

- 1970**, March 28 — 11:00 p.m. About 30 UFO spotters gathered on Cradle Hill, just outside Warminster, Wiltshire, England, see a flashing purple light. One of their sensors buzzes, indicating a strong magnetic field, and one observer (Norman Foxwell) takes photos that appear in the July/August 1970 *Flying Saucer Review*. But the UFO is actually a light beam from a high-intensity purple spot-lamp operated by a group of UFO debunkers, among them physicist David I. Simpson. Foxwell himself is part of the skeptical group (having pre-exposed a spurious UFO image), as is the individual who operated the bogus magnetic-field sensor. The hoax is revealed six years later. (John C. Ben, "[Photographs from Cradle Hill](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1970): 4–5; Percy Hennell, "[The Warminster Photographs Examined](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1970): 6–7; Charles Bowen, "[What the Eye Sees](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1970): 7; Pierre Guérin, "[Warminster Photographs: A Tentative Interpretation](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 16, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1970): 7–8; Charles Bowen, "[Progress at Cradle Hill](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1971): 11–12; S. E. Scammell, "[A Surveyor's Criticism](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1971): 13; John E. Ben, "[Continued Investigations at Warminster](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1971): 14–16; Terence Collins, "[A Further Examination of the Warminster Photographs](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1971): 16–18; Michael Samuels, "[Unexpected Photographic Effects at Warminster](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1971): 18–21; David I. Simpson, "[Experimental UFO Hoaxing](#)," *MUFOB*, new series 2 (March 1976): 3–6, 11–12; David I. Simpson, "[Controlled UFO Hoax: Some Lessons](#)," *Skeptical Inquirer* 4, no 3 (Spring 1980): 32–39; David Clarke, "The Warminster Syndrome," *Fortean Times* 331 (October 2015): 40–47; David Clarke, *How UFOs Conquered the World*, Aurum, 2015; Steve Dewey and Kevin Goodman, *History of a Mystery: Fifty Years of the Warminster Thing*, Swallowtail, 2015; Clark III 602–603)
- 1970**, March 29 — UFO-Sverige is formed as the first nationwide UFO organization in Sweden; it is essentially an association of 20 UFO groups in different parts of the country. The secretary's office is located in Skånnings. It publishes the magazine *UFO-Information* from 1969 to 1980, then *UFO-Aktuellt* beginning in 1980. (Wikipedia, "[UFO-Sverige](#)"; *UFO-Information*, no. 1 (October 26, 1969); C. Göran Norlén and Johan Gustavsson, "[Tidskriften UFO-Aktuellt](#)," Riksorganisationen UFO-Sverige; Håkan Blomqvist, "[The UFO Association That Became a Meditation Group](#)," Håkan Blomqvist's Blog, May 6, 2024)
- 1970**, April 15 — 1:38 p.m. Raúl Galan, a news photographer for *La Capital* in Mar del Plata, Argentina, takes a clear photograph of a domed disc. ("[The above photo](#)," *Skylook*, no. 93 (August 1975): 1; UFOEv II 287–288)
- 1970**, April 29–30 — Around midnight. Several independent groups of witnesses to the west of Lake Anten, Västra Götaland, Sweden, watch a red, glowing sphere fly around the lake and neighboring areas. It occasionally sends out a beam of light to the ground. Some of the observers get the impression that the beams originate on the ground rather than from the object. The next morning a few of the observers get into boats and sail to the spot where the sphere was seen hovering. In one corner of the garden of an isolated farmhouse named Enebacken, they find three round marks, one foot in diameter and 1.5 inches deep, burned into the ground in the shape of an equilateral triangle. A UFO group in Gothenburg, Sweden, takes soil samples to a laboratory for gamma-ray testing and finds significant non-background radiation at a peak that seems to derive from cesium-137, a radioactive isotope. (Sven-Olof Fredrickson, "[A Landing near Lake Anten?](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no 1 (Jan./Feb. 1971): 13–17)
- 1970**, May 5 — Although the Air Force is no longer involved with UFOs, the Foreign Technology Division at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio continues to contract [Hynek](#)'s services as a "special consultant" on atmospheric phenomena. He reports to Col. [George R. Weinbrenner](#), whom he visits every once in a while in Dayton. He continues with the contract through 1974. (Jennie Zeidman, "[I Remember Blue Book](#)," *IUR* 16, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1991): 12, 23; Thomas J. Carey and Donald R. Schmitt, *Inside the Real Area 51*, Tantor Media, 2013, pp. 203–213)
- 1970**, May 14 — 9:45 p.m. A graduate engineering student in Bangor, Maine, notices two nocturnal lights in the Ursa Major constellation moving in a counterclockwise circle around a common center at a constant velocity. They abruptly stop moving, leaving them in a north-south position. After a short time, they move away from each other, then the light moving south suddenly halts. The other light is moving slower than a meteor but faster than a jet aircraft. (J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 48–49](#))
- 1970**, May 29 — John L. Acuff, an experienced manager but not a UFO researcher, becomes the new president of NICAP. He is the former executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Society of Photographic Scientists and Engineers [now the Society for Imaging Science and Technology], which has cooperated with NICAP on photoanalysis but also has military and CIA connections. Acuff and G. Stuart Nixon dismantle the NICAP system of affiliates and state subcommittee system that have promoted the organization for years. Regional members are told to operate independently from one another; cooperation is discouraged. Criticism of the government's UFO

policy is no longer permitted and NICAP turns into a mere “sighting collection center.” Nixon is appointed executive director. (“[NI-CIA-AP or NICAP?](#)” *Just CAUSE* 1, no. 7 (January 1979): 5–13; “[What Happened to NICAP?](#)” *MARCEN Journal* 2, no. 1 (January 1979): 11–12; Richard H. Hall, “[The Quest for the Truth about UFOs: A Personal Perspective on the Role of NICAP.](#)” in *1994 MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1994, pp. 185–201; Clark III 794; Jack Brewer, *Wayward Sons: NICAP and the IC*, The Author, 2021; Jack Brewer, “[CIA Responds to FOIA Request on Jack Acuff.](#)” *The UFO Trail*, September 17, 2022; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 393–394)

- 1970**, June — Contact (UK) begins publishing *The UFO Register*, a journal edited by [J. B. Delair](#) that focuses on sightings and data. It continues sporadically until 1995. ([The UFO Register](#) 1, part 1 (June 1970))
- 1970**, June — 12:45 a.m. A truck driver is approaching Emerald Beach, New South Wales, when he sees a bright light on the ocean side of the highway. A circular object rises from behind some woods 1,600 feet from the road. It hovers for 30 seconds at an altitude of 66 feet. Relative to the trees, the object appears to be about 33 feet in diameter, and flames seem to shoot from its base. It slowly returns to the ground, where it is partially obscured by trees, but it continues to emit beams of light from its top and sides. Fearful, the driver leaves the area. Ufologist [Bill Chalker](#) accompanies the witness to the landing site, where they discover six circles of dead grass of varying sizes and burned trees. (Bill Chalker, “Physical Traces,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, p. 190)
- 1970**, June 7 — 1:30 a.m. Four individuals—Michael A. Marando, Dennis Pilichis, Earl Neff, and Iris Pilichis—are driving about 20 miles north of Sebring, Ohio, on State Highway 14. They first observe a bright light to the left of the road and think it is a tower, but binoculars show no structure. Eventually, the object comes toward the road and they can see it is an equilateral triangle, moving flat side forward, with red and green lights on the front and a small white light in the rear. It is moving very slowly, never more than 20–25 mph, with no sound. The UFO eventually ascends high into the sky and hovers there for some time. ([Cleveland Ufology Project case file](#))
- 1970**, June 11 — Early morning. The crew of [Thor Heyerdahl](#)’s papyrus boat, the *Ra II*, watch a bright object move across the sky for several minutes and disappear in a “bright orange flash.” Navigator [Norman Baker](#) relays the report via shortwave radio as the vessel is making its way westward across the Atlantic from Safi, Morocco, to Barbados. (“[UFO Spotted from Ra.](#)” *Ottawa (Ont.) Journal*, June 15, 1970, p. 25; “[UFO Reported by Heyerdahl Crew.](#)” *APRO Bulletin*, July/August 1970, p. 9)
- 1970**, June 13 — MUFON holds its first annual conference in Peoria, Illinois. Shortly afterwards, [Walt Andrus](#) succeeds Allen Utke as MUFON director. (“[Program for Midwest UFO Conference to be Held in Peoria, Ill., June 13.](#)” *Skylook*, no. 30 (May 1970): 1–2; “[Scientists Hit for UFO Doubts.](#)” *Long Beach (Calif.) Independent*, June 14, 1970, p. A16; “[Hard Core Data Urged on ‘Saucers.’](#)” *San Rafael (Calif.) Daily Independent-Journal*, June 24, 1970, p. 29; Ted Phillips, “[Midwest UFO Conference Well Attended.](#)” *Skylook*, no. 32 (July 1970): 10; John F. Schuessler, “[A Brief History of MUFON.](#)” November 28, 2018)
- 1970**, June 27 — 11:40 a.m. Aristeu Machado, his wife and children, and João Aguiar of the Brazilian Federal police, see a metallic, domed disc resting on the surface of the Atlantic Ocean about a half-mile off the coast of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Two humanoid figures are standing on the rim. After a while the object skims the surface of the water and takes off, lights flashing from the underside. Once airborne, the wife can clearly see the two occupants sitting inside. (UFOEv II 460; Brazil 128–130)
- 1970**, July — Afternoon. [John](#) and [Mary Pilichis](#) see a huge cigar-shaped object over their home at Rome, Ohio. At the same time, their daughter Bonnie and a friend are at a swimming pool about one-half mile away when they see 3 silvery discs flying end-to-end in the direction of their home. The parents then see the discs as well. The cigar and the discs form a line and move into a large, peculiar cloud. After 3–4 minutes, the cloud begins to break apart, with no UFOs showing. (*Ohio UFO Reporter*, Sept./Nov. 1971; Herbert S. Taylor, “[Cloud Cigars: A Further Look.](#)” *IUR* 30, no. 3 (May 2006): 12)
- 1970**, July 4 — 3:00 a.m. A 33-year-old Port Monmouth, New Jersey, housewife wakes up and sees a “big round ball” with an “eerie white glow” hovering over the meadows across the street. She watches it bouncing back and forth for 15 minutes as a series of red lights flash in sequence across it. The size is about 25–30 feet wide. The streetlight has gone out and comes back on when the object leaves. Her son and brother-in-law later find three imprints 30–40 feet apart in the shape of a triangle in the meadow. They also find circles impressed in the grass, the largest 15–20 feet in diameter. Then they find tracks “going to the creek like they had dragged some small round thing into the ditch” as well as “two sets of a dozen imprints which were about two feet apart. They were curved like raindrops. It was very visible, the grass was all crushed down, there was mud on the banks of the creek, and there were signs of the tracks in the mud.” One week later, the light returns and crosses the field across the street. The family television, the car ignition, and the telephone behave strangely for days afterward. (Berthold

E. Schwarz, "[The Port Monmouth Landing](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 3 (May/June 1971): 21–27; Clark III 251–252)

- 1970**, July 23 — President [Nixon](#) makes it clear that he wants a major effort against domestic dissidents. At an Oval Office meeting in June with the Inter Agency Committee on Intelligence ([H. R. Haldeman](#), [John Ehrlichman](#), [Tom Charles Huston](#), [J. Edgar Hoover](#), [Richard Helms](#), Adm. Noel Gaynor, and Lt. Gen. [Donald W. Bennett](#)), Nixon hears suggestions for expanded mail openings, resumption of illegal break-ins, electronic surveillance, and expanded counterintelligence. He approves the plan in July but will not sign it; neither will Haldeman or Ehrlichman. The plan was originally put together by Huston. Hoover torpedoed it when he announces that he will go along with it as soon as he gets written authorization from Nixon for all those break-ins and wiretaps. (Wikipedia, "[Huston Plan](#)")
- 1970**, July 25 — 5:30 p.m. A witness comes across a landed domed disc, about 20 feet in diameter and 10 feet high with windows in the dome and portholes in its side, sitting on 4 legs near Jabreilles-les-Bordes, Haute-Vienne, France. He is blinded by a yellow-orange light beam and paralyzed by fright. As the object ascends with a whistling sound, he feels a wave of heat. At 330 feet altitude, the object jumps vertically and disappears behind a mountain. Four imprints are found forming an irregular figure on the hillside. (MM. Gaille, J. Gorce, and J. F. Gorce, "[Atterrissage près de Jabreilles-les-Bordes \(Haute Vienne\), part 1](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 113 (August 1971): 11–14; MM. Gaille, J. Gorce, and J. F. Gorce, "[Atterrissage près de Jabreilles-les-Bordes \(Haute Vienne\), part 2](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 114 (October 1971): 9–14; Ted Phillips, *Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings*, CUFOS, 1976, p. 71; Michael D. Swords, "[Can UFOs Cause Physiological Effects? Part 1](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): cover)
- 1970**, August — Day. A group of Russian hydrologists are conducting research on a motorboat on Kronotsky Lake, Kamchatka Krai, Russia. Suddenly, about a half-mile away a dome of water rises up and a gray-colored oval object rises up. It is roughly 165 feet in diameter, rises to about 500 feet, and hovers nearly overhead. The engine of the motorboat stalls. The team watches for another 90 seconds before they row away, but the object moves away at great speed and disappears. The boat's motor starts working again. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 82–83)
- 1970**, August 7–12 — Evening. Contactee [Paul Solem](#), who has managed to convince a number of Hopi Indian elders, among them Chief [Dan Katchongva](#), that he is a true prophet heralding the coming of a True White Brother, publicly summons his space brother friends telepathically for 15 minutes in Prescott, Arizona, where UFOs have been reported over the previous few days. After Solem announces that "they're here," a "star" appears that had not been there before and Solem receives a message from space brother Paul 2, who tells him that the saucers are appearing because of a Hopi prophecy. Others see zigzagging lights in the sky over the next few nights, and *Prescott Courier* photographer [Chuck Roberts](#) takes a time-lapse photo of one. (Jerome Clark, "[Indian Prophecy and the Prescott UFOs](#)," *Fate* 24, no. 4 (April 1971): 54–61; John A. Keel, "[America's First UFO Experts: The Hopi](#)," *UFO Report*, Summer 1974; Armin W. Geertz, *The Invention of Prophecy*, University of California, 1994; Clark III 1094–1095)
- 1970**, August 13 — 10:50 p.m. Police officer Evald Hansen Maarup is driving 5 miles south of Haderslev, Denmark, when he is surrounded by a bluish-white light. His engine stops and the car lights and radio go out. Heat inside the car increases. He sees a conical light coming from the bottom of a large, silent, domed gray object about 30 feet long and 60 feet away. After a few seconds, the light beam slowly rises and is drawn back into the UFO, leaving darkness in its wake, a process that takes about 5 minutes. It speeds away vertically within a few seconds. ("[UFO'et ved Haderslev](#)," *UFO-Nyt*, 1970 no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1970): 211–213; "[Et mærkeligt 'Tysk Militærfly](#)," *UFO-Nyt*, 1974 no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1974): 205–206; "[The Haderslev UFO](#)," *BUFORA Journal* 8, no. 4 (September 1979): 26–27; Kim Hansen, "UFO Casebook," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Times, 1987, pp. 72–75; UFOEv II 189–190; "[Dansk Politibetjent stoppet af UFO](#)," *UFO-Sandheden*, February 1, 2007; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 15–16; Lon Strickler, "[The Maarup Encounters](#)," *Phantoms and Monsters*, September 5, 2012; Patrick Gross, "[Close Encounter in Denmark, August 13, 1970](#)"; Powell, *Scientist*, 99)
- 1970**, August 14 — 8:45 p.m. Residents of Little Heart's Ease and St. Jones Within on the Southwest Arm in Newfoundland watch a blood-red fireball 8–10 feet long with a trail of lighter color for about 5 minutes as it passes overhead to the northeast. It makes a rushing noise before it crashes into the water near the mouth of the harbor at Little Heart's Ease. When the RCMP arrive to investigate, they go out in a boat but can find no submerged object. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August North, 2022, p. 102)
- 1970**, August 16 — 12:30 a.m. A man, his wife, and two children are returning home from the beach at Matalascañas, Seville, Spain, when they encounter a moving, dense vapor cloud about 6 feet above the ground on the road

between Aznalcázar and Pilas. Every time the cloud moves away from them, the car's headlights go out.

([“Observaciones Ibéricas de Junio a Septiembre de 1970,”](#) *Stendek* 1, no. 2 (September 1970): 4–5)

- 1970,** August 16 — 4:00 p.m. Julián Arribas Abella, his wife, and his 4-year-old son are on the beach at Burriana, Castellón, Spain, when he sees an object flying silently at great speed and high altitude on their left. It disappears in less than 40 seconds. About 10 minutes later, another object appears moving in the same direction for the same duration, and all three of them see it. His wife describes it as a “cotton ball spinning in the air,” and his son calls it a “whirlwind.” After another 10 minutes, a third object appears that is more elongated, light gray, and apparently spinning. Later, they see a fourth object that passes closer to them, and they see that it is completely round. Its speed and color are identical to the others. ([“Observaciones Ibéricas de Junio a Septiembre de 1970,”](#) *Stendek* 1, no. 2 (September 1970): 4)
- 1970,** August 29 — 11:15 p.m. Several witnesses in Enebacken, Sweden, see a bright, round, red light maneuvering around the ground, emitting beams of yellow-white light. Three round landing marks in a triangular formation are found in the garden of Richard Johansson's small farm near Lake Anten. Soil samples are taken and analyzed, with the results showing an increased level of gamma radiation in the test samples from one of the landing marks. (Sven-Olof Fredrickson, [“A Landing near Lake Anten?”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1971): 13–17)
- 1970,** August 30 — 11:30 a.m. A 7-year-old girl in Vincennes, Indiana, sees a metallic disc in the east-northeast hovering over Wheatland Road. She tells her parents, and her father goes outside and sees it too. He re-enters the house to get his 7x50 binoculars. The object is about a quarter of a mile away and looks like a squared-off conning tower about 30 feet in diameter. They watch it for 90 seconds, after which it leaves in a swooping dive to the north-northeast. (NICAP, [“Domed Disc Observed in Broad Daylight / MADAR Connection”](#))
- 1970,** September — 9:00 p.m. While walking home from a high school football game in Jessup, Pennsylvania, Frank Scassellati, 16, observes a glowing white, apparently metallic, silvery disc in the southeast sky moving from left to right. Around the dome on top is a row of rectangular windows; three spheres and a flat circle are visible on the underside. The object moves out of sight behind local terrain. Though he does not report the sighting to any authorities, Scassellati says that a few nights later he notices a limousine parked outside of his house with four men in black suits and hats sitting in it. They reappear for several nights but he has no interaction with them. (Center for UFO Studies, [\[case documents\]](#))
- 1970,** September 8 — Dusk. A farmer near Zillah, Washington, is dismounting from his tractor when he sees a triangular object hovering in the air. Steel gray in color, it has a red light at each of its bottom corners and white lights in its center. It eventually moves upward and out of sight. ([“Sighting Advisory,”](#) *UFO Investigator*, January 1971, p. 1)
- 1970,** October 5 — 4:15 a.m. A farmer turns on his yard lights in Walsh, Illinois, and prepares to feed the cows when he notices a circular, red light beam, fuzzy and surrounded by fog. Initially thinking it is the moon, he recalls that there is no moon that night, as the crescent moon has set. He sees an object with a beam of light extending upward and another beam reaching down to the ground, eventually shining on him. He estimates the object's position to be over the treetops near a pond, about 600 feet east of the barn, at an elevation of approximately 40°. He compares its size to a volleyball held at arm's length. The UFO gradually fades from view. Later, five cows are found on the other side of a three-strand electric fence, with one of the strands broken. However, no one can determine how the cows had crossed to that side of the fence. (NICAP, [“Walsh IL, October 5, 1970”](#); [“Illinois Farmer Watches Red UFO with Beams of Bright Light,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 36 (November 1970): 6–7; [“Object over Illinois Farm,”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1970, pp. 1, 3)
- 1970,** October 5 — 4:15 a.m. Mrs. Hubert Paul in Warrensburg, Missouri, looks east and sees a yellow-orange object resembling the full moon. The object is silent and estimated to be 15°–20° above the eastern horizon. She observes it expanding, with a haze forming on the southern third of the disc, and at one point, an antenna-like structure extends from it. The investigator, Ted Phillips, expresses skepticism, suspecting the object might be a NASA plasma experiment linked to the Argo-D4 Javelin rocket, which launched at 5:05 a.m. Eastern Time for a plasma mission, reaching an apogee of 559 miles. ([“Yellow-Orange Object Seen at Warrensburg and Knob Noster, Mo.,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 36 (November 1970): 6)
- 1970,** October 6 — 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Dennis Billings spots a lighted UFO while gathering toys in her front yard in Decatur, Alabama. She screams for her husband and he joins her outside. She points to the object moving from north to south before it veers east. He retrieves his camera and captures one photograph of a second similar object that appears shortly after the first, although his second attempt yields no visible image. The couple notes a dark mass behind the lights of the UFO. ([“Object Photographed in Alabama,”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1970, pp. 5–6)
- 1970,** October 11 — 2:15 a.m. Roger G. Jayo is driving north to Bay City, Michigan, on Michigan Highway 15 when he observes two brightly lit, disc-shaped objects traveling overhead, producing no sound and moving between 100

and 150 mph. The radio in his car buzzes with static during the sighting. Jayo reports the incident to the Bay County Sheriff's Department, which takes the report seriously and contacts military officials. However, no unusual activity is detected by radar equipment. ("[Two Low Flying Saucers Seen in Michigan](#)," *Skylook*, no. 37 (December 1970): 1–2)

1970, October 24 — 1:00 a.m. Gerald Adams and Donna Martin are parked on a dirt road 3–4 miles north and a half-mile west of MacGregor, Manitoba. They notice a bright light approaching from about a half-mile away. When it lands 150 feet from them, they notice it is an oblong object 8 feet in diameter with 9 "rods" and a red light on top. Adams takes Martin home but returns to the site. The object has moved farther away and is hovering above the ground. As he drives closer, he sees a humanoid entity about 4 feet tall dressed in a helmet and a silver metallic uniform crossing the road about 50 feet in front of him. He brakes, but the entity has gone. The UFO slowly lifts vertically from the ground and speeds away to the northwest. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 146–150, 160)

1970, October 29 — 5:40 p.m. Reidar Salvesen is driving about 2 miles east of Helleland, Rogaland, Norway, when a dazzling light forces him to stop the car. He looks up and sees a globe about 60 feet in diameter approaching noiselessly. It stops about 18 feet in front of the car and hovers for 50 seconds about 30 feet up. Suddenly the object shoots straight up into the air, causing Salvesen to fall on the pavement. He hears a sharp crack caused by his front windshield shattering. About 3,200 feet in the air the globe changes to a fireball, which quickly disappears. After sweeping up the shards of windowpane glass, he drives on, but feels a numbness in his tongue a few minutes later. He also has an abrasion on his hand from falling down, but the skin sloughs off as if burned, and he has a redness around his eyes when he returns home. His travel clock starts keeping time badly. ("[I Met a Flying Saucer](#)," *Scandinavian Newsletter*, no. 1/2 (April 1971): 4–7; Anders Liljegren, "[Strange Norwegian Encounter near Helleland](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 4 (April 1971): cover, 4–7; UFOEv II 214–215)

1970, November — The UFO Subcommittee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics publishes a formal statement in its journal *Aeronautics and Astronautics*. It recommends "a continuing, moderate-level effort with emphasis on improved data collection by objective means and on high-quality scientific analysis" as the "only promising approach" to solving the UFO problem, and sharply criticizes the Colorado project's conclusion that studying the subject will not add to scientific knowledge. ("[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; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine ed., 1974, [pp. 249–251](#))

1970, November 1 — 10:30 p.m. Stewart Wilkinson and his wife are driving on the Trans-Canada Highway just west of Pense, Saskatchewan, when they see an disc-shaped object with a beam of light extending down to the road. It follows his car about 20 feet to the right at an altitude of 10–15 feet. At one point it moves ahead and hovers above a truck parked a half-mile away. When he comes alongside the truck, the object moves to the left side of his car about 30 feet away and almost on the ground. Wilkinson slows down and comes to a stop, and the object follows suit, hovering for another 10–15 seconds before disappearing into the lights of Moose Jaw to the west. It has followed his car for 12 minutes and 10 miles. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 85–86)

1970, November 5 — 9:00 p.m. Albert Formiller is fishing for bass in Cholla Bay, Sonora, Mexico, when he sees a light in the sky coming from a saucer-shaped object, which stops and hovers about 200–300 feet above the surface. A light from a tube on the bottom illuminates a broad stretch of water about one half-mile wide. It changes from a broad floodlight to a sharp spot on the surface, apparently as it is raised or lowered. After a few minutes, a cloud forms around the object. After 5 minutes, the searchlight is turned off and a similar light appears on top of the UFO, illuminating the upper part of the cloud. The object then moves west and is visible for 20 minutes in all. (Carl W. Feindt, "[Beam of Light into a Body of Water](#)," *IUR* 33, no. 3 (December 2010): 23)

1970, November 16 — Evening. One adult and four teenagers are leaving a basketball game at Beckemeyer (Illinois) Elementary School when they notice a triangular object with orange and white lights moving in an erratic manner to the south. They watch it for 10 minutes, and a smaller object emerges from the triangle. ("[UFO Sighted](#)," *Breese (Ill.) Journal*, November 19, 1970, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 20 (December 1970): 2)

1970, November 17–20 — At a Radar Meteorology Conference in Tucson, Arizona, [McDonald](#) presents a paper on "Meteorological Factors in Unidentified Radar Returns." (James E. McDonald, "[Meteorological Factors in Unidentified Radar Returns](#)," November 1970; Story, [p. 416](#))

1970, November 28 — In response to a question from MP [Neil Kinnock](#), Minister of State for Defence [Antony Lambton](#) tells the House of Commons that the average cost of answering each UFO inquiry is about £9. (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)

- 1970**, November 29 — 6:30 p.m. A 17-year-old student at Oizumi High School is riding his bicycle home at Tatebayasi, Gunma Prefecture, Japan, when he sees 5–6 objects flying in formation on a straight path from northeast to southwest. Seconds later, a solitary object appears to the north and approaches swiftly. The student parks his bicycle and runs up some steps to a raised enclosure for a better view. The single UFO changes course and circles several times, descending slowly. It then hovers, climbs, and disappears. The student gets back on his bike and sees a bright flash of white light to the southeast, which startles him and he pedals home quickly. The student returns the next day to the enclosure, which is actually a raised tombstone. He finds four circular patches of flattened grass. (Takao Ikeda, “[A Close Encounter in Tatebayasi](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 10 (June 1972): 10–11, 13)
- 1970**, December 14 — 1:30 a.m. Belgian writer Julian Weverbergh and his wife are awakened in Bucharest, Romania, by a bright red glow, which changes to white. A spherical light is hovering above a bus before disappearing. (Hobana and Weverbergh 271)
- 1970**, December 25 — 4:00 a.m. A V-shaped formation of 10 silver-gray circular objects is seen in the sky over Braintree, Massachusetts. They are silent and appear twice over the area within a 5-minute period. (Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition, 1974, [p. 357](#))

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- 1971** — Unhappy with NICAP leadership, [Raymond E. Fowler](#) (and most of his Massachusetts Subcommittee) transfers his allegiance to MUFON. (Clark III 517)
- 1971** — A secret computer database of the NORAD Unknown Track Reporting System (NUTR) that logs air defense unknowns is launched and maintained for assessment of “airspace sovereignty.” (Clark III 801)
- 1971** — John Shepherd begins beaming multiple genres of music, especially world music, into space from his hobbyist station in rural Michigan with the aim of contacting extraterrestrials. Calling his operation Project STRAT, he continues it through 1998. (Allison Hussey, “[Meet the Man Who Used Kraftwerk, Fela Kuti, and Other Fascinating Music to Try to Lure Aliens to Earth](#),” Pitchfork, August 25, 2020; Internet Movie Database, [John Was Trying to Contact Aliens](#) (2020))
- 1971**, January 3 — 6:15 a.m. Maun and Matta Talana are drinking coffee when they see a brilliant light approaching from the lake outside their home at Saapunki, Kuusano, Finland. It is about 33 feet in diameter and moving against the wind. Their electricity goes off briefly. Looking out the window, the Talalas see their whole yard bathed in light caused by a huge fireball about 60 feet away, which rises up and disappears after a few seconds. Around 8:30 a.m., their son Timo asks them what the marks are in the snow outside. He has noticed a spot of hard green ice that is not covered with snow. Mauno takes some green ice and melts it into dark green water. The melted area is about 20 feet long by 10 feet wide, in the middle of which are ice needles as big as fingers with a ball of ice on top and some soot. The following day, he tells the newspaper, which sends a photographer to the site. UFO researchers from Oulu arrive on January 6 and take samples from the melted area and measure radiation, with ambiguous results. (Elis W. Grahm, “[Saapunki UFO and Green Ice](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1971): 2–3, 27; “[Green Water from Saapunki: Result of Water Sample Analysis](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1971): 26–27; Ahti Karavieri, “[The Saapunki UFO: Results of Investigations](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1971): 23–26)
- 1971**, January 7 — Two boys independently observe a metallic object with an orange glow flying over Dennis, Massachusetts. It descends and disappears over some trees and looks as if it is about to fall into Scargo Lake. One boy sees a hole in the ice on the lake; steam is rising from it, and the water in the hole looks agitated. NICAP investigator [Walter N. Webb](#) visits the lake on January 10 and reports that the hole “was formed by a rather sudden melting process.” (“[NICAP Probes Crashed Object Report](#),” *UFO Investigator*, February 1971, p. 1; “[NICAP Probes Crashed Object Report: Search Still Hampered by Bad Weather](#),” *UFO Investigator*, March 1971, p. 3; Clark III 339)
- 1971**, January 23 — The Porto Alegre, Brazil, newspaper *Correio do Povo* notes UFO sightings are recurring in a rural location close to the federal capital of Brasília. An unnamed local peasant is quoted as saying that the “state governor” shows up regularly and looks for “little stones” in the nearby woods. Always dressed in black, he arrives via an airplane “made of two dishes, like, one atop the other, and when it goes up in the air it changes color and then disappears quicker than a flash.” (Gordon Creighton, “[South American Roundup, 1971, Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 10 (June 1972); 8)

- 1971**, January 25 — 9:30 a.m. Gunar Gruenzner is taking photos of the scenery near Praia da Armação beach in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil, when he claims to see an intense light beginning to descend. He snaps a photo but can no longer see the light. The photo shows a circular light with a dark aura. Probably a film defect. (“[Observations diverses à l'étranger: Photographie au Brésil.](#)” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 120 (October 1972): 13–14; Wim van Utrecht, “[Shiny Cigar Photographed over Brazilian Beach.](#)” *Caelestia*)
- 1971**, February — The Borderline Science Investigation Group is founded in Lowestoft, Suffolk, England, by Ivan A. W. Bunn. It publishes *Lantern*, a newsletter that continues for 40 issues through late 1982. ([Lantern](#), no. 3 (Autumn 1973))
- 1971**, February 5 — 3:00 p.m. Petter Aliranta and Esko Juhani Sneek are working in the woods around Kangaskylä, near Kinnula, Finland, when they see a 15-foot object descend to a clearing 50 feet away. As it lands, a small entity just under 3 feet tall glides to the ground from an opening on the underside. Through 3 windows on the UFO, three more entities can be seen. The entity approaches Aliranta, who turns on his chain saw. Suddenly, the being turns around and heads back to the UFO. As the humanoid is rising back up into the air, Aliranta grabs it by the heel of its boot with his bare hand. It burns him like a hot iron, and he has to let go. The burns are clearly visible 2 months later. The humanoid gets back inside, and the UFO takes off with a hum. Before the two men go back, they look at markings in the snow. At the end of each landing foot there had been a round plate. These plates have penetrated the full depth of the snow (1.3 feet), leaving four round prints forming an even square 6.5 feet on each side. Circular footprints left by the entity are clearly visible, about 6 inches wide. The journalist who published the story, Mauno Ihantia, is interviewed by *Radio Jyväskylä* on November 23, 1990, and confesses that the case was an April Fool’s Day hoax invented by him and others. (Wikipedia, “[Kinnulan ufohuijaus](#)”; *Keskisuomalainen*, April 1, 1971; Tapani Kuningas, “[The Humanoid at Kinnula.](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1971): 18–19; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), April 5, 2007)
- 1971**, February 12 — 7:00 p.m. A family from Grenoble, France, that owns a second home in Bastia, Corsica, has just set up a camera on a tripod to take photos of the property when they see a strange object in the sky and take three photos of it. The UFO seems to be in front of some small white clouds and there are tree lines as reference points. The object appears to be a disc with a dome and some superstructure. (Joe Brill, “[1971 Corsica Photos.](#)” *Skylook*, no. 81 (August 1974): 1, 4–6; “[1971 års Corsica-foton.](#)” *UFO-Rapport*, 1976 no. 4 (November 15, 1976): 13–15; UFOEv II 289)
- 1971**, February 23 — 7:00 p.m. Thousands of people in Turin and other places in Piedmont, Italy, observe a conspicuous red cloud in the western sky, just above the crest of the Alps, moving majestically and changing shape slowly. Someone takes a photograph of it from Caluso. The following day, the French Office National d’Études et de Recherches Aérospatiales announces that the cloud was caused by a Tibere, an experimental three-stage rocket for atmospheric reentry tests. (Sofia Lincos and Giuseppe Stilo, “[La lunga notte della nube rossa.](#)” *CICAP*, November 5, 2020)
- 1971**, March 2 — [James E. McDonald](#) testifies as an expert in atmospheric physics at the House Committee on Appropriations hearings on the Concorde supersonic transport and its potentially harmful effects. His opponents question his credentials and ridicule him as someone who believes in “little men flying around in the sky.” (Clark III 701)
- 1971**, March 8 — The Citizens’ Commission to Investigate the FBI burgles an FBI field office in Media, Pennsylvania, takes several dossiers, and exposes the FBI COINTELPRO program by passing this material to news agencies. (Wikipedia, “[Citizens’ Commission to Investigate the FBI](#)”)
- 1971**, March 14 — 4:00 p.m. Five silver objects, four of them in a box formation with a fifth leading, are seen over Christies Beach, Adelaide, South Australia. Filaments fall. (Keith Basterfield, “[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective.](#)” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7)
- 1971**, March 15 — 3:10 p.m. Several silvery-white balls are seen in the air over Maslin Beach, Adelaide, South Australia. White “fairy floss” is found on the ground that tends to melt and disappear when picked up. It is extremely light and tenuous. (Keith Basterfield, “[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective.](#)” *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7)
- 1971**, March 18 — UFO-Sundbyberg is formed as a breakaway group from the Solna Astronomical Association. After one month, the name is changed to Stockholms UFO-Center because only a few of the members are from Sundbyberg. The first chairman is Leif Johansson and among the most active are Lennart Johansson, Tony Eckardt, and Sune Nordwall. The last issue of its magazine *SUFOC* is published in January 1973, and the organization gradually changes into a meditation and channeling group. (Håkan Blomqvist, “[The UFO Association That Became a Meditation Group.](#)” Håkan Blomqvist’s Blog, May 6, 2024)

- 1971**, April — *Industrial Research* magazine publishes the results of a survey in which 80% of its members reject the Condon report, 76% believe that the government is concealing UFO facts, and 32% accept the ETH. (Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space*, Signet ed., 1974, [pp. 234–235](#))
- 1971**, April — UFO Research Associates in Washington, D.C., begins publication of the *UFO Research Newsletter*, edited by [Gordon I. R. Lore Jr.](#) It runs until September 1980. (*UFO Research Newsletter* 1, no. 1 (April 1971))
- 1971**, April — [Hoover](#) terminates the COINTELPRO program, but the FBI continues to use similar tactics from time to time. (Wikipedia, "[COINTELPRO](#)")
- 1971**, April — [James McDonald](#) shoots himself in the head, leaving him blind, and is committed to the psychiatric ward of the V.A. Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona. He has been depressed about his disintegrating marriage. He signs himself out in June. (Clark III 701)
- 1971**, April 2 — After 10:00 p.m. Following several sightings of a bright light in the sky at West Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia, an aboriginal man at Greenhill sees a hairless face pressed up against his kitchen window. Immediately he is "sucked out" through the window and falls 7 feet to the steps below. Frightened but largely unhurt, he runs away and his wife pursues him. She takes him to the hospital where a cut on his hand is treated. (Eileen Buckle, "[Defenestration at Kempsey](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1971): 20–21)
- 1971**, April 14 — CIA Director [Richard Helms](#) gives a rare public address in which he insists that the CIA does not surveil domestic mail. However, the HTLINGUAL program, which is still in effect until 1973, does so. The New York City component of the program alone examines more than 2 million mailed items every year, photographs 30,000 envelopes, and opens 8,000–9,000 letters. (Wikipedia, "[HTLINGUAL](#)")
- 1971**, April 14 — 8:00 p.m. Dennis Donaldson and Marion Lang are driving through Callery, Pennsylvania, when they notice a bright yellow-white light paralleling the car, then crossing the road ahead. Donaldson slows the car to watch and sees that the object is following the contours of nearby hills. He pulls off onto a side road. Suddenly they encounter a white, luminous object about 25–30 feet in diameter, like two bowls placed rim to rim, hovering a few feet off the ground about 250 feet away. The air smells unnaturally sweet and clean. The lower portion of the craft has three round portholes, and the upper portion has five rectangular windows. A mist is visible around it, illuminated by light from the object. At about 8:20 p.m., the object emits a shaft of white light from its top part. Reddish flickering light is visible from the windows. When they see the silhouettes of two humanoid figures, apparently 10 feet tall, in the rectangular windows, they drive away in fear. ("[Near Landing Reported in Pennsylvania](#)," *UFO Investigator*, May 1971, p. 3; Robert A. Schmidt, "[Callery UFO and Occupants](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 17, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1971): 3–5; Center for UFO Studies, [HUMCAT Index 1971](#), p. 16; UFOEv II 215–216)
- 1971**, May — [Oswald G. Villard Jr.](#), [Antony C. Fraser-Smith](#), and R. P. Cassam write an article at the request of the Office of Naval Research and the Advanced Research Projects Agency that explores whether long-delayed radio echoes could be attributable to an extraterrestrial probe. They consider it possible but inefficient. (Oswald G. Villard, et al., "Long-Delayed Echoes: Radio's 'Flying Saucer' Effect," *QST* 53 (May 1969): 38; Oswald G. Villard, Antony C. Fraser-Smith, and R. P. Cassam, "LDEs, Hoaxes, and the Cosmic Repeater Hypothesis," *QST* 55 (May 1971): 54–58; Michael D. Swords, "[Radio Signals from Space, Alien Probes, and Betty Hill](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 12–13)
- 1971**, May — The Société Belge d'Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux is established in Brussels, Belgium, by [Lucien Clerebaut](#). It publishes the journal *Infoespace* from 1972 to 2007. (Comité Belge d'Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux, "[Qui sommes-nous?](#)"; *Infoespace*, no. 1 (1972); Wikipedia, "[SOBEPS](#)")
- 1971**, May — 6:00 a.m. A 16-mm film is allegedly taken of retrieved UFOs at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo, New Mexico. It supposedly shows "three disc-shaped craft," one of which lands and the other two fly away. A door opens on the landed vehicle and three human-sized beings emerge with an odd, gray complexion and pronounced noses. They wear tight-fitting jump suits and thin headdresses that appear to be communication devices. In their hands they hold a "translator." A Holloman base commander and other Air Force officials go out to meet them. (Linda Moulton Howe, *An Alien Harvest: Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations and Human Abductions to Alien Life Forms*, Howe Productions, 2d ed., 2014, [pp. 141–147](#); Clark III 357)
- 1971**, May — 7:30 p.m. Alojz Krz comes across a UFO sitting on three legs in a shallow hollow in a field near Stara Cerkev, Slovenia. He approaches within 65 feet of it, and it frightens him considerably. Around 8:00 p.m., 17-year-old Angela Rajhs is bicycling in the same area and watches the landed object for 4–5 minutes. As she is cycling away, the object takes off, turning in a wide spiral. Rajhs returns to the scene with her parents the next day and finds several pointed holes in the ground about 6–8 inches in diameter. The nearby grass seems burned. (Milos Kremelj, "[Close View of Landed Craft](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 4, no. 4 (Summer 1977): 9–10)

- 1971, May 23** — 12:30 p.m. Rudi Nagora and his wife are driving near Sankt Lorenzen ob Eibiswald, Styria, Austria, for a Sunday outing. Nagora gets out of the car and hears a whizzing sound and sees a silver, metallic object overhead moving in a zigzag pattern. He takes 11 consecutive color photographs of it over a 10-minute period. (Colman VonKevicksky, “The Rudolph Nagora Photos and Analysis,” *Official UFO*, Fall 1976, pp. 26–28; Richard F. Haines, “[An Analysis of Multiple UAP Photographic Images \(May 23, 1971, Austrian Alps\)](#),” *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 31–70)
- 1971, May 24** — 12:10 p.m. Retired artist [Julio Suárez Marzal](#) is in the first-floor dental office of Walter Griehl on the Avenida Pedro Molina in Mendoza, Argentina, when they see a flattened, Saturn-shaped object about a half-mile away to the south. Griehl goes to retrieve some binoculars and misses most of the sighting. It is an incandescent dark orange in color and moving from east to west. It begins floating down with a rocking movement and approaches to within 230 feet. Suárez Marzal sees that it is revolving because of a small circular mark on its rim. A dense cloud issues from the object and surrounds it, turning it pearly gray with a faintly bluish sheen. As it gets closer, the circular mark seems to extend like a bronze-colored cylinder and has a handle-like protuberance on top. At one point it moves away to the northeast and disappears for 4 seconds but reappears even closer, only 130 feet away. It remains stationary for 10 seconds, and the cylinder seems deliberately pointed toward the short-wave antenna on the nearby central post office. He estimates it is 18–20 feet in diameter. It continues rocking and changes shape from a globe to a hat to an oval. Then after being visible for 90 seconds it takes off suddenly to the south, leaving a trail of vapor. (Antonio Baragiola, “[A Remarkable Case from Mendoza, Argentina](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 2 (March/April 1972): 7–11; François Lagarde, “[Note on the Mendoza Report](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 2 (March/April 1972): 11–12; Fabio Zerpa, *El Hombre en el Universo*, Cuarta Dimension–Cielsur, 1976, pp. 93–100; UFOEv II 216–217)
- 1971, May 25** — 2:00 a.m. Mr. C. Archer is woken up in his home at Lynchford, Tasmania, by his dogs barking and a strange humming noise like a generator. He can’t see anything outside and after 30 minutes the humming stops. The next day, a flattened area of grass and blackberries is found about 600 feet from the house. It is about 30 by 15 feet with a spiral pattern in the middle and 6 regularly placed indentations. Later, another set of similar indentations is found, roughly in the shape of a triangle. (W. K. Roberts, “[Burst of UFO Activity in Tasmania](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 9 (October 1971): 13)
- 1971, May 27** — Harry Turner, physicist and head of the nuclear division within the Australian Joint Intelligence Office, authors a secret report on UFOs, warning that UFO pronouncements from the US military are not to be trusted because they could be a “cover for the real U.S. programme for developing vehicles that emulate UFO performances.” Turner alleges that the CIA Office of Scientific Intelligence studies “UFO reports with the intention of determining the UFO propulsion methods.” Turner’s proposal for an Australian UFO rapid-response team is met with disinterest. (O. H. Turner, [Scientific and Intelligence Aspects of the UFO Problem](#), Australia Dept. of Defence Joint Intelligence Organization, Minute Paper 3092/2, May 27, 1971; Guillaume Fournier Airaud, “[50-Year-Old Report Backs Pentagon Whistleblower’s Claims on UAP](#),” *UAP Check*, June 12, 2023; Graff 263–264)
- 1971, June or July** — 8:30 p.m. The aircraft carrier [USS John F. Kennedy](#) is completing an Operational Readiness Exercise in the Caribbean Sea when an incident occurs following an 18-hour period simulating General Quarters. Yeoman Third Class James M. Kopf is in the Communications Center monitoring messages on various teletypes. Suddenly all the messages begin coming in garbled and he hears that all ship communications are out, including the radar, compasses, and electrical systems. A signalman from the deck tells them over the intercom that something is hovering above the ship. Kopf and others rush topside and see a huge, pulsating, orangish sphere stationed silently above the ship at a 60°–70° angle. The object remains about 20 minutes, but Kopf sees it only one minute before General Quarters sounds and he needs to return to his battle stations. The two F-4 Phantom jets on high readiness alert cannot take off. Soon the messaging returns to normal and the crew stands down after 2 hours. Kopf thinks only about 18 men witnessed the object out of the 5,000 on the carrier, because everyone is exhausted from the exercise. He hears that commanding officer Capt. [Ferdinand B. Koch](#) is frustrated by the event, but two days later Koch reminds the crew that certain events are to be considered classified. (Good Need, [pp. 285–288](#))
- 1971, June 7** — Evening. Esther Clappison sees a light through her windows in Rosedale, Alberta, and goes out onto her porch and sees a rectangular object on the ground. One end of it is open, revealing a diffused, white light. Two human-like forms are moving about inside. A third figure is outside in a crouched position, picking up rocks. They all appear to be wearing drab-green coveralls. She goes inside briefly, but the object is gone when she returns. (“[Roadside Visitors](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 2, no. 4 (1971): 5–7; W. K. Allan, “[Humanoids and Craft Seen at Rosedale](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 10 (June 1972): 4–5; Brian James, [\[artist’s](#)

- [depictions](#)], *Canadian UFO Report* 2, no. 5 (1972–1973): 22–23; Brian James, “[The Rosedale Humanoids: Further Details](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 16 (August 1973): 6–7; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 67–69](#))
- 1971**, June 13 — 11:40 a.m. [James E. McDonald](#) is found dead along a shallow creek in Tucson, Arizona, of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. A suicide note nearby notes his domestic problems. (“[James M’Donald, a Cloud Physicist](#),” *New York Times*, June 16, 1971, p. 48 Ann Druffel, “[Remembering James McDonald](#),” *IUR* 18, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1993): 4–6, 23–24; Ann Druffel, *Firestorm: Dr. James E. McDonald’s Fight for UFO Science*, Wild Flower Press, 2003, [pp. 516–520](#); Clark III 701)
- 1971**, June 13 — The *New York Times* begins publishing excerpts of the Pentagon papers, leaked by former military analyst [Daniel Ellsberg](#), which detail the secret history of the US political-military involvement in Vietnam from 1945 to 1967. (Wikipedia, “[Pentagon Papers](#)”)
- 1971**, June 29 — 3:00 a.m. A man is hiking in Delamere Forest east of Chester, England, when an “electric blue light” appears ahead and moves toward him, dancing erratically in and out of the trees. He walks toward it but before taking 20 steps he finds himself walking calmly back. The object then moves along a mud track and disappears into a small “garage” in the bushes. After wandering around in a disoriented state for some time, he searches for the “garage” but cannot find it. (Jenny Randles, “[Born to See UFOs](#),” *Northern UFO News*, no. 111 (Jan./Feb. 1985): 12–13; Jenny Randles, *Alien Abductions: The Mystery Solved*, Inner Light, 1988, [pp. 110–115](#); Jenny Randles, “Much More Than Marsh Gas,” *Fortean Times* 311 (March 2014): 27)
- 1971**, Summer — [John Billingham](#) and [Bernard M. Oliver](#), along with some two dozen additional researchers at the NASA Ames Research Center calculate the hardware, manpower, time, and funding needed to create an experiment that might reasonably locate intelligent signals from space. They focus on the hydrogen and the hydroxyl lines for further study and create a design for coordinating large numbers of radio telescopes to search for Earth-like radio signals at a distance of up to 1,000 light-years to find intelligent life. The proposed design involving between 1,000 and 2,500 steerable dishes of 100m diameter each is shelved due to costs. However, their report becomes the basis for much of the SETI work to follow. (Wikipedia, “[Project Cyclops](#)”; Graff 235–236)
- 1971**, July 7 — 6:00 p.m. Spanish physician Guillermo Arguello de la Motta is a guest of his friend Antonio Arocha at San Juan de los Morros, Guárico, Venezuela. They suddenly see two men dressed in black, both wearing red ties and black berets. They emerge from a brand-new red Ford Mustang, at a distance of 1,600 feet from the house. They stand there waiting for 5 minutes, then begin to put on orange belts, talking together animatedly. Suddenly a shining object appears in the sky, descends, and stops at a height of 2 feet from the ground. It is circular, bell-shaped underneath, and has a “turret” on the top. The object changes rapidly in color from orange to blue and to white. Suddenly a small staircase is dropped from the object, enabling the two men from the Mustang to enter the UFO. The staircase is drawn in, then the object takes off at an impressive speed. (Gordon Creighton, “[South American Round-Up, Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 10 (June 1972): 9)
- 1971**, July 8 — 1:15 p.m. Miner Claude Girard is parked on the road near the bridge over the Hurricana River in Joutel, Quebec, when he sees a circle 15–20 feet in diameter on the surface of the water with a jet of water in the center reaching a height of 20 feet. When the water jet settles down, Girard can see a cylindrical object, 6–8 feet in length and rusty black in color, beneath the surface. It slowly begins to lean to one side and sinks in less than a minute. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 103)
- 1971**, July 17 — 10:45 p.m. Tea planter Parl Abeywickrema, his two assistants Oswin de Alwis and Nimal Dunuwille, and the driver Sirisena Wijesinghe are driving between the Hope Estate in Rikillagaskada, Sri Lanka, and the Rockwood Estate in Hewaheta when they see a bright object larger than the full moon above the hilly horizon. Soon it approaches the car, and Abeywickrema orders the driver to stop. They watch the object, now hovering about one-quarter mile away at an altitude of 1,000 feet. After 10 minutes it silently swoops toward them at high speed and stops 300 feet away at a height of 100 feet. The object is about 25 feet in diameter with two “tapering wings” on either side and casts a fluorescent yellow glow. After a few more minutes, the UFO moves toward the southwest at a 45° angle after drawing its two wings inside the main body. Some 50 witnesses report the same or similar objects in the same area that night, and both Abeywickrema and Wijesinghe report seeing UFOs around 2:00–3:00 a.m. after returning home. (Eileen Buckle, “[‘Peace-Symbol’ UFO over Ceylon](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 7 (October 1971): 11–12; Story, [pp. 169–170](#))
- 1971**, July 29 — A CIA internal memo reports that a citizen named Vartorella has expressed the opinion that the CIA used the Colorado project as “whitewash to cover a CIA-initiated program begun prior to January 1953.” The writer runs through a brief history of the Robertson Panel and suggests the following response: “We’re sorry, but we have had no interest in the UFO matter for many years, have no files or persons knowledgeable on the subject, and hence are unable to respond to his charges and questions.” (ClearIntent, [p. 142](#))

- 1971**, July 29 — Night. A woman living on a farm outside Saint Hyacinthe, Quebec, watches as two dark circular objects with red rotating lights hovering above her potato field. It quickly disappears. The next morning, her husband finds two 11-foot-wide circular patches of crushed and burned potatoes where the UFO had hovered. Investigators estimated the object had burned or irradiated the field from a height of 15 feet. (Claude MacDuff, “July 1971: Quebec in the Darkness,” *Official UFO* 1, no. 6 (February 1976): 16–19, 44; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [p. 143](#))
- 1971**, August 9 — 9:00 a.m. Capt. Vicente Lopes Buono, flying an airliner between Pratinha and Sacramento, Minas Gerais, Brazil, reports that his plane is paced for 20 minutes at 7,920 feet altitude by a glowing orange disc (“like two round basins, one on top of the other”) over mountainous terrain. Sgt. Falcão, flight controller at Uberaba airport, suggests that he investigate the object. When the pilot tries to move closer, the object maintains a constant distance, then suddenly increases its speed and disappears. (“[Brazilian Pilot Reports Pacing](#),” *UFO Investigator*, August 1971, p. 1; “[Disc Accompanies Aeroplane](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1972): 32; “[Press Reports](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 3 (Nov./Dec. 1972): 2, 5; UFOEv II 131)
- 1971**, August 16 — [Jan-Ove Sundberg](#) sees a landed UFO in a cleared area above Foyers, Inverness, Scotland, on Loch Ness. Three human-shaped figures in gray coveralls emerge from some bushes and enter the craft, which then takes off. Sundberg snaps a photo, then contacts writer and monster researcher [Frederick William “Ted” Holiday](#), who is looking for a UFO connection with the loch. However, Sundberg eventually confesses that he made up the story. (F. W. Holiday, “[Exorcism and UFO Landing at Loch Ness](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 3–7, 13; Roland Watson, “[Ted Holiday’s Final Days](#),” *Loch Ness Monster*, May 31, 2008; Clark III 600–601)
- 1971**, September 3 — [G. Gordon Liddy](#) and [E. Howard Hunt](#) break into the office of Lewis J. Fielding, [Daniel Ellsberg](#)’s psychiatrist. (Wikipedia, “[Daniel Ellsberg](#)”)
- 1971**, September 4 — 8:25 a.m. Pilot Omar Arias is flying a twin-engine Canadian Aero-Commander F680 at a height of 10,000 feet above Lago de Cote, Costa Rica, taking aerial photos as part of a preliminary study for future hydroelectric projects. On board are photographer Sergio Loaiza, a specialist in aerial photography, plus geographer Juan Bravo and topographer Francisco Reyes. Loaiza was using a R-M-K 15/23 camera, specially made for cartography and using high-resolution black-and-white film, strapped on the bottom of the aircraft and taking automatic photos with an intervalometer. No one sees a thing while they are up in the air, but when Loaiza reviews his images, he discovers in frame 300 what seems to be a huge metallic disc against the dark background of the lake. The object does not appear in the previous or following frames. [Jacques Vallée](#) obtains a copy of the negative and examines it with [Richard Haines](#) and concludes that the photo shows “an unidentified, opaque, aerial object was captured on film at a maximum distance of 10,000 feet. There are no visible means of lift or propulsion and no surface markings other than darker regions that appear to be nonrandom.” (Richard H. Hall, “[Costa Rican Photograph](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 166 (December 1981): 18; Richard F. Haines and Jacques Vallée, “[Photo Analysis of an Aerial Disc over Costa Rica](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 3, no. 2 (1989): 113–131; Richard F. Haines and Jacques Vallée, “[Photo Analysis of an Aerial Disc over Costa Rica: New Evidence](#),” *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 4, no. 1 (1990): 71–74; UFOEv II 289–291; Mick West, “[1971 Lake Cote / Lago de Cote UFO Aerial Photo](#),” Metabunk.org, May 10, 2021; Bryce Zabel, “[The Best UFO Photo Ever Taken?](#)” Medium: The Trail of the Saucers, May 10, 2021)
- 1971**, September 5–11 — The US National Academy of Sciences and the USSR Academy of Sciences hold the First Soviet-American Conference on Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence at the Byurakan Observatory in Armenia. The organizing committee includes [Carl Sagan](#), [Frank Drake](#), [Philip Morrison](#), [Nikolai Kardashev](#), [Viktor Ambartsumian](#), [Iosif Shklovsky](#), and Vsevolod Troitsky. Some 30 scientists attend and debate the variables in the Drake equation and encourage research in the search for intelligent signals from nearby stars. Attendees [Francis Crick](#) and [Leslie Orgel](#) speculate on the possibility that life has been seeded on Earth from an extraterrestrial civilization. (Wikipedia, “[First Soviet-American Conference on Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence](#)”; F. H. C. Crick and L. E. Orgel, “[Directed Panspermia](#),” *Icarus* 19 (1973): 341–346; Iosif Shklovsky, *Five Billion Vodka Bottles to the Moon*, W. W. Norton, 1991, [pp. 257–261](#); Graff 228–233)
- 1971**, September 12? — 7:00 p.m. Juan Rodríguez Domínguez, 82, who goes by the nickname of Juan el de la Palmareña, is in his hut on the Los Lunarejos farm just over a mile from Aznalcóllar, Seville, Spain, when he sees a bus-sized object landing near an abandoned well 1,000 feet away. More than 50 “soldiers” in blue “uniforms” emerge. They march in formation into a hollow in the field and are lost to view. Juan can now see only five or six “chiefs” standing on a slope and staring in his direction. When they shine a light at him, he ducks behind the hut. A bit later he looks out again and they shine the light once more. Frightened, he flees to Aznalcóllar to inform his

employers, who do not take him seriously. He later insists that the object and the “soldiers” have left marks in the ground, but police do not bother to follow up. (Ignacio Darnaude, “[An ‘Army of Humanoids’ Stated to Have Landed in Spain](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 19–21; Ignacio Darnaude, [[case clippings](#)]; Clark III 282)

