investigation. (Clark III 1194)
- 1967**, February — Although a UFO wave is in progress, practically no one at the Colorado project has the knowledge or resources to perform a serious investigation. Other than [Low](#) and the junior staff, nearly everyone lacks basic equipment, questionnaires, cameras, or tape measures. (UFOs Yes, 110)
- 1967**, February — [John A. Keel](#) speaks with USAF Col. [George P. Freeman](#), who tells him that “Mysterious men dressed in Air Force uniforms or bearing impressive credentials from government agencies have been silencing UFO witnesses.” The Air Force is unable to find out anything about them because this is a federal offense. (John A. Keel, *The Mothman Prophecies*, Tor ed., 1991, p. 25; Nick Redfern, “[MIB Are Not from the Government](#),” *Mysterious Universe*, June 23, 2015)
- 1967**, February — Soviet cosmologist [Felix Ziegel](#) writes an article revealing that “UFOs have been seen all over the USSR; the craft of every possible shape, small, large, flattened, spherical. They are able to remain stationary in the atmosphere or shoot along at 100,000 kilometers per hour. They move without producing the slightest sound, by creating around themselves a pneumatic vacuum that protects them from burning up in our stratosphere. Their craft have the mysterious capacity to vanish and reappear at will. Besides, they are able to affect our power resources, putting to a halt our electricity-generating plants, our radio stations, and our engines, without, however, leaving any permanent damage. So refined a technology can only be the fruit of an intelligence that is indeed far superior to ours.” The article is regarded in the West as the first-ever evidence that the Soviets are aware of UFO phenomena too. (CIA translation of Felix Ziegel, “[UFOs: What Are They?](#)” *Smena*, no. 7 (February 1967): 27–29)
- 1967**, February 1 — In Boulder, Colorado, [Saunders](#) confronts [Condon](#), who confirms the Corning quote and wonders why Saunders is making a fuss. After 30 minutes, Saunders persuades him that he is having a negative effect. Finally, Condon writes [Keyhoe](#) saying that his words were taken out of context and that he will look at the NICAP case files. (Clark III 1194)
- 1967**, February 2 — 6:30 p.m. Capt. Oswaldo Sanvitti is flying a Faucett Perú DC-4 airliner from Chiclayo to Lima, Peru, when the crew and passengers notice a bright light coming toward them from the west. Sanvitti estimates it is about 9 miles away, but it soon reaches the aircraft and hovers above it. The cabin lights dim, the plane’s compass fluctuates, and the radio gives off static. The UFO speeds away to the east, increasing its luminosity by 50%, but reappears 5 minutes later with another object. Both UFOs trail the aircraft until 5 minutes before it lands at Jorge Chávez International Airport in Callao. The passengers are all held for interrogation by authorities after the plane lands. Several have taken photos of the strange craft alongside the airliner, but all cameras are taken and all film is confiscated. One passenger, however, who insists on remaining anonymous, succeeds in saving his film. (NICAP, “[DC-4 Encounters UFO / Compass Deviates](#)”; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 24–25; Good Above, p. 533; UFOEv II 46; Patrick Gross, “[Aircraft Encounters with UFOs](#)”)
- 1967**, February 5 — Evening. A young man in Hilliard, Ohio, hears a strange noise and a barking dog. He looks up and sees an object approaching at a low altitude over a road shoulder. It lands on three legs in a field. The object is egg-shaped and about 75 feet long and 45 feet high. An “elevator-like” shaft opens and beings emerge carrying small, circular balls that they place on the ground around the UFO. The human-like creatures appear to be waiting for something. Then a man approaches from across the field and talks to them, apparently by telepathy. The witness accidentally steps on a twig, and the beings hear it. One runs toward him and catches him by the back of the neck, leaving a burned wound. Another being comes and both drag him toward the object. As they get close, the beings look at each other, seemingly panic-stricken. They drop the witness, collect the balls, and run inside the UFO, which takes off. (“[Startling Cases Investigated](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 1 (May/June 1967): 6)
- 1967**, February 6 — The mission of the Space Defense Center’s satellite-tracking radar (useless for UFOs) moves from Ent AFB [now the US Olympic Training Center] in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to “adjacent to the NORAD command center” (air defense UFO trackers) in Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado. However, they are separated from each other by partitions and use separate computers. (Wikipedia, “[Space Defense Center](#)”; Clark III 808)
- 1967**, February 8 — 6:43 p.m. Mary McCarthy and five of her young nieces and nephews see a glowing object as they are eating dinner at their farm 3 miles south of Deep River, Ontario, less than 20 miles away from the Nuclear Power

Demonstration station, Canada's first nuclear reactor. The television immediately stops working properly. About a quarter of a mile away on a hill is a circular "craft" with a large core of dazzling, pulsating yellow lights in its center. From this core, red lights pulsate outward toward the rim, somewhat like neon lights. They have it in view for 40 minutes. After the object leaves, the TV starts working again. A Canadian Forces spokesperson says the lights were airplanes shooting flares in the area. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 124–126)

- 1967**, February 9 — [Condon](#) recommends NICAP's *UFO Evidence* to geophysicist [Merle Tuve](#). (Swords 319)
- 1967**, February 9 — 6:30 p.m. George Kawalski, a section foreman for the Great Northern railroad, sees an object hovering above the depot in Chester, Montana, from his home two blocks away. The object disappears straight up after bathing the depot in light. ("[Third Report of UFOs Heard from Chester Area](#)," *Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune*, February 11, 1967, p. 5)
- 1967**, February 10 — 3:42 a.m. Erie County Constable Gary Butler is patrolling in the area of NASA's Plum Brook Station [now the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility] in Sandusky, Ohio, when he sees a bright, bluish disc moving toward the southwest some 2 miles away. As it was disappearing behind some trees, he tries to radio in a report, but experiences some interference. ("[Area Lawman Sees UFO](#)," *Sandusky (Ohio) Register*, February 10, 1967, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 482 (September 2009): 12; "[UFO over NASA Station](#)," *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 12 (March/April 1967): 6; "[Sight UFO over NASA Station](#)," *NICAP Reporter* 5, no. 7 (April 1967): 8)
- 1967**, February 10 — 5:30 p.m. Two separate groups of four and three people in Woodstock, Connecticut, see a triangular object with a white light at each apex. It is moving with its blunt end forward from northeast to southwest at 1,000 feet altitude. The object is silent when hovering but makes a rumbling or roaring sound when it moves. The family TV set reception is disrupted when it passes by. (Marler [135–136](#))
- 1967**, February 10 — 7:30 p.m. A couple in Alton, Illinois, sees a round, rotating, 25-foot diameter luminous object that changes color from red to white with occasional flashes of green. The object also has white lights in a triangle on the bottom. It flies, hovers, and passes over the witnesses. While hovering, a humming or droning sound is heard. (*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, February 11, 1967)
- 1967**, February 12 — Evening. Kenneth R. Miller, airport manager Carl Nichols, and many others in Wharton, Texas, see a round object with a dome on top. It has revolving red, green, blue, and amber lights on its bottom edge and a bright light in its dome. The object flies above the car in which Miller and Nichols are driving, just clearing telephone lines. It seems to be large enough to cover the roadway. Later it coasts at treetop height, stops dead, then banks and takes off. (*Houston (Tex.) Chronicle*, February 15, 1967; UFOEv II 160–161)
- 1967**, February 13 — 5:58 p.m. Sachio Sakuma is taking photographs of the Moon with a Petri V6 camera in Tokyo, Japan. On developing one image, he finds a luminous, oval-shaped object with a slight trail a short distance above the lunar crescent. ("[Report from Japan](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 1)
- 1967**, February 13 — 10:00 p.m. Mrs. James Thompson is driving through Bigfork, Montana, with her two children when her pickup's engine fails and the lights go out. Getting out, she sees overhead an intense greenish-blue light. She feels heat coming from the object. It changes direction abruptly, veering to the right as it changes to reddish-orange. As it moves away, the truck starts up on its own. ("[Strange Sky Object Stops Truck](#)," *NICAP Reporter* 5, no. 7 (April 1967): 9; Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour, *The New UFO Breakthrough*, Universal, 1968, p. 40)
- 1967**, February 14 — 7:00 a.m. A farmer in Miller County, Missouri, notices that his cows are all staring in one direction. He goes to investigate and sees a landed object about 360 feet away. He sees several entities moving around it, so he picks up some stones and approaches it. From about 30 feet away, the object looks like a hovering parachute or a grayish-green shell. The creatures, apparently wearing overalls, scurry behind the craft and go inside. The farmer throws one stone, but it stops in midair about 15 feet away and drops to the ground. He throws the other stone to try to strike the top of the object, but it bounces off something. When he gets to 15 feet away, he walks into an invisible wall and can't see the object at all. ("[Outstanding 1967 Report](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, September/October 1969, pp. 6–7; Ted Phillips, "[UFO Events in Missouri, 1857–1971](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 8 (December 1971): 10–11; Lorenzen, *Encounters*, p. 190; Center for UFO Studies, [HUMCAT Index 1967](#), p. 22; Rob Murphy, "[Space Penguins of Tuscumbia: Missouri, USA](#)," *Cryptopia*, October 10, 2011; Joe Pryor, "[Space Penguins of Tuscumbia](#)," *Miller County Museum and Historical Society Progress Notes*, December 12, 2011)
- 1967**, February 15 — Night. A Guatemalan Aviateca airliner piloted by Col. Alfredo Castaneda and Col. Carlos Samyoa encounters an object like a flying top as they are flying over Mexico at 10,000 feet. They put the aircraft into a sharp turn in order to avoid a collision, just before the object zooms out of sight. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 25)
- 1967**, February 16 — 11:43 p.m. S/Sgt Max Recod and his wife are driving along Route 66 south of Kingman, Arizona, when they see a formation of four lights, three red and one green, approaching their car at low altitude. The lights

are attached to an object that emits a light beam from its bottom center that moves around and illuminates the desert. The lights disappear, but a few minutes later the UFO reappears from behind a hill a mile away, followed by two white lights flying in step formation, one of which lands or nearly lands. The remaining light merges with the large object. ("[Sighting Evidence Grows](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 3 (Nov./Dec. 1967): 3)

- 1967**, February 17 or 18 — Around 10:00 p.m. Contactee [Stella V. Lansing](#) takes motion picture footage on a borrowed Keystone 8mm Capri camera of some yellow-orange lights on Ware Road near the junctions of Old Warren Road and Flynt Street in Palmer, Massachusetts. Suddenly a white light shoots upward in a zigzag motion and she is able to film some of its maneuvers. Subsequent frames seem to show low-contrast images of four human-like beings apparently conversing. Lansing is later studied by New Jersey psychiatrist [Berthold E. Schwarz](#), who finds her repeat UFO sightings, further UFO films, and photographs showing superimposed clock-like patterns a subject of some interest. (Story, pp. 202–204; Berthold Eric Schwarz, "[Stella Lansing's UFO Motion Pictures](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1972): 3–12, 20; Berthold Eric Schwarz, "[Stella Lansing's Movies: Four Entities and a Possible UFO](#)," in Charles Bowen, ed., *UFO Encounters*, special issue no. 5 of *FSR*, November 1973, pp. 3–9; Berthold Eric Schwarz, "[Stella Lansing's Clocklike UFO Patterns](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 4 (January 1975): 3–9; Berthold Eric Schwarz, "[Stella Lansing's Clocklike UFO Patterns—Part 2](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 5 (March 1975): 20–27; Berthold Eric Schwarz, "[Stella Lansing's Clocklike UFO Patterns—Part 3](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 6 (April 1975): 18–22; Berthold Eric Schwarz, "[Stella Lansing's Clocklike UFO Patterns—Part 4](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 1 (June 1975): 14–17; Berthold Eric Schwarz, "[UFO Contactee Stella Lansing: Possible Medical Implications of Her Motion Picture Experiments](#)," *Journal of the American Society of Psychosomatic Dentistry and Medicine* 23, no. 2 (1976): 60–68)
- 1967**, February 20 — [Condon](#), [Saunders](#), [Low](#), William Price of AFRSTA(?), and [Thomas Ratchford](#), USAF senior scientist, visit the CIA's National Photographic Interpretation Center in Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, Virginia, to meet with its founder [Arthur C. Lundahl](#) and acquaint themselves with the CIA's analysis capabilities. NPIC personnel will be available to perform work of a "photogrammatic nature, such as attempting to measure objects imaged on photographs," but it will be strictly technical and no written comments or documentation is to be made public. After lunch, the group meets in the Pentagon with Brig. Gen. [Edward B. Giller](#), director of the AF Special Weapons Center at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. (Wikipedia, "[Arthur C. Lundahl](#)"; [memo], "[Visit of Dr. Condon to NPIC, 20 February 1967](#)," February 23, 1967; ClearIntent, pp. 141–142)
- 1967**, February 21 — 8:30 p.m. Sherry Kohler is driving east on Western Avenue in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, when she sees a greenish spherical object with a wispy white trail flying at airplane speed on her right side for about 10 seconds. A second witness, [Richard R. Dern Sr.](#), sees a similar object about 10 minutes later. (Center for UFO Studies, [[case documents](#)])
- 1967**, February 22 — 6:30 a.m. As Mrs. James A. Clevenger stands by her kitchen sink in Milton, Indiana, her collie dog jumps against the window and races around, barking and jumping. She notices an oval object with a row of bright lights. She lets the frightened dog inside and it promptly hides. She goes out to the end of her front walk and sees the UFO moving slowly at 100–200 feet altitude, following the course of a creek. She runs inside and calls her neighbor Mrs. Judd Alford, who can see a ring of white lights at 200 feet. Her fox terrier runs inside at full speed and hides under a chair. The object disappears behind trees a few minutes later. ("[5 in County Report Seeing UFO](#)," *Richmond (Ind.) Palladium-Item*, March 3, 1967, p. 20; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, p. 34)
- 1967**, February 23 — Lt. Col. [Robert Hippler](#) says that Secretary of the Air Force [Harold Brown](#) has established the policy that all USAF information on UFOs classified up to and including Secret is to be provided to the University of Colorado project. (NICAP, "[Declassification of UFO Reports](#)")
- 1967**, February 24 — [Paul Santorinis](#), civil engineer of the National Technical University of Athens, Greece, gives a lecture to the Greek Astronautical Society, stating that a "world blanket of secrecy" surrounds UFO reports and describes his experience with ghost rockets over Greece in 1946. (Good Above, p. 23; Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space*, Signet ed., 1974, p. 117)
- 1967**, February 24 — A well-known engineer in Osorno, Chile, sees a disc-shaped object land near him. Seconds after touching down, a strange being, about 4.5 feet tall and wearing a transparent outfit, emerges. It has a white face and hands, a pronounced jawbone, and no neck. When it sees the man looking, it gets back into the object and takes off. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 59)
- 1967**, February 25 — 7:50 p.m. Two teenage boys in Fargo, North Dakota, see a round or disc-shaped brightly illuminated object only a few feet in diameter. It moves higher, accelerates, and flies away to the northeast. (*Fargo (N.Dak.) Forum*, February 25, 1967; "Everything Hush-Hush about an Object Fargo Youths Photographed," *Minot (N.Dak.) Daily News*, February 28, 1967, p. 1; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, p. 56; Center for UFO Studies, [[Hynek correspondence](#)], pp. 27–29)

- 1967**, Early March — [Low](#) writes a position paper that expects the Colorado project will fail to support the ETH. Before sharing his paper with project members, he shares his views in talks with the Rand Corporation, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and Boeing. Despite his attempts to “build the record,” the project’s failure to move quickly has forced it to prepare a proposal to extend its contract. (UFOs Yes, 130–133)
- 1967**, March — [Low](#) calls [Keyhoe](#) and reveals that none of the Blue Book cases have been spot-checked for inaccuracies because “[Condon](#) hasn’t found any AF explanations he considers untrue.” Low later visits NICAP in Washington and Keyhoe asks him how many NICAP cases he has examined. Low says, “Probably four or five.” Low says he ultimately hopes to review 85–90 cases. (Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space*, Signet ed., 1974, [p. 120](#))
- 1967**, March — Members of the Colorado project, including [Robert Low](#), visit APRO headquarters; the [Lorenzens](#) promise to “help the project in any way possible” and give them some case leads that are never followed up because they are old. (“[U. of Colorado Group at Tucson](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Mar./Apr. 1967, p. 2; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 196; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 355)
- 1967**, March — Michel M. Jaffe, a ham radio operator in Mountain View, California, begins publishing *Data-Net Report*, a UFO newsletter for radio enthusiasts that continues to 1973. ([Data-Net Report](#), no. 1 (March 1967))
- 1967**, March — Day. Augusto Arranda is taking photographs of the scenery in the Huascarán mountains near Yungay, Peru. He takes three photos of a disc-shaped object and one photo showing two objects. A Kodak employee sends one to ufologist Richard Greenwell, and APRO obtains the other three in 1969 from Eastman Kodak’s International Division. The circumstances of the sighting remain unknown. (Patrick Gross, “[The Yungay Photographs, Peru, 1967](#)”)
- 1967**, March — Cuban air defense radar controllers report a UFO approaching Cuba from the northwest, moving at 660 mph at an altitude of 33,000 feet. Two MiG-21s are scrambled and are guided to within 3 miles of the object. The flight leader radios in that the UFO is a bright metallic sphere with no visible markings. He is unable to establish radio contact with it and Cuban air defense orders him to shoot it down. The flight leader reports that his radar is locked and missiles ready. Seconds later, a wingman screams into the radio that the flight leader’s MiG has disintegrated. The UFO then accelerates and climbs above 90,000 feet, heading towards South America. The US 6947th Security Squadron headquartered at Homestead AFB [now Homestead Air Reserve Base] in Miami-Dade County, Florida, is monitoring the incident and sends a report to the NSA at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland. NSA orders the squadron to ship all tapes and data to them and list the airplane loss as “equipment malfunction.” The details sound like it might be the CIA’s Oxcart A-12, the Air Force version of which is the SR-71, which are known to overfly Cuba. The incident could be related to the March 31 radar-visual case in South Florida (see below). (NICAP, “[The 1967 Cuban Jet Incident](#)”; ClearIntent, [pp. 195–201](#); “[1967: Two Cuban Jets Pursue a UFO, the UFO Destroys One Jet](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 9 (September 1978): 11–13; Good Above, [pp. 421–422](#); Jack Roth, as told by Bill Schroeder, *Unknown Down*, 2016; Billy Cox, “[Being There](#),” *Life in Jonestown*, April 30, 2023; Covert 72)
- 1967**, March — 11:00 a.m. A group of students at the Ramón Martín Middle School in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, watch a triangle-shaped object above a nearby mountain. It has a cupola on top and flies around silently before vanishing. (Jorge Martín, “[Triangular UFOs over Puerto Rico](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 44, no. 3 (Autumn 1999): 22)
- 1967**, March — 11:00 p.m. A luminous hemispherical object is seen over Dry Creek Basin, San Miguel County, Colorado, moving slowly, then accelerating. The witness’s car engine, radio, and lights experience interference. (Condon, [pp. 295–297](#))
- 1967**, March 1 — Lt. Gen. [Hewitt T. Wheless](#), USAF assistant vice chief of staff, circulates a memo on “Impersonations of Air Force Officers,” which outlines [Rex Heflin](#)’s accounts of the NORAD impostor and another case in which it reports that “a person in an Air Force uniform approached local police and other citizens who had sighted a UFO, assembled them in a school room and told them that they did not see what they thought they saw and that they should not talk to anyone about the sighting.” All USAF personnel hearing about such incidents should report them to AFOSI. (ClearIntent, [p. 237](#))
- 1967**, March 1 — Many residents of Valparaíso, Chile, watch four bright domed objects, flashing blue and red lights, move south to north above the city. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 59)
- 1967**, March 2 — 10:25 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Robert English, sitting in a gas station at Apache Summit in Otero County, New Mexico, calls Holloman AFB to report seeing several groups of 30–40 “silvery specks” passing overhead to the southwest. (He continues watching them until 1:30 p.m.) The base sends up two aircraft, but neither can see any objects. At 10:55 a.m., two range surveillance radars, one at Holloman AFB, the other at Elephant Mountain near Orogrande, plot four objects 11.5 miles east-northeast of Tularosa (and 5 miles south of the visual sighting) that appear to be flickering on and off. Both radars later plot three intermittent targets over Mescalero. At 11:08, both radars plot an object east-southeast of Ruidoso that drifts eastward 3–4 miles in 10 minutes at 25,000 feet; it then

moves south at a speed of Mach 1.2. White Sands Mission Control radar continues to follow this object on a circular path until it abruptly climbs to 80,000 feet; it appears to go out of range around 11:31 a.m. at 100,000 feet. At 11:20 a.m., electronics technician Duane Bakke observes a saucer-shaped object moving away from him that disappears behind Alamo Peak near Cloudcroft; his line of sight is approximately on the circular track traced by Mission Control radar. At 11:21 a.m., both radars briefly show two stationary objects that are flickering. Although there are some discrepancies in the radar reports, the activity cannot be attributed to a release of radar chaff or equipment malfunction. (NICAP, [“Two Radars Plot 20 Objects”](#); [“29 Sight UFOs over White Sands Range.”](#) *El Paso (Tex.) Times*, March 5, 1967, p. 1; Condon, [pp. 150–151, 291–295](#); [Sparks](#), p. 322; UFOEv II 58)

- 1967**, March 5 — 1:25 a.m. Lenny and Tommy Söderström are returning home to their farm in Lövåsen, Vilhelmina, Sweden, when they notice a “spaceship” behind a barn. They rush inside and wake their parents and a sibling. Looking through the kitchen window, they see a dark, cigar-shaped object, 82–130 feet wide, silhouetted against the sky. Wobbling slightly on its axis, it hovers 24 feet in the air. After someone turns on the kitchen light, the UFO shoots off toward the north, emitting a whistling sound, as a smaller object appears from behind it. This UFO is a silvery globe about 20–40 feet in diameter; it turns and approaches the farmhouse. When it passes above a power line, it stops and hovers for 4 minutes. It takes off toward the northeast. ([“Two from Sweden.”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1967, p. 9; Clas Svahn, [“Skräcknatten i Vilhelmina.”](#) Riksorganisationen UFO-Sverige; Clark III 246–247)
- 1967**, March 5 — 5:30 p.m. John and Miriam Coyle take a series of six photos of a silvery UFO at Hallam, Victoria, Australia. The object circles them slowly. ([“U.F.O. Photographed over Hallam.”](#) *Australian Flying Saucer Review*, no. 7 (September 1967): 15; Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, [“Australian Ufology: A Review.”](#) *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 25–26)
- 1967**, March 5 — Air Defense Command radar at Minot AFB, North Dakota, tracks an unidentified target descending over the Minuteman ICBM missile silos of the 91st Strategic Missile Wing. Base security teams see a metallic, disc-shaped object ringed with bright flashing lights moving slowly, maneuvering, then stopping and hovering about 500 feet above the ground. The object circles directly over the launch control facility. F-106 fighters are scrambled, but at that moment the object climbs straight up and disappears at high speed. (NICAP, [“Disc Hovers 500’ over Missile Silos / ADC Radar Confirms”](#); [Sparks](#), p. 322; Donald E. Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space*, Signet, 1974, [pp. 8–9](#); Raymond E. Fowler, *Casebook of a UFO Investigator*, 1981, [p. 187](#); UFOEv II 80)
- 1967**, March 5 — Night. The Russell Carter Jr. family is traveling about 10 miles east of Hayes, South Dakota, on US Highway 14 when a bright light follows their car. The V-shaped object approaches from far away and is lower than the telephone wires, bathing the road and an area around the car in a brilliant light. They hear a humming sound and experience a feeling of numbness at its closest approach. ([“Pierre Family Sees UFO in Hayes Area.”](#) *Rapid City (S.Dak.) Journal*, March 7, 1967, p. 1; [“Sightings Still on Upswing.”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1967, p. 11; [“Car Followed by Flying Object.”](#) *APRG Reporter*, no. 56 (May 1967): 5)
- 1967**, March 5 — Night. A Red Cross bloodmobile driven by Beau Shertzer and a young nurse is traveling along State Highway 2 near Huntington, West Virginia, when they see a flash of light in the woods nearby and a white glow appears. It rises slowly into the air and moves toward their vehicle. Shertzer accelerates, but the object moves above the van and paces it. He sees an extension being lowered to the roof. Another arm reaches down on the passenger side, as if in a pincer movement. However, the object moves away when headlights from approaching vehicles suddenly appear. (John A. Keel, [“More from My Ohio Valley Notebook.”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1967): 21; John A. Keel, *The Mothman Prophecies*, Saturday Review, 1975)
- 1967**, March 6 — 4:25 a.m. Knox County, Illinois, Deputy Sheriff Frank Courson sees an object shaped like a rubber cup placed under a furniture leg, with a dome set in the cup, bottom spinning rapidly, rim pulsating red, which approaches and passes overhead at low altitude, making a hissing sound. Moline Policeman Bill Fisher takes a film of the object near Sacred Heart Catholic School in Moline. (Dorothy Buresh, [“Is Something Up There? Moline Policeman Takes Movies of ‘Boxcar’ in Sky.”](#) *Moline (Ill.) Dispatch*, March 10, 1967, pp. 1, 3; [“Big UFO, Followed by Smaller Blue One.”](#) *Moline (Ill.) Dispatch*, March 11, 1967, pp. 1, 5)
- 1967**, March 7 — 12:30 a.m. Lucille Drzonek and her daughters, ages 24 and 17, are driving northwest on US Highway 20 just past Keeneyville, Illinois. Their beagle is with them. They see a solid object, estimated at 15 feet in diameter, outlined in bright white lights and with two big beams in front. As it nears the ground it takes on a disc shape and begins flashing red and green lights. The beagle is so frightened that its hair stands up straight on its back. As they turn off the highway toward Bartlett, Illinois, the object descends into a woods, lighting the trees with a red glare. It projects two white light beams into the rear window of their car. As they pull into their home, the UFO is hovering about 10 feet above a tree in their yard. A strange, localized gray mist appears and when it dissipates the UFO is gone. The beagle is visibly upset for the next two days. A veterinarian suggests he might

have heard a noise inaudible to humans. (Jerry Thomas, “[‘Who Believes You?’ Don’t Laugh—Saucer Chased ‘Em Home](#),” *Elgin (Ill.) Daily Courier-News*, March 9, 1967; “[Sightings Still on Upswing](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1967, p. 11; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., [Strange Effects from UFOs](#), NICAP, 1969, pp. 34–35)

1967, March 8 — 1:05 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. William L. Wallace are returning home to Leominster, Massachusetts, when they pass through a dense fog near St. Leo’s Cemetery and notice a bright light on the left. Wallace turns the car around and heads back for a closer look. The glow is from a light that is hovering 400–500 feet above the cemetery. Intrigued, Wallace places the car in neutral, pulls the emergency brake, and steps outside. As he points toward the light, something pulls his arm back and drops it on the roof of the car, which then stalls and the electrical system goes out. He remains immobile for more than 30 seconds even as his wife is trying to pull him back. As the lights and radio come back on, the UFO rocks back and forth, rises with a humming sound, and disappears. Wallace goes back into the car, which now starts normally. Wallace still feels “slow and sluggish” on the drive back, and he collides with the garage door as he pulls into his driveway. They return to the cemetery 10 minutes later, but the fog is gone. (“[Driver Shocked, Paralyzed](#),” *UFO Investigator* 3, no. 12 (March/April 1967): 7; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., [Strange Effects from UFOs](#), NICAP, 1969, pp. 7–8; Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition, 1974, pp. 144–148; Michael D. Swords, “[Can UFOs Cause Physiological Effects? Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 10; Clark III 251; Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 139–142)

1967, March 8 — Many people in Comas, Peru, watch 15 discs circle noiselessly low above town for 15 minutes. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 59)

1967, March 9 — 9:05 p.m. Jack Lindley sees a bright white saucer-shaped light, as big as an airliner, fly straight and fast to the east over Onawa, Iowa. ([Sparks](#), p. 323)

1967, March 11–13 — Night. Red, green, and white lights are observed in the air by several witnesses at Tillamook, Oregon, including police and sheriff’s deputies. Radar contact is made in the same area as the visual sightings by the radar station at Mount Hebo Air Force Station [now closed]. On March 11, objects are observed for one hour. On March 12, they are again observed for one hour. On March 13, the objects are seen for four hours and 35 minutes. The radar returns show hovering and rapid movement of the targets. The visual sightings also show rapid movement of the objects at times. One radar sighting shows a rapid distance change from 39–48 miles within one minute. (NICAP, “[Colored Lights and Radar Returns](#)”; Condon, pp. 122–123)

1967, March 12 — 7:15 p.m. Larry Burke sees an object with red, green, and white flashing lights southwest of McIntosh, South Dakota. He picks up three friends—Dick Makens, Junior Edinger, and Charles Warren—to go investigate. On a country road one mile west of town they see four blinding, fluorescent-green lights low above the road ahead. As they are driving up a hill, the car engine stops. Frightened, they let the car coast back down the hill, and the engine starts again. The witnesses disagree on the size, shape, and altitude of the lights. (“[Car Buzzing Incidents on Increase](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 5)

1967, Mid-March — Night. Future UFO researcher [Robert Hastings](#) has a part-time job as a janitor in Malmstrom AFB near Great Falls, Montana. One night as he is cleaning out the Radar Approach Control center, one of the FAA controllers calls him over to look at 5 unidentified targets that two jet fighters have gone up to intercept. Soon he is asked to leave and clean the room later. Later on, he hears that the targets ascended vertically, leaving the jets far behind, and that the incident takes place in the Judith Basin area many miles to the south. (Nukes 6–7, 279, 282–286)

1967, March 16 — 8:30 a.m. At the Malmstrom AFB Echo-Flight missile launch facility between Winfred and Hilger, Montana, 1Lt Walter Figel, deputy crew commander of the Missile Combat Crew, sees one of his Minuteman missiles go into “no-go” status. He calls the missile site to see if there is scheduled maintenance and is told no. The guard tells him of a large, round object over the site. Within seconds, the nine other missiles shut down. Strike teams are dispatched to the two Launch Control Centers, where maintenance and security personnel tell them about the UFOs. The missiles are offline for the greater part of the day. (Robert Salas and James Klotz, *Faded Giant*, BookSurge, 2005, pp. 16–23, 99, 108; Robert L. Hastings, “[The Echo and Oscar Flight Incidents](#),” *UFOs & Nukes*, November 12, 2012; Nukes 254–258, 265–268; Brian Dunning, “[The Day the UFO Deactivated the Nukes](#),” Skeptoid podcast, July 26, 2022; Kevin D. Randle, “[The Belt, Montana UFO Sighting and the ‘Attack’ on Echo Flight](#),” *A Different Perspective*, March 3, 2023; John Greenewald, [[FOIA documents](#)]; James T. Carlson, “[Missile Flights and Fantasies](#),” in Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Richard Heiden, eds., *The Reliability of UFO Witness Testimony*, UPIAR, 2023, pp. 45–59; “[Nuclear Missiles Disabled after UFO Encounter at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, March 16, 1967](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, September 15, 2024)

- 1967**, March 16 — 7:00 p.m. [Beryl Dux](#) sees two white cloud-like objects over Belvedere, New Jersey. She calls her sister Olive to watch, and suddenly a dull orange object comes out of the cloud on the right. It is spinning rapidly and descending quickly, but it goes into the white cloud on the right. The two clouds merge and vanish gradually. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[Mystery Clouds and the UFO Connection](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 19)
- 1967**, March 20 — 11:00 p.m. A man and his daughter living in Butler, Pennsylvania, take the car out to go looking for lights his wife had seen in the sky earlier. After stopping with the car lights off for a while, he sees two yellowish-white globes of light at 200 feet altitude, which start moving toward the car in a parallel course. The objects descend a quarter mile away, then shoot toward the witnesses at 70–80 mph. The daughter hears a “chorus of voices” in her head saying “don’t move” repeatedly. The man switches on the headlights, the lights disappear, and the voices stop. Moments later, 10 feet from the car, they see five figures standing in an irregular semicircle. The man gets into the car but the daughter continues staring at the figures, which have slits for eyes and mouths. All have long blond hair and are wearing something like baseball caps. They wear loose-fitting clothing. The witnesses drive away quickly and go to their minister’s home. (Robert A. Schmidt, “[Humanoids Seen at Butler](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 5–6; Clark III 277–278)
- 1967**, March 21 — A Brazilian military aircraft with 14 passengers encounters a glowing-red, oblong object over the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, while on its way to Salgado Filho Airport near Gravataí. The control tower operator there alerts pilots of a Cruzeiro do Sul aircraft coming in from the southwest. Minutes later these pilots see apparently the same object, which follows them for 25 minutes before zipping up into the sky. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 58–59)
- 1967**, March 21 — Night. Mary Beth Neufeld and three other teenagers are driving on US Highway 56 one mile west of Hillsboro, Kansas, when they see a bright object “like an upside-down cup on a saucer.” They start driving toward it, but it approaches them and hovers above the car for a few seconds. The car starts rocking and the engine quits. When the UFO leaves, they are able to start it up again. (“[Car Buzzing Incidents on Increase](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 5)
- 1967**, March 22 — 11:00 p.m. Ann-Lis Danielsson is driving home to Tjuvkil, Västra Götaland, Sweden, when she notices a greenish illumination outside her car. Slowing down, she sees a disc about 15 feet in diameter hovering 500 feet away at an altitude of 1,500 feet. It begins to circle the area slowly, rising and sinking and giving off a whining noise. After pacing her for 15 minutes, it climbs vertically with an oscillating motion. (“[UFO förföljde bilist](#),” *Sökaren* 4, no. 8 (1967): 8–9; “[Girl Reconnoitred by Disc](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1967, p. 9)
- 1967**, March 24 — 5:30 a.m. USAF S/Sgt Johnny Ferguson is traveling with his wife and three children near Loco, Texas, where they are terrified by a mysterious bright blue-neon light that chases them at high speed along the road. It finally splits into two, changes to a reddish color, and disappears behind a hill. Ferguson reports the incident to Deputy Sheriff [George Hooten](#), then drives into nearby Wellington. (Curt Collins, “[Contact in Texas: The Lost UFO Photos](#),” *Blue Blurry Lines*, November 18, 2021)
- 1967**, March 24 — 8:45 a.m. An airline pilot watches a small silvery-white disc hovering for 10 minutes above Los Alamos, New Mexico. Then it moves across the sky and disappears into clouds. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [p. 64](#))
- 1967**, March 24 — 10:45 a.m. An astronomer at the Catalina Station observatory on Mount Bigelow 18 miles northeast of Tucson, Arizona, sees a white oval disc the apparent size of the moon moving silently in a straight line from northwest to northeast. It slowly changes from an elongated shape to a more circular one. He estimates its speed as 600 mph, size as 230 feet, and distance as 6–12 miles. It disappears after 50 seconds. (“[Astronomers and UFO’s: A Survey, Part 2, Sightings](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 4)
- 1967**, March 24 — Late evening. An airman with the Malmstrom AFB Oscar-Flight Launch Control Center for the SAC USAF 341st Strategic Missile Wing south of Roy, Montana, sees a star-like object zigzagging high above him. Soon, a larger and closer light appears and behaves similarly. He calls his NCO and the two men watch as the lights streak through the sky, maneuvering in impossible ways. The NCO phones his commander, 1Lt. [Robert Salas](#), who is below ground in the LCC. Salas is dubious and tells them to let him know if they get any closer. A few minutes later the NCO calls him again and shouts that a red, glowing UFO is hovering outside the front gate. Salas tells him to make sure the site is secure while he phones the command post. Meanwhile, one of the guards is injured when he approaches the UFO and has to be evacuated by helicopter. As Salas briefs Lt. [Fred Meiwald](#), an alarm rings through the small LCC and both men see a “no-go” light turn on for one of the missiles. Within seconds, 4–7 more Minutemen nuclear ICBMs go offline in succession. The USAF investigation includes full-scale tests on-site, as well as lab tests at Boeing’s Seattle plant. No cause for the shutdown can be found. (“[‘Echo Flight’ Missile Incident](#)”; [Sparks](#), pp. 4, 323; Jim Klotz and Robert Salas, “[The Malmstrom AFB UFO/Missile Incident](#),” November 27, 1996; Robert L. Hastings, “[Remarkable Reports from the Missile Field](#),” *IUR* 32, no. 1

(August 2008): 9–10; Robert Salas and James Klotz, *Faded Giant*, BookSurge, 2005; Nukes 259–263, 268–277; Kevin D. Randle, “[Robert Salas and Me](#),” A Different Perspective, May 19, 2013)

- 1967**, March 24 — 9:00 p.m. Truck driver Ken Williams driving northwest on US Highway 87/89 about 5 miles southeast of Belt, Montana, sees a dome-shaped object emitting a bright light moving at 50–60 mph about 1 miles to his left. After it hovers briefly about 600 feet in the air, it drops slowly to “within a very few feet from the ground” and shines a bright light three times in his direction that momentarily blinds him. He drives to the top of a hill, stops a car, and asks them to stop at a gas station and call the highway patrol. Williams returns to his previous viewing spot and watches the light for several more minutes before it rises and disappears “like a bolt of lightning.” Numerous other reports come in from this area. At dawn, police and a helicopter from Malmstrom AFB conduct a search without success. (NICAP, “[Dome-Shaped Object Lands in Ravine](#)”; [Sparks](#), p. 323; Robert L. Hastings, “[Remarkable Reports from the Missile Field](#),” *IUR* 32, no. 1 (August 2008): 9–10; Kevin D. Randle, “[The Belt, Montana UFO Sighting and the ‘Attack’ on Echo Flight](#),” A Different Perspective, March 3, 2023)
- 1967**, March 26 — 4:00 p.m. Five witnesses in New Winchester, Ohio, see an oval object, like copper or brass with the sun shining on it, fly from southeast to northwest with a tumbling motion. ([Sparks](#), p. 323; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [p. 74](#))
- 1967**, March 27 — Day. The crew of a Brazilian Air Force C-47 and the crew of a Serviços Aéreos Cruzeiro do Sul photo-mapping aircraft see a UFO in the vicinity of Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. The BAF crew describes it as a “reddish-colored full moon” that is flying in circles. They report the sighting to the tower at Salgado Filho International Airport, which asks the mapping aircraft to identify the object. The Cruzeiro plane follows the UFO for 15 minutes before it disappears. (Good Above, [p. 311](#))
- 1967**, March 28 — 2:25 a.m. Electrical worker [David Morris](#), 20, is driving home to Munroe Falls, Ohio, from nearby Kent when he sees a glowing red-orange object shaped like an inverted cone hovering just above the ground. The object is about 12 feet wide at the base and 25 feet high, with a ball-shaped object at its top. Looking at the road ahead, Morris sees four or five large-headed humanoids moving rapidly back and forth about 50 feet ahead. He slams on his brakes, but it is too late. He feels a thump against the right front corner of his car and sees an arm with a thumbless mitten fly up, then down. The car stops 10 feet later; Morris thinks about providing assistance, but the otherworldliness of the situation causes him to get away quickly. In his rearview mirror he sees a group of the entities position themselves around something lying on the ground. In the morning, Morris finds three dents in the front bumper and right headlight ring of his car. (Carol Clapp, “Worker Says He Saw UFO, Car Struck Being,” *Ravenna (Ohio) Record-Courier*, March 31, 1967; “[Youth’s Car Strikes UAO Occupant](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1967, pp. 1–4; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 36–38; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, pp. 28–29; Clark III 782–783)
- 1967**, March 28 — A second briefing for [Robert Low](#) by NORAD analysts effectively diverts researcher attention away from NORAD’s 500 defense radars and onto its useless handful of space defense satellite-tracking radars and cameras (referred to as “spacetrack” and are the least likely to detect UFOs). Low tries to find out if NORAD can help with identifying satellites that might be misreported as UFOs and whether NORAD can’t track a UFO entering the atmosphere from outer space (or just aren’t), but the analysts are evasive. NORAD says its satellite-tracking radars (with non-ballistic maneuvering and erratic flight paths) actually can “see” UFOs, but no one will ever know because the data that does not fit satellite or ballistic trajectories are thrown out automatically by system computers. No mention is made of NORAD’s high priority for not ignoring unpredictable, UFO-like maneuverable cruise missiles or hypersonic space planes. This discussion is distributed as a briefing paper to all Colorado project members on June 6, including [Condon](#). (Clark III 804–810)
- 1967**, March 31 — 10:30 p.m. Farmer Carroll Wayne Watts reportedly sees a cylindrical object about 100 feet long that is hovering just off the ground near Loco, Texas, and emitting a motor-like sound. A voice addresses him from within the object requesting that he undergo a physical examination so that he can go on a flight. When Watts refuses to do so, the craft takes off. Watts has another encounter, an apparent abduction, on April 11. In a series of other experiences and sightings, on June 7, 11, and 13, he manages to take Polaroid photographs. In all, he has 10 photographs of the cylindrical UFO in flight, and another shot of a little man from the ship. Most of Watts’s pictures are black and white, but at least three of them are shot in color. He later admits the observation is a hoax. (“[Another UFO Visit Reported from Loco](#),” *Wellington (Tex.) Leader*, April 6, 1967, p. 1; “[Loco Hoax](#),” *Denton (Tex.) Record-Chronicle*, February 26, 1968, pp. 1–2; “Spaceman Contact Hoax: Young Texan Confesses,” *Dallas (Tex.) Morning News*, February 26, 1968, pp. 1A–2A; “[The Contactee Problem](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 5 (March 1968): 2; “[Tulsa Group Hears Watts Tape](#),” *Skylook*, no. 9 (May 1968): 5; “[Texas Farmer Says Space Creature Report True: FBI Checks Photos](#),” *Saucer Scoop* 3, no. 3 (June 1968): 5; Tony L. Kimery, “Carroll Wayne Watts: Contactee, Hoaxer, or Innocent Bystander,” *Official UFO*, no. 11 (October 1976): 3, 36–37, 64–66; Curt Collins, “[UFO Contact: April 1, 1967, from Loco, TX](#),” Blue Blurry Lines, March 31, 2017; Kevin D.

Randle, "[Carroll Wayne Watts Contact/Abduction](#)," A Different Perspective, April 25, 2020; Curt Collins, "[Contact in Texas: The Lost UFO Photos](#)," The Saucers That Time Forgot, November 18, 2021)

1967, March 31 — 10:30 p.m. Dennis Force of the USAF 644th Radar Squadron in Homestead, Florida, is on the phone with his cousin Bill Schroeder, on duty with an Army Hawk surface-to-air unit in Key West when Schroeder gets a call from NORAD on the approach of a formation of eight radar targets it had been tracking from Canada, now closing in on Miami airspace at 1,500 mph. Force watches the blips at Homestead and Schroeder finds the targets on pulse-acquisition radar. Both sets of bogeys travel from west to east, turn sharply north to south, and go back again. Force's targets, however, are running patterns over the Atlantic Ocean from Fort Lauderdale to Biscayne Bay, while Schroeder's are farther west from Florida Bay into the Gulf of Mexico. The Air Force dispatches three F-4 Phantoms from Boca Chica north out of the Keys, and both Force and Schroeder watch the blips blink off their screens. The jets head back after 15 minutes, but the targets reappear and resume their repetitive grid-pattern activities until one of them over the Gulf breaks formation and heads toward Key West. Schroeder activates an illuminator radar system to track the target, but the system immediately shuts down due to a power outage. The launcher sergeant watches a bright object pass overhead, flying horizontally. At Homestead, Force watches the targets accelerate east and vanish over the Atlantic. The following day, Force's radar team is debriefed and told that the incident involved a NORAD exercise. All radar data is confiscated. The incident could be the same as the undated (although in March 1967) Cuban MiG incident (see above), which may have involved the CIA's Oxcart A-12 and was definitely monitored at Homestead. (Jack Roth, as told by Bill Schroeder, *Unknown Down*, 2016; Billy Cox, "[Being There](#)," Life in Jonestown, April 30, 2023)

1967, Spring — Psychologist [David R. Saunders](#), a principal investigator for the Colorado project, launches UFOCAT, a computerized database of UFO cases, after researcher [Jacques Vallée](#) gives the project 3,000 cases from his own collection. Saunders codes the cases with such parameters as source, date, time, location, state and county, country, witness names, age, gender, special features, duration, and other elements. (Center for UFO Studies, "[UFOCAT](#)")

1967, Spring — The United Aerial Phenomena Agency begins publishing *Flying Saucer Digest*, edited by Allan J. Manak in Cleveland, Ohio. [Rick Hilberg](#) takes over as chief editor in 2003. It continues until at least fall 2017. ([Flying Saucer Digest](#) 1, no. 1 (Spring 1967))

1967, Spring — Night. Centenary College Instructor John O. Williams has taken his astronomy class to an open field on the Shreveport, Louisiana, campus to observe the sky. They see a bright orange light precisely due west of them at an elevation of about 30° approaching at a modest angular rate of 1° per second. It remains silent even as it passes above them. A second light, much fainter and blue in color, is following it. The second light turns away and moves south into the distance. The orange light continues eastward, then performs a tight 180° turn and returns to their zenith. It accelerates west and disappears from view. After about 20 minutes it disappears, followed by a thread of rippling blue light. The thread breaks into 7–8 individual blue lights, which exit in several directions. (John O. Williams, "[Louisiana Lights in 1967](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 4 (Winter 1997–1998): 10–11)

1967, April — [Brinsley Le Poer Trench](#) founds Contact (UK) in London, England, to promote contact between ufologists internationally. It launches a newsletter first called *International Sky Scouts Newsletter*, then retitled *Awareness*, which continues through 2012. ([International Sky Scouts Newsletter](#), no. 1 (April 1967); Story, [p. 89](#))

1967, April 4 — The Federal Aviation Agency issues N 7230.29, requiring air traffic controllers to forward UFO reports to the Colorado project. (US Federal Aviation Agency, "[Reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," FAA Notice N 7230.29, April 4, 1967)

1967, April 4 — Carlo Cammarata watches a metallic object about 100 feet in diameter hovering some 20 feet above the terrace of his house in San Cataldo, Caltanissetta, Sicily, Italy. He also sees three humanoids wearing silvery suits and green belts with lights on them. They seem interested in the birds Cammarata is keeping caged on the terrace, touching them occasionally. They ascend into the object on a luminous beam and speed away. (1Pinotti 157)

1967, April 5 — 7:45 p.m. Justice of the Peace John H. Demler is driving north on State Highway 72 just south of Lickdale, Pennsylvania, when his car's engine sputters and stops and the lights go out. He sees an object approaching about 20 feet above the road. It is about 30 feet across and looks like "it had lights in back of a painted black glass." It flies over the car as Demler lowers his window and he notices a smell of sulfur and oil. It emits a sound like an electric motor, which grows louder as it leaves the area. The UFO shoots off sparks similar to that of "grinding on an emery wheel." The UFO comes to a stop alongside the car, tilts, starts off slowly, then puts on such a terrific burst of speed that Demler and his automobile seem to be pulled to it. The car settles down so fast that he is moved all the way across the front seat. When he looks up again, the object has "turned to a bluish tinge" and is far in the distance. The next day, the skin on his hands and feet begin to peel and Demler is a nervous wreck. His coworkers confirm he is in a state of physical or psychological shock for many hours.