- 1971**, September 19 — 3:30 a.m. Arthur Honke, Alec Honke, and Gordon Campbell are driving north just outside Winnipeg, Manitoba, to do some hunting. They see a bright flash as something passes overhead and in front of the car. It now appears ahead of them on the right side of the road. Honke pulls alongside it and steps out of the car. They can hear a low-pitched humming from the object only about 150–225 feet away. It is shaped like two saucers, one on top of the other, and has flashing green and red lights and one white stationary light. The object hovers for 30 seconds, then starts moving slowly to the southeast. But as the men drive north again, the object begins following them at a distance for about 45 minutes. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 86–87, 152)
- 1971**, Late September — 7:30 p.m. Chen Chu, a member of a People’s Liberation Army unit stationed in Dingzhou, Hebei, China, is on assignment in a small valley north of the city when he and other soldiers notice a ball-like object rising slowly to the north of their quarters. It is emitting mist, and after a few seconds it spurts out a large jet of smoke and rises in the air. It hovers a few more seconds then rises to a higher level. Soon it drops down toward the ground and disappears. The unit dispatches a motor vehicle to find the object, but due to the ruggedness of the mountain roads, it turns back after more than 3 miles. (Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, p. 72)
- 1971**, Autumn — Gene and Geneva Steinberg begin publishing *Caveat Emptor*, a newsletter on UFOs and other anomalies, in Charleston, South Carolina. It runs until October 1974, then goes on hiatus until late 1988 when it is again edited by the Steenberg’s, this time in New Jersey. It persists until fall 1990. ([Caveat Emptor](#) 1, no. 1 (Fall 1971))
- 1971**, October 2 — 6:30 a.m. An ex-Air Force man is driving from Caro to Watrousville, Michigan, and spots a triangular UFO with a large white light at the bottom and many smaller red lights around it. It makes sharp turns at fantastic speed and moves quickly out of sight. (“[Sighting Advisory](#),” *UFO Investigator*, December 1971, p. 3)
- 1971**, October 2 — 7:50 p.m. Two students, Vânia, 9, and Vera, 21, are sitting down outside their residence on a busy street in the populous neighborhood of São Cristóvão in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, when they see a luminous, yellow, silent object above a building across the street some 260–300 feet away. They run out into the street to alert others, and the object follows them above the roofs of houses. Another student, Nelson Calmon Schubsky, 23, and his fiancée rush into the street along with many others to see the object. Chbosky has a Leica camera and takes two photos without having time to adjust the settings. The UFO has three luminous appendages (white, yellow, and red) and is rose-colored in the center with a red outline. It pulsates rapidly, changes color, and disappears behind a nearby tower. Chbosky’s photos are blurry. (“[UFO é Fotografado no Rio de Janeiro \(RJ\)](#),” Portal Fenomenum, June 15, 2016; Clark III 1007–1009; Brazil 146–149)
- 1971**, October 5 — Early morning. While on the downwind leg of the pattern to runway 20L at the Santos Dumont Airport in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, four pilots on board a single-engine Cessna airplane watch as a “huge star” approaches them on their starboard side. The object descends to their altitude and slows rapidly to their air speed, smoothly changing its direction to fly parallel with them at an estimated distance of 98 feet. It looks like an “inverted dish” with a small rounded protrusion centered on its upper surface that seems to contain oval windows. What appears to be the head of a person is seen in one window looking at them. The UFO is seen for about 85 seconds. The object descends at high velocity toward the water’s surface, turns sharply left without any hesitation and disappears from sight in several seconds. The reporting witness is Chief Flight Instructor José Américo C. Medeiros, 23, pilot of the Cessna. (Richard F. Haines, “[Airplane Pacing in Rio](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 2 (Mar. 2012): 3–6, 26–29)
- 1971**, November 2 — 7:00 p.m. Ronald Johnson, 16, is tending sheep on his family’s farm at Delphos, Kansas, when he hears a rumbling sound and sees (75 feet away in a small grove of trees) an object become suddenly illuminated with a mass of blue, red, and orange colors. Nine feet in diameter and 10 feet high, the UFO is slightly domed at the top and is hovering 2 feet above the ground. He and his dog stare at the object while the sheep are bellowing. After several minutes, the glow at the base becomes more intense and the object takes off at an angle, clearing by no more than 4 feet a shed attached to the sheep pen. The rumbling is replaced by a high-pitched wail. Johnson is temporarily blinded but recovers his sight a few minutes later and sees the object still there. He runs into the house to tell his parents, and they also see the light in the southern sky moving off into the distance. At the site where the UFO has been is a glowing, gray-white circle where the soil seems to be crystallized. After the parents

touch the soil, it turns their fingers numb, persisting for several weeks. Johnson takes a photo of the circle. Seven separate soil analyses are conducted. Soil samples taken from the ring so not absorb water, have a higher acid content, and contain more soluble salts and calcium. They also produce less seed growth than control samples and are coated with a hydrocarbon of low molecular weight that is difficult to remove. A second substance is also found that is composed of white, crystalline fibers. (NICAP, "[Delphos, Kansas, November 2, 1971](#)"; "[Landing Case in Kansas](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, Nov./Dec. 1971, pp. 1, 3; Ted Phillips, "[Landing Report from Delphos](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 9 (February 1972): 4–10; Vallée, *The Invisible College*, Dutton, 1975, p. 35; Clark III 400–402; Kim Hansen, "UFO Casebook," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 79–82; Erol A. Faruk, "[The Delphos Landing: New Evidence from the Laboratory](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1987): 21–25; Erol A. Faruk, "[The Delphos Landing: New Evidence from the Laboratory, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 12, no. 3 (May/June 1987): 19–21; Erol A. Faruk, "[The Delphos Case: Soil Analysis and Appraisal of a CE-2 Report](#)," *JUFOS* 1 (1989): 41–65; Michael D. Swords, "[Research Note: Delphos, Kansas, Soil Analysis](#)," *JUFOS* 3 (1991): 115; Michael D. Swords, comp., "[Soil Analysis Results](#)," *JUFOS* 3 (1991): 116–133; UFOEv II 58–61; Erol A. Faruk, "[Further Comment on the Delphos Data](#)," *JUFOS* 3 (1991): 134–137; 8 (2003): 1–25; Ted Phillips and Jennie Zeidman, *Delphos: A Close Encounter of the Second Kind*, UFO Research Coalition, 2002; Phyllis A. Budinger, "[New Analysis of Soil Samples from the Delphos UFO Case](#)," *JUFOS* 8 (2003): 1–25; Erol Faruk, "[The Delphos CE2 Case: A New Appraisal of the Data](#)," Scientific Coalition for UAP Studies, November 2021; "[The 1971 Delphos, Kansas, UFO Landing with Physical Evidence, Witnessed by 15-Year-Old Ronald Johnson](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, January 11, 2024; Powell, *Scientist*, 16–17)

1971, November 3 — The Ugandan representative to the United Nations, [Grace Ibingira](#), asks the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to encourage astronauts who encounter UFOs to treat them respectfully. He wants to insert a clause to that effect into a UN statement on space exploration, but his colleagues are unmoved. (Clark III 1189)

1971, November 14 — The US space probe Mariner 9 arrives at Mars and becomes the first spacecraft to orbit another planet. After the occurrence of dust storms on the planet for several months following its arrival, the orbiter manages to send back clear pictures of the surface. Mariner 9 successfully returns 7,329 images over the course of its mission, which concludes in October 1972. (Wikipedia, "[Mariner 9](#)")

1971, December — At Tooligie Hill, South Australia, farmer Robert Habner finds a single-ring crop circle 10 feet in diameter in a wheat paddock. Another family had seen a red ball of light in the area the previous night. ("[What Made This Mark? Flying Saucer at Tooligie Hill?](#)" *Port Lincoln (S.A.) Times*, January 13, 1972, p. 3; Allen Tiller, "[Tooligie Hill UFO Crop Circle](#)," *Eidolon Paranormal*, 2010)

1971, December 20 — Prior to the launch of a Black Arrow rocket, an unidentified aircraft is seen by a trained meteorological observer over prohibited airspace at the RAAF Woomera Range Complex in South Australia. The RAAF explains it as reentering space debris, although it is impossible to confirm. (Swords 401)

1971, Last week of December — After sunset. Norman W. Kasting is flying on a commercial airliner between Dallas, Texas, and Denver, Colorado. He notices something approaching the plane from behind on the west side. It passes within a few hundred yards of the aircraft and 10–20 feet below its level, flying faster than the plane. The object is metallic and shaped like an upside-down bowl about 30–40 feet in diameter and 15 feet tall. It has orange or amber lights around the edge. ("[Out of the Past](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1984): 5)

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1972 — [Betty Hill](#) begins making numerous trips to a rural area near Kingston, New Hampshire, where she claims to see 6–7 UFOs every night, often at close range. Saucer-seeking pilgrims join her on these vigils. CUFOS field investigator [John Paul Oswald](#) joins her occasionally and is convinced she is only seeing airplanes and, on one occasion, a streetlight. She claims no further abductions or CE3s, but many ufologists think her celebrity has clouded her judgment. (Clark III 586)

1972 — Oscar A. Uriondo and Roberto E. Banchs found the Centro de Estudios de Fenómenos Aéreos Inusuales in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, p. 55)

1972 — The Centro de Estudos Astronomicos e de Fenómenos Insolitos is founded in Porto, Portugal. It begins publishing a monthly journal, *Insolito*, in 1975. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, p. 56)

1972 — Alberto Romero founds Grupo de Pesquisas Aéropaciais Zenith in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. It begins publishing *Boletim G-PAZ* annually. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, pp. 136–137)

- 1972** — Luis do Rosário Real founds the Sociedade Pelotense de Investigação e Pesquisa de Discos Voadores in Pelotas, Rio Grande de Sul, Brazil. It publishes a *Boletim SPIPDV*. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 296](#))
- 1972** — Kilbjørn Stenødegård founds the Norsk UFO Center in Trondheim, Norway. It publishes *UFO Forum* from 1973 to 1978. The Norsk UFO Center in Bergen publishes *Rapportnytt* from 1974 to 1981. ([UFO Forum](#), no. 1 (1973); [Rapportnytt](#), no. 1 (1974))
- 1972, January** — Air Commodore [Anthony Norman Davis](#) becomes the first head of the British UFO desk to appear on TV to explain how the ministry investigates sightings. The program is part of the BBC's *Man Alive* series and includes the “man from the ministry” engaging in debate with a panel of experts and taking questions from the audience. The program is filmed in Banbury, England, town hall following a wave of UFO sightings in Oxfordshire. Davis says all reports received by the Ministry of Defence are “examined with an open mind and without prejudice” but denies that the MoD possesses any evidence that can prove the existence of extraterrestrial visitors. (UFOFiles2, [pp. 84–85](#))
- 1972, January** — Night. High school senior Donna Wilkins is driving in a rural area near Bartelso, Illinois, with a boyfriend when they see lights traveling back and forth in an odd pattern in the distance. Suddenly a luminous triangular object appears right next to them and they speed up. It maintains the same position above their car even though they accelerate to 85 mph. The underside seems to be composed of metal beams. It disappears beyond a tree line as they enter town, (“[They Still Keep Seeing UFOs in Carlyle](#),” East St. Louis (Ill.) *Metro-East Journal*, May 31, 1972, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 38 (June 1972): 5)
- 1972, January 1** — NASA releases its 250-page report on the importance of the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, Project Cyclops. The agency distributes 10,000 copies of the report, the first large-scale effort to study the problem in a coordinated way. However, its proposed \$6–\$10 billion budget is never funded. (Wikipedia, “[Project Cyclops](#)”; NASA, [Project Cyclops: A Design Study of a System for Detecting Extraterrestrial Intelligent Life](#), Ames Research Center, 1972; Robert Dixon, “[Project Cyclops: The Greatest Radio Telescope Never Built](#),” in H. Paul Shuch, *Searching for Extraterrestrial Intelligence*, Springer-Verlag, 2011, pp. 19–45; Graff 234–237)
- 1972, January 27** — In response to a question from MP [John Langford-Holt](#), the Minister of State for Defence [Antony Lambton](#) tells the House of Commons that 9.3% of the UFO reports received at the Ministry of Defence from 1959 to 1970 remain unexplained due to insufficient information. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)
- 1972, Early February** — 7:00 p.m. Sarajevo International Airport in Bosnia picks up an unidentified radar target traveling at about 37 mph. It appears visually as a triangular object. When a Jat Airways Convair approaches the target, it accelerates and vanishes. (Milos Krmelj, “[Report from Ljubljana, Slovenia](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 13 (February 1973): 13)
- 1972, March** — [Victor Marchetti](#), who has worked as an analyst for the CIA from 1955 to 1969, announces his plans to write a nonfiction book about the agency and completes a draft of an article for *Esquire* which, according to a later CIA account, includes “names of agents, relations with named governments, and identifying details of ongoing operations.” The CIA receives a copy of the article and decides to seek an injunction against its publication. The basis for seeking an injunction against Marchetti is the secrecy agreement which he signed when beginning employment at CIA. The agency presents the agreement and the parts of the draft article it considers in violation of the agreement, to Judge [Albert Vickers Bryan Jr.](#) of the US District Court for Eastern Virginia, who grants a temporary restraining order in April. The case proceeds to trial, at which Bryan finds for the CIA and issues a permanent injunction requiring Marchetti to submit his writings to CIA for review prior to publication. Marchetti appeals the injunction to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, which upholds Bryan’s restraint but limits it to classified material. The appeals court also finds that Marchetti is entitled to timely review of materials he submits to the CIA. Marchetti appeals again to the US Supreme Court, but SCOTUS rejects Marchetti’s appeal in December. Marchetti continues work on his book with a coauthor, [John D. Marks](#), and signs a book contract with publisher Alfred A. Knopf. In August 1973, they submit their manuscript to the CIA. After reviewing the manuscript, the agency responds with a list of 339 passages that it claims are classified information and demands their deletion. Marchetti and Marks reject the demand and indicate they will go to court to print the manuscript as written. The CIA then withdraws its objections to 171 of the items but stands firm on the remaining 168. The trial is held again before Judge Bryan. This time, however, he rejects all but 26 of the deletions requested by the CIA on the grounds that the information in them is not properly or provably classified. The CIA appeals Bryan’s ruling, and ultimately the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upholds all 168 of the deletions. The book is published

by Knopf in 1974 as *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*. It is printed with blanks for deleted passages and boldface type for the 171 deletions that CIA originally requested and later withdrew. It is the first book the federal government of the United States ever goes to court to censor before its publication. (Wikipedia, "[Victor Marchetti](#)")

1972, March 3 — The NASA space probe Pioneer 10 is launched to Jupiter and becomes the first artificial object to traverse the asteroid belt and to achieve the escape velocity needed to leave the Solar System. It transmits about 500 images of Jupiter in November–December 1973. During the mission, the on-board instruments are used to study the asteroid belt, the environment around Jupiter, the solar wind, cosmic rays, and eventually the far reaches of the Solar System and heliosphere. If left undisturbed, Pioneer 10 and its sister craft Pioneer 11 (launched April 6, 1973) will join the two Voyager spacecraft and the New Horizons spacecraft in leaving the Solar System to wander the interstellar medium. The Pioneer 10 trajectory is expected to take it in the general direction of the star Aldebaran, currently located at a distance of about 68 light years. If Aldebaran has zero relative velocity, it would require more than 2 million years for the spacecraft to reach it. Well before that, in about 90,000 years, Pioneer 10 will pass about 0.23 parsecs (0.75 light-years) from the late K-type star HIP 117795. Because it is strongly advocated by [Carl Sagan](#), Pioneer 10 and Pioneer 11 carry a 6-by-9 inch, gold-anodized aluminum plaque in case either spacecraft is ever found by intelligent life-forms from another planetary system. The plaques feature the nude figures of a human male and female along with several symbols that are designed to provide information about the origin of the spacecraft. The plaque is attached to the antenna support struts where it would be shielded from interstellar dust. Radio communications are lost with Pioneer 10 on January 23, 2003, because of the loss of electric power for its radio transmitter, with the probe at a distance of 12 billion kilometers (80 AU) from Earth. (Wikipedia, "[Pioneer 10](#)"; Wikipedia, "[Pioneer plaque](#)"; Carl Sagan, Linda Salzman Sagan, and Frank Drake, "[A Message from Earth](#)," *Science* 175 (1972): 881–884; Graff 241–242)

1972, March 8 — President [Nixon](#) legitimizes the use of special access controls and the "special access program" is finally made official. These are security protocols that provide highly classified information with safeguards and access restrictions that exceed those for regular (collateral) classified information. SAPs can range from black projects to routine but especially sensitive operations, such as COMSEC maintenance or Presidential transportation support. In addition to collateral controls, an SAP may impose more stringent investigative or adjudicative requirements, specialized nondisclosure agreements, special terminology or markings, exclusion from standard contract investigations (carve-outs), and centralized billet systems. (Wikipedia, "[Special access program](#)"; "[Executive Order 11652: Classification and Declassification of National Security Information and Material](#)," March 8, 1972)

1972, March 12 — The tabloid newspaper *The National Enquirer* announces a \$50,000 reward to "the first person who can prove that an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) came from outer space and is not a natural phenomenon." It has appointed five experts to a blue-ribbon panel that will evaluate all the entries: [J. Allen Hynek](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), [Frank B. Salisbury](#), [James A. Harder](#), and [Robert F. Creggan](#). The deadline for evidence is January 1, 1973. On May 23, 1973, the panel announces that none of the entries examined warranted the full prize, but it has decided to award \$5,000 to the Johnson family of Delphos, Kansas, for submitting the 1971 landing trace evidence. The panel awards seven other UFO cases with a portion of the reward, the last going to Deputy Sheriff [Val Johnson](#) in 1980. (Isaac Koi, "[Consensus Lists: National Enquirer Panel](#)," UFOs and Rationality, April 1, 2008; Curt Collins, "[The Blue Ribbon UFO Panel of the National Enquirer](#)," *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, September 13, 2019)

1972, March 16 — In response to a question from MP [John Langford-Holt](#), the Minister of State for Defence [Antony Lambton](#) tells the House of Commons that there are no Ministry of Defence staff engaged full-time in UFO investigations. Reports are examined by appropriate headquarters staff. (Isaac Koi, "[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#)," Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024)

1972, March 19 — 10:00 p.m. A boy named Mario goes out onto his patio at Santa Maria Acuexcomac, Puebla, Mexico, to look for a broom when he sees a bluish light, which gets larger as if it is approaching the ground. He sees that the thing is descending into a vacant lot and, thinking it is a hot air balloon, runs towards it. When he reaches the lot, he sees the thing is a kind of luminous sphere giving off a blue light like that of a welding torch. Mario now becomes frightened and runs to call his mother. As he goes in the house, two neighbors, Zacarian Mendoza and Manuela Carlotta de Mendoza, also see the object. When Mario comes out again accompanied by his mother Josefina, the object, which has been on the ground for 7 minutes, begins to rise up, producing a hum and casting off more blue sparks. Gradually the light and sound are lost in the sky. The next day, Mario goes to the site and finds four deep tracks, about 8 inches deep, separated exactly from each other in the form of a square of 8.2 feet. At an equidistant point in the center of the tracks there is a black burnt mark on the ground. ("[Boy Sees Saucer Land in Mexico: Mother See UFO Take Off, Trace Left](#)," *Skylook*, no. 56 (July 1972): 9–10; Ted Phillips,

“Landing Traces: Physical Evidence for the UFO,” in *MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings 1973*, Midwest UFO Network, MUFON, 1973, p. 26)

- 1972**, April 1 — 11:00 p.m. Two students are driving between Cacusso and Lucala, Angola, when suddenly their vehicle’s engine and lights fail. They check the batteries and fuses, which are all normal. Then they see two bright lights. Shortly afterward, they hear a whistling noise coming from an object about 130 feet away. It is about 130 feet across, partly lit up, and has three legs hanging from it. It rise to a height of 40 feet, where it hovers briefly, retracts its legs, whistles again, and turns on edge as it moves away. As soon as it leaves, the vehicle’s lights come back on and the engine returns to normal. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 19)
- 1972**, April 14 — Evening. At least four adults in various parts of Waterbury, Connecticut, spot a triangular-shaped UFO moving silently. The witnesses estimated its width at about 130–195 feet. (“[Sighting Advisory](#),” *UFO Investigator*, December 1972, p. 4)
- 1972**, April 24 — Day. A man in Willow Point, British Columbia, on the Inside Passage takes a photo of a disc-shaped object spinning “like a top” and hovering in the sky above Quadra Island. The object has a dull sheen like dirty chrome and lights flashing around its rim. The UFO wobbles, tilts, and shudders, then shoots straight upward about 1,000 feet. It then takes off to the north on a zigzag course. The photo is blurry, but shows a disc. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 72–73, 152)
- 1972**, May 26 — President [Richard Nixon](#) and Soviet General Secretary [Leonid Brezhnev](#) sign the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty at the 1972 Moscow Summit. Under the terms of the treaty, each party is limited to two ABM complexes, each of which is to be limited to 100 anti-ballistic missiles. Ratified by the US Senate on August 3, the treaty remains in force until June 2002 when the US withdraws. (Wikipedia, “[Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty](#)”)
- 1972**, Summer — Early morning. The *Musson*, a Russian scientific ship, is in the North Atlantic roughly 300 miles from Bermuda. The electrician, radio operator, and one of the navigators see an elliptical object moving slowly through the cloudless sky at high altitude from north to south. It changes shape to a wheel and then to an elongated, silvery-white ellipse, then it disappears from view. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia’s USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, p. 60)
- 1972**, June — [Franklin B. Mead Jr.](#), senior aerospace engineer with the USAF Aerospace Research Laboratories, edits a technical report on Project Outgrowth, an investigation of advanced propulsion concepts developed by the Air Force Rocket Propulsion Laboratory at Edwards AFB in California. An entire chapter of the report is devoted to antigravity propulsion, utilizing the concepts of gravitational screens and a unified field theory. The hardware it describes is “theoretical,” but the report indicates that it is worthwhile to determine which materials or metamaterials might change the amplitude and direction of gravitational fields. (F. B. Mead Jr., ed., [Advanced Propulsion Concepts: Project Outgrowth](#), Air Force Rocket Propulsion Laboratory, June 1972, pp. II-135–140)
- 1972**, June — Edward Harris begins publishing *Cosmology Newslink*, a monthly newsletter on UFO and contactee topics, in Dunmow, Essex, England. It persists until the Summer 1994 issue. ([Cosmology Newslink](#), no. 1 (June 1972))
- 1972**, June 6 — New York City artist and psychic [Ingo Swann](#) visits the Stanford Research Institute [now SRI International] in Menlo Park, California, to begin remote viewing experiments. He is brought by [Harold E. Puthoff](#) and other scientists to a building where, several floors below, is a heavily shielded magnetometer whose sole function is to measure quarks. One scientist asks him to “perturb” the device. As Swann sits there trying to visualize the magnetometer, a scientist monitoring it tells the group that the needle is moving wildly and malfunctioning. The scene is repeated several more times, each time when Swann is imagining the device. Puthoff is intrigued. He writes up his findings and a few weeks later he is visited by two CIA intelligence analysts who want Puthoff and SRI to investigate remote viewing for espionage purposes. (Wikipedia, “[Ingo Swann](#)”; Jim Schnabel, [Remote Viewers: The Secret History of America’s Psychic Spies](#), Dell, 1997; Annie Jacobsen, *Phenomena: The Secret History of the U.S. Government’s Investigations into Extrasensory Perception and Psychokinesis*, Little, Brown, 2017, pp. 130–136; Edwin C. May and Sonali Bhatt Marwaha, eds., *The Star Gate Archives, Volumes 1–4, Reports of the United States Government Sponsored Psi Program, 1972–1995*, McFarland, 4 vols., 2018–2019)
- 1972**, June 17 — 2:30 a.m. The White House Plumbers are arrested in the process of burglarizing and planting surveillance bugs in the Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate Building Complex in Washington, D.C. (Wikipedia, “[Watergate scandal](#)”)
- 1972**, June 22 — 2:00 a.m. Javier Bosque, a seminarist of the order of St. Joseph Calasanz, is reading in bed at his room at the Colegio Escolapios in Logroño, La Rioja, Spain, when he notices a bright light outside through the half-closed

shutters of his window. To his surprise, the window begins opening by itself and a 2-foot-long, football-shaped, metallic, luminous object enters his room and approaches the foot of his bed. His radio begins to emit a loud, continuous sound. He reaches over and turns on a cassette tape recorder. The object descends from about 6 feet above the floor to 15 inches above it. A beam of solid light extends from the object, touching the radio twice, retracts, then touches the cassette recorder. Bosque grabs the recorder and holds the microphone in his lap. The object ascends to about 6 feet above the floor and moves out the window and up. The radio sound weakens. The 8-minute sound recording is analyzed by laboratories in Spain, Brazil, France, and the US. It contains some pure tones at first, followed by modulations in amplitude. Robert H. Coddington finds, after an analysis of the tape, that it most likely is a recording of the chance reception of an ordinary test transmission from a terrestrial broadcast station and does not match Bosque's narrative. (Albert Adell and Pere Redón, ["UFO Enters and Inspects a Room,"](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 2 (March/April 1973): 10–13, iii; ["Bosque Spanish UFO Tapes Deemed Non-Startling,"](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 8 (December 1980): 4; Willy Smith, ["A Bizarre Event at Logroño: A Taped UFO Sound,"](#) *IUR* 7, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1982): 8–10; ["Logroño \(Spain\) Tape Recording Explained,"](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 2 (April/May 1983): 5–7; Robert H. Coddington, ["Further Analysis of the Logroño Tape,"](#) *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 4, no. 2 (April/May 1983): 7–10; Michael D. Swords, ["A Trick of the Light,"](#) *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 10)

- 1972, June 26** — 8:00 a.m. Bennie Smit, the new owner of Braeside Farm 9 miles from Fort Beaufort, Eastern Cape, South Africa, is alerted to a "fiery red ball hovering at tree-top level" by his hired hand Boer de Klerk. Its color changes to bright green and then to whitish yellow, with flames shooting out. Smit dashes home, grabs a rifle, and calls the police. He shoots at the object, but the bullets have little effect. At 10:30 a.m., police sergeant Piet C. Kitching and warrant officer P. R. van Rensburg arrive at the spot where the UFO is still hovering. As the object moves away, Smit fires at it an eighth time; this time he hears a thud, and the object moves up and down and stops changing colors. Smit and Kitching fire at it some more, after which it disappears and reappears about 60 feet away looking gunmetal gray in color and somewhat oval-shaped. After they fire two final shots, the object moves away through the trees around noon. The next day, van Rensburg leads a team of police officers to the site, looking for evidence. They find nine circular imprints of its supposed landing gear found in damp clay soil. On June 28, Brig. A. Vosloo, divisional commander of police for the Eastern Cape, takes soil samples and plaster casts of the imprints. (Wikipedia, ["UFO Sightings in South Africa"](#); Charles Bowen, ["A Hot Reception at Fort Beaufort,"](#) *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 11 (August 1972): 1–7; Philipp Human, ["Fort Beaufort Tailpiece,"](#) *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 11 (August 1972): 7; ["The South African Flap,"](#) *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 2 (September/October 1972): 1, 3–4; Clark III 510–511; ["Shots Fired at a UFO on a Farm in Fort Beaufort, South Africa, by Officer Piet Kitching in 1972,"](#) Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 2023)
- 1972, June 29** — 10:00 p.m. A dark, wedge-shaped UFO passes directly over several witnesses at 200–500 feet altitude in Buffalo, South Dakota, at a slow speed. About 100 feet long, it has two brilliant white lights at the front and two orange-white lights in the rear. It moves with the blunt edge forward and hovers intermittently for 40 minutes. It emits a sound like rushing air. (Glenn McWane and David Graham, *The New UFO Sightings*, Warner, 1974; Marler [85](#))
- 1972, July** — [J. Allen Hynek](#) publishes *The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry*, in which he charges the Air Force with indifference and incompetence in its UFO investigations, including a failure to put its case reports in machine-readable form. He also critiques the Condon report and details well-documented reports of six types of UFOs: nocturnal lights, daylight discs, radar/visual observations, and close encounters of the first, second, and third kind. It is an "articulate challenge to his colleagues to tolerate the study of something they cannot understand," according to a reviewer in *Science*. (J. Allen Hynek, ["The UFO Experience,"](#) Ballantine ed., 1974; Clark III 620; Graff 249–252)
- 1972, July 3** — 9:15 p.m. Maureen Puddy, 27, sees a disc-shaped object on the Mooraduc Road near Frankston, Victoria, Australia. The object is a huge blue disc that hovers above her car. (Keith Basterfield, ["Present at the Abduction,"](#) *IUR* 17, no. 3 (May/June 1992): 13–14, 23; Keith Basterfield, ["Cold Case Investigation: Frankston, Vic, July 1972, Part One,"](#) Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, October 2, 2012)
- 1972, July 4** — 10:10 p.m. Girl guide leader Claudine Dieupart alerts 43 other girl guides and Belgian missionary Rev. Fr. Quertemont, who are sitting around a campfire at Lamonrville, Malmédy, Belgium, to a triangle of white lights moving overhead. They watch the lights for 5 minutes. At 10:30 p.m., several witnesses at a bus stop in Liège view a triangle of bright globes of light moving slowly from west to east. They pass through a cloud bank, illuminating it. About the same time, other witnesses in the western suburbs see a similar display. At 10:31 p.m., a factory worker in Flawinne watches a triangle of three bright lights ascending vertically. At 10:40 p.m., a couple

in Spy observe a triangular display of lights surrounded by bluish sparks. At 10:45 p.m. a farmer in Ellezelles notices three bluish beams of light shining down from a luminous cloud. (Marler [85–86](#))

- 1972**, July 4 (or July 4, 1973) — 11:15 p.m. Capt. Erling Bakke and his wife see a peculiar vessel on the water east of Sundsøya, Trøndelag, Norway. It is black, about 25 feet long, 6 feet high, and traveling about 60 mph. It rises up at a 45° angle, then disappears. (J. O. Sundberg, “[Stor Expedition till Nansenfjorden](#),” *UFO Information*, 1975, no. 3, pp. 9–10; Ole Jonny Brønne, “[Observations of Unidentified Submarine Objects in Norway](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 13)
- 1972**, July 5 — 12:10 p.m. A M. Legrand in Belgium is parking his car when he notices a dozen whitish objects flying about randomly at a low altitude. A neighbor describes them as vaguely shaped, fleecy, and rotating slowly. They seem to be moving around a dark triangular object. (SOBEPs Investigators, “[Belgian UFO Sightings during July 1972](#),” *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 16 (August 1973): 1. 3; Marler [87](#))
- 1972**, July 10 — 10:15 p.m. Rafael Aranda is driving his Renault 8 at 55–60 mph on a back road approaching Alcaracejos, Córdoba, Spain, when suddenly the car slows down. He pushes the accelerator to the floor, but cannot make the car go any faster than about 40–50 mph. He becomes aware of a bright light in the sky like a great white light bulb that is directing a beam of light at his car. The object, about 3–5 feet in diameter, is rotating in a clockwise direction and moving on or near the ground to the right of the highway, partly concealed by oak trees. As he continues to drive, Aranda finally loses sight of the object and his car begins functioning normally again. The next day he takes the car to a Renault dealer for an examination, but the mechanics can find no explanation for the loss of power. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [A Catalogue of 200 Type I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal](#), CUFOS, 1976, p. 38; UFOEv II 277)
- 1972**, July 19 — 10:35 p.m. Herbert and Mady Mathar and their two children are walking in Faymonville, Belgium, when they see a red-orange point of light slowly moving toward them. Closer, they see that it is hat-shaped. Mathar runs inside to get a camera and takes two photos before the object disappears. Ballester Olmos and van Utrecht conclude that the photos show the Moon setting in the southwest. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Wim van Utrecht, [Belgium in UFO Photographs, Volume 1 \(1950–1988\)](#), FOTOCAT Report no. 7, 2017, pp. 99–113)
- 1972**, July 25 — 9:15 p.m. Maureen Puddy sees the same object she had seen on July 3 at almost the same spot. This time it seems to drain power from the car, causing it to stop, the car steering itself off the road. A voice in her head tells her, “All your tests will be negative. Tell media, do not panic. We mean no harm.” Several months later, she is “mentally” abducted into a room where she sees an entity. This event occurs while two other people are present with her, but they only report that Puddy lapses into unconsciousness. On a later occasion, the entity appears as she is driving the car. (Judith Magee, “[UFO Over the Mooraduc Road](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1972): 3–5; Judith M. Magee, “[The Close Encounter of Maureen Puddy](#),” *Australian Annual Flying Saucer Review*, 1983, pp. 4–9; Keith Basterfield, “[Present at the Abduction](#),” *IUR* 17, no. 3 (May/June 1992): 13–14, 23; Judith M. Magee, “[The Close Encounter of Maureen Puddy](#),” Victorian UFO Research Society, 1996; Mark Cashman, “[Behavioral Classification System for UFO Occupants](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 20; Keith Basterfield, “[Cold Case Investigation, Frankston, Vic, July 1972, Part One](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, October 2, 2012; Keith Basterfield, “[Cold Case Investigation: Frankston, Vic, July 1972, Part Two](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, October 4, 2012; Keith Basterfield, “[Cold Case Investigation: Frankston, Vic, July 1972, Part Three](#),” Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena—Scientific Research, October 4, 2012; Kaustubh Chowdhary, “[The UFO Encounter of Maureen Puddy: UFO Sightings, Psychic Aliens, and Strange Interior of a UFO](#),” *Infinity Explorers*, April 28, 2022; “[UFO Researcher Judith Magee on Maureen Puddy’s 1972 Close Encounter with a Psychic Alien Entity](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 1, 2022; “[Maureen Puddy on Experiencing Psychic Phenomena during Her UFO Sightings, Frankston, Australia, 1972](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 1, 2022)
- 1972**, July 27 — The Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Oceans and International Environment holds hearings on Senate Resolution 281, proposing an international treaty to ban weather modification as a weapon of war. Dartmouth environmental scientist [Gordon J. F. MacDonald](#) opposes the bill, saying that research needs to be unfettered, but he mentions weapons that might use electrical waves, created by the differential between the ionosphere and the surface of the earth, “that would be tuned to the brain waves.... About ten cycles per second.... You can produce changes in behavioral patterns or in responses.” ([Prohibiting Military Weather Modification](#), Hearings before the Subcommittee on Oceans and International Environment, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, 92nd Cong., 2nd Sess., on S. Res. 281, pp. 72–76)
- 1972**, August — [Ingo Swann](#) returns to the Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park, California, as do the two CIA intelligence analysts. With Swann in a Faraday cage, the SRI team conducts a series of what’s-in-the-box tests in which office supplies hidden inside a box are presented to Swann, who is asked to identify the objects inside.

During a lunch break one of the CIA agents walks outside and collects a small brown moth, capturing it alive, and sealing it inside a box. When Swann looks at the box, he sees “something small, brown, and irregular, sort of like a leaf.... Except that it seems very much alive, like it’s even moving.” (Annie Jacobsen, *Phenomena*, Little, Brown, 2017, p. 136)

- 1972, August** — The Archives for UFO Research (Arbetsgruppen för Ufologi) is founded in Södertälje, Sweden, by [Håkan Blomqvist](#), [Kjell Jonsson](#), and [Anders Liljegren](#). Its specialized research library for UFO literature is established in 1974, and in 1979 AFU moves to Norrköping. It publishes *Ufologen* from 1972 to 1974 and the *AFU Newsletter* from March 1975 to October 2008. In April 2013 it changes its name to the Archives for the Unexplained. Its holdings in 2020 include a reference library of more than 20,000 titles, more than 50,000 magazine issues, some 500,000 clippings, and more than 50,000 European UFO cases. (Wikipedia, “[Archives for the Unexplained](#)”; Archives for the Unexplained, “[About AFU](#)”; *Ufologen*, no 1 (July 1972); *AFU Newsletter*, no. 1 (March/April 1975); *AFU Annual Report*, 2014; “[AFU Turns 50 and Continue to Grow](#),” Archives for the Unexplained, March 17, 2023)
- 1972, August 9** — 2:30 a.m. A married couple, both college professors, are camping out in a garden in the backyard of some friends’ home just off the road to Nîmes at Saint-Jean-du-Gard, Gard, France. The woman is walking outside and sees a shiny white ball the size of a small car sitting in a nearby parking lot. She hears footsteps behind her and sees a dark shape about 4 feet tall in the shape of a parallelepiped topped by an oval where a head would be. It has 2 white circles for eyes, but no visible arms or legs. It turns toward her and she feels an extraordinary fear. After a few seconds, she runs back inside the tent. (Patrick Gross, “[Saint-Jean-du-Gard, France, August 9, 1972](#)”)
- 1972, August 10** — 2:29 p.m. An earth-grazing meteor passes 35 miles above the Earth’s surface, entering the atmosphere above Utah at 9.3 miles/second and passing northward, leaving the atmosphere over Alberta. It is seen by many people and recorded on film and by space-borne sensors. An eyewitness to the event, located in Missoula, Montana, sees the object pass directly overhead and hears a double sonic boom. The smoke trail lingers in the atmosphere for several minutes. (Wikipedia, “[1972 Great Daylight Fireball](#)”; Allen Benz, “[Object Seen Over Twin Falls](#),” *UFO Commentary* 3, no. 2 (Winter 1972): 7–9, 14; James M. Baker, “[Earthgrazer: The Great Daylight Fireball of 1972](#),” NASA; “[A Meteor That Missed Mountain States May Have Had Hiroshima Bomb Force](#),” *New York Times*, July 4, 1974, p. 8; Zdeněk Ceplecha, “[Earth-Grazing Daylight Fireball of August 10, 1972](#),” *Astronomy and Astrophysics* 283 (1994): 287–288)
- 1972, August 12** — 2:00 a.m.–5:00 a.m. About 30 young members of the Taizé Community in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, France, are having a discussion in a rustic theatre circle to the northwest of the community buildings. Renata Faa is the first to see a star-like object come out of the sky in the west. It lands on the ground on a ridge facing them. Eventually, after more yellow lights appear on the object, they see it as cigar-shaped and about 100 feet long. Five other white lights emit luminous beams that extend progressively across the ground. Two cupolas are visible on its left side. Three small white discs appear on the right side, apparently emerging from the main object, and perform complex maneuvers. Some of the witnesses feel a tingling in their fingertips and knees. Faa and three of the other witnesses decide to walk through the fields and approach the object. Around 3:00 a.m., a multitude of red particles appear in the air around the approaching witnesses and in the ground around them. The lights on the object constantly change their patterns of display and movement. The four witnesses see a dark mass like a haystack on their left about 30 feet away. A small red light is moving haphazardly around it. When one of them shines a flashlight on the haystack, the beam travels horizontally for a bit then is directed perpendicularly upward. Finally, toward 5:00 a.m., the large object rises up and moves off to the south, following the terrain. (J. Tyrode, “[Taizé: A Case Right out of the Ordinary](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1973): 16–21; F. Lagarde, “[A Few Words about Taizé](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1973): 22; UFOEv II 217–218)
- 1972, August 19** — 2:00 a.m. A series of sightings involving 50–60 witnesses takes place in Colby, Kansas. The first call to police is made by John L. Calkins who, awakened by barking dogs, goes to his front door and sees three objects hovering nearby, making shrill, high-pitched whistling sounds. The larger object has six flashing, red and green body lights. He also hears beeping sounds. The sightings continue until 6:20 a.m. Police Sgt. Paul Carter, while patrolling at 2:07 a.m., sees an object with red and green flashing lights approach from the northeast. He radios Officer Dennis Brown and begins to follow the object southward. It stops and hovers 10–15 feet above a pasture about a quarter-mile away. He estimates it is 30–35 feet long and 18–20 feet tall. Suddenly the object emits an intense, blinding white light that illuminates the landscape, including jackrabbits sitting in the field. Despite the bright light, Carter gets a glimpse of a shape “like a cereal bowl turned upside down.” It makes a whooshing noise and shoots up and out of sight in 3 seconds. Brown, who is approaching, also sees it speed away. After that, the UFO is seen heading southeast. Police in Oakley watch it through binoculars. Officers Earl Wood Jr. and Duane Nelson can see six body lights on a large object. Three on the front are white and those on the back flash red and

green. W. L. Johnson of Colby sees an object from his front yard at 6:08 a.m. It has orange-red flashing lights, moves from the southwest to the south, hovers, moves north, turn toward his house, and gains altitude. At this point it changes to blue-green, moves southwest, hovers for a few minutes, then climbs and disappears at 6:20 a.m. ("[Colby Cops and UFOs](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 18, no. 6 (November/December 1972): 30–31; Bob Gribble, "[Looking Back](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 232 (August 1987): 20; UFOEv II 191)

1972, August–October — Numerous UFO sightings are reported throughout rural areas of Puerto Rico, as well as in San Juan and Ponce. People travel to the small town of Adjuntas, where the objects are seen frequently. One Friday night, the mayor of Adjuntas is traveling with a group of people in three cars along a lonely stretch of road in Barrio Garzas when he sees three bright discs moving through the sky. Their light changes in color and intensity. Sightings also center on the town of Utuado, where the Air National Guard has scrambled F-104s to chase the objects. A teacher at Utuado High School is driving back from town with his brother when they see a bright light off in the bush 300 feet from the road. They get out of the car and approach the light, which is sitting in a clearing. It is a flattened disc about the size of a small house and has a set of small, dark rectangles evenly spaced around its edge. It is brilliantly lit and its colors are constantly changing. They watch the object for a few minutes until it vanishes like "someone turning off a light." (Salvador Freixedo, "[UFOs over the Caribbean](#)," *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories*, no. 14 (April 1973): 9–10; Henry Cordova, "[Encounter in Puerto Rico](#)," *IUR* 25, no. 1 (Spring 2000): 20–21)

1972, Early September — Just after midnight. Vasile Cărbuș, a night watchman at an agricultural cooperative in Valea Plopului, Romania, sees a yellow star with a trail crossing the sky. It then hovers and appears to land in an orchard on the Odaia hill about 1 mile away. A couple days later, Cărbuș and other locals visit the orchard and find a circular area 15 feet in diameter where all the stems are broken off about 3 feet from the ground. In the center of the circle is a mound of earth about 2 feet in diameter and 15 inches high. In the middle of this is a round hole at least 6 feet deep, around which are three identical impressions 4.5 feet apart. Hundreds of curious onlookers visit the site, among them engineer [Justin Capră](#), who detects a substantial increase in gamma radiation in the center of the circle. Ufologist Călin Turcu notes that the vegetation on the mound of earth is completely absent for the next 4 years and frail after that. (Hobana and Weverbergh 276–279; Romania 34–35)

1972, September — 8:00 p.m. While commuting home by train from nearby Debrecen, Hungary, workers see about 7 luminous, orange-colored ellipses floating high above Nyírábrány. The phenomena are still there as they are walking home from the train station. The lights are as bright as the full moon and remain in position in a formation of three rows. The spectacle lasts for 30 minutes. The display is seen for the next four evenings in a row in the same part of the sky west of the village. On the last night, one of the lights disappears but returns to the same position in the formation. (Karoli Hargitai, "[The UFO Phenomenon in Hungary](#)," *IUR* 14, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1989): 13)

1972, September 10 — 12:45 p.m. Greengrocer Allan James is checking a load on his truck prior to descending from the top of a hill west of Georges Creek, New South Wales. He notices a huge, cigar-shaped object with smaller objects emerging from each end. They group into an arrowhead formation before moving southeast. The large object then climbs at a high rate of speed and disappears. The duration is about 10 minutes. (Eileen Buckle, "[Is Kempsey a UFO 'Window'?](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 6 (April 1975): 3–4; Herbert S. Taylor, "[Satellite Objects: A Further Look](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 26)

1972, September 14 — 4:20 a.m. An unidentified target is detected on radar at the Palm Beach (Florida) International Airport by FAA air traffic controller C. J. Fox describes the contact as a "good clear target." The object is tracked for over an hour when at approximately 6:00 a.m., NORAD is alerted. Two F-106 jet fighters are dispatched from Homestead AFB [now Homestead Air Reserve Base] in Miami–Dade County to locate and identify the object. The UFO disappears from radar scopes shortly before the jets arrive. At the airport, FAA watch supervisor George Morales views the object through binoculars and describes it as silver-white in color and cigar-shaped. Officials at Miami International Airport, which also tracks the strange object, report no aircraft are known to be in the area where the UFO was spotted. (NICAP, "[Ground/Visual: Two 106's Scrambled](#)")

1972, September 14 — 4:00 p.m. David Owen is sitting on his patio in Bateau Bay, New South Wales, when he notices a distinct "red arrowhead" moving from southwest to northwest in a slow climb. After watching it for several minutes, he takes a color photo with his Instamatic, which shows a disc reflecting light. ("[Australian Arrowhead Photograph Reveals Unseen Possible UFO](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 2 (February 1981): 1–2)

1972, September 14 — 8:00 p.m. A married couple in Houston, Missouri, watches an unusual bright object after their portable TV is disturbed by interference. It is larger than a star and persists for several minutes before it disappears in a burst of speed. At 3:00 a.m. they are awakened by their dogs barking at something in a nearby woods. They see a bright flash of light at ground level. The next morning, they find an evergreen tree about 300

feet from the house that is yellow on one side and normal-looking on the other. Next to it is a 20 feet x 14 feet oval area of depressed grass. In the center are three small imprints, each showing an extension or “toe.” The imprints are about 2.5 inches long; one is 1.5 inches deep. A blackened area in the shape of a triangle is in the center of the imprints. (Ted Phillips, [Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings](#), CUFOS, 1976, pp. xi, 86)

- 1972**, September 15 — 5:50 p.m. University of New England student [Bill Chalker](#) is crossing the campus of the Earle Page College in Armidale, New South Wales, when he joins two other students who are watching a silent, metallic, egg-shaped object moving north to south at the speed of an airplane. It is in view for 15 seconds before it is obscured by campus buildings. It has an apparent angular size at arm’s length of one inch. (Bill Chalker, [“Confronting UFOs and UAP: Remembering October 1973.”](#) The OzFiles, October 22, 2023; Bill Chalker, [“The Bill Chalker UFO Encounter: An Australian Researcher’s Sighting’: A Reality Check.”](#) The OzFiles, May 24, 2024)
- 1972**, September 20 — 12:45 a.m. A man is driving near Rougemont, Quebec, when he sees a Saturn-shaped object about 100 feet in diameter moving with a pendulum motion toward Mont Rougemont. It climbs to the top of the hill and settles in for 4 minutes. He watches it increasingly brighten from a row of windows at the upper dome and glow pink on the bottom side. He flashes his lights at it, and it rises and dives at his car, passing just 30 feet above it. The engine stalls, the radio goes off, and the headlights dim. A wave of heat passes over him, then the UFO races away. (Philippe Blaqui re, [“Le cas de Rougemont.”](#) *UFO-Quebec* 1, no. 1 (1975): 4–6; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 144–146; Michael D. Swords, [“Messing Around with the Force.”](#) *IUR* 31, no. 4 (Mar. 2008): 29)
- 1972**, September 21 — 5:40 a.m. Teodoro Merlo, maintenance man for the Ika-Renault factory in Santa Isabel, C rdoba, Argentina, is making early rounds at the plant. He enters a previously locked washroom and sees a man sitting on one of the basins who is nearly 8 feet tall and wearing a close-fitting, dark-blue, one-piece garment tight at the wrists. It has a bald head with high, pointed ears, and very white skin. As Merlo approaches, the light by the janitor goes out and a light near the entity goes on spontaneously. Merlo hears a noise like “a metal object striking glass,” and the entity disappears. (Oscar A. Gal ndez, [“Argentina: Los fen menos antropomorfos de Santa Isabel.”](#) *Stendek*, no. 15 (December 1973): 15–30; Oscar A. Gal ndez, [“The Anthropomorphic Phenomena at Santa Isabel, Part 1.”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 2 (August 1975): 11–15; Oscar A. Gal ndez, [“Argentina: The Anthropomorphic Phenomena of Santa Isabel.”](#) *Inexplicata*, September 22, 2011)
- 1972**, September 25 — 1:00–1:30 a.m. Near Anderstorp, Sweden, a witness is driving his Opel at 25 mph when the car radio stops working. A couple minutes later, a very bright blue-white light appears behind the car, enveloping the entire vehicle in light at the same time as all electrical equipment in the car ceases to work. The headlights go out and the engine and wipers stop. The light persists for 5 minutes, and the temperature inside the car rises. Suddenly the light is gone, and the electrical system works again. The car starts at the same time as the witness smells a strong odor of ammonia or ether. The witness drives home quickly, terrified. (Herbert S. Taylor, [“An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two.”](#) *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 19)
- 1972**, September 27 — 11:13 p.m. Enrique Moreno is delivering documents to the Ika-Renault factory in Santa Isabel, Cordoba, Argentina, when the fluorescent lights in the engineering room go on and off three times. There is an accompanying noise like that of a turbine lasting for several seconds. Driving his motor runabout outside the plant he briefly glimpses “a sort of rainbow very near the ground,” but thinks no further of it until he suddenly encounters a tall figure, glowing a bluish green, moving among a pile of chassis beside his route. As he approaches within 100 feet, the figure swings around, in a stiff mechanical way, to face him, and at the same time his engine falters then quits when he comes opposite the being. This humanoid figure, strongly built and about 7.5 feet tall, has eyes like yellow light bulbs, large pointed ears, a square chin, and a slit-like mouth. The face appears pale green, but this may be due to a reflection from the clothing, a one-piece, luminescent, bluish-green tight-fitting coverall with a broad silvery belt. Moreno feels an intolerable humming in his ears, a sensation of heat, and itching over his entire body. There is also the smell of burning oil. His arms and legs are paralyzed. After 30 seconds of this confrontation, his motorcycle shoots off to the left, seemingly under its own volition at high speed, and the witness is returned to the Security Office without his conscious control. He arrives there at 11:30 p.m., but his wristwatch has stopped at 11:13 p.m., leaving 15 minutes unaccounted for. Moreno is in a highly agitated state, and subsequently suffers nausea and pains in the neck, as well as a burning sensation in his eyes. At the encounter site, two rectangular “footprints” 8 x 16 inches are found and the soil there is warm to the touch. Also at 11:30 p.m., A lady named Quiroga, who lives on the outskirts of the Ika-Renault factory, sees a luminous object that, by means of a “crystal tube” recovers a humanoid figure. At roughly the same time, Norberto Grosso, a houseowner in Barrio Col n (a suburb of C rdoba), is driving with his wife when he sees a luminous body rising up from the plant. He initially thinks that it is a radiosonde balloon, but he is struck by the speed at which it climbs into the sky, vanishing vertically “in fractions of seconds.” Around 12:00 midnight, many residents of

Villa El Libertador (a suburb adjacent to the Santa Isabel plant) report seeing a luminous globe rising rapidly from the southeastern area of Córdoba, where the Ika-Renault plant is located. (Oscar A. Galíndez, "[Argentina: Los fenómenos antropomorfos de Santa Isabel](#)," *Stendek*, no. 15 (December 1973): 15–30; Oscar A. Galíndez, "Los fenómenos antropomorfos de Santa Isabel, Nota III," *OVNIs, un desafío a la ciencia*, no. 4 (Nov./Dec. 1974): 24–27; Oscar A. Galíndez, "[The Anthropomorphic Phenomena at Santa Isabel, Part 2](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 21, nos. 3–4 (November 1975): 16–21; Patrick Gross, "[URECAT: UFO Related Entities Catalog](#)," February 23, 2007; Oscar A. Galíndez, "[Argentina: The Anthropomorphic Phenomena of Santa Isabel](#)," *Inexplicata*, September 22, 2011)

- 1972**, October — Harry Belil begins publishing *Beyond Reality*, a newsstand magazine devoted to parapsychology and (sometimes) UFOs, in New York City. It continues through November 1980 and publishes several special UFO issues. ([Beyond Reality](#), no. 1 (October 1972))
- 1972**, October 1 — The CIA awards the Stanford Research Institute [now SRI International] in Menlo Park, California, a contract for \$49,909 for an eight-month research project on remote viewing. It is given the name Biofield Measurements Program. (Annie Jacobsen, *Phenomena*, Little, Brown, 2017, pp. 136–137)
- 1972**, October 2 — A letter from the Canadian Department of National Defence states that UFO reports received by the Canadian military are passed on to the National Research Council to determine whether a scientific investigation is warranted. It notes that "certain reports suggest that they exhibit a unique scientific or advance technology that could possibly contribute to scientific or technical research." (Good Above, [pp. 193, 467](#))
- 1972**, October 8 — 12:00 midnight. Security guard John Byrne is patrolling Cairo Mill, an old factory at Waterhead, Lancashire, England, that has been converted to an electronics system testing facility for jet aircraft. Near the bicycle shed he hears a deep humming noise like a generator inside a closed room. The sound bores into his head. He looks up and sees a huge object parked at a height of 300 feet adjacent to the tower end of the mill. It resembles a glowing bell shape turned on end with the flat base vertical to the sheer wall of the tower. The object is giving off a blue, fluorescent glow that falls like a curtain of solid light. Byrne watches for several minutes until the object turns sharply on edge and moves straight up into the sky until it is only a blob of light. (Jenny Randles, "Beam Me Up," *Fortean Times* 381 (July 2019): 30)
- 1972**, October 9 — 7:30 p.m. Ralph and Grace Clapp are driving along Middle Country Road near Selden, New York, when they see a bright white light. It is joined by a red and a green light. They continue driving, and around 7:55 p.m. at the top of a hill west of Coram, the white light hovers into view above the treetops to their left. Grace sees rectangular windows and no wings on a triangular object that is at least 100 feet across and moving slowly and continuously through the sky. ("[Sighting Advisory](#)," *UFO Investigator*, December 1972, p. 3; "[Flyover Reported from Long Island](#)," *UFO Investigator*, February 1973, pp. 2, 4; Ted Bloecher and Sylvia Meagher, "[The Seldon UFO](#)," *IUR* 32, no. 2 (December 2008): 11–14; Michael Schratt, *Dark Files*, The Author, 2022, pp. 34–35)
- 1972**, October 23 — 6:30 p.m. Capt. Daryle Brown and two copilots are flying a Wardair airliner at 22,000 feet some 180 miles northwest of Churchill, Manitoba, when they see a bright streak of light approaching from the west. As it comes closer, it appears to be a bullet-shaped object larger than a Boeing 727 and adorned with a cluster of multicolored pulsating lights. Brown notifies the 15 passengers aboard and turns out the interior lights so they can see the object better. Almost a dozen portholes are visible, while red and yellow lights are flashing on the top. At the rear of the object is a fog-like cloud and orange sparks. It takes up a position about 2,500 feet in front of the jet and on the same flight path. The object shines a beam of light at the airplane, bathing it in light that is bright enough to read to, and stops in mid-air directly in front of the jet. Before Brown can take evasive action, it moves off to the right. A dense fog engulfs the object as it disappears in the distance. (Jeff Holt, "[Rencontre avec un UFO dans le Grand Nord Canadien](#)," *UFO-Quebec*, no. 9 (1977): 13–14; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 167–169](#))
- 1972**, October 28 — 10:15 p.m. Cpl. Juan Fuentes Figueroa and four other Uruguayan Navy seamen are stationed at the lighthouse on Isla de Lobos, off Punta del Este, Uruguay. Fuentes goes to inspect the electrical generators and discovers some odd lights, which prompts him to retrieve a handgun from his room. When he returns, he notices an object in the shape of an inverted bowl with several white, yellow, and violet lights on top of a 20-foot terrace. An entity is next to the object and two others (one much taller) are descending from the UFO. They all notice Fuentes and face him from about 89 feet away. He raises his gun to shoot but feels strangely paralyzed and confused. The beings reenter the UFO, which moves straight up emitting a humming noise. When it reaches a height of 150 feet, it tilts, belches a bright fireball, and silently disappears at tremendous speed to the southeast. (Willy Smith, "[Alien Encounter at Isla de Lobos, Uruguay, 10-28-1972](#)," *UFO Casebook*; Willy Smith, "UFOs in Latin America," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Times, 1987, pp. 106–109)

- 1972**, November 7 — Contactee [Gabriel Green](#) runs for US President as a candidate of the Universal Party, with [Daniel Fry](#) as his running mate, on the ballot in Iowa. The party offers solutions recommended by extraterrestrials for national and international problems. He gets less than 200 votes and subsequently retires from public life. (S. D. Tucker, *False Economies: The Strangest, Least Successful, and Most Audacious Financial Follies, Plans, and Crazes of All Times*, Amberly, 2018, chapter 3, excerpted in “Taxing Credulity,” *Fortean Times* 367 (June 2018): 52–55)
- 1972**, November 10 — 11:00 p.m. A 19-year-old is riding his Yamaha 250cc Twin motorcycle near Heathfield, East Sussex, England, when suddenly the headlights dim and go out and the engine fails, emitting an “electrical arcing” odor. He looks up and sees a white blob about 100 feet away hovering above some trees. It is about 60 feet high, 30–40 feet in diameter, and glowing white but fuzzy in appearance. After a few seconds it zooms away at about 100 mph in a straight line and is lost to sight. The motorcycle starts by itself. (Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 55)
- 1972**, November 11 — Shortly after 12:00 noon. A group of children in Mesa, Arizona, notice a strange object hovering in the sky while playing in a garden. A neighbor, Lee Elders, observes the object for an extended period and takes several photographs. The object remains visible for so long that some witnesses eventually leave to watch a football game on TV. The object is later identified as a tethered helium balloon sold by Edmund Scientific Company. (Wendelle C. Stevens, “[Domed Cone UFOs](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 1 (July 1977): 1, 3–4; Wendelle Stevens, “[1972 Mesa UFO Sighting](#),” *OpenMinds*, May 3, 2011; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, “[UFO Photographs: Portraits of a Myth?](#)” p. 41; Curt Collins, “[The Two Arizona UFOs and Lester Bannick](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, December 8, 2022)
- 1972**, November 12 — 8:00 p.m. Three soldiers (Petrus Nel, Fanie Rosseau, and Gerrie Buitendag) are guarding a petrol dump at Rosmead, East Cape, South Africa, when they see a red light moving in circles above the tennis court adjacent to the primary school. At nearby Middelburg police station, Sgt. John Goosen and Constable Koos Brazelle are looking towards Rosmead with binoculars and see an odd light above the town. School Principal Harold Truter sees the light moving vertically up from his home near the tennis court. The tennis court is found churned up with huge chunks of surface tar dug up, so he calls the Middelburg police about it. Goosen and Brazelle respond. There are 5 holes in the court, the largest 10 feet in diameter. Two spike holes are also found. The only entrances to the court are still locked up and there are no vehicle tracks inside or outside. A eucalyptus tree at the end of the court has suddenly begun to die and appears scorched. District Police Commandant Col. B. J. van Heerden unsuccessfully tries to duplicate the damage with shovels. (Charles Bowen, “[Landings and Humanoids Reported in Cape Province](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1973): 12–14; Jenny Randles, *UFO Conspiracy*, Cassell, 1987, pp. 100–101)
- 1972**, November 13 — Two witnesses watch an unknown aircraft maneuver along Sognefjord, Vestland, Norway. Thirty Norwegian Navy vessels, plus NATO forces, are already investigating a mystery submarine reported in the fjord. The same night, four other witnesses observe a “bright object” on the water. (Ole Jonny Brønne, “[Observations of Unidentified Submarine Objects in Norway](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 13)
- 1972**, November 17 — 8:50 p.m. Two RCMP officers see an object 12 feet in length heading northwest near McIvers on the Bay of Islands, Newfoundland. It disappears in the water with a loud splash. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 102)
- 1972**, November 20 — 1:00 p.m. An unidentified submerged object is seen near Kyrkjebø, on Sognefjord, Norway, as it heads away from Mårenlandet toward the fjord’s southern end. Around 1:15 p.m., it is seen by five police officers on Kvamsøy. Norwegian Navy frigates drop mines on the object. (Ole Jonny Brønne, “[Observations of Unidentified Submarine Objects in Norway](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 13)
- 1972**, November 20 — CIA chief [Richard Helms](#) comes to Camp David to an interview with [Nixon](#) about what he thinks is a “budgetary matter.” Nixon’s chief of staff, [H. R. Haldeman](#), also attends. Helms is informed by Nixon that his services in the new administration will not be required. On Helms’s dismissal [William Colby](#) later comments that “Dick Helms paid the price for that ‘No’ [to the White House over Watergate],” distancing the CIA from the scandal. Helms begins a CIA clean-up, closing down Operation Often and other sensitive programs. (Wikipedia, “[Richard Helms](#)”)
- 1972**, November 21 — Night. Four witnesses see four rockets shooting up from the water at Hermansverk, Vestland, Norway. They are silent and resemble small red balls of light. They are also seen the following day, and the Norwegian Navy fires an antisubmarine missile at the intruders. (Ole Jonny Brønne, “[Observations of Unidentified Submarine Objects in Norway](#),” *IUR* 20, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1995): 13)
- 1972**, November 28 — 2:00 p.m. A witness at Glenelg, Adelaide, South Australia, sees lengths of glistening material wrapped around a signpost and on looking up sees that more is falling from the sky. He collects a small sample of

the thickest section, but the strands dissolve in his fingers. (Keith Basterfield, "[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7)

- 1972**, November 30 — 11:15 p.m. A motor mechanic named Maxwell is out testing his vehicle in Murray Bridge, South Australia, when the engine dies and lights go out as he is coming over a rise in the road. The lights come back on but vary in intensity several times. He decides to stop the car. To his left he sees a "diamond shape with the top cut off" noiselessly sitting on the ground 148 feet away in a paddock. His car radio starts making a noise like a "computer on TV," a constant rhythm. He tries the ignition key but nothing happens, not even the oil light comes on. He tries the wipers and the electric air horn but they do not work either. He locks all the doors and winds up the windows and just sits there for the next 45 minutes. After this time the object leaves, and he finds he can restart the car. An inspection of the vehicle the next day reveals no cause for the electrical problems. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 19–20)
- 1972**, December — Night. Romanian Air Force pilot and writer Lt. Col. [Doru Davidovici](#) is at an unnamed military base in Romania when he sees an oval UFO flying parallel to the ridge of a roof. It traverses 50°–60° of horizon in 45–50 seconds and disappears among some trees. It is egg-shaped, a white-violet color as if wrapped in a cloud of bright light, and leaves a long trail behind, but it changes to red-orange before disappearing. Radar at the base tracks the object flying north to south at 3,700 mph at a height of 43 miles. (Romania 103)
- 1972**, December 3 — 11:30 p.m. Four witnesses in Hinojos, Huelva, Spain, see a fiery, square-shaped object flying close to the ground, lighting up the terrain. The headlights in two cars die. The car with a gasoline-powered engine also stalls, but the car with the diesel engine keeps running. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 20)
- 1972**, December 13 — 7:04 p.m. Fritz Abbehusen is watching TV in Dias d'Ávila, Bahia, Brazil, when his set experiences some interference. He goes out on the porch and sees a huge, round luminous object descending to a hill approximately 3 miles from his home. After a while, he goes to get binoculars, and with these he can see that the luminous shape is hovering a several feet above the ground. Its lower part is glowing like a neon light, while the upper part has a row of orange-red portholes. His wife Margarida and servant join him to look at the display. Suddenly, three blinking lights emerge from the object. One of these lights slowly moves in the direction of his house. After 15 minutes, the moving light has arrived within 165 feet in back of the house. Three small beings emerge from it, wearing what appears to be a one-piece suit of whitish or light-gray color. The beings keep their elbows close to the body when walking, as if on tiptoe, raising their knees exaggeratedly at each step. They go away, but the big object remains on the hill until around midnight. At one time it emits a beam that sets the brush on fire. (Patrick Gross, "[Dias d'Ávila, Brazil, December 13, 1972](#)")
- 1972**, December 24 — 3:00 a.m. The Romanian ship *Moldoveanu* is in the Labrador Sea off Labrador, Canada, when the crew notices a shiny object headed at high speed straight toward their vessel and flying low over the waves. It stops above the ship, changing its shape and color. After an hour, it shoots into the sky and disappears. (Hobana and Weverbergh 279)
- 1972**, December 24 — 9:40 a.m. L. J. Reeves is stationed at the PIN-1 Distant Early Warning site at Clinton Point, Northwest Territories, on the Amundsen Gulf. He sees an object like a bright star that moves west to east, stops, then continues on and fades into the distance after 5 minutes. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p.73)
- 1972**, December 30 — A man driving on the A4155 from Henley to High Wycombe, England, rounds a bend and sees an object resembling a vertical cone. What seem to be fluorescent strip lights run down the side, and it emits an intense, high-pitched whistle. The next thing he knows, he is driving through Marlowe in total silence with no memory of how he got there. Some 90 minutes have vanished from his memory. (Jenny Randles, "The Twelve UFOs of Christmas," *Fortean Times* 374 (Christmas 2018): 29)

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- 1973** — NORAD now has infrared sensor satellites covering 100% of the earth's surface from geostationary orbits on a 24-hour basis. (Clark III 807)
- 1973** — Most Project MKUltra records are deliberately destroyed by order of CIA Director [Richard Helms](#). A cache of some 20,000 documents survives Helms's purge, as they are incorrectly stored in a financial-records building and discovered following a FOIA request in 1977. These documents are fully investigated during the Senate Hearings of 1977. HTLINGUAL and the NSA's Minaret programs are shut down to avoid exposure during the Weathermen trial. (Wikipedia, "[MKUltra](#)")

- 1973** — Dr. [Joseph C. Sharp](#) of Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, while in a soundproof room, allegedly hears spoken words broadcast by “pulsed microwave audiogram.” Broadcast in a range between 300 MHz to 3GHz, Sharp is able to identify words that are broadcast without any form of electronic translation device—by direct transmission to the brain. (Jim Keith, [Mind Control, World Control: The Encyclopedia of Mind Control](#), 2014, p. 220)
- 1973** — The Midwest UFO Network changes its name to the Mutual UFO Network and focuses on building a national grassroots UFO investigation network.
- 1973** — David Duquesnoy founds the Association des Amis de Marc Thirouin in Valence, France, named in honor of the founder of the first UFO organization, Commission Internationale d’Enquêtes sur les Soucoupes Volantes, in France in 1951. It begins publishing *UFO Informations*, edited by Michel Dorier, in March 1974 and continues it through 1983. ([UFO Informations](#), no. 1 (March 1974))
- 1973** — Suomen Ufotutkijat ry, the Finnish UFO Research Association, is founded in Tampere, Finland. Over the years it has published a *Quarterly Report*, an *Annual Report*, and a member newsletter *Ufotutkija* beginning in 1997 (now called *Yhteydeksi*). (Wikipedia, “[Suomen Ufotutkijat](#)”; [The UFO Research of Finland Annual Report](#), 1981)
- 1973**, Early January — 3:30 a.m. A family on holiday is driving along the Princes Highway near Sussex Inlet, New South Wales. The mother draws the attention of the others to a light ahead of them, which seems to move to the left then approach their car. It then reverses direction and takes up a parallel position in the direction they are driving for the next 15 miles. It seems very large and flying close to the ground. It now seems to be disc shaped with two red searchlights beneath it and a row of portholes. One of the witnesses, an army officer, sees some figures through the portholes. At a point near the turnoff to HMAS Albatross naval base at Nowra, the object suddenly vanishes, instantly relocating to a high altitude. It then moves in a large arc around Nowra and then heads out to sea, where it is lost to sight. Later that morning, one of the group investigates a disturbance at their campsite at Shoalhaven Heads. She joins a large number of holidaying campers at the ocean edge. The disturbance is apparently due to a number of helicopters passing low over the campsite, heading out to sea. She observes the helicopters above a fiery mass in the water. She thinks that this object is UFO-related and that the helicopters are involved in an attempted retrieval. They report the sighting to HMAS Albatross and are told that the base radar had been affected by the UFO during the incident. (Bill Chalker, “[The Great USO Show of Oz](#),” *TheOzFiles*, August 26, 2022; Bill Chalker, “[The Rising USO Tide](#),” *TheOzFiles*, October 25, 2024)
- 1973**, January 1? — After 12:00 midnight. A married couple is driving in Osorno, Chile, when their car stalls just as a disc-shaped object with flashing red and green lights flies overhead. The engine comes to life again after the object disappears. (“[Shape-Changing UFO Stops Car](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 3 (May/June 1973): 29)
- 1973**, January 3 — NASA announces that Project NERVA has been terminated, even though the project to build a nuclear rocket has been proceeding well. [Annie Jacobsen](#) claims that some failed nuclear tests that have never been declassified could have been responsible. (Wikipedia, “[NERVA](#)”; Jacobsen, *Area 51*, pp. 311–313)
- 1973**, January 11 — 9:00 a.m. Building surveyor Peter Day is driving near Cuddington, Bucks, England, when he sees an orange light in the north, moving eastwards. He finds a convenient place to stop, wind down the window, and point his movie camera at the object. He captures 20 seconds of the orange blob on color film as it pulsates and passes behind distant trees before disappearing suddenly (in a single frame). A schoolyard full of children in nearby Chilton also see the silent, orange object, and one of the teachers, driving to school near Ickford, also sees the object “like a giant beachball in the sky.” Kodak laboratories in Hemel Hempstead examine the film and they declare it has not been tampered with. Kodak then brings together some atmospheric scientists to determine whether the object is ball lightning; they conclude it is not, but they do not know what it is. (Jenny Randles, *UFO Conspiracy*, Cassell, 1987, pp. 160–161; Jenny Randles, [Fire in the Sky: Case History Number 2, The Buckinghamshire UFO Movie Film](#), BUFORA, 1989)
- 1973**, January 19 — 11:25 p.m. A young man is traveling south on State Highway 18 about 13 miles south of Gaffney, South Carolina, when he sees some flashing colored lights in the road ahead. Moving closer, he sees the lights are on a domed disc sitting in the middle of the road and surrounded by a dozen men, each wearing white coveralls with buttons, buckles, and belts. Each has jet black hair and white gloves. The figures seem to waver, as if through a haze of heat. The object is about 15 feet wide, supported by three legs or struts, and glowing a dark yellow. A ladder extends from a door at the bottom, which is curved like a plate. The flashing multicolored lights are arranged in a band at the base of the dome. The youth turns left on a secondary road and drives away. (“[Youth Claims ‘Saucer’ Landed on Highway 18](#),” *Gaffney (S.C.) Ledger*, January 26, 1973, pp. 1–2)
- 1973**, January 30 — After 9:00 p.m. APRO Field Investigator Bill Rogers is driving in Lexington, Alabama, with two companions to look into UFO sightings in the area. Along State Highway 101, he sees a yellow-orange-to-white light moving slowly at treetop level a mile to his right. They get out of the car and study the light with binoculars.

After one minute, the light moves up about 40 feet and they see it has an ellipsoidal shape. It then descends as if to land, and the three return to the car and head toward the UFO, which moves behind a hill. One second later it becomes visible again, and Rogers's Geiger counter gives a reading of 400 volts and 250 milliroentgens. When it goes back behind the hill, the Geiger counter reading goes back to normal. This sequence repeats several times with the same readings. The fifth time the object descends, the glow goes out. ("[Flap in Alabama](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, January/February 1973, pp. 11–12)

1973, February 2 — [Richard Helms](#) is abruptly dismissed and [James R. Schlesinger](#) is named director of central intelligence.

1973, February 2 — 3:02 p.m. Captain Peter Telling is flying a Grand Commander aircraft at 10,000 feet near the radio beacon near Ōhura, North Island, New Zealand, when he thinks he has a fire in the starboard engine. He is assessing the situation when a sphere of intense bluish-white light more than 20 feet in diameter appears about 90 feet away, its brilliant light illuminating the cockpit. The brightness of the light is "much like a welding arc." The object paces his plane for 20–25 seconds, then accelerates and speeds away. While the UFO is near the aircraft, its automatic direction finder and both the gyroscopic and magnetic compasses spin wildly at a speed of about 12 rpm. All directional equipment remains nonfunctional until the plane passes near Whanganui. (NICAP, "[Sphere Illuminates Cabin, Instruments Malfunction](#)"; UFOEv II 131–132)

1973, February 8 — 4:45 p.m. Richard Coimbra and Kurt Huettner, both 15, are taking Polaroid photographs for a class project in Conejo, California, when they notice a rotating disc-shaped object that remains visible for 30 seconds until it disappears behind trees and clouds. They estimate it is about 88 feet up and one-half to three-quarters of a mile away. They obtain one exposure, which shows a tree line in the foreground. The images measures almost exactly two millimeters in width. It shows an apparent domed disc with a bright spot of light on the underside, with a ratio of 4:1 of length to width. Analysis suggests that the object is no less than 1,000 feet from the camera, at which distance its diameter would be 18 feet; however, a distance of 2,000 feet is considered more likely, and the diameter would then be 36 feet. ("[Conejo Photo Similar to Others](#)," *Skylook*, no. 78 (May 1974): 1, 6–7; UFOEv II 291–292)

1973, February 9 — 3:00 a.m. Jim Sutcliffe is driving along the A414 road between Hemel Hempstead and St. Albans, England, when he sees a large, glowing ball hovering 20–30 feet above a field about 300 feet to one side of the road. Other cars have stopped to watch the object. Suddenly it shoots straight up and vanishes. Another witness's car engine cuts out as he approaches the area but starts again after the object departs. (*Hemel Hempstead Evening Echo*, February 12, 1973; "[Landing in Hertfordshire?](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 2 (March/April 1973): 32)

1973, February 14 — 2:30 a.m. Captain Jim Wheeler and copilot Jerry Maria are flying an unscheduled DC-8 charter cargo flight about 40 miles east of McAlester, Oklahoma, when Maria notices what he first thinks is another aircraft just below the leading edge of the right wing about 5,000 feet away. The object is on the same course and speed, keeping a constant position. Only its steady amber light seems unconventional. Suddenly the object rises straight up like an elevator, makes a sharp turn, and approaches the plane, taking up a position about 900 feet away and slightly above them. It is disc-shaped with a transparent dome on top, its silvery, highly polished surface reflecting the moonlight. Besides some stubby protrusions, no other features are visible. Wheeler switches on the weather radar, and it confirms that something real and solid is there. When the radar beam hits its surface, the object reacts immediately, ascending straight up, then moving sideways over the DC-8 and briefly out of sight. The object reappears quickly, descending straight down and taking up a new position just below the leading edge of the left wing. It then drops below and behind the plane, abruptly reappearing only about 300 feet below them. Looking down into the dimly lit dome, the pilots see two or three shadowy entities moving around. The object then darts out in front and performs various oscillatory motions and another sharp turn before speeding out of sight. It disappears off the radar scope at a distance of 50 miles. (Raymond E. Fowler, *Casebook of a UFO Investigator*, 1981, [pp. 183–185](#); UFOEv II 132)

1973, February 19 — President [Richard Nixon](#) meets on the 18th green of the Inverness (Florida) Golf and Country Club with entertainer [Jackie Gleason](#). Gleason has long been a fan of UFOs. He later becomes a subscriber to the newsletter *Just Cause* (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy). Gleason has a collection of 1,700 books on parapsychology, UFOs, and the unknown. Gleason's second wife, [Beverly McKittrick](#), says that Nixon took Gleason to a heavily secured area at Homestead AFB [now Homestead Air Reserve Base] in Miami-Dade County where he views the remains of small aliens in a top secret repository. McKittrick relates this story in an unpublished manuscript of Gleason called "The Great One." [Larry Bryant](#), editor of *Just Cause*, the newsletter Gleason had a subscription to, files a Freedom of Information Act request with Homestead AFB. Bryant requests documentation on the repository and Gleason's visit there to see the alien bodies. Homestead replies that "no such records existed." Bryant also sends an advertisement to the Homestead AFB newspaper soliciting information.

The public affairs officer at Homestead denounces the Bryant advertisement and “forbade its publication.” At the same time Bryant writes Gleason providing him with a draft affidavit. He asks Gleason to execute the affidavit so it can be used as part of a growing accumulation of evidence Bryant is collecting in preparation for taking the government to court to release all information on alien crash retrievals. Gleason does not reply. Shortly before his death in 1987, one story says Gleason confirms the story about seeing the bodies at Homestead. The person who Jackie Gleason tells the story to is [Larry Warren](#), who is a member of the Air Force Security Police at RAF Bentwaters [now closed] near Woodbridge, Suffolk, one of two bases in England where in late December 1980, three days of bizarre UFO incidents take place. Warren says that Gleason and Nixon enter a room with 6–8 glass-topped freezers. Inside “were the mangled remains of what I took to be children.” On closer inspection, he sees that some of the figures look old and injured. Gleason cannot sleep or eat for three weeks after the visit. The director of the Secret Service under President [Clinton](#), [Lewis C. Merletti](#), claims that the idea of a president escaping his secret service agents only happens in the movies. In response to a question by reporter Joan London about the possibility of the president escaping his protection to go out and secretly do something, Merletti claims, “all Hollywood. There’s no sneaking out. It has never happened.” [Marty Venker](#), a Secret Service agent who worked with Merletti under Presidents [Ford](#) and [Carter](#), however, tells a different story. In his book *Confessions of an Ex-Secret Service Agent* he explains that not only can the president disappear, but it has happened. Venker states that in the exact year of the Homestead incident with Gleason, 1973, Nixon tries to cut his secret service protection. Venker also states that it was not uncommon for Nixon to try to elude his Secret Service detail. The agents working on the Nixon presidential detail were warned about it. Nixon is familiar with Homestead AFB, which is only minutes from his Biscayne Bay compound. There is no proof that Nixon escorted Jackie Gleason to view alien bodies at Homestead, but everything checked out indicates it could very well have happened. It would have been very easy in terms of distance for the Gleason/Nixon alien event to have occurred. However, it is perhaps more likely that Gleason had been sneaking out on McKittrick for a liaison. (presidentialufo.com, “[President Nixon, 37th President, January 20, 1969–August 9, 1974](#)”; Beverly Gleason, “Jackie Gleason Saw Bodies of Space Aliens at Air Force Base,” *National Enquirer*, August 16, 1983; Brian J. Robb, “[The Entertainer, the President, and the Aliens](#),” *Fortean Times* 366 (May 2018): 30–36; Curt Collins, “[The Legend of the President and the Alien Bodies](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, April 27, 2023)

1973, February 20 — Night. A UFO flies above the car of a couple driving through Draytonville, South Carolina, at about twice the height of a utility pole. The object is so close that the man exclaims, “Well, this is it! They’re going to pick us up!” As it passes over, the car radio goes dead. (“[What Are They Seeing Up There in the Sky?](#)” *Gaffney (S.C.) Ledger*, February 23, 1973, pp. 1–2)

1973, February 21 — Night. Clearwater High School basketball coach Reggie Bone and five players on his team are driving back to Clearwater after a game. On US Highway 60 near Ellsinore, Missouri, Bone notices a “bright shaft of light beaming down out of the sky.” A few miles later, near Brushy Creek, student Randal Holmes notices another light, and Bone pulls over for a closer look. They see lights about 600 feet away from the road hovering over an open field at about 400 feet altitude. The lights seem to be portholes, each a different color: red, green, amber, and white. According to student Cary Barks, they watch it for 10 minutes before the lights rise up noiselessly and disappear over a hill. Around 10:00 p.m., Edith Boatwright of nearby Mill Spring sees a similar object flying low near her farmhouse. (“[Mysterious Lights Keep Piedmont in the Dark](#),” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, March 23, 1973, p. 1; MUFON, “[Piedmont Missouri Case, 1973](#)”; Harley D. Rutledge, *Project Identification: The First Scientific Field Study of UFO Phenomena*, Prentice-Hall, 1981, pp. 6–7; Marler [15–16](#))

1973, March — NASA engineer Josef F. Blumrich writes *The Spaceships of Ezekiel*, asserting that the biblical prophet [Ezekiel](#)’s metaphorical vision of angelic creatures accompanied by wheels drawing God’s chariot is actually an account of an extraterrestrial spacecraft. (Wikipedia, “[The Spaceships of Ezekiel](#)”; Josef F. Blumrich, *The Spaceships of Ezekiel*, Bantam, 1974)

1973, March 2 — [Schlesinger](#) appoints [William Colby](#) head of the CIA’s clandestine branch.

1973, March 19–20 — Geologists Elwood Wright and Pat Kenney make nighttime observations of the phantom lights from March 14 to 20 on Mitchell Flats near Marfa, Texas, and again on June 15–16. They keep a log of their observations, noting distances, landmarks, and times that the lights are seen. Although some observations are attributable to ranch lights and car headlights, on other occasions the lights maneuver oddly, swinging in arcs, flying in loops, and reacting to the movements of the geologists’ car. In these instances, the lights seem to be displaying intelligence. (Elwood Wright and Pat Kenney, *The Marfa Lights: The Enigma Lights of Marfa, an Unexplained Phenomenon*, The Authors, 1973; Michael A. Frizzell and George F. Walls, “[Stalking the Mysterious Lights](#),” *Pursuit* 20, no. 4 (Winter 1987): 146, 148–152)

- 1973**, March 20 — 7:15 p.m. Lucie Vandervoort is looking out a window of her house in Tarcienne, Belgium, when she sees a bright light approaching. It passes over the roof of a nearby house, then banks, makes a 90° turn, and begins to blink as it disappears to the east. Similar objects appear every 10 minutes, continuing until 9:15 p.m. The objects' slow speed allows her to take photos. At one point she looks through her late husband's World War I trench periscope and sees a humanoid figure dressed in shiny, tight-fitting clothes and standing in the front of one of the objects. Only one photo turns out and shows a squarish light against a dark sky. Analysis suggests that the objects were probably aircraft taking off from the military base at Florennes a few miles away, the humanoid figure was imaginary, and the photo was a blurry streetlight. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Wim van Utrecht, [Belgium in UFO Photographs, Volume 1 \(1950–1988\)](#), FOTOCAT Report no. 7, 2017, pp.172–183)
- 1973**, March 24 — 7:30 a.m. Arthur de Weerd is watching a distant airliner in Borgerhout, Belgium, when he notices another sunlit object pacing the aircraft at a higher altitude. Suddenly the object stops and remains motionless for about one minute, then moves at a greater speed, making an angle of 70° before coming to another wobbling halt for about 8 minutes. De Weerd manages to take a color photograph of the object, which shows a whitish spot. Ballester Olmos and van Utrecht suspect the witness saw a weather balloon and that the photo is the result of a development flaw. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Wim van Utrecht, [Belgium in UFO Photographs, Volume 1 \(1950–1988\)](#), FOTOCAT Report no. 7, 2017, pp. 183–196)
- 1973**, March 28 — 7:00 p.m. Two witnesses see an object with a rough triangular shape hovering at about 200 feet above trees on Stony Lane in Exeter, Rhode Island. It glows with brilliant white lights and has smaller green and red lights at the points of the triangle. The object makes a slight buzzing sound as it moves away. ("[Flap over Rhode Island](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 6 (May/June 1973): 9)
- 1973**, April — Scottish author [Duncan Lunan](#) claims he has identified and deciphered a hidden radio message sent as long delayed echoes by an alien space probe that had been detected in 1927. Published along with an accompanying editorial disclaimer, Lunan maintains that the putative message comes from an object at the L5 point in the same orbit as the Moon, sent by the inhabitants of a planet orbiting Epsilon Boötis. He says the message reads, "Start here. Our home is Epsilon Boötis, which is a double star. We live on the sixth planet of seven, coming from the sun, which is the larger of the two. Our sixth planet has one moon. Our fourth planet has three. Our first and third planets each have one. Our probe is in the position of Arcturus, known in our maps." ("Spaceprobe from Epsilon Boötis," *Spaceflight* 15, no. 4 (April 1973); Duncan Lunan, [Man and the Stars: Contact and Communication with Other Intelligence](#), Souvenir, 1974)
- 1973**, April — Southeast Missouri State University physics professor [Harley Rutledge](#) hears of numerous reports of unidentified lights in the sky around Piedmont, Missouri, and decides to subject these reports to scientific analysis. He puts together a large team of observers (the main participants are electronics engineer James Sage, astronomer [Milton Ueleke](#), and several students) with college training in the physical sciences, including a large array of equipment at 158 different viewing stations: binoculars, RF spectrum analyzers, Questar telescopes, low-high frequency audio detectors, an electromagnetic frequency analyzer, cameras, sound recorders, Geiger counters, and a galvanometer to measure variations in the Earth's gravitational field. The resulting Project Identification commences in April, logging several hundred hours of observation time and 157 documented sightings over the next seven years. This is the first UFO scientific field study, able to monitor the phenomena in real-time, enabling Rutledge to calculate the objects' actual velocity, course, position, distance, and size. Observation of the unclouded night sky often reveals "pseudostars"—stationary lights camouflaged by familiar constellations. Some objects appear to mimic the appearance of known aircraft; others violate the laws of physics. The most startling discovery is that on at least 32 recorded occasions, the movement of the lights synchronize with actions of the observers. They appear to respond to a light being switched on and off, and to verbal or radio messages. Rutledge publishes a final report, *Project Identification*, on his field research in 1981. (Harley D. Rutledge, [Project Identification: The First Scientific Field Study of UFO Phenomena](#), Prentice-Hall, 1981; Mark Rodeghier, "[Book Review: Project Identification](#)," *IUR* 7, no. 1 (January 1982): 14–16; Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, p. 249; Greg Little, "[Why Do Ufologists Largely Ignore the Most Scientific Field Study of UFOs Ever Conducted?](#)" *Alternate Perceptions*, no. 146 (March 2010); Powell, *Scientist*, 59–61)
- 1973**, April 9 — Physicist [Peter A. Sturrock](#) mails questionnaires to all 1,175 members of the San Francisco, California, Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics asking their opinions on the UFO phenomenon. He receives 423 responses from scientists who have seen things they thought could be UFOs. (Peter A. Sturrock, "[UFO Reports from AIAA Members](#)," *Astronautics and Aeronautics* 12 (May 1974): 60–64)
- 1973**, April 10 — 9:00 p.m. [Anne Marie DeBlasi](#) is driving west on US Highway 1 near South Kingstown, Rhode Island, when she notices an orange-red object moving slowly from the north. About one mile further down the road, it passes directly above her car, and the lights and ignition begin to falter. It then flies off to the west low over the

trees. It now seems to be a full 42 feet wide, yellowish-orange with a green vapor or haze around it. ("[Flap over Rhode Island](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 6 (May/June 1973): 9)

- 1973**, April 22 — 10:00 p.m. Antonio Pérez Cumbre, 19, is driving on the A-432 road north of Cazalla de la Sierra, Seville, Spain, when he sees a row of four round yellow lights on the other side of a ravine about 980 feet ahead. The two lights on the left are about 3 feet in diameter, about twice the size of the two on the right. He stops and flashes his headlights, and suddenly one of the larger lights generates a bright-violet stripe of light. Pérez turns his car around to flee, but the lights silently pass him on the left. At this point the motor of his SEAT 600 fails. The motor starts again when the lights are completely gone. Later, he sees the lights again hovering 33 feet above the road, and he drives right under them. Still later, he encounters the lights only 3 feet above the road. As he approaches, his headlights seem to be absorbed and do not stretch any further than the object. Pérez accelerates and tries to ram the lights, but when he gets about 80 feet away from them, the object moves rapidly away across the valley to the east-northeast. A couple of days later, two yellow burn marks 30 feet apart are found on the ground where the lights were first seen. (*Phénomènes Spatiaux* 37 (September 1973): 22–27; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, *A Catalogue of 200 Type-I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal*, CUFOS, 1976, pp. 40–41)
- 1973**, April 27 — [Ingo Swann](#), in a remote-viewing experiment at Stanford Research Institute, concentrates on the [Pioneer 10](#) space probe on its way to Jupiter. Monitored by [Harold Puthoff](#) and [Russell Targ](#), Swann yields 13 specific factors about Jupiter, none of which are scientifically anticipated—including the existence of a planetary ring. (Wikipedia, "[Ingo Swann](#)"; Ingo Swann, *Penetration: The Question of Extraterrestrial and Human Telepathy*, Ingo Swann Books, 1998, [pp. 18–23](#))
- 1973**, April 30 — Night. Four teenagers—Alan Wilcox, Ian Hudson, Patricia Flanagan, and Sue Yabsley—are driving south along the South West Rocks Road between Kinchela and Gladstone, New South Wales, Australia, when they notice an egg-shaped yellow and green object descending swiftly from the sky and disappearing behind some trees. After driving another 600 feet, Yabsley sees a distant glow in a paddock about one mile to the east. Wilcox turns the car around and returns to get a better look, but the headlights black out momentarily. They can see the object, about 3 feet above the ground; it now looks helmet-shaped and is changing colors. They watch it for 5 minutes, then go back to the road and drive home. (Eileen Buckle, "[Is Kempsey a UFO 'Window'?](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 6 (April 1976): 4)
- 1973**, May — A series of meetings takes place between USAF representatives (Col. [William T. Coleman](#) and Col. [George Weinbrenner](#)) and two well-connected Hollywood figures: documentarist [Robert Emenegger](#) and producer [Allan Sandler](#). The colonels encourage the pair to make a documentary on the UFO phenomenon and the question of extraterrestrial life. Not only will they have the military's full cooperation, they will also have access to their files, including those of the Department of Defense. Upon arriving at Norton Air Force Base [now San Bernardino, California, International Airport] the two men are immediately taken to a "clean room used by the CIA," designed so that "there was no way anyone could eavesdrop" on events taking place inside. Here the proposal takes place, including the promise of using 3,200 feet of a May 1971 UFO landing footage at Holloman AFB, New Mexico, that shows several of the "alien visitors" and their meeting with the representatives from the US government. Paul Shartle, chief of requirements for the Norton AFB audiovisual program, promises to get the Holloman footage. Emenegger is told that the military is monitoring signals from an alien group that their extraterrestrial visitors know nothing about. At the last minute, permission to use the film is withdrawn, though Emenegger and Sandler are encouraged to describe the Holloman landing as something that might happen in the future or could have happened. Emenegger goes to Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio to talk to Weinbrenner, who while haranguing about the need to find out about Soviet Mig-25s, hands Emenegger a signed copy of [Hynek's](#) *The UFO Experience*. (presidentialufo.com, "[Disclosure Pattern 1972–75](#)"; Clark III 357; Linda Moulton Howe, *An Alien Harvest: Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations and Human Abductions to Alien Life Forms*, Howe Productions, 2d ed., 2014, [pp. 137–139](#))
- 1973**, May 9 — [Schlesinger](#) orders all CIA officials to report on any activities that "might be construed to be outside the legislative charter of this Agency." The CIA Office of the Inspector General compiles these into a 693-page report on "potential flap activities," including surveillance of journalists, Operation Chaos, MKUltra, and mail interception. These come to be known as the Family Jewels. (Wikipedia, "[Family Jewels \(Central Intelligence Agency\)](#)")
- 1973**, May 18 — Two men at Miliscola Beach, Bacoli, Naples, Italy, see a bright disc with a dome 165 feet away over the sea. It hovers at a height of 10 feet and then moves closer. Their car engine and lights fail. The dome is bright like a white neon light, and a red light is rotating around it. After 3–4 minutes, the object lifts off and the car can be restarted. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 20)

- 1973**, May 19 — Strange, nylon-like patterns are seen in the sky above Gawler, South Australia. After falling, they vaporize when touched. (Keith Basterfield, "[Angel Hair: An Australian Perspective](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 7)
- 1973**, May 22 — 3:00 a.m. Onilson Pátero, an organizer of public libraries for the State of São Paulo, Brazil, is just outside Catanduva, after giving a ride to a stranger. First his car radio gets static and the engine begins to fail. Suddenly he notices a blue circle of light about 8 inches in diameter moving around inside his car. It passes in front of the dashboard and he sees it is transparent. Then a beam of blue light shines on him from the top of the hill he is driving up. He pulls over to avoid a collision, but the light keeps coming toward him. Overcome by a sensation of heat and stuffiness, he steps out of the car and hears a buzzing noise. The UFO is a gray structure about 25 feet thick and 36 feet wide, resembling two soup plates attached rim to rim. A tube stretches out from its base toward the ground. Pátero panics and runs about 100 feet when something holds him back. Turning, he sees that a rod of blue light from the UFO is moving above his car. The light seems to make the car transparent, allowing him to see the contents of the trunk, the wheel gears, the engine, and the interior of the body. Pátero faints. An hour later, two young men drive by and see him lying on the ground in gushing rainwater. They speed on into Catanduva and return with a policeman, Clóvis Queiros. Turning Pátero over, he regains consciousness and they take him to the hospital, where he is soon released. However, the next day he feels an itchiness on his back and stomach. Irritated patches of his skin turn purplish blue. Later, these spots turn yellow and eventually disappear. Subsequent medical examinations show no cause for the discoloration, and Pátero seems in good mental health. He experiences another encounter on April 26, which some investigators think might be a fantasy. ("[Close Encounter in Brazil](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 21, no. 6 (May/June 1973): 1, 3; "[Caso do Automovel que Ficou Transparente](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 94/98 (September 1973/June 1974): 30–40; "[Caso de Onilson Pátero](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 99/103 (July 1974/April 1975): 2–18; Gordon Creighton, "[The Car That Turned Transparent](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 3/4 (November 1975): 14–15; Brazil 154–163; "[Caso Onilson Pátero](#)," *Portal Fenomenum*, March 10, 2022; Randle, 1973, pp. 109–110)
- 1973**, May 22 — Truck driver Miguel Angel Gonzalez is driving from Tinajas to Tierra Blanca, Veracruz, Mexico, with a load of asbestos, steel, and concrete when he is forced to pull over because of an engine problem. When he gets out of the cab, he sees some very short men barring the road. He walks toward them, and they run off into the brush on one side of the road. When he returns to the truck, he finds it on fire. The blaze destroys the truck except for a few bits of metal sheeting, glass, and molten metal. (*El Comercio* (Lima), June 3, 1973; "[Truck Burnt Out by Creatures](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 6 (April 1974): 30; Ramón A. Pantoja Lopez and Robert Freeman Bound, "Chaneques: Mexican Gnomes or Interplanetary Visitors?" *Fate* 27, no. 11 (November 1974): 51–57; "[El Camión Quemado por los OVNIs](#)," *Perspectivas Ufológicas*, no. 2 (April 1994): 23–24)
- 1973**, May 24 — 7:10 p.m. About 50 people witness a large illuminated oval object moving at a slight angle above Long Reef Headland near Sydney, New South Wales. One woman claims it looks like it ascended from the ocean, where there have been reports of a stationary submarine object at the entrance to the Dee Why lagoon. (Bill Chalker, "[The Great USO Show of Oz](#)," *TheOzFiles*, August 26, 2022; Bill Chalker, "[The Rising USO Tide](#)," *TheOzFiles*, October 25, 2024)
- 1973**, May 24 — 9:20 p.m. Harley Rutledge and three other members of his Project Identification team at the municipal airport in Farmington, Missouri, see a configuration of four lights (white, red, red, white) flying silently overhead at an altitude of about 2,500 feet. Through binoculars, Rutledge can see the white lights reflecting off a metallic structure that could be anywhere from 368 to 2,600 feet across. The array moves quickly out of sight. (Harley D. Rutledge, *Project Identification: The First Scientific Field Study of UFO Phenomena*, Prentice-Hall, 1981, pp. 77–99)
- 1973**, May 27 — 2:00 a.m. A Mrs. Geni, 57, is preparing some wedding cake at her home in São José do Rio Preto, São Paulo, Brazil. Through her balcony window she sees a reflection of some kind in her walled-in backyard. When she goes to her porch door, she sees a flying object hovering above the roof of one of the rented buildings on the ground floor in the back some 50 feet away. The object is white-metallic and luminous on the bottom, about 6.5–13 feet wide and 3–6 feet high, with a kind of credenza behind which three entities can be seen. They are small with large round heads, big eyes, protruding lips, dark brown skin, small ears, long flat noses, small arms, and wearing a cap with a ball in the center. Each holds a device like a flashlight that emits a beam of different colors: green on the left, red in the middle, and orange on the right. The object emits a noise like a motor as it sways above the building, then after a few minutes it moves away beyond the horizon. Mrs. Geni goes back to work, but she now has pains in her knees, legs, and head. She screams in pain, and the young woman who rents the building in the back arrives to help. She also has heard the motor noise and confirms that Mrs. Geni's face is swollen with bloodshot eyes that last for 3 days. At about 5:00 a.m., Mrs. Geni suffers a prolapsed uterus, for which she has to undergo surgery on June 8. She gradually loses hearing in her right ear, her vision deteriorates, and spots appear

on her skin. A clock in the kitchen begins to behave erratically. In the backyard, a dwarf coconut palm and a jaboticabeira tree (*Plinia cauliflora*) both lose their leaves prematurely. ("[Caso dos Anões de São José do Rio Preto](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 121/125 (March/Dec. 1978): 15–19; Brazil 163–166)

1973, May or June — 11:00 p.m.. Lance Corporal Mike Perrin and another soldier named Carvell from Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire, England, are participating in a radio exercise on Bellerby Moor about 15 miles to the southwest. Perrin parks his Land Rover on the side of a small road to await instructions. The two-way radio begins to crackle, the voices break up, and the set goes completely dead. The headlights also fade and go out. They try switching channels to no avail. Perrin is about the start up the Land Rover when he sees a strange aircraft above and to the left. It flies silently toward them and stops about 328 feet away, hovering 10 feet above the ground. The object is shaped like a rugby ball and has a row of small circular windows through which white lights are flashing. Vapor seems to be issuing from the bottom, and a buzzing sound emanates from it. They notice that a nearby herd of cows seems frozen on the spot. After 5–10 minutes, the object ascends silently and disappears over the woods. The headlights and radio start working again. The next afternoon, they return to the spot and find a burned circle of grass about 30 feet across. (Barry M. King, "[Soldiers' Close Encounter on a Yorkshire Moor](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 1 (June 1978): 23–24)

1973, June — Eduardo Calle is driving along a country road near Orense, Buenos Aires, Argentina, when his engine fails. He gets out to inspect and sees a bright round object rise up from a nearby field and vanish at immense speed. Police find a round hole and scorched grass in the field. Fungi of an unfamiliar species are beginning to grow on the spot. (*La Crónica* (Buenos Aires), June 1973; "[Tres Arroyos Round-up](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 6 (April 1974): 29)

1973, June — According to an informant of [Leonard H. Stringfield](#), a UFO is shot down by a surface-to-air missile from a US Navy destroyer in the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and the mainland after it is tracked on radar and makes three passes close to the ship. The object falls into water that is about 350 feet deep and is retrieved by a Glomar Explorer, shipped to Hawaii, then sent stateside and finally to Chicago. The informant, an instructor in Gunnery School at the Naval Station Great Lakes in Lake County, Illinois, is assigned to guard the object in a Quonset hut in September 1973, with orders not to let anyone nearer than 300 feet. He glimpses it one time, and it appears to be a metallic, teardrop-shaped craft, 30 feet long and 10 feet high, "with a flange running along its topside from one end to the other." (Leonard H. Stringfield, *UFO Crash Retrievals: Status Report III, Amassing the Evidence*, The Author, June 1982, [p. 89](#))

1973, June 4 — 2:00 a.m. Jill Cotmore wakes up in her home near Tyringham, New South Wales, with an uneasy feeling. She lights a cigarette and the room is immediately engulfed in a bright light, even though the windows have heavy curtains. It is so bright that she can't even see a cupboard 3 feet away from her. Outside, her horse is going berserk. Suddenly, the light is gone. The next day, she finds the horse frothing, and it had apparently been running around the house during the night. This takes place in the middle of a concentration of UFO reports in the area. (Bill Chalker, "[An Australian Chronicle, Part Two](#)," *APRO Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 4)

1973, June 19 — 7:12 p.m. Physicist [Harley Rutledge](#) sees a dull gray object flying slowly near his house in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. It has no wings or tail and is shaped like a stubby bullet. It changes to an olive drab color. After he grabs his binoculars, it disappears. (Harley D. Rutledge, *Project Identification*, Prentice-Hall, [pp. 139–140](#); Covert 56, 70)

1973, June 28 — 12:30 a.m. University of Missouri animal care technician James G. Richards, 41, and his daughter Vanea, 16, hear a loud, persistent, thrashing sound outside their house trailer in Columbia, Missouri. Richards moves to the window and sees two bright, silver-white light beams about 5 feet apart from each other and 50 feet away from his window. The beams disappear, and a glowing bright oval form appears, about 12–15 feet in diameter, lighting up the area. The thrashing sound is apparently made by trees moving as if blown by wind, and after the oval form appears, this sound suddenly ceases. As Richards moves from window to window, he notices his dogs lying very still near the corner of the trailer that is nearest to the oval object. The dogs are large security animals that are not easily frightened. Richards thinks it strange they are not barking at all the noise and the bright lights. The object moves away to 200 feet from the window and hovers, and now, less bright to the eye, the witnesses can see a blue band of light and an orange glow extending around the outer edge of the oval. The oval moves back near its original position and disappears by growing smaller before police arrive at 1:45 a.m. Later searches uncover broken tree limbs, damaged foliage, scorched leaves up to a height of 35 feet, and impressions on the ground as deep as 2 feet. (NICAP, "[Columbia, Missouri: June 28, 1973](#)"; Ted Phillips, "[Landing at Columbia, Missouri](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 19, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1973): 18–25; Richard H. Hall, *Uninvited Guests*, Aurora, 1988, [pp. 268–270](#); UFOEv II 61–62; "[James G. Richards Saw a UFO Land near His Mobile Home in Columbia, Missouri on June 28, 1973](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 31, 2023; "[UFO](#)

[Landing Witnessed by James G. Richards and Daughter on June 28, 1973; Investigated by Ted Phillips.](#)” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, June 19, 2024)

- 1973**, July — [David Rockefeller](#) founds the Trilateral Commission in Tokyo, Japan, to foster closer cooperation between Japan, Western Europe, and North America. It initiates its biannual meetings in October in Tokyo. (Wikipedia, “[Trilateral Commission](#)”)
- 1973**, July 7 — 10:00 p.m. A Mrs. Good is closing the curtains of her house at Porthcothan Bay, Cornwall, England, when she sees two dark semi-cigar-shaped objects hovering over the bay. They are positioned on either side of a glowing, symmetrical ring. After a few seconds, the ring enters the left object and the two shoot off at terrific speed upward. The remaining object follows the same path a short time afterward. She reports the sighting to the nearby RAF St. Mawgan, which explains the sighting as “sun dogs.” (UFOFiles2, [pp. 86–87](#))
- 1973**, July 12–16 — A fire destroys some 16–18 million official military personnel records at the Military Personnel Records Center in Overland, Missouri. The losses to federal military records collection include 80% loss to records of US Army personnel discharged November 1, 1912, to January 1, 1960; 75% loss to records of US Air Force personnel discharged September 25, 1947, to January 1, 1964, with names alphabetically after Hubbard, James E.; and some US Army Reserve personnel who performed their initial active duty for training in the late 1950s but who received final discharge as late as 1964. None of the records have duplicate copies, nor are there microfilm copies. No index of these records was made prior to the fire. (Wikipedia, “[National Personnel Records Center fire](#)”; Kevin D. Randle, “[Military Records](#),” *IUR* 33, no. 4 (May 2011): 5)
- 1973**, July 21 — 9:00 p.m. Yves Rinaldi is driving on the winding D139 road in Gavignano, Corsica, France. About 20 seconds after he passes another car on the steep incline, he feels paralyzed, the engine stops, the lights go out, and his radio dies. He feels overwhelmingly cold and his eyes are watering. Shooting up from the scrubland ahead of him is a bright object, spinning rapidly, that passes over his car and moves behind him. After it is gone, the engine starts up automatically without Rinaldi consciously reactivating it, the lights come on again, and the radio starts playing. (J. C. Dufour and P. de Lormont, “[From Our Corsican Notebook, 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 6 (April 1978): 31–32)
- 1973**, July 25 — 1:35 p.m. A Canadian Pacific Air Lines DC-8 is flying west at 31,000 feet above the eastern coast of Baffin Island, Nunavut, when the pilot sees a “large balloon in close proximity” and radios air traffic control to report it. He says it is 200 feet in diameter and 3 miles away and has been paralleling their course for 5–6 minutes at a speed of 575 mph. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 89)
- 1973**, July 26 — A secret US State Department airgram on “Guidance for Dealing with Space Objects Which Have Returned to Earth” refers to Project Moon Dust: “the designator MOONDUST is used in cases of non-US space objects or objects of unknown origin.” (Christopher D. Allen, “[Dubious Truth about the Roswell Crash](#),” *IUR* 19, no. 3 (May/June 1994): 14)
- 1973**, July 27 — A 16-year-old UFO buff finds and photographs some strange marks on the ground near Lago d’Idro, Brescia, Italy. In 1977 he undergoes hypnotic regression and realizes he has been touched by a human shape that makes him lose consciousness. When he wakes up he is being sucked into an aerial object through an opening at its base. He finds himself in a round room with four beings. Then a woman comes in and the entities begin moving around and touching him. He is paralyzed and can only move his eyes. He is then taken to another room and directed to sit on a chair as the UFO lands in the spot where he had been before. He then leaves the object and watches it take off. He picks up his camera and photographs the ground traces. (Paolo Fiorino, Gian Paolo Grassino, and Antonio Chiumiento, “[Abductions in Italy](#),” *IUR* 14, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1989): 15)
- 1973**, August — A Minuteman ICBM missile launched from Vandenberg AFB [now Vandenberg Space Force Base] in Santa Barbara County, California, is descending in the Pacific Ocean near Kwajalein Atoll. Radar scanners at Kwajalein are tracking the nose cone, which has separated from the third stage. At about 400,000 feet, the operators find they are also tracking an object in the shape of an inverted saucer to the right and above the nose cone. It crosses the warhead’s trajectory, then disappears below and to the left of it. The object is estimated to be 10 feet high and 40 feet long. (“[No Explanation Found for ‘Ghost Ships](#),” *St. Catharines (Ont.) Standard*, July 17, 1974, p. 13; ClearIntent, [pp. 69–70](#))
- 1973**, August — 10:30 p.m. Three people are sitting in their front yard in West Seneca, New York, when they hear a low hum coming from an object above their garage. It is a silvery half-egg with glowing orange-and-blue overtones. It begins a slow descent toward the roof, and when it is only 5 feet away, one of the witnesses yells for it to stop. The object stops, hovers briefly, and shoots away straight upward. One of the witnesses hears the same hum at about the same time two days later, and the same object appears, moving down the street. The object is only 3–4 feet above the pavement and covers the width of the road. The witness approaches it, and it stops at the end of his

driveway. He walks toward it and gets only 4–5 feet from it without feeling any heat. When his dog barks, he backs away. The object waits a moment, then slowly moves 20 feet down the street, quickly rises, and vanishes rapidly at a 45° angle. (Michael D. Swords, “[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 23–24)

- 1973**, Between August 3–6 — Night. A woman and her children are watching the stars in their backyard in San Antonio, Texas. Two “very perfect” cumulus clouds move into view low above them. A perfectly round sphere with a green glow slowly emerges from the top of the cloud on the left. Soon they see lightning going back and forth from the two clouds but never toward the ground. One lightning bolt hits the sphere and red sparks fly out, whereupon the sphere slowly reenters the cloud. The clouds remain stationary for 35–40 minutes until the sphere disappears, then they float on. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[Mystery Clouds and the UFO Connection](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 18)
- 1973**, August 12 — 12:30 a.m. Mr. M. Carr and several others experience slight mechanical trouble with their car near Broxburn, West Lothian, Scotland, as a fast-moving starlike object passes across the sky for 15 seconds. (D. N. Mansell, “[Some Recent British UFO Reports](#),” *Awareness* 2, no. 4 (Winter 1973): 16.
- 1973**, August 28 — 10:00 p.m. Journalists Titus Zăgrean and Ion Moise are driving near Budacu de Jos, Romania, when they see a big milky-white light in the sky approaching the road they are on. As it crosses the road, they see it is rotating and about 3 feet in diameter. Moving to the west, it veers sharply to the north, accelerates, changes color to yellow-orange then red, and departs at fantastic speed. (Romania 40)
- 1973**, August 31 — After 12:00 midnight. In Dawson, Georgia, four US government workers stop a police patrol car on State Highway 118 and report seeing two weird objects in the sky. Dawson Police Capt. Rocky Wiggins and Patrolmen Larry Fincher and Gary Ellington see one bright UFO northeast of town and another southwest of town. The lights change colors from white to reddish orange to greenish-yellow. At 12:40, Wiggins calls the Georgia Highway Patrol in Albany, which contacts Naval Air Station Albany, which cannot see any lights or track anything on radar. Sometime between 1:30 a.m. and 2:45 a.m., two more objects are spotted to the northeast near the Lee County line. (“[UFOs Invade Southwest Georgia Skies, But Depart Quietly](#),” *Albany (Ga.) Herald*, August 31, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 53–54 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 19–20)
- 1973**, August 31 — 1:00 a.m. Georgia State Trooper A. I. Cahill is with Sgt. Jerry Crawley and Officer John Harris and others on the Americus, Georgia, police department when they see a bright white light moving sporadically above South Lee Street toward the southeast. Another officer in Leesburg, Georgia, describes it as stationary with “round, with orange, red, green, and blue lights.” Robert Welch, a police dispatcher in Camilla, Georgia, watches with seven others a light that hovers for 3.5 hours. (“[Unidentified Flying Objects Viewed in Area](#),” *Americus (Ga.) Times-Recorder*, August 31, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 53–54 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 1)
- 1973**, August 31 — 1:00 a.m. Georgia State Patrolman William Revel and another patrolman are at Dawson Road near Ledo Road in Albany, Georgia, as they watch three UFOs maneuvering in the sky. They appear round and rapidly change colors from bright red to blue to yellow to green to a vivid orange. The largest object is the most active and seems to turn sideways and seems to acquire a “spur” on its left side. The two smaller objects remain on either side of the larger one. After 30 minutes, the smaller object to the right of the larger one moves straight up, stops, and resumes changing colors. A few minutes later, two more objects appear and shoot across the sky beneath the other three. By this time, the witnesses include Lee County law enforcement officials, an Albany city commissioner, and news reporter Suzanne Shingler, who writes that the objects are flashing like neon signs gone mad.” Revel continues watching until 3:00 a.m. Reports begin to come in over the police car radio of objects, also changing colors rapidly, being seen all over southwest Georgia. Macon police on Hendley Street see two objects hovering above a sports field, while a fire department unit pursues a UFO as far as Interstate 75 near Hartley Bridge Road before losing it. (“[They Looked Like ‘Neons Gone Mad](#),” *Albany (Ga.) Herald*, August 31, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 53–54 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 19; “[Lights Reported in Macon Again](#),” *Macon (Ga.) News*, September 1, 1973, p. 1; “[Pentagon Dodges Inquiry on UFOs](#),” *Albany (Ga.) Sunday Herald*, September 2, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 53–54 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 10; “[Wave of Reports Hits Georgia](#),” *UFO Investigator*, October 1973, pp. 1–2)
- 1973**, September — [Jenny Randles](#) and David Rees found the Manchester Aerial Phenomena Investigation Team in the Greater Manchester area, England. It publishes the *Skywatch* newsletter through early 1982. ([Skywatch](#), no. 1 (September 1973))
- 1973**, September 3 — Early morning. Two policemen in Manchester, Georgia, spot a white, glowing object with blue lights speeding around the sky. Through binoculars, the object appears to have something hanging underneath it. (“[UFOs Sighted over Georgia](#),” *San Francisco (Calif.) Examiner*, September 3, 1973, p. 7; “[Cylinder Identified](#),” *UFO Investigator*, October 1973, p. 3)