- (“[County Man’s Auto Stalls South of Lickdale as UFO Nears and Hums Overhead](#),” *Lebanon (Pa.) Daily News*, April 8, 1967, p. 1; “[Startling Cases Investigated](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 1 (May/June 1967): 6; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, p. 1; UFOEv II 208)
- 1967**, April 6 — The *Arizona Daily Wildcat* publishes an interview with [James E. McDonald](#), who says he has found “almost no correlation between so-called ‘evaluations or explanations’ that are made by Blue Book and the facts of the case.” He adds that the good cases have been “swept under the rug in a most disturbing way by Project Blue Book investigators and their consultants” and that “nobody there with any strong scientific competence is looking into the problem.” (“The UFO Phenomenon: A New Frontier Awaiting Serious Scientific Exploration,” *Arizona Daily Wildcat* 58, no. 110 (April 6, 1967): 4–8, reprinted in Valerie Vaughan, ed., *UFOs and Science: The Collected Writings of Dr. James E. McDonald*, Fund for UFO Research, 1995, pp. 38–43)
- 1967**, April 6 — 12:45 p.m. Robert Apfal, a teacher at Crestview Elementary School in Opa-locka, Florida, is in the schoolyard with six students, facing northeast. They spot a metallic, slightly reflective, disc-shaped object hovering about 60 feet above the ground over a telephone pole about one mile away. The object disappears as they watch. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 112)
- 1967**, April 6 — 9:45 p.m. A Pacific Western Airlines pilot and crew see a dull orange-red object that flies erratically as it paces the aircraft, then speeds away. Confirmed by radar at Edmonton, Alberta, International Airport. (Condon, [pp. 130–131](#))
- 1967**, April 7 — 10:00 a.m. Some 200 children at morning recess at Crestview Elementary School in Opa-locka, Florida, see an oval-shaped object hovering above some trees to the north of the school. It seems to move toward the school and then drop below a pine tree. Some of the kids notice an antenna-like structure, while others think there are two objects. The UFO is also seen by teachers Virginia Martin, Marian Waters, and Robert Apfal, who has his students sketch what they had seen. The drawings depict a turreted structure in the treetops. The Air Force claims a helicopter is in the area practicing takeoffs and landings. (“[10 Chaotic Minutes, and the Kids Screamed](#),” *Miami Herald*, April 8, 1967, p. 1-B; “[AF Says ‘It’ Was Copter; People Who Saw It Say No](#),” *Miami Herald*, April 11, 1967, p. 1-B; Bill Barry, “[Funny Things Happening: In The Air](#),” *Miami News*, April 11, 1967, p. 3-A; NICAP, “[Teachers, 200 Children See UFO in Broad Daylight](#)”; “[The North Dade Affair](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1967, p. 10; “[More on the North Dade Incident](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, pp. 8–9; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 112)
- 1967**, April 8 — Four college students on a double date in Banner Elk, North Carolina, notice a greenish fluorescent glow on the ground 180 feet away. Their car engine fails and the radio is flooded with static. An object passes near the car and disappears into the distance. The witnesses panic then push the car to a main road where they are able to restart it. They find three round imprints, about 6 inches in diameter and 2 inches deep, in the shape of an equilateral triangle. (Fred Merritt, “[A Preliminary Classification of Some Reports of UFOs](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 10)
- 1967**, April 10–11 — A bright white object circles one Minuteman launch site near Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, Montana, for prolonged periods. It eventually ascends to an altitude higher than the capabilities of Air Force interceptors. The local radio station is told to keep quiet about it. (Raymond Fowler, *Casebook of a UFO Investigator*, Prentice-Hall, 1981, [p. 187](#))
- 1967**, April 11 — 10:20 p.m. Elis W. Grahn is walking along the shore of Pohjalahti near Kokkola, Finland, when above the trees to the right, he sees a perfectly round object. It is roughly 2–3 times the size of the moon, hanging motionless in the air. The object has sharply defined edges and a rim that is warm green in color. Inside the rim, the color is a red with a light color of violet. He points the object out to two 17-year old boys who are passing by. The object rotates around its axis and changes color to a faint greenish-white with no red, and loses its sharply defined contours. Grahn watches the object for another 35–40 minutes through field glasses and notices he can see stars through the edges of the object. He also sees straight lines over an opaque area in the center. At 11:05 p.m., the object starts to disappear very slowly. (Elis W. Grahn, “[Strange Object over Finland](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1967): 7–8)
- 1967**, April 12 — 8:59 p.m. In Phoenix, Arizona, a bell-shaped object approaches a car from the left side, glowing red-orange with yellow-orange pulsations. It hovers over a streetlight, then makes a pass at the car. At that point, the car engine stops. The UFO banks eastward, then westward, and flies away. The three witnesses continue their trip and see the same object eight more times, plus another whitish object. The car engine continues to operate normally throughout the remaining sightings. (Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, CUFOS, 1981, p. 34; Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, p. 142)
- 1967**, April 12 — 10:35 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Granbacka are driving between Lappajärvi and Evijärvi, Finland, when a round, red object with a green rim appears in the northeast. It appears about the size of the Moon. They stop the car and get out to watch, and the object turns into a whitish, glowing cloud. It stays in this position for a long

time, even after they reach home. (*Keskipohjanmaa*, April 12, 1967; Elis W. Grahn, "[Strange Object over Finland](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1967): 8)

- 1967**, Mid-April — Dusk. Gary Statenberg is working with a tractor on [Jamie Ediger](#)'s farm in Dayton, Oregon, when he sees an object moving toward him down the river basin at about 500 feet altitude. It stops, descends to 100 feet, and hovers about 600–700 feet away. He shuts off the tractor but can hear no sound coming from the object, which has red flashing lights around its base. There is a small dome with portholes on the top. Suddenly it takes off to the north, the lights changing to green as it does so. Statenberg returns home badly shaken. (Robert Low papers, American Philosophical Society, June 14, 1967)
- 1967**, April 16 — Businessman Guillermo Roldan and his daughter Chichita see a glowing, egg-shaped object fly across the sky above Boraure, Venezuela, at great speed. It stops abruptly then descends and lands. Roldan rushes toward the spot, but the object takes off at high speed. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 60)
- 1967**, April 17 — 2:20 a.m. SP4 Robert M. Harkinson of the US Army's 524th Military Intelligence Detachment is stationed in Saigon [now Ho Chi Minh City], Vietnam, when he sees five bright-white, oval-shaped objects traveling in close formation at high speed across the sky. They flash by in about 5 seconds and disappear behind a cloud. He estimates their speed to be about five times that of any jet aircraft. About 5 minutes later, he sees several jets flying on the same course as the objects. (John J. Stahl Jr., "[Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," case report, April 17, 1967)
- 1967**, April 17 — 9:00 p.m. School principal John L. Metz and three teachers in separate cars are driving home in Jefferson City, Missouri, and see a 350–400 foot, bluish-white, WWI-helmet-shaped object come over the Missouri River bluff and move directly above their cars, bathing them in intense light. Metz observes it through 8x binoculars. The object hovers above power lines for about 10 minutes then heads toward the airport. Two smaller objects emerge from its base; they are disc- or helmet-shaped and the size of a DC-3. Metz drives to the airport on Highway 94 and finds two more witnesses. Jefferson City Memorial Airport employees watch a flat, circular, star-like orange light flashing an intermittent red-blue through a 30x 40mm telescope around 9:40–10:08 p.m. The Ozark Airliner Flight 319 crew sees two large round objects moving in various directions below their airplane during its final landing approach. ([Sparks](#), p. 324; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 110–111](#))
- 1967**, April 21 — 1:30 a.m. Two couples see an unexplained light near Ephrata, Washington, and chase it in their car. They came upon a UFO sitting on the road and have to slam on the brakes to avoid hitting it. The object takes off, moves behind the car, and follows it for 5 minutes, then disappears as traffic became heavier. The witnesses are badly shaken by the experience. (NICAP, "[The 1967 UFO Chronology](#)")
- 1967**, April 21 — [Robert J. Low](#) issues a position paper that outlines, after months of discussions and briefings, a framework for the Colorado project's goals and procedures. It includes acquiring data on new cases, contracted reviews on such special topics as radar and mirages, a special section on photo cases, and a statistical treatment of bulk data. He divides the research question into three tiers: "Are there really sightings that are unexplained?" "Are any of these external stimuli solid objects?" and "Are any of these objects extraterrestrial spaceships?" He asks the group to discuss criteria for answering those questions. (Swords 317–318)
- 1967**, April 21 — Coup d'état in Greece. Although there are persistent rumors about an active support of the coup by the US government, there is no evidence to support such claims. The timing of the coup apparently catches the CIA by surprise. (Wikipedia, "[Greek military junta of 1967](#)")
- 1967**, April 21 — 8:55 p.m. [Clifton N. Crowder](#), manager of the Mobil Chemical Company warehouse in South Hill, Virginia, leaves the warehouse and starts home. About 50–75 yards down a narrow asphalt highway his headlights fall on an object 400 feet away on the road ahead. It is pewter-colored, shaped like a storage tank, about 12 feet in diameter, and 15–16 feet high. It is standing on legs about 3–3.5 feet long. He switches to his bright lights and the object belches a white burst of flame from the bottom and ascends rapidly. Meanwhile, the road is on fire. After it dies out, Crowder drives to South Hill and contacts police. They return and find a kidney-shaped black spot on the road, about 3 feet wide at the widest point. William T. Powers, assistant to [J. Allen Hynek](#) of Northwestern University, arrives on the scene to examine the spot. Using kerosene, gasoline, and a blowtorch, he attempts to simulate the black spot, but has no luck. Where each leg of the machine rested he finds two spike holes, similar to those made by football cleats. They are about 6 inches apart, 7/8 inch in diameter, and about one inch deep. The four feet are about 11.5–12 feet apart and the diagonals are 16 feet 1 inch and 16 feet 6 inches, respectively. Powers concludes that the center of gravity is above the firepoint and notes that the intersections of the diagonals deviate 2 degrees from 90°. ("[UFO Blocks Road, Sets It on Fire](#)," *Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram*, April 22, 1967, p. 1; "[South Hill, Va. Landing](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 11; [Sparks](#), p. 324; Fred Merritt, "[A Preliminary Classification of Some Reports of UFOs](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 10;

Gordon Lore, *Flying Saucers from beyond the Earth: A UFO Researcher's Odyssey*, BearManor, 2018, pp. 60–64)

- 1967**, April 22 — At the annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington, D.C., [James E. McDonald](#) says of [Donald Menzel](#), “when he comes to analyzing UFO reports, he seems to calmly cast aside well-known scientific principles almost with abandon, in an all-out effort to be sure that no UFO report survives his attack.” He also says, “I have learned from a number of unquotable sources that the Air Force has long wished to get rid of the burden of the troublesome UFO problem and has twice tried to ‘peddle’ it to NASA—without success.” (James E. McDonald, “[UFOs: Greatest Scientific Problem of Our Times?](#)” April 22, 1967; Clark III 699; “[Our Speaker\(s\) Tonight: James E. McDonald, Donald H. Menzel, Hector Quintanilla](#),” Saturday Night Uforia)
- 1967**, April 24 — After reading a March 7 column by [Drew Pearson](#) that alleges the US attempted to assassinate [Fidel Castro](#), President [Johnson](#) directs CIA Director [Richard Helms](#) to conduct an investigation. The result is a 133-page report by CIA Inspector General [John S. Earman](#), transmitted on April 24 to Helms, that clearly shows the CIA was in contact with and cooperated with Maj. [Rolando Cubela Secades](#) of the Cuban military in plans to assassinate Castro. The operation is known as Project AMLASH. After receiving the report, Helms orally briefs the President about its contents. According to his testimony before the Select Committee, when asked if he has told the President “that efforts to assassinate Fidel Castro had continued into Johnson’s presidency, Helms replied, ‘I just can’t answer that, I just don’t know. I can’t recall having done so.’” (US Department of State, Office of the Historian, “[Document 315](#),” in *Foreign Relations of the United States, 1964-1968, Volume XXXII, Dominican Republic; Cuba; Haiti; Guyana*)
- 1967**, April 28 — [Condon](#) recommends [J. Allen Hynek](#) and [Richard H. Hall](#) to *Encyclopedia Britannica* as excellent persons to write UFO entries. (Swords 319)
- 1967**, April 28 — 11:30 a.m. Brian F. Jenkins and seven other coast guards at Brixham, Devon, England, watch a huge, cone-shaped object through 25x binoculars mounted on a tripod. The object is hovering at 15,000 feet and seems to be revolving. Jenkins says the cone is pointing down, and the object seems made of glass or highly polished metal: “Near the bottom there was a triangular-shaped opening or door with a white rim on the top that reflected a lot of sunlight. The bottom was crinkled, very white, and seemed to consist of strips of metal hanging down.” It drifts to the northwest, rising to 22,000 feet and 8 miles away. At 12:40 p.m., a jet aircraft approaches it, flies above it, passes it, turns, and approaches it from below before it disappears from sight. Possible balloon. (“[British Radar/Visual Case](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 1 (May/June 1967): 8; Good Above, [pp. 60–62](#))
- 1967**, April 29 — 7:40 p.m. Ian McGregor and two other oil drillers drive out to an airstrip near Mount Whaleback, Western Australia, to look for a UFO that has been appearing in the area for several nights. Toward the southeast a bright haze appears that turns into an inverted cone of light that is followed by an orange disc that rises vertically, turns on its edge, and approaches them. They flash their headlights and the object stops moving. It then returns in the direction it came from and lands in the same spot. Their compasses are not working accurately. They wait until 11:30 p.m., but do not see it again. (L. J. Locke, “[UFOs in Western Australia: From Mayanup to Mt. Newman](#),” *Australian Flying Saucer Review*, no. 8 (1968): 16)
- 1967**, May — The CIA launches the Phoenix Program in Vietnam to gather information on the Viet Cong, whose members would then be neutralized (captured, converted, or killed). Emphasis for the enforcement of the operation is placed on local government militia and police forces, rather than the military. Heavy-handed operations—such as random cordons and searches, large-scale and lengthy detentions of innocent civilians, excessive use of firepower, torture, and targeted killings—have a negative effect on the civilian population. Between 1968 and 1972, Phoenix “neutralizes” 81,740 people (26,369 are killed) suspected of belonging to the National Liberation Front. The reported torture is carried out by South Vietnamese forces with the CIA and special forces playing a supervisory role. (Wikipedia, “[Richard Helms](#)”)
- 1967**, May — A man identifying himself as Maj. Richard French visits a woman in Owatonna, Minnesota, who has had a UFO encounter the previous November. He is 5 feet 9 inches with an olive complexion and hair too long for an Air Force officer. He is wearing a fashionable gray suit, white shirt, and black tie. At one point, French complains of stomach problems, and the woman recommends Jell-O. He says he will return if the symptoms persist, so he shows up the following morning. The woman sits him down with a bowl of Jell-O, which he tries to drink. “I had to show him how to eat it with a spoon,” the woman tells [John A. Keel](#). (John A. Keel, *UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse*, Manor Books ed., 1976, [pp. 171–173](#); Clark III 734)
- 1967**, May — 12:30–3:15 p.m. During a reconnaissance exercise in Madagascar, a detachment of 23 officers and men serving with the French Foreign Legion watch a bright object landing in a “falling leaf” motion. When it touches down on tripod legs, the glow dissipates. The egg-shaped craft is 23–26 feet high and has no visible markings

except for openings at the base through which flames are visible. The witnesses seem paralyzed or at least extremely distracted while the UFO is on the ground. When they recover their senses, they find that 2.75 hours have elapsed. For 2 days afterward, they all have violent headaches, a buzzing in their ears, and a throbbing in their temples. (H. Julien, "[A 1967 Landing in Madagascar](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 1 (June 1977): pp. 29–30; Good Need, pp. 297–298)

- 1967, May** — Evening. A woman in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, sees a light shining through her basement window. Across the street she notices a large object beaming with three colored lights and rotating. She goes outside with another woman and watch the slight slowly spin for 20 minutes above a neighbor's house. When she tries to call the neighbors, all she gets is a busy signal, and when she looks outside again, the object is gone. The next day, the neighbor tells her that there was nothing wrong with the phone and that all evening she had been playing cards with friends and talking about UFOs. (Michael D. Swords, "[Timmermania: A Step Too Far into the Timmerman Files?](#)" *IUR* 27, no. 4 (Winter 2002–2003): 8)
- 1967, May** — Evening. A farmer near Holbæk, Denmark, is working outside when he sees a strange lilac-colored light. Approaching, he sees a domed object with windows. Something is moving behind it. He goes home but returns to the spot the next day and finds an odd substance. It looks like "cotton wool," but is finer than cotton. He leaves it in the same spot, but it dissipates over the next three days. There is also a depressed area where the object had been, and some wire is pulled away from some pylons. ("[Denmark: Flying Saucer Landed in a Field outside 'Holbak'????](#)" *Saucer Scoop* 2, no. 4 (July 1967): 4; Michael D. Swords, "[Angel Hair: Spindrift between Worlds](#)," *IUR* 32, no. 1 (August 2008): 7)
- 1967, May or June** — A couple captures on an 8mm film camera 10 frames (2.5 seconds) of footage of an unusual object at Alberton, South Australia. The UFO is enveloped in a striking blue light that gives the appearance of a searchlight moving around its circumference. The developed film appears to show a craft with portholes and a sweeping searchlight. (David Reneke, "[The Australian UFO Photo File](#)," *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 2, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1981): 10–15; Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, "[Australian Ufology: A Review](#)," *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 26; Patrick Gross, "[The Alberton UFO Footage, Australia, 1967](#)")
- 1967, May 1** — The Colorado project issues a press release calling for photos of UFOs taken by private citizens and provides recommendations to the photographers and the information it should include. The release is basically a rewrite of a document prepared by NPIC staff and approved by [Lundahl](#) on March 24. (Peter A. Sturrock, *The UFO Enigma*, Warner, 1999, p. 48)
- 1967, May 1** — Night. A man's car engine fails while he is driving near Peeltree, West Virginia. He sees a 40-foot-long elliptical object emerge from behind a shed and hover 15 feet from his car. It tilts toward the car at a 30° angle. He hears static on the radio, and the dashboard temperature gauge goes off the dial. He feels an intense wave of heat when he puts his head out the window, and his hands burn when he touches the horn rim and dashboard. He also reports headaches and a partial loss of vision. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 19)
- 1967, May 5** — [Condon](#), [Low](#), [Hartmann](#), [Ratchford](#), and Charles Reed of the National Research Council are briefed by an unnamed specialist [probably Everitt L. Merritt of the Autometrics Division of the Raytheon Company of Alexandria, Virginia] at the NPIC on a photogrammetric analysis he had carried out on the November 1966 UFO photo case from Roseville, Ohio. The analysis debunks the photo. The committee is again impressed with the technical work performed, and Condon remarks that for the first time a scientific analysis of a UFO will stand up to investigation. (Wikipedia, "[Arthur Lundahl](#)"; E. L. Merritt, "[Photogrammetric Analysis of a Non-Synchronous Pair of U.F.O. Exposures](#)," June 1967; Peter A. Sturrock, *The UFO Enigma*, Warner, 1999, pp. 48–49; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 356–357)
- 1967, May 5** — Indonesian Air Marshal [Roesmin Noerjadin](#) admits that sometimes UFOs pose a problem for the country's air defense, and sometimes the military is forced to fire on them. (Good Need, p. 254)
- 1967, May 6** — 11:00 a.m. A mechanical engineer and his daughter are driving on the Durango–Mazatlán Highway in Mexico. They spot a disc-shaped object landed on the ground off the highway. They stop the car and he takes three photos as the object takes off. The first photo shows the object at treetop level, partially hidden by a tree, with a portion of its landing gear visible. The second object shows the object in flight against a clear sky. The third photo shows nothing. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 65)
- 1967, May 7** — 2:00 a.m. Ricky Banyard, 17, and four others watch and follow a spherical object with a spinning top and bottom and with red and green lights for 4 hours in Edmonton, Alberta, in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. As it hovers at about 200 feet, a light beam comes from the bottom of the object, illuminating the ground. They hear a muffled whistling noise as the object hovers, then a screaming noise like a jet engine starting up. All its lights go out, and the object takes off in a flurry of explosive sounds. Black streaks are later found on the charred road surface. ("[A UFO in Detail](#)," *Edmonton (Alberta) Journal*, May 8, 1967, p. 33; "[Eerie Object in Graveyard](#),"

APRO Bulletin, May/June 1967, p. 7; [“Beam Spotlights Witnesses,”](#) *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 1 (May/June 1967): 3; Chet Dembeck, [“Canadian UFO Sighting Lasting Hours with Multiple Witnesses Still Unsolved,”](#) Unknown Boundaries, November 17, 2023)

- 1967, May 7?** — A couple are driving through the state of Tabasco, Mexico, when they see a bright point of light in the sky. It descends to a spot about 500 feet away and gives off an intense white-orange light from its cone-shaped body. The couple stops and shuts off their headlights. When the object approaches closer, the man turns the headlights on again. The UFO stops in midair and blinks its light off and on twice. The couple become frightened and drive to the nearest town. Several people return with them to the spot and the object is still there. When they turn their headlights off and on, it approaches them. Some of the men run to the object with weapons raised, and it takes off into the sky within seconds. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 60)
- 1967, May 10** — [Richard Helms](#) goes to the White House to give President [Lyndon Johnson](#) the answers to the questions he'd been asked seven weeks earlier. The only account of that meeting is Helms's own. He says he described the [inspector general's] conclusions and that Johnson said: “Then you were not responsible for [Trujillo](#), ‘No.’ Correct answer. ‘[Diem](#)?’ ‘No.’ Correct answer. ‘[Castro](#), he’s still alive, okay.’” At the same meeting Helms also tells Johnson about the mail interception program “and some other things that were going on.” Johnson’s response to that was equally laconic; he just nodded and said something along the line of, ‘But be careful, don’t get caught.’” (Thomas Powers, *The Man Who Kept the Secrets: Richard Helms and the CIA*, Random House, 1979, [pp. 156–157](#))
- 1967, May 13** — 1:43 a.m. Michael Campeadore is driving in Arizona about 17 miles southwest of St. George, Utah, when he hears a loud humming sound. After stopping the car and getting out, he notices a huge object, 45–50 feet in diameter, hovering 25–30 feet above him. He reaches into the car and gets a .25 caliber pistol, loads it, and fires point blank at the object. He hears the bullets hit and ricochet as they strike. Before he has finished the clip, the object begins moving off and disappears in seconds. (“[Car Buzzing Incidents on Increase](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 6)
- 1967, May 13** — 4:40 p.m. An object is picked up on radar at the Colorado Springs, Colorado, airport. A Braniff flight is coming in for a landing on runway 35. The track of the object behaves like a ghost echo, perhaps a ground return being reflected from the Braniff aircraft. The blip appears at about twice the range of the Braniff blip. When the Braniff airliner touches down, however, the situation changes radically. The UFO blip pulls to the right (east) and passes over the airport at an estimated height of about 200 feet. The object track passes within 1.5 miles of the control tower. The object is not visible even through binoculars by personnel in the control tower. The Colorado project finds this to be one of the most puzzling radar cases on record. (NICAP, [“Invisible UFO Tracked on Radar”](#); Condon, [pp. 170–171, 310–316](#); Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, eds., *UFO’s: A Scientific Debate*, Cornell University, 1972, [p. xxii](#))
- 1967, Mid-May** — 11:00 p.m. Patricio Hanessian and Alfredo Padilla are driving in the state of Guanajuato, Mexico, and see a flat-bottomed, domed object in the sky. The central part is bright white and the edge is bright pink or red. It holds its position for 2–3 minutes then moves away, reappearing about 500 feet in front of their car, where it hovers for 2 minutes before speeding off. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 60–61)
- 1967, May 16** — CIA Director [Richard Helms](#) makes one last pitch for the A-12 Oxcart program to President [Johnson](#), saying the aircraft are essential for finding the SAM missile launch sites responsible for shooting down pilots in North Vietnam. They can’t wait for the Air Force’s SR-71 to become operational. Johnson authorizes A-12’s to deploy to Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, before the monsoons start. (Jacobsen, *Area 51*, [pp. 265–266](#))
- 1967, May 16** — 10:10 p.m. Ship Master Donald W. Dee and 3rd Mate Homer Hawthorne, seamen Earle Bradley and Eric Koster, all crew of the Pacific Coast Transport ship SS *Point Sur*, see six red point-source lights that seem to be pacing the ship over the Gulf of Mexico. One object is confirmed by sporadic radar returns as at 12,000 feet, 11 miles away. Through 7 x 50 binoculars, the objects appear brilliant yellow with red lights across upper two-thirds, but to the naked eye, the colors blend to reddish-orange point sources. They pulsate with a 4.5-second period and an approximate 1:3 brightness ratio. The lower objects rise and fall near the horizon. (NICAP, [“SS Point Sur Case”](#); J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [p. 267](#); [Sparks](#), p. 325)
- 1967, May 17** — The first official Soviet UFO Study Group is launched in a preliminary meeting at the Moscow Aviation and Cosmonautics Center with Maj. Gen. Porfiri Stolyarov at the helm and cosmologist [Felix Ziegel](#) as his deputy. Also in attendance are Heinrich Ludwig, [Nikolai Zhironov](#), [Igor Bestuzhev-Lada](#), [Valentin Akkuratov](#), Leonid Reino, Georgi Uger, Georgi Zevalkin, [Grigory Sivkov](#), [Yekaterina Ryabova](#), and Natalia Kravtsova. (Wikipedia, [“Felix Ziegel”](#); Good Above, [p. 570](#); Felix Ziegel, [“Unidentified Flying Objects,”](#) *Soviet Life*, no. 137 (February 1968): 29; Gordon Creighton, [“Dr. Felix Zigel’ and the Development of Ufology in Russia, Part I,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 3 (November 1981): 8–13; Mikhail Gershtein, [“A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union,”](#) UAP Check, July 6, 2024)

- 1967, May 20** — 12:15 p.m. [Stefan Michalak](#) is quartz prospecting near Falcon Lake, Manitoba, when he sees two red, glowing, cigar-shaped objects in the sky. One object begins to hover then move away, while the other lands on a large, flat rock 160 feet away. The landed object is more than 35 feet wide and 10 feet thick with a 3-foot high cupola. It goes through several color changes then appears like hot stainless steel with blinding purple-colored lights coming through slits in the cupola. It is making a whirring sound and warm air seems to be coming from it. Michalak sits and sketches the object for 30 minutes, then a small door opens on the side, revealing a lighted interior. Michalak walks to 60 feet away and hears voices inside. Thinking it is a US aircraft, he steps forward and shouts. “Okay, Yankee boys, having trouble? Come on out and we’ll see what we can do about it.” He says the same thing in five other languages. There is no response, so he puts green lenses over his glasses and looks inside, where he sees a series of flashing lights. He pulls his head back, noting that the wall is 18 inches thick. Almost immediately the opening closes. When his glove accidentally touches the surface, it burns and melts. The UFO angles upwards and he sees a 9-by-6 inch gridlike vent with a uniform pattern of small holes. A blast of hot gas erupts from the grid, searing his chest, sending him reeling backwards, and burning his shirt and undershirt. He rips the flaming clothing off just as the UFO ascends in a rush of air. It heads off to the west, the same direction the other UFO has gone. Michalak now has a headache and severe nausea, so he starts driving back to his motel. He eventually gets to Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg and receives a sedative. His chest burn heals, but the gridlike burn lesions on his abdomen persist. The symptoms continue well into 1968, when Michalak visits the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, staying there 2 weeks and undergoing outpatient treatment. He relocates the landing site on June 30, 1967, and the RCAF visits it in July, noting a 15-foot circle of cleared vegetation on the flat rock. Michalak obtains metal samples of unknown provenance from the site in 1968. (Wikipedia, “[Falcon Lake Incident](#)”; NICAP, “[Falcon Lake / Michalak Encounter](#)”; [\[RCMP case file\]](#), May 26, 1967; [\[RCMP case file\]](#), June 26, 1967; Stephen Michalak, *My Encounter with the UFO*, Osnova, 1967; “[Man Burned in Canada Landing](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, pp. 1, 3; Jim and Coral Lorenzen, “Burned by UFOs,” *Fate* 21 (October 1968): 36–45; Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, Signet, 1969, pp. 195–198; Condon, [pp. 316–324](#); Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 37–45](#); Chris Rutkowski, “[The Falcon Lake Incident, Part 1: Prologue 1967](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 1 (June 1981): 14–16; Chris Rutkowski, “[The Falcon Lake Incident, Part 2](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 2 (August 1981): 15–18; Chris Rutkowski, “[The Falcon Lake Incident, Part 3](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 27, no. 3 (November 1981): 21–25; Chris Rutkowski, “[Burned by a UFO? The Story of a Bungled Investigation](#),” *IUR* 12, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1987): 21–24; Edward M. Barker, “[Letter](#),” *IUR* 13, no. 2 (March/April 1988): 21–22; Good Above, [pp. 195–200](#); Chris Rutkowski, “[The Falcon Lake Case: Too Close an Encounter](#),” *JUFOS* 5 (1994): 1–34; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneeus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, [pp. 81–86](#); UFOEv II 209–212; Patrick Gross, “[Close Encounters: Falcon Lake, Canada, 1967](#),” February 3, 2005; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 72–93; Chris Rutkowski, “[The Cold, Hard Facts about UFOs in Canada](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 10, 22; Clark III 475–481; Chris Rutkowski and Stan Michalak, *When They Appeared: Falcon Lake 1967, August Night*, 2019; “[The Falcon Lake UFO Files](#),” *UM Alumni Today*, October 31, 2019; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 107–118, 154–157; Nigel Watson, “Blast from the Past,” *Fortean Times* 427 (January 2022): 26; Charlie Wiser, “[Falcon Lake, Manitoba, Canada: Blasted by UFO Exhaust!](#)” Three-Dollar Kit, 2022; Chris Rutkowski, “Falcon Lake Case,” *Fortean Times*, no. 433 (July 2023): 68)
- 1967, May 20** — A bizarre announcement is published in the Spanish newspaper *Informaciones* declaring that soon a spacecraft will land in Madrid, Spain, and fly earthbound terrestrials back to their home planet Ummo. (Clark III 1184)
- 1967, May 26** — 10:15 p.m. Three teenagers (Bobby Grant, Joseph Romero, and Johnny Sanchez) are driving along Atrisco Drive NW, north of Central Avenue in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A white light seems to follow them, weaving back and forth over the road. Finally it catches up with the car and hovers silently above it. The engine quits and the headlights fail. The teens leap from the car and the object suddenly flies off to the southwest. They can start the car again. (“[Car Buzzing Incidents on Increase](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 6)
- 1967, May 30** — A-12 spy planes begin Operation Black Shield in North Vietnam out of Kadena Air Base on Okinawa, Japan, locating and photographing surface-to-air missile sites that are shooting down US pilots. The A-12s fly at 80,000 feet and at about Mach 3.1, carrying out 22 sorties in 1967. However, the Russians monitor the flights and the Vietnamese move their SAM sites immediately after flyovers. (Wikipedia, “[Lockheed A-12](#)”)
- 1967, May 31** — [Fernando Sesma](#), president of the Amigos de los Visitantes del Espacio, speaks to an audience of 40 persons gathered at a café in Madrid, Spain. He says that the Ummites (who have been supplying him with messages since 1965 describing in excruciating detail life on the planet Ummo, which revolves around a star 14.6 light years away) have given him a startling printed message predicting that a spacecraft will appear on the

evening of June 1. The space people have supplied the exact geographical coordinates: the area of San José de Valderas, Madrid. All the Ummite messages, passed on to Sesma by his associates [Enrique Villagrasa](#) and [Alicia Araujo](#), are usually postmarked in Madrid, but as time goes by, other postmarks indicate mailings from London, Germany, Austria, New Zealand, Yugoslavia, and Canada. (Clark III 1184–1185; Fernando Sesma, *UMMO, otro planeta habitado*, Gráficas Espejo, 1967)

- 1967**, May 31 — [Jacques Vallée](#) begins a two-week visit in New Hampshire with abductees [Betty and Barney Hill](#) at the request of [J. Allen Hynek](#) to act “as an observer in a contact experiment Betty Hill wants to conduct.” Betty has come to believe that she can “make a flying saucer appear in the sky and land.” Writer [John G. Fuller](#), psychiatrist Benjamin Simon, and IBM engineer [Robert E. Hohmann](#) are also present for the attempt. Convinced that Betty is able to communicate with humanoid extraterrestrial beings, Hohmann sets up a folding table and chalk circle to observe or meet the UFOs and their occupants. Nothing out of the ordinary happens, but Betty “jumped up excitedly” at every artificial satellite, meteor, and lightning bug. Vallée seems convinced that something indeed has happened to the pair, but also that “Hohmann has clearly planted many strange ideas into the couple’s mind.” (Tanner F. Boyle, “[Forbidden Science Dispatches #1](#),” *Getting Spooked Substack*, October 4, 2023)
- 1967**, May 31 — 11:30 p.m. A woman at a farmhouse near Beausejour, Manitoba, sees an intensely bright red light with a smaller blue light on the bottom that approaches from the south and hovers about 375 feet away. A white light on the bottom becomes brighter as the object hovers, its glow illuminating the ground. The object lands and leaves a burning area 90 feet by 150 feet in size with radioactive soil. The area is still smoldering on June 15, despite several rains. (“[Second Landing in Canada](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1967, p. 2)
- 1967**, June — [Low](#) says he wants the Colorado project to compile a case book of its best UFO reports. [Richard Hall](#) is invited for 2 days of consulting and narrows the case list to 100. A small team agrees to go over the list and decide which ones deserve more intensive analysis. By August, [Saunders](#) becomes the lone staffer selecting cases and he only has 12. (UFOs Yes, 81–83)
- 1967**, June — The newly formed Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena publishes the *SIGAP Newsletter* in Camberley, Surrey, England, until June 1969. It revitalizes the newsletter as the *New SIGAP Bulletin* from 1977 to 1979. (*SIGAP Newsletter*, no. 1 (June 1, 1967); *SIGAP Bulletin*, no. 15 (August 1, 1968); *The New SIGAP Bulletin*, no. 1 (July 1977))
- 1967**, June — Night. Giuseppe Aldini, 17, is with his family in Montalcino, Siena, Italy, when he sees a round, luminous object from his window. Later he notices a glowing red light on a nearby hill. The next day he goes to the spot and finds a circular burned area 100 feet in diameter with four imprints in its center. Inside are many black minerals that are analyzed by the University of Florence’s Mineralogical Institute and found to be quartz crystals. (1Pinotti 157)
- 1967**, Early June — 9:30 p.m. Four children and an adult are in a car driving north on Michigan Highway 52 about 15 miles east of Lansing, Michigan. The driver notices an odd light moving west to east, so she pulls to the side of the road and they all get out to watch it as it passes overhead. It is a circular red light that appears to pulsate. They can hear no sound, even though there is no road traffic at the time. As the light approaches the eastern horizon it stops and a smaller light like a bright star moves toward it from the south and seems to enter the larger red light, which then disappears. ([CUFOS Nocturnal Light cases](#))
- 1967**, June 1 — The UFO seen by [José Luis Jordán Peña](#) in Aluche, Madrid, Spain, allegedly reappears in the neighborhood of San José de Valderas. This time, Jordán Peña plays UFO investigator, taking statements from witnesses who describe a low-flying disc-shaped object with the same strange symbol on the underside. An anonymous man takes several photographs that he drops off at a photo lab on June 2. He then calls newspaper photographer Antonio San Antonio, telling him where to pick them up. All but one show an edge-on view of what appears to be a large, squat disc with a rim through its midsection. One photo shows the bottom of the UFO with the Aluche symbol, this time with a horizontal bar crossing the verticals and linking the two arms. In August, another photographer calling himself Antonio Pardo produces two more photos of the edge-on disc taken the same day, as well as some hard green-colored plastic strips bearing the distinctive Aluche symbol supposedly found in a capsule that leaflets by a “Henri Dagousset” predicted in June would be found. Jordán Peña later confesses to hoaxing the plastic strips, which are made of Tedlar (polyvinyl fluoride) produced by DuPont for the US space program. Independent analyses by French space scientist [Claude Poher](#) and the US group Ground Saucer Watch determine that the San José de Valderas photo with the Ummo symbol is a small model—an 8-inch plate suspended by a string or fishing line—held close to the camera. The symbol apparently is drawn in ink. (Wikipedia, “[Ummo](#)”; Antonio Ribera, “[The San José de Valderas Photographs](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1969): 3–10; Oscar Rey Brea, “[Algo sobre las fotografías del supuesto OVNI de San José de Valderas](#),” *Stendek* 3, no. 9 (August 1972): 5–11; Antonio Ribera and Rafael Farriols, *Un caso perfecto*, Plaza y

- Janés, 1976; Fred Adrian, "[Ground Saucer Watch Computer Photographic Analysis \(Critique\)](#), [San José de Valderas, Spain, 1967](#)," *CUFOS Bulletin*, Spring 1977, pp. 11–13; Claude Poher, "[Remarks on Aluche, San José de Valderas, and the 'Ummo' Affair: A Monstrous Hoax!](#)" *CUFOS Bulletin*, Spring 1977, pp. 3–10; Scott Corrales, "[The UMMO Experience: Are You Experienced?](#)" *Strange Magazine*, January 31, 2001; Clark III 1183)
- 1967**, June 3 — The town of St. Paul, Alberta, officially dedicates a UFO landing pad as a public park and as a safe place for aliens to land. Minister of National Defence [Paul Hellyer](#) flies in by helicopter to launch the pad. It consists of a raised platform with a map of Canada embossed on the back stop, consisting of stones provided by each province of Canada. (Wikipedia, "[St. Paul, Alberta](#)"; Town of St. Paul, "[The Landing Pad](#)"; George M. Eberhart, "[Postcards with a UFO Theme](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 20; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 240–243; "[World's First UFO Landing Pad](#)," Atlas Obscura, April 19, 2010; "[This Small Town Built a UFO Landing Pad... But Why?](#)" CBC Arts YouTube channel, October 26, 2020)
- 1967**, June 7 — [James E. McDonald](#) speaks before the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs meeting in New York City on the "International scientific aspects of the problem of the unidentified flying objects." UN Secretary-General [U Thant](#) has arranged for the lecture, based on conversations he has had with [John G. Fuller](#) and [J. Allen Hynek](#) in early 1966. McDonald urges the UN to undertake a systematic global study of the UFO problem, but it does not act on the recommendation. (James E. McDonald, [Letter to UN Secretary-General U Thant](#), June 5, 1967, p. 1; James E. McDonald, "[Statement on International Scientific Aspects of the Problem of the Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," presented to the UN Outer Space Affairs group, June 7, 1967, pp. 2–3; Clark III 698, 1189; Patrick Gross, "[Scientists Taking Position](#)")
- 1967**, June 9 — Day. Two Spanish Air Force pilots flying Lockheed T-33s at 4,000 feet encounter a UFO over the Extremadura region, Spain. Attempts at radio contact fail, and when they fly above or below the object, their radios cease to function and emit interference noises. The UFO soon moves off, easily outstripping the jets, stopping and waiting for them to approach, then moving on again. The two pilots notify the Talavera la Real Air Base in Badajoz and Torrejón Air Base in Madrid, from which two faster fighters are scrambled. The new fighters experience the same radio interference and maneuvers until the object shoots straight up at high speed. (Antonio Ribera, "[Spanish Jets Chase UFO](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 3 (May/June 1968): 26–27)
- 1967**, June 12–13 — The Colorado project plays host to 34 Air Force officers having UFO responsibility at various bases. [Low](#) and [Saunders](#) try to get them excited about reporting UFOs to the project, but aren't very successful. (NICAP, "[UFO Investigators Meeting 12 and 13 June 1967](#)"; UFOs Yes, 125–126)
- 1967**, June 13 — 2:30 a.m. Carmen Cuneo, a mine worker in Caledonia, Ontario, steps out of the mine headquarters building and sees two strange objects near a pond in the vicinity of the mine dump. One is cigar-shaped and about 36 feet long with four windows along the side; a boom-like aerial protrudes from one side. The other is disc-shaped and about 15 feet across. Both are hovering 12 feet above the ground. Three small men wearing what look like miners' hats with four amber lights are underneath the boom. After watching for 10 minutes, Cuneo goes back to find another witness, but when he returns the men are gone. The two objects, however, remain until 3:05 a.m. when they take off to the southwest, flashing multicolored lights. ("[Two Mine Workers See Alien Crafts](#)," *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 49 (Fall 1967): 9; "[June Sighting of Occupants in Canada](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1967, p. 4; Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, Signet, 1969, pp. 285–286; Lorenzen, *Encounters with UFO Occupants*, Berkley Medallion, 1976, p. 202; Lawrence J. Fenwick, "[Mysteries Follow Landing](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 4, no. 3 (Spring 1977): 8–12; Lawrence J. Fenwick, "[Crisis or Solution?](#)" *The UFO Pulse Analyzer*, no. 2 (May 1977): 2–13; "[Gypsum Miner Has Close UFO Encounter](#)," *Pasadena (Tex.) Citizen*, July 6, 1978, via *Aerial Phenomenon Clipping Information Center Clipping Service* 3, no. 8 (August 1978): 11; Harry Tokarz, "[UFO Witnesses: Are They Public Property?](#)" *CUFORN Bulletin* 5, no. 3 (May–June 1984): 9–10)
- 1967**, June 18 — Several people in Mulluri, [perhaps near Viña del Mar], Chile, see three discs flying in a V formation above the town. They flash orange and blue lights alternately and make no sound. They maneuver for 10 minutes before disappearing at high speed. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 61)
- 1967**, June 18 — Late evening. A family is returning home by boat near Clearwater Bay on Shoal Lake, Ontario, when they notice a bright oval object hovering 50 feet above the treetops about a half-mile away. As they approach, the object turns an orange tinge and suddenly sweeps toward their boat at great speed. They beat a hasty retreat to the other shore, while the UFO returns to its original position. The same thing happens when they approach the object again. After about 15 minutes, the object takes off at an incredible speed to the northwest. One resident, who is not aware of the UFO, reports later that the static on his radio was so bad that he had to turn it off. Wilted leaves on the top of birch, hazel, and chokecherry trees are discovered in the sighting area. Leaf samples are analyzed by the Canadian Department of Forestry, which cannot find an explanation for their condition other than heat. The University of Manitoba finds evidence of fungus on one sample but not on others. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO*

- Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 150–152; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 31–34; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 55–56)
- 1967**, June 22–25 — [Condon](#) attends, at the invitation of [James W. Moseley](#) and against the better judgment of the rest of the Colorado project staff, the Congress of Scientific Ufologists at the Hotel Commodore in New York City for the 20th anniversary of the [Kenneth Arnold](#) sighting. Speakers include [Gray Barker](#), [John A. Keel](#), Moseley, Art Ford, Gordon Evans, actor [Roy Thinnes](#), and [Ivan T Sanderson](#). Kenneth Arnold and [Raymond A. Palmer](#) are originally scheduled but cancel. (“[Flying Saucer’ Convention](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 1 (May/June 1967): 8; Swords 316, 320; James W. Moseley and Karl T. Pflock, *Shockingly Close to the Truth! Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist*, Prometheus, 2002, pp. 209–218; Karl Machtanz, “[Saucer News NYC Convention Memories](#),” In Honor of Jim Moseley, February 3, 2014; Rick Hilberg, “[Jim Moseley’s Giant UFO Show](#),” In Honor of Jim Moseley; Curt Collins, “[The National UFO Conference](#),” In Honor of Jim Moseley, March 11, 2014; Curt Collins, “[The UFO Anniversary and the Giant New York Convention of 1967](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, June 22, 2018; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 356)
- 1967**, June 23 — Broadcaster [Frank Edwards](#) dies of a heart attack. (“[Death of Frank Edwards](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 2 (October 1967): 8)
- 1967**, June 24 — 10:00 p.m. At Paso de los Libres, Corrientes, Argentina, policemen see 8–10 bright lights that fly in formation over a military post at an estimated 15,000 feet altitude. Other groups of UFOs are seen the same night at Yapeyú and Santo Tomé in Corrientes; Oberá in Misiones; and Resistencia and Barranqueras in Chaco, Argentina. All are observed for at least 1–2 minutes. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 61–62)
- 1967**, June 24 — In Asunción, Paraguay, many residents see six objects in formation maneuvering over the city. Communications interference is reported by the airport control tower director. (NICAP, “[The 1967 UFO Chronology](#)”)
- 1967**, June 24–25 — The Centro Ufologico Nazionale holds the first UFO conference in Italy at Riccione, Rimini. (IPinotti 143–146)
- 1967**, June 27 — [McDonald](#) is in Australia, financed by a small grant from the Office of Naval Research, to do cloud-physics research. Earlier in June, in a memo to [Low](#), he said he planned to do some UFO investigating and lecturing. Low forwards the letter to [Philip Klass](#) in December. (Clark III 700)
- 1967**, June 28 — A NASA management instruction issued by [Kurt H. Debus](#), director of Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida, on “Processing Reports of Sightings of Space Vehicle Fragments” notes that “Under no circumstances will the origin of the object be discussed with the observer or person making the call,” including “reports of sightings of objects not related to space vehicles.” (John F. Kennedy Space Center, “[Processing Reports of Sightings of Space Vehicle Fragments](#),” NASA Management Instruction KMI 8610.4, June 28, 1967)
- 1967**, June 28 — 8:25 p.m. Tsai Chang-hung is looking at stars at the Taipei City Observatory in Taipei, Taiwan, when he sees a bright dot make an abrupt 90° turn near the Big Dipper. He grabs his 16mm camera and calls his brother, observatory director Tsai Chang-hsien, to come look but the object has disappeared. He waits for nearly an hour, and the object reappears and hovers above Guanyin Mountain in New Taipei City for about 30 seconds, during which time he snaps three photos. Other witnesses see the object and contact the observatory to report it. The Central Weather Bureau claims it is one of their weather balloons, but Tsai Chang-hsien suspects the object is not likely a balloon. The photos are of poor quality, but they are enhanced in 1996 and clearly show an object of some kind. (Han Cheung, “[Taiwan in Time: UFOs over the Skies of Taiwan](#),” *Taipei Times*, June 23, 2024, p. 13)
- 1967**, June 30 — [Condon](#), [David Saunders](#), Norm Levine, [Franklin Roach](#), [Mary Lou Armstrong](#), and visiting journalism grad student Herbert Strentz hold a meeting about a “case book” of significant cases. Condon tries to dissuade Saunders and Levine from pursuing this, but they prevail. (Swords 320)
- 1967**, July — Even though the Colorado project is requesting UFO reports from NICAP, [Keyhoe](#) is withholding them. [Roy Craig](#) discovers the [Low](#) memorandum while searching for unrelated information in the files. He shares it with Norm Levine and [David Saunders](#), who realize that it clearly implies that the project is a “whitewash noninvestigation.” The memo makes the rounds of project personnel, then gets refiled. (Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space*, Signet ed., 1974, p. 121; UFOs Yes, 135)
- 1967**, July — 10:00 p.m. A witness sees an intense orange light through the window of her home in the Mount Lofty Ranges, South Australia. She calls her mother and they go outside to watch a cigar-shaped light hovering, moving up and down slightly, and turning over on its side. It has portholes around its lower edge. After 20 minutes, it moves off to the western horizon at a high rate of speed. (“[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): 2)

- 1967, July 1** — The *Denver Post* reveals that the Colorado project has requested an additional \$280,000 to extend it into September. [Condon](#) is upset. USAF ultimately approves an additional \$183,155, plus \$29,750 for expenses, bringing the total to \$525,905. (UFOs Yes, 182)
- 1967, July 3** — An informant of [Leonard H. Stringfield](#), a Marine PFC K-9 trainer stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California, is ordered to depart by airplane to a site “somewhere in the desert.” He and his dogs are flown for 2.5 hours to the site, where a makeshift landing strip, tents, a Quonset hut, and a pre-fab hangar have been erected. He is assigned a post for guard duty. On his fourth day of duty, he manages to look inside the hangar and sees a metallic domed disc about 30 feet in diameter. Men are working around the craft, and he sees a large walk-in refrigerator on skids and several empty body bags. He is caught by a guard and taken to the officer in command, who confines him to quarters and sends him back to Camp Pendleton. (Leonard H. Stringfield, *UFO Crash Retrievals: Status Report III, Amassing the Evidence*, The Author, June 1982, [pp. 86–88](#))
- 1967, July 3** — 5:30 p.m. Warren Smith and two friends hiking in the mountains near Highwood Ranger Station, 50 miles southwest of Calgary, Alberta, take two color photos of a daylight disc that appears to be about 25 feet in diameter. The disc appears from less than 2 miles away and at an altitude of approximately 2,000 feet. It travels toward the hikers, gradually losing altitude, then at a distance of about one-half mile it hovers for a moment and an object appears to fall from it. It disappears from sight at treetop level at great speed. The photos are examined by both Canadian and American authorities; [Hynek](#) describes them as some of the best photos on record at the time. An analysis by Canadian National Defence finds the object is an oblate ellipsoid with a diameter of 40–50 feet and a thickness of 11–14 feet. The witnesses sign statutory declarations to the effect that the photos are not a hoax; if proven false, they would be subject to prosecution under the Canada Evidence Act. Nevertheless, the Colorado Committee thinks the object could be a hoaxed hand-thrown model. Ground Saucer Watch declares it genuine. (Canada, National Research Council, [\[case documents\]](#), 1967, pp. 13–33; Condon, [pp. 469–475](#); J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 67–68](#); Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 9–13](#); Wendelle C. Stevens, “[Hikers near Calgary Photograph a UFO in 1967.](#)” OpenMinds, November 24, 2010; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 119–125, 158–159)
- 1967, July 3** — 7:15 p.m. Joe Ferriere sees a large, cigar-shaped object about 75–100 feet long hanging low in the sky above Woonsocket, Rhode Island. A peculiar piston-like apparatus appears to be pumping in and out of its left end. It is moving right to left in the manner of a pendulum. Before it moves off to the east, it releases a glowing disc-shaped object, about 12–15 feet in diameter. He takes a total of 6 photos of the objects. (“[Long Rectangular UFOs: Five Different Cases of Similarly Shaped Objects.](#)” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 9 (September 1981): 1; “[Cigar-Shaped UFOs Caught on Camera by Joseph Ferriere and Harold Trudel, 1967/68.](#)” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, January 17, 2023)
- 1967, July 3** — 9:15 p.m. [Thomas H. Nicholl](#), his family, and another couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Dowd, are sitting on the Nicholls’s porch in Leawood, Kansas, when they see an unusual orange-red light approach from the north-northeast. It is bright metallic in color, about 50 feet in diameter, and traveling 100 mph at an altitude of 2,000–3,000 feet. The red-orange color emanates from three lights on the rear side. After 5 minutes, the object blows up, leaving in its wake a “nearly pure white” cloud that dissipates. The witnesses see fragments falling to earth. (“[Exploding Disc.](#)” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 11 (May 1969): 7–8; Clark III 340–341)
- 1967, July 4** — 5:15 a.m. At least five witnesses from two independent locations about 5 miles west of Corning, California, see an oblong, metallic-appearing object with a brilliant light on top and a smaller light on the bottom near the front. Jay Munger, proprietor of an all-night bowling alley, and two police officers, Frank Rakes and James Overton, describe it as a dark-gray flattened sphere with a brilliant light beam on top directed upward, and a smaller and dimmer light on the bottom directed downward. A dark band circles the midsection. Two men north of Corning independently see the object. The witnesses estimate a diameter of 50–100 feet. At first the object appears to be hovering, then it moves slowly a few hundred feet above the ground, finally picking up speed and disappearing from view to the south after being visible for about 10 minutes. (James E. McDonald, “[Statement on Unidentified Flying Objects.](#)” in *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968, p. 74)
- 1967, July 5** — 4:20 a.m. A motorist on State Highway 31, near the Depot Road area of Coventry, Connecticut, sees an orange ball of light that appears to be hanging from a tree. He drives into Coventry and reports the matter to the police but the object is gone when they arrive on the scene. Investigators from the University of Colorado and APRO find an area of grass some yards from the location that appears to have been swirled flat as if subject to a rotating force. A photograph taken of the scene turns out black. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 63; Condon, [pp. 329–331](#))