- 1973, September 3** — Night. An unidentified man rushes into police headquarters in Athens, Georgia, and claims that a bright object with four flashing lights had swooped toward his car along a highway. The UFO nearly landed, descending to about 15 feet before it climbed up again. The police think he looks like he has “really seen something,” but Lt. Col. Richard Davies, an information officer at Robins AFB east of Warner Robins, Georgia, tells the press that the recent reports are the first he’s heard about in a while, but the Air Force is no longer investigating them. (“[UFO Scares Heck out of Georgian.](#)” *Lincoln (Nebr.) Journal Star*, September 3, 1973, p. 21)
- 1973, September 4** — [William Colby](#) is named director of central intelligence to succeed [James R. Schlesinger](#), who leaves on July 2 to become Secretary of Defense.
- 1973, September 8** — Night. Two military policemen, Spec/4 Bart J. Burns and Spec/4 Randy Shade, are on routine patrol at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia, when they see a shadowy object with flashing lights moving around in the distance. It is traveling rapidly east to west at an altitude of about 2,000 feet. After about 10 minutes, they see the object coming swiftly toward them at treetop level. It dives toward their car, passes closely above them, and forces them to drive into a ditch. It then hovers about 600 feet away, flashing blue, white, and amber lights as they struggle to get the car out of the ditch. The object disappears when they drive back to headquarters. (“[GIs Say UFO Forced Patrol Car off Road.](#)” *Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution*, September 9, 1973, p. 23-B; “[Wave of Reports Hits Georgia.](#)” *UFO Investigator*, October 1973, p. 1; Randle, 1973, p. 14; “[Eyewitnesses Talk about the 1973 Fort Stewart / Hunter Army Airfield \(Savannah, GA\) UFO Sightings.](#)” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, July 3, 2024)
- 1973, September 9** — 4:30 a.m. A news team from WAGA-TV in Atlanta is interviewing UFO witnesses outside the Georgia State Patrol office in Manchester, Georgia, when someone notices two small “orbs of light” in the distance. One light dims and seems to move away, while the other becomes brighter and displays varying colors. Cameraman Daniel Keever takes about 90 seconds of 16mm color film of the second object. He waits 30 minutes as it hovers and makes another brief exposure. Although the footage merely shows a blob, one of the newsmen says the object looks cigar-shaped with shadow patterns on the surface. (“[TV Crew Captures Strange Image.](#)” *UFO Investigator*, October 1973, pp. 1, 3)
- 1973, September 9** — Night. A deputy sheriff answers a call from Mrs. Hugh D. Beall in Griffin, Georgia, about an object hovering above her house at tree-top level. She says the object is making a funny noise and has gold, red, and green lights on the bottom. The deputy investigates and sees “two red lights descending slowly to earth.” Then the lights disappear. (“[UFO Chases Military Police.](#)” *Mount Airy (N.C.) News*, September 11, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 53–54 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 8)
- 1973, September 11** — Chilean President [Salvador Allende](#) is overthrown by the armed forces and national police in a coup d’état with the covert support of the CIA. (Wikipedia, “[United States intervention in Chile](#)”)
- 1973, September 14** — 2:00 a.m. Roy Lawhorn wakes up in his home in Brooks, Georgia, to a sound like buzzing locusts and a bright light outside his window. He grabs his rifle because the lights looks like it is approaching. He shoots at it 3-4 times, but the light “disappeared into the ground.” It leaves a charred spot in the dirt road about 30 feet from the house. Oscar E. Anderson, a soil specialist at the University of Georgia’s Agricultural Experiment Station in Griffin, examines the site and notes markings that cover an area 1 foot long by 6–8 inches wide. Underneath the top layer of soil is a wide area of charred earth and organic matter. (“[‘The Devil’: Frightened Farmer Shoots at UFO.](#)” *Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution*, September 18, 1973, p. 1)
- 1973, September 17** — 9:00 p.m. Anne Taylor is walking to her farm in Romford, Essex, England, after walking her three dogs when she sees a green light near the cowshed. She continues watching the light, which starts moving toward her slowly. Her two terriers are whining and cringing. The light approaches to within a few feet of her, about 12 feet above the ground. It is completely silent. Her watch has stopped, and her spine begins to tingle. She hears a jet plane in the distance, and the light goes out. She hears an “electric whirring” and the green ball shoots straight up. Her dogs return to normal behavior, and her watch starts up again when she returns to the house. (UFOFiles2, [p. 86](#))
- 1973, September 23** — 5:00 a.m. A truck driver is driving to work near Tyler, Texas, when a small “cub airplane” seems to fly directly in front of another car on the highway, nearly causing a wreck. The plane flies up over the side of the road and hovers above some trees. Then it changes into a cigar shape with lights. The driver gets out of his truck to watch. The cigar moves off then returns with a new, round shape. It lights up with many multicolored lights and moves above a nearby house. It makes a low, “loop-loop-loop” thumping sound. Then a large, bright, square light descends and swings from the other object. It approaches the truck, then swings back and forth. He tries to jump back in the truck but apparently passes out. He later notices he has some marks on his hip and shoulder. He does remember seeing the UFO change from a round shape into a triangle, and then move out of sight. (Michael D. Swords, “[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files.](#)” *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 24; Michael D. Swords, “[Timmerman’s Triangles.](#)” *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 17)

- 1973**, September 23 — 8:41 p.m. After a local resident reports seeing a UFO hovering above the Tennessee Highway Patrol office at 6348 Summer Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, deputies [Philip L. Pilalas](#) and J. O. Davis investigate and see the object as well. They describe it as a large fixed-wing aircraft flying at 500–1,000 feet with steady white and red lights on each wing. Thinking it is a police helicopter, they flash their spotlight at it. The object flashes back with its white lights. But when the deputies turn on their car's blue lights to see what reaction they get, the object douses all its lights and vanishes with a humming noise. This is followed by a 2-minute unexplained blackout on one of their radio frequencies. Other UFOs are seen in East Memphis and Frayser the remainder of the night. ("[Many Report UFO in Shelby County](#)," *Memphis (Tenn.) Press-Scimitar*, September 24, 1973, p. 16)
- 1973**, September 24 (approximately) — Rose Williamson, her father, and her sister are allegedly harassed for several days by two 7–8 feet tall "space monsters" with pointed ears at their home in Sidney, North Carolina, northeast of Tabor City. The beings float above the ground leaving no footprints and can leap 60–100 feet. Another witness claims to have seen one drinking from a car radiator, and yet another saw one wearing ragged clothes and brogan shoes studded with rhinestones. Williamson is later arrested for firing a shotgun several times at the creature in a public area. A radio disc jockey at WTAB-AM in Tabor City, Ken Williamson (no relation) visits the area early on September 25 and supposedly sees one of the beings. ("["Space Monster" Reports Create Uproar in Tabor City Vicinity](#)," Lumberton (N.C.) *Robesonian*, September 30, 1973, pp. 1–2; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, May 1976, p. 9)
- 1973**, September 29 — A woman hears her dog barking and looks out the window of her home in Hollywood, Florida. For 3–4 minutes she observes a solid, oval-shaped object with slightly obtuse-angled ends. It is glowing red-orange, brighter at the edges than in the center. The object moves back and forth in a pendulum-like motion and its brightness pulsates roughly every 2 seconds, matching the swinging. There are no other known witnesses, but a local newspaper reports a similar colored light seen shortly after this sighting. ("[Sighting Advisory](#)," *UFO Investigator*, December 1973, p. 3)
- 1973**, September 29 — Night. Obion County Sheriff [Nathan Cunningham](#) watches three silent UFOs race over his house in Union City, Tennessee. There is a bright glow in the center of each, and red, blue, and green lights are flashing around them. They hover in one area for as long as 15 minutes, then move to another area. He estimates they are about 10–12 square feet in size. An additional 20 witnesses nearby also see the objects. George and Vicki Rogers see a bright red light swoop down low enough to light up an acre and a half of land, nearly causing a seven-car pileup on State Highway 78 near Reelfoot Lake. ("[UFOs Spotted in Area](#)," *Paducah (Ky.) Sun-Democrat*, October 3, 1973, pp. 1–2; "[Hundreds of People Are Reporting UFOs: Sightings Increase Daily](#)," *Skylook*, no. 72 (November 1973): 9)
- 1973**, September 30 — Night. Patrolman [Flanning Glover Jr.](#) and other law enforcement officers see a moving light above Collierville, Tennessee. It appears orange at times, then changes back to black. The police shine a spotlight on it, but the light goes out, then reappears in a different place. ("[UFOs Play Return Engagements](#)," *Memphis (Tenn.) Press-Scimitar*, October 1, 1973, p. 19)
- 1973**, September 30 — 9:30 p.m. Jesse Dunnigan and a friend are returning from a movie when they spot a bright light in the sky near his home at 4814 Timberwood Drive North in Columbus, Ohio. They stop to watch the pulsating light, which soon swoops down in a zig-zag pattern and disappears below the trees. The next morning he finds an apparent "landing site" in a field of waist-high weeds about a quarter mile south of Hall Road just west of Interstate 270. ("[Man Claims Semi-Oval UFO Landed in West Side Field](#)," *Columbus (Ohio) Evening Dispatch*, October 1, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 55 (November 1973): 4)
- 1973**, Late September or early October — M. Chubert is riding his motorcycle to work in Puy Verday, Cher, France, when his cycle misfires and stops and a bright light appears on the road ahead. He sees it is an oval object, with smoke underneath, hovering. A man suddenly appears and walks up to Chubert, putting his left hand on his shoulder and offering "reassuring words." The man is about 6 feet tall and wearing a silvery uniform. A large helmet rests on his shoulders with a snorkel-like tube on the left side. His face seems to be covered with a nylon stocking with slitted eyes, and he is carrying something that looks like a pistol in his left hand. After asking where Chubert is going, the man says he must return to the object and warns him not to get too close. After he enters it from below, the object rises vertically with a sound like a swarm of bees. The motorcycle then restarts manually. (Jean Debois and Dominique Bettini, "[Nohant-en-Gout \(Cher\), Lieu dit Puy-Verday \(Octobre 1973\)](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 140 (December 1974): 17–18.)
- 1973**, Autumn — Late night. 1st Lt. Walter F. Billings is a deputy crew commander at the Francis E. Warren AFB Golf launch control capsule missile site northwest of Sidney, Nebraska. Over UHF radio, he hears the crew at LCC India, southwest of Sunol, Nebraska, order its security guards to investigate an alarm at one of India's 10 launch

sites. The guards find that the inner security alarm has also been triggered, meaning that something has penetrated the security fence surrounding the site. They find a large, bright UFO hovering above the site. One minute later, the UFO moves off slowly for several thousand feet then zooms off at a high rate of speed. All crews on duty that night are told not to say anything to the public or media about anything they heard on UHF radio that night. (Nukes 338–339)

- 1973**, October — [J. Allen Hynek](#) and Sherman J. Larsen establish what will become the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, with Larsen's existing Public Education Group as a base. ("[Center for UFO Studies Explained](#)," *Skylook* 76 (March 1974): 6–7; Clark III 627; Sherman J. Larsen, "[The Founding of CUFOs](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 3 (May/June 1986): 13–14; Graff 252–253)
- 1973**, October — Night. Sgt. Michael D. Jenkins of the 96th Security Police Squadron is stationed at Dyess AFB southwest of Abilene, Texas, when a major alert goes off at the base after a large ball of light is reported hovering 100–150 feet above igloo bunkers housing nuclear weapons. Twelve police with M-16s are sent to the Weapons Storage Area, and an incoming C-130 is asked to do a fly-by of the area to get a look at the object. Three K-9 teams that normally patrol the perimeter report that their dogs are afraid and acting up. An order to fire on the object comes from Strategic Air Command Headquarters Offutt AFB near Bellevue, Nebraska. Jenkins hears gunfire and sees a bluish-white streak as the object speeds off. As it leaves, it drops a trail of "angel hair" all the way from the weapons area to the southwest perimeter of the base. The angel hair hangs around on the area ropes and buildings for three days. On the third day it rains and the material dissolves, completely disappearing. (Robert L. Hastings, "[UFO Fired Upon As It Hovered over Nuclear Bomb Storage Facility, Says Former USAF Security Policeman](#)," *UFOs & Nukes*, December 1, 2017)
- 1973**, Early October — Driving home after his cleaning job in Armidale, New South Wales, University of New England student Graham E. travels along the Bundurra Road, then turns left onto the road that leads to the Mount Butler property where he lives. Just as he passes the university ionosphere research receiver, he sees a cigar-shaped object float up directly ahead of him at a tilted angle. He stops the car and watches it for 10–15 seconds, after which it rotates four times and shoots off at an oblique angle. (Bill Chalker, "[Confronting UFOs and UAP: Remembering October 1973](#)," *The OzFiles*, October 22, 2023)
- 1973**, October 3 — 6:15 a.m. Eddie Webb is driving a tractor-trailer rig on Interstate 55 near the Old Orchard Road exit southeast of Jackson, Missouri. He sees a bright, turnip-shaped object approaching rapidly behind him and covering both lanes of the highway. It appears to be in three sections: the top and bottom are spinning and aluminum colored, while the center section is steady and made up of glittering red and yellow lights. He wakes up his wife, who is sleeping in the cab, but she can't see anything. Webb sticks his head out the window for a better look and seconds later is blinded by a bright flash that feels like a ball of fire hitting him on the head and face. His glasses fall off, hindering his vision, but he manages to stop the truck. Webb screams that he is burned and can't see. The plastic frames of Webb's glasses are warped by heat, and one of the lenses has fallen out. Mrs. Webb drives him to the Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, and the highway patrol sends the glasses to physicist Harley Rutledge at Southwest Missouri State University [now Missouri State University] in Springfield for analysis. He finds that the frames have been heated internally from a source that came from the left side. Webb's vision slowly returns, and an ophthalmologist says that his eyes are not permanently damaged. (John G. Adney and Reginald E. Mitchell, "[Encounter with UFO Frightening](#)," *Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian*, October 4, 1973; "['UFO-Distorted' Glasses Examined](#)," *Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian*, October 5, 1973; "[Missouri Truck Driver Temporarily Blinded by 'Fire Ball' from UFO](#)," *Skylook*, no. 72 (November 1973): 5–6; John F. Schuessler and Edward F. O'Herin, "Truck Driver Injured by UFO: The Eddie Doyle Webb Case," in *MUFON 1993 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, 1993, pp. 60–84)
- 1973**, October 4 — Early evening. Gary J. Chopic, a petroleum consultant, is driving home on the Simi Valley Freeway near Chatsworth, California, when he sees a blimp-like object just above the crest of mountain peaks in Santa Susana Pass. As he drives closer, he sees an elliptical object with a clear bubble dome on top hovering 80–100 feet away in a canyon about 10 feet off the ground, swaying back and forth "like a boat at anchor." A V-like insignia or aperture covers an entire side. A hose-like protrusion about 8 feet long and 1 foot in diameter extends from the bottom. Chopic sees some motion inside the bubble, and a humanoid being appears around the side of the craft, sees him, scrambles back to the other side, and reenters the craft. He hears a clicking sound, and the bubble rotates and retracts. A foglike vapor envelopes the object, and he notices a sweet odor as the craft takes off with a whining or low humming sound and disappears. (*Santa Ana (Calif.) Register*, October 31, 1973; "[California Man Has Good View of UFO—And Occupant](#)," *Skylook*, no. 73 (December 1973): 4–5; "[Workers See Strange Disc](#)," *UFO Research Newsletter* 3, no. 8 (December 1973/January 1974): 3; UFOEv II 488)
- 1973**, October 6 — 12:45 a.m. A couple strolling along a country road near St.-Mathias-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, see a bright light like a projector emanating from a nearby field. Later, at 11:30 a.m., the woman is hanging clothes on a

line in her backyard when she notices a column of smoke rising from fields in the north. She calls over two workmen doing repairs at her home, and they see a yellowish object like a tent near the smoke. Soon a square, yellow object resembling a bulldozer emerges from the tent and travels about 180 feet to a small spring. Between the two objects, moving around in the field, are five “little people” about 4 feet tall performing various actions. Assuming them to be boy scouts, the witnesses notice they are wearing some kind of helmets and clothing that is the same color as the tent. The witnesses return to their work and 20 minutes later someone notices that the objects and figures have disappeared. The couple’s daughter returns in half an hour and goes to check the location. She finds a large, circular patch of burned and crushed grass about 45 feet in diameter, as well as two tracklike marks, each about 6 inches wide. Returning, the daughter feels ill with headache and nausea. A month later, UFO investigators arrive and find additional marks in the shape of a triangle. (“[Five Occupants, Two Landed Objects](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1974): 1, 3; Wido Hoville, “[Reports from Quebec](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 1 (1974): 20, 22; Wido Hoville, “[Un atterrissage à Saint-Mathias de Chambly](#),” *UFO-Quebec*, no. 1 (1975): 6–9; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 106–107; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), November 7, 2007)

1973, October 6 — 6:10 a.m. [Cole](#) and [Letha Barnhill](#) are wakened by the barking of their dogs, and they see a bright red light outside their home in Hartsville, South Carolina. The light is coming from a round, red object hovering in the sky just below the treetops and not more than 210 feet away. They watch it for 15–20 seconds and then it blinks out. None of the neighbors see it, but about the same time [Heyward Byrd](#) is driving to his job at the Sonoco Products Company when he sees a light coming from a bright object to the right of the Carolina Power and Light plant at Lake Robinson. (“[UFO Sighted in Hartsville?](#)” *Darlington County (S.C.) Tribune*, October 18, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 55 (November 1973): 12)

1973, October 7 — Night. Constable Charlie Delk is investigating reports of lights in the sky around Wilson Drive in Petal, Mississippi, when he notices a top-shaped object with yellow lights above Petal High School. He follows it north to the Jones–Forrest County line. Its lights are flashing and it is making noise. Delk follows in further north, but his car dies completely after 3 miles. It remains inoperable for 15 minutes, then starts up again. He continues to follow the light across State Highway 29 and through Overt, then it makes a double flip and disappears. (“[Constable Tells of Chasing Mysterious UFO for 30 Miles](#),” *Hattiesburg (Miss.) American*, October 8, 1973, p. 1; “[Man Chases UFO for 30 Miles](#),” *Huntsville (Ala.) News*, October 9, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 55 (November 1973): 8; Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, CUFOS, 1981, p. 58)

1973, October 10 — 7:00 p.m. A family in Niantic, Connecticut, watches two greenish discs and a white sphere maneuvering over a nearby lake. Odd clouds seem to be accompanying the two discs. One disc and its cloud disappear, while the other disc flies in and out of its cloud as if playing “peekaboo.” (Herbert S. Taylor, “[Mystery Clouds and the UFO Connection](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 18; National UFO Records Center, “[NUFORC UFO Sighting 31579](#)”)

1973, October 11 — 4:30 p.m. In Connersville, Indiana, Terry Eversole and his sister see a silver domed disc with a segmented compartment with three green doors on the bottom. After several seconds it shoots off toward the horizon and disappears. At 7:30 p.m., Bill Tremper and about 50 others in Connersville see an oval object with a pale-yellow light on top. It moves across the sky and hovers above a restricted area. It then settles on the ground for some 30 minutes before lifting off, hovering again, and disappearing. (Randle, 1973, p. 21)

1973, October 11 — Dusk. A young mother in rural Tanner Williams, Alabama, calls her 3-year-old son inside for supper. Toddling through the door, he says that he has been “playing with some old monster.” She forgets the incident until early the next morning, when the boy declares he wants to go outside and play with the monster again. Then she sees the headlines in the morning newspaper on October 12 about the Parker–Hickson abduction in Pascagoula, Mississippi, only 30 miles away and becomes alarmed. She asks her son what the monster looked like and he replies, “He was all gray and his skin was wrinkled. He had pointy ears.” (“[Youngster’s ‘Monster’ Causes Stir](#),” *Pottstown (Pa.) Mercury*, October 19, 1973, p. 1; David Webb, *1973: Year of the Humanoids*, CUFOS, May 1976, p. 12)

1973, October 11 — Around 7:00 p.m. Two men, 19-year-old Calvin Parker and 42-year old [Charles E. Hickson Sr.](#), both of Gautier, Mississippi, are fishing in the Pascagoula River when they hear a buzzing noise behind them. Both turn and are terrified to see a 10-foot-wide, 8-foot-high, glowing egg-shaped object with blue lights at its front hovering just above the ground about 40 feet from the riverbank. As the men, frozen with fright, watch, a door appears in the object and three strange beings float just above the river towards them. The two become numb and paralyzed as the entities carry them into the UFO. Some kind of “eye” device scans them before they are released 20 minutes later. They first contact Keesler AFB in Biloxi, but no one is interested; then they drive to the offices of the *Mississippi Press Register* a few blocks away, but it is closed. So they call the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office to report their encounter, and they arrive there at 10:30 p.m. At one point during 2 hours of intense grilling

by Sheriff [Fred R. Diamond](#), they are left alone in an interrogation room where they are unknowingly tape recorded while they continue to speak to each other about the abduction, emotionally distressed. (Wikipedia, “[Pascagoula Abduction](#)”; NICAP, “[The Hickson/Parker Incident](#)”; “[The Pascagoula Affair](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 1, 3–4; Clark III 893–898; Charles Hickson and William Mendez, *UFO Contact at Pascagoula*, Wendelle C. Stevens, 1983; UFOEv II 534–535; Calvin Parker, *Pascagoula: The Closest Encounter: My Story*, Flying Disk, 2018; Billy Watkins, “[A Look Back: Charles Hickson Talks of His Abduction by a UFO in Pascagoula](#),” *Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger*, August 16, 2018; Calvin Parker, *Pascagoula: The Story Continues: New Evidence and New Witnesses*, Flying Disk, 2019; “[Charles Hickson: 1975 Interview with a Man Who Claims He Was Abducted by Aliens](#),” NICAP Official YouTube channel, April 12, 2022; “[Calvin Parker: Pascagoula Man Says He Had an Encounter with Aliens \(Fox News\)](#),” NICAP Official YouTube channel, April 12, 2022; Randle, 1973, pp. 50–75, 198–212; “[Calvin Parker Talks about His Life after the 1973 Pascagoula Alien Abduction Experience, 1989](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 8, 2022; Philip Mantle and Irena Scott, *Beyond Reasonable Doubt: The Pascagoula Alien Abduction*, Flying Disk Press, 2023; “[In Contact: Rare Documentary with Calvin Parker and Charles Hickson on the Pascagoula UFO Incident](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, September 6, 2023; Philip Mantle, “[Historic Audio Files of the 1973 Pascagoula Encounter Recovered from the ‘Lost’ APRO Files](#),” Philip Mantle Facebook page, December 30, 2023; Graff 257–258; Joe Nickell, “[The Pascagoula Abduction: A Case of Hypnagogia?](#)” in Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Richard Heiden, eds., *The Reliability of UFO Witness Testimony*, UPIAR, 2023, pp. 137–140; “[1973 us #UFOB \[Case\] Rare 70s Footage Pascagoula Incident](#),” UFOB | Your UAP Library YouTube channel, October 14, 2024; “[After the 1973 Pascagoula UFO Incident Charles Hickson Had More Encounters; His Family Witnessed One](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 9, 2024)

- 1973**, October 11 — 7:30 p.m. Randi Stevens, Joel Burns, and three others watch a hovering UFO near Laurel, Indiana. It looks like two saucers put together, and its bottom is segmented. It remains stationary until a truck driver who has been watching it gets into his cab and blows the horn. (Randle, 1973, p. 21)
- 1973**, October 11 — 7:40 p.m. Parole Officer [Raymond Broadus](#), Pascagoula City Councilor Emmanuel P. Sigalas, and an unidentified woman are driving on US Highway 90 west of Gautier, Mississippi, when they see a large, swiftly moving object that descends and hovers a few hundred yards above the ground and meanders toward the Pascagoula River. (Clark III 895)
- 1973**, October 11 — 9:00 p.m. Larry Booth of Pascagoula, Mississippi, finishes watching TV and checks the front door. He sees a huge round object hovering 5–8 feet above a nearby streetlight. It has red lights that are moving in a clockwise motion around it. It slowly moves away. (Clark III 895)
- 1973**, October 12 — 4:00 a.m. A commercial pilot is flying a Piper PA-32 Cherokee Six near Mount Baldy, Arizona, at an altitude of 2,500 feet. He notices a red flashing light on the ground in a remote area, and circles around for a closer look. As he does so, the light begins moving too and reaches a speed about the same as his plane, 170 mph. It is flashing regularly at 2-second intervals. The object is skimming over the ground, apparently following undulations in the landscape. He changes course again to intercept the light, which accelerates instantaneously to 800 mph, moving up and over Mount Baldy, following its contours. The pilot follows it for a few minutes, about 50–60 miles. After about 5 minutes the light makes a right-angle turn and accelerates vertically. After 8–10 flashes, it disappears into the upper atmosphere. (Mark Rodeghier, “[Out of the Past: An Incredible Light](#),” *IUR* 9, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1984): 7–8)
- 1973**, October 14 — 8:00 p.m. Delaware State Police Sgt. James Wolf and Cpl. Edward Martin are landing a helicopter at their headquarters in Dover, Delaware, when they see a light to the northwest in the Cheswold area. It stops moving about 10° above the horizon and hovers. At the same time, a report comes over the police radio about a sighting of a strange light in Camden, Delaware, so they take off again in pursuit to the west, rising to 3,000 feet. At one point they appear to be gaining on it, but then it moves away. After about one minute, the light diminishes in intensity from a dirty white to a faint red and disappears. Air traffic controllers at Dover Air Force Base also see the light, but radar does not pick it up. (“[Kent UFO ‘Escapes’ State Police ‘Copter](#),” *Wilmington (Del.) News Journal*, October 16, 1973, p. 3)
- 1973**, October 15 — 8:45 p.m. [Howard Money Penny](#), weather service specialist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at the Raleigh County Memorial Airport in Beckley, West Virginia, is one of many who see a UFO with flashing red, green, and white lights about 20 miles away from the airport. At one point it hovers for about 15 minutes west-northwest of the facility. An unnamed pilot takes off in a Cessna 182 Skylane to pursue it but he cannot get close. He sees the object change colors several times as it moves away to the west. (“[UFO Sighted at Airport](#),” Beckley (W.Va.) *Raleigh Register*, October 16, 1973, p. 9)
- 1973**, October 15 — Night. Ohio Gov. [John J. Gilligan](#) and his wife [Mary](#) are driving on US Highway 23 near Ann Arbor, Michigan, when they see an amber-colored vertical beam of light in the southeastern sky. They keep it in view for

- 30–35 minutes as it fades in and out of view. When asked to confirm the sighting, he tells reporters: “I saw this. It wasn’t a bird or a plane.” (“[Gilligan Spots Strange Object](#),” *Hamilton (Ohio) Journal News*, October 17, 1973, p. 1; “[First Flap in Six Years Resurrects UFOs As National Controversy](#),” *UFO Investigator*, November 1973, p. 1)
- 1973**, October 15 — 8:30 p.m. Washington Parish Deputy Sheriffs [Jerry Brumfield](#), Ray Martin, and Allen Thomas have several sightings of a pulsating orange object at Pine, Louisiana, that alternately dims as it hovers, swinging like a pendulum. It brightens as it darts around at high speed, occasionally disappearing in a cloudlike vapor. Later, another group of deputy sheriffs pursue five orange-red objects for 12 miles. When a deputy turns on his red flasher light, the objects descend toward his patrol car; when he turns it off, they vanish “like in a cloud.” The sightings continue into the early morning. (“[Deputies Pursue 5 Orange UFOs; Sightings Persist](#),” *Buffalo (N.Y.) News*, October 16, 1973, p. 1; UFOEv II 192)
- 1973**, October 15 — 10:30 p.m. Awakened by the barking of their dogs, a farm family sees lights from an apparent UFO in the woods near Berea, Tennessee. James Cline sees an entity with a glowing white head cross the road 50 feet away. The next day, claw-like tracks are found in the road, as well as landing marks 22 feet long by 12 feet wide. (“UFO Lands near Berea, Tenn.,” *Pulaski (Tenn.) Citizen*, October 24, 1973; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, May 1976, p. 12)
- 1973**, October 16 — At a press conference in Illinois, USAF Chief of Staff Gen. [George Scratchley Brown](#) states that sightings of what were presumed to be enemy helicopters during the Vietnam War took place, always at night, and prompted shooting by US ground forces. A Combat Air Activities file of 16 such incidents between 1967 and 1969, especially around Pleiku in February 1969, documents some of this activity. (Barry Greenwood, “[Air Force Vietnam Era UFO Reports Surface](#),” *UFO Historical Review*, no. 14 (May 2015): 3–10)
- 1973**, October 16 — In response to a question from MP [Edward Bishop](#), Minister of State for Defence [Anthony Kershaw](#) tells the House of Commons that of the 1,631 UFO reports received from 1967 through 1972, the majority could be ascribed to aircraft. (Isaac Koi, “[UFOs in Parliament \(UK\)](#),” Isaac Koi—UFOs and Parliament, 2024))
- 1973**, October 16 — 11:30 a.m. Two children, ages 2 and 4, are playing in their backyard in Burbank, California, when they see “something big” land outside. It seems to be an oval object with a pointed dome; at its bottom, there are “rays” beaming down, and it is making a buzzing sound. There are four “monsters” inside that emerge from the object and invite the older boy to look in. At this point, he runs inside to tell his father, a police officer, what he has seen. Meanwhile, their dog is barking furiously outside, which the father thinks is odd, so he goes outside to investigate. He can find no markings at the spot where the boy said the object had landed. (Ann Druffel, “[The Burbank Landing and Occupant Report](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 1 (June 1975): 3–6, 8)
- 1973**, October 16 — 7:30 p.m. Upon arriving home at Albany, Ohio, Mary Geddis sees a “ghost-like” figure floating about 50 feet above the ground at 1,000 feet distance; it is about 4 feet tall and thin, “like a person draped in a close-fitting sheet.” It is seen only briefly when she notices a bright white object moving about, and approaches to within 200 feet before going away. The object is about 20 feet in diameter and about 25–30 feet off the ground. Later, as she is making supper, she sees a “little blue-green thing” about 2.5 feet tall and with a face with “spiky things at the tops and the sides of the head” looking in an open door; it has stumpy arms (she sees no legs) and quickly disappears from sight. UFO sightings occur around the same time in nearby Athens, Ohio. (George M. Eberhart, “[The Little ‘Electric’ Man](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 5 (March 1975): 10–12)
- 1973**, October 16 — 7:45 p.m. A 50-foot-wide bluish object hovers 2–3 feet above US Highway 82, seemingly suspended on a beam of light, near Eupora, Mississippi, 300 feet from a taxicab driven by John Lane. The engine and headlights fail as the object lands. Another object hovers about 60 feet above the first, illuminating it. A “catfish-like” creature emerges with flippers for hands, a wide mouth, and feathers on its back. It holds onto a handrail on the craft and never goes down to the ground. It gets back in and the object rises into the air. The driver restarts the car. However, a few days later Lane confesses that the incident was a hoax. (“[Cab Driver Says UFO Sighting ‘a Joke That Backfired](#),” *Biloxi (Miss.) Daily Herald*, October 19, 1973, p. 8; *Columbus (Miss.) Triangle Advertiser*, October 24, 1973; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, 1976, p. 14)
- 1973**, October 16 — Night. William and Donna Hatchett are driving down a country road near Mannford, Oklahoma, when she sees a bright light coming from the south. They first think it is a security light on a pole, but then realize the object is pacing them and descending. When the Hatchetts stop the truck, the light also stops in front of them. As the object hovers, it gives off a blinding light and a penetrating low-pitched hum. They have a feeling that there are occupants who know everything they are thinking. Donna is so afraid that she twice leaves the truck cab and goes into the back. William manages to persuade her to return, and they set off, the object rising up in the opposite direction. (“[Close Encounter in Oklahoma](#),” *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1973, pp. 8–9; Kevin D. Randle, *The UFO Casebook*, Warner, 1989, pp. 143–144; Kevin D. Randle, “[Chasing Footnotes: Kevin Randle Edition](#),” *A Different Perspective*, May 2, 2022)

- 1973, October 16 — 10:30 p.m.** A 33-year-old woman is driving along a country lane near Langford Budville, Somerset, UK, when she sees a bright light ahead and her car loses power. The headlights flicker, dim, and cut out, then the engine sputters and stops. As she looks under the hood, she hears a humming sound that grows louder. As she reenters the car, a robot-like being appears and puts a hand on her shoulder, pressing her down. She sees flashing colored lights and blacks out. When she comes to, she is standing in a field with the robot next to her and the craft in front of them. She blacks out again. The being is tall and dark and appears metallic as light from the object in the field reflects off it. The object is silver-gray and dome-shaped, about 40 feet in diameter, resting on thick legs. Yellow light comes from oblong windows around the middle. On board are three humanoid beings, about 5 feet 7 inches tall. They wear skullcaps and have masks across their faces so that only their round eyes show. They wear light-blue tunics, long gloves to the elbows, and aprons down to their feet. The woman wakes up strapped to a table with a cold surface, legs spreadeagled, and her clothes gone. A light blue blanket has been placed over her. The robot stands inactive against a far wall. Three beings approach the table and examine her using gray-colored instruments. He takes a fingernail paring from her right index finger, a blood sample, and passes a small handheld device over her body that glows brighter and dimmer in various locations. He removes the blanket and performs some gynecological procedures, then covers her with a black blanket. All three humanoids leave the room at once. After a while, one returns, inserts a pin into her thigh that paralyzes and numbs her. When the examiner notices her glance at the robot, he speaks to her in perfect English, explaining that it is a retriever device that performs manual tasks outside the craft. The three men come back into the room, and one removes the pin from her thigh. They remove the restraining bonds from her wrists and ankles and lift her off the table. She sees her clothes on the floor by the robot and then passes out again. When she regains consciousness, she is standing fully clothed next to her car on the deserted country road, dazed and shocked. She climbs into the car and starts up the engine. She does not remember the drive home and arrives there at 2:30 a.m. She and her husband keep silent about the incident for four years. (Carl Nagaitis and Philip Mantle, *Without Consent*, Ringpull Press, 1994, pp. 174–181; UFOEv II 535–536)
- 1973, October 16 — 11:17 p.m.** The Mississippi Chemical Corporation's nitrogen fertilizer plant in Yazoo City suffers a complete power failure due to the shattering of a ceramic insulator at one of the substations. Accumulating static electricity causes a gas vent fire at the plant. Just after the fire starts, a guard at the ammonia plant sees two white lights streaking rapidly in opposite directions from behind the facility. John Harris, the manager of radio station WAZF, and his wife see a peculiar bluish light around 10:30 p.m. hovering about 75 feet above a cotton field near their home. They watch the light as it changes from blue to bright red to green and to pale yellow. After about 30 minutes it drifts away in the direction of the ammonia plant. ("[MCC Power Failure Coincides with UFO](#)," *Yazoo City (Miss.) Herald*, October 18, 1973, pp. 1, 8)
- 1973, October 16 — Midnight.** Single mother Pat Roach (Patty Price) is dozing on the couch with her 5-year-old son Kent in an isolated house on the outskirts of Lehi, Utah. Suddenly, Kent wakes up screaming that he has seen a "skeleton." Roach has a vague memory of an intruder and a bright light. Suspecting a prowler, she phones a neighbor, who calls the police at 12:10 a.m. A few minutes later, officers arrive, talk to Roach, find nothing amiss, and leave. Roach then checks on her other children. Two of them, Bonnie and Debbie, tell her they had seen a spaceman who had come into the house and taken them on a spaceship. Debbie remembers being told not to tell anyone, as well as seeing a line of people waiting to go on board. Disturbed, Roach takes her children and spends the rest of the night at a friend's house. In 1975, Roach sees an article by [Kevin Randle](#) on UFO abductions and contacts him. Randle arranges for an interview and hypnosis sessions with APRO's research director [James A. Harder](#). An abduction tale slowly emerges that involves some elements that are little known in 1975, among them the aliens' clinical coldness, their curiosity about human emotion, their interest in gynecology, and human participants in the physical examination. However, Randle now believes that Roach underwent sleep paralysis, was influenced by some abduction accounts over the years, and was led into the narrative by Harder's leading questions during hypnosis. (Clark III 1011–1012; Story, [pp. 309–310](#); Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, [pp. 9–24](#); Kevin D. Randle, *The October Scenario*, Middle Coast, 1988, pp. 17–30; UFOEv II 537–538; Kevin D. Randle, "[Alien Abduction and Leading the Witness](#)," *A Different Perspective*, March 28, 2005; Randle, 1973, pp. 79–100; "[The Alien Abduction Experience of Pat Roach \(Patty Price\) and Her Children, Utah, October 16, 1973](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, October 2023)
- 1973, October 17 — Morning.** [Edward Deutsch](#) is driving to work along Little Mountain Road near Ringtown, Pennsylvania, when he sees a round object with flashing lights about "as big as a large tractor-trailer tire" hovering and rotating 100 feet above his car. It emits a humming sound. When he gets to the top of the mountain, it lights up the entire car, rotating it 90° so that he is moving toward home. It takes Deutsch about 10 minutes to

realize that he has been turned around. ("[Area Man Says UFO Turned Car Around.](#)" *Berwick (Pa.) Enterprise*, October 18, 1973, p. 1)

- 1973**, October 17 — Linda Greene notices a "copper-colored, circular" object hovering across the road from her home in Watauga, Tennessee. Her son, Junior, and a neighbor, Teddy Malone, are playing on the front lawn when they see the UFO. Linda watches a being about 6 feet tall with blinking eyes open a door in the craft and attempt to snatch the children, but the boys run away, and the object ascends swiftly and disappears. ("[Still No Letup in UFO Reports.](#)" *Johnson City (Tenn.) Press*, October 18, 1973, p. 1)
- 1973**, October 17 — Evening. Paul Brown is driving on US Highway 29 near Danielsville, Georgia, when his car radio suddenly goes wild with strange sounds. He sees a silver, oval-shaped object about 300 feet ahead on the road. He stops and sees two beings with red faces and white hair. Brown grabs a pistol and steps halfway out of his car, but the beings return to the object, which takes off with a whooshing sound. (*Athens (Ga.) Banner-Herald*, October 18, 1973; "[First Flap in Six Years Resurrects UFOs As National Controversy.](#)" *UFO Investigator*, November 1973, p. 4)
- 1973**, October 17 — 8:30 p.m. Reporter Donnie Johnston gets a call from Mrs. Kenneth Hensley saying there is a UFO hovering in the sky above Madison, Virginia. He jumps in his car and drives there in time to see a mysterious light about 20° above the southeastern horizon about 3–5 miles away. It slowly moves from southwest to northwest, then suddenly disappears. This is the third sighting for the Hensleys, who had seen UFOs earlier in the week. (Donnie Johnston, "[UFO Seen over Madison.](#)" *Culpeper (Va.) Star-Exponent*, October 18, 1973, pp. 1, 10; Randle, 1973, p. 25)
- 1973**, October 17 — 9:15 p.m. 17-year-old David Bodner sees something very bright in the sky to the northwest in Elkhorn, West Virginia. It passes overhead with a fluttering motion in about 45–60 seconds, pulsing or flashing brightly for about 5 seconds with about 3 seconds between flashes. Bodner takes a photo with his 35mm Pentax camera. The image suggests that the object is subtending an angle of 3.5°, which would make it 120 feet in diameter at a distance of 2,000 feet. A similar object is photographed the same night in Columbus, Ohio, about 170 miles to the northwest. (Ted Spickler, "[Nocturnal UFO in West Virginia.](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 115 (June 1977): 3, 7; "[UFO Investigator Expects Skepticism.](#)" *Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette*, July 21, 1988, via *APCIC Clipping Service* 13, no. 10 (October 1988): 3–4; UFOEv II 292)
- 1973**, October 17 — Night. Clarence Ray Patterson is driving home to Pensacola, Florida, on Interstate 10. When he is near the exit to Loxley, Alabama, a UFO swoops down, picks up his truck, and pulls it inside the craft. He claims that six short creatures with claw-like arms take him out of the truck to examine him. They seem to be reading his mind. After 30 minutes, they release him on Florida Highway 297 just outside Pensacola. He immediately drives to the police station to tell his story. ("[Pickup by UFO Reported.](#)" *Pensacola (Fla.) News*, October 18, 1973, pp. 1–2; Randle, 1973, pp. 24–25, 113)
- 1973**, October 17 — Night. Herschel Fueston, a policeman in Noblesville, Indiana, is patrolling the area of South Harbor when he notices an object hovering silently 100 feet above the water of Morse Reservoir. It has amber lights and moves directly above his car. Its lights get brighter as it speeds away, and he can see a row of red lights on its underside. ("[Noblesville Policeman Sights Strange Object.](#)" *Jasper (Ind.) Daily Herald*, October 18, 1973, p. 5)
- 1973**, October 17 — After 10:00 p.m. Falkville, Alabama, Police Chief Jeffrey Greenhaw responds to a phone call about a UFO on the outskirts of town. On a gravel road, he sees a 5-and-a-half-foot-tall, silver-suited figure in his headlights. He stops, gets out, and talks to the figure, all the while taking Polaroid photos of it. It steps towards him and Greenhaw turns on the red rotating police car light. The figure runs away and although Greenhaw pursues it in his car, it eludes him. The photos quickly become a national news story. NICAP investigator Marion Webb and others strongly suspect this is a hoax. (NICAP, "[Falkville, Alabama, Entity / Jeff Greenhaw Case, Oct. 17, 1973](#)"; "[Alabamians Sight Ship, Creature.](#)" *Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser*, October 19, 1973, p. 27; "[Officer Who Saw 'Metallic Being' Resigns.](#)" *Birmingham (Ala.) Post-Herald*, November 17, 1973, p. 3; "A Good Chance Falkville's 'Space Creature' Only a Hoax," *Birmingham (Ala.) News*, September 5, 1974, p. 6; "[Police Chief's Nightmare: Real or Contrived?](#)" *UFO Investigator*, October 1974, pp. 1–2; William Spaulding, "[Falkville Creature Photographs Analyzed.](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 108 (November 1976): cover, 3–5; "[Police Chief Hoaxes UFO.](#)" *UFO Investigator*, January 1977, p. 4; Good Above, pp. 301–302; Clark III 482)
- 1973**, October 18 — 1:30 p.m. Filaments of a silky transparent material float down from the sky for about one hour over Jackson and other parts of central Mississippi and northern Louisiana, sticking on utility lines and cars. It quickly disintegrates, but some samples are retrieved in Forest City and sent to the state Air and Water Pollution Control Commission for analysis. Balloon spiders are not suspected. ("[UFOs Diminish As 'Angel Hair' Slips Earthward.](#)" *Jackson (Miss.) Daily News*, October 19, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 55 (November 1973): 4; "[Photos Taken by Patrolman in Alabama.](#)" *Danville (Va.) Bee*, October 19, 1973, p. B-1)

- 1973**, October 18 — 3:30 p.m. A witness in Hamilton, Illinois, sees a huge gray oval or oblong UFO. A second object appears that resembles the first but seems to be covered in “cobwebs” on its upper surface. About 15 minutes later, “cotton-like” material is found that when handled becomes a “small ball which melted as it was touched.” The next morning, a collected sample has totally sublimated. (Brian Boldman, [“An Analysis of Angel Hair, 1947–2000,”](#) *IUR* 26, no. 3 (Fall 2001): 19)
- 1973**, October 18 — Early evening. Two youths are on White Oak Mountain southeast of Chatham, Virginia, when they see a bright-white entity, 3–4 feet tall, with a shimmering body and a large head with no eyes. It begins chasing them in an unusual sideways movement. They run back to a pickup truck where an adult is waiting for them. After they get there, they see a green, hazy cloud moving into the sky, headed north. About the same time, some state troopers in Salem, Virginia, see a red ball of fire in the sky. ([“UFO ‘Thing’ Chases Boys on White Oak,”](#) *Danville (Va.) Bee*, October 19, 1973, p. B-1)
- 1973**, October 18 — 11:00 p.m. Army Reserve Capt. [Lawrence J. Coyne](#) (with his crew 1st Lt. Arrigo Jezzi, Sgt. John Healey, and Spec5 Robert Yanacsek) is flying an Army Reserve UH-1 Huey helicopter at 1,200 feet from Columbus to Cleveland, Ohio. Healey notices a steady, southbound red light. It looks like the port-wing light of an aircraft but seems brighter and carries none of the other FAA-required lights. He watches it disappear behind the helicopter and doesn’t tell the others. A couple minutes later, Yanacsek sees a bright red light on the eastern horizon and watches it for 90 seconds, realizing it is pacing the helicopter. He mentions it to Coyne, who tells Healey to watch it. Soon the light turns and comes towards the helicopter. Coyne takes the controls from Jezzi and puts the helicopter into a descent. He calls Mansfield (Ohio) Approach Control but fails to get a response. The red light is now closing on them at a dangerous rate of speed, possibly 684 mph. Coyne pushes the stick down, forcing the helicopter to descend quickly. When he gets to an altitude of 650 feet above the treetops, Coyne looks up and sees the object covering the entire front windshield. The red light is on its nose and a white light is on the tail of this cigar-shaped, metallic structure. Under the tail, a green beam sweeps a 90° arc and shines through the windshield. It hovers above them for 10–12 seconds before accelerating and heading northwest. The bright white light just snaps out. Coyne looks at the altimeter and realizes they have been ascending and are now at 3,500 feet, but the stick is still down. He pulls the stick up and the helicopter levels out at 3,800 feet. Reviewing his instruments, Coyne notices that the magnetic compass is rotating slowly, while the Radio Magnetic Indicator is functioning normally. They make radio contact with Akron and fly on to Cleveland without further incident. Other witnesses on the ground have seen the incident. (NICAP, [“Coyne Helicopter, E-M / Magnetic Compass Encounter”](#); [CUFOS case file]; [“UFO Encounter Affirmed,”](#) *Cincinnati Enquirer*, October 22, 1973, p. 1; Jennie Zeidman, [“UFO–Helicopter Close Encounter over Ohio,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 4 (November 1976): 15–19; Jennie Zeidman, [“More on the Coyne Helicopter Case,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 4 (January 1978): 16–18; Jennie Zeidman, [A Helicopter-UFO Encounter over Ohio](#), CUFOS, 1979; Kim Hansen, “UFO Casebook,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 82–85; Jennie Zeidman, [“Green Light over Mansfield,”](#) *IUR* 13, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1988): 13–14; Jennie Zeidman, [“The Coyne Case: Correction and Update,”](#) *IUR* 14, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1989): 17–18; UFOEv II 81–86; Michael D. Swords, *GrassRoots UFOs: Case Reports from the Timmerman Files*, Fund for UFO Research, 2005, p. 145; Patrick Gross, [“The Coyne Incident, Mansfield, Ohio, USA, 1973”](#); Kevin D. Randle, [“The Coyne Helicopter UFO Case,”](#) A Different Perspective, August 5, 2014; [“The 1973 Coyne/Mansfield Helicopter UFO Incident Finally Explained,”](#) Parabunk, April 2, 2018; Kevin D. Randle, [“The Coyne Helicopter Encounter–Explained?”](#) A Different Perspective, May 1, 2018; Good Above, [pp. 302–303](#); Clark III 309–312; Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 159–161; Randle, 1973, pp. 130–156; Covert 28; Powell, *Scientist*, 17)
- 1973**, October 18 — 11:30 p.m. A group of people in Wooster, Ohio, notices a bright, pulsing, triangular object with three colored lights at each apex, pulsating at different rates. When the object moves, the red light becomes brighter. It moves right, left, up, and down for 25 minutes. The UFO then dips down and shoots straight up into the sky. (Michael D. Swords, [“Timmerman’s Triangles,”](#) *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 15)
- 1973**, October 19 — 3:30 p.m. A woman is driving south on Interstate 75 near Ashburn, Georgia, when her engine suddenly stops and the power brakes and power steering go out. She guides the car onto the shoulder of the road. Stunned and sitting behind the steering wheel, she senses something amiss and looks toward the highway. Right outside her rolled-up window she sees a humanoid dressed in a metallic suit and a bubble helmet with two rectangular slits for eyes. She has difficulty looking at it directly, and after 5–6 minutes the creature moves to the front of the car, then around to the back, its helmet making odd, mechanical movements, before it disappears from view. Shortly afterward, she gets out of the car and raises the hood to attract a passing motorist, but smoke comes billowing out. The engine is so intensely hot that by the time a police tow truck takes her to a garage, the hood is nearly at the melting stage. APRO considers it unlikely that the woman could have raised the hood if it had been

so hot. ([“Strange Creature Stalls Auto in Georgia: Car Intensely Hot,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 73 (December 1973): 7–8; [“Possible Hoax in Georgia,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 6 (May/June 1974): 5–6)

- 1973**, October 19 — NBC News journalist [John Chancellor](#) sums up the prevailing views on UFOs among broadcasters on the *NBC Evening News*: “Many people would like the UFOs to go away. But the UFOs won’t go away, and many scientists are taking them very seriously. It’s likely that we will hear more and more about the UFOs.” ([“More and More UFO’s #467328,”](#) Vanderbilt News Archive; Jacobs, *UFO Controversy in America*, Signet ed., 1976, p. 261)
- 1973**, October 19 — 7:45 p.m. David A. Doby and his wife are leaving to go to a football game when they see a large bluish, oval-shaped UFO hovering above their mobile home in Copeland, North Carolina. Suddenly she sees a 3-foot-tall creature standing in the front yard. It is dressed head to foot in a golden metallic suit. They rush into their car with their young son and speed away. Instead of returning, they spend the night with a friend. The family dog also flees, returning the next day. (George D. Fawcett, [“Many North Carolina UFO Sightings Remain Unsolved,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 74 (January 1974): 14)
- 1973**, October 19 — 8:30 p.m. Gabriel Demogue and his girlfriend are riding a motorcycle along a road leading to Malmont, a peak just north of Draguignan, Var, France, when suddenly the girl sees a vivid yellow-orange ball surrounded by a light halo traveling parallel to their bike. They stop to watch the object, which is moving west to east about 1,600 feet from them. It vanishes behind the mountain, leaving a red glow visible through the trees. Demogue contacts a few friends, including Georges Macret, Alain Leca, and Christian Bensa, who decide to drive two cars to the overlook to investigate. Soon Macret notices that the orientation table at the overlook is growing hot and feels a wave of heat passing through him. They all notice a red light below the peak, which descends along a stony track, and they hear the sound of pebbles being displaced and a modulated whistling noise. The light is apparently carried by a humanoid figure more than 6 feet tall, which stops about 80 feet away and picks something up from the ground. The red light goes out and the whistling stops. The observers panic and rush to their cars, but a blinding white light shines on them from the hilltop. Leca drives a few yards then looks back and sees three figures coming down the path with jerky steps. He reverses the car and stops about 15 feet from them, shouting, “Are you good or are you bad?” The three figures seem to be discussing what to do, then continue toward the car, which panics Leca and he speeds away another 160 feet before looking back and returning to the overlook. The other car, driven by Macret, encounters two phosphorescent “red legs” crossing the road in front of their vehicle. The headlights and dashboard light go out. They take a sharp turn in the darkness, narrowly avoiding a crash. Moments later, the lights come back on. After stopping for a while, Macret drives on and encounters the “red legs” again coming from the right, but he speeds ahead at about 40 mph. Suddenly his car is thrown off sideways at right angles to the road, but the car mysteriously positions itself on the road again. (J. Chasseigne, [“Remarkable Encounter at Draguignan,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 4 (January 1975): 12–17.
- 1973**, October 20 — 1:00 a.m. Two women driving in a Volkswagen near Fort Smith, Arkansas, see a glowing object approach them from the south. It descends within 6 feet of their car, at which point the headlights, radio, and engine all fail. The object is about 8 feet in diameter, shaped like a disc, and emits a “computer-like” sound. After about 5 minutes, it moves away quickly. (Fort Smith (Ark.) *Southwest Times Record*, October 21, 1973; Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 59)
- 1973**, October 20 — 2:00 a.m. Sam Richerson and his wife awaken in their home in Campbellsville, Kentucky, when a barking dog disturbs his young son from a deep sleep. When his wife attends to him, she notices a glowing object across the street. They stand and watch the object for 15 minutes. It is a triangular-shaped object the size of two cars hovering at treetop height 300 feet away. ([Campbellsville \(Ky.\) News-Journal](#), October 25, 1973; Marler [89–90](#))
- 1973**, October 20 — 6:50 a.m. A conductor on a Louisville & Nashville Railroad train moving northeast out of Mount Vernon, Indiana, sees a bright white light coming out of the north and heading east. When they reach Caborn, Indiana, he notifies the rear conductors, who can now see a bright light (possibly another train) behind them. The train’s automatic blocking system is showing a red light, indicating there is a train to the rear. When the train reaches Belknap, the engine stops because a rear diesel unit has apparently overheated. The yardmaster in Evansville informs them that there never was any train behind them. The conductor hits a reset button and the train starts with no trouble. The light in the rear seems to be moving away, and the blocking system turns to an amber signal. (NICAP, [“UFO Disables Train”](#); Randle, *Levelland*, 2021, pp. 161–162; Randle, 1973, pp. 171–172; [“L&N Train Conductor Talks to Researcher Francis Ridge in a Rare Recording about a 1973 Incident,”](#) Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, April 10, 2024)
- 1973**, October 20 — A man and two in-laws watch a UFO pass over Round Valley Reservoir, Clinton Township, New Jersey. Their car engine and headlights give out while the object is visible. ([“Saucer Flew over Reservoir,”](#)

[According to a Fisherman Who Couldn't Get Car Going.](#)” *High Bridge (N.J.) Gazette*, October 24, 1973, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 55 (November 1973): 5)

- 1973**, October 20 — 8:00 p.m. A witness sees a triangular-shaped object with bright white lights hovering above Milton Road in Alton, Illinois. A second triangle is above the first. (“Latest UFO over Milton (Road),” *Alton (Ill.) Telegraph*, October 22, 1973; Marler [90](#), [209](#))
- 1973**, October 21 — 2:30 a.m. [Reafa Heitfeld](#) wakes up in her trailer in Covedale on the west side of Cincinnati, Ohio, and notices a bright light shining outside. The source is a row of six lights forming an arc outside her window, as well as another bright light over the parking lot. Outside the second light she can see a gray “apelike creature” that seems to be fixing something. In the process of calling the police, she hears a loud, deep, booming sound, and the object and creature are gone. Investigator [Leonard Stringfield](#) finds that a fire alarm has gone off at the same time in a nearby warehouse only 150 feet away, although firemen can locate nothing that set it off. (Len Stringfield, “[Creature Inside Shield of Light](#),” *Skylook*, no. 87 (February 1975): 3–6; “[Bell-Jars and Gargoyles](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 4 (1975): cover, 1, 5–6; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, 2nd ed., May 1976, pp. 16, 29, 64; Clark III 554)
- 1973**, October 22 — 2:00 p.m. June Margolin sees a shiny globe dropping web-like substance in large amounts over Sudbury, Massachusetts. It drapes over trees and telephone lines. She collects a sample and puts it in the refrigerator, but the substance still dissipates into strong white threads. The University of Massachusetts field station examines a sample. It is not spider web, but there is not enough of it for a chemical analysis. X-ray fluorescence and diffraction analysis indicates sodium, aluminum, silicon, sulfur, chlorine, potassium, calcium, iron, nickel. The substance is 95% organic. Two other analyses indicate slightly different composition. (“[UFO ‘Angel’s Hair’ Still Remains a Mystery](#),” *UFO Investigator*, March 1974, pp. 1, 3; Brian Boldman, “[Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review](#),” *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 105–106; Brian Boldman, “[An Analysis of Angel Hair, 1947–2000](#),” *IUR* 26, no. 3 (Fall 2001): cover)
- 1973**, October 22 — 6:50 p.m. A man is farming in Upton, Indiana, when he notices an object that looks like it is going to land. He and his daughter walk toward the other side of the field to investigate. They can see an object with red, white, and green lights near the railroad tracks. As a train passes through, the object dims and hovers near it for one minute, then takes off to the southeast. An object is seen flying above a train at Maunie, Illinois, the same evening. (NICAP, “[UFO Hovers over Passing Train](#)”)
- 1973**, October 22 — 9:45 p.m.–after midnight. Dewayne and Debbie Donathan are driving toward their home 9 miles east of Hartford City, Indiana, when they see two strange-looking figures 30 feet ahead of them on the road. Four feet tall, they are dressed in tight-fitting silver suits and wear boxlike shoes. They move in a clumsy fashion, their arms flopping oddly along their sides. Debbie accelerates and drives past the figures. The witnesses alert the sheriff’s office, and two officers and a civilian friend, [Gary Flatter](#), investigate. They see no figures but hear an odd, high-frequency sound. Around midnight, Flatter hears the sound again south of the original encounter and notes wild animals leaving the area. His headlights pick up two 4-foot figures 20 feet off the side of the road. He can see a hose going from their egg-shaped helmets down to their chests. Three times they rise 3 feet into the air then float down. The fourth time, they fly away, still standing erectly. (“[Occupants in Indiana](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1973): 1, 3; “‘Silver-Suited’ Beings Seen on Roadway,” *Hartford City (Ind.) News-Times*, October 22, 1973; Don Worley, “UFOs, Occupants, and Artifacts in Eastern Indiana 1972–1973,” *Official UFO* 1, no. 5 (January 1976): 16–18, 44–46; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), 2nd ed., CUFOS, May 1976, pp. 16, 63, 66; Raymond Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Bantam, 1979, [pp. 311–312](#); Clark III 278)
- 1973**, October 22 — 11:00 p.m. A senior sales representative for an airline company is sitting on the balcony of his suite at the Holiday Inn, Key West, Florida, along with his sister. They watch a silent UFO fly past them from the west, five separate times, at 10-minute intervals, at different altitudes and in different directions. They think it is the same object each time, on a level flight and a straight course. Three times the object passes directly overhead and disappears behind the hotel. From the front, it looks wing-shaped, but when it passes overhead, they see it is boomerang-shaped. The leading edge appears to be illuminated from within with a soft-blue light. (“[Interesting 1973 Case](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 1 (July 1975): 1, 5)
- 1973**, October 23 — Bonnie Collier observes two metallic cigar-shaped objects over Midway, Texas. She photographs one of them. About 20 minutes later, she notices monarch butterflies are getting entangled in “sheets of a web-like substance” falling to earth. She retrieves a grapefruit-sized sample from a mesquite tree and stores it in a box. Some 20 years later, the sample is analyzed by two engineering students at the University of Texas at Austin. A neutron activation survey indicates high concentrations of sodium, potassium, zinc, and lanthanum. Other tests indicate the sample is spider silk produced by a cribellate orb weaver spider. (Brian Boldman, “[An Analysis of Angel Hair, 1947–2000](#),” *IUR* 26, no. 3 (Fall 2001): 14; Brian Boldman, “[Angel Hair Physical Analyses: A Review](#),” *JUFOS* 9 (2006): 106)

- 1973**, October 24 — 9:00 p.m. David Simpson's car engine stops and the headlights go out when an oval object, 12 feet wide by 8 feet high, lands close by near Dobson, North Carolina. He sees a humanoid with balls of fire for eyes looking into the car. After the creature leaves, the car engine and lights come back on without his having to start the ignition. (George D. Fawcett, "[Many North Carolina UFO Sightings Remain Unsolved](#)," *Skylook*, no. 74 (January 1974): 14; David Webb, *1973: Year of the Humanoids*, CUFOS, 1976, p. 17)
- 1973**, October 25 — FBI Director [Clarence M. Kelley](#) explains in a letter to a resident of La Habra, California, that the investigation of UFOs "is not and never has been a matter that is within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI." (Good Above, [pp. 253, 475](#))
- 1973**, October 25 — 7:15 p.m. Lt. Commander M—— is traveling south from Naval Communication Station Harold E. Holt, a restricted US National Security Agency station along Murat Road on North West Cape, north of Exmouth, Western Australia, when he sees a large, black object in the sky 5 miles to his west at an altitude of 2,000 feet. After about 20–25 seconds, the object accelerates at speed to the north. It is first seen at about 20° elevation, to the west. M—— estimates its angular size as half a degree. It is initially stationary and there is no associated noise at any point, no trail or exhaust. It is last seen at 45°–50° elevation. At about 7:20 p.m., William Gordon Lynn, an Australian civilian and US Navy employee fire captain, notices a large, stationary, black object in the clear sky. It has a halo around the center, which appears to be either revolving or pulsating. He watches it for an estimated four minutes, after which it takes off speedily in a northerly direction and disappears after a few seconds. He thinks it is about 30 feet in diameter and hovering at 1,000 feet over the hills west of the base. On this same date, the base is communicating a DEFCON III alert to conventional and nuclear forces in the region during the Yom Kippur War (an NSA misreading of a Syrian message to the USSR had indicated a Soviet build-up). (NICAP, "[Black Sphere Observed / DEFCON-3 Reached](#)"; Bill Chalker, "[The North West Cape Incident: UFOs and Nuclear Alert in Australia](#)," *IUR* 11, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1986): 10–11; Bill Chalker, "[The UFO Connection: Startling Implications for Australia's North West Cape, and for Australia's Security](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 31, no. 5 (July 1986): 16–18; Good Above, [pp. 174–175](#); Bill Chalker, "[UFOs Sub Rosa Down Under, Part 4](#)," 1996; Swords 403–405; Bill Chalker, "[Confronting UFOs and UAP: Remembering October 1973](#)," *The OzFiles*, October 22, 2023; Powell, *Scientist*, 66)
- 1973**, October 25 — 8:00 p.m. George Kowalczyk, 22, and two 10-year-old boys allegedly see a bright-white, dome-shaped UFO about 100 feet in diameter land in a field near Uniontown, Pennsylvania. "Screaming sounds" emanate from somewhere nearby. The UFO makes a lawnmower-like sound. Suddenly they see two large apelike creatures with glowing green eyes walking along a fence, one in front of the other. Kowalczyk fires a tracer slug with his rifle over the creatures' heads, but they continue moving forward, seemingly communicating by making whining sounds. The tall and closer of the two, about 8 feet tall, is running its left hand along the fence, while the smaller one is struggling to keep up. Kowalczyk fires three bullets into the larger creature's chest. It whines and reaches toward the smaller creature. The UFO vanishes and the lawnmower sound ceases. The area where the UFO had been is now glowing brilliant white. The hairy creatures head toward the woods. A policeman arrives at 9:45 p.m. and finds the landing spot still glowing slightly. They hear something moving in the woods nearby and smell a sulfur-like odor. The officer and the witnesses panic and jump into the police car and drive about 150 feet. [Stan Gordon](#) shows up at 1:30 a.m. with four members of his Westmoreland County UFO Study Group. In the company of Kowalczyk and his father, they walk around the field until Kowalczyk undergoes a violent emotional attack, during which he growls like an animal and throws his father and an investigator to the ground. During his attack, he has an apocalyptic vision in which he receives a dire warning from a man in a black hat and cloak. Kowalczyk undergoes hypnosis with psychologist [Berthold Eric Schwarz](#), who says he has visions about the impending end of the world and after the event he "felt like an animal." ("['Bigfoot' Sighting Studied by W'moreland UFO Unit](#)," *Uniontown (Pa.) Morning Herald*, October 27, 1973, pp. 1, 3; "[Witnesses Watch UFO Landing in Pennsylvania: Hairy Creatures Seen](#)," *Skylook*, no. 73 (December 1973): 8; Berthold Eric Schwarz, "[Berserk: A UFO-Creature Encounter](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 1 (July 1974): 3–11; Stan Gordon, "UFOs in Relation to Creature Sightings in Pennsylvania," in *MUFON 1974 UFO Symposium Proceedings*, Mutual UFO Network, 1974, pp. 142–144; Clark III 556; "[George Kowalczyk Talks Firing Shots at 2 Tall Creatures after UFO Landed in a Field, Oct. 25, 1973](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, November 9, 2023; "[Sulfur Smell, 'Demonic Possession' Discussed by Stan Gordon in 1973 Recording of the Kowalczyk Case](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, November 10, 1973)
- 1973**, October 28 — 1:15 a.m. Truck driver Dionisio Llanca is changing a tire along Highway 3 some 11 miles from Bahía Blanca, Argentina, when a UFO lands and three humanlike beings, two men and a woman, approach him. Nearly paralyzed by the light from the UFO, Llanca lets one of the beings take a blood sample and later remembers going on board the craft, whose occupants warn him that humans are headed towards disaster. He loses consciousness and wakes up in a railyard 5.5 miles away, then finds himself in a hospital. However,

Argentine UFO investigators find major discrepancies and consider Llanca's story an invention devised to make some money. ("[Occupant Encounter in Argentina](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 3 (Nov./Dec. 1973): 7–8; "[Possible Hoax](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1974): 11; Gordon Creighton and Charles Bowen, "[The Extraordinary Case of Dionisio Llanca and the Ufonauts](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 26, no. 4 (November 1980): 2–10; Guillermo Roncoroni, "[Dionisio Llanca: El Informe Solari](#)," *UFO Press*, no. 19 (Jan./March 1984): 32–35; "[The Case of Dionisio Llanca in Argentina](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 30, no. 2 (December 1984): 25–26; UFOEv II 538–539; "[The Abduction of Dionisio Llanca](#)," Above Top Secret forum, February 4, 2016; Clark III 601–602; Randle, 1973, pp. 76–79)

- 1973**, October 28 — 8:40 p.m. A couple are watching TV with their 4-year-old daughter in their mobile home north of Belpre, Ohio, when suddenly the TV picture turns negative and the sound becomes barely audible. The area in back of their trailer lights up as bright as daylight. The man looks outside and sees an egg-shaped object hovering above a small barn and shining a bright searchlight into it. The barn, about 30 feet long and 20 feet high, is about the same size as the object. The man goes outside, but the UFO switches off the light and moves back behind the barn, but he can see red and green lights around the object, which is hovering again. The woman calls her parents, who live a few houses away, and they arrive in 5 minutes with a large flashlight. Each time they shine the flashlight at the object, it moves up or down as if to avoid it. After the two men watch the object for 30 minutes, the object rises and speeds away to the southwest. ("[Possible E-M Case in Ohio](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1974): 1, 4–5)
- 1973**, October 28 — 11:30 p.m. Karl Fichtinger watches an odd orange-yellow light to the south of Bad Traunstein, Austria, that projects two beams of light that creep slowly upward like a pair of snail feelers. After moving up a short distance, they begin curving outward. After 7–10 seconds when they reach a certain height they stop moving, the two tips turn green for 2–3 seconds, a green mist falls down sideways, and the beams disappear. After 2–5 seconds the process repeats again and again. Around 12:30 a.m. he wakes his friend Johann Pritz in another house and they continue to watch the display for several hours. At 2:00 a.m. the light emits a red "missile" that moves east, stops, turns yellow-orange, and produces a similar pattern of signals. Then they notice a third object in the west that looks more like a dark domed disc, and it is also sending thin feelers up light upward. Three more smaller lights join the one in the east. At 3:30 a.m., the missile in the east stops and takes off to the south but the others remain. The witnesses go home at 4:30, and all the objects are gone by 6:00 a.m. They estimate that the first object has given off 1,200 signals, the domed disc some 550, and the missile a minimum of 360. (Ernst Berger, "[Luminous 'Snails' near Traunstein, Austria](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 2 (October 1974): 12–18)
- 1973**, November — 1:00 a.m. A witness in Sauk Village, Illinois, is sitting in her dark living room when a light outside causes it to get brighter. She sees a lighted domed disc hovering in the front yard. A central section is filled with alternating blue and gold rectangular lights. It appears to be revolving, except for the dome, which is stationary. Her husband joins her and they continue watching it for 10 minutes. It quickly takes off straight up in 10 seconds. ("[Illinois](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 2 (April/May 1985): 5, 7)
- 1973**, November 1 — Florence Dow hears a thump on her front porch near Goffstown, New Hampshire, and sees a motionless figure wearing an old black coat and a wide-brimmed hat pulled down over the face, which seems to be covered with masking tape. It motions to her with a gloved hand, indicating that she should come outside. She goes to the front door but by then the mystery figure has vanished. (Raymond Fowler, "The Goffstown Creatures," *Official UFO* 1, no. 2 (August 1975): 22–23; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, 1976, p. 18)
- 1973**, November 2 — 2:45 a.m. Lyndia Morel, a masseuse in Manchester, New Hampshire, leaves work and begins driving on State Highway 114 to her home in nearby Goffstown. On the outskirts of Manchester, she sees an odd light in the sky that is flashing different colors. The light vanishes when she reaches Goffstown, but it reappears twice more, seemingly brighter and closer. She sees that it is an orange-and-gold globe covered with hexagons like a honeycomb, with an oval window on the upper left. The red, green, and blue flashes come from somewhere near the center of the object, and she hears a high-pitched sound. Suddenly she is unable to remove her hands from the steering wheel. She feels that the object is taking control of her and the car and pulling them in. Her car speeds up against her will as she passes Westlawn Cemetery. The object is now only a few hundred feet away, and through a window she sees a smallish humanoid figure standing behind a console. The figure has a round, grayish head, a wrinkled face, a downturned slit of a mouth, and two large eyes with dark pupils. She feels that he is sending her a telepathic message to be unafraid. Somehow, she slows the car and turns into the driveway of a house just past the cemetery. A German shepherd dog runs up to the car door, growling and barking at her. She hits the dog, runs up to the house, pounds on the door, rings the bell, and yells for help as the UFO moves to a position across the street, hovering and watching her, still emitting a high-pitched sound. The residents, Mr. and

Mrs. Beaudoin, come to the door and find a terrified woman who is covering her ears and claiming that a UFO is after her. The Beaudoins cannot see or hear anything, but Mrs. Beaudoin calls the police. Investigator [Walter N. Webb](#) finds that the position of the UFO corresponds too closely to the planet Mars, at least in the later stage of the sighting, to rule that explanation out entirely. (“UFO Terrifies Woman,” *Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader*, November 3, 1973; “[Occupant Encounter in New Hampshire](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1974): 5–7; Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition, 1974, pp. 322–323; Raymond Fowler, “The Goffstown Creatures,” *Official UFO* 1, no. 2 (August 1975): 22–23; UFOEv II 539–540; “[The 1973 UFO Encounter of Lyndia Morel](#),” UFO Casebook)

- 1973**, November 2 — Night. Police officers looking into reports of a “strange animal” seen in the area of Midland, Pennsylvania, spot a large, disc-shaped object in the sky overhead. At least 100 other people also see the object. (Clark III 556)
- 1973**, November 2 — [Dick Cavett](#) features [J. Allen Hynek](#), [Carl Sagan](#), astronaut [James McDivitt](#), Capt. [Lawrence J. Coyne](#), [Charles Hickson](#), and Calvin Parker on the *Dick Cavett Show*. Sagan mocks the testimony of the Pascagoula abductees as well as Coyne: “I don’t mean to attack Captain Coyne, but people who read altimeters hallucinate.” (Graff 259–260)
- 1973**, November 3 — Day. At the bottom of a gully in an isolated section of the woods near Midland, Pennsylvania, two hunters find a 42-foot ring impressed in the grass. Investigator [Stan Gordon](#) finds a trail of three-toed footprints—11 inches long and 5 inches wide—some 250 yards from the ring. (Clark III 556)
- 1973**, November 4 — 12:00 midnight. [Rex Snow](#) and his wife Theresa are awakened in their house in Goffstown, New Hampshire, by a brushing sound. He sees two self-luminous, silver-suited beings, 4½–5 feet tall, in the backyard about 60 feet away. They have oversized, pointed ears; dark, egg-shaped eyeholes; large noses encased in the silver coverall; and silver boots with upturned toes. One holds a flashlight-like object, while the other picks up things from the ground and puts them in a silver bag. The family dog is ordered to attack the creatures, but halts about 30 feet away, makes some lunges, then walks back and lies down whining on the kitchen floor. Snow closes the door and watches them walk away into the woods. (Raymond E. Fowler, *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, Exposition, 1974, pp. 324–326; Raymond Fowler, “The Goffstown Creatures,” *Official UFO* 1, no. 2 (August 1975): 22–23, 103–104; David Webb, [1973: Year of the Humanoids](#), CUFOS, 1976, p. 19)
- 1973**, November 4 — 12:00 noon. Two teenage boys in Inkster, North Dakota, see a bright light hovering 45 feet above a field. It appears to be a cube-shaped object about 10 feet wide with five red, white, and green lights. The teens can feel static electricity in the air. After 10 minutes, the object flies away. Traces of dead vegetation are found later in the field. (Mark Rodeghier, [UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference](#), CUFOS, 1981, p. 60)
- 1973**, November 6 — 9:00 p.m. Off-duty patrolmen Gary Steinberg and Thomas Brown are sitting in an unmarked patrol car in Freeport, New York, facing east. They see a bright light in the sky that is not the helicopter they think it is at first. They watch it for 5–10 minutes before it moves away to the southeast. Steinberg tries to get closer in the patrol car, while Brown stays behind and directs him by radio. He gets to within 300–400 feet of it, as it is 700–800 feet in altitude. It now appears football-shaped and 100 feet long. He watches it for 10–15 minutes as it glows silvery blue with an occasional yellow-red pulsating tint. The object then moves off to the southwest, stopping occasionally. A smaller object comes up on his right and drifts up to the larger object and merges with it. The larger object dims in sections (about 16), one after the other, and it takes off to the southwest and disappears in a couple seconds. (Dick Ruhl, “[Merging UFOs over Long Island](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1974): 1, 3–4; Herbert S. Taylor, “[Satellite Objects: A Further Look](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 5–6)
- 1973**, November 6 — 9:45 p.m. A USAF security policeman at the eastern portion of Kirtland AFB near Albuquerque, New Mexico, sees a large, glowing object hovering 100 feet above the Manzano Nuclear Weapons Storage Facility. It is an oblate spheroid, 150 feet in diameter, gold in color, and absolutely silent. Nine other air policemen are alerted, and four F-101 Voodoo Air National Guard interceptors are scrambled from Kirtland. The UFO begins moving east and passes out of sight at treetop level in the Manzano Mountains. (R. C. Hecker, “[New Mexico Reports](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1974): 5; Good Need, [p. 321](#))
- 1973**, November 8 — The crew of a Lloyd Aéreo Boliviano airplane encounters a strange, luminous object near La Paz, Bolivia, and alerts the Bolivian air force. Maj. Norberto Saloman, already airborne on a practice flight in a North American F-100 Super Sabre fighter, investigates and observes a stationary object shaped like a top with window-like openings on its sides. He closes in to 6,600 feet, but the object moves away at incredible speed. As he pursues it. The object suddenly repositions itself behind his aircraft, then goes straight up and vanishes. (“[Bolivian Pilot Chases Object Which Looks Like a Top](#),” *Skylook*, no. 82 (September 1974): 17; UFOEv II 86–87)
- 1973**, November 8 — Around 10:45 p.m. Donna and Rick Bouchard and their three children are driving west in a pickup truck along Ontario Highway 417 north of Embrun, Ontario. Rick sees an object with spinning lights at about 40 feet altitude in his rearview mirror. Suddenly the object dives toward the back of the truck. Rick speeds up to 100

mph, but the object stays right behind, wobbling, with the lights at the bottom rotating around it. At one point the object ascends a bit and disappears behind some bushes, but it returns after a few seconds and approaches the truck at high speed, following them all the way to the Ottawa suburbs, even going beneath the Anderson Road overpass, which is 15 feet high. ("[Car Chase in Canada](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1974): 1, 4; Arthur Bray, "[Car Chased under Bridges](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 4 (1975): 11, 13; Paul R. Hill, *Unconventional Flying Objects: A Scientific Analysis*, Hampton Roads, 1995, pp. 102–104)

1973, Mid-November — Evening. Two sentries at a lookout post on the perimeter of Istrana Air Base, Veneto province, Italy, see two beings, about 4 feet 11 inches tall, dressed in white. Further away they see an unconventional craft. The beings run to the UFO and speed away. Marks are found at the landing site. ("[Italy: Top Secret](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 5 (March 1975): iii; Good Above, pp. 143–144)

1973, November 16 — 7:00 p.m. Two 11-year old boys are outside in Lemon Grove, California, intending to play in a vacant lot or field in the neighborhood. When they arrive, there is a dark object hovering about 18 inches above the field. It seems inactive. One of the boys cautiously approaches and raps it with his flashlight, making a sound like metal on metal. Instantly, the object's dome lights up in a brilliant red light that illuminates the entire area. It rises three or four more feet off the ground, and a row of green lights light up around its perimeter, flashing in sequence. The thing begins rotating and making a "woooo woوو woوو" sound. The object is easily visible now and appears as a domed disc. The dome is large and tall (about equal to half or more of the disc height) and glowing bright red, then flashing intermittent red. The boys are now frightened and start to run away as the object takes off toward the southwest. At the site are found three marks forming an equilateral triangle within an area of grass swirled in a counterclockwise pattern. A magnetometer at La Posta Astro-Geophysical Observatory in Campo, California, allegedly registers a perturbation at 7:20 p.m. (NICAP, "[Object Hovers 18" off Ground / Magnetometer Perturbation](#)"; David Branch and Robert Klinn, "TV Interference, Fused Phone Lines, Cited in UFO Landing Case," *Santa Ana (Calif.) Register*, December 5, 1973; "[Boys Encounter Landed Object](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1974): 7–8; Donald R. Carr, "[Boys Say UFO Hit with Flashlight](#)," *Skylook*, no. 75 (February 1974): 4–5; Dave Green, "[UFO Group Convinced Reported Spacecraft Landing Was Real](#)," *La Mesa (Calif.) Life News*, March 20, 1974, pp. 1–2; Stringfield, *Situation Red*, Fawcett Crest, 1977, pp. 116–119; Corky Lang, "[20-Foot Flying Saucer in Lemon Grove? That's the Story from 1973](#)," *Lemon Grove (Calif.) Patch*, July 10, 2012; "[Two 11-Year-Old Boys Encountered a Landed UFO in Lemon Grove, California on November 16, 1973](#)," Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, November 7, 2023)

1973, November 17 — 6:00 p.m. Johann Pritz notices an oblong object emitting lights upward (similar to those he had seen on October 29) as he is driving near Ulltichschlag, Austria. He drives home to Bad Traunstein and continues watching the display to the south. He gathers several other witnesses in town, and they continue watching until the object fades out after 7:00 p.m. (Ernst Berger, "[Luminous 'Snails' near Traunstein, Austria](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 2 (October 1974): 16–18)

1973, November 18 — About 6:00 p.m. Four women are driving south from Tracy, Quebec, to Contrecoeur when they see a "watermelon-sized" ball of yellowish light suddenly appear above a pylon a quarter of a mile ahead of them. As they pass, it starts moving westward over the St. Lawrence River. The object seems to change shape as it flies, becoming alternately larger and smaller, dimming and growing in intensity. The light follows them as they weave in and out through wooded areas. Eventually the object is lost to sight as the women drive into Montreal. At one point they encounter a large volume of traffic that seems to be slowed by an odd pink cloud lying across the highway. They also see a small human figure standing in the middle of the road. (Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 107–108)

1973, November 22 — 2:00 a.m. A woman living in an isolated area near Joliette, Quebec, notices a white object outside her kitchen window. She moves closer to the window and sees a 4-foot-tall being with huge glowing eyes. Around its head or helmet there is a halo; its shoulders slope at a 45° angle from the head. After 15 seconds, the figure withdraws. She alerts her husband, who goes outside to investigate but only finds the dog "scared to death." The following night the cat is spooked. (Claude Macduff, "[The November 1973 UFO-Invasion of Quebec](#)," *The UFO Register* 7, no. 1/2 (1976): 12–15; Clark III 496; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 108–109)

1973, November 28 — A Gallup poll shows that 51% of Americans believe UFOs are "real," as opposed to 27% who think they are "imaginary." And 11% claim to have seen a UFO, extrapolating into 15 million Americans. ("[51% in Gallup Poll Believe in U.F.O.'s: 11% Note Sightings](#)," *New York Times*, November 29, 1973, p. 45; Robert J. Durant, "[Evolution of Public Opinion on UFOs](#)," *IUR* 18, no. 6 (Nov./Dec. 1993): 12)

1973, November 30 — 7:00 p.m. Pilot Riccardo Marano is about to land at Caselle Airport, Turin, Italy, in a Piper Navajo, when the controller notifies him that there is a UFO about 1,320 feet above the runway. He sees a luminous, multicolored ball of light changing from violet to blue to dark red. "When I got closer and had a better

view, the object at once made off, flying in a most irregular fashion, maneuvering in a way I have seen no plane do, making fantastic lateral deviations, and sudden vast jumps to and fro, as if it enjoyed playing hide-and-seek. Its speed was as high as” 540 mph, Marano says. Col. Rustichelli, commandant of the Caselle military airfield, sees the UFO on his own radar screen. “It was something solid, lit up, like a plane on my radar.” Commander Tranquillo, pilot of an Alitalia Air Line DC-9 en route from Turin to Rome, calls to the control tower: “I see a shining thing giving out intermittent flashes of light, four miles from me. I dare not approach. I give way.” Commander Mezzalami in another Alitalia DC-9 reports: “I was able to observe the object ... notified by the control tower just as I was about to touch down. I had a good view of it.... I can offer no theories as to its significance and can only say that it was something very strange indeed.” (NICAP, “[UFO Darts To and Fro, Observed from 3 Aircraft and Gnd Radar](#)”; Story, p. 373; F. Lagarde, “[Italie: Turin 30 Novembre et Suza 24 Novembre 1973](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 133 (March 1974): 5–6; Gordon Creighton, “[The Italian Scene Once More](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 2 (October 1974): 27; UFOEv II 132–133; IPinotti 185–186)

- 1973, December** — Kansas is quietly undergoing an epidemic of strange cattle deaths. The incidents first receive wide publicity in the December 22 *Kansas City Times*, which takes note of the fact that most of the deaths are Black Angus. They have died within a few miles of US 81 in a dozen counties in north-central Kansas. Many show knife marks on the carcasses, including the apparent butchering of sex organs. The lack of blood and footprints is also puzzling. Sheriffs from the affected counties meet and decide that cultists are responsible. But according to the Kansas State University Veterinarian Laboratory in Manhattan, the animals have died of bloat and coyotes have eaten the soft parts. Many ranchers reject the explanation. Mystery helicopters are also linked to the mutilations. (Clark III 133; Richard D. Ralls, “[Cattle Mutilations Baffle Kansas Farmers, Officials](#),” *Kansas City (Mo.) Times*, December 22, 1973, pp. 1–2, 16; Jerome Clark, “Strange Case of the Cattle Killings,” *Fate* 27, no. 8 (August 1974): 79–90; Roberta Donovan and Keith Wolverton, *Mystery Stalks the Prairie*, THAR Institute, 1976)
- 1973, December** — [Donald E. Keyhoe](#) publishes *Aliens from Space*, in which he continues to ignore occupant cases but finally admits that the CIA, not the Air Force, is the primary perpetrator of the UFO cover-up. (Donald E. Keyhoe, *Aliens from Space: The Real Story of Unidentified Flying Objects*, Doubleday, 1973; Clark III 649–650; Powell, *Keyhoe*, 395–396)
- 1973, December** — The Société Varoise d’Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux in Toulon, France, begins publishing the journal *Approche* in conjunction with the Société Vauclusienne d’Étude des Phénomènes Spatiaux in Vedene, France. ([Approche](#), no. 1 (December 1973))
- 1973, December 3** — James Yorke and his family watch a triangular UFO with colored lights on the bottom for 15 minutes two miles north of Parrsboro, Nova Scotia. It is over Minas Basin and crossing the water very slowly. (Don Ledger, “[The Flying Triangle Phenomenon](#),” *IUR* 27, no. 3 (Fall 2002): 7)
- 1973, December 6** — 6:45 p.m. Witnesses at Fabrègues, Hérault, France, see a landed domed disc on legs with a brightly lit “blister” on top, flashing red and white lights around the rim and making a humming sound. A door opens and a ladder unfolds, causing the witnesses to flee. The craft changes to an orange glow and chases them. Later, four imprints in a 51-inch square are found, along with ladder marks. The area appears “swept” as if by a blast. (Yves Herbo, “[Décembre 1973: Atterrissages avec traces à Fabrègues](#),” *Sciences Faits et Histoires*, November 21, 2014)
- 1973, December 8** — While harvesting, farmer Kevin O’Connell finds seven sections of his oat crop flattened into circles 3 miles west of Bordertown, South Australia. They are spread over 20 acres and the largest is 14 feet in diameter. The oats are flattened counterclockwise. (Terry Wilson, “[1973: Bordertown](#),” *Old Crop Circles*)
- 1973, December 10** — 8:30 p.m. Friedrich Lennartz, an alpine rescue service man and proprietor of the Hochrieschütte in the Bavarian Alps, Germany, and Peter Zettel, a porter, are at dinner at the hut’s restaurant when through the large panoramic window they see a flaring light near the cross on Mount Weitlahnerkopf to the southeast. It is lighting up the surrounding terrain. Looking through binoculars, they see that the object is egg-shaped, pointing end up. By comparison to the cross, they estimate its size as 30 feet in diameter and 40–46 feet tall. A yellow dome seems to be at the top. Four rows of colored lights (red, green, blue, white) are rotating counterclockwise around the lower portion. Lennartz signals with his flashlight but gets no response. At 8:50 p.m., he fires a red signal rocket toward the object. In moments, the object emits a red glow that conceals the rotating lights and begins rising slowly, taking 4–5 minutes to clear the mountains. The object is now dazzling red with a yellow dome. It accelerates rapidly toward the observers, traveling 3–4 miles in 10 seconds and stopping over the Klausenberg slope. Loud static drowns out the radio. As the object hovers, the lights begin pulsating like strobe lights. After 30 seconds, it moves south toward the Klausenalmhütte in Austria and hovers above a pasture. At 9:00 p.m., Lennartz hears his dogs whimpering and wanting to be let inside, apparently confused. At 11:40 p.m., Lennartz fires another red signal rocket toward the object, which immediately turns red, speeds upward and disappears in

- the sky. After it leaves, radio reception is clear again. (Adolf Schneider and Ernst Berger, “[UFOs Invade the Bavarian Alps, Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 1 (June 1975): 22–24; UFOEv II 47–48)
- 1973**, December 15 — A single crop circle is found in a wheat field at Wokuma, South Australia. The wheat has been flattened counterclockwise and there are two bare patches. (Terry Wilson, “[1973: Wokuma](#),” *Old Crop Circles*)
- 1973**, December 19 — 8:30 p.m. Farmer João Rodrigues Terra and a farmhand, Djalma da Silva Faques, are driving to the Cavorã Farm, about 31 miles away from Sidrolândia, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil, when they see a low, white cloud, followed by a bright orange, oval object about 100 feet away with a “cap” on its top and bottom. The surface is shiny and metallic, constantly changing colors, and is directing a fan-shaped luminous beam from its top. They have some difficulty starting their pick-up truck, but then can only creep along as the UFO paces them for 10 minutes. Faques sees a small, human figure inside. The truck functions normally as the UFO speeds away, but its new battery fails on December 22 and cannot be recharged. (“[Episódio No. 49: O Caso de Sidrolândia, Mato Grosso](#),” *SBEDV Special Bulletin*, no. 5 (1975): 61–62)
- 1973**, December 20 — 2:15 a.m. Michael Wagner and Robert B. Klinn of Pacific Palisades, California, see a yellow, glowing blob hovering in the south-southeast. Through a telescope, the blob is seen to be a precise arrangement of round, yellow-gold lights. It fades away after 75 minutes. (Ann Druffel, “Santa Catalina Island Recurring ‘Cloud-Cigars,’” *Proceedings of the 1976 CUFOs Conference*, Center for UFO Studies, 1976, pp. 67–68; Ann Druffel, “[Santa Catalina Channel Cloud Cigars](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 1 (January 2007): 15)
- 1973**, December 31 — Stuart Nixon resigns (or is fired) from the NICAP staff, leaving only John Acuff in charge. (Powell, *Keyhoe*, 397–398)

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- 1974** — The French government decides to systematically gather UFO reports from the gendarmerie and transmit them to the Centre National d’Études Spatiales (CNES). At the time, the gendarmerie has about 300 reports and is getting 100 new ones each year. A committee of the Institut des Hautes Études de Defense Nationale recommends the creation of a special UFO investigation agency. (Gildas Bourdais, “[From GEPAN to SEPR: Official UFO Studies in France](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 11; Gildas Bourdais, “[The Death and Rebirth of Official French UFO Studies](#),” *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 12)
- 1974** — Perry Petrakis founds the Association d’Étude sur les Soucoupes Volantes in Aix-en-Provence, France, and soon establishes branches in Vevey, Switzerland, and Kalmthout, Belgium. It begins publishing the AESV bulletin through June 1981. AESV continues under the name SOS-OVNI in 1990. (*AESV*, no. 6 (April 1978))
- 1974** — Contact (UK) expands to Contact International, after establishing many overseas branches in Turkey, Colombia, and elsewhere. It has an international membership of 2,000. (Story, [p. 89](#))
- 1974** — John Hind establishes the Irish UFO Research Centre in Belfast, Northern Ireland. It publishes the *Irish UFO News* from 1976 to 1980. (*Irish UFO News* 1 no. 2 (July 1976))
- 1974** — UFO skeptic [Philip J. Klass](#) publishes *UFOs Explained*, taking on some difficult UFO cases but finding none worthy of attention. UFOlogists take vigorous issue with his representation of cases and publish numerous refutations that are little noticed outside the UFO community. (Philip J. Klass, *UFOs Explained*, Random House, 1974; Clark III 659)
- 1974** — The UFO Subcommittee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics is disbanded. (Story, [p. 8](#))
- 1974** — [Bob Gribble](#), a Seattle, Washington, fireman, establishes the National UFO Reporting Center, with a hotline phone number that is shared with Federal Aviation Administration offices. (“[Profile](#),” *IUR* 7, no. 2 (March 1982): 15–16)
- 1974** — John Rimmer has moved from Liverpool to London, England, in 1973, but John Harney moves there this year to work for the Kew Observatory. *MUFOB* continues in London, with Rimmer taking over the bulk of the editorial work. (“[History of Magonia](#),” *Magonia* Archive)
- 1974** — 12:30 a.m. Two women are driving along Hamilton Road, Quakers Hill, New South Wales, when the car suddenly shakes violently and stops. The radio will not turn on. The driver gets out of the car to get her children out of the back seat when she looks up and sees a massive disc-shaped object at an altitude no greater than the nearby power pole. It is surrounded completely by lights and has a dome in the middle on the top. The object is gun-metal gray and the size of half a football field. It silently moves over the dairy farm next to the road. Then it stops and shoots up into the air. The car starts up with no problems afterward. (Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 20)

- 1974, January** — [Don Berliner](#) of the Fund for UFO Research does an exhaustive review of the then unreleased Project Blue Book files at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, which include many witness names that are later redacted for public release. ([Sparks](#), p. 6)
- 1974, January** — Since 1968, [Marjorie E. Fish](#), a schoolteacher in Oak Harbor, Ohio, has been fascinated with the star map drawn by [Betty Hill](#) after her abduction. If she could figure out what stars are on the map, she might be able to determine where the UFO came from. With much difficulty and many failed attempts, Fish creates a 3D map that indicates the relevant stars are the two in the Zeta Reticuli binary system, 39.3 light years from earth. She first publishes her detailed results in *Pursuit*. Later observations reveal some interpretations in Fish's map to be inaccurate, and she rejects her hypothesis in 2011. (Wikipedia, "[Betty and Barney Hill](#)"; "[Star Map Adds to Hill Controversy](#)," *UFO Investigator*, May 1973, p. 3; Betty Hill, "[Star Map](#) Commentary," *UFO Investigator*, July 1973, p. 4; Marjorie E. Fish, "[Validation of the Betty Hill Map](#)," *Pursuit* 7, no. 1 (January 1974): 4–8; Terence Dickinson, "[The Zeta Reticuli Incident](#)," *Astronomy* 2, no. 12 (December 1974): 5–18; Walter N. Webb, "[An Analysis of the Fish Model](#)," *Pursuit* 8, no. 3 (July 1975): 55–62; "[Update on the Betty Hill Star Map](#)," *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 16, 29; Allan Hendry, "UFO Road Map: or, Lost in the Stars," *Fate* 35, no. 2 (February 1982): 56–63; David J. Eicher, "[The Zeta Reticuli \(or Ridiculi\) Incident](#)," January 31, 2001; Brett Holman, "Goodbye, Zeta Reticuli," *Fortean Times* 242 (December 2008): 50–52; Colin Johnston, "[The Truth about Betty Hill's UFO Star Map](#)," Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, August 19, 2011; Clark III 586–487; "[Betty Hill's 'Zeta Reticuli' Star Map](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, October 2, 2024)
- 1974, Winter** — 10:30 a.m. Harry Charlton and his wife have just driven east through Melrose, New Mexico, when they see two objects moving on their left at about 1,500 feet altitude. They have no wings, tail sections, or engine nodules. Both are dull gray, like galvanized sheet iron. The larger one is in front, with a slightly smaller one about 600 feet behind. Charlton thinks they are about a half-mile away, but he can hear no noise or see any smoke. When the objects are about abreast of the car, a sliding door opens on the larger one near the front end. A large, shiny sphere (like polished aluminum) about 15–20 feet in diameter emerges, moves toward the smaller object, and enters it after a door opens near the rear end. After they move out of sight in a few minutes, Charlton sees two F-111s take off in their direction from Cannon Air Force Base near Clovis. (Harry Charlton, [[Letter](#)], *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 5 (May 1981): 3.
- 1974, January 3** — 8:00 p.m. Lizzy Rodríguez de Maisonet is outside her home in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, when she notices a round object resembling an inverted soup dish. She calls her husband and a neighbor, Iris Esther Rivera, and they gather together on Guillermina Street, along with three of Rivera's children. The object moves east to west at a slow speed, at a distance of about 650–980 feet, until it disappears behind a tree-covered hill. The adults go home, but the children see the UFO again at 8:10 p.m. It remains suspended above the hill at an altitude of about 33–50 feet. It has a row of brilliant lights on its lower side that seems to gyrate rapidly. A brilliant white light emerges from the object's bottom. The children see five apparently solid light-green balls descend. A square gap on the side of the object reveals a bright blue light. Suddenly, the square gap becomes solid, and the object moves away to the south. It stops, and white smoke issues for 20 seconds from the object's lower section, which seems to send up dust from the school grounds. The UFO moves south again, stopping above a small house belonging to the Aqueducts and Sewers Authority, then moves away and disappears. ("[50 Years Ago: Puerto Rico's Flamingo Terrace Sightings](#)," *Inexplicata: The Journal of Hispanic Ufology*, January 18, 2024)
- 1974, January 3** — 9:30 p.m. Two young student teachers are driving home near Leek, Staffordshire, England, when a green mass appears to follow them. The couple feels a presence. Despite being on a lonely road, they get out of the car to watch a dark mass low above their heads, with arcs of blue and green light encircling them. In terror, they head off over the moors, but moments later they run over a cattle grid, inexplicably finding themselves in Ilam 12 miles away. Seconds later there is another bump and they reach a developed area that turns out to be a town 20 miles to the north. They find a police station to report the incident and find that it is now 3:30 a.m. (Derek James, "[Time-Lapse Extraordinary](#)," *BUFORA Journal* 6, no. 1 (May/June 1977): 10–11; Jenny Randles, "The Twelve UFOs of Christmas," *Fortean Times* 374 (Christmas 2018): 29)
- 1974, January 7** — 8:40 p.m. A man's car suddenly dies as he is driving near Warneton, Belgium. He sees a landed domed disc with a flat bottom like a WWI helmet, 23–33 feet in diameter and 7–10 feet wide. It has a flange around its base and three legs. White and orange alternating bands are on the glowing object. Two humanoid beings approach him. They have broad shoulders, heads shaped like inverted pears, long arms, large eyes, and no noses. One is about 4 feet tall, the other somewhat taller; a third being remains near the craft. They wear internally lit cube-shaped helmets with the face visible, gray jumpsuits, and gloves. The taller being comes within 12–15 feet of the vehicle, then opens and closes its mouth. The witness feels a shock to the back of his head and hears a low-pitched sound. The two humanoids quickly return to the craft, which now pulses with an electric blue color, and departs. (MM. Bazin, Bigorne, and Bodin, "[Atterrissage à Warneton \(Belgique\): Contact avec les Ufonautes](#),"

Lumières dans la Nuit, no. 139 (November 1974): 3–6; “[The Robots at Warneton](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 5 (March 1975): 6–9; UFOEv II 493)

- 1974**, January 8 — 3:00 a.m. [John E. Justice](#) leaves the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio, when his headlights dim and the engine dies. He sees a display of aerial lights descending a short distance in front of him. The blinking lights are multicolored “like a rainbow.” Suddenly they blink out and are replaced by a blinding steady white light about 6 feet ahead of and 3 feet above the car. The light is coming from the inside of the object, where he can see a lighted room with a golden aisle and five occupants seated on the left-hand side in a straight row. Each seat is a different color, and the garments of the occupants match the color of the seat. Each has long brown hair that reaches the floor. The object departs suddenly, the interior blinking out and the colored lights reappearing. The car engine starts without difficulty. (Stringfield, *Situation Red*, Fawcett Crest, 1977, [pp. 95–96](#); Herbert S. Taylor, “[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 16)
- 1974**, January 18 — 4:30 p.m. Giuseppe Cardelli is driving between Milan and Bologna, Italy, when he sees a “strange shining ball” in the sky. He stops his car, gets out, and photographs it. He submits the photo to NASA, which replies on June 18 that it has no explanation. A consultant wonders whether the photo shows a reflection in the car window and finds the “wiggly clouds to the right” interesting. (“[Italian Photo Unexplained](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 3 (September 1975): 1, 4)
- 1974**, January 23 — 8:30 p.m. Witnesses at Llandrillo, northern Wales, see a bright object followed by a luminous tail and (according to one witness) a blinking blue light. The object is motionless for several minutes, during which time it dims then becomes very bright. It appears to crash around Cadair Bronwen mountain, east of the village. Many people hear a terrific explosion and a violent shaking of the ground recorded up to 60 miles away. Astronomers at Leicester University, England, record at least three fireball meteors this evening. The British Geological Survey identifies the source of the explosion as an earthquake. Police and a mountain rescue team from RAF Valley in Anglesey, Wales, are in the area almost immediately and cordon off access to the supposed crash site on a barren hilltop. They find no trace of a crash the next day, but a nurse on the way to the crash site after being telephoned by police headquarters is on her way up the mountain with her daughters when she sees something sitting on the ground ahead of her. It seems to be intact and is large, circular, and glowing orange. The nurse and her daughters are within a few hundred feet when police and military forces show up and clearly tell her to leave the area. Researcher [Tony Dodd](#) is reportedly approached by a retired military man using the name of “Robert Prescott” who tells him that he and some others were assigned to transport two oblong crates from the crash site to a place called Porton Down where the UK Ministry of Defence’s Defence Science and Technology Laboratory is located. They are instructed not to stop for anyone. Military personnel open the crates and Prescott sees two humanoid figures, apparently dead, about 5–6 ft tall, very thin, almost skeletal in nature with a covering skin. These are placed in decontamination suits. Other units supposedly transport live aliens from the crash site. At 10:00 p.m., a man watches a luminous sphere descend into the sea near the Dee Estuary about 25 miles north. [Nick Redfern](#) speculates that a UK version of Project Moon Dust might be in activation, which could explain reports of mystery helicopters in the area in prior weeks. [Jenny Randles](#) hears later from a former UK government official that a crashed UFO is being kept in a military base in South Wales. In May, Welsh MP [Dafydd Elis-Thomas](#) asks Defence Minister [Brynmor John](#) if any official investigation was made; John says the only official investigation was made by the RAF Valley team. National Archives files released in 2005 show that the MoD consulted the Meteorological Office and DI55, which says the meteor explanation is the likeliest. (Wikipedia, “[Berwyn Mountain UFO incident](#)”; Jenny Randles, “[The Night the Mountain Exploded](#),” *IUR* 21, no. 4 (Winter 1996): 9–11, 32; Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, [pp. 118–124](#); Andy Roberts, “[Fire on the Mountain: The Berwyn Mountain Incident](#),” *IUR* 24, no. 3 (Fall 1999): 16–23, 30; UFOFiles2, [pp. 90–91](#); “[Files Released on 1974 ‘Welsh Roswell’](#),” *BBC News*, August 5, 2010; Andy Roberts, *UFO Down? The Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash*, CFZ Press, 2010; Clark III 287–288; Jessica Hatcher-Moore, “[The Berwyn Incident](#),” Truly*Adventurous, December 10, 2019; “[The Welsh Roswell: The Berwyn Mountain UFO Crash, Llandrillo, Wales, January 23, 1974](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 8, 2023; “[The Berwyn Mountains ‘Welsh Roswell’ UFO Incident, January 23, 1974](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, August 14, 2024)
- 1974**, January 24 — While the RAF rescue team is still operating around Cadair Bronwen, three family members see a bright object in the sky near the mountain. Through field glasses, they see a disc-shaped object divided into red, green, yellow, and purple sections. After 10 minutes they call the police and the object disappears behind a cloud.
- 1974**, January 26 — 2:59 a.m. Capt. Lars Berglund and the crew of a Boeing 727 airliner flying near Lisbon, Portugal, see a V-formation of 10–15 luminous orange discs. Berglund rules out a satellite reentry because of its precision. After the formation passes, another Portuguese aircraft reports the same objects to ground control. A Norwegian and a British aircraft also report the same phenomenon. (“[Formation Seen by Air Crews](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no.

5 (March/April 1974): 7–8; “[Airliner Met 15 UFOs over Lisbon](#),” *UFO-Sweden Special Report*, 1974 no. 4, pp. 3–4)

- 1974**, February — [Hynek](#) visits the APRO headquarters in Tucson, Arizona, asking for a contact list of APRO investigators for the Center for UFO Studies to make use of in a cooperative fashion. [Coral Lorenzen](#) is suspicious of Hynek’s background and does not provide him the list. (“[Hynek: UFO Movement Basically Amateurs](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 33, no. 2 (January 1986): 6–7)
- 1974**, February 6 — Late evening. A woman watching TV in rural Fayette County near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, hears a “rattling of tin cans” on her porch. She grabs and loads a shotgun, turns on the porch light, and steps into the doorway of the porch, where she encounters a 7-foot-tall apelike creature with its hands raised in the air. She fires into his midsection and it “just disappeared in a flash of light.” Her son-in-law, who lives in a trailer 100 feet away, hears the shot, grabs a revolver, and heads for her house. Along the way, he sees “shadows of four or five hairy people” who approach him. They have “fire red eyes that glowed in total darkness.” About 1,500 feet away, a red, flashing light hovers above the trees. Investigating police arrive and find no tracks but notice that the animals seem terrified. The son-in-law tells investigator [Stan Gordon](#) that he had encountered a similar apelike creature in November 1973. (Clark III 556–557; Stan Gordon, “UFO’s, in Relation to Creature Sightings in Pennsylvania,” *MUFON 1974 UFO Symposium Proceedings*, MUFON, 1974, pp. 132, 144–146)
- 1974**, February 8 — 7:25 a.m. Ten girls from the orphanage school in Vălenii de Munte, Romania, watch two yellow-orange spheres above a hill to the southwest of town. After 10 seconds, they merge into one object and take the form of an elongated oval with an orange dome. It begins moving slowly toward the west-southwest, then accelerates and disappears behind the treeline after 40 seconds. Fresh marks are found in a plowed field at the site where the object was seen. (Romania 36–37)
- 1974**, February 8 — Sunset. Mullah Umar Siddiq, merchant Ibrahim Khaleb, and physician Muhammad Watif are standing on the roof of the Al-Hud Mosque in Al Mukalla, Yemen, when they see three large white discs gliding slowly downward. They gather some provisions, hire three camels, and head for the Wadi Jawlan 32 miles to the east, where they estimate the objects have landed. At dawn, they dismount to say prayers, and a vivid glow lights up the eastern sky above the Wadi Jawlan for a few seconds. The light is yellowish-white and comes from three beams that are stabbing upwards and fanning out into the sky. Although the light dies down, the beams are still visible, eventually growing paler. They find deep, clear-cut tracks of caterpillar-track vehicles all over the rugged area. At three places, about 325 feet apart, they find numerous scoop marks, about 33 inches wide, in an area in the form of a triangle with sides 17 feet wide. The rock has been fused and melted and the grass and thorn-scrub is burnt. (Gordon Creighton, “[An Arabian Landing?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 12–13)
- 1974**, February 14 — 4:25 a.m. Two brothers are transporting their parents’ furniture in a U-Haul truck near Ely, Nevada, when they notice a round, orange object that paces them, then approaches. They feel as though they are “hit by a blast of wind or force field.” The engine and lights give out, the steering goes, and the truck seems to momentarily float, come back down, and coast to a stop. Ahead of them, just over a hill, they see a large, round object with a domed top and wings. The other object approaches again. One brother points a flashlight at it, whereupon they both get an intense feeling of isolation that lasts about 20 minutes. Since the truck appears to be damaged, they flag down a passing car and call for a tow truck. When the tow truck hauls it away, the rear wheels fall off. It needs new tires, a rear axle, outside housing, and gears. (“[Car Disabled by UFO?](#)” *APRO Bulletin* 22, no. 6 (May/June 1974): 4–5; “[U-Haul or UFO-Haul? Brothers Report Chase by Flying Lights](#),” *Skylook*, no. 78 (May 1974): 19; UFOEv II 218–219)
- 1974**, February 21 — French radio journalist [Jean-Claude Bourret](#) interviews French Defense Minister [Robert Galley](#) for his France Inter radio program, *OVNIs: Pas de panique!* Galley says his department has been interested in UFO reports since the French wave of 1954. Ministry records contain many baffling radar/visual cases. He speaks of the strong quality of the evidence and that people must regard UFOs with a “completely open mind.” The mass of UFO reports “from the airborne gendarmerie, from the mobile gendarmerie, and from the gendarmerie charged with conducting investigations,” all of which are forwarded to CNES, would make people see that it is “pretty disturbing.” (“[French Minister Speaks on UFOs](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 2 (October 1974): 3–4; Good Above, [p. 129](#); Gildas Bourdais, “[From GEPAN to SEPRA: Official UFO Studies in France](#),” *IUR* 25, no. 4 (Winter 2000–2001): 11; Yves Herbo, “[OVNIs et divulgation: Le Ministre des Armées françaises l’a fait en 1974](#),” *Sciences Faits et Histoire*, February 2, 2015)
- 1974**, March — About 9:00 p.m. A missile launch officer with the 564th Strategic Missile Squadron is on watch at the Malmstrom AFB Romeo Flight missile alert facility near Brady, Montana, when both the outer and inner alarms go off. A security alert team arrives and sees a large, brilliantly self-illuminated object hovering above the

Romeo-29 launch facility. Suddenly, the missile starts a countdown. The officer quickly flips the inhibit switch, which puts the system offline. Then the system spontaneously restarts and the missile goes into launch mode again, followed by an inhibit order that does not work. But the launch code is false and the missile remains in its pad. Meanwhile, the UFO moves away straight up at high speed. An F-106 interceptor attempts unsuccessfully to reach it, and Malmstrom AFB radar tracks the UFO. Later he learns that the ground electronics in Romeo-29 are fried as if from a surge. (Nukes 353–355; Robert L. Hastings, “[Former U.S. Air Force Missile Launch Officer Says a UFO Activated One of His ICBMs—Twice!](#)” December 7, 2014)

- 1974**, March 9 — 9:58 p.m. Fiat Corporation pilot Alfonso Isaia chases a luminous, saucer-shaped object with colored rings near Milan, Italy. The UFO is confirmed by Milan radar. (Bob Gribble, “[Looking Back](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 251 (March 1989): 19; Massimiliano Aiello, “[L’avvistamento del Pilota del Agnelli](#),” Massimiliano Aiello, January 17, 2013; 1Pinotti 188–189)
- 1974**, March 13 — An Argentine Airlines plane en route from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Córdoba, Argentina, is flanked by two glowing objects that pace it for several minutes, then speed away. (“[Civilian Argentine Airliner Flanked by ‘Flying Saucers’](#),” *Skylook*, no. 83 (October 1974): 9; UFOEv II 121)
- 1974**, March 17 — The crew of a TWA airliner over Taiwan sees a shiny oval or cigar-shaped object and four smaller, spherical, satellite objects. (UFOEv II 415; Richard F. Haines, “A Review of Selected Sightings from Aircraft from 1973 to 1978,” in *1979 MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings*, Mutual UFO Network, 1979, pp. 114, 127)
- 1974**, March 20 — 11:00 p.m. Adrian Sánchez Sánchez, a salesman, is driving near El Castillo de las Guardas, Seville, Spain, when he sees a large metallic UFO, 450–600 feet long, with three smaller ships shaped like yo-yos. It flies silently and has no windows but towers above and below. One of the objects silently pursues Sánchez and disappears as he enters a village. (Casas-Huguet, “[La observación de Don Adrian Sanchez](#),” *Stendek* 5, no. 16 (June 1974): 9–17; “[Erratum](#),” *Stendek* 5, no. 18 (December 1974): 32; Eileen Buckle, “[Spanish UFO Fiesta](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 3; R. B. Guérard y Holmes, “[Further Investigations of Spanish UFO Cases](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 4 (January 1975): 10–11; UFOEv II 345)
- 1974**, March 23 — 3:00 a.m. The chauffeur of the president of the Cádiz Provincial Commission is driving on the highway in Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Spain, when he sees a “luminous, metal-like” object moving upward with great brilliancy. As he approaches it, he feels a strange sensation. His car comes to a near stop, wavering back and forth like a feather. (UFOEv II 346)
- 1974**, March 23 — Night. A young man named Gösta Häger (pseudonym Harald Andersson) comes out of the parish house in Markim, Stockholm County, Sweden, when he hears a voice in his head telling him to follow a dark forest road. Just after passing a small cottage, he sees two runestones by the side of the path. Suddenly a blinding light knocks him to the ground where he lies unconscious for a while, then wakes up on the doorstep of his villa in Lindholmen, Vallentuna. His wife, disturbed by his condition (bleeding from his forehead and a burn on his cheek), takes him to Danderyds Hospital where hypnotherapist [Ture Arvidsson](#) regresses him to the time of the incident (twice, on April 1 and May 20). He discovers that a beam of light has floated him up into the air while tall, hooded figures touch his head with an unknown device, saying they will meet again in the future. Extraordinary abilities follow, including his ability to disrupt a compass needle, see vibrant auras, and premonitions. The incident is apparently witnessed by another man a short distance away. The Swedish Home Guard assigns 50 of its personnel to work with 15 ufologists to examine the region. The group reports a few odd lights in the sky. (Håkan Blomqvist, “[På UFO-fronten: Kidnappad av UFO-varelser?](#),” *Sökaren* 23, no. 10 (1986): 28–30; Håkan Blomqvist, “[An Abduction in Sweden?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 32, no. 5 (August 1987): 14–16; Björn Högman, “[Vallentunafallet: En gåta some väntar på lösning](#),” *UFO-Aktuellt*, 2011, no. 1; Clas Svahn, “[Händelserna i Vallentuna 1974](#),” Riksorganisationen UFO-Sverige, March 1, 2017; Fred Andersson, “[March 24, 1974, Night of the UFOs: The Close Encounters That Shook Sweden](#),” Medium: Fred Andersson, March 24, 2021)
- 1974**, March 23 — 11:30 p.m. A French doctor allegedly photographs an odd object near Albiosc, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, France. The color image shows a red object like a domed disc and four bright, beamlike extensions. UFO investigator Jean Bedet receives the slide anonymously on April 14, with a note pinned to his car windshield when he is visiting the town of Tavernes, Var. Bedet says his wife and others had seen a similar object at 11:00 p.m. the same night. The consensus among researchers in France is that the photo is a hoax perpetrated by Bedet to confirm the visual sighting. (Michel Monnerie, “[La Veillée Nationale d’Observation à Barjols \(Var\)](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 138 (October 1974): 22–26; Jean Bedet and Linda Galloway, “[Cover Photo](#),” *Skylook*, no. 87 (February 1975): 1, 18; UFOEv II 292–293; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, “[An Approach to UFO Pictures in France](#),” FOTOCAT Report no. 6, [2009], p. 33)
- 1974**, March 26 — 2:00 a.m. Truck driver Maximiliano Iglesias sees a strange object like a plate placed above another large, round object hovering above the highway in Valdehijaderos, Salamanca, Spain, 650 feet away. Another

object is 60 feet away. Two beings come out of the first UFO, point to the truck, then go in again. Both objects fly away. At 11:30 p.m., the same witness watches three silver ships parked on the highway with a floodlight. He stops his engine as some figures approach. He runs and they follow. They are about 6.5 feet tall, with arms and legs, but he cannot see their faces. On March 27, the Guardia Civil investigate and find a hole in the ground. (Pere Rédon, "[Valdehijaderos, de Nuevo](#)," *Stendek* 5, no. 18 (December 1974): 12–16; Eileen Buckle, "[Spanish UFO Fiesta](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 4–6; UFOEv II 346)