- 1967, July 5** — Night. A witness is driving five miles north-northeast of Murray Bridge, South Australia, on the Karoonda Highway when he notices interference on the car radio, which becomes a high-pitched whine. He turns the radio off. Within 300–450 feet, his car engine stops by itself. The ignition is on but the warning lights on the dash come on. Looking up, he sees a distinct break in the fog with stars visible and a “large dark shadow” at a height of 20 feet. The shadow seems 120 feet thick. Above it is a grayish-blue glow. The top of the shadow appears convex. He stops the vehicle and gets out to look, but the shadow and light are gone. There is no sound, and the object has vanished. The witness returns to the vehicle, tries the ignition, and the motor works. There is no longer radio interference. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 19)
- 1967, July 6** — The Colorado project staff meet again to nominate the first set of UFO reports for its “case book.” [Condon](#) refuses to nominate a case, but [Low](#) proposes the Red Bluff police report of August 1960, which is far outside Condon’s concept of limiting cases to no more than a year old. (Swords 120)
- 1967, July 6** — 6:00 p.m. An Air Canada DC-9 Vanguard has just taken off from its stop in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and is heading east. Air traffic controllers notice an unexpected radar return, also heading east, near the aircraft. In the space of 70 seconds, they watch the target accelerate from 800 to more than 4,000 mph before it zips off the scope near the town of Vivian. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 126)
- 1967, July 6** — 9:24 p.m. A radar operator in the airport at Kenora, Ontario, notes an unidentified target heading northeast. It approaches to about 40 miles, then turns and retreats to 50 miles away. At 9:35 p.m. another target appears, following an Air Canada flight; it turns northeast and disappears from the scope. At 9:53 p.m., an additional blip follows another Air Canada airliner before veering away to the northeast. None of the pilots see anything unusual. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 127–128)
- 1967, July 7** — 7:00 p.m. Air traffic controllers at Winnipeg International Airport in Manitoba, while monitoring an eastbound Air Canada flight on radar, notice a target moving at high speed toward Kenora, Ontario. At 9:24 p.m., the same or a similar object is detected on the Kenora Airport radar headed northeast. For three hours the object executes various maneuvers, including 180° turns and twice follows Air Canada flights before resuming its northeast course and disappearing off the scope. (Gregory M. Kanon, “[UFOs and the Canadian Government](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 6 (1975): 21; Good Above, [p. 200](#); Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 57)
- 1967, July 7** — 11:30 p.m. Antonio Brambilla and another man watch a UFO land on some grass in a deserted part of the Rondò-Torretta quarter in Milan, Italy. A glow comes from the object, which is about 21 feet in diameter and 8 feet high. It has a dome on top and four telescopic legs with spheres on their tips. They feel a strange vibration that makes them weak, but the feeling dissipates as the legs of the UFO retract and it takes off. (IPinotti 157)
- 1967, July 13** — 11:26 p.m. Robert Richardson and Jerry Quay are driving near Whitehouse, Ohio. When rounding a bend, they encounter a brilliant blue-white light blocking the road. It appears to be a triangle 8 feet tall and 21 feet wide. Richardson brakes and close their eyes. They feel a bump but can see nothing. The local police do not take the incident seriously. However, the accident is investigated by the state police and highway patrol, who find only skid marks at the scene. The next day Richardson returns to the site and finds a piece of metal in the road. Marks on his car hood and bumper suggest a collision with an object taking off. On July 18 and 23, Richardson is visited by mysterious men, those on the second occasion being foreign-looking, who make a threat against his wife. [Roy Craig](#) of the Colorado project conducts a test on the metal and finds it consists of iron and chromium, with traces of nickel and manganese. Fibrous material from the front bumper is 92% magnesium, 5% aluminum, 2% zinc, and 1% manganese. (“[UAO Struck by Automobile in Ohio](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1967, pp. 1, 3; Condon, [p. 93](#); Jacques Vallée, “[Physical Analyses in Ten Cases of Unexplained Aerial Objects with Material Samples](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 12, no. 3 (1998): 367–372; Irena Scott, *UFOs and the Millennium*, Greyden, 1999, pp. 84–85; Mark Rodeghier, “[UFO/Vehicle Very Close Encounters](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 25–26;)
- 1967, July 17** — 11:25 p.m. Emma Funk is driving on State Highway 22 north of Millerton, New York, when a black, shiny object the size of a baseball flies into her headlight beams. It heads toward the windshield, brushes against it, then veers off to the left. As it brushes, her car lights up “like a great electric light bulb,” her engine quits, and the headlights go out. Funk is stunned, and when she regains her senses, the car is facing the opposite direction, toward the south. The engine starts up normally, but there is a cracked area in the windshield the size of a fist. She can’t account for about 15 minutes. (“[Object Hit Car in Millerton; Engine Stalled, Lights Went Out](#),” *Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal*, July 19, 1967, p. 6; Mark Rodeghier, “[UFO/Vehicle Very Close Encounters](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 24–25)
- 1967, July 20–21** — 11:30 p.m. Barbara Fawcett is driving alone on North Key Largo, Florida, near Jewfish Creek. She sees a large light in her rear-view mirror apparently following the car. The burning yellow light seems to be floating 6–8 feet off the ground, and it stays over the road. She accelerates to 100 mph as the light overtakes her

car and seems to be about to land on top of it. As a car approaches in the opposite direction, the object emits a bright yellow glow that lights up the road and then disappears. She decides to return home to Pompano Beach with her sister the same morning, and at 2:30 a.m. they are on US Highway 1 near the same spot when she sees the light again, rising from a swamp and moving toward them 15 feet above the ground. Her sister's toy poodle is terrified. The light veers away from the road and appears to land on a sand dune. ("[Landing in Florida](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1967, p. 7)

- 1967**, July 21 — Ronnie Hill, 14, of Pamlico County, North Carolina, sends a color photo of what looks like a little man in a spacesuit standing in front of a spherical UFO to a New York magazine editor. It winds up in the hands of [John A. Keel](#). Hill tells him the UFO landed in his backyard. Keel gathers affidavits from Ronnie's teachers, parents, and the local 4-H club, and submits the photo to "several professional photographers" in New York, who cannot find evidence of a hoax. Soon, however, Keel has doubts and the photo is revealed to be that of a small model positioned in front of an egg. (John A. Keel, "[The 'Little Man' of North Carolina](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 15–16; "[Doubts about 'Little Man' Photograph](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1969): 11; Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, p. 230; Clark III 603; Aaron Sakulich, "[The Strange Tale of Ronnie Hill](#)," *The Iron Skeptic*, January 13, 2007)
- 1967**, July 24 — In reply to a question by MP Edward M. Taylor, Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) reiterates that UFO reports are investigated, but nothing of "defence interest" has been found. (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967**, July 25 — 10:30 p.m. LaVern Affeldt is outside doing chores on his farm near Garrison, North Dakota, when he notices his cattle are nervous, and his dog is whining and looking off toward the east. Glancing in that direction, he sees a circular, glowing blue-white object hovering near a Minuteman missile site about one mile away. He calls his family and they see it too. Shortly afterward the object moves straight north, darting with rapid bursts of speed, then slowing to a stop again. Each time it accelerates, its color changes to bright red, then gradually back to blue-white as it slows down and stops. It is moving up and down as well as horizontally, almost touching the ground at times, and revolving. Finally it moves away to the north and blinks out. (UFOEv II 212–213; Covert 69)
- 1967**, July 26 — 8:38 p.m. Capt. Shindler is piloting Pacific Western Airlines Flight 748 westbound near the Westfall River in the Rocky Mountains of British Columbia. He notices a small pink light moving erratically at about 16,000 feet. It zips away after 18 minutes. Radar operators in Kamloops also observe the object. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 128)
- 1967**, July 30 — 6:15 p.m. The *Naviero*, a ship of the Argentine Shipping Lines Company, is 120 miles off the coast of Garopaba, Santa Catarina, Brazil, when Office Jorge Montoya notices a strange object in the ocean about 50 feet away on the starboard side. Capt. Julián Lucas Ardanza comes to the deck and sees a cigar-shaped UFO about 110 feet long, glowing blue and white. It paces the ship for 15 minutes, then suddenly dives and passes underneath the ship, vanishing in the depths. Chief Officer Carlos Lasca describes the object as a "submersible UFO with its own illumination." (Oscar A. Galíndez, "[Crew of Argentine Ship See Submarine UFO](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 2 (March/April 1968): 22)
- 1967**, July 30 — 10:17 p.m. [George](#) and [Brownie Petyak](#) see a bright yellow star-like light at about 65° elevation to the east of Kernville, California. It is later joined by a second similar object appearing to try to "steer" the first onto a "definite course." Through binoculars the first object appears bright blue. A second independent observation from Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake in the Mojave Desert locates an object visually and/or on radar to the west over Walker Pass (about 20 miles) and is reported to Edwards AFB. Thus the visual sighting lines intersect from opposite directions. A controller at Edwards uses RAPCON (Radar Approach Control) radar (or Boron AFS FPS-35 search radar) and confirms the visual report at China Lake but tries to dismiss the 115 mph target as merely civil aircraft that "frequently" fly over the area. The Kernville witnesses report by phone during their sighting to the Boron AFS ADC radar site. Blue Book claims the date of the sighting is in question because the questionnaire sent to the Petyaks uses the military time (Greenwich Meridian Time or Zulu time) instead of local time. (NICAP, "[Radar/Visual and Sighting Lines Intersect](#)"; [Sparks](#), p. 326; Condon, p. 122; Clark III 392)
- 1967**, July 31 — 10:15 p.m. Sidney Zipkin is driving a truck on Main Street in Churchville, New York, when he sees a cigar-shaped object about 50 feet long in a parking lot. It has greenish blinking lights underneath it, on or near the ground. He shines the truck headlights on the object and sees two small men in shiny black uniforms board the object, which takes off straight up. ("[UFOs in Churchville?](#)" *Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle*, August 3, 1967, pp. 1B–2B; Diana Walsh Pasulka, *Encounters: Experiences with Nonhuman Intelligences*, St. Martins, 2023, pp. 206–211)

- 1967, August** — At the request of President [Johnson](#), the CIA sets up Operation CHAOS to gather intelligence about foreign influence on American dissent. Its mission is to gather and evaluate all information about foreign links to racial, antiwar, and other protest activity. The operation is launched under DCI [Richard Helms](#) and counter-intelligence chief [James Jesus Angleton](#), and headed by [Richard Ober](#). The program runs through 1973, amassing 10,000 files on more than 300,000 individuals and 100 domestic groups. The operation also infiltrates foreign intelligence targets and domestic radical organizations. The NSA assists in the surveillance with its own Project MINARET. Operating between 1967 and 1973, over 5,925 foreigners and 1,690 organizations and US citizens are included on the Project MINARET watch lists. NSA Director [Lew Allen](#) testifies before the Senate Intelligence Committee in 1975 that the NSA has issued over 3,900 reports on the watch-listed Americans. At some point, the NSA is tasked with monitoring the overseas telephone calls and cable traffic of two prominent members of Congress, Sen. [Frank Church](#) (D-Idaho) and Sen. [Howard Baker](#) (R-Tenn.). The FBI begins COINTELPRO—BLACK HATE, which focuses on [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as well as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Revolutionary Action Movement, the Deacons for Defense and Justice, Congress of Racial Equality, and the Nation of Islam. BLACK HATE establishes the Ghetto Informant Program and instructs 23 FBI offices to “disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize the activities of black nationalist hate type organizations.” (Wikipedia, “[Operation CHAOS](#)”; Wikipedia, “[Project MINARET](#)”; Wikipedia, “[COINTELPRO](#)”; Matthew M. Ald and William Burr, “[Secret Cold War Documents Reveal NSA Spied on Senators](#),” *Foreign Policy*, September 25, 2013)
- 1967, August** — 2:00 a.m. A man is returning to his mother’s home in Wapakoneta, Ohio, when he sees a strangely bright star to the left of Polaris. As he watches, it grows a bit brighter and begins to move directly beneath Polaris and then continues to the right. It repeats this in reverse and then goes under Polaris and stops. The star then migrates north and south, tracing out the elements of a large cross. It does this several times rapidly. Then it comes back below Polaris and just sits there. After nearly 3 hours, the witness decides to stop watching. At that, the star goes up to Polaris and shoots away to the left. (Michael D. Swords, “[We Know Where You Live](#),” *IUR* 30, no. 2 (January 2006): 11)
- 1967, August 1** — 2:08 a.m. Len Filppu is camping out with some other teenagers in the backyard of his friend Timothy Hurley in Brockport, New York. While gazing at the sky, he sees a huge orange sphere with red, orange, and yellow flames glide horizontally and silently across the horizon, followed by a white, star-sized light behind it. It seems to be only 90 feet away at an altitude of 200 feet, moving from west-northwest to east-southeast. He wakes the other boys up and they see it as well. After 30 seconds, it moves out of sight. Others in the area witness a similar light. (“[Geneseo Men Report UFO](#),” *Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle*, August 4, 1967, p. 4B; Diana Walsh Pasulka, *Encounters: Experiences with Nonhuman Intelligences*, St. Martins, 2023, pp. 200–214)
- 1967, August 3** — 8:00 p.m. Amauri Barbosa da Silva and Jonil Faydit Vieira are driving on the road to Japeri from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, when they see several yellowish lights that eventually extinguish themselves, one at a time. Later, they see similar lights positioned directly in front of them. Da Silva blinks his headlights, and the lights respond similarly. The lights maintain their position in front of them, moving from one side of the road to the other. When they are approaching Miguel Pereira on a mud road between Arcádia and La Chaumiere, they see two bright beams of light, one yellow and one blue, about 1,000 feet away from them on the right, apparently attached to the dome of a disc. The object follows them for at least 40 minutes and is seen by Nelson Gonçalves Ferreira at their destination in Miguel Pereira. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 16–21)
- 1967, August 3** — 11:30 p.m. A married couple and their teenage son are sleeping in their car outside their home in Caracas, Venezuela. They wake up and see a white, disc-shaped object hovering 100 feet above a nearby palm tree. Within a few minutes, an opening appears in the UFO, and a smaller lightbulb-shaped object emerges and drifts downward, stopping just inches from the ground near their front porch. A door slides open and a small, glowing figure steps out, who bends over, picks up some stones, examines them, and looks up at the larger object, apparently communicating with someone. He looks toward their car frequently. After a few minutes, the figure reenters the small object, which returns to the large disc and enters it. The disc speeds away and disappears in seconds. (“[Occupants Seen at Caracas](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 12)
- 1967, August 4** — Early morning. An engineer, Hugo Sierra Yopez [or Yepes], is fishing from his boat in the sea about 15 miles north of Arrecife [or La Guaira], Vargas, Venezuela, when he feels a vibration and the water begins to boil “in big bubbles, in a circle about six meters in diameter.” A gray-blue, flat globe emerges. As it hovers close to the surface, dripping water, he notices a revolving rim with triangular windows of blue and red. It ascends in a curve then shoots upward. (“[The Question of Submerging UFO’s](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 5 (March 1968): 5; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 54; UFOEv II 46–47)
- 1967, August 4** — Night. A bright object appears in the sky in the area of Morro do Policia in Porto Alegre, Brazil, for 30 minutes and is photographed by Brazilian Air Force technician Otacilio Freitas Dias. It flies in an erratic zigzag

path, sometimes slowly, at other times at high speed, and sometimes hovering. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 67–68)

- 1967**, August 5 — Morning. After a night of heavy rain, Edgar Schielke finds a circular mark more than 30 feet in diameter in his cow pasture near Duhamel, Alberta. A UFO group from Edmonton visits the field and finds three additional rings. An RCAF team from CFB Namao [now CFB Edmonton], along with [Gareth H. S. Jones](#) of the Defense Research Establishment Suffield [now DRDC Suffield], visits the farm on August 11 after much of the evidence has been trampled. Jones finds two more rings. The marks vary from 5 to 7 inches wide and from 31 feet 9 inches to 36 feet 3 inches, and each is incomplete on its western side. He is puzzled as to what made the marks, can find no evidence of a hoax, and seriously considers whether an aerial object (which he estimates must weigh as much as 270,000 pounds) could have made them. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 162–165, 197–205; Chet Dembeck, "[Declassified Report: 1967 Canadian Crop Circles Likely Made by '135-Ton Spacecraft'](#)," Unknown Boundaries, November 14, 2023)
- 1967**, August 6 — Office worker Antonio Neri Perez and several others watch three glowing red discs take off in V formation from a field near their house in Tetepango, Hidalgo, Mexico. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 65)
- 1967**, August 6 — 7:55–8:20 p.m. Formations of lights in groups of 3–5 are seen in many states of Mexico, including Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Hidalgo, Veracruz, and Lake Pátzcuaro in Michoacán. Most are generally moving west to east. Many people at the Mexico City International Airport watch a group between 8:10 and 8:20 p.m. Technicians in the control tower can make out 9–10 objects through binoculars. Capt. Angel Fojo Ceballos and Capt. José Luis Espejo are flying an Aeronaves de México [now Aeroméxico] DC-9 at 23,000 feet over Salamanca, Guanajuato, Mexico. They see three bright points flying in formation from northwest to southeast an estimated 30–40 miles away. They cross the horizon at 55,000–60,000 feet in 40–45 seconds. One of the objects appears to break formation and approach the aircraft, showing a round shape and metallic composition, but then it veers away and out of sight. The events are thought to be the reentry of the Pioneer 7 rocket body that had launched from Cape Canaveral on August 15, 1966. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 65–67)
- 1967**, August 6 — 8:00 p.m. A Peruvian airliner piloted by Capt. Samuel Sanguaza, copilot César Jordan, and subofficers Oscar Guevara and Jorge Sarguaza encounters a globe of light while flying between Lima, and Pisco, Peru. The light changes color from red to orange and blue as it paces the aircraft for 15 minutes, bobbing up and down, moving closer and receding, before it zooms away as the airplane nears Pisco. ("[Plane Buzzed by UAO](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, September/October 1967, p. 13; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 21–22)
- 1967**, August 8 — Evangelical pastor Estanislao Lugo Contreras is on the shore at Catia La Mar, Vargas, Venezuela, when he sees the water stirring up in a vast round area. The water begins to turn light blue, then whitish, yellowish, then brilliant orange. An orange disc rises out of the sea about 1,650 feet from shore, hovers, then rises obliquely and disappears. It makes an intense buzzing sound. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 54–55)
- 1967**, August 8 — 8:40 p.m. An object shaped like a sharply outlined asymmetrical crescent flies over the Kislovodsk Mountain Astronomical Station near Kislovodsk, North Caucasus, Russia. The object is slightly smaller than the moon with a color described as reddish by some observers, yellow by others. It flies from west to east about 20° above the horizon, moving from the Big Dipper to Cassiopeia in about 30 seconds at a uniform speed. The witnesses are Anatoli Sazanov, a specialist in the ionosphere; V. A. Tsion of the Leningrad Polytechnical Institute; and seven members of a biological expedition. (Felix Ziegel, "[Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," *Soviet Life*, no. 137 (February 1968): 28; James E. McDonald, "[Statement on Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," in *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968, p. 61; Hobana and Weverbergh 288–289; Jacques Vallée, *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat*, Ballantine, 1992, [p. 192](#))
- 1967**, August 10 — 9:30 p.m. Harry E. King and Michael Swartz see a bright round ball, about 50–60 feet in diameter, in the air about 1,300 feet away near Winter Haven, Florida. It hovers for 3–4 minutes, then moves slowly for a quarter mile, rises, shoots away, and disappears in one second. At 10:00 p.m., they watch a bright light descend for 5 minutes, move back and forth for one minute, then suddenly disappear. (NICAP case file)
- 1967**, August 12 — 2:30 a.m. [Robert P. Miedtke](#) and his wife are sleeping in a camper on property belonging to some relatives on County Highway I some 11 miles west of Ogema, Wisconsin. They are awakened by their dog barking outside. They look out the window and see a large, fluorescent, half-moon-shaped object in a neighboring pasture about 450 feet away. It is shining a beam of light at a milk house only 25 feet from their camper. The dog has stopped barking and they can hear none of the usual night sounds. After about one hour, they hear the sound of someone walking in the gravel and sand outside. Three times the footsteps are heard going from north to south.

The Miedtkes remain in bed, hoping no one would know they are in the camper. After another hour, just before dawn, they hear the dog whimpering and barking, followed by the muffled noise like a huge generator that fades away after 6–8 seconds. ([“Possible Landing in Wisconsin,”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 11)

- 1967**, August 13 — 8:00 p.m. Between Pilar de Goiás and Crixás, Goiás, Brazil, a plantation worker at the Estancia de Santa Maria, Ignácio da Souza, is returning home from work when he and his wife see an object in the form of an upside-down basin 115 feet in diameter sitting on the landing strip of the ranch. They initially think it is some flying machine tested by the ranch owner, Ibiracy de Moraes, a wealthy man and former president of the Bank of Brazil. Between the object and the couple, there are three humanoid, child-size beings that they initially think are naked children before realizing that they are hairless creatures wearing a tight suit of yellow. The beings seem to be playing around silently, but then move quickly towards them. Da Souza tells his wife to lock herself up in their house. He is armed with a rifle and frightened, so da Souza shoots the closest of the beings. At the same time, the UFO emits a ray of green light that hits him, throwing him to the ground unconscious. Seeing her husband fall from the kitchen window, his wife runs onto the scene shouting, interposes herself between the beings and the body of her husband, and picks up his rifle. But during this time the beings have retrieved the one that had fallen to ground and quickly flee to enter the craft. After a short time, it slowly rises vertically while emitting a buzz similar to that of a swarm of bees. Taken to the hospital of Goiânia, the state capital, de Souza suffers from nausea and a general numbness. Burns are noted, initially attributed to a toxic plant, but when de Souza and de Moraes hear the erroneous diagnosis and are told what had happened, doctors perform a blood analysis that returns with a diagnosis of advanced leukemia with life expectancy of two months. Da Souza quickly deteriorates, suffers, develops yellowish spots, and dies on October 11. In accordance with his instructions, his wife burns the bed, the mattress, and the clothing that he has used. (Clark III 353–354; Brazil 85–88; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), August 15, 2006)
- 1967**, Mid-August — About 12:00 noon. Electrical engineer Albert Fulton and superintendent Sherman Anderson are making rounds at the Nova Scotia Light and Power substation in Caledonia, Nova Scotia. They notice steam rising from one of three large transformers, then Fulton spots two silvery disc-shaped objects maneuvering around the sky some distance away. The pair watches them as they zip back and forth in different directions from horizon to horizon in 3–4 seconds. Each time they leave a silvery line about 10 times their length behind them, which disappears when the objects stop. They watch this spectacle for about one minute, then both discs come to a common point in front of a suddenly visible gray, cigar-shaped object. After stopping briefly the two smaller objects merge into the cigar, taking 12–15 seconds. The large object disappears. (Herbert S. Taylor, [“Satellite Objects: A Further Look,”](#) *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 4–5)
- 1967**, August 18 — A CIA report summarizes interviews with unnamed Russian astronomers that may possibly have been conducted by members of the Condon commission. (Central Intelligence Agency, [“Report on Conversations with Soviet Scientists on Subject of Unidentified Flying Objects in the USSR,”](#) August 18, 1967; Good Above, [pp. 230–231](#))
- 1967**, August 22–31 — [Low](#), [Roach](#), and [Hynek](#) attend the XIIIth General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union in Prague, Czechoslovakia [now Czech Republic]. Low wastes an opportunity to meet with [Charles Bowen](#) in London, England, and instead goes to Loch Ness, Scotland, “because neither the Loch Ness monster nor UFOs exist.” (Michael D. Swords, [“The USAF-Sponsored Colorado Project for the Scientific Study of UFOs,”](#) 1995 *MUFON Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1995, pp. 149–163; Swords 321; Good Above, [p. 230](#))
- 1967**, August 23 — 4:00 a.m. Stanley Moxon is driving on Ontario Highway 15 between Joyceville, Ontario, and Pine Grove Road when he sees a green light in a field to the south. He turns off his lights and drives down a side road to get closer. Minutes later, he turns on his lights again and they shine on a huge metallic disc hovering just above the ground. Two entities, 4 feet tall and dressed in white suits and helmets, appear to be startled and hurry back into the craft, which takes off at tremendous speed. ([“Police File Remains Open in Flying Saucer Incident,”](#) *Kingston (Ont.) Whig-Standard*, August 24, 1967, p. 11; [“Occupant in Ontario,”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 14; [“Canada’s Year of Invasion, Part 3,”](#) *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 8 (Fall 1970): 17–19; Bob Gribble, [“Looking Back,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 232 (August 1987): 19; UFOEv II 480)
- 1967**, August 23 — 8:00 p.m. Two 15-year-olds are strolling around the Kolmården ridge area in Östergötland, Sweden, when they see a reddish glow moving back and forth in the nearby woods. Continuing home, they run across a locked, deserted shack that seems to have some yellowish lights moving around in one room and noises like muted thuds. The red glow reappears moving close to the ground from the west. Suddenly it turns brilliant white and appears to land on the other side of a brook. They run home and see a huge light like a flashlight hovering 13 feet above the ground near the house. They hear a whistling sound coming from the brook and what seem to be footsteps coming toward them. They run to a ravine where they see, about 35 feet away, a small being with a disproportionately large head and wearing dark clothing. It lifts its arms and seems to be holding a box-like

apparatus with a tube. Two thin, wire-like bands appear around the creature's ankles and give off an intense white light. They run home again. The next day they return to where the being was and find some odd three-toed footprints about 6 inches long. ("[‘Monster’ Report from Sweden](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, pp. 1, 5; Sven Schalin, "[Was This Creature a Visitor from Space?](#)" *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 53 (Fall 1968): 13–14; Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*. Signet, 1969, pp. 278–280)

- 1967**, August 24 — 5:00 p.m. Ron Hydes is riding his motorcycle near Wodonga, Victoria, Australia, when he is surrounded by a blinding blue-white light that illuminates the road. As he stops, a bright lens-shaped domed disc, estimated to be 25–30 feet in diameter, descends within a few feet of the ground about 100 feet away. Two humanoids about 5–5.5 feet tall with round helmets and silver coveralls emerge. One steps nearer to the witness, who flees. The object, surrounded by a pinkish glow, follows the motorcycle at about 100 feet off the ground. Hydes can hear a humming sound above the motorcycle's engine. He stops again and the object hovers, the hum subsiding. After 30 seconds, the color around the object changes from pink to brilliant red, and it tilts up at a 45° angle, then shoots away. ("[Occupants Attempt to Lure Motorcyclist](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, pp. 13–14; "[Alleged Landing near Wodonga](#)," *Australian Flying Saucer Review*, no. 8 (1968): 4–5; Bob Gribble, "[Looking Back](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 232 (August 1987): 19–20; UFOEv II 480)
- 1967**, August 25 — 5:00 p.m. Ruben Norato sees a "precipitous movement of the water" from the beach at Catia La Mar, Vargas, Venezuela, from which arise "three huge plate-shaped discs" that streak out of sight. ("[The Question of Submerging UFO's](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 5 (March 1968): 5)
- 1967**, August 27 — [David Saunders](#) proposes to the Colorado project team that they issue technical reports on whatever phase or case they have concentrated on. These will be circulated among the staff for review but not for veto. They would stand as the author's own work without censure. Appropriate disclaimers would be attached before they are issued to the public. A final report might be cobbled together from these technical reports. [Condon](#) and [Low](#) apparently disapprove of this immediately. (Swords 323)
- 1967**, August 27 — 11:20 p.m. Kenneth Flack is passing a car near Texas Creek, Colorado, when his engine and car lights fail. He pulls to the side of the road, along with the car he is passing and a camper-trailer. He sees a large object in a field some 900–1,200 feet away. It is football-shaped and silvery. He approaches it on foot and is hit by a bright light coming from the object that knocks him out. Bystanders from other cars carry him back to the roadside and tell him that he had been frozen in a standing position for 5 minutes. Flack is intensely cold and sleepy, so another unidentified driver gives him a ride back to Pueblo in a camper ("[1967 Landing in Colorado](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1969, pp. 3–4; Lorenzen, *The Shadow of the Unknown*, New American Library, 1970, pp. 138–139; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 21; Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 143–144; CUFOs case file)
- 1967**, August 28–29 — 11:30 p.m.–1:10 a.m. Leslie and Jacqueline Dowdell see a 3–4 dancing lights zigzagging to the northeast over Rivers, Manitoba. The lights resolve into one object the color of a mandarin orange that hovers for 2–3 minutes, changing colors, before zooming away to the north. At 12:30 a.m., Cpl. A. Fedun of CFB Rivers [now closed] sees a round ball of orange light moving northwest. At 12:45 a.m., Commissionaire G. Stefanson hears a loud noise, and LAC J. Hebert and Judy Ross, driving one mile east of Rivers, watch a white flashing light that remains stationary for 30–50 seconds. They later find some odd dust on their car and some bubbling of the paint on the top. At 1:00 a.m., Cpl. K. McArthur hears another loud blast that rattles windows on the base. At 1:10 a.m., LAC K. Taylor, 8 miles east of Rivers, sees a red ball of flame trailed by a blue light at 3,000–4,000 feet. An investigating team from RCAF Training Command Headquarters in Winnipeg immediately comes out to investigate. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 251–260)
- 1967**, August 29 — 10:30 a.m. François Delpeuch, 13, and his sister Anne-Marie, 9, are herding cows at Cussac, Cantal, France. They see four small black beings about 47 inches tall with large heads and pointed chins around a landed sphere 15 feet in diameter. As the UFO begins to take off, the beings are sucked into it head-first, and it leaves very quickly in a blinding light. The police note "sulfur odor and the dried grass" at the landing spot. The case is reopened and studied in depth by [Claude Poher](#). (Wikipedia, "[Rencontre de Cussac](#)"; Jöel Mesnard and Claude Pavy, "[Encounter with Devils](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 7–9; Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*. Signet, 1969, pp. 280–282; [Claude Poher], "[Enquête sur l'Observation du 29.08.67 de Cussac \(Cantal\)](#)," Groupe d'Étude des Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés, Centre Nationale d'Étude Spatiales, 1978; Gildas Bourdais, "[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 16)
- 1967**, September? — [Saunders](#) and Levine visit Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio to look at the Project Blue Book files. They find cases stored adjacent to the official files, and some in a classified safe. Saunders also finds problems when he examines the statistics in *Blue Book Special Report no. 14*. Plus all of Battelle's original IBM cards have been thrown away. (UFOs Yes, 115–116)

- 1967**, September or October — 4:45 p.m. Some 40 soldiers and officers at an antiaircraft artillery unit stationed at Florești, Romania, watch an aluminum-colored object hovering about 2,400 feet in the sky. The unit commander reports it to the General Command in Bucharest, who order him to shoot it down if it makes any hostile maneuvers. The object stays in position for more than two hours, but disappears after a white cloud passes in front of it. (Romania 16–17)
- 1967**, September — 1:30 a.m. Capt. Grigory Demyanovich Oleynikov of the Russian fishing boat *Kama* is in Vyborg Bay in western Russia when he notices a luminescent, milky-white disc descending through the cloud layer. It stops and hovers at an altitude of 1,300 feet and seems to have a diameter of about 50 feet. The bottom portion contains nozzles that emit flames. Athen in complete silence it takes off straight up. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 153)
- 1967**, September — The Midwest UFO Network publishes its first issue of *Skylook*. ([Skylook](#) 1, no. 1 (September 1967))
- 1967**, September — The CIA staff's frank opinions on Vietnam are sometimes modified before reaching President [Johnson](#). At one point the CIA analysts estimate enemy strength at 500,000, while the military insists it is only 270,000. No amount of discussion resolves the difference. In September 1967, the CIA under DCI [Richard Helms](#) goes along with the military's lower number for the combat strength of the Vietnamese Communist forces. This leads a CIA analyst directly involved in this work to file a formal complaint against Helms, which is accorded due process within the agency. (Wikipedia, "[Richard Helms](#)")
- 1967**, September — Afternoon. [Paul Stehlin](#), military aviator and vice-president of Bugatti, is flying his own plane near Vélizy-Villacoublay, Yvelines, France, when he sees a silver, cigar-shaped object beside him. The object accompanies the aircraft for a few minutes, then it accelerates and leaves the plane behind at terrific speed. (NICAP case file)
- 1967**, Early September — Evan Evanson, 18, is returning home in a pickup truck on Highway 36 south of Taber, Alberta, when his engine heats up and he pulls to the side of the road to let it cool off. Through the driver's window he sees a soundless, green, glowing object like two plates put together. It seems near enough to touch. The music on the truck radio is replaced with a beeping sound. Suddenly the object disappears, and Evanson notices that the truck engine has stopped. ("[First Sighting of UFO Reported at Taber](#)," *Calgary (Alberta) Herald*, September 5, 1967, p. 49)
- 1967**, September 1? — The Colorado project obtains a third-hand report of a UFO sighting at Edwards AFB, California, on or around this date. A civilian employee at the base has seen the report, mentions it to a relative, who then discusses it with a scientist cooperating with the project. According to the story, 6 UFOs follow an X-15 as it lands. When project members call Edwards, they get a runaround. After 2 weeks of phone calls, they find that no X-15 flew on September 1. (There are flights on August 21, 25, and October 3 and 4, however.) But no one denies that a UFO sighting took place. (UFOs Yes, 124–125; Condon, [pp. 341–342](#))
- 1967**, September 4 — 5:10 a.m. Police officer P. A. Andrade is on duty at city hall in Valencia, Venezuela, when he hears a humming noise and footsteps in a nearby garage. He meets a dwarf, 3 feet tall, with a big head and bulging, reddish, glowing eyes, wearing a silver-colored, metallic-looking coverall. Andrade points his automatic weapon at the creature, but a voice from a hovering disc says in Spanish that he should not harm the creature. The dwarf then tries to convince Andrade to "come to their world," adding it is "very distant and much larger than the Earth, and with many advantages for Earthlings." When Andrade declines, the creature flies back into the object, which takes off. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 82; Vallée, *Magonia*, [pp. 351–352](#); Mark Cashman, "[Behavioral Classification System for UFO Occupants](#)," *IUR* 24, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 18)
- 1967**, September 4 — Dawn. A paperboy in Clevedon, England, discovers a 5-foot-wide, saucer-shaped, metallic object in a field. He calls the police, who send it to the guided weapons division of British Aerospace, whose chief design engineer declares it an expensive hoax. Soon five identical objects are found in fields and golf courses in the southern part of England. The sites lie on a straight path 220 miles long that spans 1° of latitude, running west to east from Clevedon to the Isle of Sheppey in the Thames Estuary. A USAF intelligence officer takes photos of one in Welford, Berkshire, and chemists with Britain's Home Office analyze samples of a foul liquid that is seeping from one of the objects. But the objects are a prank involving 15 engineering apprentices, primarily [Christopher Southall](#) and [Roger Palmer](#), at the Royal Aircraft Establishment in Farnborough. The objects are made of fiberglass, and the smelly liquid is a fermented mixture of flour and water. (Wikipedia, "[1967 British flying saucer hoax](#)"; Clark III 604–605; Jenny Randles, *UFO Retrievals*, Blandford, 1995, [pp. 108–111](#); John Keeling, "Invasion 1967," *Fortean Times* 228 (November 2007): 32–41; "[The Great Saucer Invasion: The Day Six 'Spaceships' Landed in England](#)," *BBC News*, September 3, 2017; Curt Collins, "[The UK Saucer Invasion of 1967](#)," *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, August 30, 2019)

- 1967**, September 4 — The Industrial Psychologists' section of the American Psychological Association sponsors a program on "Problems and Methods of Gathering Data on UFOs." Participants include [Harold Greenwald](#), [Richard H. Hall](#), [Gustave J. Rath](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), and [David Saunders](#). (Story, p. 413)
- 1967**, September 5 — [Saunders](#) suggests to [Low](#) that his academic commitments might require a reorganization of project duties, namely that Low, [Roach](#), and himself report directly to [Condon](#), with others reporting to them. Low blows up. Low ultimately agrees but replaces Roach with Norm Levine. (UFOs Yes, 139–140)
- 1967**, September 6 — 9:50 p.m. Several witnesses at Meir, Stoke-on-Trent, England, see a vertically oriented "sausage-shaped cloud" in the eastern sky, behind which a light flashes for about 20 seconds at irregular intervals. A bright, glowing orange oval then emerges from the cloud and heads southeast at "fantastic speed." A light again flashes in the cloud for about 10 seconds, then stops. The mode of disappearance of the cloud is not reported. (Roger Stanway and Anthony R. Pace, *Flying Saucer Report, UFOs: Unidentified, Undeniable*, Newchapel Observatory, 1968, pp. 14–15; Herbert S. Taylor, "[Cloud Cigars: A Further Look](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 3 (May 2006): 12)
- 1967**, September 9 — A 3-year-old saddle horse named Lady [not Snippy] belonging to [Nellie Lewis](#) of the [Harry King Ranch](#) in the San Luis Valley, Colorado, just south of Great Sand Dunes National Monument, is found dead a couple days after it has gone missing. The animal appears to have been skinned from the neck to the shoulders, which are nothing but bleached bones. The cut in the neck looks smooth and surgical. The soil beneath the horse is damp, and there is a medicine-like smell. A nearby bush is flattened oddly. Alamosa County Sheriff Ben Phillips blames Lady's death on lightning. A few days later, rangers at Great Sand Dunes arrest [John Henry Altshuler](#), a pathologist at Ross Medical Center in Denver, for trespassing after dark; he has actually gone to the area to look for UFOs. When they find out he is a specialist in blood coagulation, they say they will drop the arrest record if he takes a look at the dead horse. He finds that Lady's lungs, heart, and thyroid are completely missing and finds the complete absence of blood distressing. Altshuler begins to think the dead horse has something to do with the UFOs he had seen when he was in the Great Sand Dunes. Nellie Lewis also admits she has been watching something in the sky every night. [Duane Martin](#), a US Forest Service ranger, records a pulse of unusually high radioactivity near Lady's carcass, although others think it is only background radiation. The *Pueblo Chieftain* reports on the case in its October 5 edition and it gets picked up by the AP. Pathologist Robert O. Adams, chief of surgery at Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, investigates Lady for the Colorado project and concludes that bacteria, birds, and coyotes are responsible for the lack of blood and organs. He finds an infection in the horse's right flank that could have killed it; the cut at the neck might have been someone's mercy killing. "Exhaust marks" found are probably fungal infestations, and indentations are probably weathered hoofprints. Alamosa veterinarian Wallace Leary later finds evidence of two bullet holes in Lady's rump. ("[UFO Suspected of Horsing Around in Colorado Area](#)," Kalispell (Mont.) *Daily Inter Lake*, October 5, 1967, p. 8; "[The Snippy Case](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, pp. 1, 6; "[Colorado Horse Death Ruled No UFO Case](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 2 (October 1967): 4; "[Snippy' Still Not Dead Issue](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1967, p. 1; Coral Lorenzen, "The Appaloosa from Alamosa," *Fate* 21, no. 3 (March 1968): 34, 36–44; Donald Merker, "The Appaloosa from Alamosa," *Fate* 21, no. 3 (March 1968): 35, 45–52; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 148–158; Condon, pp. 344–347; UFOs Yes, 155–169; "[Town Gets Snippy about Skeleton of Mutilated Horse](#)," *Denver Post*, December 8, 2006; Greg Newkirk, "[Death on the Great Sand Dunes: The Strange Case of Snippy the Horse, the First Cattle Mutilation](#)," *Week in Weird*, January 8, 2013; Sylvia Lobato, "[After 50 Years, Snippy Still a Mystery](#)," *Alamosa (Colo.) Valley Courier*, September 29, 2017; Clark III 130–132)
- 1967**, September 10 — Several residents of Bruzual, Apure, Venezuela, watch a white, luminous disc following the course of the Apure River from west to east at low altitude. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 69)
- 1967**, September 10 — 5:35 p.m. Capt. Fred Underhill and his crew are flying an Air Ferry Limited DC-6 bound for England at 16,000 feet about 63 miles north of Reus, Tarragona, Spain. They see an unusual object about 30° to their left and above, headed west. The object crosses to their right, turns toward them, decelerates, and descends. As it nears, they see that it is a metallic-appearing cone, point upward, with haze or mist around its lower portion. The object comes head on at an estimated 690–800 mph, passes under the starboard wing, turning and maneuvering, and disappears to the south. Barcelona flight controllers can see no known aircraft in the area. (NICAP, "[Aircraft Encounter near Barcelona](#)"; Bob Gribble, "[Looking Back](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 233 (September 1987): 19; UFOEv II 130)
- 1967**, September 11 — [Richard H. Hall](#) resigns as assistant director of NICAP for personal reasons and is replaced by [Gordon I. R. Lore](#). ("[Assistant Director Hall Resigns, Is Replaced by Gordon Lore](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 2 (October 1967): 2; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 359–360)

- 1967**, September 11 — 3:30 p.m. About a dozen employees of the Douglas Point Nuclear Generating Station near Kincardine, Ontario, watch a UFO pass over the plant in an easterly direction. At one point it hovers above Lake Huron about a mile and a half offshore and drops something into the water. Other plant workers see similar objects over the lake or above the plant on five succeeding nights. The plant isn't operational for another year. ("[Saucer near Nuclear Generating Station](#)," *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 49 (Fall 1967): 10; "[More in Canada](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 14; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 31–32; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 122–123](#))
- 1967**, September 11 — 9:30 p.m. During a raging storm near Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina, a family watches a huge, glowing orange object hovering in a field about 1,000 feet away from the farmhouse. The object emits brilliant beams of light. After 4 hours it ascends and is lost to sight in seconds. The next day, the witnesses find a sootlike material on the ground and tracks about 2 inches wide in the flattened grass. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 69)
- 1967**, September 11 — 10:42 p.m. According to radar operators at Kincheloe AFB [now Chippewa County International Airport] south of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, more than 20 radar targets appear and disappear over the middle of Lake Superior over an 80-minute period, tracked at speeds of up to 2,000 mph, sometimes turning at sharp right angles and involving separation and merging of distinct targets. Radar at Duluth, Minnesota, has also picked up the targets. The Colorado project sends [John Ahrens](#) and Norm Levine to investigate. They check out rumors of visual sightings at Sault Ste. Marie, but these do not conform to the radar trackings. At Duluth, they draw a complete blank with denials all around. The returns are explained as anomalous propagation radar echoes in the final report. (NICAP, "[17 Unknowns in 80 Minute Period](#)"; *UFOs Yes*, 123–124; Condon, [pp. 164–165](#); [Sparks](#), p. 326)
- 1967**, September 13 — [Condon](#) gives a dinner speech at a spectroscopy symposium at the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and talks primarily about contactees and crackpots. (*UFOs Yes*, 247–248)
- 1967**, September 14 or 17 — 10:50 a.m. "Fábio Jose Diniz," 16, is walking along an asphalt path near the deserted grounds of an isolation unit at Hospital da Baleia on the outskirts of Belo Horizonte, Brazil. He notices an object in an adjacent football field. It is shaped like a mushroom with a domed top and surrounded by a row of portholes and a thick central "stalk" in contact with the soil. A hazy screen like a force field drops around the object, and a door appears out of nowhere and slides upward along the column. Two humanlike figures, 6 feet tall, emerge, dressed in one-piece diving suits of greenish material and helmets. One of them carries a tube-like implement, and the other has a probe sticking up from his helmet and talks to Diniz in Portuguese, telling him not to run away. He starts running anyway, but the figure tells him to come back the next day or they will take his family. The figure reenters the UFO, which takes off vertically. He sees psychologist and UFO researcher [Hulvio Aleixo](#), who says he is in severe shock. At the landing site, police find some foul-smelling black material that crumbles easily. This is examined by geophysicist Roberto Murto, who finds it is made of iron, magnesium, and silica. An impression like a large footprint is also found. Aleixo subjects the boy to psychological testing and he finds no disorder. The UFO fails to return the next day. ("[Flying Saucer Is Reported](#)," *Baltimore (Md.) Sun*, September 25, 1967, p. 3; "[More Invaders](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 13; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 85; Hulvio B. Aleixo, "[Humanoids Encountered at La Baleia, Part 1](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1968): 8–11, 20; Hulvio B. Aleixo, "[Humanoids Encountered at La Baleia, Part 2](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 12–14; Jenny Randles, *UFO Conspiracy*, Cassell, 1987, [pp. 97–99](#); Mark Cashman, "[Behavioral Classification System for UFO Occupants](#)," *IUR* 24, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 18–19; Brazil 88–91; Clark III 177–178)
- 1967**, September 15 — Astronomer [William Markowitz](#) publishes an article in *Science* magazine that declares extraterrestrial UFOs to be a priori impossible because they do not follow the laws of physics. (William Markowitz, "[The Physics and Metaphysics of Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," *Science* 157 (1967): 1274–1279)
- 1967**, September 15 — 8:50 p.m. Separate witnesses in Winsted, Connecticut, see a large glowing, pulsating object hovering nearby and several small beings with large heads moving around it. The object's light dims when cars approach. ("[Experts Check Area Sightings](#)," *Hartford (Conn.) Courant*, September 20, 1967, p. 47; "[Flap Continues in the States](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 9; Condon, [pp. 347–351](#))
- 1967**, September 17 — [Roach](#) resigns from the Colorado project in order to pursue academic interests. (*UFOs Yes*, 140)
- 1967**, September 18 — [Saunders](#), [Low](#), and [Condon](#) meet for 3 hours to discuss Saunders's suggestions for improving the public image. Saunders argues that the public can tell the project is headed toward a negative conclusion. Condon says that if they find extraterrestrial evidence, he would not disclose it to the public. (*UFOs Yes*, 140–141; Swords 324)
- 1967**, September 18 — 1:00 a.m. Russell Hill is stationed as a forestry lookout at the Raspberry Ridge station near Mount Burke, Alberta. He hears a strange pulsating sound as a green light sweeps the walls of the lookout cabin. He sees

an object hovering to the southwest and giving off a greenish glow. He attempts to radio the nearby Highwood Ranger Station, but the radio and lights do not work. The object turns white and shoots up straight into the sky. ("[Object Photographed in Canada](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 11; "[Saucer Sketch](#)," *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 49 (Fall 1967): 2; "[Saucers Seen near Forestry Lookout](#)," *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 50 (Winter 1967/1968): 1; "[Invasion over Prairies](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 7 (Summer 1970): 25, 27)

- 1967**, September 20 — NICAP provisionally withdraws its support from the Colorado project. [Saunders](#) tells [Low](#) about it. Low travels to NICAP to meet with [Keyhoe](#) and [Lore](#), insisting he still wants NICAP reports because his job is to submit the "best evidence and try to change Dr. [Condon](#)'s present disbelief." NICAP stops sending any reports to the project. (UFOs Yes, 141–142; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 360–361; Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space*, Signet ed., 1974, pp. 122–123)
- 1967**, September 20 — 8:30–9:30 p.m. Seven people in Stoke-on-Trent, England, see a large, bright, silver-colored, oval-shaped object almost overhead and moving slowly to the northeast. It stops and hovers, then 2–3 smaller silvery objects emerge from the larger one and move rapidly away in different directions. The large UFO moves off to the northeast and slowly disappears. (Roger H. Stanway and Anthony R. Pace, *Flying Saucer Report, UFOs: Unidentified, Undeniable*, Newchapel Observatory, 1968, p. 16; Herbert S. Taylor, "[Satellite Objects: A Further Look](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 26)
- 1967**, September 20 — 10:30 p.m. Mrs. Charles Pasko notices a peach-pink glow in the woods outside her home near Winsted, Connecticut. Thinking it is a fire, she wakes up her son Jack and they watch it for a while. Three days later her husband and a forest ranger try to find the burned spot. They locate a burned and depressed teardrop-shaped area about 35 feet in diameter. They also find three triangular imprints forming an equilateral triangle with sides 10 feet long, and a fourth depression in the center. Other witnesses had seen a UFO coming in at a slant, breaking and burning tree leaves. Several tall trees in the area are broken off at the top. ("[September Landing in Conn.](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1967, p. 4)
- 1967**, September 22 — 8:00 p.m. Simon Williams and his son Eugene, 14, are starting a pickup truck with jumper cables in Allen [or Fittstown], Oklahoma, when they see a disc with a brilliant silvery light and smaller flashing lights around the rim heading west. It seems to come closer and hover above a highway. Eugene thinks he can see the headlights of passing cars reflected on its bottom surface. It then proceeds slowly west. ("[UFO Confirmed? Young Allen Boy Says He Saw It](#)," *Ada (Okla.) Weekly News*, October 5, 1967, pp. 1–2; "[Flap Continues in the States](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 9; "[Oklahoman's Report Many Flying Objects](#)," *APRG Reporter* 6, no. 3 (December 1967): 7–8; Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 168)
- 1967**, September 23 — 1:37 p.m. Geology professor Bryce M. Hand is driving north on State Highway 47 between Amherst and Sunderland, Massachusetts, when he notices a silvery, elongated object in the sky ahead. It appears to be larger than an airplane and is silent. Suddenly he sees a second object below and to the left of the first, both moving north-northwest on straight, parallel courses. The objects pass out of view in about 10 seconds. (UFOEv II 161)
- 1967**, September 25 — [Saunders](#), [Low](#), and [Condon](#) have another meeting at Condon's home. Saunders tells Condon that the problems with NICAP would not have arisen if Condon had been more circumspect with his negative remarks. Condon says he understands but offers no change. (UFOs Yes, 142)
- 1967**, September 25 — 7:00 a.m. Mr. A. Lambert wakes up early in his home to the east of Buret, Belgium, near the Luxembourg border, and steps outside to enjoy the mild weather. He notices a crown of gray-purple fog at a height of 50–65 feet surrounding the building. Suddenly, he sees a large silver object hovering above some fir trees, nearly 65 feet in diameter with chrome-like surfaces and a 5-foot-thick lip around the base. He calls his wife to see what he thinks is a satellite. The object tilts, reveals its flat underside, and silently approaches, appearing to prepare for a landing. In a hurry to get a better look, Lambert goes inside for his glasses, but when he returns, the object has vanished. His wife can still see it moving less than 1,000 feet away toward the village of Buret and notices a small red ball emerging from it. She also spots a second craft circling them in the fog, which releases another red ball before joining the first. The sighting lasts about three minutes, and shortly after the objects disappear, the fog dissipates. (Jean-Luc Vertongen, "[Buret: Au rendez-vous de l'étrange](#)," *Infospace*, no. 3 (1972): 19–23; Richard F. Haines, *Project Delta*, 1994, p. 84)
- 1967**, September 27 — BUFORA researchers Anthony R. Pace and Roger H. Stanway visit the S4 UFO desk at the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall, London, England. They talk to a Mr. Cassells, who assures them that all UFO reports are treated seriously but the Ministry's interest is solely in national defense. He adds that no person from the Ministry ever makes on-the-spot inquiries or field investigations. (Roger H. Stanway and Antony R. Pace, *Flying Saucer Report: UFOs Unidentified, Unidentifiable*, 1972; Good Above, pp. 67–68)
- 1967**, September 27–29 — The *Rocky Mountain News* publishes a commentary by [Condon](#) wherein he debunks UFOs and disparages NICAP's contributions. It quotes [Low](#) in a similar vein. Condon talks to the project staff and retracts

nothing, only saying that he was misquoted about being disenchanted about the project. Project members hold a meeting without Low and Condon to decide what to do. Levine pushes for mass resignation. [Craig](#) is the sole dissenter. [Saunders](#) sides with Levine but wants to explore other strategies. Ultimately, they decide to prepare their own report, one “so compelling that Condon would be forced to accept it on its merits.” (UFOs Yes, 142–146; Swords 325)

1967, September 28 — 1:30 a.m. Omar Amaya T., chief dispatcher at the Maiquetia International Airport [now the Simón Bolívar International Airport], Venezuela, watches three luminous disc pass across the sky from north to south. Suddenly one lags behind and dives toward the sea but veers up just before contact. Resuming its position in the formation, it joins the other objects as they disappear to the east. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 70)

1967, September 28 — 4:00 p.m. Many people in Caracas, Venezuela, watch a luminous metallic disc cross the sky with an oscillating motion and appear to land on Cerro El Ávila. A similar object is seen taking off from the same spot about 2 hours later. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, p. 70)

1967, September 29 — 8:30 p.m. Four workers in a restaurant at Wernersville, Pennsylvania, are alerted by a neighbor to go outside and watch nine red, pulsating, cigar-shaped objects flying northeastward. A large triangle-shaped object, also pulsating red, flies into view. The triangle stops and changes colors to white, green, then back to red. It takes off in a zigzag motion to the northeast. (R. G. Shunk, “[Letter](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 1 (Feb./March 1985): 4)

1967, October — The DOSAAF Cosmonautics Committee invites the Soviet UFO Study Group to function under its auspices. (Wikipedia, “[Felix Ziegel](#)”; Mikhail Gershtein, “[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#),” UAP Check, July 6, 2024)

1967, October — 8:30 p.m. David R. Smith watches a diffuse object with a series of 5–6 lighted square and oval windows about 450–600 feet away at treetop level near Homer, Louisiana. It rises and heads south. After 50 seconds, the lights blink out. (NICAP case file)

1967, October 2 — 7:30 p.m. Philip E. Burkhardt, a Grumman Aircraft Company engineer, sees a white disc with windows and lights blinking in sequence in Melville, New York. A beam of light is projecting from it and illuminating the ground. The object hovers for about 20 seconds, then moves away. Burkhardt gets into his car to follow it and blinks his lights at the object. The lights on the UFO blink out in sequence, then come back on. (UFOEv II 161)

1967, October 3 — Pilot [William “Pete” Knight](#) reaches a speed of 4,519 mph (Mach 6.72) in a North American X-15 rocket plane, a record that stands today. (Wikipedia, “[William J. Knight](#)”)

1967, October 4 — From early evening until 11:30 p.m., numerous independent witnesses observe unexplained aerial activity in Nova Scotia. Near Sambro at 9:00 pm, Capt. Leo Howard Mersey and 20 crewmembers of the MV *Nickerson* see four brilliant red lights in a rectangular formation that appear to be on or just above the water. Occasionally one flares up so brightly that it causes an afterimage in their eyes. The objects are also tracked on ship’s radar. They file a report with the Lunenburg CMP office. Between 11:00 and 11:30 pm, northwest of Brier Island, the captain and crew of a fishing vessel see a brilliant white light the size of the moon. As they watch, three brilliant yellow lights emerge and form a triangle around the larger light. The satellite objects then move across the sky and back at high speed. Observations are also made by other vessels. Five miles southwest of Weymouth, a policeman and three game wardens see an orange-colored light just above the tree line moving silently and slowly with spark-like objects emanating. At about 11:20 p.m., just west of Shag Harbour, [Laurie Wickens](#) and four other teenagers driving in a car along Highway 3 see an object flying low, flashing four lights one after the other, in a straight line. It appears to be slowly descending at a 45° angle. Multiple witnesses hear a whistling sound “like a bomb,” then a “whoosh,” and finally a loud bang. When next seen by the teens, the object has hit the water’s surface 820–980 feet offshore. It drifts on the surface, showing a pale-yellow light. Wickens contacts the RCMP detachment in Barrington Passage and reports he has seen a large airplane or small airliner crash into the waters off Shag Harbour. Within about 15 minutes, 10 RCMP officers arrive at the scene. Concerned for survivors, the RCMP detachment contacts the Rescue Coordination Centre in Halifax to advise them of the situation and ask if any aircraft were missing. Before any attempt at rescue can be made, the object starts to sink and disappears from view. A rescue mission is quickly assembled. Within half an hour of the crash, local fishing boats go out to the crash site in the waters of the Gulf of Maine off Shag Harbour to look for survivors. No survivors, bodies, or debris are found, either by the fishermen or by a Canadian Coast Guard search and rescue cutter, which arrives about an hour later from nearby Clark’s Harbour. By the next morning, RCC Halifax has determined that no aircraft are missing. The same morning, RCC Halifax also sends a priority telex to the Air Desk at Royal Canadian Air Force headquarters in Ottawa, which handles all civilian and military UFO

sightings, informing them of the crash and that all conventional explanations such as aircraft or flares have been dismissed. The head of the Air Desk, Squadron Leader William Bain sends another priority telex to the Royal Canadian Navy headquarters concerning the “UFO report” and recommends an underwater search be mounted. The RCN in turn sends another priority telex tasking Fleet Diving Unit Atlantic with carrying out the search. A detachment of RCN divers from Fleet Diving Unit Atlantic is assembled on the [HMCS Granby](#) on October 6 and for the next three days they comb the seafloor looking for an object. The final report says no trace of an object is found. In the 1990s, researcher [Chris Styles](#) finds evidence that there is a second crash the same night. Witnesses see American naval exercises in Shelburne Harbour 30 miles to the northeast. Speculation is that the original object may have traveled underwater from Shag Harbour to Shelburne. (Wikipedia, “[Shag Harbour UFO incident](#)”; Sanderson, *InvRes*, pp. 38–39; William F. Dawson, “UFO Down off Shag Harbor,” *Fate* 21, no. 2 (February 1968): 48–53; Condon, pp. 351–353; Good Need, pp. 279–282; Don Ledger, “[UFO Crash at Shag Harbour](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 4 (Winter 1997–1998): 8–9, 20; Don Ledger, *Maritime UFO Files*, Nimbus, 1998, pp. 72–89; Don Ledger and Chris Styles, *Dark Object*, Dell, 2001; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 94–98; Chris Rutkowski, “[The Cold, Hard Facts about UFOs in Canada](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 9–10; “[The Shag Harbour UFO Incident](#),” ParanormalX YouTube channel, October 11, 2013; “[The 1967 Shag Harbour UFO Crash: Documents Related to Crash](#),” Roswell Proof; “[Shag Harbour News Articles](#),” Roswell Proof; “[Shag Harbour’s UFO Mystery](#),” CBC News Nova Scotia YouTube channel, September 30, 2017; Clark 284–285; “[Fishermen Are Surprised by a Glittery-Yellow Smelly Foam Left by a UFO](#),” Quest TV YouTube channel, March 17, 2020; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 129–137)

- 1967**, October 5 — 9:30 p.m. Colorado Superior Court Judge [Charles E. Bennett](#) and his wife [Christina](#) spot three circular, red-orange objects traveling from the east to the southeast in a triangular formation over Denver, Colorado. They can hear a distinct humming or whirring sound. They move out of sight in 6 seconds. (“[Flap Continues in the States](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 10)
- 1967**, October 6 — 7:00 p.m. Radar at Vandenberg AFB, near Lompoc, California, detects a very large stationary object some miles over the Pacific Ocean off the Northern California coast. Later, radar detects numerous small but strong targets traveling eastward in irregular flight. (NICAP, “[Condon Case 35](#)”; Condon, pp. 171–172, 353–365)
- 1967**, October 7 — 8:00 p.m. Russell Hill is sitting down to dinner at the Raspberry Ridge Lookout Station in Alberta when the cabin lights begin to flicker. He goes out to check the generator and sees an odd green light moving slowly up the valley from south to north. It approaches to within 500 feet of the cabin. The object is about 75 feet in diameter and looks like two bowls clamped together. Around the rim is a pulsating green light that seems to come from a neon tube. Another green light is rotating slowly inside the top portion, and there are porthole-shaped indentations in the side. Suddenly the light on the rim is extinguished, the upper green light turns white, and the object ascends at a terrific speed, trailing jets of flame. (“[Object Photographed in Canada](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 11; “[Saucers Seen near Forestry Lookout](#),” *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 50 (Winter 1967/1968): 1; “[Invasion over Prairies](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 7 (Summer 1970): 25, 27)
- 1967**, October 7–9 — Capture and death of [Che Guevara](#) in Bolivia. [Félix Rodríguez](#), a Cuban exile turned CIA Special Activities Division operative, advised Bolivian troops during the hunt for Guevara in Bolivia. In addition, the 2007 documentary *My Enemy’s Enemy* alleges that Nazi war criminal [Klaus Barbie](#) advised and possibly helped the CIA orchestrate Guevara’s capture. (Wikipedia, “[Che Guevara](#)”)
- 1967**, October 9 — 5:40 p.m. The 13-year-old son of a prominent businessman is riding a bicycle along a wash in the back of his home in the area of the Tucson Speedway in Arizona. He comes across a cylindrical metallic object standing on end and sitting on two legs about 44 feet away from him. The legs end in circular pads and are joined by a curved bar. The object, which is making a low-pitched hum, is about 8 feet tall and more than 2 feet wide. The boy approaches it for a better view, but it takes off vertically and disappears in 12 seconds. He finds two impressions in the hard surface of the wash, 13.4 inches across and about 42 inches apart (measuring from the outer edges). (“[Landing at Tucson](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, pp. 1, 4)
- 1967**, October 10 — The [Lorenzens](#) visit the Colorado project and find its investigatory procedures “sadly lacking,” with no standard report form or methodology. They also meet with *Boulder Daily Camera* journalist R. Roger Harkins, who has been covering the Colorado project. They give him a 7-point rationale on why the CIA might be interested in UFOs, just to see if it gets published. Harkins dictates the story to the Associated Press, but it is never published. The Lorenzens suspect the project has a CIA mole. (Low did work for the CIA in 1949 when it was aiding Albanian resistance fighters.) (UFOs Yes, 129, 175–176; Lorenzen, *Encounters with UFO Occupants*, Berkley Medallion, 1976, p. 5; Robin W. Winks, *Cloak and Gown: Scholars in the Secret War, 1939–1961*, Morrow, pp. 396–397; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 362)

- 1967**, October 10 — The United Nations Outer Space Treaty comes into force. Signatories to the treaty agree not to use nuclear weapons in outer space, limit use of the Moon and other celestial bodies to peaceful purposes, establish that space shall be freely explored and used by all nations, and prevent any country from claiming sovereignty over outer space or any celestial body. Although it forbids establishing military bases, testing weapons, and conducting military maneuvers on celestial bodies, the treaty does not expressly ban all military activities in space, nor the establishment of military space forces or the placement of conventional weapons in space. The treaty forms the basis of international space law. (Wikipedia, "[Outer Space Treaty](#)")
- 1967**, October 11 — [Rex Heflin](#) is visited by a strange group of men in air force uniforms. He obtains their names. They ask him about his 1965 photos and topics like the Bermuda Triangle. He notices a figure in the back seat of their car and a violet glow. Heflin thinks he is being photographed or recorded. The FM radio acts strangely.
- 1967**, October 11 — 8:00 p.m. Nora Tibbs is driving on Highway 2 near Aldersyde, Alberta, when the headlights, radio, and car engine stop. She notices an oval-shaped object with a turret on top that begins to circle her car. It has two white lights and a lighted-up underside. It circles the car four or five times at a height of 1,000 feet, then flies away. The witness feels cold during the sighting. The car engine starts by itself as the object leaves. ("Calgary UFOs 'Authentic,'" *Victoria (B.C.) Daily Colonist*, October 14, 1967, p. 33; "[Object Photographed in Canada](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 11; "UFO Questions Asked in House of Commons," *Lethbridge (Alberta) Herald*, October 20, 1967, p. 21; Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), Center for UFO Studies, 1981, p. 37)
- 1967**, October 12 — Night. Comedian [Dick Gregory](#) is at a party with friends at Big Sur, California, when three lights appear in the sky. One is fiery red, while the other two are bright green. The objects dart about sideways, backwards, in circles, in jagged lines, and in formation. When Gregory's writer, Jim Saunders, signals with a flashlight, the objects seem to respond by moving in the same direction as the beam. The partygoers watch the lights for about 40 minutes. Gregory takes two Polaroid photographs that show a red object at the top and two green ones at the bottom. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 131](#))
- 1967**, October 13 — 2:00 a.m. Ben Beswick, engineer on a northbound freight from Red Deer to Mirror, Alberta, along with another trainman, sees a glowing, disk-shaped object hovering above a clump of trees. The underside is glowing white and is ringed with flashing red, blue, and green lights. As the train approaches, the object ascends and flies parallel to the train for about one hour. A relief crew and station personnel at Mirror also see the object. ("[UFO Pursued Us, Train Crew Says](#)," *Edmonton (Alta.) Journal*, October 17, 1967, p. 2; "[Object Trails Train](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1968, p. 3)
- 1967**, October 13 — McDonnell Douglas aerospace engineer [Robert M. Wood](#) briefs the Colorado project on UFOs. On January 9, 1968, Wood writes [Condon](#) a critical but polite letter listing his concerns about the project's shortcomings. He later learns that Condon has contacted CEO [James Smith McDonnell](#) on August 1, 1968, and tried to get him fired. (Robert M. Wood, "[A Little Physics...A Little Friction: A Close Encounter with the Condon Committee](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1993): 6–10)
- 1967**, October 14 — 2:30 a.m. Physicist [Lewis E. Hollander Jr.](#) and his wife and son are driving near Mendota, California, when they see a reddish-orange light source hovering close to the road. They then notice a triangular shape beneath the light. Thirty seconds later it moves upward to the west, increasing its speed. The triangular shape fades, and Hollander notices a white glow ("definitely an ionization color") behind it. It disappears at an extreme altitude after 3 minutes. (NICAP case file)
- 1967**, October 14 — 7:45 p.m. A father and son are returning from a fishing trip when they notice an odd orange object like a "haystack on fire" landed in the desert near Ouray, Utah. They stop, get out of the car, and watch. The object lifts off immediately, looking like a half-moon in shape and size. It then goes over to the Moon and flies a loop around it, keeping its flat side down. Then it flies across the Moon's face and leaves to the northwest. (Frank B. Salisbury, *The Utah UFO Display*, Devin-Adair, 1974, [pp. 53–55](#); Michael D. Swords, "[We Know Where You Live](#)," *IUR* 30, no. 2 (January 2006): 10)
- 1967**, October 17 — Rep. [Louis C. Wyman](#) (R-N.H.) submits House Resolution 946 for a full UFO investigation by the House Committee on Science and Astronautics. ("[Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," *Congressional Record*, House, 90th Cong., 1st Sess., October 17, 1967, vol. 113, part 21, p. 28949)
- 1967**, October 18 — 400 individuals attend the first meeting of the UFO Study Group of the All-Union Committee on Cosmonautics of the Russian DOSAAF. Retired Soviet Air Force Maj. Gen. Porfiri Stolyarov is elected chairman and [Felix Ziegel](#) agrees to be deputy chairman. Members include author [Alexander Kazantsev](#), engineer Arkady Tikhonov, a cosmonaut, 18 scientists, and 200 qualified observers stationed throughout the country. ("[Late News: Official Russian Move on UFOs](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1967): 2; Hobana and Weverbergh 35; Good Above, [p. 232](#); Mikhail Gershtein, "[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#)," UAP Check, July 6, 2024)

- 1967**, October 21 — 6:16 a.m. Two control tower operators and an observer at the south end of the runway at Blytheville Air Force Base [now Arkansas International Airport] in Blytheville, Arkansas, see two dark oblong objects flying east to west at about 1,200–1,500 feet. They are tracked by RAPCON radar for 2 miles. They make a turn to the southwest and disappear. (NICAP, [“RAPCON Tracks Object, Two Objects Observed from the Ground”](#); J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 60, 75)
- 1967**, October 21 — 10:00 p.m. Ivan Ritter, Jerry Bennet, and two other teens are driving east out of Duncan, Oklahoma, on the new State Highway 7. They see something in the road ahead, far out of the range of their headlights. When the driver turns on his high-beam lights, they see three men who seem to fly off the road and disappear. They are about 4 feet tall and wearing tight-fitting blue-green clothing. Their faces appear human, but with large ears. The next morning, Ritter and Bennet look around for evidence at the landing site, but all they find is a small, four-toes footprint in the muddy bottom of a creek bed about 300 feet from the road. (Lorenzen, *UFOs over the Americas*, Signet, 1968, pp. 84–85)
- 1967**, October 22 — Night. Edward Fortney and another real-estate agent are locking up for the night in Charleswood, a suburb of Winnipeg, Manitoba, when they notice a formation of brilliant red, pulsating lights above an adjacent field. They are joined by six other people who have stopped their car to look at the lights. Two similar lights appear and take up a position near the formation. The objects then rise and move away noiselessly in formation. Floating above Canada Highway 100, they appear to change positions, forming a perfect triangle. Fortney looks at them through binoculars and sees dark rectangular objects that the lights are attached to. The formation dips and bobs toward a line of high-voltage towers half a mile away. The three lights in triangular formation break up and form a single file, the wires and towers lighting up with a red glow as they speed over them. They are last seen traveling northwest. On his way home, Fortney experiences a “skullbuster” headache that lasts until midnight. The next day, he visits the site in the field and finds child-like footprints in the moist soil, 7 inches long and under 3 inches wide, leading to and from a peculiar circular pile of fist-sized stones. The heel marks seem deeply impressed in the soil. Fortney also experiences leg and back pain, sunburn on his face and hands, and a yellow-green coating on his tongue. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 47–50)
- 1967**, October 24 — 4:00 a.m. Two police constables, Roger Willey and Clifford Waycott, chase a bright cross-shaped light in their patrol car at 90 mph between Holsworthy and Hatherleigh on the A307 road, Devon, England. The object appears to land behind some trees, but takes off before they can reach the site, though they approach to within 120 feet of the object. The UFO is later observed to rendezvous in the sky with a similar object. Other policemen report a UFO on this day and the following day. (“PCs Play Tag with Light in the Sky,” *Daily Mirror* (UK), October 25, 1967; “The Flying Thing Leaves Two Constables Baffled,” *London Times*, October 25, 1967, p. 1; Bernard Wignall, [“The Okehampton Incident,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 13, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1967): 5; UFOFiles2, pp. 75–76; Geoff Falla, [“The Flying Cross Episode,”](#) BUFORA, 2012; Ian Ridpath, [“Devon ‘Flying Cross’ of 1967 Revisited,”](#) Ian Ridpath’s UFO Skeptic, March 2021)
- 1967**, October 24 — 9:30 p.m. Donald Chiszar, 13, and Pat Crosier, 10, are sitting on the Crosier front porch in Newfield, New York, when they see a bright disc-like object approach them with its leading edge tilted toward them. On top is a knob-like protuberance with an antenna and hanging beneath the object is a “square box” full of red, green, and white lights. Two humanoid figures and control panels are visible through windows. The object then tilts back and shoots out of sight. Their hand-held radios produce loud static during the sighting. (“[Flap Continues in the States](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1967, p. 10; Barbara Bell, [“Several in Newfield Area Report UFOs: Investigation Continues,”](#) *Ithaca (N.Y.) Journal*, November 10, 1967, p. 11; Condon, pp. 375–379; Richard H. Hall, [“Dyad ‘Scout Craft,’”](#) *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 23–24; UFOEv II 458)
- 1967**, October 25 — Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) tells the House of Commons that 153 UFO reports have been received by the ministry in the past 6 months and that “commonplace explanations have been found” for most. (Isaac Koi, [“UFOs in Parliament \(UK\),”](#) Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967**, October 25 — 3:15 p.m. R. G. Putnam, a brakeman on a train running from Truro, Nova Scotia, to Moncton, New Brunswick, when he sees a disc with green vapor billowing from it pacing the train at treetop level near Wentworth Station, Nova Scotia. Putnam feels an intense blast of radiation, forcing him to cover his face with his hands to look at it. The object soon drifts away from the train, tips to a 45° angle, then turns to a vertical position. A jet arrives, seemingly in pursuit, and the object levels out, taking on the appearance of a cigar-shaped cloud. Both fly out of sight to the west after 35 minutes of observation. One week later, the hair on the back of Putnam’s hands disappears, his hands shrivel up, and his eyes are sore and swollen. Two weeks later, his chest and throat get sore. He reports the sighting to the RCMP and the Canadian Forces, but apparently gets no response. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 104–105)

- 1967**, October 26 — 11:25 a.m. J. B. W. “Angus” Brooks, a former BOAC pilot and photo interpreter, is walking his Dalmatian and German shepherd at Moigne Downs near Ringstead Bay, Dorset, England. An odd-looking craft descends and hovers at an altitude of 200–300 feet at a distance of about a quarter mile from them for 22 minutes. The German shepherd has been foraging for game; when she returns she seems “distracted” as she stands beside Brooks. Her ears are pricked, indicating she is worried about the sounds she is hearing, although Brooks can detect no sound from the object. The odd-shaped craft has a central round chamber estimated to be 25 feet in diameter and 12 feet thick. Four long slender fuselages (estimated 75 feet long and 8 feet wide) extend from the central chamber. In flight, one of the 4 fuselages leads, while the other three are together in the rear. As the object slows to hover, the fuselages move to form a cross. The object rotates 90°, then remains motionless for 22 minutes despite strong winds. Upon departure, the leading fuselage is not the one that led on approach. The remaining 3 fuselages come together in the rear as on the approach, and the object climbs away with increasing speed. The craft appears translucent, taking on the color of the sky above it. There are dark shadows along the bases of the fuselages and the center chamber. On future visits to this area, the German shepherd appears nervous. (Angus Brooks, [“Remarkable Sighting near Dorset,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1968): 3–4; R. H. B. Winder, [“Comment on the Angus Brooks Sighting,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1968): 4–5; [“‘Flying Cross’ UFOs over Britain,”](#) *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 3 (Nov./Dec. 1967): 3; [“Important New Details on Flying Cross,”](#) *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1968): 4–5; Good Above, [pp. 63–64, 455](#); UFOFiles2, [pp. 77–79](#))
- 1967**, October 27 — 3:00 a.m. Charlie Little, the pilot of a Piper-Twin Comanche, with two other pilots and a passenger on board, is flying over the Atlantic northeast of Jacksonville, Florida. They see a bright light, which becomes visible as six huge, round, bright-white lights in a horizontal row on a darker object. It approaches on a collision course and is seen to be a gray equilateral triangle with a triangular opening at its center. The object makes an unbanked 180° turn, then takes off and disappears in a flash. (Willy Smith, [“A Huge ‘Open’ Triangular UFO,”](#) *IUR* 9, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1984): 4–6; Philip J. Klass, [“Letter,”](#) *IUR* 10, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1985): 13; [“Charles Little Responds,”](#) *IUR* 10, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1985): 13)
- 1967**, October 27 — 3:00 a.m. A waitress driving home in Parshall, North Dakota, sees a large, round, revolving object with alternating triangular areas of coloration. The object is low and moving horizontally an estimated two blocks away. As it paces her car, she sees 2–3 white light beams coming down vertically from the object. Her car drives like it has flat tires or rocks that are hitting the bottom of the chassis. A second witness, police Lt. Glen G. Brunzell, sees a low-altitude, bright round light like a welding-torch that illuminates the ground. The object moves slowly with vertical oscillations and changes color from blue to green-white. It departs vertically, disappearing in 5 seconds. ([“AF Log Reveals Wave,”](#) *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 7 (July/Aug. 1968): 6–7; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 101–102](#); UFOEv II 188)
- 1967**, October 27 — 3:30 a.m. Truck driver [Chris R. Helgesen](#) observes a spinning, reddish, round object, about 100 feet in diameter, pace his truck for about half a mile on US Highway 83 north of Max, North Dakota. The object then hovers above a field, paces the truck again, hovers, paces the truck again (stopping when it stops), turns blue, picks up speed, turns green, then shoots away to the southeast, turns yellow, and vanishes. Helgesen has it in view for about one hour. ([“New Close-Ups, Pacings,”](#) *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 5 (March 1968): 3)
- 1967**, October 27 — 2:20 p.m. Timothy Robinson, 13, and his family are startled by the roar of a jet aircraft overhead at Winchester, Hampshire, England. He dashes out into the garden and sees two English Electric Lightning fighters fly low overhead. Ahead of the aircraft is a black, mushroom-shaped object streaking away to the west. It changes direction abruptly to the northwest and disappears into a cloud, climbing steeply and outmaneuvering the Lightnings. (Good Above, [p. 62](#))
- 1967**, October 30 — 9:30 p.m. [Alexander Spargo](#) is traveling alone in his car on the Mayanup–Kojonup road about 10 miles east of Mayanup in Western Australia at a speed of about 60–65 miles per hour. He is approached by a lighted, football-shaped object that is about 90 feet off the ground. Almost immediately, the car stops dead. However, there is no feeling of deceleration. The vehicle’s motor, lights, and radio go off. Spargo hears no noise. He stares at the object, which is about 30 feet in diameter and glowing a light iridescent blue similar to lightning. A hollow tube of light comes from on the object and immerses the car, stopping at his windshield. The tube seems 2–3 feet in diameter. It is not uncomfortable to the eyes, and he is able to look up the length of the tube. After about 5 minutes, the tube closes off and the object disappears at terrific speed. The moment the object leaves, he finds his vehicle is suddenly going at 60–65 miles per hour again, with no feeling of acceleration. Spargo notices the car’s chronometer is running five minutes slow when he stops in Boyup Brook. ([“Energy Beam Stalls Car in the West,”](#) *Australian Flying Saucer Review* (VUFORS), no. 8 (1968): 18; Keith Basterfield, [“Boyup Brook Revisited,”](#) *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 4, no. 1 (July/Aug. 1983): 3–6; Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, [“Australian Ufology: A Review,”](#) *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 27–28; Keith Basterfield, [“Cold Case](#)

[Investigation: Boyup Brook WA, 30 Oct 1967.](#)” Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Investigation, September 23, 2012; Keith Basterfield, “[Police Report on the Boyup Brook Encounter, Uncovered.](#)” Unidentified Aerial Phenomena—Scientific Investigation, August 29, 2017; Powell, *Scientist*, 102)

- 1967**, November — Ufologist [Ted Bloecher](#) privately publishes a massive *Report on the UFO Wave of 1947*, detailing 853 reports gleaned from his years of research into newspaper archives in June–July 1947. The preface is written by [James E. McDonald](#). (Ted Bloecher, *Report on the UFO Wave of 1947*, The Author, 1967)
- 1967**, November 2 — 9:30 p.m. Navajo ranch hands Willie Begay and Guy Tossie, both 23, are driving south of Ririe, Idaho, on US Highway 26 when they are blinded by a flash of light. Their car comes to a stop, and immediately in front of them they see an object 6–8 feet in diameter and 3 feet thick, hovering 5 feet off the ground and shaped like two saucers joined together. Around the rim is a row of alternately flashing orange and green lights. On top is a transparent dome, where two small entities are visible. The dome flips open, and one occupant floats out and approaches the car. It is 3 feet tall, bald, with ears set high on its head, round eyes, and a mouth like a slit. It is wearing tight-fitting coveralls and carries a pack on its back. It opens the car door and sits behind the wheel as Begay and Tossie move in horror to the right. The car begins to move as if fastened to the craft into a field of wheat stubble where Tossie gets out and runs toward the farmhouse of [Willard Hammon](#) for help, followed by another entity apparently holding a light. Begay stays in the front seat of the car with the first entity, who tries to communicate with him, twice saying something in a high, chirruping voice. The second entity returns, and the two float back to the craft, which rises and departs, a yellow flame-like light coming from the bottom. Hammon lets Tossie inside his farmhouse, where he eventually calms down and tells his story. They go back to the site, where they find Begay in a state of shock in the car. At 11:30 p.m., an anonymous witness driving between Ririe and Rigby, Idaho, sees a landed UFO with a small occupant who stops the car and taps on the side window. (“[NICAP Panel Studies Occupant Reports.](#)” *UFO Investigator* 5, no. 1 (Sept./Oct. 1969): 5–6; “[The Year We Were Invaded without Knowing It.](#)” *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1969): 3, 14–16; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, pp. 23–27; UFOEv II 458–459, 480–482; Clark III 1009–1010; Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 145–147)
- 1967**, November 6 — 1:30 a.m. On a section of the A338 road [now B3347] south of Sopley, Hampshire, England, truck driver Karl Farlow (or Barlow) finds that the lights on his diesel truck have failed. As he pulls over, he sees a glowing, 15-foot-wide, egg-shaped UFO that moves slowly across the road from the right, passes slowly to the left, then speeds up and disappears. The object makes a sound like a refrigerator and gives off a smell like a drill boring through wood. Before it goes away, a Jaguar sports car comes from the opposite direction, and its engine stalls and lights fail. The UFO glows a vivid green color. The diesel engine is not affected. The driver of the Jaguar is a veterinary surgeon, and he and Farlow call the police from a nearby call box. The witnesses note that there are marks on the ground and the road surface seems to have melted. The veterinarian’s girl passenger is taken to a hospital suffering from shock. A week later, Farlow notices that a 200-foot stretch of the road at the encounter site has been completely resurfaced and the call box has been repainted. (NICAP, “[Disabled Engine Continues to Run](#)”; Roy Winstanley, “[Now the UFOs Are Stopping the Traffic.](#)” *Spacelink* 5, no. 1 (December 1967): wrap; “[Landings on Increase.](#)” *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1967, pp. 1, 3; Good Above, pp. 64–65)
- 1967**, November 7 — Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) tells the House of Commons that the Ministry of Defence examines UFO reports “in the light of their possible air defence implications.” It has examined 625 reports from January 1, 1959 to September 30, 1967, and 555 were found to have mundane explanations. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\).](#)” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967**, November 8 — 3:30–4:00 a.m. A business executive is driving a 1964 Chrysler convertible near Lake Elsinore, California, when his lights go out, the car stops, and the radio goes out. He feels a strong pressure on his head and shoulders. He then notices a red-orange object 30 feet in diameter hovering in the road ahead at about 160 feet in altitude. It has rotating lights around its rim. The object hovers about 90 seconds before it takes off into the fog. The lights return, the radio works again, and he is able to start the car. NICAP investigators find that the clock had stopped at 3:46 a.m., some spots where the paint is easy to rub off, and small pits in the paint and glass. The back window has a distortion in it that the driver has not noticed before. When [Roy Craig](#) interviews him for the Condon Committee at the scene of the sighting, the witness adjusts his story, saying the UFO was more like 55 feet in diameter and flew above the car at 50–75 feet. Craig tests the car’s hood and trunk for magnetic anomalies and compares his results with another car of the same make and model. He finds that the “Chrysler had experienced no reorientation of its magnetic signature, as one might expect if the car had been subjected to a strong magnetic field.” (Condon, pp. 380–385; Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 66–67)
- 1967**, November 8 — MP [Peter Mills](#) asks about UFO sightings in Devon, England, in the UK House of Commons and receives assurances from Under-Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#), who says that the October 24 police

chase involved either aircraft or the planet Venus. Mills asks if the ministry consulted scientists about the sightings, and Rees replies that both scientists and psychologists have been consulted. (Good Above, [pp. 65–66](#); Isaac Koi, [“UFOs in Parliament \(UK\).”](#) Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)

- 1967**, November 8 — Through unrelenting pressure by British ufologist [Julian J. A. Hennessey](#), the Ministry of Defence and RAF UFO files are no longer discarded every five years as of transitory interest. The MoD confirms that it will retain its remaining UFO documents. Further pressure to retain files comes in 1970 from MP [John Langford-Holt](#). (UFOFiles2, [pp. 114–115](#); David Clarke, [“Briefing Document: Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFOs\).”](#) August 2011)
- 1967**, November 9 — Under-Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) tells the House of Commons that the Ministry of Defence received 274 UFO reports from January 1, 1966, to September 30, 1967, and 37 of these reports remain unexplained due to insufficient information. (Isaac Koi, [“UFOs in Parliament \(UK\).”](#) Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967**, November 10 — Stolyarov and [Ziegel](#), speaking on Russian Central TV, encourage viewers to send their first-hand accounts in to the newly formed Soviet UFO Study Group. The response is overwhelming and embarrassing to the DOSAAF All-Union Committee of Cosmonautics. Army Gen. A. L. Getman dissolves the UFO Study Group by the end of November. (Wikipedia, [“Felix Ziegel”](#); Good Above, [p. 233](#); Joe Brill, [“UFO’s behind the Iron Curtain.”](#) *Skylook*, no. 86 (January 1975): 14; Mikhail Gershtein, [“A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union.”](#) UAP Check, July 6, 2024)
- 1967**, November 13 — [Condon](#), [Low](#), and editor Harriet Hunter meet to discuss the final University of Colorado report. Condon deliberately excludes the other senior staff because he is now insisting on no old cases and no “case book.” He insists on including everything in which the Colorado project participated in, even phone calls. He wants to write a section on the harm done by irresponsible UFO authors. The meeting ends with a roughed-out list of subject sections and authors. Condon reserves writing the summary and methodology sections himself. He assigns to Hunter the job of selecting which cases are included and how they are written up (perhaps he no longer trusts Low to do this). (Swords 326–328)
- 1967**, November 14 — [Keyhoe](#) writes separate letters to [Condon](#) and [Low](#), asking if they will agree to examine NICAP’s cases.
- 1967**, November 15 — Canadian Forces Wing Commander [Douglas F. Robertson](#) prepares a 28-page briefing document, *CDS Briefing on Unidentified Flying Objects*, on the status of UFO sightings in Canada to Gen. [Jean Victor Allard](#), Chief of the Defence Staff. It reviews facts and procedures and describes cases that have been handled within the ministry, including the Falcon Lake and Shag Harbour cases, as well as the Warren Smith photo. Robertson advises that UFO sightings are taking up too much of the military’s time, but that the scientific community, specifically the University of Toronto Institute of Aerospace Studies, might find them interesting. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 24–59)
- 1967**, November 15 — The crew of Quebecair Flight 650 sees a bright object at the end of the runway at Sept-Îles Airport, Quebec. It is as large as a star and stationary. (Good Above, [p. 200](#))
- 1967**, November 17 — 6:00 p.m. David Seewaldt, 13, is crossing a vacant lot in Calgary, Alberta. He hears a high-pitched sound and sees a silvery gray UFO the size of a house about to land. A beam of light shoots from it, putting him in a “trance” and pulling him into the craft, where he meets two hideous-looking entities with brown crocodile skin, slits for mouths, and holes for noses and ears. They wear no clothes and have hands with only four fingers. They take Seewaldt’s clothes off and lead him into another room where one studies his hair, eyes, and nose. An orange ceiling light is directed on him and he is given a shot with a small needle. The entities dress him again and beam him back to the field. He runs home in a state of terror and hides under the bed. All conscious memory of the event vanishes until 5 months later, when it returns in a dream. In 1968 he is hypnotically regressed by a Dr. Masson of the University of Alberta. ([“Similar Incident at Calgary.”](#) *Canadian UFO Report* 2, no. 8 (1973/1974): 6–7; W. K. Allan, [“Crocodile-Skinned Entities at Calgary.”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 6 (April 1975): 25–26; John Magor, *Our UFO Visitors*, Hancock House, 1977, pp. 165–169; John Brent Musgrave, [“The Behavior and Origins of Canadian UFO Occupants and Critters.”](#) *Canadian UFO Report* 4, no. 7 (Summer 1978): 20, 22; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 83–88](#); Clark III 280; [“David Seewaldt.”](#) etcetrasetcetras, June 13, 2008; Randle, 1973, pp. 48–49)
- 1967**, Late November — Night. A large, illuminated hemispherical object appears low over the shore of the Baltic Sea near Liepāja, Latvia. Its light is difficult to look at with the naked eye. Later it begins to move and quickly vanishes over the horizon. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 171)
- 1967**, November 21 — 4:30 p.m. David V. Marin sees an object that looks like an upside-down candle from his backyard at the edge of Poienarii Burchii, Romania. He watches it for 10 minutes as it hovers at about 90 feet. It starts moving slowly northwest and its tail elongates. (Romania 15–16)

- 1967**, November 22 — [Saunders](#) pays [Keyhoe](#) a surprise visit in Washington, D.C., and allows him to photocopy the [Low](#) memorandum, saying it should be shared with the NICAP board. Roger Harkins hears about the memo about the same time. (UFOs Yes, 179, 193–194; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 365)
- 1967**, November 22 — MP [Patrick Wall](#) asks the UK Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) what exchange of UFO information between the UK, US, and Russian governments is taking place. Rees replies that the ministry is in touch with the Americans but not the Russians. (Good Above, [p. 66](#); Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967**, November 22 — 12:30 p.m. Ladislau Schmidt is sitting in his kitchen in Petrila, Romania, with the outside door open. Suddenly his chickens run inside the house, terrified. Looking up, he sees a silvery disc-shaped object with a dome and antennas hovering at 15,000 feet. It rotates and moves away at high speed to the northwest until it is out of sight. (Hobana and Weverbergh 166–167)
- 1967**, November 22 — 4:25 p.m. US Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. [John Rich Butler](#) and copilot Lt. John H. Gould are flying 10 miles off the New Hampshire coastline when they see an object like a white rocket flying with a lateral motion. It first moves upward for 2 seconds at the rear of the aircraft. It reappears and disappears twice, then another object that looks like a light aircraft with an unusual white, flashing light passes above them at a distance of 100–200 feet. Gould has the impression it has swept wings. (NICAP case file; Jan L. Aldrich, “[Updated Draft Catalogue of UFOs/USOs Reported by Seagoing Services, NavCat 2.0, 1964–2007](#),” 2015)
- 1967**, November 24 — Canadian Wing Commander D. F. Robertson, after advocating that the RCAF transfer its UFO files to the National Research Council, writes a memo urging the NRC to work with the University of Toronto and the Department of National Defence in investigating Canadian UFO reports. (Good Above, [p. 192](#))
- 1967**, November 30 — Allen R. Utke, Wisconsin State University–Oshkosh assistant professor of chemistry, writes [Gerald Ford](#) in support of House Resolution 946 sponsored by Rep. [Louis C. Wyman](#), remarking that the UFO “phenomenon *could* be of great importance and concern to this country.” (Bill Murphy, “[The Swamp Gas Aftermath: Some Notes from the Gerald Ford Files](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 2 (July 2010): 14)
- 1967**, Late 1967 — The Institute for Aerospace Studies at the University of Toronto, Ontario, begins a UFO study. By October 1968, it is on the verge of collapse for “lack of something to investigate.” The study terminates in 1970, but no report on its findings is ever released. (Arthur Bray, “[Government Cover-Up Exposed](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 2 (1975): 20)
- 1967**, December — The Soviet Academy of Sciences’ Physics Department, led by [Lev Artsimovich](#), passes a resolution denouncing studying of UFOs as such. The Soviet UFO Study Group is effectively neutered. (Wikipedia, “[Felix Ziegel](#)”; Hobana and Weverbergh 36–37)
- 1967**, December — [Hynek](#)’s article, “The UFO Gap,” appears in *Playboy* magazine, in which he ponders what the Soviet Union might be doing about its own UFO sightings. Along the way, he suggests that the Colorado committee analyze UFO cases based on two factors: the strangeness of the event and the credibility of the witnesses. He also encourages the creation of a 24-hour hotline for UFO cases, where police would be dispatched immediately to the scene of a sighting. (J. Allen Hynek, “[The UFO Gap](#),” *Playboy*, December 1967, pp. 144–146, 267–271; O’Connell 223–225; Graff 216–217)
- 1967**, December 1 — [Condon](#) and [Low](#) write [Keyhoe](#) back separately and do not commit to looking at the NICAP UFO reports, although they praise NICAP’s assistance. (“[The Colorado Project Report](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1968): 5; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 363–364)
- 1967**, December 2 — 9:30 p.m. A lieutenant-major in the Romanian army is on duty in the radar station at Băneasa Airfield [now Aurel Vlaicu International Airport] near Bucharest, Romania, when he goes outside to observe an airplane. But the supposed aircraft is a strong, stationary light 30–40° in the north that descends rapidly, ascends again, moves left to right, then descends again. Through binoculars it looks conical or bullet shaped. Dozens of other personnel watch it until it disappears around 11:30 p.m. (Hobana and Weverbergh 176–177)
- 1967**, December 3 — Early a.m. Police Sgt. [Herbert Schirmer](#) checks on restless cattle twice at a barn near Ashland, Nebraska. At 2:30 a.m. he is driving on US Highway 6 when he notices some red lights along State Route 63 that might be a stalled truck. He drives a short distance up that road and stops with his headlights shining on the object. The red lights are blinking through the windows of a disc hovering at a tilt 150 feet away and 6–8 feet above the road. It looks made of shiny, polished aluminum. It ascends slowly with a sort of siren sound and emits a flamelike substance from the bottom. His head sticking out the window, Schirmer watches it pass overhead then shoot up out of sight. He drives back to the police station and writes in the log book, “Saw a flying saucer at the junction of highways 6 and 63. Believe it or not!” He is puzzled to see it is 3:00 a.m. He gets a headache and a buzzing noise in his head. He also has a red welt below one of his ears. In the morning, Chief Bill Wlaskin goes to the site and finds a piece of metal that he shows to Colorado project investigators. It turns out to be composed of

iron and silicon. On February 13, 1968, Schirmer is hypnotized in Boulder, Colorado, by [R. Leo Sprinkle](#). During the session he remembers that his car engine and radio failed, and a blurry white object came out of the UFO and communicated with him telepathically. He is taken on board by aliens (who first ask him, “Are you the watchman over this place?”). They are humanoids, 4–5 feet tall with long heads, gray-white skin, and cat-like eyes. They wear silver-gray helmets with small antennas on the left side of the ear area. Their uniforms and gloves are the same color. An unusual feature of this case is the emblem of a winged serpent on the left breast of each entity’s uniform. The Colorado project comes to a predictable conclusion: “Evaluation of psychological assessment tests, the lack of any evidence, and interviews with the patrolmen left project staff with no confidence that the trooper’s reported UFO experience was physically real.” Schirmer undergoes hypnosis again on June 8, 1968, and more details emerge. (“[Hypnotized Policeman Reports Encounter](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 5 (March 1968): 1; Condon, [pp. 389–391](#); UFOEv II 530–532; Michael D. Swords, “[Too Close for Condon: Close Encounters of the 4th Kind](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 3–4; Story, [pp. 318–319](#); “[Police Officer Herbert Schirmer Abduction](#),” *UFO Evidence*, 2006; Kevin D. Randle, “[The Schirmer Abduction](#),” *A Different Perspective*, October 13, 2008; Clark III 1034–1038; Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 147–149; Randle, 1973, pp. 46–48; “[Police Officer Herbert Schirmer Talks about Being Taken Onboard a UFO, Nebraska, December 3, 1967](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, August 19, 2022; “[Police Officer Herbert Schirmer Describes the Inside of a UFO after His Abduction Experience in 1967](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, December 27, 2023)