- 1974, March 27** — [Antoine](#), Jerri, and Terry Betz investigate a small brush fire near their residence on Fort George Island, Florida, and come across a metal sphere the size of a bowling ball and weighing 22 pounds. They think the sphere could be a 16th-century cannonball and decide to take it home. Several days later, while Terry is playing the guitar, the sphere seems to react to the music and makes a throbbing noise. Later, the sphere rolls and stops on its own and changes direction. The sphere makes a noise when hit with a hammer, and Terry finds that it moves after being shaken and placed on the ground. In 2012, an analysis by Skeptoid indicates that the sphere is a ball check valve produced by the Bell & Howell company. Its size, weight, and metallurgical composition match those of the company's check valves. The ball is almost perfectly balanced, and it takes only a small stimulus to make it move or change direction. New Mexico artist James Durling-Jones, who collects scrap metal for his sculptures, remembers loading ball check valves into the rooftop luggage rack of his Volkswagen van and driving through the Jacksonville, Florida, area around Easter of 1971. A few of the balls rolled off the luggage rack and were not retrieved. Skeptoid concludes that this is the sphere's origin. (Wikipedia, "[Betz mystery sphere](#)"; "[Mystery Sphere: A Bugging Device from Outer Space?](#)" *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times*, April 12, 1974, p. 2-B; "[Just a Ball: Navy; Not So: Its Finders](#)," *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times*, April 15, 1974, pp. 1-B, 7-B; Dan Ross, "[Taos Artist Reports Clue](#)," *Santa Fe New Mexican*, April 23, 1974, p. A1; Brian Dunning, "[The Betz Mystery Sphere](#)," Skeptoid podcast, no. 334, October 30, 2012; Sean Martin, "[Did Aliens Drop This Mysterious Satellite on Earth?](#)" *Daily Express* (UK), November 7, 2017)
- 1974, March 27** — Night. A large, brightly shining, spindle-shaped object that remains stationary in the air is seen by numerous witnesses in Málaga, Spain, and photographed by Sr. Salas, picture editor of the *Sur* newspaper. (Eileen Buckle, "[Spanish UFO Fiesta](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 4–5)
- 1974, March 29** — 1:45 a.m. A French vacationer and a local female friend are lying on a sloping beach near Lomé, Togo, when they hear a high-pitched whine and see an unlighted cylindrical object above the ocean. It heads toward them on a level flight path until it gets to 500 feet away. It stops, and within moments a tidal wave washes over the two witnesses. Wave after wave crash over them as they hold onto a nearby tree. The UFO emits powerful beams of light, and the Frenchman can see the waters parting in a deep trough. They remain paralyzed for 20 minutes until the UFO turns off its lights and flies out to sea. The water surface returns to normal. Over the next few days, the man feels strangely exhausted and has a ringing in his ears. (Joël Mesnard, "[UFO over Sea Causes Surge of Tidal Waves](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 6 (April 1977): 4–5, iv; Clark III 250–251)
- 1974, March 30** — 9:30 p.m. Motorists are blinded by a bright yellow-green object on or near the ground along a road near Ombreiro, Lugo, Spain. Car engines fail, headlights go out. After 3–4 minutes, the UFO rises silently and moves away horizontally. It makes a soft buzzing or whistling sound. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [A Catalogue of 200 Type-I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal](#), CUFOS, 1976, pp. 46–47; UFOEv II 454)
- 1974, April** — A woman military staffer at the GEC-Marconi contracting company in Frimley, Surrey, England, learns that a break-in has occurred the previous night. A guard suffers a nervous breakdown, is taken to an unnamed hospital, and is not seen again. Later, she hears a discussion in her supervisor's office and describes it to [Nick Redfern](#): "We have no way of keeping these beings out. We just don't know what to do next. If they can get in here, they can get in anywhere." She learns that the guard had seen an alien sifting through files and papers. A blue light emanated from its helmet, and the being dematerialized before the guard's eyes. (Nick Redfern, *Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, [pp. 125–126](#); Nick Redfern, "[An Extraterrestrial 007?](#)" *Mysterious Universe*, December 9, 2013)
- 1974, April** — 3:00 a.m. A staff sergeant assigned to the 355th Security Police Squadron stationed at Incirlik Air Base, Adana, Turkey, witnesses a white, glowing UFO hovering silently over the nuclear storage area about 500 feet above the ground for one hour. It appears to be the size of a Volkswagen. At 4:00 a.m., the UFO suddenly and silently accelerates toward the city. The witness sees the object from the Security Police dormitory about 2 miles away. The next day, other security personnel tell him that the only measures taken are "to set up their M-60 machine guns, and that they were not to fire on the object unless it initiated a hostile act." (Brian Vike, "[Sgt. Reports Bizarre Events at WY Missile Base](#)," *Rense.com*, July 7, 2004)
- 1974, Early April** — A couple driving on a country road in east Hancock County, Ohio, spot a low light in the northeastern sky. They drive toward it, but it shoots up into the air so they can see its underside. As the man alerts

people to the object on his CB radio, he sees the object lower a box, seemingly to take samples. Then the object approaches the couple and they drive away quickly, but it follows them for 47 miles. At 2:15 a.m., they pull into a Wigwam restaurant, where a man rushes up to them and asks them, “What did you see in the sky?” He denies having a CB radio, and talks in a strangely slow and choppy manner. The man continues to bother them, so they drive away from the Wigwam. Soon they are followed by some strange lights and an orange ball. They stop the car where the road ends and see a “little man on a little black object.” The lights follow them all the way home to Findlay, Ohio. (Clark III 731–733)

- 1974**, April 4 — Two 12-year-old girls in A Estrada, Galicia, Spain, see a noiseless metallic object that stops for a few seconds 30–40 feet from the ground, then moves off. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [A Catalogue of 200 Type I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal](#), CUFOS, 1976, pp. 47–48)
- 1974**, April 13 — 2:00 a.m. Julio Acosta Bertol (a teacher), his wife, and a student at Herrera de Alcántara, Cáceres, Spain, observe a luminous rhomboid object with a pink-yellowish semicircle on its upper left. The student hears a prolonged, alarm-like noise. They watch the UFO for 5–6 minutes from a distance of 900 feet before it moves off. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, [A Catalogue of 200 Type I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal](#), CUFOS, 1976, p. 49; Nick Redfern, “[Spain’s UFO Wave: 1973–1974](#),” *Mysterious Universe*, August 28, 2018)
- 1974**, April 15 — Passengers on a ferry on the Strait of Gibraltar between Ceuta and Algeciras, Spain, see a round, intense torch-like light rise out of the water near a huge rock, travel at low altitude, then fall into the water again. This happens once again. (UFOEv II 346)
- 1974**, April 15 — A photojournalist takes four photos of a round object over A Coruña, Galicia, Spain. (Dolan II, 24)
- 1974**, April 15 — 4:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. George Torres observe a flat, round object moving to the north over the low hills in back of their home in Tijeras Canyon, New Mexico. It is in the apparent area of the Manzano Nuclear Weapons Storage facility attached to Kirtland AFB. The object changes course to the east at an altitude of 2,000 feet and appears to be 50–75 feet in diameter. It is rotating silently on a central axis. The object turns abruptly to the south, passes behind a small mountain peak, turns east again, and vanishes over the Manzano Mountains. (R. C. Hecker, “[New Mexico Reports](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1974): 5–6)
- 1974**, April 16 — 12:50 a.m. Mauro Bellingeri, 26, and his wife Carla Farè, 23, are returning to their villa in Santa Maria del Tempio and near the town of Casale Monferrato, Alessandria, Italy, when they notice a bright object that dives abruptly toward them, stopping at a height of 40 feet above the villa. The Bellingeris get out of the car to look at the motionless object. It has a transparent dome and a central ring of revolving red, green, and yellow lights. Inside the dome are three human-like beings with large, round, opaque, grayish helmets. At the base of the headgear is a hose-like apparatus. One being turns in their direction, then moves back. All three beings then rotate in unison. At this point, 3–4 jets of flame appear beneath the craft, the central portion begins to revolve rapidly, and they hear a whistling sound and feel a blast of air. The UFO speeds away, continuing to whistle. (UFOEv II 460–461; Pinotti 189–191; Carlo Pirola, *UFOs: Reinvestigation in Italy*, Lulu.com, 2019, pp. 68–76; “[UFO con umanoidi a Casale Monferrato](#),” UFO it YouTube channel, April 16, 2024)
- 1974**, April 19 — About 9:30 p.m. Ruth Currie and her daughter Laurie see a bright light that seems to be only several hundred feet from their house in Altamont, New York. Curious, they walk toward it until they are within about 200 feet. An oval object is resting on the roadway. It appears to have large windows in the top half, from which comes a brilliant golden glow. Changes of contrast in this light give them the impression that something is moving around within. Currie sends her daughter to get a neighbor, Rose Curtis, and they return shortly. Currie then retreats to her home and phones her husband, who drops what he is doing and hurries over. He can see an object rising up. It shifts speeds and accelerates out of sight. During the bulk of this encounter, the neighborhood dogs are putting up a continuous volley of barking. The next morning, the witnesses get together and go to the site, where they find an area of burned grass 50–75 feet in diameter. (NICAP, “[The 1974 UFO Chronology](#)”; “[Investigation Reveals Unreported Sightings](#),” *UFO Investigator*, November 1974, p. 1; Center for UFO Studies, [HUMCAT Index 1974](#), p. 40)
- 1974**, April 29 — Roy Hiltner discovers an odd imprint in his soybean field near North Creek in northwestern Putnam County, Ohio. It is a depression 8 feet in diameter and 12 inches deep, with seven 4-foot-long grooves radiating from it. In the center are two holes, each 12 inches in diameter and 12 inches apart. Local and state officials examine the site and cannot determine a cause. (“[In Ohio: Possible Landing Site Checked](#),” *Skylook*, no. 79 (June 1974): 6; “[Two Physical Trace Cases in Northwest Ohio Unexplained](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 3 (June/July 1985): 4)
- 1974**, May — 2:00 a.m. Iuliu Marian and his wife wake up abruptly in their home in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Outside they see a bell-shaped object or silhouette with a light tube in the center that seems to be waiting for them. Marian grabs a sports sword he keeps under the bed and goes outside, but the object is already moving away. He follows

it around a corner of the house and the object is nowhere to be seen. Marian senses the object is still there somehow because he feels some kind of force field. Against his will he returns to his bedroom, the forcefield disappears, and he goes right back to sleep. (Romania 128–129)

- 1974, May** — 3:30 a.m. US Army Pfc R. Jack Phillips is assigned to the 193rd Military Police Battalion guarding Area 3 of an Army Ordnance Depot [now returned to Germany] where surface-to-surface Pershing missiles are stored near Fischbach bei Dahn, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. Suddenly waking up, he watches an extremely bright star above him for about 15 seconds. Suddenly it approaches very quickly and hovers just beyond the depot fence line about 300 feet away. The light now looks like a domed disc about 60 feet in diameter with a concave indentation on its underside. It is covered in a greenish glow and completely silent. After 5 seconds the object gets much brighter for a second then dims again. The security lights in the complex go out. Phillips tries to report this, but his field phone is out. The backup generators fail to turn on. Some 30 seconds later, the object takes off so swiftly that he can't tell in which direction it leaves. The lights come back on and all the bunker alarms go off. A roving unit needs to come by to reset all the alarms manually. Phillips admits that most of the guards sleep on duty, and that is probably why no one else has seen the object. (Nukes 343–346)
- 1974, May 5** — 5:30 p.m. David Dorn and Troy Warton, both 11, leave home in Lincolnshire, Illinois, to play basketball. As they walk down the street, they notice a dark object in the western sky. It comes closer, drops to a height just above the treetops, hovers slightly, then rises up and disappears. David has a new camera and he snaps six photos with his Kodak X-15 camera. The color pictures reveal a distinct dark object in the clouds and over the trees. Unfortunately, he discards the negatives. ("[Boy's New Camera Records UFO](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 1, no. 5 (September 1980): 1)
- 1974, May 7** (possibly 1973) — 9:00 p.m. [Margaret K. Roffe](#), nurse's aide at the Coatesville (Pennsylvania) Veterans Administration Hospital, hears tree branches swishing and swaying nearby and sees a UFO descend and land on the roof of Building no. 1 about 150 feet away. Four silver-colored legs emerge from the object, followed by a ramp with steps. Three small figures climb down backwards. They are speaking to each other in high, squeaky voices that sound like "so many birds." She says "The being nearest the edge of the roof had a very elongated head, grayish-looking skin, arms that extended well below his knees, and what looked like long claws instead of fingers. His legs appeared rather short." He is bald and looks old. The scene is well lit by an illuminated dome on the roof of the building. When one of the entities notices the witness, they reenter the object, which takes off slowly over the trees, which are again violently agitated. The legs withdraw as it takes off. (Clark III 277)
- 1974, May 7** (or 9) — 7:00 a.m. Businessman Amadeo Villar is driving with his wife and daughter near Altos de Cabrejas, Cuenca, Spain, when they see a bright orange object for 40–50 seconds. It darts behind the clouds, where it is still dimly visible. (José Vicente Avila, "[Spain: A UFO over Cabrejas, Witnessed by Three \(1974\)](#)," *Inexplicata*, October 28, 2015)
- 1974, May 9** — The documentary film *UFOs: Past, Present, and Future* is released along with a paperback book of the same title by [Robert Emenegger](#). The film shows stock footage of Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico, and a recreation of a landing at a hypothetical military base. (Wikipedia, "[UFOs: Past, Present, and Future](#)"; Robert Emenegger, *UFOs: Past, Present, and Future*, Ballantine, 1974; Internet Movie Database, "[UFOs: It Has Begun](#)"; "[UFOs \(It Has Begun\) Past, Present, and Future documentary](#)," Jaded Truth YouTube channel, September 29, 2017; Clark III 357)
- 1974, May 15** — A businessman and a teacher in Pedroche, Córdoba, Spain, see a round object the "size of a table" that chases their car and obstructs their path on the road. They turn the car around rapidly and flee. (UFOEv II 346)
- 1974, May 17** — 10:10 p.m. Electronic scanning equipment at the Manzano Nuclear Weapons Storage Facility attached to Kirtland AFB near Albuquerque, New Mexico, registers a burst of energy in the upper atmosphere in the 250–275 MHz range. The burst throws all the facility's instruments off. A trajectory of an apparent falling object is plotted, and a recovery team is dispatched to an area southwest of Chilili, New Mexico, that is cordoned off. A few hours later, a circular, metallic object about 60 feet in diameter is dismantled and transported into a hangar at Kirtland AFB. (R. C. Hecker, "[New Mexico Reports](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1974): 6)
- 1974, May 20** — 7:00 p.m. A baker named Le Meur, with his wife and two children, is traveling on a small road toward Landévennec, Finistère, France, when they notice a powerful light ahead at ground level. It consists of a string of 7–8 spheres, each about one foot in diameter and arranged horizontally, about 3 feet above the road. Le Meur turns around and heads to the local Gendarmerie station in Telgruc-sur-Mer to report it. The police examine the site the next day and find a patch of ferns that appear abnormally wilted. They collect some plant and soil samples and send them to a lab in Paris for analysis. The wilted, brown ferns are found to be without chlorophyll and an unknown element (indicating pheophytins associated with the degradation of chlorophyll) shows up in the chromatography in ultraviolet light. (Joël Mesnard, "[Landévennec, May 20, 1974](#)," *IUR* 32, no. 4 (October 2009):

20–21; Jérôme Frasson, “[An Attempt to Learn about the Trauma Undergone by the Ferns](#),” *IUR* 32, no. 4 (October 2009): 21)

- 1974**, May 22 — The wife of a journalist on Ibiza, Balearic Islands, Spain, photographs an object described in a US Defense Department report as “somewhat like a top.” It remains stationary for a while, then rises and disappears. (Dolan II 24)
- 1974**, May 28 — Day. A resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, sees a large glowing object moving across the western face of the Sandia Mountains. It is so bright that no structure is visible. The witness opens his window to listen for noise coming from the object, but there is none. As he watches, the object appears to land on a nearby hill where it remains for an hour before it shoots into the air and vanishes. Three young men are camping in the Sandia Mountains that day around noon. They notice a silver-white UFO on the ground on the east side of Tramway Boulevard NE, between Menaul Boulevard and Copper Avenue. Next to it is a silver, triangular-shaped object with odd rune-like symbols on one of the pointed ends. After reporting the sighting, they wind up being taken to Kirtland AFB for interrogation by civilian intelligence agents. They are told they have witnessed a “Soviet incident” and are to keep their mouths shut, which they do for 34 years before talking to [Linda Moulton Howe](#) in 2007. Around 9:00 p.m., a family sees a large, glowing, football-shaped disc moving across Albuquerque toward the Sandia foothills. They jump in their car and try to follow the object, using dirt roads on the east side of Tramway. They are stopped by a state police officer, beyond whom they can see the UFO hovering low next to a rocky hill. It is surrounded by armed military personnel. (“[Recent Sightings Reported in New Mexico](#),” *UFO Investigator*, July 1974, p. 3; Linda Moulton Howe, “[Glowing Disc Encounter with Military in Albuquerque, NM](#),” Earthfiles, November 29, 2007)
- 1974**, May 31 — 2:30 a.m. A prolonged Peugeot-pacing case from Mvuma to Beitbridge, Zimbabwe, takes place along the A4 highway, during which motorists experience electromagnetic effects, loss of steering control for their vehicle, abnormal cold and silence, translocation from one place to another, altered appearance of the terrain, humanoid encounter, and amnesia. (Carl Van Vlieden, “[Escorted by UFOs from Umvuma to Beit Bridge](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 2 (August 1975): 3–8)
- 1974**, Summer — Late evening. A witness living southwest of Lodi, Wisconsin, sees an intensely bright light that is illuminating a hill on an adjacent golf course. It covers an area the size of a football field, but he cannot see a beam or light source. A few hours later, a couple driving on State Highway 113 south of Lodi observe a triangular object with red and blue circular lights suspended beneath it. The object passes silently less than 20 feet above their car, hovers momentarily, and resumes its slow pass overhead. It is twice the size of their car. They watch as the lights shut off and the object is gone. At 1:00 a.m., a man in Lodi sees what he thinks are headlights pulling into his driveway. He sees three bright points of light fixed horizontally in the black sky. He goes in to get his brother who has a telescope, and they attempt to spot the lights (only two now) with the scope. It takes a while, and when they look straight up they see a large, triangular object right above them. No lights are visible, but its undersurface is clearly defined and metallic. It moves over the house, tips upward at a 45° angle, and shoots away. (Don Schmitt, “[The Belleville Sightings, Part Two](#),” *IUR* 13, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1988): 17)
- 1974**, Summer — Between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m. California Gov. [Ronald Reagan](#) and his pilot Bill Paynter in his Cessna Citation see a bright white light zigzagging through the sky near Bakersfield, California. They follow the light for several minutes. Paynter says it “was a fairly steady light until it began to accelerate, then it appeared to elongate.” Then, “to our utter amazement, it went straight up into the heavens. When I got off the plane I told [Nancy](#) all about it.... And we read up on the long history of UFOs.” (presidentialufo.com, “[Ronald Reagan, 40th President, January 20, 1981–January 20, 1989](#)”)
- 1974**, June — MUFON pledges its cooperation with CUFOS, offering its network of investigators to secure raw data for analysis.
- 1974**, June — The Circulo de Argentino de Investigaciones Ufológicas in Córdoba, Argentina, publishes the first issue of *OVNIs: Un Desafío a la Ciencia*, edited by Oscar A. Galíndez. It runs for 10 issues through February 1976. ([OVNIs: Un Desafío a la Ciencia](#), No. 1 (July 1974))
- 1974**, June — Astrophysicist [Michael H. Hart](#) formulates the basic points of [Enrico Fermi](#)’s “Fermi Paradox” for an article in the *Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society*. The paradox is the apparent contradiction between the lack of evidence for extraterrestrial civilizations elsewhere in the Milky Way galaxy and various high estimates for their probability (such as those that result from optimistic parameters for the Drake equation). (Wikipedia, “[Fermi paradox](#)”; Michael H. Hart, “[Explanation for the Absence of Extraterrestrials on Earth](#),” *Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society* 16 (June 1975): 128–135)
- 1974**, June 9 — Night. Maj. Shiro Kubota and Lt. Col. Toshio Nakamura are flying an F-4EJ Phantom II interceptor over the northern perimeter of Japan, apparently to intercept a Soviet aircraft. Ground control explains that they are to

investigate a bright orange-red light reported by ground witnesses and tracked on radar. Leveling off at 30,000 feet, they see the light a few miles ahead. It appears to be about 33 feet in diameter, with square-shaped marks around its side. The object dips in a shallow turn as they approach. Suddenly the object reverses direction and shoots straight toward them. Nakamura forces the aircraft into a sudden dive to avoid it, missing the UFO by “inches.” The object then makes high-speed passes at the plane, drawing closer. Then, allegedly, the UFO strikes the F-4, forcing the two pilots to eject. Nakamura’s parachute catches fire and he falls to his death. (Good Above, pp. 430–431)

- 1974, June 12** — Alfred A. Knopf publishes *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence* by [Victor Marchetti](#) and [John D. Marks](#), which discusses how the CIA works and how its original purpose (collecting and analyzing information about foreign governments, corporations, and persons in order to advise public policymakers) has, according to the authors, been subverted by its obsession with clandestine operations. Marchetti uses the expression “cult of intelligence” to denounce what he views as a counterproductive mindset and culture of secrecy, elitism, amorality, and lawlessness within and surrounding the CIA in the service of American imperialism. (Wikipedia, “[The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence](#)”; Victor Marchetti and John D. Marks, *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*, Knopf, 1974)
- 1974, June 14** — 5:00 a.m. I. D. McCallum sees a cigar-shaped object as big as a Boeing 737 emitting eight intensely bright white lights flashing intermittently toward the ground outside his home in Hattingspruit, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He watches it for an hour as it moves slowly and silently through the sky. His wife also observes the object, as do three employees at Dabmar Engineering who watch with binoculars. At 6:00 a.m. it turns off the flashing white lights, ascends, and resembles Venus. Mrs. McCallum develops bloodshot eyes from watching the lights directly. (Joe Brill, “[African UFO Observed for Several Hours](#),” *Skylook*, no. 82 (September 1974): 16)
- 1974, June 14** — 5:30 a.m. Santiago Pulido Romero is driving in Medellín, Badajoz, Spain, near the Castillo when he sees a pot-shaped object rapidly approaching him 300 feet above the ground. He turns off his car lights, but the object follows his car parallel to the road about 210 feet away to the right. When he switches his headlights back on, the object begins approaching again, so he switches them off and the object retreats. When he arrives at his father’s property, the object hovers over the barn, moving up and down, so he runs into the house. Later Pulido goes outside to check, and the object is still hovering, lighting up the entire area like daytime. Three humanoid beings are visible inside the object. Early the next morning at sunrise, the object abruptly speeds away. Other witnesses in separate locations also see a UFO. (Eileen Buckle, “[Spanish UFO Fiesta](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 6–7; “[Un OVNI répond à des signaux lumineux en Espagne](#),” *Infoespace*, no. 22, August 1975, pp. 14–15; “[1974: UFO with Occupants Hover over Farm](#),” ThinkAboutIt, April 6, 2021)
- 1974, June 15** — Mountain guide Keo Wha Unan is inspecting the outer perimeter of a rock formation near Mount Dhajar (apparently in the Bayan Har Mountains, Tibet) to make certain it is safe for the next day’s climb. He emerges from a cave and sees a silvery disc hovering about 4 feet above the ground behind a crest of high rocks. It is windowless and shiny with no protrusions. He sees three humanoid figures gathering snow and rocks and putting them inside the UFO. After 5 minutes, they climb a ladder into the craft. The object rises a few feet and shoots straight up like a flash. (Harry Hill, “[The Bizarre Ancient Astronauts of Tibet](#),” *UFO Update!*, no. 5 (Winter 1980): 46–49, 64)
- 1974, June 16** — 5:00 a.m. A farmhand is driving near Cáceres, Extremadura, Spain, when a bright object illuminates the highway. He sees three tall, helmeted figures standing inside the craft. When the witness turns off his headlights, the UFO moves away; when he turns them back on, the UFO approaches and follows him home about 230 feet above his car. He turns off his lights again, and the UFO slowly flies away. (UFOEv II 346)
- 1974, June 25** — 1:15 a.m. A witness is up late in his trailer home at St.-Cyrille-de-Wendover, Quebec, when he hears a “bumm, bumm, bumm” sound, as if something very heavy has fallen onto the ground. He looks out the living room window and sees a UFO hovering low above a near field. It is a disc with a red domed area and an orangish lower area punctuated by oval windows from which comes white light. He sees a 6-foot-tall robot that has apparently emerged from the object and is now only 15 feet from his window. He and his wife see three more robots near the trailer next door. The observation lasts 3 hours as the couple peek out of the window periodically. At one point, they see 15 robots standing in line together close to a creek for 5 minutes. As if on command, they suddenly move together; when they look out again at 4:20 a.m., the craft and the robots are gone. (NICAP, “[June 24, 1974: St. Cyrille, Quebec CE III](#)”; “[Robots in Quebec, Canada](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 3 (Nov./Dec. 1974): 1, 3; “[Robot’ Occupants Reported](#),” *Skylook*, no. 84 (November 1974): 10–11; Marc Leduc, “[Un atterrissage et des humanoïdes á Drummondville](#),” *UFO-Quebec* 1, no. 1 (1975): 10–12; Wido Hoville, “[Report from Quebec](#),” *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 3 (1975): 8–9; Marc Leduc, “[Un témoin sous hypnose](#),” *UFO-Quebec* 1, no. 8 (1976): 17–19; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 69–73)

- 1974, July 2** — 3:30 p.m. Some fishermen at Praia dos Navegantes beach, Santa Catarina, Brazil, see a disc with small thrusters on its sides descend and fall into the ocean about 328 feet away. Thinking it is an aircraft, the men head to the splashdown site to help survivors. As Ubelino Severino gets closer, the object sinks, leaving only foam at the surface. (Brazil 517–520)
- 1974, July 9** — Early morning. An elliptical object with rows of alternating red and green lights hovers about 200 feet above a park in Kingston, New York. A hazy white glow emanates from the underside. The object moves to within 500 feet of a police car. When officers James Wallace and Richard Ramsdell turn their spotlight on, a brilliant beam lights up the cruiser. The beam switches off and the object races away at high speed. (“[Hovering Object Shines Spotlight on Police Car](#),” *UFO Investigator*, October 1974, p. 3; UFOEv II 45)
- 1974, July 9** — Psychic [Pat Price](#) accurately remote views the Soviet URDF-3 facility adjacent to the Semipalatinsk Test Site in Kazakhstan for the Stanford Research Institute [now SRI International] in Menlo Park, California. In another experiment, [Puthoff](#) and a skeptical scientist named Earl Jones drive to 9 separate metropolitan areas, all chosen by Jones. Back in the SRI lab, [Targ](#) monitors Price, who describes 7 of the places accurately—in some cases before Jones and Puthoff even reach the target or before Jones has decided on a target. Price also claims to sense four underground alien bases, volunteering the data outside the SRI experimental parameters. The bases are located under Monte Perdido, Huesca, Spain; Mount Nyangani, Zimbabwe; Mount Hayes, Alaska; and Mount Ziel in Australia’s Northern Territory. (Jim Schnabel, *Remote Viewers: The Secret History of America’s Psychic Spies*, Dell, 1997, pp. 113, 118, 148–151; Annie Jacobsen, *Phenomena*, Little, Brown, 2017, pp. 166–171)
- 1974, July 13** — [Marshall Applewhite](#) and [Bonnie Nettles](#), leaders of the self-proclaimed Human Individual Metamorphosis movement, are interviewed in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by ufologist [Hayden Hewes](#). They claim that UFOs, as well as human adepts, can change their “vibration rates” so as to appear and disappear. A few days later they move on to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson. (“[The Two](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 4 (October 1975): 4; Curt Collins, “[UFOs: Going to the Next Level](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, September 1, 2022)
- 1974, July 14** — 3:36 p.m. A Scandinavian Airlines flight en route to Burlington, Vermont, is flying at 35,000 feet 35–40 miles southeast of Quebec City, Quebec. Capt. Korsvold and the crew notice a triangular object moving southwest and has it in sight for 7 minutes. Radio interference is reported. At the same time, C. W. Bacon is flying a private jet about 35 miles southeast of Quebec City and sees the same triangular object, but it seems to be stationary. Air traffic control at CFB Bagotville in Saguenay, Quebec, reports strong interference on a frequency of 121.5 MHz, a frequency reserved for aircraft in distress. The signal is also disrupting transmissions for 10 minutes at RCAF Station Mont Apica [now the Lac Castor Canadian weather radar station]. All is quiet after both the UFO and interference are gone. (Good Above, [p. 200](#); Arthur R. Bray, *The UFO Connection*, Jupiter, 1979, pp. 45–46; Patrick Gross, “[Files Obtained from the National Archives of Canada](#)”; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 89–90)
- 1974, July 15** — Two unregistered helicopters, a white helicopter, and a black twin-engine aircraft open fire on Robert Smith Jr. while he is driving his tractor on his farm in Honey Creek, Iowa. This attack follows a rash of cattle mutilations in the area and across the nearby border in Nebraska. (Wikipedia, “[Cattle mutilation](#)”)
- 1974, August 8** — President [Richard Nixon](#) resigns in the wake of the Watergate scandal.
- 1974, August 11** — 3:23 a.m. Police officers Mark E. Paine and Michael Alden watch three luminous UFOs in a triangle formation between Tilton and Concord, New Hampshire. A fourth object, a domed ellipse, rises from the trees and approaches their car. As the officers signal the object, it signals back, then veers away. (UFOEv II 175)
- 1974, August 12** — 11:30 a.m. A 15-year-old boy sees a disc maneuvering near a hedgerow at La Brousse, Charente-Maritime, France. It is about the size of a medium car, dull-lead in color, with a green reflective dome. One of three windows open “exactly like the shutter of a vanishing headlight on a sports car.” The lower part of the object rotates, but the dome does not. Later, three sharply defined circles of burnt straw form an isosceles triangle within an oval area of crushed straw. Within each imprint are two small pieces of lead. (M. Chasseigne, “[Atterrissage à La Brousse, près de Matha](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 140 (December 1974): 5–6)
- 1974, August 16** — 8:00 p.m. David Bates, 8, Steven Stillie, 10, and Henry Stillie, 7, are taking a shortcut past an abandoned sandpit close to their homes in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. Suddenly they hear a high-pitched whine and the cat Bates is carrying panics and escapes his hold; it runs several yards and then stops abruptly. They then see an object with a red light on top and flashing green and white lights on either end. Moving slowly, the UFO reverses course and with an undulating motion heads for the clearing where the sandpit lies and lands there, about 150 feet away. The whine becomes intense. As the object settles down, it releases a blast of hot air that blows dust on the boys. It extends three short legs and blue sparks leap up from the ground. The boys run home. Investigator Graham Conway finds residual material present in three indentations at the site. Analysis

shows that it contains an abnormally high amount of zinc. (Graham Conway, "[Close Encounter](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 4 (1975): 8–11; Graham Conway, "[Close Encounter](#)," UFO*BC; Graham Conway, "[CE2 Secrets](#)," *IUR* 17, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1992): 24)

1974, August 23 — 9:00 p.m. [John Lennon](#) and [May Pang](#) watch a rotating, oval-shaped disc with a red light on top from the roof of his penthouse apartment on East 52nd Street in New York City. It is flying less than 100 feet away and moves off soundlessly as they watch it. Lennon mentions it in a liner note to his 1974 *Walls and Bridges* album. ("[John Lennon's UFO Radio Interview](#)," Zak Harley YouTube channel, August 18, 2007; Alejandro Rojas, "[John Lennon's UFO Doodle Auctioned Off](#)," OpenMinds, March 25, 2014; Jared Sauced, "[John Lennon Album Sleeve Art Recalls Alleged 1974 UFO Sighting](#)," InQuisitr, April 21, 2014; David Halperin, "[John Lennon, May Pang, and the UFO \(1\) Their Story](#)," davidhalperin.net, February 11, 2016)

1974, August 25 — After 10:00 p.m. A document is leaked to UFO researchers in the US and UK in 1992 and is apparently composed by someone within the US intelligence community who either personally knows about the case or who has run across top-secret documents. Now known as the "Deneb Report," the document alleges that the following incident took place. Military radar at Corpus Christi, Texas, detects an unknown target moving toward the Texas Gulf coast. Traveling at a speed of 2,500 mph at an altitude of 75,000 feet, the UFO is first spotted over the Gulf of Mexico about 200 miles east of Corpus Christi. After going through maneuvers suggesting intelligent control, the object quickly turns south along the Texas coast, avoiding entry over land, and seems headed toward Brownsville. As the disc continues to hug the Texas coastline, it exhibits controlled descent, calculated turns, speed reductions, and other clear indications of control. The object descends from 75,000 feet to about 45,000 feet by the time it crosses over land into northern Mexico, about 40 miles south of Brownsville. Its speed is down to 2,000 mph and it is slowing very gradually. Zigzagging around mountain peaks that tower above 5,000 feet, the UFO continues to descend, although its speed is still near 2,000 mph at the time that it encounters another aircraft headed toward it on a collision course. Somewhere over a vast desert plain known as El Llano near Coyame, Chihuahua, Mexico, a mid-air collision occurs with a small aircraft flying from El Paso to Mexico City. Debris from the crash rains down on the desert plain below, and efforts are soon underway by both Mexico and the US to recover the remains. Mexican spotter planes first locate the wreckage of the aircraft, even as US electronic surveillance personnel listen in on the rescue activities from across the Texas border. The Americans hear the Mexican spotter planes say that the small craft is almost totally destroyed and that they have found a second crash site nearby with the remains of a nearly intact, shiny, silvery disc. The object is 16 feet, 5 inches in diameter, and equally convex on both upper and lower surfaces. There is an outer rim around the central circumference. The height is slightly less than 5 feet. They see no visible portholes, doors, or markings. In addition, no lights of any kind are apparent. There is also no obvious mechanism for propulsion. The external surface of the disc is like silvery polished steel. Mexican troops recover the crashed disc, winching it up onto the bed of a large military truck. They also retrieve fragments of the crashed civilian aircraft, although there is not much left of it. ("[Presidio 1974](#)," Texas UFO Museum and Research Library; Noe Torres and Ruben Uriarte, *[The Coyame Incident](#)*, Roswell Books, 2013)

1974, August 28 — Cattle mutilations, UFOs, and black helicopters continue to be reported in rural Nebraska, Texas, and Iowa. Armed vigilante ranchers begin to stop out-of-state vehicles passing through nearby roads to check for traces of cattle blood; some begin to shoot at passing helicopters. The Nebraska National Guard orders all its helicopters to fly at 2,000 feet rather than the standard 1,000 feet when they perform routine exercises. ("[Mutilated Livestock, Helicopters, and UFOs Source of Wonder, Worry](#)," *Hastings (Nebr.) Daily Tribune*, August 29, 1974, p. 8; "The Midnight Marauder," *Newsweek*, September 30, 1974, p. 32; Michael J. Goleman, "[Wave of Mutilation: The Cattle Mutilation Phenomenon of the 1970s](#)," *Agricultural History* 85, no. 3 (2011): 398–417; Graff 281)

1974, September — Author [Charles Berlitz](#) writes *The Bermuda Triangle*, in which he popularizes the concept of the Bermuda Triangle as an area of ocean prone to disappearing ships and airplanes. He quotes his friend J. Manson Valentine, who has reported several UFO sightings in the area. He also perpetuates a fake radio transmission from Lt. Charles Taylor of the missing TBM Avenger bombers in December 1945 containing the warning, "Don't come after me... They look like they are from outer space." Berlitz's claims of unusual EM effects occurring in the Triangle are also fabrications. (Charles Berlitz, *[The Bermuda Triangle](#)*, Avon, 1974; Story, [p. 51](#))

1974, September 1 — 11:00 a.m. While he is driving a swather to harvest his rapeseed crop near Langenburg, Saskatchewan, farmer Edwin Fuhr, 36, notices a metallic-appearing dome-shaped object about 50 feet away and stops to investigate. Walking to within 15 feet of it, Fuhr sees that it is spinning and swirling the grass beneath it. This frightens him and he backs away. Climbing back on the swather, he looks around and sees four more

identical domes “like brushed stainless steel” arranged in a rough semicircle, all hovering and spinning about a foot above the ground. Whether from fear or an EM effect, Fuhr cannot get the throttle and steering wheel of the swather to respond. One object suddenly takes off, quickly followed by the other four, ascending in a step formation. At about 200 feet they stop, each emitting a puff of gray vapor from exhaust-like extensions at the base. The vapor extends about 6 feet, followed by a downward gust of wind which flattens the rapeseed in the immediate area. The objects then form a straight line, hover for a minute or two, then suddenly ascend into the low cloud cover and disappear. Fuhr goes to the landing area and finds five rings of depressed grass swirled in a clockwise fashion. There is no evidence of heat or burning. Some additional circles are found in the area later that month. Fuhr later learns that cattle in a nearby field bellowed and broke through a fence about the time of the sighting. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Ron Morier, quoted by Canadian Press, says: “Something was there and I doubt it was a hoax. There’s no indication anything had been wheeled in or out and Mr. Fuhr seemed genuinely scared.” Later Morier tells an investigator, “There is no way that this is a hoax. Whatever was in there, it came out of the air and departed the same way, as far as I could tell.” (NICAP, [“Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada”](#); [“Farmers Scared by UFOs,”](#) *Edmonton (Alta.) Journal*, September 10, 1974, p. 11; [“‘Saucers’ Sighted, No Hoax—RCMP,”](#) *Saskatoon (Sask.) Star-Phoenix*, September 10, 1974, p. 1; [“UFO May Be ‘Fairy Ring,’”](#) *Saskatoon (Sask.) Star-Phoenix*, September 27, 1974, p. 12; [“Five Objects Hover over Canadian Field,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 2 (Sept./Oct. 1974): 8; [“Farmer Sees UFO 15 Feet Away,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 83 (October 1974): 4; [“On His Rapeseed Farm,”](#) *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 2 (1974): 2; Ted Phillips, [Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings](#), CUFOS, 1975, p. 104; [“The Farmer and Five UFOs,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 20, no. 3 (December 1974): 32–33; J. Allen Hynek and Jacques Vallée, *The Edge of Reality*, Regnery, 1975, pp. 265–279; UFOEv II 48–49; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, pp. 22–24; Chris Rutkowski and John P. Timmerman, [“Langenburg, 1974: A Classic Historical CE2 and a Crop Circle Progenitor?”](#) *IUR* 17, no. 2 (March/April 1992): 4–11; Chris Rutkowski, “The Langenburg CE2 Case: When UFOs Left Their Mark,” in Hilary Evans and Dennis Stacy, eds., *UFO: 1947–1997*, John Brown, 1997, pp. 120–130; Michael D. Swords, *GrassRoots UFOs: Case Reports from the Timmerman Files*, Fund for UFO Research, 2005, pp. 148–159; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 110–113; [“1974, Langenburg,”](#) Old Crop Circles; [“Edwin Fuhr, UFO Close Encounter, Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada, September 1, 1974,”](#) Explorer1x YouTube channel, April 26, 2010; [“Brushed Steel: The Langenburg Sightings, Part 1,”](#) Russ Klitch YouTube channel, October 12, 2011; [“Brushed Steel: The Langenburg Sightings, Part 2,”](#) Russ Klitch YouTube channel, October 12, 2011; [“Interview with Edwin Fuhr 37 Years Later: The Langenburg UFO Case,”](#) AboveTopSecret forum, January 20, 2017; Mark Melnychuk, [“The Farmer Who Saw and the Mountie Who Believed: Sask.’s Most Famous UFO Sighting,”](#) *Regina (Sask.) Leader-Post*, September 29, 2017; Clark III 673–675; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, pp. 192–196; [“Farmer Edwin Fuhr on Encountering Multiple UFOs in His Field in Langenburg, Canada, Sept. 1, 1974,”](#) Eye On Cinema YouTube channel, August 10, 2024; [“Langenburg UFO Sighting Commemorated with Silver Coin,”](#) CTV Regina, September 11, 2024)

1974, September 7 — Morning. Keith Hammerman is squirrel hunting on the farm of Ollie Wagner near Lowell, Ohio, when he hears a loud sonic boom followed by a sharp crack, then a swishing noise. Fifty feet ahead of him, through the low scrub trees, the area is smoking and he detects a thick, sulfurous smell. Frightened, he runs back to his car and drives to the Wagner farmhouse and tells them what happened. Wagner visits the location and finds a sphere neatly buried in the ground. The sphere turns out to be from a Soviet Kosmos satellite pressure tank. (Theodore Spickler, [“Another Mystery Sphere,”](#) *APRO Bulletin*, Sept./Oct. 1974, pp. 6–7; Theodore Spickler, [“Steel Ball Found in Ohio,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 83 (October 1974): 1, 18–19; Walt Andrus, [“Ohio Steel Ball Returned to Foreign Nation,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 85 (December 1974): 15)

1974, September 9 — 8:30 p.m. Professor Andrei Antalfy and his wife are in their summer cottage near Târgu Mureș, Romania, when she notices a silvery-white light behind the house. They go outside and see a rectangular “wall of opaque light” about 82 feet long and 550 away from them. In front of the wall on the ground are four orange spheres about 18 inches in diameter and grouped two-by-two. They continue to watch the display from inside the cottage until midnight when they retire for the night. (Romania 41)

1974, September 16 — Around 5:20 p.m. Mrs. A. Richards is driving a 1968 Toyota a few miles northwest of St. Helens, Tasmania, with her two children. The car radio suddenly turns to static as she is passing over a bridge and the sky ahead lights up. The car then loses power as it travels up an incline, and everything goes dead—car lights, radio, heater, and engine. The landscape is lit up by a bright area of light ahead. The mother tries to start the car without success. A deafening vibrating noise then seems to envelop the car. About the same time all three of them feel electric shocks like vibrations for one minute, and a choking smell fills the car so that they leap from the car and flee the scene, leaving the car and the glow in the sky behind. At about 9:45 p.m. after nearly 2 miles, they reach a

house whose resident gives them a ride back to the car to see what is wrong. The hood is warm, but the car starts up and there is no sign of a light. A check at the local garage finds water in the radiator low, otherwise both radio and electrical systems are in working order. The mother suffers from swollen arms and fingers the following day. The right side of her face is numb and she has red marks above her right eyebrow. ("[UFOs and Auto-Stops](#)," *TUFOIC Newsletter*, no. 91 (February 2002): 6)

- 1974**, September 21 — 10:00 p.m. A Swedish army officer is driving with his family near Knutby, Uppsala County, Sweden, when a blinding light approaches the car from the right at an altitude of about 30 feet. The car stops and the radio and headlights go out. The UFO passes the road ahead and then lands on the left side about 250 feet from the road. A large area is lit up by the blinding, green-shimmering light from the object. The witnesses hear a sound like a swarm of bees. Through binoculars, the officer sees an egg-shaped structure some 33 feet long and around 10 feet high. The car engine still does not work. He gets out of the car, then hears a deafening roar. The UFO is taking off vertically with a rocking motion. It flies off slowly at about 100 feet altitude for a few hundred yards, then takes off and disappears in a fraction of a second. He gets back in the car and the radio is playing music and the car starts easily. (Boris Jungkvist, "[Swedish Army Officer Experiences Landing and EM Effects](#)," *AFU Newsletter*, no. 17 (Oct./Dec. 1979): 11–13; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 16–17)
- 1974**, September 26 — 9:30–10:00 p.m. More than 100 people in north Zealand, Denmark, watch unusual objects and lights in the sky. One driver is suddenly surrounded by a dazzling red light that illuminates the area. The engine, lights, and radio fail. After several attempts, he restarts the car and turns on the lights. A cone of white neon light descends toward the car. A bumping noise and a sound like broken glass is heard on the roof, and then a foot-long spurt of flame erupts from the car radio. The engine and lights fail again. After about 6 seconds a distinct "click" is heard, and everything works normally again. The car engine and radio are undamaged. (Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 20)
- 1974**, September 27 — An 11-year-old boy and an older friend are on a farm near Jindabyne, New South Wales, when they notice a bright white light about one-half mile away for about 30 minutes. In 1983, the younger man begins to have "vivid memories" of that evening and realizes that both experienced about two hours of missing time. Soon the memory of an abduction emerges in which both witnesses undergo an examination of some kind. (Mark Moravec, "[The Jindabyne UFO Abduction Case](#)," *UFO Research Australia Newsletter* 5, no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1984): 6–10; Mark Moravec, "[Jindabyne 'Abduction'](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 238 (February 1988): 13–16)
- 1974**, September 30 — *Newsweek* brings the issue of cattle mutilations to a national audience. Noting that "more than 100 cattle have been found dead and gruesomely mutilated in Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa," it lists possible culprits: witchcraft cultists, UFOs, helicopter-borne rustlers, marijuana smugglers, and predators. In months and years to come, the scare spreads from the Midwest to the West to the South. ("The Midnight Marauder," *Newsweek*, September 30, 1974, p. 32; Clark III 133)
- 1974**, Autumn — 10:00 a.m. A metallic disc some 300 feet across approaches a South Korean antiaircraft shore battery. The commander launches an MIM-23 Hawk guided missile which is immediately shot down by a "white ray" from the UFO. The second ray is directed at the battery, melting the remaining two Hawk missiles into an unrecognizable mass. (*Soviet Military Review*, June 1989; Stringfield, *Situation Red*, Fawcett Crest, 1977, [pp. 135–136](#))
- 1974**, October 10 — 10:10 p.m. John Breen, a Canadian armed forces pilot, is paced by a UFO over Grand Falls, Newfoundland, in his Cessna 172, en route from Deer Lake to Gander. A passenger first notices a strange light following the plane when they are 50 miles away from Gander. Every time Breen looks at the light it seems to turn off, but finally he gets a better view: "It seems to be sort of a triangle—or delta-shaped, luminescent greenish light following us." It stays on for 3–4 seconds, then goes off for a bit, then on again. Gradually it remains steady. About 25–30 miles from Gander, Breen radios the airport, which has no traffic in the area. The object's reflection is clearly visible in the water of Gander Lake. Breen says: "I started a right turn and then cut hard left. Gander then picked up the object for two or three sweeps, which would have been about 10–12 seconds. When we turned around, I just saw it going off the other way and then I lost it because of the back of the airplane." (Gregory M. Kanon, "[Something's Up Here with Us!](#)" *Canadian UFO Report* 4, no. 6 (Winter/Spring 1978): 3–4; Good Above, [pp. 200–201](#); Patrick Gross, "[Files Obtained from the National Archives of Canada](#)"; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 90–91)
- 1974**, October 11 — 4:15 a.m. The captain and crew of a Capital Airlines DC-8 descending into Gander, Newfoundland, watches as a UFO flashing red and white lights draws alongside the plane as it flies at 290 mph at 7,500 feet. It maintains a parallel course until it finally disappears in cloud cover about 5 miles from Gander. Air traffic control

at Gander confirms there is no other aircraft in the vicinity. (Good Above, [p. 201](#); Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 91)

- 1974**, October 11 — 4:10 p.m. An astronomer in Cloudcroft, New Mexico, is driving a pickup truck when he sees a silver-gray domed disc behind him to the west. It moves from southeast to northwest on a level, straight course, but in the last 2–3 seconds it turns upward, accelerating rapidly. The witness's truck stalls out when he tries to accelerate, but the tape deck keeps operating. ("[Astronomers and UFO's: A Survey, Part 2, Sightings](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 4 (April 1977): 4)
- 1974**, October 11 — [Robert Spencer Carr](#) is the guest on a local radio show to promote the upcoming Flying Saucer Symposium by PSI Conferences in Tampa, Florida. During the interview, Carr makes the shocking disclosure of the US government's cover-up of the UFO crash in Aztec, New Mexico, in 1948 with 12 dead aliens aboard. The Air Force allegedly is storing the bodies at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, in Hangar 18. The announcement creates a media sensation that lasts for months in print and broadcast news. (Dave Casey, "[UFOs and 12 Little Men](#)," *Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) News*, October 12, 1974, p. 1; Curt Collins, "[Robert Spencer Carr and Hangar 18](#)," *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, May 29, 2018; Curt Collins, "[Inside Hangar 18 with Dr. Robert Carr](#)," *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, June 1, 2018)
- 1974**, October 11 — The Energy Reorganization Act dissolves the Atomic Energy Commission and splits responsibility for its functions, assigning to the Energy Research and Development Administration [now the US Department of Energy] the responsibility for the development and production of nuclear weapons, promotion of nuclear power, and other energy-related work, and assigning to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the regulatory work, which does not include regulation of defense nuclear facilities. (Wikipedia, "[Energy Reorganization Act of 1974](#)")
- 1974**, October 14 — 9:09 p.m. Air Force security personnel assigned to the Bomber Alert Area of Grand Forks AFB near Emerado, North Dakota, see two large, solid black, oval shapes hovering at 1,500 feet altitude in the northwestern sky. Although each of the unlit objects has five small lights arrayed across its surface, the UFOs approach to within one-quarter mile of the alert area before they are noticed. Within a 3-minute period, 14 security police sentries, two military pilots, and a B-52 maintenance supervisor independently report the objects to their respective control locations. Static on radio and other communications networks are noted. After hovering for 2 minutes, the UFOs slowly move in tandem toward the south, making a faint humming sound as they fade from view. (Nukes 347–348)
- 1974**, October 15 — Night. Five witnesses in Ramona, California, watch a mysterious round object as it maneuvers over the Santa Maria Valley. It lands on a hillside and turns ruby red before becoming a brilliant white light. As it passes over, horses act up and a dog tries to grab one witness by her sleeve back into the house. Another dog, chained, runs in and out of the doghouse repeatedly, and the chickens and goats are agitated as well. Radio and TV reception is disrupted, and a compass points to the object as it is moving. The object hovers briefly, then shoots away, emitting a noise like something between a hum and a foghorn. (NICAP, "[Object Lands / Animal Reactions / Compass Deviates](#)"; Bob Gribble, "[Looking Back](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 258 (October 1989): 24)
- 1974**, October 25 — 4:15 p.m. Oil-well digger E. Carl Higdon Jr. is hunting elk on the northern edge of Medicine Bow National Forest southeast of Rawlins, Wyoming, when he sees five elk standing motionless. He attempts to shoot one, but the bullet falls about 50 feet from him as if hitting an invisible obstruction. He goes to pick it up, then hears a twig snap and sees a humanoid being (more than 6 feet tall) under a tree about 50 feet away. Its hair is sticking up "like wheat straw," it is bow-legged, and it is wearing a black coverall suit and black shoes. Two belts cross its chest, and another is wrapped around its waist. The being, who calls itself Ausso, asks Higdon how he is doing and whether he is hungry, after which it tosses him a package of pills. It tells him to take one, saying it will last for four days. Higdon looks up the hill and sees a transparent, lighted cubicle. Suddenly he finds himself inside it, strapped to a seat with a helmet on his head. Two humanoids are also inside, as well as four seats, a control panel, a mirror, a map, and several elk, frozen in a cage. The craft takes him to what seems to be another planet with a mushroom-shaped tower, 100 feet tall. He and one of the humanoids float to the tower, go down an elevator, pass down a corridor, and go into a room with a platform. After being screened by a "glassy shield," Higdon is told he is "not any good for what we need" and is taken back to the original location, where he rolls down a hill, hurting his head, neck, and shoulder. Around 6:30 p.m., Higdon radios his boss, Roy Fleming of the AM Well Service in Rawlins, with his location and asks for assistance. At 11:40 p.m., Higdon is found by a rescue party, which includes Fleming, the Carbon County sheriff, a deputy, and three other men in several four-wheel-drive pickup trucks. He seems confused, so he is taken to Carbon County Memorial Hospital, unable to remember his own name. He does not recover his memory until the evening of October 27. Many details emerge after Higdon is hypnotized by [R. Leo Sprinkle](#) on November 2 and 17. (R. Leo Sprinkle, "[A Preliminary Report on the Investigation of an Alleged UFO Occupant Encounter](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 3–4 (November

1975): 3–7; Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, pp. 25–37; UFOEv II 540–541; Clark III 573–576; Margery A. Higdon, *Alien Abduction of the Wyoming Hunter*, The author, 2017; “[Wyoming Hunter Carl Higdon and His Alien Abduction Experience in Medicine Bow National Forest, 1974](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, November 12, 2024)

- 1974**, November — The Centre for UFO Studies–Australian Co-Ordination Section is founded by Harry Griesberg and David Seargent in Gosford, New South Wales, as a clearinghouse for UFO reports throughout Australia. It publishes the *ACOS Bulletin* through December 1979. (*ACOS Bulletin*, no. 1 (March 1975))
- 1974**, November — 8:00 p.m. Claire Haser, on an isolated ranch northeast of Goldendale, Washington, sees a yellowish-white glow in the sky on the ground to the north. At 11:00 p.m., as visitors are leaving, she steps outside and sees it again, closer and more intense. Suspended in the air only 10 feet away from the porch and 15 feet above the ground is a “cylinder” about 3 feet long and 14 inches in diameter, standing with its end pointed toward the ground. Projecting from the object is a long, narrow, beam of light about 2 inches in diameter and 3 feet long. The end of the beam is diffuse, and it is slowly rotating clockwise. She watches it for 10 minutes. Not wanting to approach the object, everyone goes back inside. The object is gone 30 minutes later. (Greg Long, “[Strangeness at Yakima](#),” *IUR* 19, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1994): 17)
- 1974**, November — Night. A witness is traveling in his 1971 Mitsubishi Colt near the Sideling hill in northeastern Tasmania when he notices a huge flame-colored glow lighting up the bush to the north. It looks larger than a house. The headlights, radio, and motor of his car all cut out and he is left watching the glow for several minutes. He notices his luminous watch dial has become brighter and that the car’s clock is running 2 minutes slower after the sighting. The mass of light moves back and forth, rises up and away from the witness, and disappears. The witness then able to start his car and continue on his journey. Afterward, the front left mudguard changes color from red to more of an orange. (“[UFOs and Auto-Stops](#),” *TUFOIC Newsletter*, no. 91 (February 2002): 6)
- 1974**, November 2 — [Robert Spencer Carr](#) gives a lecture at the Flying Saucer Symposium at the International Inn in Tampa, Florida, on the 1948 Aztec, New Mexico, crash/retrieval and the aliens allegedly stored in Hangar 18, calling it the “worst-kept secret in the world.” Carr’s hour-long lecture is short on specifics, but in the question-and-answer session afterward, he is asked about his sources for the information. Carr says there are three witnesses, but they must remain unnamed. He says that the US government will end the coverup, admit that UFOs are really spacecraft from other worlds, and it will happen soon—before the end of the year. Curt Collins writes, “Part of the reason Carr’s story took hold was that it was so familiar, people wanted something like it to be true, and that it seemed to come from an authority figure, a university professor with official governments contacts and sources. It also struck a chord with the public, capitalizing on their distrust of the government following the Vietnam war and Watergate scandal.” (“[UFOs and 12 Little Men](#),” *Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) News*, October 12, 1974, p. 1; “[Symposium Hums with UFO Talk](#),” *Tampa Bay Times*, November 4, 1974, p. 1-D; Curt Collins, “[Ufology 1974: The Flying Saucer Symposium in Tampa](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, May 25, 2018; Curt Collins, “[Robert Spencer Carr and Hangar 18](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, May 29, 2018; Curt Collins, “[Inside Hangar 18 with Dr. Robert Carr](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, June 1, 2018; Curt Collins, “[The Day after Saucergate](#),” *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, June 4, 2018; “[1974: Crashed UFO, Dead Alien Bodies in Hangar 18 at Wright-Patterson AFB Discussed by Robert Carr](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, November 16, 2023)
- 1974**, November 4 — 11:00 p.m. A witness is driving near Scottsdale, Tasmania, when he sees a large, silent UFO. His car engine and radio cut out and his watch dial lights up brightly. The object moves away and abruptly ascends vertically. The left-hand mudguard changes color permanently from red to orange. (Ted Phillips, “[Vehicle Effects](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 446 (June 2005): 15)
- 1974**, November 5 — 7:30 p.m. Jesse and Johanna Chilton are driving south on Provincial Highway 2 near Olds, Alberta, when they see a disc about 9 feet in diameter and 50 feet away on their right at a height of 25 feet. It turns and passes them in the opposite direction and they note several exhaust ports emitting yellow flame. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 226–227)
- 1974**, November 5 — 8:30 p.m. Harold Verge is driving between Mahone Bay and Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, in the pouring rain when he sees three bright amber lights appear in his rear-view mirror. Suddenly they move to the right side of his car and pace it for 30 seconds before disappearing abruptly. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 83)
- 1974**, November 7 — 3:00 p.m. Two schoolgirls are biking home from school in Waterford, Connecticut, when they see a ball of fire in the sky. They ride to one of their homes and go out in a car, hoping to take a photo. When they get to the shore of Niantic Bay, they see it again with several other people who have stopped. The object is now shaped like a triangular space capsule with rounded corners. Flames shoot from the back as it performs elaborate

rolls and maneuvers. Then it takes off. (Michael D. Swords, "[Timmerman's Triangles](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 15)

1974, Mid-November — 5:30 p.m. Giovanna Sensoli is attending to her animals by her farmhouse near Castelleale, Romagna, Italy, when she notices her chickens and rabbits seem terrified. She notices a man seated on a box that is suspended in the air above her house, rocking to and fro, and only about 12 feet from her. He seems to be about 6 feet 6 inches tall and dressed in a shiny, one-piece garment with green, red, and white markings, and a pair of ski boots with square toes and heels. A helmet covers his face, but he seems to be looking for something. The box has a control rod with colored stripes. The man moves a bit further away to the east on his box. Sensoli sees a bright light to the north and she is overcome by heat. The house is lit up for a few seconds. Sensoli follows the man, trying to understand his gesticulations, but he departs to the east, followed by the light. The incident has lasted 15 minutes. (Gianfranco Lollino, "[Le nostre analisi: Il Caso di Castelleale](#)," *Notiziario UFO*, no. 106 (1987): 10–12; Gianfranco Lollino, "[The 'Flying Man' at Castelleale \(Italy\)](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 32, no. 4 (June 1987): 25–27; 1Pinotti 193–197)