- 1967**, December 5 — 10:30 p.m. Six teenagers returning from a basketball game in Concordia, Kansas, detour to drive by a cemetery. They see a light blinking in the sky ahead, moving in an up-and-down motion to the north. It appears to be flashing different colors or rotating. They follow it for about two miles, hoping for a better look. (Condon, [pp. 391–394](#))
- 1967**, December 8 — 7:40 p.m. Marilyn Wilding, 15, goes out on her front step in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to look for a friend. A light reflecting on the snow on the ground causes her to look up, and she sees a brightly lit circular object “about as big as a car” hovering above the house. The object then tips and rotates so she can see it has a transparent dome on top. Inside the dome are two indistinct figures. The object rotates clockwise, maintaining its inclination. It begins moving away; as it recedes into the distance, its light dims and turns orange. (UFOEv II 459, 482; Northern Ontario UFO Research and Study, “[Circular Object with Dome and Two ‘Figures’ Inside](#)”; Patrick Gross, “[Falls, Idaho, December 8, 1967](#)”)
- 1967**, December 10 — 7:30 a.m. Psychologist Adina Păun is walking past the Republic Factories in Bucharest, Romania, when she sees a bluish-green object above the plant at about 45°. It has projecting, tapered spines that are as long as half its diameter. It is higher than rain clouds that sometimes obscure it, but lower than high-altitude, fast-moving white clouds. She continues watching it for 15 minutes as she walks along, but it drifts out of sight when she gets home on Magnet Strada. (Hobana and Weverbergh 180)
- 1967**, December 12 — Levine, [Saunders](#), and [Mary Lou Armstrong](#) bring [Hynek](#) together with [James McDonald](#) to discuss forming a new group after the project ends, no matter what its conclusion is. The meeting goes fairly well. After Hynek leaves, McDonald brings up the [Low](#) memorandum. He has apparently heard about it from [Keyhoe](#). Saunders gives him an official copy. Levine approaches [Craig](#) about a separate report, but Craig considers it mutiny. (UFOs Yes, 179–180; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 365)
- 1967**, December 12 — The British Embassy in Moscow, Russia, is directed by London to look into British-Russian cooperation in the investigation of UFO reports with Stolyarov’s Soviet UFO Study Group. The embassy does not hear back and does not pursue the subject. (Good Above, [pp. 234–235](#))
- 1967**, December 12 — 7:00 p.m. Rita Malley is driving home from work on Route 34 in Newfield, New York, with her young son. She notices a red light behind her. As it draws closer, she sees it is a disc-shaped object as large as a boxcar moving at about 90 feet above the road. Then it passes overhead and causes the car to go off the road into a ditch, and Malley became terrified. Her son in the back seat looks immobilized with his eyes “bugged out.” A white beam emanates from the humming object above her and she hears voices in her head saying that her son would not remember this and that a friend of hers has been killed in a car accident. (This turns out to be true.) The car then moves out of the ditch and back onto the road facing the wrong way. She finds that she can control the car again and speeds home. (Lloyd Mallan, “Ithaca’s Terrifying Flying Saucer Epidemic,” *Science and Mechanics* 39 (July 1968): 30–33, 96–97; T. M. Wright, “UFO’s over Ithaca,” *Fate* 22, no. 2 (February 1969): 44–52)
- 1967**, December 13 — 2:00 a.m. As a man is driving near Edmonton, Alberta, his car lights dim and engine sputters. He pulls to the side of the road and opens the hood, when he notices a dome-shaped object hovering 450 feet away. It is metallic, has lights around the edge, and is about 50 feet high. The object rocks back and forth within a range of 10–15 feet but remains above the road. Over the next hour, the car body heats up and the witness’s hair gets hot. His flashlight fails to work. Finally, the object shoots straight up and vanishes in 2–3 seconds. His headlights

come back on, but he starts the motor only with difficulty. (Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 39)

- 1967**, December 15 — The Silver Bridge over the Ohio River between Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and Gallipolis, Ohio, collapses under the weight of rush-hour traffic, resulting in the deaths of 46 people. (Wikipedia, "[Silver Bridge](#)")
- 1967**, December 16 — [Philip Klass](#), who has heard of [McDonald's](#) UFO activity in Australia from [Low](#), starts a letter-writing campaign directed at the Office of Naval Research, wanting to know who approved his funding and whether they are funding his forthcoming trip to Europe and Russia. His campaign continues for the next 18 months, bluntly attacking McDonald's integrity and calling him a habitual liar. (Clark III 700)
- 1967**, December 19 — In response to a question from MP [John Langford-Holt](#), UK Prime Minister [Harold Wilson](#) tells the House of Commons that he has authorized no inquiries into UFOs outside the military implications. (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1967**, December 19 — 10:30 p.m. A witness is driving westbound on the east edge of Belleville, Illinois, when he sees a triangular object with a row of square lights on one side. He tries following it and manages to stay roughly beneath it until he loses track of it near Southwestern Illinois College. Because it appears to be heading toward nearby Scott AFB and the witness is familiar with the base, he goes to the control tower there to see if they have tracked anything unusual but they have not. (Marler [204–208](#), [270](#))
- 1967**, December 24 — Evening. A couple driving near Tucson, Arizona, see a star-like object fall to earth. Two minutes later, they spot a blob of red light. Their engine and headlights fail. The object approaches the car, passes overhead, then moves away to the south. The engine and lights come back on as it departs. (Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 39)
- 1967**, December 24 — 8:30 p.m. A faculty member of the Harvard Medical School and several members of his family in Belmont, Massachusetts, see a silently moving, bright orange light. It is joined by a second light one minute later, and a third about 30 seconds after that. He retrieves some binoculars and watches all three. The first two stop about 15°–25° above the horizon and remain still; the third is still moving. Three or four more lights arrive, some hovering, others moving. Two or three of the hovering lights appear to drop smaller lights that flash as they fall. All are orange in color. After about 20 minutes, they have all disappeared. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 45–48](#))
- 1967**, December 27 — 9:00 p.m. Two people are traveling along a back road in Wells Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, when they see three lights on the horizon. They stop the car as the lights approach. They are attached to a domed disc that is following the road at a height of 300–400 feet. As it approaches to within about 3,000 feet, it makes a banking movement that reveals square, fluorescent panels on the bottom. The dome light in their car turns on spontaneously as the whole bottom of the UFO flashes. The two witnesses get back in their truck and drive on, but the object follows them for a while, then moves off toward Elmira, New York. About 20 minutes later, the parents of one witness experience a power failure in their home on Elmira's south side. (Michael D. Swords, "[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 23)
- 1967**, December 29 — 10:35 p.m. C. J. McCready, his wife, and daughter see a round, glowing, sparkling, red object above their home on Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, Georgia. It hovers and drops several trails of a white substance that appear to fall like a liquid as the object moves slowly northwest. It is visible for 5 minutes. (NICAP case file)

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- 1968** — NORAD has control of continental-scale Over the Horizon radars that cover virtually the entire Eurasian continent looking for Russian and Chinese missile launches. (Clark III 807)
- 1968** — Presbyterian religious scholar [Barry Downing](#) publishes *The Bible and Flying Saucers*, in which he equates Jesus and angels with space visitors and burning bushes, clouds, and [Ezekiel's](#) chariot with spacecraft. Downing also believes that Jesus left earth in a flying saucer to another planet, or perhaps another spatial dimension, and that a flying vehicle operated by intelligent alien beings was responsible for the parting of the Red Sea. (Barry Downing, [The Bible and Flying Saucers](#), Lippincott, 1968; Clark III 109; Jerome Clark, "[Vimanas Have Landed: Ancient Astronautics in Ufology](#)," *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 29)
- 1968** — [Frank F. Rand Jr.](#) completes a nine-month investigation into UFOs for the [Lyndon B. Johnson](#) administration. The other members of his team include [Arthur Lundahl](#), Gen. [James T. Stewart](#), [Brockway McMillan](#), "Lee Brockings" (pseudonym), a Dr. Bleakley and a Dr. Losh, and [Clarence "Kelly" Johnson](#). By 2001, Rand had prepared a book-length manuscript, both about his career and the UFO study. Titled "UFOs...Fact or Fiction," it concludes that "There is no doubt that 'UFOs' exist and are under control. Nor, do I doubt that there may well

have been some harmless probes sent to our Earth from other civilizations beyond our solar system.” (Michael D. Swords, “[Imaging UFOs: Is It Even Possible?](#)” The Big Study, June 16, 2015; Keith Basterfield, “[Which Aerospace Company Is Hiding a UAP Black Project?](#)” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, August 28, 2021)

- 1968** — Science-fiction author [Otto Binder](#) publishes *Flying Saucers Are Watching Us*, which borrows liberally from the theories of engineer [Max W. Flindt](#) (cofounder of the Ancient Astronaut Society), who contends that extraterrestrials had conducted genetic engineering on our apelike ancestors to create modern mankind. Binder writes that space people return every few centuries to interbreed with humans to improve the stock. He follows this up with *Mankind—Child of the Stars* in 1974, coauthored with Flindt. (Otto O. Binder, *Flying Saucers Are Watching Us*, 1968; Clark III 109; Jerome Clark, “[Vimanas Have Landed: Ancient Astronautics in Ufology](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 29)
- 1968** — Italian author [Renato Vesco](#) writes *Intercettatelli Senza Sparare*, making a case that the Germans had developed anti-gravity devices at the end of World War II, testing disc-shaped and tubular craft that were responsible for foe fighters. After the war, these concepts were acquired by the US and Russia, leading directly to functional flying saucers. (Renato Vesco, *Intercept—But Don’t Shoot*, Zebra/Grove, 1971; Marcello Pupilli and Giuseppe Stilo, “[Solitudine di un uomo: Le teorie ufologiche e la vita di Renato Vesco \(1924–1999\)](#),” *UFO Forum*, no. 18 (August 2001): 33–39)
- 1968** — UFO skeptic and electrical engineer [Philip J. Klass](#) publishes his first UFO book, *UFOs—Identified*, in which he theorizes that sightings are caused by ball lightning and anomalous free-floating plasmas. Klass’s plasma hypothesis is not well received by anyone on either side of the UFO debate, who note that Klass is using one unverified phenomenon (his hypothetical plasmas) to explain another unverified phenomenon (UFOs). Klass and physicist [James E. McDonald](#) engage in a bitter, 18-month-long debate, leveling a variety of charges and accusations at one another. In September 1968, Klass writes to McDonald’s superiors at the US Navy (McDonald is formally retired from the Navy, but often works with the Office of Naval Research), questioning how McDonald could spend so much time on UFO research and still fulfill the requirements for his atmospheric research grant. This does not result in McDonald losing ONR funding, but it does draw some criticism of Klass from members of the UFO community. (Philip J. Klass, *UFOs—Identified*, Random House, 1968; Clark III 659; Wikipedia, “[Philip J. Klass](#)”)
- 1968** — Vladimir Godic and Crystal Walsh found UFO Research South Australia, a group committed to use scientific methodology in investigation and research. (Keith Basterfield, Vladimir Godic, and Pony Godic, “[Australian Ufology: A Review](#),” *JUFOS* 2 (1990): 25)
- 1968** — An Australian nuclear physicist attached to the Directorate of Scientific and Technical Intelligence (part of the Joint Intelligence Bureau) cooperates with other defense intelligence scientists to form a “rapid intervention team” to investigate UFO incidents involving physical evidence. The effort lasts until a wave of UFO reports takes place in Western Australia and he is denied further access to RAAF files. (Bill Chalker, “[The UFO Connection: Addendum](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 31, no. 5 (July 1986): 20; Good Above, [p. 166](#))
- 1968** — The Canadian National Research Council, from its base at the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics in Ottawa, Ontario, takes over the collection of UFO reports from the Department of National Defence. It partners with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to do the actual investigations. The NRC’s primary interest is in tracking meteors and meteorite falls. Non-meteoritic sightings are kept in a separate file but transferred to the Public Archives of Canada [now Library and Archives of Canada] at the end of every year. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Canada*, Signet, 1981, [p. 175](#); Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 9–10)
- 1968** — [Fabio Zerpa](#) founds the Organizacion Nacional Investigadora de Fenómenos Espaciales in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It publishes a monthly magazine, *Cuarta Dimension*. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 233](#))
- 1968** (or 1969) — 9:00 p.m. A Polish Air Force pilot takes off from Warsaw Modlin Airport, Poland, in a MiG-21 for a short, routine mission. Soon he sees two identical white discs, about 6–10 feet in diameter, moving at the same altitude and speed as his MiG. His wingman also sees them. He approaches to within 50 feet of them. During the 5-minute encounter, radio contact with the controller is lost and contact between the two pilots deteriorates. Four UFOs follow the two MiGs for another 3–6 miles, then they accelerate and overtake them, disappearing ahead. (Poland 65)
- Early 1968** — Four artillerymen stationed at the naval garrison at Lüda [now Dalian], Liaoning, China, see a luminous, gold, oval-shaped object that leaves a thin trail in the air. It climbs steeply at high speed and disappears. When it begins to climb, all communications and radar systems fail, nearly causing an accident in the fleet. The naval patrol goes on alert, and the fleet commander orders his men to prepare for combat. After 30 minutes, comms and radar return to normal. A two-man coast guard patrol allegedly sees the UFO land on the south coast and fires at it

with automatic weapons. (Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archive, 1983, pp. 48–49)

- 1968**, January — John Harney and Alan W. Sharp launch a new publication, *Merseyside UFO Bulletin* (MUFOB), in Liverpool, England, as an independent publication from the openly skeptical newsletter begun by the Merseyside UFO Research Group. John Rimmer assumes the post of associate editor with the third issue. ([Merseyside UFO Bulletin](#) 1, No. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1968); Clark III 706; “[History of Magonia](#),” *Magonia* Archive)
- 1968**, January 2 — 4:30 p.m. Errol Smythe [Earl Smith?], 17, and Tommy Banks, 15, of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada, are touring the lower slopes of Grey Mountain on the outskirts of town in their Skidoo snowmobiles. It starts to get dark and they both have their lights on. At the top of the hill they see a bright moving light. Smythe looks back, thinking the light must be coming from the snowmobile of his friend, Tommy. But there above the trees is a bright egg-shaped object with luminous bands of red and orange-yellow. In the center these bands seem to merge and pulsate. The boys feel heat from the object and Tommy has the impression his snowmobile has slowed down. Flying silently and evidently interested in what the boys are doing, the object remains in sight for several seconds before disappearing behind the trees. Unknown to the pair, a similar object was seen over Atlin Lake some 100 miles away the previous evening. (John Magor, “[Strange Sights in Yukon Sky](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 1–3; Library and Archives Canada, “[Record Group: Royal Canadian Mounted Police](#),” reports for Whitehorse, January 2, 1968)
- 1968**, January 15 — The USAF Air Defense Command is renamed the Aerospace Defense Command. (Wikipedia, “[Aerospace Defense Command](#)”)
- 1968**, January 15 — 7:25 a.m. Two farmers driving a truck near Three Hills, Alberta, see an object that looks “like a stunted dill pickle,” greenish-blue in color and silent. Another truck stops and they point out the object to the others, who say it looks like a flying saucer. They contact the Calgary Airport, but officials there have had no reports. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 60–62, 63–64)
- 1968**, January 15 — 9:00 p.m. Janice, Denise, and Lori Achzehner are playing records in Villa Park, Illinois, when their father’s “Saucer Seeker” UFO detector goes off. They run outside and see a large orange light hovering near the house. For 45 minutes they watch as a series of 6 objects fly in and out of the area. Through binoculars they can see that the objects are triangular or cone-shaped, no more than a mile away, and 500–1,500 feet high. As they watch, one of the objects approaches a commercial airliner, makes a 180° turn without slowing, then follows the aircraft until they are out of sight. (“[Use of Detectors in Spotting UFO](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1968, p. 7)
- 1968**, January 19 — [McDonald](#) calls [Low](#) on the phone and expresses his concerns about the project. The two reach an impasse. (UFOs Yes, 185; Swords 328)
- 1968**, January 20 — 6:00 p.m. Police deputies Bias Fortes and Pinheiro Chagas are driving 9 miles outside of Brasília, Brazil, when they see a triangular UFO. They stop and get out to observe it better and watch it hover for 5 minutes. It accelerates suddenly and speeds to the southwest, (“[First Sightings of 1968 in Brazil](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1968, p. 3)
- 1968**, January 20 — 11:00 p.m. Robert Ballard and his wife Lynn are visiting his parents near Vermillion, South Dakota. Robert goes outside to warm up his car for the trip home. He sees a large object and calls to his father to come outside. They watch a big ball of red and orange fire to the east. At first they think it is the moon and go inside, but as Robert and Lynn are leaving, the object gives off a flash, and one of the dogs begins barking vigorously. They drive toward the object, which seems to be flickering in a field. It seems to be spinning and is 20 feet above the ground, sometimes less. When Ballard turns onto State Highway 50, the UFO, about 30 feet in diameter, starts following them. He accelerates to 60 mph and the object jumps to just behind their car. At one point it is hovering only 3 feet above an intersection. It keeps following them at telephone height, even though Ballard speeds up to 110 mph. After another car goes by them, the object speeds up and heads straight toward them from behind. Soon it rises and disappears to the east. (“[New Close-Ups, Pacings](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 5 (March 1968): 3; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., [Strange Effects from UFOs](#), NICAP, 1969, pp. 37–38)
- 1968**, January 21 — A fire breaks out in the navigator’s compartment of a USAF B-52 near Thule Air Base, Greenland. The bomber crashes 7 miles from the air base, causing the non-nuclear explosives aboard to detonate and rupturing and dispersing its nuclear payload of four hydrogen bombs carried on an ongoing (since 1960) Operation Chrome Dome alert mission to deter a Soviet nuclear first strike. The recovery and decontamination effort is complicated by Greenland’s harsh weather. Contaminated ice and debris are buried at the Savannah River plant in South Carolina. Bomb fragments are recycled by Pantex, in Amarillo, Texas. The incident causes outrage and protests in Denmark. USAF Strategic Air Command Chrome Dome operations are discontinued immediately after the accident, which highlights the safety and political risks of the missions. Safety procedures are reviewed and more stable explosives are developed for use in nuclear weapons. A BBC News report in 2008 seems to

confirm through declassified documents and interviews with those involved that one nuclear bomb was lost. However, the Danish Institute for International Studies concludes in August 2009 that there is no missing bomb and that the US underwater operation was a search for the uranium-235 of the fissile core of a secondary, a small object one half meter long. For the first time, the report is able to present an estimate of the amount of plutonium contained in the pits of the primaries. (Wikipedia, "[1968 Thule Air Base B-52 crash](#)"; Wikipedia, "[Operation Chrome Dome](#)")

- 1968**, January 22 — In response to a question by MP [Teddy Taylor](#), UK Secretary of State for Defence [Merlyn Rees](#) writes that the total number of reports for 1967 "reflects a wave of public interest in UFOs, reaching a peak toward the end of the year," and that unexplained sightings (only 46 out of 362) are due to lack of sufficient information. (Good Above, [p. 66](#); Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1968**, January 26 — A-12 pilot [Jack Weeks](#) is dispatched from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, on a sortie to locate the [USS Pueblo](#), which has been captured by North Korean forces on January 23. His photographs pinpoint the *Pueblo*'s exact location in the harbor of Changjahwan Bay near Wonsan, North Korea. Instead of war plans, the US proceeds with negotiations for the return of the crew. (Jacobsen, *Area 51*, [pp. 271–274](#))
- 1968**, January 31 — [McDonald](#) sends [Low](#) a 7-page, single-spaced letter, citing [Condon](#)'s negative statements, his preoccupation with crackpot elements, Condon's failure to conduct any investigations himself, the lack of communication between Low and Condon and the active investigators, and the failure of the project to take seriously any assertions of cover-up. He mentions Low's memorandum, saying "I am rather puzzled by the viewpoints expressed there." He concludes: "I am not opposed to negative findings—on UFOs or other scientific questions; what bothers me is that it appears that these negative findings were being adumbrated as early as January 1966, and perhaps even earlier." He sends a copy to the project's open files. (UFOs Yes, 185–187)
- 1968**, January 31 — Morning. At Lajes Air Base on Terceira in the Azores, a Portuguese military watchman, Serafim Vieira Sebastião, notices a strange interference on his transistor radio. Looking around, he sees an oval metallic object surmounted by a transparent tower on top of which is a small balustrade on which two beings are leaning. The silhouettes of two more beings are visible in the tower. The object is hovering above a munitions dump. Serafim phones one of the other sentries then shines his flashlight on the machine. As he does so, the men on the tower see him. The object emits a cloud of gaseous dust that overpowers him. When his colleague finds him a few minutes later, the object has vanished. ("[OVNI com quatro seres ataca guarda açoriano](#)," *Insólito*, no. 13 (June 1976); Nuno Alves, "[O Caso Ilha Terceira \(31 de Janeiro de 1968\) Serafim Vieira Sebastião](#)," UFO Portugal, October 28, 2017)
- 1968**, February — Canada's National Research Council agrees to become the official government archive for existing and future UFO reports. The files are kept in an office of the Council's Upper Atmosphere Section (Astrophysics Branch) in Ottawa, Ontario. But the NRC does not investigate reports. (Good Above, [p. 192](#); Gregory M. Kanon, "[UFOs and the Canadian Government](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 7 (Spring 1976): 18)
- 1968**, February — [Felix Ziegel](#), Soviet cosmologist and assistant professor at the Moscow Aviation Institute, Russia, writes an article on UFOs for *Soviet Life* with reports supplied by Novosti. He mentions four UFO reports and concludes that they could be extraterrestrial in origin. He thinks the 1908 Tunguska event is a remarkable UFO case and reveals that the USSR established a "UFO Section of the All-Union Cosmonautics Committee" in October 1967. Ziegel soon afterwards receives a letter from [Edward Condon](#), the director of the University of Colorado UFO Project, suggesting that the Soviet and the American groups should cooperate, starting with an information exchange. Ziegel and 12 other members of his group sign a letter requesting the Soviet government to create a state-sponsored organization that would coordinate all the UFO research in the country. Next month he receives an official negative response. (Wikipedia, "[Felix Ziegel](#)"; Felix Ziegel, "[Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," *Soviet Life*, no. 137 (February 1968): 27–29; Central Intelligence Agency, "[Nothing But the Facts on UFOs, or Which Novosti Writer Do You Read?](#)" April 9, 1968)
- 1968**, February 4 — 7:20 p.m. About 200 residents of Redlands, California, see or hear a huge, low-flying, disc-shaped object as it passes overhead. The UFO is about 50 feet in diameter, with seven lights on its base emitting bright orange flame. Some 8–10 other lights on its rim alternate red and green, giving the impression that the object is rotating. A minister recording his sermon captures a high-pitched, modulated, whining sound from the UFO on tape. The UFO apparently descends just west of Columbia Street and north of Colton Avenue, then proceeds to the northwest for about a mile at an altitude of 300 feet. Coming to a stop, it hovers briefly, jerks forward, hovers again, then shoots straight up in a burst of speed. The object is not detected on radar at Norton AFB [now closed] near San Bernardino or March AFB [now March Air Reserve Base] in Riverside County. An investigation is conducted for APRO by four University of Redlands faculty: [Philip Seff](#) (geology), Judson Sanderson (math),

Reinhold Krantz (math), and [John Brownfield](#) (art). They conclude that the object is not attributable to any known phenomenon or aircraft, but that the recorded sound comes from an emergency vehicle. ([Sparks](#), p. 327; James E. McDonald, “[Statement on Unidentified Flying Objects](#),” in *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968, pp. 52–53; Story, pp. [299–300](#); UFOEv II 213; William F. Krupke, “[Sonic Analysis of the Redlands UFO Tape Recording](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 30, no. 2 (2016): 175–198)

- 1968**, February 5 — [McDonald](#)’s letter arrives in Boulder, Colorado. [Low](#) is out of town and the staff read it first. Low does not see it until 4:00 p.m. the following day when [Mary Lou Armstrong](#) shows it to him. He explodes, saying whoever gave the memo to McDonald should be fired. [Condon](#) is also furious. (UFOs Yes, 188; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 365–366)
- 1968**, February 7 — [Low](#) summons [Saunders](#) to [Condon](#)’s office, asking him if he knew [McDonald](#) had a copy of the memo. Saunders said yes, and didn’t think he needed to alert anyone, since McDonald is a friend of the project. Condon says, “For an act like that, you deserve to be ruined professionally!” Saunders avoids admitting he was responsible (indirectly) for McDonald’s having the memo. When Norm Levine arrives, Saunders is ordered to leave. Levine tells him the memo’s release is a group effort. Condon tells Levine not to discuss this meeting or communicate further with McDonald. Levine says he can’t do that, Condon tells him he is no longer useful, and Levine walks out. Condon and Low meet with other staff members the rest of the day. (UFOs Yes, 188–192; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 366–369)
- 1968**, February 8 — [Condon](#) and [Low](#) meet with [Thurston Manning](#) and [Stuart W. Cook](#) from the University of Colorado’s Psychology Department. Condon tells [Mary Lou Armstrong](#) that [Saunders](#) and Norm Levine will be fired. Low types the letters himself and Condon signs them. Condon also writes a letter to [Hynek](#) asking him to provide 10–15 of the best cases from his files. (UFOs Yes, 192–193; Center for UFO Studies, [[Hynek correspondence](#)], p. 10)
- 1968**, February 9 — [Condon](#) and [Low](#) meet with [Craig](#), who admits knowing about the memo and says he was concerned about it. He leaves the meeting “deeply concerned” about the project’s viability. Roger Harkins writes up the events at the project for the *Boulder Daily Camera*; when he interviews Condon, he realizes that Condon “honestly didn’t know anything about that memo until a couple of days ago.” Condon admits, in contrast to his statements earlier, that [Saunders](#) and Levine were fired for insubordination, not incompetence. (UFOs Yes, 194–195)
- 1968**, February 13 — 4:00 a.m. Robert Union, a former FAA air traffic controller, and his wife watch a glowing white elliptical object that follows their car at an altitude of 2,000–5,000 feet near Missoula, Montana. The object moves back and forth across the road, makes sharp turns and unusual maneuvers, and finally disappears abruptly. (UFOEv II 161)
- 1968**, February 14 — [Hynek](#) replies to [Condon](#), saying that he will send him some of his best cases over the next few weeks, but requests that in return they be given a “thorough investigation.” He even offers to go to Wright-Patterson AFB and send him copies of good Blue Book cases, since [Quintanilla](#) has scrupulously been sending him copies of only those he asks for. (Center for UFO Studies, [[Hynek correspondence](#)], pp. 11–12)
- 1968**, February 14 — [F. Robert Naka](#), USAF chief reconnaissance scientist at MITRE Corporation, tells [Robert Low](#) that, contrary to what NORAD had briefed him on in 1967, NORAD radars can and do track UFOs “coming in from outer space.” He does not deny that NORAD has already tracked such objects on occasion. (Clark III 804)
- 1968**, February 16 — Novosti Science Commentator Villen Lyustiberg writes “Flying Saucers? They’re a Myth” in the newspaper *Moskovskij Komsomolets*. Novosti releases an English translation on March 12. It explains US reports as either misobservations or misreporting by the media. (Central Intelligence Agency, “[Nothing But the Facts on UFOs, or Which Novosti Writer Do You Read?](#)” April 9, 1968)
- 1968**, February 18 — 12:00 midnight. Teenagers Richard Frombach, Boone Powers, and Chris Beachner are parked next to a pond in a gravel pit near Vashon, Washington, when they notice a glowing oval object resting on a hill to the east. They drive into town to pick up an additional witness, Joseph Frabush, and return to the area, park on the main road, and walk into the pond area. The object has moved to the east. Frabush thinks it is metallic and about 30 feet long. They drive back into town for more witnesses, but when they return the light is gone and the 100-foot pond is completely frozen over. Temperatures in the area have been above freezing for several days. Small puddles and mud patches surrounding the pond are not frozen at all. The pond ice is dry, even though it has been raining all night. Investigators find that the ice is 3 inches thick in some spots, composed of 2–5 layers, and riddled with bubbles filled with air and dirt. (“[The Strange Case of the Frozen Pond](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1968, pp. 1–3; Rick Hilberg, “[Around and About the Saucer World](#),” *UFO Magazine* 4, no. 10 (Summer 1968): 7)

- 1968**, February 19 — 11:55 a.m. Martha Heggs is in her farmhouse kitchen about 10 miles west of Bengough, Saskatchewan. She hears a high-pitched whine that has such a penetrating intensity it is similar to a mild electric shock, causing a tingling sensation throughout her body. Looking out, she sees an object 300 feet away circling around a pole with an electric transformer on it. The object is shaped like two saucers edge-to-edge, surmounted by a dome with 6–7 ports, rounded at the top and extending straight down to the base of the dome. These ports are indented and white in color, resembling frosted glass. The saucers are about 8 feet wide and the dome about 4 feet wide. The body of the object looks like dull aluminum. There is a smaller, vented structure on top of the dome and an antenna on top of that. When the object first appears, a dog is seen cowering and lying in the snow, trying to cover its ears with its paws. Sixteen head of cattle, loose in the farmyard, bolt when the object moves into the area. They enter the cattle sheds and do not emerge until at least 30 minutes after the object disappears. The object moves about the farmyard, sometimes hovering, its altitude ranging from 3 feet to 20 feet. After 20 minutes, still 9–12 feet above the ground, the object leaves the farm through a windbreak and moves north until lost to view. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *UFOs: A New Look*, NICAP, 1969, Section IV, [pp. 11–12](#); UFOEv II 37–38)
- 1968**, February 20 — The US Embassy in Moscow sends an unclassified airgram to the US Department of State drawing attention to [Felix Ziegel](#)'s article in the February 1968 issue of *Soviet Life*, which refers to the Soviet UFO Study Group and concludes that international cooperation in studying UFOs is vital. (Felix Ziegel, "[Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," *Soviet Life*, no. 137 (February 1968): 27–29; Good Above, [pp. 235, 473–474](#))
- 1968**, February 22 — [Mary Lou Armstrong](#) tells [Condon](#) that the staff has no confidence in [Low](#) as project coordinator, that Low has no interest in UFO sightings or reports, and that the staff has come to a radically different conclusion. (UFOs Yes, 199)
- 1968**, February 23 — [Hynek](#) writes another letter to [Condon](#), saying that he has reconsidered his decision to send him his best cases, as he thinks the Colorado project will be unable to investigate them adequately before its contractual period is up. He does send him a catalog of recent Blue Book cases and offers to help him obtain from Wright-Patterson any of the unidentified or insufficient evidence cases that he wants to see. (Center for UFO Studies, [\[Hynek correspondence\]](#), pp. 14–17)
- 1968**, February 24 — [Armstrong](#) resigns from the Colorado project, citing an "almost unanimous lack of confidence" among senior staffers in [Low](#)'s competence. She also complains that Low has been less than honest about the radical difference between staff views of UFOs and the views Low and [Condon](#) are expressing. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 239–241, 274–282](#); Clark III 698, 1197).
- 1968**, February 27 — 4:30 a.m. A brilliant flood of light from her window abruptly awakens Grace L. Bernor in Templeton, Massachusetts. She becomes paralyzed, her face is immobile, and her hands and feet ache. The light goes on and off about 7–8 times, ending around 5:00 a.m. She slowly recovers over the next few days. (Michael D. Swords, "[A Trick of the Light](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 11)
- 1968**, February 27 — 6:55 p.m. Truck driver Andrew Perry is driving from Bideford to Cullompton, Devon, England, when he sees a bright light appear at the crest of a hill. As he gets closer, he sees the light is coming from a mushroom-shaped object. As he reaches about 900 feet away from the object, he stops the truck and climbs to the top of the cab to get a better view. He sees about 4–5 figures about 4 feet tall spread out around the object. Suddenly they scramble toward the UFO and disappear inside. The object emits a high-pitched whirring sound that causes his truck to vibrate. Perry gets upset and climbs back into the truck, driving it fast down the road. Meanwhile, the UFO has risen about 200 feet into the air and is passing above his truck, making a noise so loud he can't hear the engine running. Suddenly the truck engine cuts out. A few seconds later, the noise stops and Perry sees the UFO moving away in the distance. He drives to the nearest police station to report the incident. (UFOFiles2, [pp. 126–127](#))
- 1968**, February 28 — [Condon](#) has a slight heart attack. (Center for UFO Studies, [\[Hynek correspondence\]](#), p. 19)
- 1968**, February 29 — Chairman of the Soviet Astronomical Services [Evald Rudolfovich Mustel](#), president of the All-Union Astronomical and Geodetic Society D. Martynov, and Secretary of the National Committee of Soviet Physicists V. A. Leshkovtsev write an article in *Pravda* claiming that there have been no unexplainable sightings of UFOs on Russian soil. UFOs are "anti-Soviet products of decadent capitalistic warmongering." From this point on, pro-UFO articles are forbidden by state censorship, although some members of the disbanded UFO Study Group write letters to Pravda insisting that UFO identification is essential for defense. Academician A. Shchukin responds, saying that the Academy of Sciences is already doing that. (Evald Rudolfovich Mustel, D. Martynov, and V. A. Leshkovtsev, ["Flying Saucers Again?"], *Pravda*, February 29, 1968; Good Above, [pp. 235–236](#); Mikhail Gershtein, "[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#)," UAP Check, July 6, 2024)

- 1968**, March — EG&G technician [Thornton D. Barnes](#) arrives in Area 51 in Nevada to reverse-engineer the Soviet MiG-21 acquired through defecting Iraqi fighter pilot [Munir Redfa](#). Soviet-built radar systems acquired in the Middle East are installed around Groom Lake (to aid stealth testing of the SR-71), and Barnes is also assigned to evaluate them as well as the ECM capabilities of the MiG. (Jacobsen, *Area 51*, pp. 290–293)
- 1968**, March — Swiss author [Erich von Däniken](#) writes *Erinnerungen an die Zukunft*, translated into English as *Chariots of the Gods?*, the first of several books setting out the “ancient astronaut” hypothesis in which ancient gods are space visitors, *Homo sapiens* was created by cross-breeding or genetic engineering, nuclear wars were fought in the ancient world, and monuments were built by levitation. (Erich von Däniken, *Chariots of the Gods?* Bantam, 1973; Wikipedia, “[Chariots of the Gods?](#)”; Clark III 110; Jerome Clark, “[Vimanas Have Landed: Ancient Astronautics in Ufology](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 29–30)
- 1968**, March 1 — Boulder, Colorado, police arrest Colorado project officer Jim Wadsworth for possession of marijuana. He pleads no contest and resigns. (UFOs Yes, 200)
- 1968**, March 1 — An Over the Horizon Forward Scatter Radar System 440L/Program 673A is turned over to NORAD’s Cheyenne Mountain facility in Colorado by Air Force Intelligence. It has been previously used to collect intelligence on Soviet missile launches since it was built in 1960–1962. It soon picks up unidentified radar returns. (Clark III 811)
- 1968**, March 2 — A magnetic monitoring device with a film camera set up by the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau at Horseshoe Lagoon, Tully, Queensland, is triggered around the time that an airliner flying at 6,000 feet from Cairns to Iron Range is paced by a UFO. About 50 feet of film is exposed. On March 4, another 16 feet is exposed during a local UFO sighting. The film is apparently intercepted by the RAAF after Victor Mele, the owner of the film, sends it to a Kodak processing facility in Melbourne, Victoria. (Good Above, pp. 170–172)
- 1968**, March 3 — 8:30 p.m. Several witnesses are traveling east on Knud Drive in Columbia, Tennessee, when they notice a large rectangular object approaching them silently from behind. When they stop the car, the object is directly overhead and moving east. It has hundreds of small, dimly lit points of light in 5–6 rows on its base. Witness Norman E. Bryant thinks it is 1,000 feet long, 250 feet wide, and flying at an altitude of 2,000 feet. It passes them in a matter of seconds. (“[Out of the Past](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1983): 4–6)
- 1968**, March 4 — 6:15 p.m. A cigar-shaped object approaches a car in West Seneca, New York, and passes in front of it. The object is 50–60 feet long with blinking yellow lights. The witness tries to speed up, but the accelerator does not respond. The object disappears instantly. (Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, CUFOS, 1981, p. 40)
- 1968**, March 4 — 9:00 p.m. A man is driving his new Triumph Spitfire up a country lane near Glossop, Derbyshire, England, when two golden objects shoot over the top of his car, killing his headlights, radio, and engine. Moments after the objects pass to the north, the headlights come back on, but the radio still fails. He is able to restart his car engine after the lights come on. A BUFORA investigator takes the radio to his workplace at British Aerospace and finds that two key transistors have burned out, seemingly due to a power surge. Once the transistors are replaced, the radio works again. (Jenny Randles, “Flappy Valley, Part 4,” *Fortean Times* 328 (July 2015): 30)
- 1968**, March 8 — The first SR-71s arrive at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, to replace the Oxcart A-12s. (Wikipedia, “[Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird](#)”)
- 1968**, March 10 — 6:00 p.m. Valentina Flores is bringing in her llamas on her farm between Opoco and Uyuni, Bolivia, when she discovers that her sheep pen is covered with a net made of some plastic-like material, and that inside the pen is a helmeted being, 3.5 ft tall, who is engaged in killing her sheep using a tubular instrument with a hook on the end. Flores throws stones at the being, whereupon he walks over to an instrument resembling a radio and, moving a wheel on it, quickly absorbs all the netting. The woman approaches the pen with a cudgel, upon which the being throws its instrument at her several times; it returns to him like a boomerang, after it inflicts superficial cuts on her arms. The entity picks up the machine, which has absorbed the net as well as a bag containing sheep entrails, and puts them into a rucksack on his back. Two legs emerge from the rucksack and extend down to the ground, at which time the entity rises straight up into the air with an extraordinary sound and vanishes. 34 sheep are found dead; from every one, “certain small portions of the digestive organs were missing.” (Oscar A. Galíndez, “[Violent Humanoid Encountered in Bolivia](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1970): 15–16; Clark III 138–139; Patrick Gross, *URECAT*, November 9, 2007)
- 1968**, March 12 — [James E. McDonald](#) presents a paper, “UFOs: An International Scientific Problem,” at an astronautics symposium of the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute, analyzing in depth [Philip Klass](#)’s plasma theory of UFOs and rejecting it as “superficial.” (James E. McDonald, “[UFOs: An International Scientific Problem](#),” March 12, 1968; Story, p. 414)
- 1968**, March 17 — 12:30 a.m. The director of the University of Utah’s ecological and epidemiological contact with Dugway Proving Ground in Utah, a Dr. Bode, phones Keith Smart, the chief of the ecology and epidemiology

branch at Dugway to report that 3,000 sheep are dead in the Skull Valley area. The initial report of the incident comes to Bode from the manager of a Skull Valley livestock company. The sheep had been grazing in an area about 27 miles from the proving ground. Total sheep deaths of 6,000–6,400 are reported over the next several days. The popular explanation blames Army testing of chemical weapons for the incident, though alternative explanations are also offered. A report, commissioned by Air Force Press Officer Jesse Stay and first made public in 1998, is the first documented admission from the Army that a nerve agent had killed the sheep at Skull Valley. At least three operations involving nerve agents took place on March 13: the test firing of a chemical artillery shell, the burning of 160 gallons of nerve agent in an open-air pit, and a jet aircraft that sprayed nerve agent in a target area 27 miles west of Skull Valley. (Wikipedia, "[Dugway sheep incident](#)"; Lorraine Boissoneault, "[How the Death of 6,000 Sheep Spurred the American Debate on Chemical Weapons](#)," *Smithsonian*, April 9, 2018)

- 1968**, March 19 — 8:30 p.m. 12-year-old Gregory L. Wells is walking toward the trailer home of his parents in Beallsville, Ohio, when he sees an oval-shaped, bright red object hovering above some nearby trees and illuminating the road. It has a band of dimmer red lights around its midsection. Suddenly a big tube emerges from the object and moves around until it is pointed at him. A light beam shoots out and hits the upper part of his arm, knocking him down. His jacket catches fire and he rolls around, screaming with fright. His mother and grandmother come out to help, and they both see the red UFO, which just fades away after 10 minutes. The boy is taken to a hospital and treated for second-degree burns. His scars are still visible three months later. ("[Boy Burned by UAO in Ohio](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1968, pp. 1, 3; James E. McDonald, "[Statement on Unidentified Flying Objects](#)," in *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968, p. 79; Stringfield, *Situation Red*, Fawcett Crest, 1977, [pp. 197–198](#))
- 1968**, March 26 — [McDonald](#) addresses the question, "Are UFOs Extraterrestrial Surveillance Craft?" in a talk at the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics. (James E. McDonald, "[Are UFOs Extraterrestrial Surveillance Craft?](#)" March 26, 1968; Story, [p. 414](#))
- 1968**, March 29 — 4:00 p.m. Meteorologist Ștefan Bălașa and a group of skiers watch a shiny object 75°–80° in the sky near the weather station on Semenic Mountain, Romania. Through binoculars it appears cone-shaped. Bălașa continues to watch it until 6:40 p.m. when it begins to dim and move slowly to the east-northeast. The same or similar object appears in the same area on the evening of March 30. (Romania 17–18)
- 1968**, March 29 — 6:50 p.m. Spectators at a football match in Tismana, Romania, see a stationary, bright-blue-green conical object that changes its color to red and disappears by 7:30 p.m. (Hobana and Weverbergh 237–238; Romania 18)
- 1968**, March 29 — 7:30 p.m. Two students and two teachers in Târgu-Jiu, Romania, see a whitish-blue isosceles triangle in the southeast sky. It changes color to orange then red and departs to the southwest. (Hobana and Weverbergh 134–135; Romania 18)
- 1968**, March 30 — 2:30 a.m. Teofil Iorga and 120 other construction workers at the Banat Mine in Oravița, Romania, see a luminous globe in the sky. At 6:10 a.m., a stationary yellowish-white object appears in the northeast. Iorga takes a photo of it at 8:00 a.m. and looks at it through a theodolite at 8:15 a.m. It is shaped like a truncated cone with one side exposed to the sun. At 9:00 a.m., the object ascends and moves to the south. (Hobana and Weverbergh 129–130; Romania 18)
- 1968**, March 30 — 8:00 a.m. Meteorologist Vasile Coțoi and Ingeborg Vityi observe a white conical object maneuvering slowly against the wind at the weather station on Țarcu Peak, Romania. They watch it for 2.5 hours before it disappears. At 1:00 p.m. it is logged by the weather station near Berzasca about 1 mile inland from the Danube River. At 4:00 p.m. it reappears at the Semenic Mountain weather station and is also seen at Caransebeș, Romania, and other places. (Hobana and Weverbergh 131–138; Romania 19–20)
- 1968**, Spring — Two prospectors, Ed Sampson and Bill Johnson, are sleeping in the Anza Borrego Desert, California, when they wake up at the sound of an explosion. The sky above is filled with a fading red light, and they see flashes on the western horizon. The two climb to the crest of a hill and look down. Sampson sees a "red, circular flying saucer" hovering over the valley, while entities with glowing red eyes march in single file close to the ridge of an adjacent canyon. Something like a church bell rings out at intervals, and mechanical clanking is also audible. After noticing two glowing-eyed creatures standing behind them, they take off running. (Clark III 557)
- 1968**, Mid-April — Evening. Engineer Gu Ying is sent to a military construction regiment in the north Gobi Desert, China, when the entire battalion notices a huge, luminous, red-orange disc with a flashing light landing in the sand. It is about 9 feet in diameter. The commander dispatches a team of motorcycle troops to approach it. As they get closer, the object shoots up into the sky and disappears. The UFO leaves ground traces like a "seared

cross.” The soldiers assume it is a Russian device. (Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archive, 1983, pp. 49–50)

- 1968**, April 4 — 8:15 p.m. Two young men in Cochrane, Wisconsin, see a UFO hover above a car ahead of them; its headlights suddenly go out. The object appears metallic and glows orange when standing still, but gets redder and brighter when moving. The object then comes toward their car and the engine conks out. It hovers overhead for a moment, during which time the witnesses feel increased heat and weightlessness. The object departs over a nearby field, emitting a cloudy haze all around its periphery. (Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 40)
- 1968**, April 27 — The May 14 issue of *Look* magazine contains an article by [John G. Fuller](#) on the [Low](#) memorandum and the near-mutiny at the Colorado project. (John G. Fuller, “[Flying Saucer Fiasco](#),” *Look* 32, no. 10 (May 14, 1968): 58–63; L. J. Lorenzen, “[A ‘Fiasco’ Has Two Sides](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1968, pp. 2–3; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 369–370, 371–373)
- 1968**, April 29 — [Low](#) tells the press [Fuller](#) has quoted him out of context. [Condon](#) and Low spend the morning talking to legal counsel. Condon phones *Look* and demands that [Fuller](#) be fired. (Powell, *Keyhoe*, 370)
- 1968**, April 30 — Rep. [J. Edward Roush](#) (D-Ind.) denounces the Colorado project in Congress based on the *Look* article and raises doubts about its scientific integrity. He writes to Air Force Secretary [Robert Seamans](#) to ask for his comments on “this deplorable situation” and he writes to the Comptroller General [Elmer B. Staats](#) to investigate the use of public funds for the project. (UFOs Yes, 201–202; “Congressional UFOing,” *Wall Street Journal*, May 3, 1968)
- 1968**, April 30 — [Keyhoe](#) and the NICAP Board of Directors write to President [Lyndon Johnson](#), enclosing the [Low](#) memo and other evidence and urging that he create an entirely new commission. Col. Bernhard M. Ettenson, from the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, writes back to say that “we expect that Dr. [Condon](#) will fulfill the terms of the agreement.” (“[NICAP Breaks with Colorado Project](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 6 (May/June 1968): 1; “[The Inside Story of the Colorado Project](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 6 (May/June 1968): 4–5)
- 1968**, Early May — Five UFOs are seen diving into the ocean off Arrecife, Vargas, Venezuela. (“[Current South American Flap](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1968, p. 8)
- 1968**, Early May — Night. Gerardo Vidal and his wife are driving home from Chascomús to Maipú, Buenos Aires, Argentina. They are just outside Chascomús when their car is enveloped in a thick green fog. The next thing they know they are driving on a road near Mexico City in broad daylight, 4,400 miles to the northwest. Their watches have stopped, and they discover that two days have passed. They visit the Argentine embassy in Mexico City, where Vidal calls a relative in Maipú to report that they are well. However, a June 4, 1968, Reuters dispatch from Mexico City contains a denial of the incident by the Argentine embassy, and subsequent inquiries can find no one in Maipú that could be the Vidals. Finally, in October 1998 Argentine film director [Aníbal Uset](#) admits to researcher Roberto E. Banchs that he had invented the Chascomús teleportation as a publicity stunt to spread a fantastic story based on the plot of his upcoming film *Ché OVNI*. The movie’s poster even shows a UFO carrying off an automobile. (*La Razon* (Buenos Aires), June 3, 1968; Oscar A. Galíndez, “[Teleportation from Chascomús to Mexico](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 3–4; “[Further News on South America](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1968, pp. 7–8; Internet Movie Database, “[Ché OVNI](#)”; Jacques Vallée, *Confrontations: A Scientist’s Search for Alien Intelligence*, Ballantine, 1990, p. 96; Roberto E. Banchs, “The Chascomús Teleportation Hoax,” *Fortean Times* 351 (April 2017): 56–57)
- 1968**, May 10 — 10:00 p.m. Grant Callison of Galesburg, Illinois, looks out his kitchen window and sees a giant bird illuminated by a streetlight. He and his wife Wilma rush outside for a better look and see three of them flying in a V-formation at an altitude of 500 feet. They look like they have metallic feathers or scales. They are flying with a graceful, fluttering motion. They then see two objects to the south with pulsating red lights moving in the same direction at the same speed (about 25–35 mph). On May 20, around 9:00 p.m., the Callisons have another odd sighting of a single bird-like creature. (Grant Callison, “[Zoodities: Winged Creatures over Illinois](#),” *Crux*, no. 2 (1986): 12–13; Grant Callison, “[Winged Creatures over Illinois](#),” *UFOexperiences*, February 6, 2006; Clark III 655)
- 1968**, May 11 — A farmer in Brinkley, South Australia, notices strands of material about 65 feet long falling on his property. He says it is like asbestos rope and as wide as a pencil. On the same day, web-like “fine woven cotton” is seen on a lawn and draped over wires and a fence in Cheltenham, Adelaide, South Australia. (Keith Basterfield, “[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7)
- 1968**, May 13 — [George H. Estabrooks](#), a Canadian-American psychologist and former consultant for the FBI and CIA, tells the *Providence Evening Bulletin* that the key to developing an effective spy or assassin is by creating a multiple personality with the aid of hypnosis, a procedure he describes as “child’s play.” Estabrooks suggests that

[Lee Harvey Oswald](#) and [Jack Ruby](#) could have been controlled in this manner. “This has and is being done. I have done it. It is child’s play now to develop a multiple personality through hypnotism.” (*Providence (R.I.) Evening Bulletin*, May 13, 1968; Colin A. Ross, *Bluebird: Deliberate Creation of Multiple Personality by Psychiatrists*, Manitou, 2000, p. 162; Phil Kirby, “[Event / TV Times: The Prisoner: Free for All](#),” *The Culture Vulture*, May 10, 2018)

- 1968**, May 15 — [Low](#) is relieved of 90% of his duties with the Colorado project, effective May 24 and will go back to his job as assistant to [Thurston Manning](#). (UFOs Yes, 204)
- 1968**, May 17 — 5:00 a.m. Caetano Sergio dos Santos is returning home from his job as a night watchman at Caconde, São Paulo, Brazil. In the courtyard of his house he sees a cylinder-shaped object, about the size of a powdered-milk can, stuck in the ground. At each end are dials, one with a black band, the other with a red one. They are encased under a glass or plastic lens with embossed figures arranged in a semicircle. Above each figure is something like an Arabic numeral. Dos Santos takes the object into the house and studies it for 90 minutes, then puts it on a windowsill in the bathroom before going to bed. He goes back to work, then at about 1:00 a.m., he returns home and notices that the object is lighting up the house, with his wife and son, very agitated, standing outside with neighbors. She tells him that a loud buzzing and intense heat had awakened her, both emanating from the object. Dos Santos goes inside and finds a hole in the roof, tile scattered over the floor, and the object gone. (“[Brazilian Object Real Puzzler](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1968, pp. 1, 3; Walter Buehler, “[The Mysterious Caconde Case](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1969): 18–19; Clark III 339)
- 1968**, May 21 — [Philip J. Klass](#) attempts to refute [James E. McDonald](#)’s criticisms of his plasma theory of UFOs in a privately circulated paper. (Phillip J. Klass, “[Dr. James E. McDonald’s ‘Mathematical Proof](#),” *The Author*, May 21, 1968, pp. 4–5)
- 1968**, Late May — [Condon](#) hires science writer [Daniel S. Gillmor](#) to edit the final project report. Gillmor receives editorial help from [Joseph H. Rush](#), a physicist from the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Also assisting is associate editor Harriet Hunter and several specialists from the local lab of the Environmental Science Services Administration (including [Gordon David Thayer](#)). [Franklin Roach](#) returns to work on astronaut sightings. By June 1, the date on which the investigative phase ends, there is a substantially new crew.
- 1968**, May 27 — 9:45 p.m. A man is driving near Punta Gorda, Florida, when his headlights and engine fail. As he gets out to check, he sees a light slowly descending at treetop level. The object is shaped like a Pilgrim’s hat with a green glow and bluish color surrounding it. A few minutes after landing, it takes off at high speed, disappearing in the northwest. The car starts once it is gone. The witness notices that his watch has stopped. (Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, CUFOS, 1981, p. 41)
- 1968**, May 31 — [McDonald](#) speaks to the Chicago Chapter of the American Meteorological Society on UFOs. (James E. McDonald, “UFOs: Atmospheric or Extraterrestrial?” May 31, 1968; Story, [p. 414](#))
- 1968**, Summer — Three teenagers notice an irregular triangular object flying to the west over housing in Stazic street in Rzeszów, Poland. It is dark with some brighter bulges on the bottom and emits a buzzing sound. (Poland 32)
- 1968**, June 3 — [McDonald](#) addresses the Burro Club (Democratic Congressional Administrative Assistants and Aides) in the Rayburn Building in Washington, D.C., on the question “Does Congress Have a Responsibility to Investigate the UFO Problem?” (Story, [p. 414](#))
- 1968**, June 4 — A-12 pilot [Jack W. Weeks](#) is lost over the South China Sea near the Philippines during a functional checkout flight after the replacement of one of its engines. (Wikipedia, “[Lockheed A-12](#)”)
- 1968**, June 6 — Capt. U. Tiviroli, commander of an Argentine Airlines Avro, sees a UFO, along with his copilot and 18 passengers, for 5 minutes during a night landing at Punta Arenas airport, Chile. An unusually bright object, long and spindle-shaped, appears above the plane. It moves in a course parallel to the plane and stops suddenly in midair. Then it swerves in a right angle back to the plane. It is also seen by airport observers. (“[Argentinian Pilot Reports UAO](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1968, p. 3)
- 1968**, June 11 — [Philip J. Klass](#) attempts to refute [James E. McDonald](#)’s criticisms of his plasma theory of UFOs in another unpublished paper. (Philip J. Klass, “[Does Dr. James E. McDonald Really Speak with Authority?](#)” *The Author*, June 11, 1968, pp. 8–9)
- 1968**, June 11 — MP [John Langford-Holt](#) asks UK Prime Minister [Harold Wilson](#) whether he is aware that some UFO reports are made to the Ministry of Defence, while police reports are made to the Board of Trade. Wilson replies that reports going to the Board of Trade are passed on to the Ministry of Defence. (Good Above, [p. 67](#); Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1968**, June 14 — Shortly after 12:00 midnight. Isidro Puentes Ventura is on guard duty in Cabañas, Artemisa, Cuba, when he sees on the ground a brilliant domed UFO with several antennas on top. He approaches to within 165 feet and fires about 40 machine gun rounds into it, convinced it is American. The object turns orange and emits a whistling

sound as Puentes loses consciousness. At dawn, an Army patrol finds him still unconscious and takes him to a hospital in Pinar del Rio, where he remains in shock for 6 days, unable to speak. He is then taken to a Naval hospital in Havana, where he remains in shock another week. At the site, Cuban and Soviet intelligence specialists find 48 spent cartridges and 14 bullets flattened by impact with something solid, as well as equally spaced indentations on the ground. Tests reveal that the soil has been exposed to a high temperature. (Jacques Vallée, *UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union: A Cosmic Samizdat*, Ballantine, 1992, pp. 82–85; Scott Corrales, “Cuba UFOs, Ufonauts, and a Compelling Documentary,” *UFOlogist* 19, no. 6 (March–April 2016): 40)

- 1968**, June 15 — 1:05 a.m. María Elodia Pretzel, daughter of the owner of the Motel La Cuesta on National Highway 20 east of Villa Carlos Paz, Córdoba, Argentina, is locking up for the night when she encounters a strange-looking man in the dining area. He is 6 feet tall and dressed in a blue helmet and a suit that glows with an eerie light and seems made up of scales. In his left hand he is holding a glassy sphere that is radiating a coherent light that lights up the room. She feels somewhat paralyzed and is getting a mental message not to be afraid. The entity raises its other arm, which is emitting beams of light, and she feels helpless, falling backward. The entity walks slowly toward the outside door, putting one foot directly in front of the other, arm extended and holding the now extinguished sphere, and passes outside. Still shaken, María goes to the laundry room and drops on the floor, head and arms on a divan. A few minutes later, her father, Pedro Jacobo Pretzel, arrives and discovers her. Minutes earlier, he had seen two odd, stationary red lights about 5–6 feet from the ground off Highway 20. Maria is conscious but very disturbed, a condition that lasts for several days. (Oscar A. Galíndez, “[The Anthropomorphic Entity at Villa Carlos Paz—Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 5 (January 1981): 8–17, 29–31; Oscar A. Galíndez, “[The Anthropomorphic Entity at Villa Carlos Paz—Part 2](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 6 (March 1981): 15–18)
- 1968**, June 15–17 — Night. Allied forward spotters along the eastern part of the Demilitarized Zone in Vietnam see about 30 strange slow-moving lights. At the time they are interpreted as North Vietnamese Russian-built M-14 Hound helicopters ferrying men and materiel over the border. The lights appear the following evening, and several US 7th Air Force Phantom fighter-bombers soon arrive on the scene and fire on the intruders, supported by anti-aircraft ground fire. During the Allied attack the presumed helicopters move down the east coast and out to sea. The destroyers [HMAS Hobart](#), [USS Edson](#), and [USS Theodore E. Chandler](#) are ordered to undertake surveillance missions around Côn Cỏ (Tiger Island) along the north central coast. Around 3:14 a.m. on June 17, the ships are involved in a friendly fire incident in which the *Hobart* is hit by 3 missiles from one of the Phantoms, causing major damage and killing two of the crew. (Wikipedia, “[Controversy over Loss of PCF-19](#)”; Jon Wyatt, “[HMAS Hobart Hit during Vietnam UFO Encounter?](#)” *AUFORN Special Report*, no. 34 (April 2003), reprinted in *UFO Evidence*; Paul Dean, “Finally, US Air Force Records Discovered Confirming UFO Activity During the Striking of the HMAS Hobart,” *UFOs: Documenting the Evidence*, [Part 1](#), August 11, 2016, and [Part 2](#), August 18, 2016; Paul Dean, “Significant Discovery of US Military Records Highlighting ‘UFO Problem’ during the Vietnam War,” *UFOs: Documenting the Evidence*, [Part 1](#), August 29, 2016, and [Part 2](#), September 21, 2016)
- 1968**, June 16 and 19 — Night. Chief of Provincial Police German Rocha and Police Maj. Niceforo León observe a round object with a vivid blue light near El Choro, Poopó, Bolivia. It lands, leaves a strange, powerful odor, and burns grass and shrubs. (Gordon Creighton, “[A New South American ‘Wave’](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 23–24; Oscar A. Galíndez, “[South America Revisited](#),” *Australian UFO Review*, no. 10 (December 1969): 41)
- 1968**, June 18 — Jorge Raul Scassa Sutter and Ruben Andrawos are flying a Cessna 182 from Villa Dolores, Córdoba, Argentina, to La Guardia, Catamarca, Argentina. They see an object looking like an overturned soup plate with a cupola on top. The object is grayish-blue with no windows, and its diameter is about 90 feet. The object is at the same altitude as the aircraft, 7,500 feet, and at a distance of 330 feet. It disappears by flying to the north at a fantastic speed. There is a possible VHF interference (“frequency fading”) when the object approaches the aircraft in front. (*La Gaceta de Tucumán*, June 19, 1968; NICAP, “[Cessna 182 Encounters UFO / VHF I/FF](#)”; Carlos Daniel Ferguson, *Aviation Safety Reports Related by Argentine Pilots Concerning Unidentified Aerial Phenomena*, NARCAP International Air Safety Report IR-6, August 29, 2013, p. 4)
- 1968**, June 19 — 4:00 a.m. Two farm boys are stacking hay near Rocky, Oklahoma, when a bright white, circular, wingless craft appears and descends at a 45° angle to the height of nearby telephone wires. The apparent size of the full moon, it moves horizontally across the farmyard. It has numerous lights around the outside and appears to be rotating in a counterclockwise direction. Their dogs start barking at it. They believe it is going to crash, so they run back into the barn after 3 minutes. It is last seen over a small silo. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 104–106)
- 1968**, June 20 — The US Seventh Air Force holds a “joint service conference on the UFO problem” in Hawaii after a series of tragic incidents on June 15–17, including a missile attack on “unidentified helicopters” that hit the

Australian Navy destroyer [HMAS Hobart](#), killing two sailors. An investigation reveals that the Air Force is in the midst of a wave of sightings of things that are not enemy helicopters in central Vietnam, just south of and within the DMZ. (Clark III 1051; [Sparks](#), pp. 327–328)

- 1968**, June 20 — Following the publication of their book *Flying Saucer Report: UFOs Unidentified, Unidentifiable*, British researchers Anthony R. Pace and Roger H. Stanway visit the UK S4 (Air) UFO desk in Whitehall, London, again and meet with Leslie Akhurst, John Dickson, and Alec Cassie. Their request to record the interview is denied, but they are impressed with Cassie's ability to recall UFO cases mentioned in their book. (Good Above, [p. 68](#))
- 1968**, June 20 — A husband and wife encounter an array of lights that hover above their car near Roswell, New Mexico. Both have a feeling of great peace. When the UFO vanishes, the wife finds that the arthritis in her neck has been healed. (“[Reaction Reports](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 7 (July/August 1968): 7; Michael D. Swords, “[Can UFOs Cause Physiological Effects? Part 1](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 23)
- 1968**, June 26 — An Argentine Trotskyist using the pseudonym [J. Posadas](#), who formed a movement in 1962 based on the inevitability of nuclear war, has proclaimed an interest in UFOs as entities with the ability to master sophisticated technologies that are compatible with socialism. If UFOs exist, they might be helpful in addressing some of the major problems in the earth. In his pamphlet, *Les Soucoupes Volantes: Le processus de la matière et de l'énergie, la science et le socialisme*, Posadas pleads that “We must call upon beings from other planets when they come to intervene, to collaborate with the inhabitants of the Earth to overcome misery. We must launch a call on them to use their resources to help us.” (J. Posadas, *Flying Saucers: The Process of Matter and Energy, Science, the Revolutionary and Working-Class Struggle, and Socialism*, June 26, 1968; A. M. Gittlitz, *I Want to Believe: Posadism, UFOs, and Apocalyptic Communism*, Pluto, 2020; Ian Parker, “[Believe It or Not!](#)” *Socialist Resistance*, May 1, 2020)
- 1968**, June 29 — Night. Eduardo Sánchez Aguilar, Pablo Pastor Ortega, and Damián Vega are driving along National Highway 5 in San Luis del Palmar, Corrientes, Argentina, when they see a circular flattened object that emits an intensely bright orange light. At one point it seems to approach dangerously close, so they turn out their lights. As the object passes near them, their car is shaken by a powerful vibration and the gears go into reverse. (*La Crónica* (Buenos Aires), July 4, 1968; Gordon Creighton, “[A New South American ‘Wave.’](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 26)
- 1968**, July — British physicist [Reginald Victor Jones](#) publishes a skeptical view of UFOs in *Physics Bulletin*, but supports genuine scientific inquiry. (R. V. Jones, “[The Natural Philosophy of Flying Saucers](#),” *Physics Bulletin*, July 1968, pp. 225–230)
- 1968**, July — A CIA team flies into Saigon [now Ho Chi Minh City] to experiment on three Viet Cong prisoners at Biên Hòa Hospital. Working in an enclosed compound, the team's neurosurgeon and neurologist insert tiny electrodes into their brains. Behaviorists then experiment on the men, arming them with knives and trying to induce violent behavior in them using direct electrical stimulation. After a week of experimentation that fails to incite the men to attack each other, they are shot dead and their bodies burned. (Sid Taylor, “[A History of Secret CIA Mind Control Research](#),” *Nexus*, April/May 1992)
- 1968**, July — A man is driving on Blacketts Lake Road southwest of Sydney, Nova Scotia, when he sees a saucer-shaped object descending below the tree line near the lake. He parks his car and runs along a trail to get closer. He is about 75 feet from the object, which is only 6 feet above the ground in a clearing. The UFO suddenly rises and flies away. The RCMP blocks access to the site during its investigation. (“[Former RCMP Officer Photographs UFO near Sydney, N.S.](#),” *Journal UFO* 2, no. 4 (March 1981): 15)
- 1968**, July — 1:00 a.m. Walter Rizzi is taking a nap in his car by the road just south of the Gardena Pass, South Tyrol, Italy, when he wakes to the smell of something burning. He sees a light about 1,600 feet further downhill shining through the mist. The mist parts, and he sees an enormous object that suddenly reminds him of an encounter he had with a strange hermit on the island of Rhodes in Greece when he was in the Italian army in World War II. The hermit had predicted he would someday meet with advanced beings from the cosmos who would provide him with the assurance of life throughout the universe. Rizzi makes his way downhill toward the object, which is silvery, some 260 feet in diameter, standing on three legs, bathed in fleecy white light, and emitting a burning odor. He gets within 10 feet and cannot go further. He sees two beings inside a transparent cupola on the top who are looking down at him. To the right of the object is a robot about 8 feet tall with three legs and four arms. A beam of light comes from the center of the object, and Rizzi sees another being dressed in a tight-fitting suit and glass helmet descending. They communicate telepathically about other planets and the universe. Eventually the entities reenter the object and take off. Rizzi claims there are landing marks, effects on the grass, and his watch starts losing time. (Gordon Creighton, “[Introductory Comments on the Rizzi Case](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no.

3 (September 1980): 21–22; Walter Rizzi, “[Close Encounter in the Dolomites](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 3 (September 1980): 22–27; IPinotti 158–169)

- 1968**, July 1 — NASA publishes a *Chronological Catalog of Reported Lunar Events*, by [Barbara M. Middlehurst](#), [Jaylee M. Burley](#), [Patrick Moore](#), and [Barbara L. Welther](#). Moore invents the term “transient lunar phenomena” to describe short-lived changes in brightness, color, or appearance on the surface of the moon. (Wikipedia, “[Transient lunar phenomenon](#)”; Barbara M. Middlehurst, Jaylee M. Burley, Patrick Moore, and Barbara L. Welther, *Chronological Catalog of Reported Lunar Events*, NASA Technical Report R-277, July 1, 1968)
- 1968**, July 1 — 12:30 a.m. Three boys are sitting on the main gate of the UNESP Hospital das Clinicas of the Faculdade de Medicina de Botucatu, São Paulo, Brazil. Suddenly they see a large object “as big as a house” sitting about 1,150 feet to the west of them. It has a large tripod undercarriage and a ladder reaching down to the ground. The boys can hear a weird “tinging sound on a high note.” They start to yell as the UFO retracts its tripod and ladder and rise into the air and speed off to the east, reaching a great altitude. Alerted by their shouts, other witnesses see the object moving away. A student named Antônio Alegre examines the landing site shortly afterward and finds marks forming an isosceles triangle, two sides measuring 20 feet and one side 23 feet. (Nigel Rimes, “[Landing at Botucatu](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1968): 21–24)
- 1968**, July 2 — 11:25 a.m. Oscar Heriberto Iriart, 15, sees two men of normal height motioning to him at Sierra Chica, Buenos Aires, Argentina. They have short, white hair and red clothes. They also have semi-transparent legs because he can see through them to the grass behind. Near the men is an elliptical, silvery machine, 6.5 feet long, 2 feet high, with three legs 19 inches high. The men give him an envelope they telepathically say contains an important message, telling him to dip it in water before reading, then they fly off. Iriart dips the envelope in a puddle and finds that both the envelope and his hands are dry. The message is written in Spanish in a crude handwriting: “You are going to know the world. F. Saucer.” The witness’s horse and dog are paralyzed for several minutes. The boy arrives home terrified. The family goes to the landing site and finds three holes, each about 5 inches deep and forming an isosceles triangle, the base side measuring 6.5 feet and the other 2 sides 5.2 feet wide. At 11:15 p.m., five skeptical men (including Police Sgt. Raúl Coronel) from the Sierra Chica Social Club visit the landing site and declare the holes to be fake. However, they see a zigzagging light a few feet from the ground and heading their way. They drop to the ground, it passes over them, and then shoots away straight up. (Gordon Creighton, “[A New South American ‘Wave’](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1968): 26–27)
- 1968**, July 2 — 10:00–10:30 p.m. Fred Coulthard Jr. and his brother Wayne are at a family get-together in the backyard of their father’s home in Wooler, Ontario, when they see an object with rotating red lights that agitates the family’s horses and cats. Around 11:30 p.m., poltergeist-like disturbances (a shattered window, objects thrown around, a strong odor of roses) begin in the house and continue for several days. “Fairy rings” are discovered on the ground in a wooded valley north of town. (Mrs. W. Greystone, “[Canada’s UFO Poltergeist](#),” in Charles Bowen, ed., *Beyond Condon*, special issue no. 2 of *FSR*, June 1969, pp. 66–68, 70)
- 1968**, July 9 — 9:35 p.m. Witnesses at Long Beach, California, see a huge, glowing, cloud-like mass over the Santa Catalina Channel for 90 minutes. Five smaller objects are seen maneuvering around it. (Ann Druffel, “[Santa Catalina Island Recurring ‘Cloud Cigars’](#),” in *Proceedings of the 1976 CUFOS Conference*, Chicago, 1976, pp. 62–74; Herbert S. Taylor, “[Satellite Objects and Cloud Cigars](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 9–10; Ann Druffel, “[Santa Catalina Channel Cloud Cigars](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 1 (January 2007): 13–14; Wim van Utrecht, “[‘Mother Ship’ over Southern California](#),” *Caelestia*, August 5, 2009)
- 1968**, July 13 — 10:00 p.m. [Irena Scott](#) and her sister Sue Postle are traveling west of Boston, Massachusetts, on State Highway 9 when they see an unusual object to the south. They watch it intermittently after turning south on State Highway 128 and I-95. It is moving in an erratic pattern and blinking. Then they see a basketball-sized object 20–50 feet away, near the ground, and constantly changing colors. Scott pulls over to the side of the road, loads her camera, and takes five photos, only one of which shows the light. (Irena Scott, “[Fear and Ambiguity in Massachusetts](#),” *IUR* 13, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1988): 14–17; Irena Scott, “[UFO Studies in the Scientific Literature](#),” *IUR* 15, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1990): 18; Irena Scott, “[A Photograph and Its Aftermath](#),” *IUR* 15, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1990): 12–14, 23; Irena Scott, *UFOs and the Millennium*, Greyden, 1999, pp. 46–53)
- 1968**, July 17 — Late evening. A civil servant is allegedly snatched off the São Paulo Highway in Brazil and taken into a UFO by four green entities wearing devices that look like headphones. While he is in a state of paralysis, they question him via telepathy about human customs, physiology, and reproduction. The creatures depart abruptly as if in response to instructions. (Gordon Creighton, “[Physical Examination by ‘Miniature Martians’](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1969): 32, 34; Clark III 279)
- 1968**, July 18 — 1:05 a.m. RCMP Constable W. J. Whyte and his wife spot a yellow circular object at high altitude moving west to east near Truro, Nova Scotia. It looks like a satellite, but turns reddish before disappearing in the distance. At 1:10 p.m., a couple near Onslow Mountain a few miles to the north see a rosy red light in the

southwest hovering just above the trees. They watch it for 15 minutes before it moves and accelerates out of sight. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 70–71)

- 1968**, July 20 — After 12:00 midnight. Three 14-year-old girls at a summer camp at Kaarnajärv, near Otepää, Valga County, Estonia, see a swiftly moving star and a cigar-shaped object in the distance that quickly disappears. Somewhat disturbed, they decide to retire to bed. Through a window they see a bright object about 165 feet away. It is surrounded by reddish-orange and yellow beams of light. Soon it goes out, leaving only a dark greenish nebula with a blue-green ring around it that illuminates the surrounding woods. They watch it for about 5 minutes until it blinks out. One of the girls goes outside and sees a female figure, less than 5 feet tall and wearing a silver ribbon, standing where the object had been. It vanishes. The next morning, they find a circular burnt area about 6 feet in diameter and four wedge-shaped prints in the soil. (Juri Lina, "[UFO Landings in Estonia](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 1 (June 1978): 3–4)
- 1968**, July 22 — Around 12:00 midnight. Off-duty police constable Martyn Johnson is walking with his girlfriend in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England, when they see two lights approaching them from above a nearby park. They are giving off many colored lights. As they hover above a nearby house, the couple's poodle becomes agitated and runs off. The two lights then become four and arrange themselves in an oblong formation. All at once they vanish at terrific speed, following a railway to the northeast. A few hours later, Johnson is awakened and told to report to police headquarters, where there are two "government men" waiting to quiz him about the sighting. They desperately try to convince him that he has seen an aircraft or helicopter. They tell him he is sworn to secrecy for the next 25 years. When he asks what he has seen, they tell him, "What you have seen is an unidentified flying object or UFO. Some people call them spaceships, and if the people of the world knew how many genuine sightings there were like yours, there would be total panic." (UFOFiles2, [pp. 82–83](#))
- 1968**, July 22 — 1:20 a.m. Adela Casavieri de Panassiti, 45, night nurse at the Dr. Carlos Pereyra Neuropsychiatric Hospital at Ituzaingó 2837, Mendoza, Argentina, hears a loud, penetrating, humming noise outside in the hospital courtyard. Going out to see what it is, she observes a mushroom-shaped landed object only 65 feet away. It is luminous and sitting in the middle of the courtyard. A bright red beam comes from the object and strikes her, and she finds that her legs are paralyzed. Putting her hands up to her face for protection, she discovers she is completely unable to move. She remains immobilized for a number of minutes until the red beam is extinguished. At this time, the object ascends vertically then flies off rapidly to the south, barely clearing the wall that surrounds the courtyard. Before it disappears, she is able to observe several human-looking figures through square portholes that encircle the craft. These beings move back and forth, passing each other, and are visible from the waist up only. A lead-gray stain, 31 x 12 inches, that smells of sulfur is found at the landing site. It persists for two days. Several small potted trees are burned. Casavieri de Panassiti has first-degree burns on her face and hands (an allergic reaction?), and parts of her nurse's cap and clothing are singed. In addition, her watch, which has stopped at 1:30 a.m., is found to be radioactive, as is her ring. The daughters of a garrison commander witness a luminous, egg-shaped object at the same time from the garrison casino. ("[Argentina: Hospital Landing at El Sauce](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1968): 32; Roberto Banchs, "[Mendoza: Agitacion por Apariciones de OVNI's \(22 Julio y 09 Ago 1968\)](#)," *Visión OVNI*, November 11, 2008; Scott Corrales, "[1968: A Nurse Burned by an Alleged UFO \(CE-2\)](#)," *Inexplicata*, July 25, 2011)
- 1968**, July 23 — 1:00 a.m. Daíldo de Oliveira, a night watchman for the CESP electrical substation near Bauru, São Paulo, Brazil, confronts three intruders who overpower him outside a control center building. A large UFO 50 feet tall is resting nearby on the ground; it takes off in a zigzag pattern towards the city of Lins. (Clark III 183–185; Brazil 93–98)
- 1968**, July 25 — 2:00 a.m. Juan Sivori, his wife, and a daughter see a silver object shaped like a spinning top as they are driving along Highway 226 near La Pastora, Buenos Aires, Argentina. It is only 115 feet from them and the size of a truck. The engine of their car stops running as the UFO hovers for about 5 minutes at a height of 33 feet. When it rises into the air and vanishes, the car engine starts up again. (Oscar A. Uriondo, "[Preliminary Catalogue of Type I Cases in Argentina, Part 4](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 16 (August 1973): 11)
- 1968**, July 28 — 12:00 midnight. A farmer, his wife, and two children near Upton, Quebec, are awakened by the barking of their dog. When he gets up to investigate, he sees a sparkling, rotating "cloud" in the yard. It flies just over him and goes into a nearby field. About 12 feet in diameter, it is dark on the bottom but luminous on top. The cows in the field are being chased by 4 or 5 small entities, perhaps 3 feet tall with heads shaped like bottles. As the UFO flies above them, they disappear. The cattle seem ill for weeks afterwards. (John Brent Musgrave, *UFO Occupants and Critters*, Global Communications, 1979; Clark III 280)
- 1968**, July 29 — The hearings that Rep. [J. Edward Roush](#) (D-Ind.) and NICAP have been calling for are held as a "Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects" before the House Committee on Science and Astronautics. Rep. [George P. Miller](#) (D-Calif.) is chairman of the committee, but Roush directs most of the proceedings. [Hynek](#),

[McDonald](#), [Sagan](#), [Robert L. Hall](#) (University of Illinois at Chicago), [James A. Harder](#) (UC-Berkeley), and [Robert M. L. Baker Jr.](#) (UCLA) give testimony. Hynek is introduced by Rep. [Donald Rumsfeld](#) (R-Ill.). [Menzel](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), [Garry C. Henderson](#), [Stanton T. Friedman](#), [Roger N. Shepard](#), and [Frank B. Salisbury](#) offer prepared papers. NICAP representatives are not permitted to testify. Many witnesses parrot the NORAD party line that its radars only look in certain directions (when indeed it looks for many types of potential attacks in all directions). Harder states: “On the basis of the data and ordinary rules of evidence, as would be applied in civil or criminal courts, the physical reality of UFOs has been proved beyond a reasonable doubt.” McDonald makes the biggest impression, presenting 30 pages of UFO reports. He states: “my own present opinion, based on two years of careful study, is that UFOs are probably extraterrestrial devices engaged in something that might very tentatively be termed ‘surveillance.’” Menzel concludes that UFOs merit no more scientific study than “the concept of ghosts, spirits, witches, fairies, elves, hobgoblins, or the devil.” The symposium has no lasting impact, as Congress does nothing about the problem. (*Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Hearings, US House Committee on Science and Astronautics, 90th Cong., 2nd Sess., July 29, 1968; “[Congressional Hearings on UFO Problems: Scientists Urge Unbiased National Investigations](#),” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 7 (July/Aug. 1968): 1–5; Clark III 811; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 373–375; Graff 220–224; Lochlainn Seabrook, *Mysterious Invaders: Twelve Famous 20th-Century Scientists Confront the UFO Phenomenon*, Sea Raven Press, 2024)

1968, July 30 — 2:00 a.m. A land surveyor and his wife in Claremont, New Hampshire, are preparing to retire when they see a dome-shaped object in a field about 230 feet behind their house. It is about 20 feet wide and moving slowly 10 feet above the ground, creating shadows on the freshly cut hay. The UFO shines a 20-foot wide gray-colored beam of light onto the ground. Their children moan and cry out in while they are sleeping and their dogs are whining loudly. They hear a high-pitched humming sound like a utility pole transformer. A few minutes later the object moves 25 feet to the east, the humming growing louder. At one point, a projection from the object descends to the ground. Around 4:30 a.m., the object goes brighter and slowly moves off toward the west. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, pp. 38–40; UFOEv II 45)

1968, July 31 — 9:00 a.m. Farmer Luce Fontaine is collecting grass for his rabbits at La Plaine des Cafres on the island of Réunion (in the Indian Ocean east of Madagascar), when he sees an oval-shaped object about 75 feet away. It is sitting about 15 feet from the ground on a flange of metal; a similar structure protrudes from its top. The cylinder has two blue ends and a transparent center through which he can see two humanoids less than 3 feet tall in metallic helmets and dressed in puffy suits like the Michelin Man (the tire company mascot). Seemingly sensing Fontaine looking at them, they turn their backs and the object disappears in a sudden flash of light and a burst of hot air. The incident is investigated by Capt. Maljean of the local Gendarmerie and Capt. Léopold Legros of the Civil Protection Service, who detect an abnormal amount of radioactivity at the site and on Fontaine’s clothing 10 days afterward, as well as six apparent landing marks in the ground. A country club called “La Soucoupe Volante” (Flying Saucer) is later built on the site. (“[Contact Casualty on Réunion](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 8, 11; Jean-Claude Bourret, *Le Nouveau Défi des O.V.N.I.*, France-Empire, 1976; Antonio Huneus, “[The ‘Michelin Man’ Encounters on Réunion Island](#),” *Open Minds*, July 30, 2010; Patrick Gross, “[Plaine des Caffres, La Réunion, July 31, 1968](#)”; La Soucoupe Volante Country Club, [Facebook page](#))

1968, August — The US Air Force Weapons Laboratory begins to set up a field instrumentation lab at Con Thien combat base near the Demilitarized Zone, Quang Tri Province, Vietnam, specifically for the purpose of investigating and tracking unidentified aircraft. The first project name is HAVE FEAR. At least 500 UFO sensor trackings via radar-visual, laser range-finder, video camera, infrared, nightscope, and telescope are investigated through April 1969. The UFOs, often seen as red lights, usually travel at speeds of 30–80 mph at altitudes of 1,200–1,600 feet. After several days of tracking, the red blinking lights extinguish when under radar surveillance. They are only seen at night and only in certain places. In mid-August, Project LETHAL CHASER is added, using portable manpack radars. The findings involve 99% UFOs and only 1% IFOs, primarily because the system does not include human anecdotal accounts. Pacific Air Forces’ unit history clearly states the investigation is about UFOs, not enemy helicopters. (Clark III 1050–1054; [Sparks](#), p. 328)

1968, August 4 — 4:15 a.m. William Prochner, his son Kenneth, and his father [Julius Prochner](#) in Qu’Appelle, Saskatchewan, watch a luminous object, about 25 feet in diameter, as it hovers for several minutes. Later it circles above the house 300 feet away. A 4-foot circle of barren grass is found, although an 18-inch circle in the center is undamaged. (Ted Phillips, *Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings*, Center for UFO Studies, 1978, p. 57)

1968, August 7 — [McDonald](#) addresses the Boeing Management Association in Renton, Washington, on “UFO Investigations: Past, Present, and Future.” (Story, [p. 414](#))

1968, August 7 — 8:10 p.m. As a young man and woman watch from the end of a dock at Buff Ledge Camp [now closed] along the shore of Lake Champlain north of Burlington, Vermont, a bright light appears in the southwest sky and

swoops down in a long arc until it stops and assumes a horizontal position. It now resembles a white, glowing, cigar-shaped object, possibly as far away as the Adirondack Mountains more than 10 miles from the witnesses. According to the young man, three tiny white lights emerge one at a time from the right-end bottom of the UFO. As soon as the third is expelled, the object retreats along its original path and vanishes seconds later. The three smaller objects perform a series of spectacular maneuvers, all the while moving closer. After 5 minutes the objects assume a horizontal triangle formation, and two head off in opposite directions, one to the north, the other to the south, making a sound like “thousands of different tuning forks.” The remaining object (40–50 feet across) moves toward the witnesses. It ascends and vanishes in three seconds, only to reappear moments later as it descends along the same trajectory and plunges broadside into the water. A sudden wind blows waves across the heretofore placid surface. Animals up and down the shore howl and shriek. A few minutes later the UFO surfaces and moves toward the witnesses. It stops 60 feet from them, hovering about 15 feet above the water. The young man can see two figures with large heads, oversized oval eyes, and small mouths. Visible to the waist, they are short and clothed in skintight gray or silver uniforms. Thus begins an abduction experience that was only uncovered through separate hypnotic sessions with each of the witnesses by [Walter N. Webb](#) years later. Webb’s background checks, buttressed by psychological analyses, convinces him that there is no question of a hoax. (Walter N. Webb, *Encounter at Buff Ledge: A UFO Case History* CUFOS, 1994; Richard F. Haines, [[Review](#)], *JUFOS* 6 (1995/96): 248–251; UFOEv II 532, 571–575; Clark III 220–222; B. J. Booth, “[The Buff Ledge Abduction](#),” UFO Casebook)

- 1968**, August 15 — 12:00 midnight. Dick Skewes is driving west with his wife Anne and babysitter Gail Yemm about 20 minutes east of Springhill, Nova Scotia, on the Trans-Canada Highway. After driving up a hill, he sees a group of 5–6 lights hovering 50 feet above some trees on his left. Another light is approaching at high speed to join the others. One of the objects breaks away and descends silently over the highway in front of them, its yellow lights flashing brilliantly, on an apparent collision course. When it is 40–50 feet away it veers upward and disappears to the east. Skewes continues down the highway and loses sight of the objects when he rounds a bend. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 79–81)
- 1968**, August 16 — 6:00 a.m. A farmer doing barnyard chores at La Serra d’Almos, Catalonia, Spain, glimpses a light more than half a mile away. He thinks someone’s car has stalled, so he walks over with his dog intending to help. But he finds a globe-shaped, glowing object hovering 3 feet above the ground. On the other side of it, he sees two creatures of an octopus-like appearance. Light-colored, 3 feet tall, they are running on “four or five legs” toward the UFO, which abruptly takes off. Reporters and UFO investigators find a considerable area of burned grass at the site. Those who visit the site shortly afterwards find their watches stop mysteriously. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Jacques Vallée, “[Survey of Iberian Landings](#),” in Charles Bowen, ed., *UFOs in Two Worlds*, Special Issue 4 of *FSR*, August 1971, pp. 46, 50; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [A Catalogue of 200 Type I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal](#), CUFOS, 1976, pp. 14–15; Clark III 280–281)
- 1968**, August 17 — 8:21 p.m. Capt. Benjamin Gabrian is flying an Ilyushin Il-18 airliner at 22,800 feet in the vicinity of Oradea, Romania, when he sees an oval object on his right about a half-mile away and 900 feet higher. It is moving at high speed and emitting a bright green light. They watch it for 10–15 seconds before it accelerates and disappears to the west. (Hobana and Weverbergh 180–182; Romania 21)
- 1968**, August 18 — 1:20 p.m. Technician Emil Barnea, his girlfriend Zamfira Matea, and two other friends are picnicking in the Hoia Baci forest near Baci, not far from Cluj-Napoca, Romania, when they see a round, metallic, luminous object moving slowly through the sky. Its brilliance increases and decreases as it maneuvers around for 2 minutes. Barnea succeeds in taking four photos of the object before it suddenly accelerates and shoots upwards. (Hobana and Weverbergh 99–107; UFOEv II 287; Adrian Pătruț, “[Phenomena in the Hoia Baci Wood near Cluj-Napoca](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 53, no. 1 (Spring 2008): 10; UFOEv II 287; Chris Hill, “Hoia Baci: Romania’s Haunted Forest,” *Fortean Times* 382, August 2019, pp. 32–36; Patrick Gross, “[Emil Barnea’s Photographs, Cluj, Romania, 1968](#)”; Romania 21–27)
- 1968**, August 21 — 6:58 a.m. The Canadian destroyer [HMCS Mackenzie](#) is on a mission in the Pacific Ocean about 930 miles off the coast of California. Four of the ship’s crew, including Maj. W. J. Draper, see a group of starlike lights approaching from the northeast, initially only 10° above the horizon. They are flying in a row, and one in the middle of the line seems larger and has a white glow around it. Within 5 minutes, the procession of 20 objects passes nearly overhead, heading west. They maintain a steady course until they are lost to view 13 minutes later. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 73–74)
- 1968**, August 22 — 5:40 p.m. Capt. Walter Gardin and Capt. Gordon W. Smith are flying over Zanthus, Western Australia, at 8,000 feet in a Piper Navajo single-engine airplane when they see a large cigar-shaped object surrounded by five smaller ones. The formation maintains a constant angle from their own flight path for more than 10 minutes, while they are flying at 224 mph. The large object then opens up its center and the smaller

objects fly to and from the larger object. Ground air control reports no known air traffic in the area. At this point the radio fails at all frequencies until the objects fly away. ("[Pilots See Formation over Australia](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1969, pp. 1, 4; Paul B. Norman, "['Motherships' over Australia](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 5 (March 1979): 9–10; Paul B. Norman, "[Countdown to Reality](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 31, no. 2 (January 1986): 19–20; Good Above, pp. 172–173; Martin Shough and Wim van Utrecht, "[The BOAC Labrador Sighting of June 29, 1954: Similar Reports](#)," *Caelestia*, October 31, 2018)

- 1968**, August 25 — 5:00 a.m. Hospital assistant Maria José Cintra of the Serafim Ferreira sanitarium in Lins, São Paulo, Brazil, hears a noise like the braking of a car. Cintra readies herself to meet people needing medical assistance. She opens a glass door and asks the visitor if she is a patient. The visitor, just over 6 feet tall, answers in an unknown language. The visitor is wearing a blue satiny cape, matching shoes, and a dress with a high collar and long sleeves. She shows Cintra a vessel with engraved ornaments, and Cintra fills it with water from a fountain and offers her a doughnut. The visitor walks to the door of the sanitorium and through some flowerbeds. At this point Cintra notices a semicircular "pebble-like" light on the ground and a UFO floating 1–2 feet above the grass. She feels the force of an invisible rotating movement and notices that the visitor is no longer there. The UFO rises into the air, making soft sounds like those she heard when the visitor arrived. Later, she and the sanitorium manager and his wife find high-heeled footprints on the freshly waxed floor near the door. On the lawn they discover a spot of scorched grass that persists for 4 months. Subsequent investigation reveals a depression in the ground 5–7 inches deep, apparently made by a vehicle with a diameter of about 6.5 feet. From his bed, another patient has seen the UFO land some 260 feet from the fence of the sanitarium and remain there for 15 minutes. ("[Mulher Extraterrestre Pede Água, em Lins, Est. de São Paulo](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 66/68 (Jan./June 1969): 72–74; Nigel Rimes, "[Another Hospital Visited](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 4–6; Gordon Creighton, "[Confrontation at Lins](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 22–23; Clark III 684–685; Jackson Camargo, "[O Fantástico Caso Lins](#)," *Portal Fenomenum*, March 7, 2022; "[O Fantástico Caso Lins](#)," *Oarquivo*; Brazil 99–104)
- 1968**, August 26 — 7:50 p.m. Pearl Christiansen is unchaining the driveway to her ranch near Gleeson, Colorado, when she notices a round, silver disc. She watches it for 5 minutes, then a second object appears, "very shiny and gold." Both are hovering above 7,200-foot high Brown's Peak. They remain for several hours, then just after midnight they back away behind the mountain. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Mayfield also see the objects. *Daily Citizen* reporter Cecil James and photographer Dan Tortorell visit the apparent site and find erratic burned patches of *Dasyllirion* plants (charred at the base but not at the top) and grass. Rocks show evidence of high heat and are still hot to the touch two days later. (Cecil James, "[Gleeson UFO Leaves Traces](#)," *Tucson (Ariz.) Daily Citizen*, October 19, 1968, *Olé* magazine, pp. 10, 22)
- 1968**, September 1 — 3:42 a.m. Juan Carlos Peccinetti and Fernando José Villegas are driving home after getting off work at a casino in Mendoza, Argentina. On the Calle Neuquén, their car stops and the lights go out. They find themselves unable to move and several humanoid beings standing near an enormous landed UFO. They receive telepathic messages from the aliens who make marks on the windshield and one side of their car and see a screen full of dystopian images. The beings prick their fingers and take blood samples before going back to the UFO. However, the two later admit to making up the story. (Charles Bowen, "[One Day in Mendoza](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 14, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1968): 2–5; UFOEv II 533; Clark III 601)
- 1968**, September 4 — [Hynek](#) receives a letter from Col. [Raymond S. Sleeper](#), commander of the Air Force Foreign Technology Division. Sleeper notes that Hynek has publicly accused Project Blue Book of shoddy science, and further asks Hynek to offer advice on how Blue Book could improve its scientific methods. Hynek later declares that Sleeper's letter is "the first time in my 20 year association with the air force as scientific consultant that I had been officially asked for criticism and advice [regarding] ... the UFO problem." (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., pp. 189–190)
- 1968**, September 4 — Two US Air Force pilots flying in the vicinity of Goose Bay AFB [now CFB Goose Bay], Labrador, spot a spherical metallic object flying in a southerly direction at 33,000–41,000 feet. It crosses behind them, stops, performs two 360° turns and disappears after 5 minutes at 30° above the horizon. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, p. 115)
- 1968**, September 4 — 10:30 p.m. A scoutmaster and 12 River Scouts are having a camp-out by bonfire in the mountains near Caracas, Venezuela, when they see two intensely glowing red discs, each about the size of the full moon, as they rise one at a time from some low hills, hover momentarily, and descend again. (Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, Signet, 1969, p. 299)
- 1968**, September 5 — Night. Thousands of people in Madrid, Spain, see a bright object in the sky, causing a monumental traffic jam. The Spanish Air Force scrambles an F-104 jet to intercept it. The pilot climbs to 50,000 feet but the

object is still above him, and he has to return for fuel. Air Force radar tracks the UFO moving slowly at 90,000 feet. A photo taken through a telescope at the Royal Observatory of Madrid shows a triangular object, apparently solid on one side and translucent in some sections. The object disappears at great speed. The Madrid Weather Bureau says it has no meteorological balloons aloft. ("[Triangle-Shaped Object over Madrid](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1968, p. 4; Good Above, [pp. 149–151](#))

- 1968**, September 6 — 9:30 p.m. John Dow and Paul Franklin are driving on Springfield Road in Taradale, New Zealand, when they notice 20–30 red and green lights flying aimlessly above the city dump. They pull off the road to watch, and a “thunderous explosion” rips through the air, shaking the car. Immediately, the lights begin to group, take off vertically, and disappear. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., [Strange Effects from UFOs](#), NICAP, 1969, p. 48)
- 1968**, September 10 — Evening. John Dow and Paul Franklin are on the Omarunui Road southwest of Taradale, New Zealand. They see a circular object with a red and green light that is only a few feet in diameter and glowing white. Heading toward the source, they watch as the UFO disappears behind a cloud. After crossing a bridge, they see the object again, hovering on the opposite side of the river. The object glows intensely and speeds toward the automobile from the rear. Panicking, they try to jump out of the car, which is traveling at 35 mph, but get tangled up and the car veers out of control. Both of them fall out the left door as the bright UFO hovers 2 feet above the car roof. The car crashes into the store of a fruit dealer on Gloucester Street. A crowd gathers around the two young men, still dazed and shocked. Nearly 24 hours later the witnesses are treated for “bruises and abrasions” at the Napier Hospital outpatient clinic because “their clothes were sticking to them.” Dow is charged with reckless driving, but the circumstances convince the court to drop the charge and the insurance company pays for the damages. (“Youth Claims Car Crash Caused by ‘Flying Saucer,’” *Napier (N.Z.) Daily Telegraph*, November 12, 1968; “[New Rash of ‘Buzzing’ Incidents](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1968, p. 5; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., [Strange Effects from UFOs](#), NICAP, 1969, pp. 48–50)
- 1968**, September 13 — [Condon](#) calls together [Craig](#), [Gillmor](#), [Roach](#), and [Rush](#) to discuss what the project’s recommendations should be. He writes the recommendation section shortly afterwards. (Roy Craig, *UFOs: An Insiders’ View of the Official Quest for Evidence*, University of North Texas, 1995, p. 213)
- 1968**, September 15 — 10:00 p.m. Farmers in the area around Carora, Lara, Venezuela, have a difficult time controlling their cattle and horses when a saucer-shaped object with flickering yellow lights flies over the area at high speed and low altitude. (Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, Signet, 1969, p. 299)
- 1968**, September 15 — 10:00 p.m. Mathematician Miron Oprea is driving with his wife and two nephews northwest of Ploiești, Romania, when they see a cylindrical object emitting a bluish light and descending slowly to the west near the Vega oil refinery. (Hobana and Wverbergh 183–184)
- 1968**, September 16 — A car-racing contest at Barquisimeto, Lara, Venezuela, is disrupted when a low-flying disc flies above the grandstands. A photographer gets a snapshot that shows a sausage-shaped object about 12–15 feet above the heads of the crowd on the uppermost tier of bleachers. (Lorenzen, *UFOs: The Whole Story*, Signet, 1969, p. 299)
- 1968**, September 17 — 1:00 a.m. Two air control tower operators at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, watch a bright light moving in a way they cannot explain. (J. Allen Hynek. *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [p. 44](#); [Sparks](#), p. 329)
- 1968**, September 18 — Farmer [Marius Magnan](#) sees three dull metallic, gray, football-shaped UFOs at an altitude of 2,500 feet and 2 miles away at Ste. Anne, Manitoba. They are traveling northwest to southeast in a vertical orientation at tremendous speed. The UFOs are discharging white substance from the upper surface just like popcorn. The white substance streams upward from two of the objects and downward from the third. After they disappear, a white, fibrous substance falls and settles on foliage, buildings, and power lines. The University of Manitoba analyzes a sample and finds it to be “cellulose-like and unstable,” with a uniform fiber diameter of 5 microns, and probably rayon coated with a gummy substance. (Brian Boldman, “[Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review](#),” *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 104–105)
- 1968**, September 18 — 4:15 a.m. Patrolman Arthur H. Byrd sees an object flashing red, blue, and yellow lights on Hunter Road in San Marcos, Texas, approaching at great speed. He follows it along Interstate 35 toward Luling and San Antonio, and at Redwood Road it comes to a stop. It slowly fades away by 7:15 a.m. (“[UFO Said Followed for Hours](#),” *Austin (Tex.) American*, September 19, 1968, p. 68)
- 1968**, September 19 — 3:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m. A lighted white object is seen by many witnesses over Cluj-Napoca and other towns in northwestern Romania. Some of the sightings are attributable to a balloon, but others seem to be moving against the wind and internally lit. (Hobana and Weverbergh 139–149; Romania 27–29)
- 1968**, Late September (or late September 1969) — Night. A teenager is putting hay in a rabbit pen at his home in the East Linden neighborhood of Columbus, Ohio. He hears a clapping noise and sees an entity dressed in a black uniform

with a silver belt walking in the woods nearby. Its head has an eerie yellow glow. Scared, he runs into the house to get his parents, but the entity is gone when they go out to look for it. The next morning a neighbor stops by to ask if they had seen any lights in a field the night before. The families go to the field and find a large oval place where the grass, weeds, and bushes have been pressed down. (Irena Scott, "[Observation of an Alien Figure](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1987): 20, 25)