1974, November 16 — The Arecibo message is broadcast into space via frequency modulated radio waves at a ceremony to mark the remodeling of the Arecibo Telescope in Puerto Rico. It consists of an interstellar message carrying basic information about humanity and Earth sent to the globular cluster Messier 13, about 25,000 light years from Earth. It is meant as a demonstration of human technological achievement, rather than a real attempt to enter into a conversation with extraterrestrials. The message's content is designed by [Frank Drake](#), with help from [Carl Sagan](#) and others. It includes, in binary code, the numbers one to ten; the atomic numbers of hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and phosphorus; formulas for the nucleotides of DNA; the double helix structure of DNA; the graphic of a human being; a graphic of the Solar System; and a graphic of the Arecibo radio telescope. (Wikipedia, "[Arecibo message](#)"; Frank Drake and Dava Sobel, *Is Anyone Out There?*, Delacorte, 1992, [pp. 164–184](#); Graff 242–244)

1974, November 17 — 9:00 a.m. A businessman is taking a walk along the shore of Nørresø in Viborg, Denmark, when he notices an object above the eastern bank of the lake. He snaps a photo of it as it hovers in the air about 1,600–3,300 feet away. He looks around to see if there are other witnesses, but when he looks back the object is gone. The photo shows a circular object with an estimated diameter of about 65 feet with some cloudy filaments hanging from its base. Investigators suspect it may be a rare instance of a small cumulus cloud that has developed from a black smoke ring. (Wim van Utrecht, "[Jellyfish UFO Photographed over Denmark](#)," *Caelestia*, May 17, 2008)

1974, November 22 — 7:30 p.m. At two-minute intervals, three bright red lights are seen climbing very quickly from the horizon at Madeira, Canary Islands, after which they create brilliant concentric circles. A reporter in Funchal takes a few photos. The lights are probably Poseidon missiles launched by the submarine [USS Mariano G. Vallejo](#) several hundred kilometers to the west. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Ricardo Campo Pérez, "[Navy Missile Tests and the Canary Islands UFOs](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 3)

1974, November 28 — 11:43 a.m. Hugo W. Feugen is flying his own Aeronca Champion aircraft on a bright day over Shabbona, Illinois, and he is checking his position on the aeronautical map to determine if he was still on course. When he looks up, he notices that the magnetic compass is rotating counterclockwise at a rate of four revolutions per minute. He looks to his right side and sees nothing but the town below him. When he turns to his left, he sees a disc or ellipse flying parallel to his aircraft at the same speed (75–80 mph) and altitude, pacing him at 120° at an estimated one-quarter of a mile distance. He estimates its size as 120 feet long and 30 feet thick. After pacing him for 8–10 seconds, the object tips slightly and he sees that it is not an ellipse but round in shape. As it tips up at an angle, it accelerates to a fantastic speed toward the east and is out of sight in less than one second. (NICAP, "[Pilot Says Compass Affected](#)")

Late 1974 — President [Gerald R. Ford](#) creates the Nuclear Emergency Support Team, a group of scientists, technicians, and engineers operating under the US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. Its task is to be "prepared to respond immediately to any type of radiological accident or incident anywhere in the world." Since 1975, NEST has been warned of 125 nuclear terror threats and has responded to 30. All have been false alarms. (Wikipedia, "[Nuclear Emergency Support Team](#)"; Jeffrey T. Richelson, [Defusing Armageddon](#), Norton, 2009)

1974, December — *Astronomy* magazine editor [Terence Dickinson](#) writes an open-minded article about [Marjorie E. Fish](#)'s analysis of [Betty Hill](#)'s star map and solicits comments from scientists about it. Virtually every issue of the magazine in 1975 carries letters debating the pros and cons of the map, including one by Cornell astronomer [Carl Sagan](#). (Terence Dickinson, "[The Zeta Reticuli Incident](#)," *Astronomy* 2, no. 12 (December 1974): 5–18; David J. Eicher, "[The Zeta Reticuli \(or Ridiculi\) Incident](#)," January 31, 2001; Clark 587)

- 1974**, December — 7:30 a.m. A witness sees a vertical object floating above Wemeth Low, a hill near Higher Chisworth, Derbyshire, England. It has a flattened upper end and a tapered base. It changes shape from round to oval and cigar and back to oval before it disappears and discharges several small spheres from its blunt end “like soap bubbles.” (Herbert S. Taylor, “[Satellite Objects and Cloud Cigars](#),” *IUR* 29, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 10)
- 1974**, December 2 — 10:30 p.m. Dairy farmer [William L. Bosak](#) is driving back to his house southeast of Frederic, Wisconsin, on County Road W when he sees an object reflected in his headlights on the westbound side of the road in front of him. It is a disc-shaped UFO, the bottom half obscured by the fog. But what holds his attention is something inside the object’s “curved front of glass.” Inside stands a figure with its arms raised above its head. He thinks the figure is as scared as he is because its eyes are protruding. It is generally human in shape, but its body is covered in dark tan fur except on the face and chin. Its head hair seems to be swept back, and the calf-like ears stretch out about 3 inches. The mouth and nose seem flat. Bosak speeds past the object and his car lights suddenly go dim. He hears a whooshing sound and the UFO is lost to view. (“[Occupant Case in Wisconsin](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 4 (Jan./Feb. 1975): 1, 4; Jerome Clark, “[The Frightened Creature on County Road W](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 1 (June 1975): 20–21; Clark III 557–558; Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), October 20, 2006)
- 1974**, December 9 — 10:30 p.m. A married couple in Bad Traunstein, Austria, watch for more than 30 minutes a triangular object that hovers above a nearby pylon and sends out beams of green, blue, and red light. (Ernst Berger, “[The ‘Snails’ Are Still Around](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 5 (February 1976): 29)
- 1974**, December 11 — 1:22 a.m. Teacher Călin Turcu hears his dog barking insistently in the backyard of his home in Vălenii de Munte, Romania. Beyond a river about a half-mile away he sees a pulsating, dazzling white light like that coming from a welding machine that illuminates the trees for miles around. In the next 3–4 minutes he takes 7–10 photos. The light persists for 12 minutes until it ascends and fades slowly out. (Augustin Moraru, “[Luminous UFO Photographed over Romania](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 114 (May 1977): 3–5; Augustin Moraru, “[Phénomène Lumineux Photographie au-dessus de Valenii de Munte](#),” *UFO-Quebec*, no. 13 (March 1978): 18–19; Romania 38)
- 1974**, December 17 — 2:30 a.m. John Wagner is in his farmhouse near MacNutt, Saskatchewan, when he notices a large, bright glow to the west that lasts for 25 minutes. The next morning, he finds a circular ring in the snow about 20 feet in diameter. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 190–191)
- 1974**, December 18 — 7:00 p.m. Executive Engineer Mohammad Riaz and others see a circular light appear above the V-shaped mountain overlooking the approach to Pattan, Pakistan, for about 25 minutes. It is also seen in Chitral, Pakistan. An earthquake (Hunza Earthquake) centers on the area on December 28, so this could be a type of earthquake light. (Col. William S. Gilliland, “[Balls of Fire Memo](#),” US Department of Defense Intelligence Information Report, December 18, 1974; “[CAUS Gains DIA File Release](#),” *Just Cause*, new series, no. 7 (March 1986): 3)
- 1974**, December 22 — Investigative journalist [Seymour Hersh](#) reveals some of the contents of the CIA “Family Jewels” in a front-page *New York Times* article. Covert action programs involving assassination attempts on foreign leaders and covert attempts to subvert foreign governments are reported for the first time. In addition, the article discusses efforts by intelligence agencies to collect information on the political activities of US citizens. (Wikipedia, “[Family Jewels \(Central Intelligence Agency\)](#)”)
- 1974**, December 31 — The CIA Family Jewels reports describe numerous activities conducted by the CIA during the 1950s to 1970s that violate its charter. According to a briefing provided by CIA Director [William Colby](#) to the Justice Department, these include 18 issues that are of legal concern. The documents are released on the CIA website on June 25, 2007. (Wikipedia, “[Family Jewels \(Central Intelligence Agency\)](#)”)
- 1974**, December 31 — The Privacy Act, signed into law by President [Gerald R. Ford](#), establishes a Code of Fair Information Practice that governs the collection, maintenance, use, and dissemination of personally identifiable information about individuals maintained in systems of records by federal agencies. The act also provides individuals with a means by which to seek access to and amend their records, and it sets forth various agency record-keeping requirements. Each agency must file an annual report on its FOIA requests to Congress. Citizens can also petition courts to render decisions on whether or not to release documents from agencies. FOIA soon disproves the longstanding denial of interest in UFOs by the CIA, FBI, and military agencies. (Wikipedia, “[Privacy Act of 1974](#)”; ClearIntent, [p. 5](#))
- 1974**, December 31 — Night. Dave Percy and two other security guards at the Pickering, Ontario, Nuclear Generating Station are preparing to greet the new year when they see a cluster of bright red spheres over Lake Ontario to the south. One of them moves closer and hovers over the Number 3 and 4 reactor buildings. It is about 30 feet across. The object hovers for 6–7 minutes, then after a bright flash it takes off. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [p. 120](#))

1975

- 1975** — MUFON moves its headquarters from Quincy, Illinois, to Seguin, Texas.
- 1975** — [John A. Keel](#) publishes *The Mothman Prophecies*, an investigation into sightings of a winged creature called Mothman in the area around Point Pleasant, West Virginia, in 1966–1967. It combines these accounts with his theories about UFOs and various paranormal phenomena, ultimately connecting them to the collapse of the Silver Bridge across the Ohio River on December 15, 1967. (Official investigations in 1971 determine it was caused by stress corrosion cracking in an eye bar in a suspension chain.) Other entities that Keel chronicles are not-quite-human individuals (men in black) who intimidate witnesses and seem linked with UFOs. Sometimes, he writes, they threaten witnesses who have not told anyone else about their sightings. Usually they wear dark suits, sometimes with turtle-neck sweaters, and have dark complexions and Oriental features. Others are pale and bug-eyed. Their behavior is frequently odd, as if they are operating in an environment alien to them. In many cases they drive black Cadillacs or other limousine-like vehicles. (John A. Keel, [The Mothman Prophecies](#), Saturday Review, 1975; Wikipedia, "[The Mothman Prophecies](#)"; Clark III 640, 729–730)
- 1975** — [Jerome Clark](#) and [Loren Coleman](#) publish *The Unidentified*, one of the first books to reject the notion of alien involvement in UFO experiences and maintain that UFO visions and other paranormal experiences are the psyche's attempt to escape the stranglehold that rationalism has on human consciousness. Clark later comes to believe his own conclusions are unverifiable, ill-conceived, grandiose, and dismissive of physical evidence. (Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman, *The Unidentified: Notes toward Solving the UFO Mystery*, Warner, 1975; Clark III 942)
- 1975** — [Jacques Vallée](#) publishes *The Invisible College*, in which he speculates that the UFO phenomenon is a "control system" in which UFOs have been conditioning the human species throughout history using a thermostat-like precision. He believes that it is producing a silent change in human consciousness. (Jacques Vallée, [The Invisible College](#), Dutton, 1975; Story, [p. 90](#); Clark III 1214; Graff 342)
- 1975** — Wido Hoville founds the UFO-Quebec organization in Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec, and begins publishing the journal *UFO-Quebec*, edited by Norbert Spehner. It continues until December 1981. ([UFO-Quebec](#), no. 1 (Jan./April 1975))
- 1975** — Pierre Monnet founds the Groupement de Recherche et d'Étude du Phénomène OVNI in Sorgues, Vaucluse, France. It publishes *Vaucluse Ufologie* from 1977 to 1981. ([Vaucluse Ufologie: Bulletin d'Information du GREPO](#), no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1977))
- 1975** — Gilbert Peyret founds Groupement Langeadois de Recherches Ufologiques in Le Puy, France. It publishes *OVNI 43* from 1978 to 1980. ([OVNI 43](#), no. 1 (January 1978))
- 1975** — Martial Robé founds Groupe Privé Ufologique Nancéien in Nancy, France. It publishes *Réalité ou Fiction* from 1975 to 1987. ([Réalité ou Fiction](#), no. 0 (1975))
- 1975** — The Centro Investigador de Objetos Volantes Extraterrestres begins publishing *Vimana*, edited by Julio Arcas Gilardi, in Santander, Cantabria, Spain. It continues through 1980. ([Vimana](#), no. 1 (1975))
- 1975** — The German-speaking MUFON Central European Section begins publishing a monographic series of reports on specific ufological topics. Edited by [Illobrand von Ludwiger](#) in Feldkirchen-Westerham, Bavaria, Germany, the first is titled *Die Erforschung unbekannter Flugobjekte*. The 12th title is published in 2009. Von Ludwiger publishes two further monographs under the imprint of the Interdisziplinäre Gesellschaft zur Analyse anomaler Phänomene in 2017 and 2019. ("[Die Erforschung unbekannter Flugobjekte](#)," *Bericht, Mutual UFO Network—Central European Section*, no. 1 (1975); "[Rätselhafte Lichter und Objekte am Himmel](#)," *IGAAP-Bericht*, no. 1 (2017))
- 1975** — [Felix Ziegel](#) finally succeeds in opening a state-financed project for UFO studies at the Moscow Aviation Institute. Top officials of the institute approve a preliminary report for the project and apply to the Civil Aviation Ministry, the State Committee of the Council of Ministers of the USSR on Hydrometeorology, the Institute for Space Research, and other organizations for cooperation. Ziegel intends to set up a Scientific and Technological Council for UFO studies. But this project is also disbanded when the shortened text of one of Ziegel's UFO lectures is reprinted in the underground press. As a result, Ziegel is expelled from the Soviet Knowledge Society and criticized in *Komsomolskaya Pravda*. (Mikhail Gershtein, "[A Short History of UFO Research in the Former Soviet Union](#)," UAP Check, July 6, 2024)
- 1975** — ATF agent Donald E. Flickinger, acting on information supplied to him by a writer who has been investigating animal mutilations, launches an investigation into a supposed Satanist network said to be behind the cattle mutilations. He determines the story is a scheme hatched by a federal prisoner to get leverage to be transferred to a county jail. (Daniel Kagan and Ian Summers, [Mute Evidence](#), Bantam, 1984, p. 40; Clark III 133)

- 1975** — Night. Sgt. Eric Slater is flight security controller at the Francis E. Warren AFB Tango-1 missile launch facility southeast of Wheatland, Wyoming. He sees a bright white light coming over the mountains from the Romeo-1 launch facility northwest of Meriden, hugging the contour of the landscape. It stops about 3 miles away and hovers for 1–2 hours. At one point a light beam shoots down from the UFO into the valley below. Then it comes straight for Tango-1. Slater sees it has a dome on top and small, alternating red-and-blue lights on each side. It only leaves when two F-4 Phantoms from Denver enter base airspace to pursue it. (Nukes 336–337)
- 1975**, January? — [Kevin D. Randle](#) and Robert C. Cornett prepare a catalog of “Unknown” cases from the Project Blue Book files before they are withdrawn from public access in April. About 40 of these cases are not in the [Don Berliner](#) version. ([Sparks](#), p. 6)
- 1975**, January 1 — 6:25 a.m. Four Spanish Army soldiers (Manolo Aguera, Felipe Sánchez, Ricardo Iglesias, and José Laso) are driving near Quintanaortuño, Burgos, Spain, when Aguera sees a light fall from the sky at great speed. He stops the car and all four get out and watch a bright yellow object just above the ground some 1,300 feet away where the light has fallen. It has the form of a truncated cone and emits white jets of light toward the ground. The light goes out suddenly and four others appear in a straight line, lighting up in succession. Driving on toward Burgos, the soldiers stop two more times to watch the lights. Investigator Malo Martínez later finds two parallel scorched areas where there are numerous randomly spaced holes where the grass has been burned all the way to the ground. (“[Aquí Vimos el OVNI](#),” *Stendek*, no. 18 (December 1974): cover; Pere Redon, “[Burgos: Primer Caso de 1975](#),” *Stendek*, no. 19 (March 1975): 3–9; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, *A Catalogue of 200 Type I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal*, CUFOS, 1976, p. 53; Pere Redon, “[The Landing near Burgos](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 2 (August 1977): 22–24, 27; Swords 433)
- 1975**, January 1 — Just before sunrise. Actor [Warren Oates](#) is with four friends ([Lee Clayton](#), [Trina Mitchum](#), Judy A. Jones, and [Ted Markland](#)) in the desert about 20 miles northeast of Palm Springs, California, when they see an object moving in a semicircle through the night sky. They describe it as an oval, metallic object flashing yellow, green, and white lights, with one large orange light in the center. Clayton, watching it through binoculars, sees a bell shape on the top, and estimates it is about 3–5 miles away at an altitude of 2,000 feet. It stops and hovers momentarily before moving off behind the mountains. (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, p. 226)
- 1975**, January 2 — 2:45 p.m. Michael Lindstrom and his wife are relaxing on the beach near the Kauai Sands Hotel on the east side of the island of Maui, Hawaii. His wife notices a strange object moving southward over the beach toward her, and she runs to tell her husband, who is walking nearby. It is soundless, has a square shape, its center is white or silver, and it has a black stripe along its perimeter. A row of lights is visible along the lower edge. He estimates that it is flying at 5,000 feet altitude traveling diagonally to the direction of the wind, and is about one mile away. Before it disappears to the southwest after two minutes, Lindstrom takes three photographs (slides), which show a spherical object bisected by a black square and topped by five bright dots. (Mike Lindstrom, “The Lindstrom Photos,” *Official UFO*, July 1976, pp. 28–30, 59–60; Bruce Maccabee, “[A Rare Photo Coincidence](#),” *IUR* 15, no. 3 (May/June 1990): 4–9, 22; Bruce Maccabee, “[Recent UFO Videotapes](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 265 (May 1990): 3–7; UFOEv II 293)
- 1975**, January 2 — 11:00 p.m. An officer and several soldiers on a military patrol at the Las Bardenas Reales firing range near Arguedas, Navarre, Spain, see a group of intense lights moving slowly then remaining stationary on the ground for 25 minutes. Through binoculars, they see an object shaped like “half an orange” that rises and slowly disappears on the horizon. Some 30 observers view the lights for 3–4 minutes. (“[UFO Reportedly Lands on Firing Range](#),” *Skylook*, no. 87 (February 1975): 19; Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, *A Catalogue of 200 Type I UFO Events in Spain and Portugal*, CUFOS, 1976, p. 53; Gordon Creighton, “[UFO Lands on Spanish Air Force Target Range](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 5 (March 1979): 17–18; UFOEv II 87; Swords 433–434, 526; Good Above, pp. 151–152, 459)
- 1975**, January 4 — 3:30 a.m. Carlos Alberto Diaz is walking home from a bus stop along Daniel de Solier street, Ingeniero White, near Bahía Blanca, Argentina, when he is blinded and paralyzed by a beam of light. He revives inside a UFO where three greenish, 6-foot-tall creatures, are plucking hair from his head and body. Diaz faints and wakes up in the afternoon in Buenos Aires some 400 miles away, where someone takes him to the Hospital Ferroviario. However, an extensive investigation by ufologist Roberto Enrique Banchs uncovers numerous discrepancies that strongly indicate a hoax. (“[Another Bahia Blanca Case](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 23, no. 5 (March 1975): 3–5; Pedro Romaniuk, “[The Case of the ‘Green Men](#),”” *Flying Saucer Review* 21, no. 3/4 (November 1975): 39–42; Roberto Enrique Banchs and Richard W. Heiden, “[Carlos Alberto Diaz Is a Hoaxer](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 2 (August 1977): 8; Lon Strickler, “[The Carlos Alberto Diaz Abduction](#),” *Phantoms and Monsters*, March 2, 2012; Clark III 602)

- 1975, January 12** — 2:45 a.m. George O'Barski is driving home through North Hudson Park, New Jersey, when he hears static on his CB radio. Through the window he sees a dark, round object with brightly lit windows hovering over the ground about 100 feet away. Ten small (3.5-foot tall), helmeted figures dressed in coveralls emerge from the UFO, dig up soil, and collect it in bags for about 3 minutes before returning to the craft, which takes off with a humming sound. O'Barski returns to the site the next day and finds holes that had been left. Hudson County Police Officers Thomas Feldhan and John Mackanics investigate and file reports. Months later, O'Barski relays the story to an acquaintance, [Budd Hopkins](#), who is interested in UFOs. Hopkins and two others associated with the Center for UFO Studies find independent witnesses, including a doorman at the high-rise Stonehenge apartment building, Bill Pawlowski, who sees a UFO with multiple lights in the park the same time. Hopkins, [Ted Bloecher](#) (then the director of New York MUFON), and Jerry Stoehrer, also of MUFON, investigate the incident and take soil samples. (Wikipedia, "[Stonehenge \(building\)](#)"; Ted Bloecher, "The Stonehenge Incidents, January 1975," *Proceedings of the 1976 CUFOS Conference*, Center for UFO Studies, 1976, pp. 25–38; Ted Bloecher, "[The 'Stonehenge' Incidents of January 1975.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 3 (October 1976): 3–7; Ted Bloecher, "[The 'Stonehenge' Incidents of January 1975, Part 2.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 4 (November 1976): 5–11; Mark Rodeghier, *UFO Reports Involving Vehicle Interference*, CUFOS, 1981, p. 64; Budd Hopkins, *Missing Time*, R. Marek, 1981, [pp. 34–50](#); Clark III 1109–1112)
- 1975, January 20–22** — At the 13th Aerospace Sciences Meeting of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Pasadena, California, physicist [Peter A. Sturrock](#) organizes a UFO symposium that features talks by astronomer [J. Allen Hynek](#), ufologist [Jacques Vallée](#), psychologist [David R. Saunders](#), Hynek associate [Fred Beckman](#), and ufologist [Ted Phillips](#). (Clark III 102)
- 1975, January 27** — A US Senate committee to investigate abuses by the CIA, NSA, FBI, and IRS is created by a vote of 82–4. Chaired by Sen. [Frank Church](#) (D-Idaho), the committee is part of a series of investigations into intelligence abuses in 1975, dubbed the "Year of Intelligence," including its House counterpart, the Pike Committee, and the presidential Rockefeller Commission. It conducts 800 interviews and 250 executive and 21 public hearings. The committee's efforts lead to the establishment of the permanent US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in 1976. (Wikipedia, "[Church Committee](#)")
- 1975, January 28** — Afternoon. Eccentric and contactee [Billy Meier](#) sees a disc-shaped spacecraft in Switzerland and takes several photographs of it. The ship lands in a nearby meadow, and a beautiful, pale-skinned, amber-haired spacewoman steps out and approaches him and talks to him for an hour and a half. Her name is Semjase from the planet Erra in the constellation Lyra (although they have since emigrated to the Pleiades), and she is the granddaughter of a being named Sfath, who had contacted Meier in 1944. Many other contacts continue, and Meier produces more photos so that he becomes a regional occult celebrity. (Wendelle C. Stevens, *UFO Contact from the Pleiades*, The Author, 1982; Gary Kinder, *Light Years: An Investigation into the Extraterrestrial Experiences of Billy Meier*, Atlantic Monthly, 1987; George M. Eberhart, "[Photographs and Red Faces.](#)" *IUR* 12, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1987): 19; Bruce Maccabee, "[Pendulum from the Pleiades.](#)" *IUR* 14, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1989): 11–12, 22; Derek Bartholomaeus, [Billy Meier UFO Case website](#))
- 1975, January 31** — Night. Mike McKenna, security guard at the Pickering, Ontario, Nuclear Generating Station, sees 6 balls of light from his position at the east gate. They vary in color from bright red to almost white and remain in the area for nearly 2 hours. Two move in from Lake Ontario and hover above the plant's service center. After remaining motionless for 30 minutes, they take off straight up at a rocket-like speed. (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 120–121](#))
- 1975, January 31** — 10:20 p.m. Alan Lott is walking his dog in Caversham, Berkshire, England, when he sees a group of bright lights to the east. He calls his wife, Clarice, and they both view the lights through binoculars. They are moving slowly and silently in a straight line from east to west and are now directly above the Lotts' house. The three brightest lights are orange-yellow and arranged in an equilateral triangle formation. There are two smaller lights, one red and another white. After 5 minutes, the formation vanishes behind houses and trees. (UFOFiles2, [pp. 88–90](#))
- 1975, February** — Domestic birds, ducks, goats, rabbits, geese, cattle, pigs, and sheep are found dead throughout Puerto Rico with what one veterinarian characterizes as "strange wounds." The deaths typically occur in the early morning hours and are caused by a sharp instrument that can punch through flesh and bone, usually in the neck region. Around this time and through July, some Puerto Ricans see large, unidentified birds, as well as UFOs. (Sebastian Robiou Lamarche, "[UFOs and Mysterious Deaths of Animals, Part 1.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 5 (February 1977): 15–18; Sebastian Robiou Lamarche, "[UFOs and Mysterious Deaths of Animals, Part 2.](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 6 (April 1977): 6–10; Clark III 139)

- 1975**, February — New York City psychic [Ingo Swann](#) receives a phone call from a friend in a government agency who tells him that he will be contacted by a “Mr. Axelrod.” One morning in March at 3:00 a.m., Axelrod calls Swann and asks him to be in Washington, D.C., at 12:00 noon. This leads to an unlikely adventure involving Swann’s remote viewing of a secret extraterrestrial base on the hidden side of the Moon and his “shocking” experience with a sexy, scantily dressed female alien in a Los Angeles, California, supermarket. He concludes that extraterrestrials are living on Earth in humanoid bodies. Swann deduces that there are many extraterrestrials, that many are “bio-androids,” and that they are aware their only foes on Earth are psychics. Later, Swann and Mr. Axelrod take a flight to an unknown northerly destination, deduced by Swann as possibly Alaska. Along with two twin bodyguards, Swann and Axelrod attempt to secretly watch a recurrent UFO appear and suck up the water of a lake. Axelrod discloses that the silent, growing, oscillating triangle is simultaneously scanning the area and eliminating any animals, and that the silent beams emanating from the object are “blasting deer or porcupines from the woods or something.” The bodyguards realize they are discovered and the group is attacked by the UFO. Swann is thrown to safety by his colleagues and sustains a minor injury. (Wikipedia, “[Ingo Swann](#)”; Ingo Swann, *Penetration: The Question of Extraterrestrial and Human Telepathy*, Ingo Swann Books, 1998, pp. 23–61, 85–100)
- 1975**, Early February — Night. A farmer is walking to his barn north of Lundar, Manitoba, when a red ball of light, 14–16 inches in diameter, swoops low over his head. As he gazes up at it, he feels as if hot plastic is being poured on his head. He suffocates and cannot think clearly while it is above him. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 172)
- 1975**, February 4 — Night. Three Pickering, Ontario, ambulance drivers, a Durham regional police constable, and Andy Parks, music director of radio station CHOO in Agincourt, watch pulsing, multicolored objects maneuvering above the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. Parks says they are “floating around, zipping this way and that.” (Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 121–122](#))
- 1975**, February 10 — 7:00 p.m. Two 15-year-old boys in Annadale, Staten Island, New York, see a glowing ball, 20 feet in diameter, hovering about 400 feet away above some trees near a frozen pond. The brilliant orange mass compresses itself from football-shaped to basketball-shaped over a period of 10 minutes then suddenly disappears. Another witness who is walking a German shepherd dog around the same time reports that the dog reacted very nervously to something in the woods. The boys return early the next morning and find that some trees, ranging 5–20 feet in height, have been sheared off and some are coated with a carbon-like substance. NICAP investigators have dirt and wood samples analyzed at a scientific laboratory and find that the trees are only superficially burned on their bark but that the fire is oil-based. They suspect the glowing object is a low-temperature fuel fire. (“[Converging Ball of Light Mystifies Witnesses](#),” *UFO Investigator*, April 1975, p. 1)
- 1975**, February 14 — 12:05 p.m. Antoine Séverin, 21, is on the slope of Piton du Calvaire, a hill outside Petite Île on the southern coast of Réunion in the Indian Ocean, when he hears a deafening beeping sound, feels a blast of heat, and sees a bright metallic object hovering about 5 feet above the ground. A ladder with three steps appears on the underside, and a small being like the “Michelin man” emerges. He is holding a shining object. Two other beings emerge, all with antennae on their heads. A fourth is visible through a porthole. Then Séverin is hurled onto his back by a powerful flash of light. The beings run up the ladder and withdraw it, then the UFO takes off, emitting a loud whistle. For several days he has blurred vision, impaired speech, and a medical diagnosis of shock. The Gendarmerie investigate the case and judge him to be mentally sound. (Lt.-Col. Lobet, “[Atterrissage à Petite Île \(Réunion\) le 14 Février 1975](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 147 (Aug./Sept. 1975): 4–10; Lt.-Col. Lobet, “[Another Close Contact on Réunion, Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 2 (July 1979): 6–10; Lt.-Col. Lobet, “[Another Close Contact on Réunion, Part 2](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 3 (September 1979): 7–10; Patrick Gross, “[Petit-Île, La Réunion, February 14, 1975](#)”)
- 1975**, February 17 — 9:00 p.m. Wheatland County Sheriff Richard Egebakken sees a bright, round object hovering about 500 feet near the Malmstrom AFB K-01 Minuteman missile alert facility 1.7 miles east-northeast of Harlowton, Montana. When Deputy Larry Clifford drives to a point about one mile from the site, the object suddenly shoots up to 2,000 feet, stops, and hovers again. State Game Warden [Gene Tierney](#) says it is not an aircraft. Commissioner [Edgar Langston](#), also a pilot, sees the object through binoculars from his ranch 15 miles south of Harlowton and sees an antenna-like protrusion on the top. Deputy Herb Lynn stops his pickup truck a few miles out of town to watch and sees it flitting around the sky in all sorts of crazy directions. Deputy Russ Mill, within a mile of K-01, describes a blue object bobbing up and down. Radar at Malmstrom AFB does not track anything. (Bob Gribble, “[Looking Back](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 262 (February 1990): 20; UFOEv II 45–46)
- 1975**, February 23 — Night. Glenn E. Bradley sees two large cylindrical objects like grain silos floating above Matachewan, Ontario. Both are shining white floodlights downward to the ground and have bright lights at the top. They are traveling to the west at about 30 mph. Bradley begins following them in his pickup truck. Outside

the lights of the town he notices that the two silos are accompanied by smaller UFOs about 50 feet in diameter, all darting about at high speed. They appear to be entering and exit the larger silos. ("[Silos over Ontario](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 6, no. 1 (Feb./March 1985): 5–6)

- 1975**, February 26 — 8:45 p.m. A former RAAF crewman and a companion are on a fishing trip to Lake Sorell, Tasmania, when they see three glowing objects in the northeast sky, one smaller than the other two. Two of the UFOs move closer and hover, then recede, intermittently obscured by clouds. Each has a pulsing red light on its base. The main larger object is an elongated disc with a row of twinkling red lights around the rim. After a bank of clouds go through with a passing storm, the object reappears, glows brightly, and suddenly zooms toward the witnesses at "phenomenal speed." It stops abruptly about 2,900 feet away at a height of 490 feet, its lights dimming. It projects a brilliant, cone-shaped light beam toward the lake and sweeps it toward the terrain, illuminating the side of a mountain. Then it sweeps back across the lake beneath the object and fades out. The lake's surface glows a fluorescent blue-white. The object then shoots away to the northeast. A second object, which has been hovering to the north toward Mount Penny, speeds off in the same direction. (Joe Brill, "[UFO Light Beam in Tasmania](#)," *Skylook*, no. 91 (June 1975): 3–6; "[UFO Illuminates Lake](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 1 (July 1975): 1, 3; "[UFO and Light in Tasmania](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 6 (April 1977): 30–31; Story, [pp. 344–345](#); UFOEv II 219–221; [CUFOS case files](#))
- 1975**, March 2 — A police officer in Phillips, Wisconsin, hears odd noises on his patrol car radio, then he sees a disc-shaped object with a rounded hump on its top and bottom, along with red and orange lights on the bottom edge. He estimates the object is 30 feet in diameter. When he directs his spotlight on it, the object rapidly ascends. (Richard F. Haines, *CE-5: Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind*, Sourcebooks, 1998, p. 109)
- 1975**, March 2 — 10:30 p.m. A couple and their daughter see a large, yellowish, egg-shaped light moving erratically in short spurts outside their home in the Great Swamp Management Area near West Kingston, Rhode Island. It then stops and hovers for 5 minutes. They then see two orange-white, ball-shaped objects drop from the large UFO and move northward at the approximate speed of an aircraft, disappearing over the horizon. The large object again moves erratically toward the southeast, gradually picking up speed. ("[Object Ejects Small Spheres](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 2 (August 1975): 4)
- 1975**, March 7 — The US Embassy in Algiers, Algeria, sends a report to US Secretary of State [Henry Kissinger](#), stating that strange "machines" have been maneuvering over Algerian airspace since January, some near military installations and usually around 7:00–7:30 p.m., often by multiple witnesses. An object with a bright light has been seen near Oran, Bechar, and off the coast on March 6 (when it is also confirmed on radar). (ClearIntent, [pp. 79–80](#); "[Unidentified Flying Objects over Algeria](#)," WikiLeaks, March 7, 1975)
- 1975**, March 18 — 1:30 p.m. Pat McCarthy, 19, is in a quarry off Ontario Highway 5 near Waterdown, Ontario, trying to take photos of hawks. He is about to leave when he sees a dark object resembling a Frisbee. It is moving swiftly, and he takes four photos of it, capturing the object 3 times. He estimates the object is twice as long as a DC-8. He takes the camera to the *Hamilton Spectator*, which processes the film in its darkroom. (*Hamilton (Ont.) Spectator*, March 18–19, 27, 1975; "[Canadian Photo Case](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 4 (October 1975): 1, 3, 6; Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 15–18](#))
- 1975**, March 22 — 10:30 p.m. Two young men and three girls are driving along the Mount Flora to Dingo Beach Road about 50 miles from Nebo, Queensland, when they see a strange light in a gravel storage area to the left of the road. The object is a box-like mass, 8 feet high and 9 feet wide, with a row of flashing white-to-yellow lights about 3 feet above the ground and a circular mass above it. As they stop the car, the object emits a tremendous bang like a shotgun. They are startled and drive on, feeling that the circular mass is watching them, then they return to the original location, but the girls in the back seat are terrified. They drive 9 miles further and find a road construction crew and tell them about the UFO. The two men convince one of the workers to return to the spot, but the object is gone and they find unusual ground marks. On March 25, two investigating officers from RAAF Base Townsville examine three oval-shaped areas, one roughly circular area, and one rectangular area, all apparently recent and produced by a heavy weight or pressure. (Swords 405–406; Bill Chalker, "Physical Traces," *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 190–192)
- 1975**, March 28 — Sen. [Barry Goldwater](#) (R-Ariz.) writes, in response to an inquiry from UFO researcher Shlomo Arnon: "The subject of UFOs is one that has interested me for some long time. About ten or twelve years ago I made an effort to find out what was in the building at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base where the information is stored that has been collected by the Air Force, and I was understandably denied this request. It is still classified above Top Secret. I have, however, heard that there is a plan underway to release some, if not all, of this material in the near future." (Good Above, [p. 2](#); Nick Redfern, "[UFOs and Senator Barry Goldwater](#)," *Mysterious Universe*, May 1, 2014)

- 1975**, April — Blue Book files are withdrawn from public access by Air Force Archives at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama, as the security classification and privacy review panel begins reviewing them, sanitizing witness names, and destroying or removing certain documents thought embarrassing. The redactions are made on the original paper files. ([Sparks](#), pp. 6–7)
- 1975**, April 1 — The Federal Aviation Administration approves cooperation with the Center for UFO Studies, authorizing air traffic controllers and other personnel to report UFO sightings as their workload permits. (Story, [p. 417](#))
- 1975**, April 3–9 — Some 57 separate UFO sightings involving triangular or delta-shaped UFOs occur in the area around Lumberton, North Carolina. Many cases involve an object hovering silently at low altitude, accelerating instantly, and turning without banking. They are often seen at treetop level and with a bright and maneuverable spotlight. Among the witnesses are 48 police officers. (“[Witnesses Discount Theory That UFO Was Airplane](#),” *Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer*, April 5, 1975, p. 19; “[UFO ‘Mystery’ Returns with New N.C. Sightings](#),” *Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer*, April 6, 1975, p. 1; Jennie Zeidman, *The Lumberton UFO Report: UFO Activity in S. North Carolina, April 3–9, 1975*, CUFOS, 1976; “[Landing Reported in N. Carolina](#),” *Skylook*, no. 90 (May 1975): 3–5; UFOEv II 347–348; Marler [91–94](#))
- 1975**, April 14 — [Tage Eriksson](#), head of UFO investigations at the Swedish National Defence Research Institute, finds the work a waste of time and tries to get it transferred back to the Defense Staff. His request is denied. (Swords 368)
- 1975**, April 15 — 9:23 p.m. Science teacher Ed Handley is washing his car in his driveway in San Jose, California, when he sees a light moving slowly against the darkening southwestern sky. Suddenly it makes a right-angle turn and heads toward him, emitting a light beam. It moves slowly, taking about 10 minutes to reach him, then stops and hovers about 100 feet overhead. Handley’s mother and five members of a neighboring family also see the object, which is disc-shaped and about 90 feet in diameter with a cabin-like structure on top. A white beam of light is pointing outward, moving up and down in a small arc. Around its edges is an orange glow, and red sparks are dropping off the underside and disappearing after falling about 6 feet. It hovers for about 5 minutes, then oscillates and shoots straight up, diminishing to a point of light and disappearing in a matter of seconds. (Slava Mach and Ross Redeker, “[A Close Encounter of the First Kind](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 124 (March 1978): 14–15, 19; UFOEv II 162–163)
- 1975**, April 20 — Night. Stationary beams of light are seen at San José de Jáchal, San Juan, Argentina. In a remote area, three imprints are found forming a 12-foot equilateral triangle surrounding a large smoke blot. Nearby plants are burned and stones are blackened. Some footprints are noted. Seven mushrooms nearly 8 inches tall are found growing there the following day. (Fred Merritt, “[A Preliminary Classification of Some Reports of UFOs](#),” *IUR* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2003): 9)
- 1975**, April 26 — 2:00 a.m. Two young witnesses see a light descend briefly behind a school in Chomedey, Laval, Quebec, for a few seconds. They find a piece of metal and a hole in the ground. (Ted Phillips, [Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings](#), CUFOS, 1975, p. 106)
- 1975**, May 3 — 8:00 a.m. A professional photographer is taking pictures of the Irma kød company south of Copenhagen, Denmark, when he sees a bright flash off to his right. When he develops one photo, the image shows an odd object tilted at an angle and slightly out of focus. (Kim Møller Hansen, “[Danish UFO-Photo?](#)” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 6 (Dec. 1984/Jan. 1985): 1–2)
- 1975**, May 3 — 1:34 p.m. Carlos Antonio de los Santos Montiel is flying a Piper PA-24 Comanche from Zihuatenejo, Guerrero, Mexico, to Mexico City at about 15,000 feet. While passing over Laguna de Tequesquitengo in Jojutla, Morelos, he feels a strange vibration in his airplane. Then he sees to the right, pacing alongside, a 10-to 12-foot-diameter disc with a dome on top. Another appears to the left of the plane, and a third disc approaches head-on, dropping beneath the plane. Carlos feels a jolt as if the object has impacted. He pulls the landing gear lever, but it fails to operate. The plane feels as if it is pulled or lifted, and the controls refuse to respond. Although badly shaken, Carlos notifies Mexico City by radio, describing what is happening. At the same time, air control radar is showing unexplained objects near his plane that are capable of sharp turns, unlike normal aircraft. Finally, their blips merge on the radar screen and speed away toward Popocatepetl volcano. After the objects leave, Montiel is able to lower his landing gear manually and land safely. Aviation personnel who know him testify to his sobriety and trustworthiness. A week later, de los Santos is invited to discuss the sighting on a TV talk show. As he drives to the interview, a large black Cadillac limousine pulls in front of him on the freeway. An identical car appears behind, forcing him to the side of the road. Four tall, broad-shouldered, pale-skinned men in dark suits jump out and approach him, still in his car. Speaking Spanish in a mechanical tone, one warns him to keep quiet about the sighting “if you value your life and your family’s too.” He breaks his appointment, and does so a month later after

another visit by the men in black before an interview with [J. Allen Hynek](#). (NICAP, [“UFOs ‘Escort’ Mexican Aircraft / Radar Confirmed”](#); [“UFOs ‘Escort’ Mexican Aircraft,”](#) *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 2 (August 1975): 1, 3–4; Joe Brill, [“UFOs Escort Mexican Pilot,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 90 (May 1975): 14; [“UFOs Pace, Disrupt Airplane,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 93 (August 1975): 3–4; Jerome Clark, [“Carlos de los Santos and the Men in Black,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 4 (January 1979): 8–9; Carlos Alberto Guzman Rojas and Francisco Dominguez de la Rosa, [“Pilot Says Plane Was Controlled by UFOs,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 417 (January 2003): 3–5; Carlos Alberto Guzman Rojas and Francisco Dominguez de la Rosa, [“Part II: Mexican Pilot Relates Possible MIB Contacts Following Encounter,”](#) *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 418 (February 2003): 5–7; Clark III 730; UFOEv II 133–134; Patrick Gross, [“Piper P24 Paced by Three Flying Discs, 1975”](#))

- 1975, May 3** — 9:15 p.m. Alois Olenick, 48, is driving west on Mogford Road south of San Antonio, Texas, when an amber-colored object rises up from a grove of trees. The object approaches him quickly, the light on its front changing from amber to red. When it hovers over his pickup for 10–20 seconds, the lights go out and the engine goes dead. He can see two occupants through a clear dome on the top of the UFO. They are bald with long prominent ears and long noses. The bottom of the object is “highly polished metal” that casts a reddish glow. Olenick hears no engine noise, only a shriek of wind. The object takes off straight up and vanishes instantly. (Gary Graber, [“Two Occupants in Craft,”](#) *Skylook*, no. 99 (February 1976): 3–4; Herbert S. Taylor, [“An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two,”](#) *IUR* 34, no. 1 (September 2011): 17; UFOEv II 461–462)
- 1975, May 4** — Before midnight. Paul Dedieu, his brother, and a friend are driving near Haywood, Manitoba, when they see an odd star. Red lightning seems to light it up and it zooms away, dripping molten metal and crashes in the vicinity of Lake Manitoba to the north. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 103)
- 1975, May 6** — Day. A pilot testing some new equipment in his airplane southeast of Wright-Patterson AFB near Dayton, Ohio, sees three silvery UFOs with portholes flying in formation ahead and closing in on his aircraft. The pilot descends to 1,000 feet, but they keep pace, one on each wingtip, the third above the plane. The pilot levels off and climbs quickly to 3,000 feet, but the objects match his maneuvers for another 60 minutes. All the control panel instruments go haywire, and the pilot loses all sense of time. The UFOs are confirmed by base radar. (Stringfield, *Situation Red*, Fawcett Crest, 1977, [pp. 145–146](#))
- 1975, May 12** — 11:30 p.m. Lyle Carson is in his farmhouse 2.5 miles east of Peesane, Saskatchewan, when he and his wife observe a green light for 10–15 minutes. On May 14, Carson is checking some fences and he comes across a perfectly round circle of burned grass, 5 feet in diameter and 6 inches thick on the outside edge. The RCMP take photos and samples. (Ted Phillips, [Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings](#), CUFOS, 1975, p. 107; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 190)
- 1975, May 13–14** — 11:30 p.m. Multiple witnesses see a bright light a few miles north of Carman, Manitoba, where it has been appearing so frequently since April 10 that it has been nicknamed “Charlie Redstar.” CKY-TV station employees Bill Kendricks and Allen Kerr see a light on the western horizon that rises up, moves slowly south, flashes brilliantly, then shoots straight up. Newspaper editor Howard Bennett and others see a smoky red light above some tall trees. Bennett leads investigators to a potential landing site. Using a radiation survey meter, they find a few radioactive hot spots about 255 feet apart, each with a radius of 25 feet. (Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 124–126; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 161, 171–181)
- 1975, May 16** — Three men wander away from a party on the shore of Stephenfield Lake, Manitoba, when they see a “moon-shaped” object hovering over a dam on the far shore. As they watch, a beam of light shoots from the object to the surface of the lake. A glowing object appears underneath the surface and begins moving toward the witnesses. When it is about 20 feet away, one of them throws a rock at it. It appears to break into pieces and return to its original location, and the beam goes out. (Chris Rutkowski, *Visitations? Manitoba UFO Experiences*, Winter Press, 1989, p. 18; Carl W. Feindt, [“Beam of Light into a Body of Water,”](#) *IUR* 33, no. 3 (December 2010): 23)
- 1975, May 26** — 7:45 p.m. Didier Burr, 17, photographs a dark, disc-shaped object outside his second-story window in Nancy, France. The sighting only lasts 10–15 seconds. The photo shows a slightly blurry disc above a nearby building. (Patrick Gross, [“Nancy, France, May 26, 1975”](#))
- 1975, May 30** — Russell Worobetz is cultivating some stubble near Hazel Dell, Saskatchewan, when he finds two burned areas in the center of his field. They are 5 feet in diameter and 4 feet apart. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada’s UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 190)

- 1975, Summer** — Around 12:00 midnight. An orange object appears several times above two fishing trawlers one mile off the coast of Topsail Beach, North Carolina. (Cordy Hieronymus, "[Out of the Past](#)," *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 1 (Feb./March 1984): 6)
- 1975, June** — Historian [David M. Jacobs](#) publishes *The UFO Controversy in America*, based on his Ph.D. dissertation in history. It becomes a classic history of UFOs and the investigations of the Air Force and other government agencies. (David M. Jacobs, *The UFO Controversy in America*, Indiana University, 1975; Clark III 629)
- 1975, June 20** — 11:10 p.m. A Royal Canadian Mounted Police constable patrolling on Grand Valley Road northwest of Brandon, Manitoba, notices a bright white light to the northwest, apparently in the area of Kirkham's Bridge. Another RCMP in the bridge area sees the light 10 minutes later, apparently 220–300 feet above the ground. One officer attempts to close with the light unsuccessfully until he is 3 miles southeast of Hamiota. It flashes red and disappears at 12:15 a.m. (Patrick Gross, "[Files Obtained from the National Archives of Canada](#)")
- 1975, June 23** — 12:37 p.m. A British naval vessel is stationed off the west coast of Ireland in a thick fog when the radar operator picks up an echo, presumably a surface vessel closing in on the ship. However, the blip accelerates to an "impossible" speed in one minute. The operator notifies the captain, who files a report. The case is investigated by the Ministry of Defence. (Peter Bottomley and Gordon Clegg, "[MoD Tracks UFO on Radar](#)," *BUFORA Journal* 4, no. 12 (March/April 1976): 8–10; Nick Redfern, *A Covert Agenda: UFO Secrecy Exposed*, Simon & Schuster, 1997, pp. 127–128)
- 1975, June 30** — The USAF Aerospace Defense Command becomes the US executive agent in NORAD. Its Continental Air Defense Command, which it had taken over in 1957, is disestablished and transferred to the Aerospace Defense Command. (Wikipedia, "[Aerospace Defense Command](#)")
- 1975, Early July** — 3:00 a.m. Four young people camping out on the shore of the Charvak Reservoir in Uzbekistan wake up in terror for no apparent reason. They see a glowing sphere rise silently from under the water about one-half mile from shore. Concentric circles of varying thickness and brightness form around it. They watch it for 7 minutes, completely terrified. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 121–122)
- 1975, July** — François Breuil begins publishing *L'Insolite* in Mâcon, Saône-et-Loire, France. It continues until January 1982. (*L'Insolite*, no. 1 (July 1975))
- 1975, July** — 2:00 a.m. Margareta Ivanciov is walking from the train station in Teremia Mare, Romania, when she sees a bright yellow-orange globe nearly 2 feet in diameter floating about 90 feet in front of her and 7 feet above the pavement. It speeds up when she approaches it, keeping the same distance. She notices that it is composed of thousands of bright dots emanating the same color light. It disappears around a corner, anticipating her route, and follows her home, where it hovers briefly before moving into a neighbor's yard. (Romania 41–42)
- 1975, July** — Just after 1:00 p.m. Two brothers are fishing from a small boat 18 miles south-southwest of Panama City, Florida, approximately 200 feet from a US Navy undersea research platform elevated about 75–100 feet above the water on pilings. In the distance they spot two metallic craft heading directly toward the platform from the south-southwest. The two objects stop and hover about 200 feet above and adjacent to the platform. They appear to be about 150 feet in length and circular when seen from below and cigar-shaped when viewed from the side. Their surfaces are completely smooth and metallic—matte silver on top of the horizontal center line and matte purplish on the bottom. The objects depart a few minutes later, shooting upward at a 45° angle at an "astounding" speed and disappearing to dot size in 1–2 seconds. [Robert Powell](#) estimates the objects exhibit an average velocity of 24,240 mph and a final velocity of 48,480 mph. (Robert Powell, "[July 1975: F-4 Phantom Jets v. Otherworldly Craft](#)," *The SCU Review* 2, no. 3 (July 18, 2021): 10–11; Powell, *Scientist*, 75–77)
- 1975, July** — 9:30 p.m. A family of four is driving home along the Tasman Highway near Hobart Airport, Cambridge, Tasmania. The interior of the car becomes hot, the engine stalls, and they roll to a stop. Although there is no smell in the air, the family feels that they can taste something like gasoline. Then they see an object hovering above the road ahead of them. It seems 650–980 feet distant and 65 feet in the air. It looks round, is colored a metallic grayish-white, and has its own iridescence or glow. The diameter is close to the width of the road, perhaps 16 feet. They stare at the object for 2 minutes. Suddenly, in a spiraling take-off, the object speeds away to the south. The husband is a car mechanic, and he finds nothing wrong with the car. He gets back in, starts the car, and they go home without further incident, although the object still is visible several more minutes as a diminishing light. ("[UFO Reports from Around Australia](#)," *ACOS Bulletin*, no. 12 (December 1977): 11)
- 1975, July 1** — Day. A Dutch couple on vacation snap a photo of the panoramic landscape of the Pyrenees mountains just after leaving El Pas de la Casa, Andorra. They have the roll developed in Calafell, Catalonia, Spain, and are surprised to see a strange, yellow-and-orange object in motion in the foreground and casting a distinct shadow. Investigators from the Netherlands UFO group NOBOVO determine that the object is really a road sign

photographed directly from their slow-moving vehicle (the speed of the car was estimated to be no more than 22 mph). (Wim van Utrecht, "[Spinning UFO Photographed during Take-Off](#)," Caelestia)

1975, July 6 — 5:00 p.m. Joe Borda is doing farm chores at Mount Pleasant, Ontario, when he sees a domed metallic cylinder landed in a tobacco field. Thinking it is probably a tank truck, he continues and goes home. On July 8, he comes across a circular crushed patch of tobacco plants about 30–40 feet in diameter. Inside the circle are two spots of some substance, reddish purple in color, that feels slippery and oily. The provincial police remove some soil samples; they are not radioactive and do not contain oil. (Graham Conway, "[Strange Voice Heard after UFO Landing](#)," *Canadian UFO Report* 3, no. 8 (Summer 1976): 1–2)

1975, July 14 — Ground Saucer Watch of Phoenix, Arizona, headed by William Spaulding, files a FOIA request with the CIA for copies of all of its UFO documents or investigations. (ClearIntent, [p. 113](#))

1975, July 15–16 — 8:15 p.m. David Burgess, an official at Khami Prison in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, and a friend see from their car an orange object, almost circular with a flat bottom and a rounded top, hovering above the prison about 1–2 miles away. At 8:45 p.m., another official sees an object in the same place. The following night at 7:30 p.m., a bright silvery object is seen hovering motionless 2–3 miles northeast of the prison by a Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter and their three children. It then moves rapidly to the east. (Richard Hall, "[Southern Africa Reports Several UFO Sightings](#)," *Skylook*, no. 95 (October 1975): 14–15)

1975, July 22 — 5:00 p.m. A young boy on holiday with his family in Wales wanders by himself to the top of Wylfa Hill, south of Machynlleth, Powys, Wales. At the top he sees an apparently landed object. About 40 feet wide, it is comprised of a 7-foot round base and surmounted by a clear plastic-like, hemispherical dome. Large round lights about 5 feet in diameter are spaced evenly around the base, about 7 of which are visible, shining in strange colors. Each seems to be recessed into the silvery, metallic base. Clearly seen within the dome is a 7-foot-tall, 15-foot-wide, metallic unit. Two "jelly-like" entities are seen next to it, one on each side. They are approximately 7 feet tall, a whitish-translucent color, amorphous, and constantly changing shape. Inside each entity are hundreds of 6-inch, white, disc-like forms, similar to doughnuts. When another of these entities floats toward the object, the boy flees the scene and unsuccessfully tries to persuade his father to take a look. Returning alone, the boy sees the object carrying the entities disappear by pulsing in and out and changing color rapidly to match those of the surrounding sky and grass. It then "merges" into them. Immediately afterward, the boy suffers acute shock and what a doctor diagnoses as hysterical blindness in one eye that persists for months. (Andrew Collins, "[Jelly-like Entities at Machynlleth](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 4 (January 1979): 14–16; "[Machynlleth 'Jellentities'](#)," *BUFORA Journal* 8, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1979): 13–15; Jenny Randles, "Dangerous Projections," *Fortean Times*, no. 431 (May 2023): 31)

1975, July 26 — 3:00 p.m. Three Dutch hikers are about to take on the last kilometers of a two-day mountain trip in the Swiss Alps when they allegedly encounter a circular object hovering in the air in front of them. It seems to be made of "some sort of metal, not unlike aluminum," is dull gray in color, and resembles an inverted soup plate. The strange contraption is approximately 50 feet in diameter and appears to be suspended over the small village of Zwischbergen, Valais, Switzerland, some 328–1,640 feet away. One of them succeeds in taking a color slide of the phenomenon. Immediately after the photo is taken, the object starts to move and glides behind the trees, where it disappears from view. Possible hoax. ("[The Saas Fee Photo](#)," *IUR* 20, no. 3 (May/June 1995): 19; Wim van Utrecht, "[The Zwischbergen 'Saas Fee' Photo](#)," Caelestia, July 15, 2000)

1975, July 31 — 7:30 a.m. Farmer Danie van Graan goes to inspect his sheep enclosure at Loxton, Northern Cape, South Africa, and sees a silvery disc with prong-like legs. He approaches to within 15 feet of it. Through a large window he can see 4 people, one standing near a panel of flashing colored lights, the other three apparently looking at some device. The entities are about 5 feet tall, thin and pale, and are wearing whitish coveralls with hoods hanging down around their necks. They have fair-colored hair, slanted eyes, and sharp, pointed chins. They all suddenly look up at him, and van Graan hears a "tick" noise as a light beam hits him in the face. Ill and confused, he tries to avoid the beam. His nose bleeds and he starts vomiting. The humming increases to a sharp whine, and the object takes off at a sharp angle. Later investigation reveals 4 marks on the outside perimeter of a circle 30 feet in diameter impressed in the ground, with crisscrossed central markings. A deposit of small, green granules is found near the center; analysis shows this to be carbon dust, grit, shale with feldspar inclusions, and thaumasite. Nothing grows in the affected area later. ([Johannesburg Rapport](#) (South Africa), August 24, 1975, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 79 (November 1975): 18; Cynthia Hind, *UFOs: African Encounters*, Gemini, 1982, pp. 1–20; UFOEv II 493–494)

1975, Late July or early August — 9:00 p.m. A married couple and their small son are driving in the country near Pittsburg, Kansas, when the wife notices an object moving quickly toward them. It comes across the highway at about telephone pole height. The object is round and glowing intensely, with even more intense, small panels inset all around it. It is as wide as the highway and remains hovering. The man pulls the car over and the UFO

begins to pull away. They continue following it, but the object changes its motion frequently. Finally it picks up speed and blinks out. (Michael D. Swords, "[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 21–22)