- 1968**, September 26–27 — 6:00 a.m. Industrial chemist Henrique Schneider Jr. gets up and checks the fire in the kiln next to his house in Vila Baumer in the northern part of Joinville, Santa Catarina, Brazil. He comes across a strange object in the pottery yard about 16 feet away. It is a cone-shaped device about 13 feet high sitting on a tripod under which a bluish light illuminates the ground, and it has a rectangular opening through which comes a treadmill. On the treadmill are two squared cylinders standing on end, both motionless. Schneider feels paralyzed and begins to converse telepathically with the nearest cylinder, which answers his questions clearly and briefly about where they come from, which is another star system, and they are investigating global warming on earth. Soon the treadmill goes back up into the object, the entrance closes, and it takes off with a hissing sound. The next day, Schneider finds a burned circle of grass just over 2 feet in diameter at the landing site. Inside this is a smaller circle of compressed grass and three holes where the tripod stood. (Carlos Varassin, "[O Estranho Caso da Vila Baumer](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 94/98 (September 1973/June 1974): 41–44; "[Contato Imediato em Joinville](#)," *Portal Fenomenum*, June 15, 2016; Brazil 141–145)
- 1968**, September 29 — Night. Amateur astronomer [Hermanus Voorsluys](#) and ex-police officer [Reginald Neal](#) take several photographs of a UFO that they have seen for several nights above Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt at the southern tip of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. One photo shows a large object surrounded by four smaller luminous objects that have emerged from it, as well as a fifth object that has just appeared. After a zig-zagging descent, the smaller objects return to the level of the parent object and disappear. ("[Mystery over Naval Base](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1969): 4–7)
- 1968**, September 30 — [Philip J. Klass](#) writes a letter to [Robert A. Frosch](#), wanting to know who has financed [James E. McDonald](#)'s visits to Australia to investigate UFOs and who would fund his upcoming trip to Europe and the USSR. In late 1967, McDonald had secured a modest grant from the Office of Naval Research in order to study cloud formations in Australia. While there, McDonald conducts some UFO research on his own time. Klass mounts an extended, concerted campaign against McDonald, arguing that he has squandered government funds. The ONR responds by announcing that they had known of McDonald's UFO interests and have no objections to his personal hobbies. The University of Arizona comes to McDonald's defense, announcing that his UFO research was done on his own time, and has no adverse impact on his regular teaching and research duties at the university. (Clark III 700)
- 1968**, October? — A 7-page National Security Agency thought piece on UFOs is written by an unnamed NSA analyst (possibly [Howell McConnell](#)) around this time. It is declassified in 1984 with a disclaimer saying that it does not represent NSA policy. It discusses various hypotheses for UFOs (hoaxes, hallucinations, natural phenomena, secret earth projects, and extraterrestrial intelligence) and speculates what each answer would mean for the human species, placing credence in the ETH. ([US National Security Agency], "[U.F.O. Hypothesis and Survival Questions](#)," [October 1968]; Good Above, pp. 423–424)
- 1968**, October — Brazil's System of Investigation of Unidentified Aircraft, created by the Fourth Air Zone Command of the Brazilian Air Force and sponsored by Brig. Gen. José Vaz da Silva and coordinated by Maj. Gilberto Zani de Mello, goes into operation to investigate UFO sightings, especially physical trace cases. The operation lasts until the end of 1972. (Wikipedia, "[SIOANI](#)"; Clark III 1072–1073; Mauricio Meireles and Gêssica Brandino, "[Inside the 70-Year Military Investigation of Aliens in Brazil](#)," *Folha de São Paulo*, October 31, 2024)
- 1968**, October 2 — 6:20 a.m. While oiling his tractor's engine at the end of Avenida da Saudade in Lins, São Paulo, Brazil, Turíbio Pereira sees only a few feet away a golden cigar-shaped object hovering one foot above the ground. It is about 16 feet long and 10 feet wide. There is a platform around it and on the top a transparent dome is open. Inside there are four stools and an instrument panel. Pereira sees four beings around it wearing blue tunics and red skirts. One is on the platform with a weapon in its hand, another is picking up earth samples, the third is looking at his tractor's engine, and the fourth is inside the object at the instrument panel. The being with the weapon fires it and a luminous ball hits Pereira in the stomach, paralyzing him. The entities go inside, and a transparent dome encloses them. The object ascends and shoots off at high speed. With difficulty, Pereira climbs off the tractor and stumbles to the road where a friend takes him home. Later he is given a medical examination by Antônio Geris and summoned to a Brazilian Air Force facility where he is questioned and held for three days. (Gordon Creighton, "[Confrontation at Lins](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 22–23; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), December 22, 2006; Brazil 105–107)

- 1968**, October 5 — 7:52 p.m. John D. Hickey and his family are driving near West Morehead Street in Charlotte, North Carolina. While stopped at a traffic light, he sees a black object like a short cigar moving on his left, but it stops and hovers above a low building about 500 feet away. Suddenly three large gray-white lights shaped like television picture tubes turn on, each about 22 inches in diameter. A small black arm-like device moves slowly out of one end, extends a few feet, then stops. A blue light is at one end. The three large lights begin to blink slowly, then rapidly for 25 seconds. The blue light goes out, the arm retracts, the large lights blink more slowly until they stop. The lights go out and the object moves to the east. (“[Nocturnal Light Becomes CE-I in Charlotte, NC](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 4 (Aug./Sept. 1984): 1, 8)
- 1968**, October 7 — [Hynek](#) responds to Col. [Sleeper](#)’s request with an extended commentary prefaced by a succinct, eight-point critique of everything Project Blue Book has done wrong: the project suffers from (1) inadequate execution, (2) inadequate staff, (3) lack of open consultation with scientists outside the Air Force, (4) laughable statistical methods, (5) too much time spent on routine cases and not exceptional cases, (6) inadequate data provided by local Air Force base investigators, (7) biased evaluations, and (8) inadequate use of the project’s own scientific consultant. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 202–206, 283–305](#); Clark III 925)
- 1968**, October 18 — 5:00 p.m. Hundreds of witnesses view a conical object that appears above Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, traveling from northwest to southeast. The UFO at first appears bright blue then changes first to a whitish-blue then to red. When it reaches a point just south of Sarajevo and northeast of the city of Mostar, the object turns to the east. It remains in view from 90 minutes to two hours. Members of the Akademski Astronomsko-Astronautiki Klub take photos of the object and, six months later, issue a report on their investigation of the incident. It estimates that the UFO was flying at an altitude of 16 miles and a speed of 20 mph, probably guided by air currents and not self-propelled, and most likely was a military reconnaissance balloon. (Hobana and Weverbergh 84–90)
- 1968**, October 24 — 2:15–5:18 a.m. Sixteen military personnel stationed throughout the Minuteman ICBM missile complex at Minot AFB, North Dakota, report a very large, brightly illuminated aerial object, alternating colors from brilliant white to orange-red and green, with the ability to hover, accelerate rapidly, and abruptly change direction. At 2:15 a.m., a two-person security team reports a glowing object descending behind some trees near a missile silo. Other reports from security teams begin to reach headquarters. Ground radar tracks an unidentified target correlated with a visual orange glow and radios it (saying, “Someone is seeing flying saucers again”) to the attention of the USAF crew of a B-52H Stratofortress bomber at 2,000 feet as a UFO target 24 miles to the northwest. It shifts to 15 miles at 3:35 a.m. RAPCON alerts the pilots (instructor pilot Maj. [Bradford Runyon](#) and copilot Maj. [James Partin](#)) to the location of the UFO near Bowbells, North Dakota, which the B-52 navigator Capt. [Patrick D. McCaslin](#) observes on the radarscope maintaining a three-mile distance throughout a standard 180° turnaround. Radar navigator Maj. Charles Richey captures the tracking on film. As the B-52 starts its descent back to Minot AFB, the UFO appears to close distance to one mile at a high rate of speed, pacing the aircraft for nearly 20 miles before disappearing off the radarscope. Both B-52 UHF radios cannot transmit during the close radar encounter with the UFO and when the radarscope film is recorded. Shortly afterwards, RAPCON provides vectors for the B-52 to overfly a stationary UFO on or near the ground. After turning onto the downwind leg of the traffic pattern, the pilots observe a large, illuminated UFO ahead of the aircraft for several minutes, before turning onto the base leg over the UFO while observing it at close range. After the B-52 lands, both outer and inner-zone intrusion alarms are activated at the remote missile Launch Facility Oscar-7. The duration of the reported observations is over three hours. The velocity of the object varies from stationary to 12,716 mph. On four occasions the object exhibits rapid changes in movement from radar track to radar track, resulting in acceleration values of 18, 48, 60, and 449 g-forces. The radar image suggests the object’s size is 656 feet by 164 feet. Other witnesses include Capt. [Thomas Goduto](#), S/Sgt [James F. Bond](#), S/Sgt [William E. Smith](#), A1C [Robert O’Connor](#), A1C [Joseph P. Jablonski](#), and A1C Gregory Adams. The chief of the 862nd Combat Support Group, Lt. Col. [Arthur J. Werlich](#), is designated as Blue Book liaison and he calls the report in at 4:30 p.m. after SAC investigations, an analysis of the radarscope film, and the B-52 crew debriefing. Werlich provides Blue Book with selected data through October 31. On November 13, Blue Book chief Lt. Col. [Hector Quintanilla](#) completes his evaluation and forwards the final report to SAC headquarters. It is a single-page letter providing several possible explanations for the various reports, along with 11 pages of attachments cobbled together in support. He attributes the B-52 radar contact and loss of UHF transmission to “a plasma similar to ball lightning.” (NICAP, “[Minot Tracks Object, B-52 Sees and Tracks UFO](#)”; [Sparks](#), p. 330; *Hynek UFO Report*, [pp. 137–139](#); Kevin D. Randle, *Project Blue Book Exposed*, Marlowe, 1997, pp. 151–163; Claude Poher, “[Analysis of Radar and Air-Visual UFO Observations on 24 October 1968 at Minot AFB, North Dakota, USA](#),” August 1, 2005; Martin Shough, “[Minot Air Force Base, Oct 24 1968](#),” 2006; Nukes 319–323; “[The Minot AFB B-52 UFO Incident](#),” Above Top Secret forum, February 24, 2010; Thomas Tulien, “[A Narrative of Events at Minot Air Force Base](#),” Sign Oral History

Project, 2011; Thomas E. Bullard, "[Defending UFOs](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 2 (Mar. 2012): 32–33; "[New Witness to UFO Incursion at Nuke Missile Complex](#)," *The UFO Chronicles*, October 17, 2017; Clark III 748–763; "[B-52 and Missile Crews Witnessed a UFO at the Vicinity of Minot Air Force Base, October 24, 1968](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, July 2023; Thomas Tulien, "[The Investigation of UFO Events at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota](#)," Sign Oral History Project, August 2023; Powell, *Scientist*, 72–75)

1968, October 24 — 6:47 p.m. The Romanian oil tanker *Argeș* is steaming through the Mozambique Channel when Third Officer Ștefan Anton and Commander Nicolae Ștefanescu see a bright orange-yellow disc half the diameter of the Moon moving swiftly and emitting blue-green rays from its center. At one point it stops abruptly for a moment and changes course to the east. By sextant they estimate it is 15.5 miles away and 56 feet in diameter. (Hobana and Weverbergh 250–251)

1968, October 31 — The Colorado project delivers its report, *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects*, to the Air Force, which, however, takes pains to avoid looking at it until it is released to the public. The first two sections, conclusions and recommendations, are written by [Condon](#) himself. He concludes that "further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby." It is a clear signal to shut down Project Blue Book. Yet 30% of its cases are unexplained. Condon says a UFO cover-up is unthinkable because no one could keep such a secret for so long. He refutes the claim that the CIA has installed an agent within the project. He disapproves of UFO "amateurists," especially NICAP. The project ignored old cases because they only offered witness testimony, are probably misidentifications, and it makes little sense to reinterview witnesses. But this means ignoring the most compelling cases of the past 20+ years. Condon rejects the ETH because it is so unlikely that aliens can get here from there. This attitude suggests that Condon's approach is fundamentally antiempirical. The report also includes summaries of field studies, photographic evidence, direct and indirect physical evidence, optical and radar cases, and astronaut sightings. In the field studies section, [Roy Craig](#) concedes that some of the older cases suggest something extraordinary (Great Falls, RB-47). [William K. Hartmann](#) divides photo cases into fabrications, misidentifications, poor image quality, and clear images that lack sufficient data. Great Falls and McMinnville are the only two that he considers unusual. [Gordon Thayer](#) discusses the predominance of anomalous propagation in radar cases. In finding natural explanations, Thayer often disregards witness testimony. The rest of the report is mostly padding. (Wikipedia, "[Condon Committee](#)"; Michael D. Swords, "[The University of Colorado UFO Project: The 'Scientific Study of UFOs'](#)," *JUFOS* 6 (1995/96): 149–184; David J. Shea, "[NCAS Presentation](#)," September 8, 2018; Swords 329–332; Graff 224–225)

1968, November — Two children are playing in the garden of their father's hotel in Southampton, England, when they notice a "speck" come out of the clouds. It grows in size and comes closer, moving above the hotel roof. The shape is a large flattened disc with black square windows on the side. It moves to a point about 10 feet directly above them and hovers for 30 seconds, then it speeds up and disappears behind some trees. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 3, no. 6 (June 1978): 2)

1968, November 2 — 3:55 a.m. A partially paralyzed Algerian veteran, Dr. X, has suffered an injury to his leg while chopping at a stump on his property in a village in the south of France on October 29. He is lying in bed when he is awakened by his crying 14-month-old son. He sees two luminous objects outside his house. They are coming close together and merging about 590 feet away. A vertical beam of light is aimed at him for a second as the object tilts, and then the display vanishes with a sort of explosion, leaving behind a slowly dissolving cloud. Shortly afterwards, the man's leg heals and his war wound is better. He also experiences nightmares, stomach pains, and a red pigmentation appears around his navel, forming a triangle. He goes to a dermatologist but does not mention the UFO; the doctor is stumped. The man's son also develops a red triangle. In November 1984, a French radio reporter records the gradual reappearance of the triangle on X's abdomen. Jacques Vallée later casts doubt on the case in his *Forbidden Science* series of books, saying that the story turned into a "vaguely occult tale" in which he "lied about some key aspects." (Aimé Michel, "[The Strange Case of Dr. X](#)," in Charles Bowen, ed., *UFO Percipients*, special issue no. 3 of *FSR*, September 1969, pp. 3–16; Aimé Michel, "[The Strange Case of Dr. 'X,' Part 2](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1971): 3–9; Clark III 410–413; Bill Chalker, "[The Labyrinths of Forbidden Science: The Journals of Jacques Vallée](#)," *TheOzFiles*, February 26, 2023)

1968, November 3 — 4:15 p.m. Two teenage boys, Robert Hubbard and David Kelley, see a domed, disc-shaped UFO about 200 feet in diameter discharging angel hair over the Spring Branch West area of Houston, Texas. They watch it for two minutes until it takes off when a commercial jet approaches. [C. E. "Gene" Senter](#) investigates and recovers a twig with angel hair that he puts in a plastic bag and freezes. A chemist analyzes the substance in a petroleum-industry lab but finds out little other than it is sticky and fibrous. ("[Substance Linked to UFO Is Classified As a Mystery](#)," *Lubbock (Tex.) Avalanche-Journal*, December 19, 1968, pp. B-1, B-9; Bob Gribble,

[“Looking Back,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 247 (November 1988): 21, 22; Brian Boldman, [“Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review,”](#) *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 105)

- 1968**, November 15 — The Air Force sends the Colorado report to the National Academy of Sciences for review by an 11-member panel, chaired by Yale University astronomer [Gerald Maurice Clemence](#) and charged with an independent assessment of its scope, methodology, and findings. (Clark III 1197–1198)
- 1968**, November 20 — 5:45 p.m. Milan and Doris Milakovic and their son are driving southwest out of Hanbury, Staffordshire, England, when several rabbits run across the road from their left. Suddenly they see a brilliant object. They stop the car and watch as it rises from a field on their left, silently pass over the car, and move toward a solitary house about 300 feet away on the right where it stops and hovers, “quivering like jelly.” The air temperature seems to drop. For approximately 5 minutes, they see what appear to be several humanoid figures walking across the bright top of the UFO, which is as wide as the house. Intermittently, some of the figures bend down as though looking at something in the part of the object below the rim. Then the UFO begins moving up in a pulsating or jerky movement. The intensity of its light increases and Milakovic feels like his eyes are burning. Thoroughly frightened, Milakovic pushes his wife and son back into the car and speeds away from the scene. (N. M. H. Turner and W. Daniels, [“Report of the Encounter between the Milakovic Family and a Flying Saucer in the Hanbury Area of Staffordshire,”](#) *BUFORA Journal* 2, no. 7 (Winter 1968/1969): 4–7; W. Daniels and N. M. H. Turner, [“The Milakovic Report,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 15, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1969): 2–3, 24; UFOEv II 483; Patrick Gross, [“UFO with Humanoid Occupants, Hanbury, England, November 20, 1968”](#); Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), December 18, 2006)
- 1968**, November 23 — 8:05 p.m. An accountant named Jones is driving his 1967 Ford Custom along the road between Newton and Albany, Georgia. When he rounds a bend he sees a brilliant yellowish-white light about 200 feet ahead of him and 50–75 feet above the road. As he approaches, the car radio fades into static. Then the object emits a beam of well-defined light about 5–6 feet wide that illuminates the trees and causes his engine and radio to cut out as it passes over his car. The object changes color to orange-red and ascends at a high rate of speed, disappearing in less than 15 seconds. The car engine starts spontaneously afterward. (*Hynek UFO Report*, [pp. 189–191](#); [Sparks](#), p. 330; Powell, *Scientist*, 98–99)
- 1968**, November 25 — 6:00 p.m. Elaine Pelchy is driving with her 2-year-old son and dog on Highway 174 south of Marcellus, New York, when they see an object with five red, blinking lights about 100 feet in front of her car and heading southeast. The radio gets a lot of static and the English setter begins to get nervous, clawing at the window and putting its head over its eyes and ears. The boy starts crying, then the car engine begins to sputter. The object executes a U-turn and moves to the northwest as the lights change to blinking blue and white. Suddenly, the UFO stops and changes to a white, dome-shaped object with a “fluorescent star” next to it. The larger object merges into the star and disappears. Pelchy drops her son off at her mother-in-law’s, then returns on the same route. The dog starts to whine again as a light the size of a basketball fluctuates in intensity and zigzags across the sky. She goes home but returns to the scene with a neighbor and the light is still visible and maneuvering. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., [Strange Effects from UFOs](#), NICAP, 1969, pp. 40–41)
- 1968**, November 26 — 5:40 p.m. Three control tower operators (Jack Wilhelm, Jack Reeves, and John Fischer) at Bismarck (North Dakota) Airport observe two swiftly moving round objects traveling in opposite directions. They reverse course and approach each other, hover together, then instantly zoom off to the northeast. Air Force radar at Great Falls, Montana, picks up “foreign objects” at the same time 85 miles northeast of Bismarck. The objects are also seen by Robert Watts, who is flying a Cessna 150. (NICAP, [“Air Force Radar Tracks Objects”](#); [“It Was Something But No One Knows What,”](#) *Bismarck (N.Dak.) Tribune*, November 27, 1968, pp. 1–2; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 43–44](#), [51–52](#); UFOEv II 130–131)
- 1968**, November 27 — A 41-page paper by George Kocher of the RAND Corporation, “UFOs: What to Do?” is produced as an internal document. It notes the likelihood of intelligent life in the universe, speculates UFOs may well have been around for a long time, looks at some compelling reports, and assesses the difficulty of estimating the number of sightings worldwide “because of the lack of suitable data collection means.” (George Kocher, [“UFOs: What to Do?”](#) RAND Corporation, November 27, 1968)
- 1968**, November 27 — 7:00 p.m. While on patrol, officer Joseph Trotier of the Belcourt, North Dakota, police department, sees a round, glowing object with purple lights arrayed around its underside, alternately hovering and moving around the sky. As it hovers at 500 feet, the UFO emits a red beam of light toward the ground. Trotier shines a spotlight at the object, which immediately blacks out and disappears. After about 5 minutes it reappears. Moving south with its lights back on. ([“Object Reacts to Light,”](#) *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 9 (January 1969): 8; UFOEv II 188)

- 1968**, December — [David R. Saunders](#) (along with journalist R. Roger Harkins) explains his version of the Colorado project in *UFOs? Yes!* (David R. Saunders and R. Roger Harkins, *UFOs? Yes! Where the Condon Committee Went Wrong*, Signet, 1968)
- 1968**, December — The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics announces that it has formed a UFO Subcommittee to study the UFO phenomenon objectively. [Joachim P. Kuettner](#) of ESSA Research Laboratories is the chairman; other members include [Jerald M. Bidwell](#) of Martin Marietta, Glenn A. Cato of TRW Systems Group, Bernard N. Charles of Aerospace Corporation, Murray Dryer of ESSA Research Laboratories, Howard D. Edwards of Georgia Institute of Technology, [Paul MacCready](#) of Meteorology Research, Andrew J. Masley of Douglas Missile and Space Systems Division, Robert Rados of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, and Donald M. Swingle of the US Army Electronic Command. It announces in *Astronautics and Aeronautics* that the UFO issue “cannot be resolved without further study in a quantitative scientific manner and that it deserves the attention of the engineering and scientific community.” (“[AIAA Committee Looks at UFO Problem](#),” *Astronautics and Aeronautics*, December 1968, p. 12)
- 1968**, December 26 — The Spanish Air Ministry’s press office issues a release inviting citizens to report UFO cases to the air force. A few days later, Second Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. [Mariano Cuadra Medina](#) issues the first regulations in Spain on how to handle UFO reports. The information is rated confidential. (Swords 423)
- 1968**, Late December — 11:30 a.m. Traumatologist Sebastian José Tarda is on vacation in Patagonia and leading a group of secondary school students on a motorboat field trip on Nahuel Huapi Lake, Argentina. Tarda is taking photos of the lake shore near Puerto Blest, but does not notice anything unusual. When one slide is developed, it shows a blurry white object against a mountainous background. An analysis by the Argentine UFO group Circulo de Investigación Cientifico Espacial states that the image is not caused by a lens flare, damaged emulsion, or a known object. Another analysis suggests that the object moved while the shutter was depressed. Ground Saucer Watch considers it a lens flare. (“[UFO Appears in Photo over Nahuel Huapi Lake, Argentina](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 1 (February 1982): 1–2; “[Dr. Tarda 1968 Photograph Judged Lens Flare by GSW](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 2 (April 1982): 3)

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- 1969** — The CIA’s Operation Often is initiated by the chief of the CIA’s Technical Services Branch, [Sidney Gottlieb](#), to “explore the world of black magic” and “harness the forces of darkness and challenge the concept that the inner reaches of the mind are beyond reach.” As part of the operation, Gottlieb and other CIA employees visit with and recruit fortune-tellers, palm-readers, clairvoyants, astrologers, mediums, psychics, specialists in demonology, witches and warlocks, Satanists, and other occult practitioners. (Wikipedia, “[MKOFTEN](#)”)
- 1969** — Gérard Lebat founds Groupe d’Études des Objets Spatiaux, which publishes *GEOS International* from July 1969 to July 1970, then *Les Extraterrestres* from November 1970 to October 1979, then *Hypothèses Extraterrestres* from January 1980 to July 1981, in Rebais, Seine-et-Marne, France. (*GEOS International*, no. 1 (July 1969)); *Les Extraterrestres*, no. 9 (Nov./Dec. 1970); *Hypothèses Extraterrestres*, no. 13 (January 1980))
- 1969** — In *Passport to Magonia*, [Jacques Vallée](#) proposes a radically revisionist argument that UFOs are better understood when related to folk traditions about supernatural creatures (elementals, fairies, angels, demons) than to astronomers’ speculations about life in outer space. He says science cannot adequately deal with such matters, although he does not specifically disavow the scientific method. It is the first book to question the ETH and the first to lay the groundwork for the psychosocial hypothesis, which sees UFOs as largely the product of unusual mental states and perpetuated by social acceptance. He argues that ostensible otherworldly manifestations are fantastic images propelled via psychic technology from humanity’s future to generate myths and religions that will change fate. In time the book leads to a new school of ufology whose advocates hold that UFOs and other anomalous experiences are internally generated and shaped entirely by cultural processes as opposed to nonhuman intelligences. [Jerry Clark](#) writes that the “genius of *Passport*, a genuinely brilliant work, is its success in placing UFOs into not only cultural but *experiential* context.” (Jacques Vallée, *Passport to Magonia*, Regnery, 1969; Clark III 939–940, 1214)
- 1969** — Contactee [Ted Owens](#) writes *How to Contact Space People*. Owens, who calls himself the “PK Man,” attributes his psychic and precognitive abilities to UFO occupants who operated on his brain when he was a child, a modification that made him half-human, half-alien. He claims to be in two-way contact with saucer intelligences. (Ted Owens, *How to Contact the Space People*, Saucerian, 1969; Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [pp. 235–236](#))

- 1969** — Spanish ufologist [Antonio Ribera](#) receives his first Ummo communication, a letter postmarked from Paris, Franca. An Ummo cult has begun to form, and books—both journalistic accounts and anthologies of Ummo writings—find an avid readership. (Clark III 1185)
- 1969** — Night. During its extended deployment to Vietnam with the 7th Fleet, the destroyer [USS Leary](#) is navigating fishing waters in the Gulf of Tonkin. Ensign [Will Miller](#) is alerted by the lookout about a possible light from a fishing boat in the water ahead. But the light suddenly moves from above the water to below the surface and heads rapidly toward the ship at 45° to the bow, passing below the vessel. The sailors run to the starboard side to see whether it will emerge, but it does not. Nothing is tracked on radar or sonar or by the ECM system. (Good Need, [pp. 284–285](#))
- 1969**, January — John Magor begins publishing the quarterly *Canadian UFO Report* in Duncan, British Columbia. It persists through the summer issue of 1979. ([Canadian UFO Report](#) 1, no. 1 (January 1969))
- 1969**, January 6 — 7:15 p.m. Future president [Jimmy Carter](#) is preparing to give a speech at a Lions Club meeting at Leary, Georgia. One of the guests calls his attention to a strange object visible about 30° above the horizon to the west of where he is standing. Carter describes the object as being bright white and about as bright as the moon. It appears to have closed in on where he is standing but stops beyond a stand of pine trees some distance from him. The object changes color, first to blue, then to red, then back to white, before appearing to recede into the distance. Carter feels that the object is self-illuminated and not solid in nature. Carter's report indicates that it is witnessed by about 10–12 other people and is in view for 10–12 minutes before it passes out of sight. Skeptic [Robert Sheaffer](#) concludes that the object is a misidentification of Venus. Ufologist [Allan Hendry](#) does calculations and agrees with the assessment of the object as Venus. Jere Justus thinks it might have been a barium cloud produced by rockets launched from Eglin AFB near Valparaiso, Florida. (Wikipedia, "[Jimmy Carter UFO incident](#)"; Clark III 225; Good Above, [pp. 368, 516–517](#); Robert Sheaffer, "[President Jimmy Carter's Sighting of a UFO](#)"; C. G. "Jere" Justus, "[What Was That 'UFO' Jimmy Carter Saw?](#)" February 2020; Graff 274–275)
- 1969**, January 8 — The National Academy of Sciences releases its review of the Colorado project report, giving its enthusiastic approval. In a letter to Assistant Secretary of the Air Force [Alexander H. Flax](#), [Frederick Seitz](#) expresses the hope that the review would "be helpful to you and other responsible officials in determining the nature and scope of any research effort in this area." (National Academy of Sciences, "[Review of the University of Colorado Report on Unidentified Flying Objects by a Panel of the National Academy of Sciences](#)," January 8, 1969; Story, [pp. 244–245](#); David J. Shea, "[NCAS Presentation](#)," September 8, 2018)
- 1969**, January 8 — Science reporter [Walter Sullivan](#) writes that the soon-to-be-released Colorado project report will debunk the extraterrestrial hypothesis and dismiss "demands of some scientists and laymen for a large-scale effort to determine the nature of such 'flying saucers.'" Such a project, the report says in effect, would be a waste of time and money." Sullivan dismisses the project's critics as "UFO enthusiasts." (Walter Sullivan, "[U.F.O. Finding: No Visits from Afar](#)," *New York Times*, January 8, 1969, pp. 1–2)
- 1969**, January 9 — The Colorado project report is released to the public in a 965-page Bantam Books edition. (Edward U. Condon, scientific director, [Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects](#), Bantam, 1969; [HTML version](#))
- 1969**, January 11 — [Keyhoe](#), [Saunders](#), and [McDonald](#) hold a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., to criticize the Condon report. (Jacobs, *UFO Controversy in America*, Signet ed., 1976, [pp. 216–217](#)); "[The Truth about the Condon Report](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 9 (January 1969): 1–2; "[Condon Report Rejections Increase](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 10 (Feb./March 1969): 1)
- 1969**, January 21 — The Lucens reactor in Vaud, Switzerland, suffers a loss-of-control accident that leads to a partial core meltdown and massive radioactive contamination of its cavern, which is sealed. (Wikipedia, "[Lucens reactor](#)")
- 1969**, January 22 — Elements of the Ninth Marine Division go more than a mile into Laos to protect the flanks of a major combat operation. The *New York Times* reveals the operation on February 12. Though American combat involvement in Laos is not officially acknowledged until 1969, the US is known to have organized, trained, and equipped a clandestine army of Laotian irregulars since the early 1950s, under the direction of the CIA. (Seymour M. Hersh, "[Secret 1969 Foray into Laos Reported](#)," *New York Times*, August 12, 1973, p. 1, 5)
- 1969**, January 25 — 12:30 a.m. A young couple is driving near Plattville, Illinois. The woman sees a bright object shaped like an ice-cream cone low in the sky ahead, traveling big end first. They get within a quarter mile and the object turns point up and only 30 feet off the ground. Security lights on a nearby farmhouse go off. The object, now seemingly 2–3 stories tall, spins and flashes, and the car engine and lights go off. The front end of the car lifts 3 feet off the ground. The UFO moves away and the car drops and regains its power. (Michael D. Swords, "[Messing Around with the Force](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 4 (March 2008): 16)
- 1969**, January 27 — [Gordon Lore](#), frustrated with [Keyhoe](#)'s absences and lack of concern for NICAP's operation, vents his feelings in a 9-page confidential memo to the staff. He acknowledges that the negative effect of the Condon

Report would be “difficult to successfully refute,” but it is clear that NICAP’s administrative problems are long-standing and getting worse. He appeals for harmony, effectiveness, and putting the organization’s needs above their own. (Gordon Lore, [memo to NICAP staff], “Complaints and Problems,” January 27, 1969, [page 1](#); Powell, *Keyhoe*, 380–381)

1969, January 31 — After a series of UFO sightings and radar trackings beginning in October 1968, the US Air Force and Army set up another UFO observation network in the West Central Highlands near Pleiku, Vietnam, using pulse acquisition radar, continual wave acquisition radar, and illumination radar. The system picks up 365 unidentified tracks through April. (Clark III 1052–1054)

1969, February — 2d Lt. Carmon L. Morano replaces Lt. Col. [Hector Quintanilla](#) as head of the moribund Project Blue Book. ([Sparks](#), p. 14)

1969, February 7 — 7:30 a.m. Tiago Machado, 19, wakes up at his home in Pirassununga, São Paulo, Brazil, and hears a neighbor shouting about a silvery-blue object landed on a hill on the grounds of the Zootecnia. He watches it for a time, then goes in to get binoculars. He goes off to the hill and approaches the object until he is about 33 feet away. It is a disc made of silvery metal with a dome on top. It is about 13 feet in diameter and stands on three legs. A door opens and two men come floating down to the ground. Machado can see two other beings inside. The men walk toward him, making signs. They are wearing silver diver’s suits, have black teeth and thin-lipped mouths, and one eye is lower than the other. Each has a kind of burn or cicatrice on each cheek. Machado is nervous, so he lights a cigarette. The beings apparently think this is funny, so he tosses the cigarette pack toward them. One of them leans sideways and stretches out his hand. The pack floats 8 inches up to his hand and disappears. Suddenly one of Machado’s friends calls out to him, and the beings walk back to the UFO, still facing him, and jump up to the door. The last one in pauses and pulls out a kind of weapon, points it at Machado, and a flame like a welding arc comes out of the barrel and floats toward him, hitting him in the thigh. He feels faint and paralyzed as the UFO takes off. His friends carry him to a neighbor’s house and find a red swelling on his leg. Later, investigators find three imprints in an equilateral triangle at the site, each about 5 inches in diameter. Soil samples taken show no radioactivity. (“[Brazil in Throes of Big Flap](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1969, pp. 1, 5; Nigel Rimes, “[The Pirassununga Landing](#),” in Charles Bowen, ed., *UFO Percipients*, special issue no. 3 of *FSR*, September 1969, pp. 39–45; Brazil 109–114; “[Caso Tiago Machado](#),” Portal Fenomenum, June 15, 2016)

1969, February 13 — [McDonald](#) speaks on “UFOs: A Challenge to Observation” at the American Meteorological Society in Washington, D.C. (James E. McDonald, “[UFOs: A Challenge to Observation](#),” February 13, 1969; Story, [p. 415](#))

1969, February 16 — Night. A M. Meingault, the caretaker of the Château des Martins in Bignoux, Vienne, France, hears two of the mares and three colts galloping about in a panic in their field. He investigates and sees a pair of brilliant, pale-green, shining eyes at a spot between a clump of bushes and the paddock fence. He estimates they must be fairly large to be seen at a distance and appear to be just under 4 feet above the ground. He goes inside to get a gun, then walks around the field. The horses are still galloping, this time through a thicket that they normally would not enter. Although it is a very dark night, he gets the fleeting impression that there is a shadow following the horses. Meingault fires several shots in the air to scare away any attacker. Even though the animals still haven’t settled down, he goes back inside and to bed. The next morning, the horses still seem disturbed and have damaged the fence considerably in more than 10 places. (Jean-Claude Baillon, “[Eerie Night at the Château des Martins](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/August 1970): 24–26, 34)

1969, February 18 — Morning. Barbara Smyth, a teacher in a small town in Alberta, is driving to school when she sees on her right a “gigantic, bright pinky-red coloured” object “about seven times the size of a steel granary of 14ft. diameter.” It looks like two rounded layers divided by a thin blue line. There are two flashing white lights on the top and a tent-like structure that pulsates and changes color from silver to fiery yellow. The UFO starts spinning counterclockwise and jumps over to the next hill. Suddenly, her car is no longer under her control as it floats down a very bumpy road. After three minutes the UFO disappears, and the car returns to normal. (W. K. Allan, “[A UFO and the Car Which ‘Floated Along](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 6 (August 1971): 8, iii; Clark III 250)

1969, February 18 — [McDonald](#) presents “UFOs and the Condon Report: A Dissenting View” to the Pacific Missile Range Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Point Mugu, California. (James E. McDonald, “[UFOs and the Condon Report: A Dissenting View](#),” February 18, 1969; Patrick Gross, “[Scientists Take Position](#)”; Story, [p. 415](#))

1969, February 19 — 12:30 p.m. Two telephone linemen are working atop a pole near Lebel-sur-Quévillon, Quebec, when they see a gray, metallic cylinder with four fins at its end moving slowly west to east over the trees and about 150 feet above the ground. The object is 100 feet long and only 15 feet in diameter. The men watch it for a few

minutes as it glides slowly out of sight. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 72)

- 1969**, February 20 — [Keyhoe](#) writes a confidential letter to NICAP staff that he delays delivering until March 19. It endorses [Gordon Lore](#)'s earlier memo, but it also airs his own problems and errors and guilt. (Donald E. Keyhoe, "Confidential Letter from the Director to Members of the NICAP Staff. Not to Be Copied or Xerox'd," February 20, 1969, [page 1](#); Powell, *Keyhoe*, 383–386)
- 1969**, Early March — Secretary of the Air Force Office of Information representative Maj. [David J. Shea](#) attends a meeting in the Pentagon in which "there was no doubt that Project Blue Book was finished." (David J. Shea, "[NCAS Presentation](#)," September 8, 2018; Clark III 926)
- 1969**, March 3 — The US Navy establishes its Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun) to teach fighter and strike tactics to selected aviators and officers at Naval Air Station Miramar [now Marine Corps Air Station Miramar] in San Diego, California. Its focus is on combat training against MiG fighters, now that MiG testing at Groom Lake, Nevada, has been successful. (Wikipedia, "[United States Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor program](#)")
- 1969**, March 4 — 6:40 a.m. [William Overstreet](#), 50, is driving his truck on Missouri J between Elmer and Atlanta, Missouri, when he sees a bright reddish-orange light about 100 feet in diameter and floating along at 40 mph. It begins to follow the road and beams a strong, cone-shaped white light on to the road from a height of 50 feet. Overstreet can feel the heat. The object changes from red to a blue sphere surrounded by a red ring. He attempts to drive through the beam, but his motor and radio die when he gets to within 6 feet. The beam moves away a bit, he tries again, and the same thing happens. The UFO moves about a mile away, turns back to red, switches off the beam, and cruises away. (NICAP, "[100' Object Affects Radio and Truck Engine](#)"; "[UFO Reports in Missouri Area](#)," *Kansas City (Mo.) Star*, March 6, 1969, p. 4A; "[Light Beams with EM Effects Reported](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 7 (May 1969): 3; "[E-M Effect on Truck in Missouri](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1969, p.4; Michael D. Swords, "[Messing Around with the Force](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 4 (March 2008): 15)
- 1969**, March 4 — 10:00 p.m. RCMP Constable R. J. Shannahan is on foot patrol near 24 Sussex Drive, the Prime Minister's residence in Ottawa, Ontario. He looks up and sees two bright flashing red lights above and slightly inside the gates to Rideau Hall. One light moves east and is lost to view in one minute, while the other moves west and is visible for 5–6 minutes. No jets are scrambled, and there is no indication that radar installations are asked about unidentified targets. (National Research Council of Canada, FOIA documents, Part 3, [pp. 187–193](#); National Research Council of Canada, FOIA documents, Part 27, [pp. 159–165](#); Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 75–77)
- 1969**, March 6 or 10 — 10:30 a.m. A woman is driving with her St. Bernard dog between Glenwood and Lancaster, Missouri. The dog becomes agitated and she sees a bright blue-white beam of light illuminating the road and a domed disc 1,000 feet in the air. The dog jumps into the front seat and become quite panicked. She tries to drive through the beam, but the car slows from 50 mph to 8 mph but manages to get to the other side when the car picks up speed. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, p. 32; UFOEv II 38–39; Ted Phillips, "[UFO Events in Missouri, 1857–1971](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 8 (December 1971): 11; Michael D. Swords, "[Messing Around with the Force](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 4 (March 2008): 15–16)
- 1969**, March 10 — 10:10 p.m. Police Chief Lavern Janzen is driving west of Westhope, North Dakota, when the interior of his car suddenly lights up. Looking up, he sees a disc shaped like a World War I helmet pass overhead and stop about 700 feet ahead, some 100 feet in the air. The object has a glowing blue-green dome and a bright white body with a revolving red band. The object wobbles back and forth while hovering. At one point it emits a 10-foot-diameter beam of light onto the road. Janzen gets out of the car but is afraid to approach any closer. He smells an odor like burned rubber. After 15 minutes the object ascends at a 60° angle and flies out of sight to the south. ("[Light Beams with EM Effects Reported](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 11 (May 1969): 3–4; UFOEv II 189)
- 1969**, March 13 — [Hynek](#) submits a UFO research proposal to Col. [George R. Weinbrenner](#), USAF Foreign Technology Division Commander, in which he reveals that out of the approximately 10,000 reports in the Project Blue Book files, he estimates that 1,000–3,000 (10%–30%) are "interesting" unexplained cases ("unknowns"). (J. Allen Hynek, "[Preliminary Proposal for Subject Investigation](#)," March 13 and 19, 1969)
- 1969**, March 14 — Day. Col. [Robert M. Tirman](#), an Air Force flight surgeon stationed in Thailand, is flying as a passenger in a Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker. The plane is at 15,000 feet when the pilot and crew notice a black cylinder hovering in a vertical position about 2 miles away. The pilot circles closer and determines that it is not a balloon. After he radios back to his base, fighter aircraft are scrambled but cannot locate the object. (*Jacksonville (Ark.) Daily News*, March 27, 1969; "[AF Colonel, Air Crew Encounter Giant UFO](#)," *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 11

(May 1969): 1; “[Colonel Describes ‘Giant Black Metallic Cylinder’ As AF Crew Tracks UFO,](#)” *Skylook* (July 1969): 15; UFOEv II 81)

1969, March 17 — Two pilots, Herman Slater and Ben Ripley, are flying a Cessna 150 between Phoenix and Lake Havasu, Arizona, when the pilot in the right seat rises up and sees maybe 2 dozen oval, white discs on the left side of the plane, flying very low and in a rough formation. Each has the hint of a blister near the front. The speed is 200–300 mph, and the only maneuver they make is pitch and roll, all done simultaneously, in unison. For 20 seconds, both pilots watch the objects pass below their aircraft and beyond. (“[Two Phoenix Pilots Claim Sighting UFOs in Skies,](#)” *Phoenix (Ariz.) Gazette*, March 21, 1969, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 1 (May 1969): 8; “[Large UFO Formation over Arizona,](#)” *APRO Bulletin*, March/April 1969, pp. 1, 4; “[Flying Formation Seen by Pilots,](#)” *UFO Investigator* 4, no. 11 (May 1969): 4; Michael D. Swords, “[We Know Where You Live,](#)” *IUR* 30, no. 2 (January 2006): 11–12)

1969, March 18 — The US begins a covert SAC bombing campaign, Operation Menu, in eastern Cambodia that lasts until May 26, 1970. An official USAF record of US bombing activity over Indochina from 1964 to 1973 is declassified by President [Bill Clinton](#) in 2000. The report gives details of the extent of the bombing of Cambodia, as well as of Laos and Vietnam. The Menu bombings are an escalation of what has previously been tactical air attacks. Operation Freedom Deal immediately follows Operation Menu. Under Freedom Deal, B-52 bombing is expanded to a much larger area of Cambodia and continued until August 1973. (Wikipedia, “[Operation Menu](#)”)

1969, April — [Hynek](#) writes a review of the [Condon](#) report for the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, calling it a “strange sort of scientific paper [that] does not fulfill the promise of its title.... [It] leaves the same strange, inexplicable residue of unknowns which has plagued the U.S. Air Force investigation for 20 years.” (J. Allen Hynek, “[The Condon Report and UFOs,](#)” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* 25 (April 1969): 39–42)

1969, April 5 — 7:25 p.m. Three male teenagers are parked in a remote area near West Nyack, New York, when a light approaches and they get out to see a craft emitting a light beam. They lose consciousness, except that one later recalls seeing the object land and shine the light beam on them. They recall an oval object about 50 feet in diameter, as well as humanoid beings about 5 feet tall with large round heads, large black eyes, and pale gray skin. Most wear form-fitting, gray-green coveralls; one who acts as an examiner wears a turtle-neck garment. Within the craft, the examiner peers intently into one of the teens’ faces. He feels that he has been “ripped to pieces” and put back together again, but does not feel any pain. The same teen has spontaneous recall, including trying for several minutes to start the car without success at about 10:15 p.m. (Budd Hopkins, *Missing Time*, 1981, [pp. 111–123](#); UFOEv II 533–534)

1969, April 12 — During a Fouga Magister aircraft training mission at Pori Airport, Finland, a Finnish Defence Forces flight controller tells pilot-in-training Tarmo Tukeya to investigate seven air balloons that are floating at approximately 5,000–9,800 feet above the airport. Tukeya reports that the objects are ball or disc-shaped but cannot determine how far away they are. Tukeya sees the objects accelerate away from him “at great speed.” Indeterminate radar images are also later reported 125 miles away in Vaasa. A second pilot-in-training, Jouko Kuronen, overhears the radio communications between the flight controller and Tukeya and sees the UFOs as well. According to the Finnish Armed Forces magazine *Ruotuväki*, the reports are similar to other cases occurring over bodies of water during ongoing military exercises and may have been due to “transnational spy planes or aircraft.” (Wikipedia, “[Finnish Air Force UFO sighting](#)”; “[1969: Pilots Report 7 Yellow Spheres at Pori Airport, Finland,](#)” *UFO Casebook*, August 13, 2013; “[Ruotuväki: Ilmavoimien lentäjät tekivät merkittävän ufo-havainnon 60-luvulla,](#)” *Ilta-Sanomat*, May 8, 2012)

1969, April 14 — 11:30 p.m. Edwin H. Bohl Jr. and a companion 5 miles east of Hill City, Kansas, watch a multi-colored object approach to within 100 feet of their car. The car engine fails. The object hovers at 75 feet above the ground for 3 minutes, then slowly moves away. The car then restarts without trouble. (“[Them Thar Critters Are on the Loose,](#)” *Salina (Kan.) Journal*, April 17, 1969, p. 12; “[Logan Man Spots Unidentified Flying Object East of Town,](#)” *Hill City (Kan.) Times*, April 17, 1969, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 2 (June 1969): 5; “[UFO Sighting Is Reported,](#)” *Hays (Kan.) Daily News*, April 27, 1969, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 2 (June 1969): 5; “[Kansas Man Goes UFO Hunting—Finds One!](#)” *Skylook*, no. 20 (July 1969): 6; “[UFO Hunt Was Too Easy,](#)” *Skylook*, no. 21 (August 1969): 19; “[Lull in UFO Activity Doesn’t Shake Believers,](#)” *Kansas City (Mo.) Star*, October 13, 1971, p. 1B; Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, CUFOS, 1982, p. 46)

1969, April 17 — Morning. T. J. Hefferman of Bungawalban, New South Wales, wakes up and notices that his dogs are “strangely subdued.” Outside, he finds a flattened area in a sacaline (*Reynoutria sachalinensis*) forage crop on his property. A roughly circular area is flattened in four distinct patches, the largest 60 by 15 feet. All the stalks lie in one direction, north to south. The previous night, two men working night shift on a flood mitigation dredge a

quarter mile north of the farm had seen a glow in the sky, and a neighboring farmer had seen two “toplike objects” moving about for a number of nights. G. Testa, an independent investigator from Lismore, visits the site on April 20 and takes 25 feet of 8mm color film to document the damage. (Bill Chalker, “[1969: The Great UFO Daze of Oz](#),” The Oz Files, September 19, 2020; Clark III 1138–1139)

1969, April 20 — 7:30 p.m. A woman out walking at Harwood Island, New South Wales, sees and hears a large patch of 2-year-old cane rustling and waving on a still night. A powerful beam of light switches on across the top of the cane path, and it slowly turns in a half circle before going out and being replaced by a “low beam” and “cabin lights.” A UFO is above the cane and she feels a powerful force lifting her up and pulling her toward the object when the “high beam” is on. The helmet-shaped object is 20–28 feet long and 22 feet wide. At its closest the UFO is 40–50 feet away. It disappears suddenly. (Bill Chalker, “[1969: The Great UFO Daze of Oz](#),” The Oz Files, September 19, 2020; Clark III 1139)

1969, April 20 — 11:00 p.m. Robert and Wilma Phillips are driving west on State Highway 11 about one mile west of Browntown, Wisconsin, when they see a bright yellow-orange light to their right. When they stop the car to watch, the light approaches and hovers near the right side of the car. Wilma describes it as shaped like a kettle drum with diffused light emanating from the base. Robert turns off the car so he can hear a high-pitched “tweeting sound” the object is making. Phillips restarts the car and moves slowly forward to observe the object, which tips sideways and paces them as it changes color to orange-red and bright red. The diffused light dims and they can see the UFO is about 20 feet across and 10–15 feet thick. It remains about 20 feet in the air and never more than 100 feet from the side of the road. The object follows them to the outskirts of South Wayne where it turns and quickly disappears to the north. (“[Car Buzzing Incidents Continue](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, May/June 1969, pp. 6, 8; Geneva Saalsaa, “[UFO-observation i Lafayette distriktet, USA](#),” *UFO-nyt*, 1969, no. 8 (December 1969): 323–324)

1969, April 22 — 8:00 p.m. Three witnesses are driving in heavy rain near Hammond, Ontario, when they see an object like a huge “drinking cup turned upside down.” It has two bright lights directed horizontally and appears to have a row of portholes with pink light coming from within. They estimate it is 5 feet off the ground, 20 feet long, and 200 feet away. They can hear a whining noise like a generator. After 15 minutes, the object turns and zooms over some nearby power lines, over the trees, and out of sight. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 77)

1969, April 23 — 2:00 a.m. Virginia A. Guinn and a boarder are awakened by loud howlings and yowlings from the dogs and cats at her farm in Silver Spring, Maryland. Going outside, the witnesses see a round UFO “as large as two rooms” that is a bluish-white color like the glow around a welder’s arc. The object is moving beyond the barn to the north-northeast. They heard a humming noise and the object blinks out and the animals quiet down. Guinn discovers later that morning that the horses in the barn had broken free of their stalls and knocked harnesses off the walls. (Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, p. 32)

1969, April 25 — 7:30 p.m. A woman and her 11-year-old daughter are travelling by taxi past Roberts Park in Greenacre, New South Wales, when they spot a “Japanese lantern” above some trees. One minute later, as the taxi turns a corner, they see it again, 100–130 feet away, apparently in the same spot. The driver stops the taxi, and they can see what looks like a metallic craft, approximately 33 feet in diameter, with the appearance of “two soup bowls joined rim-to-rim.” There is a steady red light on top. The object seems to be noiselessly rocking backwards and forwards, at a frequency of 1–2 rocks per second. A “depressing blue glow” can be seen through a window that takes up most of the upper part. A humanoid figure is apparently operating controls near the window. Another figure is pointing at the witnesses. A third seems to be walking toward a back door. All three are apparently human-sized and are either wearing tight black clothing, are black skinned, or seen in silhouette. After 15 seconds or less, the driver speeds off down the road, drops the couple off, and drives off quickly without taking their fare. At 8:00 p.m., the woman and her daughter return to the park. The UFO is not to be seen. (Bill Chalker, “[1969: The Great UFO Daze of Oz](#),” The Oz Files, September 19, 2020)

1969, April 26 — [Condon](#) speaks publicly for the first time after the end of the Colorado project in an address to the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on “UFOs I Have Loved and Lost.” He concludes by saying, “Let me say that where corruption of children’s minds is at stake, I do not believe in freedom of the press or freedom of speech. In my view, publishers who publish or teachers who teach any of the pseudosciences as established truth should, on being found guilty, be publicly horsewhipped, and forever banned from further activity in these usually honorable professions.” (Henry W. Pierce, “[Professors Threaten Own Free Speech](#),” *Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post-Gazette*, May 10, 1969, p. 21; Jacobs, *UFO Controversy in America*, Signet ed., 1976, [p. 224](#))

- 1969, May** — Rod B. Dyke launches the monthly *UFO Newsclipping Service* in Seattle, Washington, which soon becomes a primary source for media reports on UFOs and related phenomena. The service is largely run by [Lucius Farish](#) as co-editor in Plumerville, Arkansas, beginning in July 1977. Farish publishes it on his own from January 1991 until November 2007, when Dyke reacquires it and keeps it going again with co-editor Chuck Flood until December 2008. The final editor is [David Marler](#), who runs the service from January 2009 to August 2011, when it ceases publication. (*UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 1 (May 1969))
- 1969, May** — [John A. Keel](#) begins publishing an unscheduled, free newsletter titled *Anomaly* in New York City. It continues until April 1974. (*Anomaly*, no. 1 (May 1969))
- 1969, May 1** — 5:30 p.m. An illuminated triangular object moves soundlessly from south to north over Negru Vodă, Romania. After 20 minutes of hanging motionless it disappears swiftly to the east. (Hobana and Weverbergh 161–162)
- 1969, May 4–9** — 3:00 p.m. A 24-year-old Brazilian soldier named José Antônio da Silva is fishing by himself at Bebedouro (apparently a small lagoon in the Área de Proteção Ambiental do Carste de Lagoa Santa) near Matozinhos, Minas Gerais, Brazil, when he begins dozing off. He perceives figures moving around him, and he feels himself shot with something that paralyzes his legs. Two small humanoid beings, joined by a third, drag him off into a strange machine shaped like two saucers joined together by a thick, vertical cylinder. The machine lifts off, and after a long interval it lands. Da Silva is carried by his armpits into a large quadrangular room, where he finds himself with his original three captors and a fourth being—also humanoid, with red hair and a beard that comes down to his waist—who seems to be their leader. He remembers afterward that all four have mouths that look like fishes’ mouths. The room is made of stone. Inside, on a low shelf seemingly fashioned out of stone, da Silva sees the bodies of four human men lying stretched out side by side. Naked, rigid, and positioned on their backs, the bodies bear no visible wounds, but it is obvious that they are dead. One is a well-built black man and another has light brown skin. Two others, more slightly built, are Caucasian, one of them very blond “like a foreigner.” The beings do not speak any Portuguese but, using pictures, the leader manages to convey to da Silva that they want him to be their guide and weapons provider for what he supposes is a subsequent invasion of Earth. He refuses, fingering his crucifix, which the angry leader rips from his hand. Out of nowhere, da Silva sees appear in front of him a human figure who stands motionless, gazing at him in a friendly fashion. The figure, about five and a half feet tall, is Caucasian, slender, bearded with long fair hair, and dressed in a friar’s cassock. Amazingly, the little men seem oblivious to his presence. Speaking in Portuguese, the figure gives da Silva certain “revelations” that he afterward insists on keeping secret. He apparently knows who the figure is but he does not reveal that either, saying only that he wasn’t Jesus. The figure vanishes, and the beings who have abducted him start quarreling among themselves. They carry da Silva back to their machine; there follows another flight, another landing. Da Silva awakens in the dawn of what turns out to be May 9, four and a half days after his abduction, some 300 miles to the east of the place where he had been abducted. He supposedly bears the physical marks of his ordeal—wounds on his neck, lameness in one leg—for days afterward. (Húlvio Brant Aleixo, “[O Caso ‘Bebedouro,’](#)” *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 94/98 (Sept. 1973/June 1974): 7–22; Húlvio Brant Aleixo, “[Abduction at Bebedouro,](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1973): 6–14; Húlvio Brant Aleixo, “[Bebedouro II: The Little Men Return for the Soldier,](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 3/4 (November 1975): 32–35; Walter Buhler, “[Thoughts on the Bebedouro Case,](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 3/4 (November 1975): 36–38; “[O Caso de Bebedouro \(MG\),](#)” Portal Fenomenum, June 15, 2016; David Halperin, “[Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman: ‘Descent into Hell’ and the Bebedouro Abduction,](#)” davidhalperin.net, July 27, 2018; Clark III 185–189; Brazil 116–121)
- 1969, May 11** — 2:00 a.m. Near the village of Chapeau, Quebec, on L’Isle-aux-Allumettes in the Ottawa River, farmer Leo Paul Chaput is awakened by his dog barking. He looks out the window and sees a brilliant light close to the ground. The light source seems to be a domed craft with a flat bottom (like a World War I helmet) about 500 feet away. He looks away briefly, and the object is gone, although he can hear the diminishing sound of a motor. When Chaput gets up in the morning, he finds a large circular indentation in the ground, 600 feet from his house. The impression is 32 feet in diameter and is surrounded by a ring of scorched grass 2.5 feet wide. Inside, the vegetation is not damaged, but there are three holes that form a perfect equilateral triangle, 15 feet on a side. The holes are 8 inches in diameter and 3 inches deep. He finds a second, slightly smaller circle to the southwest, again with scorched grass and 3 indentations. A third ground marking, a semicircle, is near the second. (“[UFO: Interplanetary Swap?](#)” *Montreal (Que.) Gazette*, May 23, 1969, p. 1; Donald E. Keyhoe and Gordon I. R. Lore Jr., *Strange Effects from UFOs*, NICAP, 1969, p. 45; Brian C. Cannon, “[UFO Alert in Ontario,](#)” *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1969): 19–21; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 153–154; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 103–104)

- 1969, May 12** — The DARPA Pandora Project committee discusses plans to move forward with eight human subjects who will be exposed to microwaves similar to the Moscow Signal and then given a full battery of medical and psychological tests. The committee recommends “gonadal protection be provided” to the male test subjects; however, human testing is not pursued. The program is shut down later in 1969, with an effect of the signal on behavior and/or biological functions deemed “too subtle or insignificant to be evident.” (Wikipedia, “[Moscow Signal](#)”)
- 1969, May 18–20** — Evening. A localized power blackout cuts off electricity at the Lester Kaiser farm near Rising Sun, Indiana, for 2 hours. The next night, George Kaiser watches a hairy, muscular, bipedal creature that flees upon being seen. It leaves tracks showing three toes and a big toe. On May 20, a neighbor sees a glowing, greenish-white UFO as it hovers for several minutes. (John Keel, *Strange Creatures from Time and Space*, 1970, [pp. 94–95](#); Clark III 556; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), May 29, 2007)
- 1969, May 22** — 11:00 p.m. Graham Longey sees a large, brilliant, circular white object hovering a few feet off the ground at Glenorchy, Tasmania. Windows encircle its midsection. It begins to move rapidly upward, and by the time he dashes out of his house it is gone. On the site, Longey finds an elliptical area of burned grass 18 feet by 12 feet. A small tree nearby is scorched and has limbs broken. He notices an oily smell. (Clark III 1139)
- 1969, May 23** — 6:35 p.m. A 13-year-old boy in Cloverdale, Western Australia, notices a moving light to the south and about 10° above the horizon. He calls his mother, who sees a steady red light on top of a more diffuse blue-white light darting haphazardly in a zigzag pattern but in general moving to the north until it disappears behind their house. The witnesses shift their position and can still see the light hovering in the northwest. The light is now seen as circular with hazy edges and about half the diameter of the full moon. At about 7:00 p.m. it moves at high speed to the north. The mother calls the radar station at Kalamunda, which simultaneously gets a request from Perth Airport to check out an unidentified echo on their meteorological radar. The Kalamunda operator sees a large echo some 9 miles away, which reappears for short durations on 5 further occasions and is last seen at 7:42 p.m. (Swords 397–398; Bill Chalker, “[1969: The Great UFO Daze of Oz](#),” The Oz Files, September 19, 2020)
- 1969, May 28** — [McDonald](#) presents a talk that is critical of the Colorado project at the Sacramento, California, section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. (James E. McDonald, “A Very Creditable Effort?” May 28, 1969; Story, [p. 415](#))
- 1969, May 31** — The Midwest UFO Network (later Mutual UFO Network) is founded in Quincy, Illinois, by [Walter H. Andrus Jr.](#), who leaves APRO and takes many of its members with him. It is conceived as a grassroots organization with state and local leaders overseeing activities and investigations. Allen R. Utke, associate professor of chemistry at Wisconsin State University, is selected as the first MUFON Director (Clark III 784)
- 1969, June** — Although President [Richard Nixon](#) does not trust [J. Edgar Hoover](#), he accepts the FBI’s help through an “intelligence letter” program, codenamed INLET. This program is not only intended to provide the president with domestic and international security issues, but also, “items with an unusual twist or concerning prominent personalities which may be of special interest to the President.” Nixon orders seven wiretaps on his staffers. (John Greenewald, “[INLET \(Intelligence Letters\) Reports, 1960s and 1970s](#),” The Black Vault, May 7, 2020)
- 1969, June 5** — 4:00 p.m. FAA controller James V. Beardsley is acting as an observer on American Airlines Flight 112 traveling at 39,000 feet from Phoenix, Arizona, to Washington, D.C. At a point within the St. Louis, Missouri, air traffic control area, he and the co-pilot notice a formation of four objects flying in a square formation and approaching the aircraft from directly ahead. The formation, with one large object and three smaller ones separated by about 20 feet, passes within 300 feet on the left side of the plane about 1,000 feet above them. Beardsley describes the larger object as shaped like a hydroplane, about 18–20 feet long, and the color of “burnished aluminum.” The crew of a United Airlines aircraft 8 miles behind them and the pilot of a National Guard plane 12 miles behind also see the objects. (“[FAA Controller Recounts ’69 Sighting](#),” *UFO Investigator*, February 1972, p. 2)
- 1969, June 10** — [McDonald](#) gives a public talk sponsored by NICAP in Washington, D.C., on “UFOs Unsolved: A Scientific Challenge.” (James E. McDonald, “[UFOs: Unsolved: A Scientific Challenge](#),” June 10, 1969; Story, [p. 415](#))
- 1969, June 11** — [McDonald](#) meets privately with representatives on the Air Force Office of Scientific Research in Arlington, Virginia, urging a new look at the UFO problem. (Story, [p. 415](#))
- 1969, June 17** — 2:00 a.m. Kaneto and Kioko Nobutoshi witness a “brilliantly illuminated window” hovering in the air in Ibiúna, São Paulo, Brazil. It appears to be 30 feet in diameter, 10 feet high, and illuminates a small part of the ground. The sighting lasts 45 minutes, with the object stationary all the time. It then vanishes. Later examination of the ground underneath reveals a circle of flattened grass, 25 feet in diameter, swirled counterclockwise, with

some small secondary swirls. (Hans Bemelmans, "[Reports from Ibiuna](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1970): 15–19; Terry Wilson, "[1969: Ibiuna](#)," *Old Crop Circles*)

1969, June 17 — Turkish Air Force pilot Süleyman Tekyildirim is ordered to intercept a UFO above his base in Turkey in a US-built F-5A Freedom Fighter. He flies above it, thinking it is a meteorological balloon because it looks gray and like an upside-down light bulb. However, it moves to his left and takes off at fantastic speed. He tries to reach it, but it eludes him and speeds away. (Good Need, [p. 299](#))

1969, June 19 — 12:25 a.m. Radio/TV engineer Robin Peck is driving a van just north of Bircham Newton, Norfolk, England, when his headlights and motor fail. He looks under the hood, feels some "static electricity," and his hair stands on end. He looks up and sees a bluish, upside-down-mushroom-shaped object hovering 100–150 feet over the trees on a nearby farm. It has an orange glow around it. Peck feels that the air is electrified. His luminous wristwatch glows intensely and unnaturally. After about one minute the object takes off and disappears rapidly. The van's electrical system returns to normal. (Peter Johnson, "[Auto-Stop near Docking](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 5 (June 1971): 1–2; UFOFiles2, [p. 81](#))

1969, June 19 — 11:50 p.m. Arthur Hendry, 17, is getting ready to cycle home near Docking, Norfolk, England, when he hears a strange whistling noise above him that intensifies and becomes a powerful throbbing. His muscles feel frozen or paralyzed as if he is receiving a severe electric shock. After a few seconds the noise stops, and he feels normal again. (UFOFiles2, [p. 81](#))

1969, June 26 — 2:30 p.m. Sr. Benedito, a justice of the peace, is walking along a trail about 4 miles northwest of Ibiúna, São Paulo, Brazil, when he hears a humming noise like a swarm of bees. He sees an odd object rocking from side to side that suddenly drops into the brush out of sight. Thinking it is an accident, he approaches to within 20 feet and sees the landed object, which then ascends, hovers a moment, and takes off in a gentle climb. He hears the humming sound again and feels a blast of air as it moves away. The Brazilian Air Force investigates the landing, and UFO investigator Hans Bemelmans finds some scorched grass in the thickly tangled brush. (Hans Bemelmans, "[Reports from Ibiuna](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1970): 15–19)

1969, July — After a series of UFO sightings and landing traces are reported in the area around Ibiúna, São Paulo, Brazil, the Brazilian Air Force informs local officials who are investigating the reports that they must not "under any circumstances give any information on UFO activity to any press, radio, or television reporter or representative. This is a matter of national security, and all press releases will be made by the Brazilian Air Force Public Relations Department." (Hans Bemelmans, "[Reports from Ibiuna](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1970): 15; "[Brazil: Censorship of UFO Reports](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1973): 29)

1969, July or August — 1:00 a.m. A US Marine private named [Earl Morrison](#) is on guard duty with other soldiers in a bunker near Da Nang, Vietnam, when they see a black, naked woman with bat-like, glowing wings moving through the air toward them. It flies about 6–7 above their heads. She soon starts flapping her wings and flies away. ("Don Worley, "[The Winged Lady in Black](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 10 (June 1972): 14–16; Clark III 779)

1969, July 4 — 8:00 p.m. Two children, Mauricio Gnecco and Enrique Osorio, in Anolaima, Colombia, see a glowing object about 900 feet away. It approaches to within 180 feet and the children run over the hill to tell other children and adults. Thirteen people, including their father, return to see the object. Arcesio Bermúdez takes a flashlight with him and returns in terror after seeing a small person and a craft that lights up and flies away. Within 2 days, Bermúdez loses all appetite, his skin temperature drops, blue spots appear on his skin, and his stools become bloody. Within a week, two Bogotá physicians, unaware of his UFO experience, concludes he has gastroenteritis. Within hours of his exam, Bermúdez dies. His doctor claims he has previously been in good health. His injuries suggest a fatal whole-body ionizing radiation dose of 300–500 rems. Likely only X-rays, gamma rays, or neutrons could travel a distance of 45 feet through the air. ("[UFO Observed at Farmhouse in Colombia](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1969, pp. 1, 4–5; Story, [pp. 23–25](#); Clark III 253, 950; "[Colombia: Arcesio Bermúdez, the Man Killed by a UFO](#)," *Inexplicata*, December 14, 2015; Cristian Ávila Jimenez, "[La misteriosa muerte de colombiano 3 días después de ver supuesto OVNI](#)," *El Tiempo* (Bogotá), August 20, 2021)

1969, July 11 or 18 — 8:30 p.m. Economics student Tim Oliver is near a golf course on the outskirts of Beaufort, Victoria, Australia, when he sees a red "star" over a hill about a mile away. On closer inspection, it proves to be a hovering UFO. He quickly goes home, and by the time he returns with his mother in the family car, the UFO has been joined by another identical object. They are moving about 20 mph to the southeast, 50 feet in the air, 200 feet apart, and nearly parallel to some high-powered electrical lines. As they drive to right outside the golf course, both UFOs apparently respond to their presence by turning toward them but soon resumed their parallel course when Oliver turns the car engine off. Oliver walks to within 50 feet of the leading object. Each is about 30 feet in diameter, saucer-shaped, with an upper flat-topped cupola and about 24 square windows through which comes the

bright red light. They are completely silent. Both he and his mother (who has watched from the golf course fence) see the UFOs disappear to the southeast, still flying parallel to the power lines. (Bill Chalker, "[1969: The Great UFO Daze of Oz](#)," The Oz Files, September 19, 2020)

- 1969**, July 12 — Contactee [Paul Solem](#), who has been speaking to Shoshone-Bannock Indians at Fort Hall Indian Reservation in Idaho about a migration of Indian peoples and the coming of a True White Brother, publicly calls for the appearance of the flying saucer beings. Many people, including *Idaho State Reporter* Barbara Boren, see two "star-like moving lights" high in the air. (Barbara Boren, "[Blast Rocking North America to Start Indian Migration, Says Self-Styled Seer](#)," *Pocatello Idaho State Journal*, July 16, 1969, pp. 1, 8; Clark III 1094)
- 1969**, July 13 — Early morning. Edgar Paquette and Mrs. Leo Edwards are driving near Petawawa, Ontario, when they see a bright star that lights up the Ottawa River next to them. Convinced the light is following them, Paquette turns off the headlights, which makes the object appear to hesitate. But he gets out of the car, causing the interior light to go on, and the object descends to within 60 feet of the ground. When he starts signaling it with a flashlight, it comes even closer, and Paquette sees that it is 8 feet in diameter with two legs beneath it. Both of them panic and drive home, dragging their teenage children out of bed to look at the light. Ontario police officers Jack McKay and Grant Chaplin follow the light for 38 minutes as it travels at a high altitude. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 83–84)
- 1969**, July 13 — 11:00 p.m. Patti Barr and Kathy Mahr, two teenage cousins, hear a loud roaring noise at Van Horne, Iowa, while upstairs in their house. They look out the window to see a reddish-orange ball of light rotating and spinning counterclockwise above the adjacent soybean field. The next morning, they tell Pat's father, farmer Warren Barr, who then discovers a 24-foot-diameter, nearly bare oval in the soybean field. The plants' leaves are severely dehydrated, dry, and brittle. This case was investigated by several groups at the time; localized intense heat or radiation is listed as most likely cause. ("[Sight UFO over Benton County Farm](#)," *Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette*, August 6, 1969, p. 4C; NICAP, "[The 1969 UFO Chronology](#)" and [[photos](#)]; "[UFO over Iowa Bean Field](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1969, pp. 1, 4; "[Saucer Near Landing in Iowa](#)," *Skylook*, no. 23 (October 1969): 2–3; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, pp. 149–150; Kevin D. Randle, "[The Iowa UFO Landings](#)," *Official UFO*, July 1976; Chet Dembeck, "[Real Trace Evidence: UFO Leaves 40-Foot Diameter Circle in Iowa Field](#)," *Unknown Boundaries*, January 6, 2022)
- 1969**, Mid-July — Bernard O'Brien is cutting grass in a field with his tractor near Manotick, Ontario, when a small cloud of smoke rises from the ground as he passes over a particular spot. He notifies the field's owner, John Fox, who comes out for a look. Fox finds three near-perfect circles in the field, two together and the third nearly 150 feet away. Each of them are rings of affected grass 15–20 feet in diameter and about a foot wide. Grass is flattened inside the circle, but the rings themselves are dark and contain a crystalline substance. [Peter Millman](#) of the National Research Council claims that the circles are caused by the fairy ring mushroom (*Marasmius oreades*) because an analysis of the crystalline substance shows no evidence of mineral content or radioactivity. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 187–190)
- 1969**, July 16 — 3:30 p.m. Sylvia Annola, 10, sees a large gray object with blinding lights descending above a well on her family's farm near Abee, Alberta. She looks directly at the object, which is only about 10 feet away, and experiences a temporary loss of vision. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 50–53)
- 1969**, July 21 — The Apollo 11 Lunar Module lands the first astronauts on the moon, [Neil Armstrong](#) and [Buzz Aldrin](#). (Wikipedia, "[Apollo 11](#)")
- 1969**, July 29–31 — Mariner 6 and 7 complete the first dual mission to Mars, flying over the equator and south polar regions, analyzing the atmosphere and the surface with remote sensors, and recording and relaying hundreds of pictures. The mission's goals are to study the surface and atmosphere of Mars during close flybys, in order to establish the basis for future investigations, particularly those relevant to the search for extraterrestrial life, and to demonstrate and develop technologies required for future Mars missions. (Wikipedia, "[Mariner 6 and 7](#)")
- 1969**, August — 1:45 p.m. James D. Appleman is driving on the Pennsylvania Turnpike when he notices a dome-shaped, metallic object hovering in the clouds ahead. He stops the car and gets his camera out of the trunk, but by that time the object is gone. ("[Did a Twin Photograph a Twin UFO?](#)" *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 1 (January 1981): 1)
- 1969**, August 22 — The National Amateur Astronomers Association hosts an open forum in Denver, Colorado, "Science and the UFO," with presentations by [James A. Harder](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), [J. Allen Hynek](#), [David Saunders](#), [James McDonald](#), and [Frank Salisbury](#). When asked how many of the 500 people assembled have had a UFO sighting, about 75 hands go up. (Gene Cooper, "Six Scientists Urge New 'Flying-Saucer' Study," *Denver (Colo.) Post*, August 23, 1969; Pasquale Marranzino, "Can't Shoot Down Flying Saucers," *Denver Rocky Mountain News*,

- August 25, 1969, p. 39; “Scientists Urge New UFO Studies,” *Fate* 23, no. 4 (April 1970): 38–48; George W. Earley, “[Astronomers Raise Their Hands](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 4 (Winter 1999): 29–30)
- 1969**, August 29 — 6:20 a.m. Norman Vedaa and a passenger are driving along Interstate 80S [now Interstate 76] about 70 miles east of Denver [putting them roughly near Fort Morgan, Colorado]. They notice a brilliant, yellow-gold object hovering high in the air. They manage to take two photographs before it speeds away. Ground Saucer Watch concludes from its density profile in the photos that it is a solid object. (William H. Spaulding, “[Observational Data of an Anomalistic Aerial Phenomenon](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 1 (May 1976): 12–17)
- 1969**, August 30 — Afternoon. Future ufologist [Bill Chalker](#), 17, is relaxing on a surfboard in the middle of the Clarence River in Grafton, New South Wales. He notices streams of fine filament coming down out of the sky over the river. He collects some samples, seeing no spiders, but the material dissipates into nothing. He later learns that other people, including his parents, watched an elongated white UFO moving at right angles to the filament fall. (Keith Basterfield, “[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7; Clark III 124–126; Bill Chalker, “[1969: The Great UFO Daze of Oz](#),” *The Oz Files*, September 19, 2020)
- 1969**, August 30 — 7:30 p.m. Ion Hobana is at the North Railway Station in Bucharest, Romania, when he sees a triangular object rise from behind the station building. It is a dull orange color and moves with one of its sides facing forward. Three smaller globes trail it in a straight line. The object travels to the right and disappears after a few seconds. (Hobana and Weverbergh 179–180)
- 1969**, August 31 — Day. An RAAF Canberra bomber chases but fails to catch a UFO over northern New South Wales. The plane is dispatched from RAAF Base Amberley near Ipswich, Queensland, after hundreds of people in Kygoolie and along the Darling Downs report the object, which is shaped like an aluminum Zeppelin. Some witnesses observe the object for 3 hours as it hovers above towns and farms. The UFO speeds away when the Canberra tries to close in on it. (“[RAAF Plane Chases UFO](#),” *Sydney (N.S.W.) Mirror*, August 30, 1969, via *Australian Flying Saucer Review*, no. 2 (July 1970): 10–11; *Perth (W.A.) Independent*, August 31, 1969; “[RAAF Chase UFO over Darling Downs](#),” *UFOIC Newsletter*, no. 26 (December 1969): 4)
- 1969**, September 4 — A farmer, [Bert O’Neil](#), discovers a circular patch of dead and silvery-white manuka plants (*Leptospermum scoparium*, tea tree) in the midst of otherwise green and lush growth on a remote section of his farm near Ngatea, New Zealand. Near the center of the circle, he finds three ground indentations, positioned so as to form the inside points of a triangle. Off to one side is the taller stand of tea tree, also bleached and dead. He remembers seeing this from afar three weeks earlier, arousing his curiosity. The dead scrubweed within the circle is still standing and undisturbed. It looks as if some large object has come down from the sky and landed on three long stilts. At first, O’Neil only discusses his find within the family, but the news quickly leaks to the local radio and press. (Harold H. Fulton, “[The Ngatea Mystery Circle, 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1970): 27–28; Harold H. Fulton, “[The Ngatea Mystery Circle, 2](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 3 (May/June 1970): 32–33; Harold H. Fulton, “[The Ngatea Mystery Circle: Terrestrial or Extraterrestrial?](#)” *UFOCUS NZ*, 2010; Jim Birchall, “[Big Read: ‘Blown Up from the Inside Out’—the 1969 Ngatea Crop Circle](#),” *Waikato (N.Z.) Herald*, September 14, 2023)
- 1969**, October — NICAP obtains a copy of a chapter of a textbook in use at the US Air Force Academy, *Introductory Space Science*, for the academy’s Physics 370 course. The last chapter is on “Unidentified Flying Objects” and concludes that the “UFO phenomenon appears to have been global in nature for almost 50,000 years” and considers the “unpleasant possibility of alien visitors to our planet, or at least of alien controlled UFO’s.” It recommends keeping an “open and skeptical mind.” (*Introductory Space Science, Volume II*, chapter on UFOs, pp. 455–467, reprinted in Quest Publications, “[Official Government UFO Intelligence Papers Document Package 6](#),” pp. 3–18; “[Air Force Text Favors UFO Study](#),” *UFO Investigator*, October 1970, p. 1; Ted Hubbard, “[Air Academy Text Book Urges More Study of UFO Sightings](#),” *Lemoore (Calif.) Advance*, October 8, 1970, p. 1; “[Air Academy Tells Cadets Not to Discount UFOs](#),” *Skylook*, November 1970, p. 9; “[John Schuessler Gets Prompt Reply from Air Force](#),” *Skylook*, December 1970, p. 4; “[Air Academy Replaces UFO Text](#),” *UFO Investigator*, December 1970, p. 3; “[AF Academy Teaches Students UFOs Real](#),” *UFO Research Newsletter* 1, no. 1 (April 1971): 1; ClearIntent, [pp. 13–14](#); Good Need, [p. 230](#))
- 1969**, October 3 — After 8:00 p.m. RCMP Constable S. B. Barrie and his wife Vivian are driving 5 miles west of Rennie, Manitoba, on a poor highway in bad weather. He stops to clean mud off the headlights and notices a light to the east hanging just off Highway 44 and over the trees. He continues driving and he sees the light as a light-pink inverted saucer moving with a jerky motion. Now only 500 feet away, it seems to be 20 feet in diameter with an odd white tail that snakes toward the ground. Suddenly the car’s windshield wipers stop working, the headlights go out, and the engine stalls. Barrie gets out of the car and the object zooms silently to the southwest and is lost to

sight. He senses the air has a strange, heavy odor, but he is able to get the car started again. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 81–82)

- 1969**, October 8 — A large area of St. Louis, Missouri, is blanketed by a pure-white, sticky substance ranging from dime-size to 10-foot-long streamers. The majority of it sublimates on ground contact. The Smithsonian concludes it is caused by ballooning spiders, even though only one spider specimen is found. When a sample is tested by Wayne E. Black of the St. Louis County Health Department, he finds the samples test negative for protein, the basic composition of spider web. (*Washington Post*, March 28, 1970; "[A Classic Case of 'Angel-Hair.'](#)" *Pursuit* 3, no. 4 (October 1970): 72–73)
- 1969**, October 10 — 7:00 p.m. Ivan McConnell is driving on Aylwin Road one mile west of Kazabazua, Quebec, when he spots a white, cone-shaped object above his car. It is about 8 feet in diameter, about 200 feet above the ground, and seems to have a flag with a "skull and crossbones" insignia on its end. It moves away at "terrific speed" soundlessly. ("[UFO Flying the Jolly Roger.](#)" *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 58 (1970): 11)
- 1969**, October 12 — 12:20 a.m. Donat Francis and Ronald Mullin are checking the discharge pipelines along a waste disposal dam two miles from Murdochville, Quebec, when they notice a "shooting star." The men are about a half mile away from each other. Francis notices a noise like a motor first, then sees a star-like object about 200 feet in the air and approaching swiftly. The object makes a couple of turns around the dam then heads off to the east. As it leaves, it ejects a blue flame before picking up speed. Francis says the object is shaped like a half-moon with a blue windshield in front and twin propellers behind. ("[Strange Phenomenon Fits Descriptions of Flying Saucers.](#)" *Saucers, Space, and Science*, no. 58 (1970): 11)
- 1969**, October 20 — Brig. Gen. [Carroll H. Bolender](#), USAF Deputy Director of Development, writes a draft document saying that the "continuation of Project Blue Book cannot be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science." Bolender adds that "reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security are made in accordance with JANAP 146 or Air Force Manual 55-1 and are not part of the Blue Book system." This is a clear indication that Blue Book is only a front for a classified UFO project. (Brig. Gen. C. H. Bolender, "[Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFO\).](#)" October 20, 1969; Swords 336)
- 1969**, October 24 — 12:43 a.m. A Chilean Navy destroyer is moving north at 20 knots in the South Pacific Ocean about 350 miles south of Valparaíso, Chile. The radar officer reports a target rapidly approaching the ship, apparently moving 213 miles in one minute, which would indicate a speed of 12,780 mph. At 12:47 a.m., the target is only 12 miles away, and it suddenly breaks into six targets. The officer in charge and five other personnel can now see one massive and five smaller lighted objects approaching the ship. The large UFO looks like a big box with semicircles on the side, and it is bigger than the ship, which is 360 feet long. The five smaller objects are egg-shaped, bluish, and no more than 8 feet long and 5–6 feet wide. At about 6,000 feet from the ship, the smaller objects move away from the larger one, three to portside and two to starboard, and begin flying in ellipses between the ship and the large object. At 900 feet away, the officers can hear the object make a humming noise. The ship's power and instruments go dead as the large object passes overhead. Bright red lights under the UFO seem to be moving back and forth inside the craft, visible through a half-circle on the bottom. "Corn cobs" with green or turquoise pulsating lights are on the side. When the UFO is 600 feet away, the power comes back on. The smaller objects, never coming closer than 1,500–3,000 feet, fly around the ship and join up with the large object on the other side. All 6 objects vanish about 2 miles away. At least 8 minutes have passed, with three radar technicians tracking the UFOs. The ship's commander orders everyone to keep silent about what they have seen. The sighting is deleted from the ship's log. The six witnesses are debriefed for two days in Valparaíso by two Chilean Navy officers and four Americans who are allegedly naval attachés with the US Embassy. (NICAP, "[Six Objects Observed and Tracked by Destroyer](#)"; Bill Chalker, "[EM UFO Incident off Chile in 1969.](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 33, no. 3 (January 1986): 7–8; Bill Chalker, "[An Extraordinary Incident off Chile.](#)" *IUR* 10, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1985): 4–6; Bill Chalker, "[EM UFO Incident off Chile in 1969 \(Conclusion\).](#)" *APRO Bulletin* 33, no. 5 (April 1987): 5–6)
- 1969**, October 24–27 — The Turkish Air Force is inundated with reports of UFOs over Ankara, Turkey. Jet fighters are scrambled from Mürted Air Base [now closed] northwest of the city and close to within 7.5 miles, but the objects always pull away and climb higher. Even the base commander, Ercüment Gökaydin, flies with the interceptors to 35,000 feet, but the UFO is at a height of 50,000 feet. It is a silvery, oval disc. The jets take gun-camera film, which has never been released. One pilot says the object has three round portholes. (Good Need, [p. 299](#))
- 1969**, October 27 — NICAP Assistant Director [Gordon I. R. Lore Jr.](#) writes board member [Joseph B. Hartranft Jr.](#) an 11-page letter outlining the organization's difficulties. He alerts the board of directors to the growing financial crisis brought on by [Donald E. Keyhoe](#)'s failure to keep adequate books and records. He urges the hiring of a business director. In the summer he had gotten permission from Keyhoe to fire five of NICAP's eight employees as a cost-saving measure. (Clark III 794)

- 1969**, October 30 — 3:10 a.m. J. F. Cudby, a security guard at Waipukurau Aerodrome, New Zealand, is checking buildings when he sees some lights reflected in a glass door. He turns and sees a 60-foot in diameter circular object with lights hovering low above the airport. His guard dog becomes unusually excited. Cudby runs to his van about 20 feet away and shines a spotlight on the object, which speeds away, making a high-pitched whining sound. He examines the ground beneath where the object had hovered and finds that it is hot and dry. An independent witness, W. T. Grant, confirms the sighting. He sees a circular object hovering about 100 feet off the ground. It then rises and accelerates away to the south. (“[New Zealand](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1970): 31–32; UFOEv II 213–214)
- 1969**, October 30 — 10:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Chapin are driving at their mine site near Redding, California, when they see a rattlesnake in the road. As they get out to go to the mine and kill the snake, they find the area oddly hot. They notice a disturbance in the brush some 60 feet away in a flattened area of mine tailings. An egg-shaped object rises noiselessly a few feet off the ground and takes off down the canyon, swaying but not striking small trees. Soon it zooms upward at a sharp angle and is out of sight in seconds. They find a shallow, oval, depressed spot less than 2 inches deep and 10 feet across in the mine tailings. A conical pile of unusual-looking sand is also discovered, and two days later they find a metallic glob about the size of a fist nearby. They have the material analyzed in 1977. Scattered about in the unusual sand pile are irregular bits of pale-green glass-like material made of nearly pure silicon. The metal glob is completely black on the outside and 77% copper in the interior, combined with tin and traces of silver, chromium, and other metals. Both are considered foreign to the geology of the mine site. (“[The Redding, California CE II Case](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 3 (March 1978): insert)
- 1969**, November 8 — Australian physicist O. H. “Harry” Turner has been working with other scientists to set up a “rapid intervention team” for the RAAF to investigate UFO physical evidence. In a memo to the director of the Joint Intelligence Bureau, he indicates he is working with John Morton of Australian National University, John Symonds from the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, and [Michael Duggin](#) of the National Standards Laboratory. The plan is soon dropped by the JIB. (Bill Chalker, “[The Australian Government and UFOs](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 21; Swords 396–397)
- 1969**, November 9 — The D-21 drone makes its first reconnaissance mission over China, launched from a B-52. It flies over the Lop Nur Nuclear Test Base in Xinjiang but strays off course into Siberia and crashes. (Wikipedia, “[Lockheed D-21](#)”; Jacobsen, *Area 51*, p. 223)
- 1969**, December 3 — The NICAP board of governors demands [Keyhoe](#)’s resignation. He retires, under protest, at age 72. Leading the effort is board chairman Col. [Joseph Bryan III](#), who takes over as acting president. (“[Major Keyhoe Retires](#),” *UFO Investigator*, May 1970, pp. 1, 3; “[NICAP Redeploys](#),” *UFO Investigator*, May 1970, p. 1; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 388–389)
- 1969**, December 5 — [Bryan](#) dismisses NICAP Assistant Director [Gordon I. R. Lore Jr.](#), replacing him with G. Stuart Nixon as secretary-treasurer. (“[Major Keyhoe Retires](#),” *UFO Investigator*, May 1970, pp. 1, 3; Clark III 794; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 389)
- 1969**, December 17 — Air Force Secretary [Robert Seamans](#) announces the termination of Project Blue Book, based on the Condon report, the NAS endorsement, and “past UFO studies.” He repeats the [Bolender](#) wording that Blue Book “cannot be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science.” Technically, Blue Book does not terminate until January 30, 1970. Blue Book records are moved to Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama, in a building that requires security clearance to enter. Eventually, the files, minus the witness names, are consigned to the Modern Military Branch, Military Archives Division, National Archives, Washington, D.C. (Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense, “[Air Force to Terminate Project ‘Blue Book](#),” December 17, 1969; “[Air Forces Closes Study of U.F.O.s](#),” *New York Times*, December 18, 1969, pp. 1, 41; “[The Book Is Closed](#),” *UFO Investigator*, May 1970, p. 3; [Sparks](#), p. 3; David J. Shea, “[NCAS Presentation](#),” September 8, 2018)
- 1969**, December 18 — [Condon](#) is quoted in the *New York Times* that his investigation “was a bunch of damn nonsense,” and he is sorry he “got involved in such foolishness.” (“[Air Forces Closes Study of U.F.O.s](#),” *New York Times*, December 18, 1969, pp. 1, 41)
- 1969**, December 26–27 — The American Association for the Advancement of Science holds a special two-day segment on “Unidentified Flying Objects” at its annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, at the Sheraton Hotel. The program is arranged by [Thornton Page](#) (NASA Manned Spacecraft Center), [Philip Morrison](#) (MIT), [Walter Orr Roberts](#) (University Corporation for Atmospheric Research), and [Carl Sagan](#) (Cornell). Rising to the occasion, [James E. McDonald](#) presents an excellent critique of the Air Force and Colorado project investigations as well as an in-depth examination of the RB-47 and Lakenheath-Bentwaters cases. [Donald Menzel](#) attempts to show that all UFO sightings can be explained, even though some of his “explanations” are complex. Morrison discusses the

nature of hard evidence and concludes that reliable UFO reports would stand up both in a court of law and in the rigors of science. Cornell University Press publishes the proceedings, *UFOs: A Scientific Debate*, in 1972. (James E. McDonald, "[Science in Default: Twenty-Two Years of Inadequate UFO Investigations](#)," December 27, 1969; Walter Sullivan, "[Scientists Seek Air Force U.F.O. Data](#)," *New York Times*, December 28, 1969, p. 18; John S. Derr, "[AAAS Symposium on UFOs](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1969, pp. 1, 3–5; "[AAAS, Condon, and Rothberg](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1970, pp. 5–6; J. Allen Hynek, "[Twenty-One Years of UFO Reports—1](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1970): 3–5; J. Allen Hynek, "[Twenty-One Years of UFO Reports—2](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 2 (March/April 1970): 6–8, 22; J. Allen Hynek, "[Commentary on the AAAS Symposium](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 2 (March/April 1970): 3–5; Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, eds., *UFOs: A Scientific Debate*, Cornell University, 1972; John S. Derr, "[Book Review of UFOs: A Scientific Debate](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1972, pp. 6–8; Walter N. Webb, "[Allen Hynek As I Knew Him](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1993): 9–10; Clark III 100–101)

1969, December 28 — A man named Patric is driving from Midland to Windsor, Ontario, on heavily snowed roads after an accident has blocked the main highway. Suddenly, his car engine, headlights, and radio fails, and he crawls to a halt in front of a star-like glow with a prismatic, multi-colored aura 100 feet ahead. Inside the glow is a domed object. A loud humming noise commences and the object shoots into the sky. The car comes back to life, but Patric inexplicably reaches Windsor one hour late. (Jenny Randles, "The Twelve UFOs of Christmas," *Fortean Times* 374 (Christmas 2018): 29)

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1970 — [Ivan T. Sanderson](#) publishes his last UFO book, *Invisible Residents*, which compiles reports of unusual objects seen in or around bodies of water. He speculates that such cases need not involve the presence of extraterrestrials, but possibly an indigenous intelligence that evolved independently in the oceans. (Ivan T. Sanderson, [Invisible Residents](#), World, 1970; Clark III 1028)

1970 — [John A. Keel](#) publishes *UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse*, in which he presents a theory that UFOs are produced by ultraterrestrials—beings who are able to manipulate matter and our senses and who in the past manifested themselves as fairies or demons. (John A. Keel, [UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse](#), Manor Books ed., 1976; Wikipedia, "[Operation Trojan Horse \(book\)](#)")

1970 — The CIA is testing a small drone aircraft in the shape of a bird at Groom Lake, Nevada. Called Project Aquiline, the agency wants to fly a reconnaissance UAV over key intelligence targets, such as ICBM sites and nuclear test grounds in the Soviet Union and China, without detection. At least one of the prototypes is flown from Area 51 more than 20 times. The project is cancelled in 1971 before deployment and has never been declassified. (Wikipedia, "[Project AQUILINE](#)"; David Hambling, "[Area 51's Robotic Spy Bird](#)," *Wired*, November 6, 2007)

1970 — The crew of a US Air Force C-5A Galaxy transport, flying at 500 mph at 37,000 feet, encounters a UFO over Moula Idris, Saudi Arabia [=Moulay Idriss Zerhoun, Morocco?]. An RAF officer on detachment is flying the aircraft, and he describes the object as like two saucers joined together, surrounded by red, green, and yellow and flying at 75,000 feet. (Good Need, [pp. 298–299](#))

Early 1970 — 10:00 p.m. A peasant in the Taijiang(?) District of Fujian province, China, sees a metallic, pan-shaped object land behind a hill. It radiates a brilliant green light, and a strange musical tone emanates from it. After he reports it, the local army commander mobilizes hundreds of soldiers who attempt to surround the object. After about one hour, the object emits a bright white light and takes off vertically. (Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archive, 1983, p. 56)

Early 1970s — 2:30–3:00 a.m. Two young men in Furnace Creek, California, are followed by a red ball of light the size of a beach ball. They get scared and run ahead to their house, slamming and locking the door behind them. The ball stops at the edge of their yard, hovering and oscillating in size. After 4–5 minutes, the ball moves away and creates a vortex, causing stones to rise and circle in the air. They can hear the sound of the stones hitting together. Then the light blinks out, and the rocks crash down onto the road. (Michael D. Swords, "[Timmermania: A Step Too Far into the Timmerman Files?](#)" *IUR* 27, no. 4 (Winter 2002–2003): 9)

1970, January 1 — 5:00 a.m. Registered nurse Doreen Kendall is looking out a window at the Cowichan District Hospital in Duncan, British Columbia, and sees a bright, Saturn-shaped object about 50 feet in diameter hovering one story above her, about 60 feet off the ground and 40 feet away. It has a row of lights around its middle. She can see two humanoid figures in dark, tight-fitting clothing and wearing headgear in the upper portion. One stands at an instrument panel, with the other behind it. The second being looks directly at Kendall, then touches the first being,

who moves a lever, apparently causing the craft to tilt down and provide a view of its interior. Kendall calls for other witnesses, who arrive in time to see the UFO leave. In 2023, Dan Hughes claims that the UFO was an inflated plastic bag lit by candles that he and two friends launched, but that explanation has been contested. ([“Human-Like Pair in Saucer,”](#) *Victoria (B.C.) Daily Times*, January 5, 1970, pp. 1–2; [“Landing and Occupants in Canada,”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1969, pp. 1, 5; [“The Cowichan Occupant Case,”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, Jan./Feb. 1970, pp. 1, 3; [“Canada: Humanoids Visit Hospital,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 3 (May/June 1970): 22–23; [“UFO Occupants Seen near Hospital,”](#) *Canadian UFO Report* 1, no. 7 (Summer 1970): 3–12; Brian C. Cannon, [“UFO Occupant Reports,”](#) *Canadian UFO Report* 2, no. 2 (1971): 7, 9; UFOEv II 459–460; [“Four Faces of Our Visitors,”](#) *Canadian UFO Report* 2, no. 7 (1973): 2, 7–9; John Brent Musgrave, [“The Behavior and Origins of Canadian UFO Occupants and Critters,”](#) *Canadian UFO Report* 4, no. 6 (Winter/Spring 1978): 9, 10; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 139–146; [“Nurse Doreen Kendall Witnessed a Hovering UFO with Occupants near Cowichan District Hospital, 1970,”](#) Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, September 20, 2023; [“UFO Sighting on Vancouver Island Featured on New Collectible Coin,”](#) CBC News, October 31, 2023; Tim Binnall, [“Canadian Coin Was an Accidental Hoax,”](#) Coast to Coast, November 9, 2023)

1970, January 6 — [Keyhoe](#) is interviewed by telephone by radio broadcaster Alan Douglas in a show titled “Have Flying Saucers Left?” He fudges a bit about his ousting from NICAP, saying there was “some confusion,” that a reorganization had been planned, and that he might be handling “technical matters.” ([“Profiles in Ufology: Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Dr. James E. McDonald & Frank Edwards Guide,”](#) November 21, 2013; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 391–393)

1970, January 7 — 4:45 p.m. Two skiers, lumberjack Aarno Heinonen and farmer Esko Viljo, at Imjärvi, Finland, watch a disc-shaped, buzzing UFO approach them and hover. It is so close to Heinonen that he could touch it with his ski pole. From an opening in the center of the object’s bottom, a bright light beam is emitted, creating an illuminated area of 3 feet in diameter on the snow beneath it, edged with black. A red gray mist descends again; when it clears, both men can see, only 10 feet away, a 3-foot tall humanoid creature standing in the illuminated area, carrying in its hands a black box with a pulsating yellow light. Its arms and legs are very thin, its face pale like wax, and its nose hooked; it wears a light green coverall with darker green knee boots, white gauntlets, and a conical metallic helmet. Then the mist again descends, and long red, green, and purple sparks float out from the lighted area. A sort of flame rises from this spot and enters the UFO; then the mist and the UFO vanish. After this experience, Heinonen finds his right leg numb, and he vomits and passes black urine; Viljo also suffers severe physiological effects. Heinonen claims, two years later, a series of contacts with a female spacewoman. ([“Finland: Strange Events in the Snow,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 3 (May/June 1970): 23–24; Sven-Olof Fredrickson, [“Finnish Encounter in the Snow,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1970): 31–32; [“Finns Observe UFO Occupant,”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, July/Aug. 1970, pp. 6–7; Sven-Olof Fredrickson, [“A Humanoid Was Seen at Imjärvi,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1970): 14–18; [“Her mødte vi rum-væsenet!”](#) *UFO-nyt*, 1970, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1970): 191–196; Sven-Olof Fredrickson, [“More on the Imjärvi Case,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1970): 22; Anders Liljegren, [“The Continuing Story of the Imjärvi Skiers, Part 1,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 3 (September 1980): 15–17; Anders Liljegren, [“The Continuing Story of the Imjärvi Skiers, Part 2,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 5 (January 1981): 18–20; Kim Hansen, “UFO Casebook,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 75–79; UFOEv II 483–486; Randle, 1973, p. 105)

1970, January 21 — The UFO Subcommittee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics sponsors a panel that meets in New York City to discuss differing viewpoints on UFOs. Among the panel members are [Hynek](#), [McDonald](#), [Thornton Page](#), [Gordon D. Thayer](#), and [Philip Klass](#). The subcommittee, led by [Joachim P. Kuettner](#), consists of scientists with no previous position on UFOs and reaches several middle-of-the-road conclusions. It criticizes the NAS position that the ETH is the least likely explanation and rejects McDonald’s position that it is the “least unsatisfactory.” It criticizes the Condon report, in which the conclusions do not match the data, and recommends a moderate-level, ongoing study of UFOs. ([“UFOs, an Appraisal of the Problem: A Statement by the UFO Subcommittee of the AIAA,”](#) *Aeronautics and Astronautics* 8, no. 11 (November 1970): 49–51; Clark III 101–102)

1970, January 29 — A Uruguayan professor of socioeconomics takes a photo of a cigar-shaped object in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Analysis shows that it was probably a streetlamp. ([“A Street Lamp, or Sign, Or,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 3 (June/July 1983): 1; [“Rio de Janeiro 1970 Photograph Termed Streetlamp,”](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 6 (Dec. 1983/Jan. 1984): 3, 7)

1970, January 30 — 3:30 p.m. Project Blue Book’s doors close as its office is staffed for the last time. The files have been packed in boxes and are on their way to the Air Force Archives at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama. ([“The Book Is Closed,”](#) *UFO Investigator*, May 1970, p. 3)