- 1975**, August — The Aviation and Air Defense division of the Swiss Army draws up a seven-page report on UFOs. ("[Forscher findet verschollene UFO-Akten der Schweiz](#)," *Grenzwissenschaft-Aktuell*, July 8, 2013; "The Swiss X-Files," *Fortean Times* 312 (April 2014): 24)
- 1975**, August 13 — 1:15 a.m. Sgt. Charles L. Moody, stationed at Holloman AFB, is out in the desert near Alamogordo, New Mexico, awaiting a meteor shower. He sees a metallic disc drop from the sky some 300 feet in front of him. It is about 50 feet long, 20 feet wide, and faintly luminous. It stops descending at 20 feet altitude and begins approaching Moody. Uneasy, he gets in his car and turns the ignition on, but the engine is dead. Moody can see an oblong window in the UFO and shadow figures moving within. He hears a high-pitched sound like a dental drill for a short time, then he feels numb. The next thing he knows, the UFO is ascending and disappears from sight within seconds. The car starts and he drives home, where he notices the time is 3:00 a.m., representing about 90 minutes he can't account for. Moody gets a pain in his lower back in the afternoon. Soon he is put in touch with APRO's [Jim Lorenzen](#), who calls him on August 21. Moody now has a heat rash on his lower body. His memories about the incident eventually return, and the Lorenzens visit him in 1976 at an overseas post where he narrates an abduction scenario with shortish, human-like aliens with big heads and wearing coveralls. (L. J. Lorenzen, "[The Moody Case](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 12 (June 1976): 6; L. J. Lorenzen, "[The Moody Case](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 25, no. 1 (July 1976): 2, 5–6; Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, pp. 38–51; UFOEv II 545–545; Good Need, pp. 323–325; Story, pp. 233–234; Clark III 770–771)
- 1975**, August 13 — [Jacques Vallée](#) attends a talk by [Marshall Applewhite](#) and [Bonnie Nettles](#), leaders of the Human Individual Metamorphosis meeting on the Stanford University campus. A panel of eight members talk about how they have abandoned everything to follow The Two, and encourage the audience to join them, saying it is free. When a woman challenges them on this, the speaker replies, "It only costs your life, you know." To reach the Next Level involves some sacrifice, and their students are required to forsake most worldly pleasures like drugs and sex. Further, they are to sever contact with their families and devote themselves completely to the mission. (Jacques Vallée, *Messengers of Deception*, And/Or, 1975, pp. 75–87; Curt Collins, "[UFOs: Going to the Next Level](#)," *The Saucers That Time Forgot*, September 1, 2022)
- 1975**, August 14 — 9:35 p.m. Maj. Claude Riddle is flying a helicopter at 900 feet while approaching Stockton (California) Metropolitan Airport. Suddenly, air traffic controller Joe Savage sees flashing lights closing in on him in a collision course. When he advises Riddle to take evasive action, the object turns orange and shoots up to 5,000 feet, where it hovers. Riddle looks behind him and sees another light trailing him a mile or so away. When he swings around, he sees it shimmering like a diamond and as big as a jetliner. Two blue beams come out from the sides. Dan Long, another controller sees the object through field glasses at an altitude of about 2,000 feet, then it moves upward while emitting a glow of green-tinted smoke and flashing red lights. Gary Duran and two friends also see the object while walking near the airport. After 5 minutes of hovering near the airport, the object turns bright red and shoots off. ("UFO Tails Army Copter," *National Enquirer*, February 3, 1976; "[California Pilot Encounters UFO](#)," *Skylook*, no. 99 (February 1976): 16)
- 1975**, August 20 — Evening. Police stations in the area of Albany, New York, receive numerous calls about UFO sightings. State Trooper Michael Morgan is dispatched to the scene of one of the sightings, where a police detective is observing a blimp-sized object hovering at 500 feet over Lake Saratoga. As the reddish, glowing UFO flashes on and off, two smaller objects approach and merge with it. Air traffic controllers at Albany Airport locate the object on a radar scanner. After a few minutes, the two smaller objects break away and leave in the direction from which they had come. The first object moves toward the two policemen who see a brilliant white light shining from the center of its base as it passes over them. Silently, the craft turns and moves away slowly. Suddenly, the UFO disappears. After tracking the target for 45 minutes, the radar operators lose contact with it. However, within a short time, they receive a call from the pilot of a military airplane who warns them that he has just seen a red fireball 1,000 feet above him headed toward the airport. The controllers locate the object just as it enters the 50-mile range of one of their radarscopes. The anti-clutter device is thrown to ascertain whether or not the blip is a radar angel, but the image still comes through clearly. The controllers estimate its speed to be 3,000 mph. About five miles outside Albany, the target vanishes. The controllers speculate that it has either accelerated to a speed of 5,000 mph or has executed a seemingly impossible vertical maneuver at high speed. During the same time as the Albany sightings, large discs and bright lights are seen at low altitude less than 50 miles north over the South Glens Falls area and as far north as Lake George. The case is investigated by [Ernest Jahn](#), who contacts the

Smithsonian Institution in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They are unable to give any explanation for the sightings. (Margaret Sachs, *UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [pp. 10–11](#))

- 1975**, August 26 — 3:15 a.m. Terry O’Leary, his girlfriend Jackie Larson, and Jackie’s mother Sandy Larson leave Fargo, North Dakota, for Bismarck, which they plan to reach around 7:00 a.m. Forty-five miles into their trip on Interstate 94, they see a brilliant flash of light and sounds like thunder. About 50 yards away on their left, they watch 8–10 orange, glowing objects heading south to east. One is distinctly larger than the others. The lights descend in a straight line at a 30° angle until they stop over a grove of trees. Suddenly one of the objects splits in half and others shoot away. At this point, the witnesses feel peculiar sensations of being unable to move. Jackie finds herself sitting in the back seat (she had been in the front seat with the others) and the lights are gone. The witnesses drive on to Tower City, North Dakota, where Sandy notes the time is 5:23 a.m., an hour later than it should have been. Through a mutual friend, Sandy eventually contacts ufologist [Jerome Clark](#), who puts her in touch with psychologist [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), who has used hypnotic regression in abduction cases. Sprinkle conducts three hypnotic sessions with Sandy and Jackie Larson on December 4–6. Sandy remembers a 6-foot-tall entity that looks like a mummy, various medical procedures, and a journey to a place with sand. She has further regressions with Sprinkle in January and February 1976, and she describes an otherworldly journey with three beings on a UFO. Clark writes: “What makes the Larson story interesting, in retrospect, however, is its anticipation of many abduction motifs which, though barely noted or entirely unknown in 1975, had become repeatedly demonstrated aspects of the experience by the late 1980s. (“[Woman Claims under Hypnosis UFO Creature Abducted Her](#),” *Freeport (Ill.) Journal-Standard*, February 12, 1976, p. 1; “Fargoan’s UFO Incident a Case of Feast or Famine,” *Fargo (N.Dak.) Forum*, February 14, 1976; “[Woman Reports Abduction Examination](#),” *Skylook*, no. 100 (March 1976): 10–11; Jerome Clark, “The Bizarre Sandy Larson Contact: UFO Abduction in North Dakota,” *Saga UFO Report* 3, no. 3 (August 1976): 21–23, 46–53; Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, [pp. 52–69](#); Jerome Clark, “Kidnapped! The North Dakota Contact,” *Saga UFO Report* 6, no. 4 (October 1978): 20–23, 50–51; UFOEv II 545–546; Clark III 675–678)
- 1975**, August 29 — 10:45 p.m. R. Cyrus, a businessman and former gendarme, is driving his Peugeot 404 on Route D10 near Muret, Haute-Garonne, France. About 33 feet ahead on the right side of the road, in a slightly elevated field, he sees an aluminum-gray machine apparently reflecting moonlight. It is about 23 feet long and 9 feet tall. As he draws up next to it, the underside of the object lights up with a phosphorescent glow. It tilts back and glides toward the car at the level of the hood and emits a dazzling light as bright as day that blinds Cyrus. He pulls up, throws his arms up over his head protectively, and the car ends up in a shallow ditch. Then the object darts straight up above the car, soundlessly, and hovers, directing a beam of pulsating light onto the car. Its luminosity then dims and brightens several times and it takes on a reddish cast. Cyrus has a short memory lapse, getting out of his car only when another motorist who has also seen the object approaches from the opposite direction, stops, and opens the door of Cyrus’s Peugeot to check on him. Cyrus is in a state of shock. His watch begins to gain time after the event. He also experiences sleepiness and eyesight problems (black patches before his eyes) two days later. There are no apparent effects on the car. Several other corroborating witnesses are found. (G. Cattiau, et al., “[Le cas ‘Cyrus’ près de Muret \(Haute-Garonne\)](#),” *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 153 (March 1976): cover, 5–8; G. Cattiau, et al., “[The Cyrus Case](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 2 (July 1976): 7–10; UFOEv II 221–222)
- 1975**, August 30? — Night. Three members of the Hood family are driving back along a country road to their home in Little Britain, Ontario. Paul Hood notices a flashing light in the treetops. When their car approaches, it darts off. Days later, Paul and Don Hood find a 30-foot-diameter circle of burned ground and grass swirled in a counterclockwise direction near a split-rail fence in a swamp less than a quarter-mile from their home. Six holes the size of grapefruit are also present. (“[Strange Findings, Weird Lights...](#),” *Port Perry (Ont.) Star*, September 16, 1975, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 79 (November 1975): 17; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 2)
- 1975**, September? — 10:30 p.m. Lt. Rafael Muñoz Pastor is returning to Jerez air base [now Jerez Airport], Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz, Spain, piloting a Grumman AN-1 antisubmarine aircraft with four other crew members. He is flying at 3,500 feet and is already on the landing approach to Jerez, when he receives a call from the Seville air traffic center asking him if he can see any aircraft over Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Cádiz, where they have a radar target. The crew is seeing a “round light, brilliant red in color and with yellowish edges” in the area, so they are ordered to get closer. When they are 4–5 miles from Sanlúcar, the red ball ascends vertically from 1,000 feet to some 10,000–20,000 feet. Numerous residents of Sanlúcar also see the object from cafes. An F-5A fighter is scrambled from Morón Air Base in Seville province, which also spotted the object, and the Grumman returns to

- Jerez after viewing the light for an estimated 45 minutes. (Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, "[Spanish Military UFO Encounter](#)," *IUR* 28, no. 1 (Spring 2003): 7–9)
- 1975, September 3** — 8:00 p.m. Three witnesses in Tujunga, California, see two helicopters following a UFO. The top of the object is a vibrant blue green, the middle portion white, and the bottom part red. It appears to change to a saucer shape and zigzags around the sky. Shortly before 11:00 p.m., the witnesses see the lights go on at a nearby Nike missile base in the mountains. Afterward, the witnesses' eyes turn red and painful. (Ann Druffel, "[California Report: The Mystery Helicopters](#)," *Skylook*, no. 99 (February 1976): 8–9)
- 1975, September 11** — Sen. [Floyd K. Haskell](#) (D-Colo.) contacts the FBI and relates his concern about dead and mutilated cattle found in Colorado and other western states. The mutilations involve loss of ears, eyes, and genitalia, with most of the blood drained from the carcasses. Haskell estimates there have been 130 mutilations in 9 states during the past two years. He has also heard that US Army helicopters have been seen near the sites of some of the mutilations. (Federal Bureau of Investigation, "[Animal Mutilation Part 1 of 5](#)," FBI Records: The Vault, pp. 12–18)
- 1975, September 14** — Calling themselves The Two (or Bo and Peep), [Marshall Applewhite](#) and [Bonnie Nettles](#) hold a meeting in a hotel in Waldport, Oregon. When 20 of the 300 audience members disappear after the meeting, the Oregon State Police launch an investigation. Other audience members think the topic is vague but involves something about leaving in a UFO from a camp somewhere in Colorado. (Clark III 565)
- 1975, September 27** — The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics hosts a symposium, "Hypotheses Concerning the Origin of UFOs," sponsored by the Los Angeles, California, section. The proceedings are published under the title *Thesis and Antithesis*. (Story, [p. 417](#))
- 1975, Fall** — A married couple and the husband's business partner purchase an abandoned ranch property in a remote rural area of western Colorado, hoping to turn it into a working cattle ranch. Not long after moving in, numerous weird events start taking place that last for a two-year period: whirring noises, UFOs, strange footprints in the snow, hairy bigfoot-like creatures, and UFO occupants. The witnesses eventually move back to Denver, where they are interviewed by geologist John S. Derr and psychologist [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), as well as R. Martin Wolf, Steven Mayne, and [Jerome Clark](#). (John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on Colorado Ranch](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 1 (July 1978): 5–8; John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on Colorado Ranch, Part 2](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 2 (August 1978): 7–8; John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on Colorado Ranch, Part 3](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 3 (September 1978): 6–8; John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on Colorado Ranch, Part 4](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 4 (October 1978): 5–8; John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on a Rocky Mountain Ranch, Part 5](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 5 (November 1978): 5–8; John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on a Rocky Mountain Ranch, Part 6](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 6 (December 1978): 7–8; John S. Derr and R. Leo Sprinkle, "[Multiple Phenomena on a Rocky Mountain Ranch, Conclusion](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 27, no. 7 (January 1979): 5–8; Clark III 558–559)
- 1975, Fall** — Evening. Two soldiers of a Chinese People's Liberation Army unit stationed in Jianshui County, Yunnan, China, encounter a huge saucer-shaped object circling above their heads and emitting beams of soft orange-colored light. One of the men runs into the camp to sound an alarm, while the other stays to watch it. A few minutes later, the camp commandant and about a dozen armed men run up to the barracks entrance and find no trace of the soldier who had stayed behind. The commandant orders all officers and enlisted men to search, but they do not find him. A few hours later, four soldiers taking over sentry duty suddenly hear the sound of someone moaning behind them. They see the missing man, who has reappeared. His eyebrows, beard, and hair have grown extremely long. When he fully regains consciousness, his memory is completely gone. His wristwatch shows that it had stopped long ago. His weapons and watch are found to be slightly magnetized. (Paul Dong, "[Extracts from Paul Dong's Feidie Bai Wen Bai Da \(Questions and Answers on UFOs\)](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 29, no. 6 (August 1984): 17; Clark III 653)
- 1975, Fall** — 4:00 a.m. A couple driving east toward Toppenish, Washington, see a bright white light that appears overhead and slightly ahead of them. At first they think it might be a helicopter with a searchlight, but then an area about one mile in diameter lights up around their car, their radio becomes noisy, and their headlights dim. The flood-lit area suddenly goes out and the light speeds up in the sky and disappears. When they reach Ahtanum, Washington, about 25 miles from the first incident, the bright light again appears overhead briefly, then streaks away and disappears. (W. J. Vogel, "[The Yakimas and 'Earthlights'](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 3)
- 1975, October** — University of Montana sociologists [Robert Balch](#) and David Taylor locate the followers of [Applewhite](#) and [Nettles](#) in Arizona and join the group clandestinely. The Two make themselves scarce, fearing an infiltration and possible assassination. Balch and Taylor describe the cult in a *Psychology Today* article in October 1976 and

articles in sociological journals. (Robert W. Balch and David Taylor, "Salvation in a UFO," *Psychology Today* 10, no. 5 (October 1976): 58–62, 66, 106; Robert W. Balch and David Taylor, "[Seekers and Saucers: The Role of the Cultic Milieu in Joining a UFO Cult](#)," *American Behavioral Scientist* 20, no. 6 (July/Aug. 1977): 839–860; Robert W. Balch, "[Waiting for the Ships: Disillusionment and the Revitalization of Faith in Bo and Beep's UFO Cult](#)," in James R. Lewis, ed., *The Gods Have Landed: New Religions from Other Worlds*, State University of New York, 1995, pp. 137–166; Clark III 565–566)

- 1975**, October 7 — 8:00 p.m. After his sister calls and alerts him to a "fiery glow" near his barn on Three Mile Lake Road north of Bracebridge, Ontario, Robert Suffern, 27, drives to the spot and finds no fire. However, when he starts going back to his sister's house he finds a large disc-shaped object resting in his path. The UFO quickly ascends and is lost to sight. When he turns around and starts heading to his own home, a small figure wearing a helmet and silver-gray suit walks in an "ape-like fashion" in front of his car, causing him to hit the brakes. It runs into a field. Suffern gets out and puts his hands on a post and he seemingly becomes weightless, making it easy to jump over the fence. Later that night he sees an "orange fluorescent light" in the pasture of his property. Moments later, he receives two phone calls telling him not to interfere. On October 12 at 3:00 a.m. Suffern receives a phone call from a "Lt. Colin Hunter" from the White House and leaves a number to call him back. He calls the number later and talks to a military officer claiming to be Lt. Col. Waters. A month later, he and his wife are given a thorough examination by Canadian military doctors. (Patrick Gross, [URECAT](#), September 13, 2006; "[The Robert Suffern UFO Encounter](#)," Above Top Secret forum, September 26, 2009; John Greenwald, "[Suffern Three Mile Lake Incident: UFO Lands on Road, White House Reportedly Calls](#)," The Black Vault, July 6, 2017; Clark III 358)
- 1975**, October 18 — 12:30 a.m. John Struble is driving his truck 25 miles northwest of Helena, Montana, when he notices a large object, 50 feet in diameter and 25–30 feet in the air. The object passes over his truck from the rear and then stops and hovers about 300 feet ahead of him. It directs a very bright light at him, causing the truck's lights and engine to go out. The UFO remains for about 5 minutes before it moves away. The object makes a noise like a big jet and then rockets straight up into the sky and moves away to the east at an incredible speed. When the UFO disappears the truck's lights and engine come back on. Struble notices that his nonelectric watch has stopped for 5 minutes, the duration of the sighting. (ClearIntent, [p. 33](#))
- 1975**, October 20 — An NBC-TV movie, *The UFO Incident*, on the [Betty and Barney Hill](#) abduction case airs, starring [James Earl Jones](#) and [Estelle Parsons](#). It is based on the book *The Interrupted Journey* by [John G. Fuller](#). (Wikipedia, "[The UFO Incident](#)")
- 1975**, Late October — 2:45 a.m. James D. Appleman of Bensalem, Pennsylvania, sees two large condensation trails making a giant X just above the moon. For several nights he has been noticing two unusual stars forming different shapes, and he thinks this might be related. He grabs his camera and takes three black-and-white photos. Two of the photos show two irregular light blobs, which he does not remember seeing when he exposed the film. In 1980, he sends a copy of the photos to the Center for UFO Studies because they resemble the lights in two undated photos taken from an airplane by J. Allen Hynek that appeared in his book *The UFO Experience*. ("[Did a Twin Photograph a Twin UFO?](#)" *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 2, no. 1 (January 1981): 1; J. Allen Hynek, *The UFO Experience*, Ballantine, 1974, [opp. p. 151](#))
- 1975**, Late October — Near 12:00 midnight. An incident occurs near Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, the home of the National Combat Operations Center, that triggers a Security Option 5 Alert. According to an informant at the center interviewed by [Francis Ridge](#), nobody is allowed to enter the base, except cleared, high-ranking officers or cleared security patrols. No one is to leave. Those personnel on base who have just completed duty are rolled out of bed. Jet interceptors are scrambled. Unidentified targets are tracked on radar for at least 20 minutes. In fact, everything they put in the air for an attack on the US is airborne. The base stays on alert through 6:00 a.m. (NICAP, "[Security Option 5 Alert at NORAD](#)")
- 1975**, October 27 — 3:00 a.m. Factory workers David Stephens and Glen Gray are sitting in a trailer they share in Norway, Maine, when they hear something explode outside. Briefly puzzled, they decide to go for a drive to nearby Thompson Lake. A short distance down the road, their vehicle abruptly turns onto a back road leading into Oxford, Maine. Gray no longer has control of the steering. Two minutes later, they pass through Oxford, a trip that normally takes 10 minutes, and down the eastern side of Thompson Lake. A mile south of Oxford, they see a herd of cows resting on the ground and shaking their heads from side to side. A few seconds later, they see two white lights on their left in a cornfield. The lights suddenly rise into the air. Gray stops the car, rolls down the windows and listen for the sounds of an engine, but the lights are soundless. Now they have a good view of a huge, cylinder-shaped object 20–30 feet away. Around its body are green, blue, and yellow lights that suddenly go out when the object ascends above a row of trees. Gray starts the car and roars down the road, followed by the UFO. The next thing they know, they are a mile farther down the road, the car stopped. Their eyes feel like they are on fire and appear orange. The UFO is visible in the eastern sky. They drive into West Poland, Maine, turn

around, and go back the way they came. After a few minutes the UFO disappears, and they decide to go south again. For no reason, Gray turns onto a gravel road leading to Tripp Pond, where the engine stalls and the radio goes out. They can see the cylinder-shaped UFO in the sky about 500 feet away, which moves farther away as soon as they notice it. Some 45 minutes later, two disc-shaped objects with colored lights appear, and a thick fog rises out of Tripp Pond, engulfing the car. The radio abruptly turns on, and as they drive further, they receive a mental impression indicating that “We’re not done with you yet. We are coming back for you.” It is now 6:30 a.m. At 7:00 a.m., they arrive at Stephens’s parents’ house in Oxford, suffering from burning eyes, sore throats, and aching teeth. They are not speaking coherently. Gray has some hallucinations later in the day while watching TV. Maine ufologists [Shirley Fickett](#) and [Brent Raynes](#) soon hear about the case and meet with the two on the evening of October 28. Many unusual events take place that night and the next day, so Fickett contacts hypnotist [Herbert Hopkins](#), 58, in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. He conducts eight hypnosis sessions between December 1975 and March 1976. Gray becomes upset early in the investigation, so only Stephens’s testimony is complete. It indicates an abduction scenario similar to other cases. (Brent M. Raynes, “[The Twilight Side of a UFO Encounter](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 2 (July 1976): 11–14; Shirley M. Fickett, “[The Maine UFO Encounter: Investigation under Hypnosis](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 2 (July 1976): 14–17; Berthold Eric Schwarz, “[Comments on the Psychiatric-Paranormal Aspects of the Maine Case](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 2 (July 1976): 18–22; Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, pp. 70–79; UFOEv II 546–547; Marcus Lowth, “[The Disturbing Alien Encounter of David Stephens](#),” *UFO Insight*, August 29, 2018; Clark III 861–865)

1975, October 27 — The *New York Times* reports that stockmen and lawmen are baffled by mysterious mutilations of cattle taking place in Colorado. Udders, eyes, ears, sex organs, and tongues are removed, seemingly by the use of a sharp instrument, also in Pennsylvania, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, Montana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and California. (Grace Lichtenstein, “[11 States Baffled by Mutilation of Cattle](#),” *New York Times*, October 30, 1975, p. 77)

1975, October 27 — 7:45 p.m. S/Sgt. [Danny K. Lewis](#) is patrolling the weapons dump at Loring AFB [now Loring International Airport] near Limestone, Maine, when he sees an unidentified aircraft approaching the north perimeter at an altitude of about 300 feet. It has a red navigation light and a white strobe light. The craft enters the perimeter of the base. In the control tower, S/Sgt. [James P. Sampley](#) of the 2192nd Communications Squadron is on radar duty and gets a return from an unknown target 10–13 miles east-northeast of Loring. Sampley makes numerous attempts by radio on all available communications bands, civilian and military, to contact the craft, but he gets no response. The unidentified craft circles and comes within 300 yards of the restricted nuclear storage area at a low altitude of 150 feet. Back at the weapons dump, Lewis notifies his Command Post at the 42 Bomb Wing that an unknown aircraft has penetrated the base perimeter. The base is immediately put on major alert status, a Security Option 3, and Security contacts the tower. (ClearIntent, pp. 16–26; UFOEv II 88–89; Nukes 361–363, 369–371)

1975, October 27 — 8:45 p.m. Sgt. Grover K. Eggleston of the 2192nd Communications Squadron is on duty at the Loring AFB [now Loring International Airport] tower near Limestone, Maine, when the call from the Command Post comes in. He observes the unknown target. Six minutes later, Eggleston notes that the target appears to be circling approximately 10 miles east-northeast of the base. This action lasts for 40 minutes when, suddenly, it disappears from the screen. Either the object has landed or it has dropped below the radar coverage. The Wing Commander arrives at the weapons storage area 7 minutes after the initial sighting. Immediately other units of the 42nd Police begin pouring into the area. Security vehicles with blue flashing lights are converging from all over the base. Through the Loring Command Post, the Wing Commander requests fighter coverage from the 21st NORAD Region at Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, Syracuse, New York, and the 22nd NORAD Region at North Bay, Ontario. However, fighter support is denied by both regions. The Wing Commander then increases local security posture and requests assistance from the Maine State Police in trying to identify the unknown craft, which they presume is a helicopter. They make a call to local flight services for possible identification, without results. The 42nd Security Police conduct a sweep of the weapons storage perimeter inside and out. An additional sweep is made of the areas that the craft has flown over. All actions produce no results. The craft breaks the circling pattern and begins flying toward Grand Falls, New Brunswick. Radar contact is lost in the vicinity of Grand Falls, 12 miles from Loring. Canadian authorities are not notified. (NICAP, “[UFO Circles Weapons Storage Area](#)”; ClearIntent, pp. 16–26; Nukes 361–363, 369–371; “[KC-135 Pilot Michael Wallace on His Loring AFB UFO Encounter; Other 1975 Intrusion Cases Discussed](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, August 18, 2024)

1975, October 28 — 7:45 p.m. While patrolling the weapons storage area, S/Sgt. [Danny K. Lewis](#), along with Sgt. Clifton W. Blakeslee and Sgt. William J. Long, again spots the lights of an unidentified aircraft approaching Loring AFB

near Limestone, Maine, from the north at an altitude of about 3,000 feet. It approaches to within about 3 miles of the base perimeter and is seen to have a flashing white light and an amber or orange light. Lewis reports the sighting to his Command Post, and the Wing Commander comes out to the weapons storage area to see for himself. He reports seeing an object whose speed and motion are similar to that of a helicopter. The craft is also observed on radar and observed over the flight line by Sgt. Steven Eichner, Sgt. R. Jones, and others. They see an orange and red object shaped like a stretched-out football hovering in mid-air. It turns out its lights and then reappears making jerky motions, then hovers about 150 feet over the end of the runway. It is about four car-lengths long, solid, reddish-orange, with no doors or windows, and with no visible propellers or engines. It is completely silent. The base goes on full alert and a sweep is made by security, but the object turns off its lights and is not seen again. Radar picks up a target moving in the direction of Grand Falls, New Brunswick. SAC Headquarters is again notified.

1975, October 29 — 1:00 a.m. Another unidentified helicopter is seen near the weapons storage area at Loring AFB, Maine.

1975, October 29 or 30 — 4:00 p.m. A radar-visual UFO sighting takes place at Wurtsmith AFB [now Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport] near Oscoda, Michigan. (NICAP, "[Shiny Disc Hovers over Restricted Area](#)")

1975, October 30 — 10:10–11:00 p.m. A series of unidentified helicopter sightings take place in a secure area in Wurtsmith AFB [now Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport], Michigan, by security police on the ground and by the crew of a KC-135 tanker returning from a refueling mission piloted by Maj. Frederick Pappas and 5 crew members. The tanker at 2,700 feet has visual and skin paint over Lake Huron for about 20 miles heading southeast. The light hovers and moves up and down in an erratic manner. The tanker follows the object for 1–2 hours, but never get close enough to see anything other than a single, steady orange light. (NICAP, "[UFO Chased by KC-135 Tanker](#)"; ClearIntent, pp. 41–46; UFOEv II 89–90; Nukes 371–372; Skinwalkers 124; Covert 161–162)

1975, October 31 — 11:17 p.m. A visual sighting of an unidentified object is reported 4 miles northwest of Loring AFB, Maine. The alert helicopter is launched to identify the object but is unable to make contact and is launched again at 1:46 a.m., in response to a slow-moving target picked up by RAPCON radar. (NICAP, "[RAPCON Tracks Slow-Moving Target during Loring Intrusions](#)"; UFOEv II 90)

1975, Early November — 8:00–9:00 p.m. Bill Jackson, a reporter for the *Sterling (Colo.) Advocate*, his wife Cheryl, and their young child are driving on State Highway 61 halfway between Otis and Sterling, Colorado, when they see a red light in the sky ahead of them. As it approaches, they see it is a huge object (as big as a 747) with a dozen rows of multicolored lights, perhaps hundreds of them. It passes slowly over their car, so close that Jackson thinks he can hit it with a stone. They drive at high speed the rest of the way to Sterling. (Richard Sigismond, "[A CE-I, a Lonely Road, a Black Night](#)," *IUR* 9, no. 3 (May/June 1984): 5, 9)

1975, November 1 — Despite Hynek's request for a "mutual non-aggression pact," Hynek and Sagan engage in a spirited and somewhat derisory debate on the usefulness of funded UFO research at a futurism conference at the Chicago Hilton Hotel. Sagan remarks, "The fact that people talk about it doesn't mean that it really happened." When Hynek mentions the listing of physical trace cases by Ted Phillips, Sagan interrupts and says, "I said good cases," insinuating that he alone can interpret what a good case is. ("Science in Collision: The Hynek-Sagan UFO Forum," *UFO Magazine*, February 1980; O'Connell 298–305; Graff 260–261)

1975, November 2 — Night. Witnesses in Medford, Minnesota, including Helen Kay, see a brilliant orange-red light go behind a building, where they suspect it has landed. At the location, they find a bare spot, 12 feet square, of burned grass and ashy residue. At some distance away they see a red ball of light above the trees and try to catch up with it by car but it eludes them. Soil samples from the alleged landing site are submitted to geologist Edward J. Zeller at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, who subjects them to an examination using thermoluminescence and finds the readouts normal for the center of the trace but severely elevated at the edges. He suspects that the edges have been subjected to hard ionizing radiation, but this is not conclusive. ("[UFO Sighting Noted](#)," *Fergus Falls (Minn.) Daily Journal*, November 5, 1975, p. 22; Edward J. Zeller, "[The Use of Thermoluminescence for the Evaluation of UFO Landing Site Effects](#)," *Proceedings of the 1976 CUFOS Conference*, Center for UFO Studies, 1976, pp. 301–308, reprinted in *IUR* 28, no. 4 (Winter 2003–2004): [19–22](#), [28](#))

1975, November 3 — 5:45 a.m. Ontario Police constables in Haileybury, Ontario, see a round object with fingers of white light emanating from it hovering northeast of town. Another object to the north of it has red, green, and white lights. After about 1 hour both objects begin moving slowly south and gaining altitude. They are still visible at 7:00 a.m. (Patrick Gross, "[Files Obtained from the National Archives of Canada](#)")

- 1975**, November 3 — Late night. Unknown individuals penetrate the flight line at Grand Forks AFB north of Emerado, North Dakota. At least two KC-135 aircraft are hit by small arms fire. Security forces pursue the intruders but apparently do not apprehend them. (ClearIntent, [pp. 48–49](#))
- 1975**, November 5 — 12:30 a.m. Jim Divall is driving north of Redwater, Alberta, when he comes upon a large, black, revolving object in the road ahead. He has to drive his vehicle into a ditch to avoid hitting it. The object is 40 feet in diameter. He gets out to watch it for a few minutes as it makes a rushing sound, then it disappears. (Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, p. 185)
- 1975**, November 5 — Just after 6:00 p.m. [Travis Walton](#) and six fellow log cutters finish a long day of thinning undergrowth in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest near Snowflake, Arizona. Heading up Mogollon Rim Road, Walton soon notices something shining among the branches off to the right. The others see it too. They turn up Old Verde Road toward Turkey Springs. The spaces between the trees flash by too quickly to make out what the object is, but a clearing reveals a yellowish glow that washes across the road in front of them. The driver speeds up to get a closer look. They reach the clearing, and about 110 feet away a glowing disc hangs in the air, making a high-pitched buzz and floating motionless between the trees, only 15 feet off the ground. The truck slams to a halt and Walton opens his door to get a better look. There is no sound. One of the cutters shouts: “My God! It’s a flying saucer!” Walton then steps out of the cab and walks toward the object. The others beg him to get back in the truck, but he feels compelled to get a close-up look. He approaches the craft cautiously, glancing back to the truck now and then as his friends continue to plead with him. Coming within 6 feet, Walton stops and stares up at its glowing underside. Suddenly, the silence gives way to what Walton later describes as the thunderous swell of a turbine engine. A narrow beam of light fires from the bottom of the disc and strikes Walton in the chest. It lifts him up, then knocks him unconscious to the ground like a thunderbolt. In a panic, the rest of the crew speeds away toward the main road, terrified. When the men regain their senses, they return to the clearing to rescue Walton, but the craft is gone and so is Walton. Despite a thorough search of the area, they find no trace of him and drive home. When they report what happened, the authorities discount the men’s tale as a ridiculous attempt to cover up a murder and launch an extensive search for Walton’s body. They search for several days and find nothing. Walton reappears outside Heber, Arizona, on November 10 and corroborates their story, with the addition of what happened aboard the spacecraft. Walton awakes in a hospital-like room, observed by three short, bald creatures. He fights with them until a human wearing a helmet leads him to another room, where he blacks out as three other humans put a clear plastic mask over his face. He remembers nothing else until he finds himself walking along a highway, with the UFO departing above him. In the days following, *The National Enquirer* awards Walton and his coworkers a \$5,000 prize for “best UFO case of the year” after they pass polygraph tests administered by Cy Gilson of the Arizona state police (repeated in 1993), the *Enquirer*, and APRO. A private investigator named John McCarthy tests Walton using an outdated procedure with a polygraph in 1975 and finds him deceptive. (Wikipedia, “[Travis Walton incident](#)”; Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, [pp. 80–113](#), [161–190](#); Travis Walton, *The Walton Experience*, Berkley Medallion, 1978; Philip J. Klass, *UFOs: The Public Deceived*, Prometheus, 1983, pp. 161–189; Travis Walton, *Fire in the Sky*, Marlowe, 1996; Geoff Price, “[Lie Detection in UFO Controversies](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 3 (Fall 1997): 15–16, 31; Kevin D. Randle, “[The Truth about Polygraphs](#),” *IUR* 22, no. 4 (Winter 1997–1998): 28; UFOEv II 547–549; Michael D. Swords, *GrassRoots UFOs: Case Reports from the Timmerman Files*, Fund for UFO Research, 2005, p. 145; Clark III 1234–1249; “[Travis Walton and Mike Rogers Talk about Their 1975 UFO Encounter near Snowflake, Arizona](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, September 2023; Graff 328–329; “[1980 Interview with 27yr Old Travis Walton on His UFO Encounter and Alien Abduction Experience](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, June 22, 2024; “[Alien Abductee Travis Walton with UFO Skeptic Robert Sheaffer and Dr. J. Allen Hynek in 1977](#),” Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, August 8, 2024)
- 1975**, November 6 — US Attorney General [Edward H. Levi](#) issues a set of guidelines to limit the activities of the FBI. These guidelines require the FBI to show evidence of a crime before using secret police techniques like wiretaps or entering someone’s home without warning.
- 1975**, November 7 — 3:00 p.m.–November 8, 9:53 p.m. Remote electronic sensors trigger an alarm at Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, Montana, indicating that something is violating security at several missile launch sites. Underground, in the launch control facility, two officers note the signal, but there is no TV surveillance topside. A missile security helicopter checks the area and Sabotage Alert Teams consisting of 4–6 men are ordered to proceed to the areas. One SAT team drives down the highway and onto a dirt road that leads to the K-7 area near Judith Gap, Montana. About a mile away, the team sees an orange, glowing object. As they close to within half a mile, they can see that the object is tremendous in size. They radio to the launch control facility that, from their location, they are viewing a brightly glowing, orange, football field-sized disc that illuminates the missile site. The SAT team is ordered to proceed into the K-7 site. However, they refuse to go any farther, clearly fearful of the

intimidating appearance of the object. It begins to rise, and at about 1,000 feet, NORAD picks up the UFO on radar. Two F-106 jet interceptors are launched from Great Falls and head toward the K-7 site. The UFO continues to rise. At about 200,000 feet, it disappears from NORAD's radar. The F-106s are never able to get a clear sighting of the several UFOs, which play cat-and-mouse with the aircraft, extinguishing their illumination when they approach, and re-illuminating after the fighters return to base. All members of the SAT team are directed to the base hospital, where they are psychologically tested. No one can identify the object, but the members of the SAT team obviously have been through a traumatic experience. Targeting teams, along with computer specialists, are brought to the launch site to examine the missile and the computer in the warhead. When the computer is checked, they find that the tape has mysteriously changed target numbers. The reentry vehicle is then taken from the silo and brought back to the base. Eventually the entire missile is changed out. Radar and visual sightings continue for the next 31 hours. (NICAP, "[Malmstrom AFB Incident \(1975\)](#)"; ClearIntent, [pp. 27–29](#); Richard Sigismund, "[Four Huge Orange Discs and the Case for the UFO](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1983): 7–8; UFOEv II 90–92; Thomas E. Bullard, "[Defending UFOs](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 2 (Mar. 2012): 11–12; Linda Moulton Howe, *An Alien Harvest*, The Author, 2d ed., 2014, [pp. 25–26](#); Nukes 358–361)

- 1975**, November 10 — 10:15–11:20 p.m. A bright light passes over Minot AFB, North Dakota, moving west to east at 1,000–2,000 feet. (ClearIntent, [p. 48](#))
- 1975**, November 11 — 3:34 a.m. Police officers Zachary Space and Lester Nagle watch an object hovering level with high-tension wires east of Madison, Ohio. It comes down above the wires for 15–20 seconds, rises up slowly out of sight, then appears again. Along with a deputy sheriff, they watch the object for 20 minutes. It leaves like a flash. ("[Space Chase: Police, Posse Follow UFO 20 Minutes in Lake County](#)," *Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer*, November 12, 1975, p. 11-D; "[Ohio UFO 'Chased' by Police Officers \(11/11/75\)](#)," *UFO Magazine News Bulletin*, no. 8 (Fall 1975): 3–4; Marler [90–91](#))
- 1975**, November 11 — 6:15 a.m. A spherical object is observed from Canadian Forces Station Falconbridge [now closed] in Valley East, Ontario. The object appears to be rotating and has a surface similar to the moon. The object ascends and descends. The object is observed on height-finder radar at altitudes from 42,000–72,000 feet intermittently for 6 hours. Two F-106 jets are sent from Selfridge AFB [now Selfridge Air National Guard Base] near Mount Clemens, Michigan, but report no visual or radar contact. Other lights are seen periodically over the next few days, including at least seven members of the Ontario Police in Sudbury. (NICAP, "[Spherical Object Tracked on Height Finder Radar](#)"; ClearIntent, [pp. 46–47](#); Yurko Bondarchuk, *UFO Sightings, Landings, and Abductions*, Methuen, 1979, [pp. 152–156](#); Bob Gribble, "[Looking Back](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 271 (November 1990): 19–22; UFOEv II 92–94; Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, *The Canadian UFO Report*, Dundurn Press, 2006, pp. 114–121; Good Above, [pp. 202–203](#); Patrick Gross, "[Files Obtained from the National Archives of Canada](#)"; Chris Rutkowski, *Canada's UFOs: Declassified*, August Night, 2022, pp. 207–219)
- 1975**, November 11 — A Montana Fish and Game Department employee at Freezeout Lake, Montana, sees a light flying directly behind a B-52 bomber. Using his rifle scope to get a better look, he notes that the strange object seems to be pacing the aircraft. The object then briefly attaches itself to the B-52, detaches, and climbs out of sight. The sighting is reported to Sheriff Pete Howard of Choteau County. Howard conducts follow-up interviews with military personnel and learns that as the object attaches itself to the B-52, the plane's radar equipment goes out. (ClearIntent, [p. 35](#))
- 1975**, November 11 — A confidential NORAD communication reveals that Air Guard helicopters, Strategic Air Command helicopters, and NORAD F-106s are scrambled during the recent UFO sightings over Northern Tier military bases. They fail to produce positive identifications. In a priority message sent from SAC headquarters in Offutt AFB near Bellevue, Nebraska, to numerous Air Force bases during the same month, the Air Force reveals its continuation of a policy to deny USAF interest in the subject: "News media queries concerning such unidentified overflights are properly the concern of the Air Defense Command, and queries should be referred to CINC-NORAD/OI... Remarks should be confined to personal experiences and care should be taken to avoid speculation or to imply Air Force interest beyond security of the installation." (Margaret Sachs, *The UFO Encyclopedia*, Putnam, 1980, [p. 347](#); Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, [pp. 87–90](#))
- 1975**, November 11 — Evening. Capt. [Keith Wolverson](#) of the Cascade County Sheriff's Department and a deputy are returning to Great Falls from Missoula, Montana. Suddenly a large orange light descends out of the northern sky, lighting up both sides of the road. It passes directly over the cruiser at about 200 feet. It goes from horizon to horizon in 4 seconds. (ClearIntent, [pp. 34–35](#))
- 1975**, November 17 — 7:00 p.m. Suzanne Erenberger and Dave Vardeman are driving on US Highway 30 about one-quarter mile west of Mount Vernon, Iowa, when they see white lights in the southwestern sky. They stop the car and get out to watch for a while. Frightened, they drive into town to notify the police. The police chief describes

Erenberger as “terrified, nearly hysterical.” An officer accompanies the two students back to the location but sees nothing unusual. Erenberger tells a reporter from the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* that they were only 30 feet away from one of the lights, which was only 25 feet off the ground. She makes a drawing of a domed object for a high-school newspaper. UFO investigator [Kevin D. Randle](#) interviews Erenberger on November 27, and she tells him there is a bright light coming from a 30-foot-wide disc-shaped object with a huge glass dome. She thinks she can see two humanoid shapes behind it. But Vardeman separately tells Randle that he only saw lights in the distance and nothing else. Randle also talks to an additional witness, [Richard Manson](#), who has seen a red light about the same time. Randle concludes that the lights come from aircraft landing at the Cedar Rapids Municipal Airport and that Erenberger’s details are confabulations. (“Coed: ‘No Doubt about What I Saw,’” *Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette*, November 19, 1975, p. 3C; Kevin D. Randle, “UFOs on Memory Lane,” *IUR* 26, no. 1 (Spring 2001): 9–11, 30)

1975, November 20 — Michel, Robert, and Claude Souris found the Centre d’Études et de Recherches des Phénomènes Inexpliqués in Saintes, France. It publishes a *CERPI Circulaire* newsletter from February 1976 to 1981. ([CERPI](#), no. 1 (February 1976))

1975, November 30 — Unit One of the Leningrad [now St. Petersburg], Russia, nuclear power plant is being brought back online after scheduled maintenance when it begins to run out of control. A partial meltdown occurs, destroying or damaging 32 fuel assemblies and releasing radiation into the atmosphere over the Gulf of Finland. The official line is that a manufacturing defect caused the destruction of only one fuel channel, but the accident is really caused by an uncontrollable increase in the steam void coefficient. (Adam Higginbotham, *Midnight at Chernobyl*, Simon & Schuster, 2019, pp. 66–67)

1975, December — The Air Force panel finishes reviewing the Blue Book files and turns over the sanitized version to the National Archives, apparently without yet physically moving the files to NARA facilities. These files now include an added set of AFOSI files of UFO investigations from 1948 to 1968 released by AFOSI in December 1975. ([Sparks](#), p. 6)

1975, December 12 — Robert Suffern and his wife meet with two military officers, one Canadian, the other American, at his home near Bracebridge, Ontario. They tell him the October 7 incident was a “mistake” caused by the malfunctioning of an extraterrestrial spacecraft. The officers show him close-up photos of UFOs and say that their governments have been cooperating with aliens since 1943. (Clark III 358)

1975, December 14 — Late evening. A man is driving his truck on a gravel road along Toppenish Ridge in the Yakama Indian Reservation in Washington State when he sees a cow and two calves running toward him as if fleeing from something. Moments later he sees three figures in the ditch. One jumps up on the road, covering 15 feet in a single slow-motion leap, its arms above its head. The witness describes it as a skinny, 7-foot-tall man with a narrow, pale face and long, pointed nose. It is dressed in close-fitting black clothing and boots. On its chest there is a white trapezoid insignia. The entity is carrying something purple in its left hand that has a wire on it that runs down its arm. The other two creatures remain on the side of the road. The witness speeds up, swerving around the figure. A few moments later, a bright, elongated UFO appears behind him. The interior of the truck is flooded with light. Suddenly he becomes aware of a “shadow” in the passenger seat. From the shape of the head and coat, the man “knows” it is a friend of his. The friend looks at him, leans forward and looks up at the light, falls back, wipes his eyes, and vanishes. At that moment, the light disappears. The next morning, he learns that his friend has been killed in a shooting. (Greg Long, [Examining the Earthlight Theory: The Yakima UFO Microcosm](#), CUFOS, 1990, pp. 56–60; Clark III 281)

1975, December 14 — 9:10 p.m. Larry and Mary Ellen Masters and their friends Leighton and Tedra Middleton, along with three children ages 10, 11, and 13, are having an oyster roast at the Masters’ farm off State Highway 13 in St. Johns County, Florida, when they notice what looks like a large house on fire below the tree line, approximately 1 mile away. As they look at it, a large dome-shaped object, with bright amber colored lights radiating out of many rows of windows, comes up above the tree line and hovers in the air for several minutes. It then goes down behind the trees again with the bright glow continuing to shine above the trees. Tedra Middleton runs inside to call the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Department in St. Augustine while the two men run to their truck and drive toward the object. After about 2 minutes behind the trees, the object comes up again with 3 rows of lights above the tree line. After another minute it again goes down behind the trees and the lights switch off. The two men return home at once and get an agriculture spray service helicopter that is based nearby. Within 15 minutes of the lights going out, the chopper is traversing the entire area but nothing can be seen from the air. An intensive ground-air search of the area is made that night and the next day by units of the Florida Highway Patrol, St. Johns County Sheriff’s Department, Flagler County and Putnam County Sheriff’s Departments, with nothing out of the ordinary being found. Other witnesses at 9:15 p.m., Donna Scanton and four members of her family, see a large circle of bright fire-colored lights in the air above the house at a 45° angle. She thinks that they are

about 1,000 feet up. The lights go out abruptly. (Jim Jones, "[Repeating Reports in Florida](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 24, no. 7 (January 1976): 1, 3)

- 1975**, December 15 — [Jacques Vallée](#) and [J. Allen Hynek](#) publish *The Edge of Reality*, which discusses how the extraterrestrial hypothesis does not seem to explain UFOs fully. Although they acknowledge the UFO phenomenon is real, its reality skirts the edges of accepted science, and they both lean toward an interdimensional hypothesis. (J. Allen Hynek and Jacques Vallée, [The Edge of Reality: A Progress Report on Unidentified Flying Objects](#), Regnery, 1975)
- 1975**, December 19 — 7:50 a.m. While two men are driving to work near Redditch, Worcestershire, England, they see in the southeast a golden yellow disk or domed object that appears to be roughly twice the size of an airliner. The object appears to be hovering below the cloud level. They pull their vehicle over and roll down their windows, but can hear no sound. After about 2 minutes, the object speeds away to the southwest, banking as it disappears out of view. At 2:00 p.m., Paul S. Felton, a staff photographer for the *Redditch Indicator* newspaper, is driving to Alcester from Redditch when he sees a similar object performing in the same manner. He stops his car and takes at least four photos with his Nikon F 35mm Camera. His photos are printed in the December 29 edition of the newspaper. ("[UFOSIS Case Studies](#)," *Northern UFO News*, no. 21 (February 1976): 7; "[Notes on Previous Cases](#)," *Northern UFO News*, no. 22 (March 1976): 6; "[The Redditch Sighting](#)," *BUFORA Journal* 5, no. 2 (July/Aug. 1976): cover, 4)
- 1975**, December 28 — 9:05 p.m. A deputy head teacher and her brother-in-law view a silent, Saturn-shaped object in Gateshead, Durham, England. The object is glowing blue with a rim of flashing blue lights that rotate clockwise around the center of the object. The lights began to flash faster and change to a warmer, reddish color. The object is seen for a few seconds. During this time it appears stationary except for an apparent vibration or an erratic side-to-side jerking motion. She turns to get her husband's attention, but the object disappears. ("[Current Sighting Reports](#)," *Northern UFO News*, no. 29 (October 1976): 3)

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- 1976** — [David Saunders](#) gives his UFOCAT computer file to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, where it is updated by Fred Merritt. The database is kept on an IBM mainframe computer at a nearby computer facility with a magnetic tape backup. In 1982 it proves too expensive for CUFOs to maintain on a mainframe, so it is removed from active use and stored on tape. (Fred Merritt, "[UFOCAT: A Unique Tool for Research](#)," *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 14–15; Center for UFO Studies, "[UFOCAT](#)")
- 1976** — US writer [Bill Kaysing](#) publishes a book claiming that NASA lacks the technical expertise to land astronauts on the moon and that numerous optical anomalies in the Apollo photos show that the moon landings are faked in a studio or at Area 51. The book launches a host of similar moon landing conspiracy theories. (Wikipedia, "[Moon landing conspiracy theories](#)"; Bill Kaysing, [We Never Went to the Moon: America's Thirty Billion Dollar Swindle](#), Health Research, 1976)
- 1976** — Ancient astronaut author [Zecharia Sitchin](#) writes his first book of many, *The 12th Planet*, proposing an explanation for human origins involving extraterrestrials. Sitchin attributes the creation of the ancient Sumerian culture to the Anunnaki, which he claims was a race of beings from a planet beyond Neptune called Nibiru. He asserts that Sumerian mythology suggests that this hypothetical planet of Nibiru is in an elongated, 3,600-year-long elliptical orbit around the Sun. (Zecharia Sitchin, [The 12th Planet](#), Avon, 1976)
- 1976** — In his book *Gods of Aquarius*, author [Brad Steiger](#) introduces the concept of "Star People," human beings tied by physiology, past lives, or both, to extraterrestrials who came to earth long ago and are preparing them for a societal transformation. (Brad Steiger, [Gods of Aquarius: UFOs and the Transformation of Man](#), Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1976; Clark III 90–91)
- 1976** — Author [Roberta Donovan](#) publishes *Mystery Stalks the Prairie* with Cascade County Deputy Sheriff [Keith Wolverton](#) of Great Falls, Montana, documenting his investigations of cattle mutilations with a suspected cult involvement. They are not sure whether mystery helicopters and UFOs are related to the mutilations, but either way federal government officials seem to know what is going on. (Roberta Donovan and Keith Wolverton, [Mystery Stalks the Prairie](#), THAR Institute, 1976; Wikipedia, "[Cattle mutilation](#)"; Nukes 365–369; "[Retired Montana Sheriffs Keith Wolverton and Pete Howard's Amazing Talk about UFOs and Cattle Mutilation](#)," Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, July 22, 2024)
- 1976** — Historian Nicolas Greslou launches the Comité Savoyard d'Études et de Recherches Ufologiques in Chambéry, France. It publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Le Phénomène OVNI*, from 1977 to 1985. ([Le Phénomène OVNI](#), no. 1 (Oct./Dec. 1977))

- 1976** — Meteorologist [Sture Wickerts](#) replaces [Tage Eriksson](#) as head of UFO investigations at the Swedish National Defence Research Institute. (Swords 368)
- 1976** — In *Worlds Beyond*, [Ian Ridpath](#) discusses ETI, life and human development, life in the Solar System, the feasibility of interstellar travel, and the possibility that alien probes have already visited Earth. (Ian Ridpath, *Worlds Beyond*, Harper and Row, 1976; Michael D. Swords, “[SETI/ETI and UFOs](#),” *JUFOS* 5 (1994): 146–147)
- 1976** — 9:30 p.m. A man who lives on a hill overlooking the Boeing factory in Renton, Washington, notices lights hovering above the building at the south end of the plant. Suddenly the lights shoot straight up in the air and move to the north end of the plant, dropping down and hovering again. It then makes a quick arc and hovers about 900 feet above the witness’s house. The object is circular with a curved low top, sides that slope inward, silent, and a continuous row of windows separated every 10–15 feet by thin vertical supports. A yellow or amber light is at the top. It is about 50 feet in diameter and 12–15 feet high. He can see 3–4 images moving back and forth inside the craft. After about 3 minutes, the object moves toward Lake Washington and disappears in 4 seconds. (“[UFO Seen Inspecting Seattle Boeing Plant](#),” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 5, no. 6 (Dec. 1984/Jan. 1985): 3)
- 1976**, January 2 — 1:50 a.m. A witness in Omaha, Nebraska, is outside using a 40x telescope when he notices some flashing red, green, and white lights that appear to be attached to a triangular object moving silently and slowly from east to west at an altitude of about 900 feet. He sees “some sort of beings” moving around inside. He watches it for 40 minutes until it moves out of sight. (“[Sighting Reports](#),” *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 4)
- 1976**, January 4 — A technician driving home is stuck in rush hour traffic at Sale, heading toward Altrincham, Cheshire, England. Suddenly his radio begins to hiss and crackle, and flashes of light spark out, dancing across the windshield. As he looks out through the steady rain, two angular, ice-blue lights pass slowly across his field of view. Moments later they are gone, the sparking stops, and the radio works again. (Jenny Randles, “The Twelve UFOs of Christmas,” *Fortean Times* 374 (Christmas 2018): 29)
- 1976**, January 6 — 11:15 p.m. Mona Stafford and two friends, Louise Smith and Elaine Thomas, are driving southwest on Highway 78 between Stanford and Hustonville, Kentucky, when they see an intense red glow in the east. It grows larger, then descends rapidly to the right of the car at tree-top level. As it hovers, they can see a disc shape with round windows with rotating, blinking red lights around each of them; yellow lights stretch below these, and a luminous blue dome is on top of the object. The UFO moves closer, flips on its side, and shines three beams of bluish-white light on the road, and another into their vehicle. Smith, apparently dazed, gets out of the car, but Stafford pulls her back in. There is a “dead silence,” their skin tingles, and they start getting severe headaches. They find the car has started back up on its own and is moving at 85 mph with no help from Smith. Stafford feels as if it is being pulled. Moments later, they find themselves 8 miles away, just outside Hustonville. When they get home to Smith’s trailer in Liberty, Kentucky, around 1:25 a.m., they find they are missing about an hour and a half of time. All three of them experience odd physical and psychological symptoms. The women are hypnotized by ufologist [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), who finds that they have generally compatible memories of an abduction event. Over time, their memories of the missing time period grow more elaborate, but their story contains elements and images echoed in other accounts before and since. (Don White, “[Kentucky Women Report Close Encounter](#),” *Skylook*, no. 101 (April 1976): 3–4; “[The Kentucky Abduction](#),” *APRO Bulletin* 25, no. 4 (October 1976): 1, 3–6; Leonard H. Stringfield, “[The Stanford, Kentucky Abduction](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 110 (January 1977): 1, 4–15; Lorenzen, *Abducted! Confrontations with Beings from Outer Space*, Berkley, 1977, pp. 114–131; “[The Kentucky Abduction](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 6–7; Story, pp. 192–195; UFOEv II 549–550; “[The 1976 Stanford Kentucky Abductions Revisited](#),” Dj NDAA YouTube channel, August 15, 2013; John Greenwald, “[The 1976 Stanford, Kentucky, Abductions](#),” The Black Vault, April 26, 2016; Clark III 643–648; “[The Stanford, Kentucky, UFO and Alien Abduction Mystery, Jan. 6, 1976 \(Updated with Interview and Hypnosis\)](#),” Eyes on Cinema YouTube channel, January 15, 2024)
- 1976**, January 7 — Night. Jenny Nordin and Lage Nordström in Undersåker, Jamtland, Sweden, watch a triangular object with its apex pointing downward shining and gleaming above a woods. A string of lights appears around its base and the object changes to a rectangle with a pointed top. The display continues for 2 hours until a spotlight shines down from the right side, illuminating the trees. An enormous object with three large windows rises up in the light; both objects hover and gradually extinguish. (“[Märkligt UFO-fenomen iaktogs vid Åreskutan](#),” *UFO-Information*, 1976, no. 5, p. 6, reprinted in *UFO-Nytt* (Kalmar-Öland), 1977, no. 2, p. 14; Carsten Pedersen, “[Bemærkelsesværdigt UFO-fænomen observeret ved Åreskutan](#),” *UFO Nyt* (SUFOI) 19, no. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1977): 14–15; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 2, no. 11 (November 1977): 8; “Märklig syn vid Åreskutan: UFO iaktogs UPPIFRÅN!,” *UFO-Information*, 10th Anniversary Issue, 1979, p. 6)
- 1976**, January 14 — Mrs. J. Stewart is driving along a highway in East Bethel, Minnesota. When she arrives home, she cannot account for at least one hour of her time. Under hypnosis, she recounts being abducted from her car by a

tall figure dressed in white. There are two more beings in the door of a translucent UFO. She recalls that at one point the face of one being is very close to her own, and it has big, slanted eyes. ([“Woman Reports Possible UFO Effects,” MUFON UFO Journal](#), no. 101 (April 1976): 4–7; “Popular UFO Theories Shifting to ‘Other Levels of Consciousness,’” *St. Paul (Minn.) Dispatch*, December 20, 1976; Center for UFO Studies, [HUMCAT Index 1976](#), p. 17)

- 1976**, January 20 — 5:15 a.m. Patrolman [Frank Ingargiola](#) and journalist [Samuel “Sonny” Schwartz](#) are driving in a patrol car toward Atlantic City, New Jersey, from Ventnor City, New Jersey, when they notice a silent, crystal-white object surrounded by a greenish haze paralleling their course along the beaches of Absecon Island. When they reach the Boardwalk, they park the car and continue to watch. The policeman trains the spotlight on the object and blinks it. The object moves closer, scaring them. They call for assistance, and when other police cars arrive, all they can see is a light fading into the distance. The original witnesses drive back toward Ventnor, and the light reappears, following them closely until it vanishes at 6:00 a.m. The US Coast Guard calls it a reflection from the spotlight of a fishing trawler on the clouds. ([“‘UFO’ Said Reflection from Boat,” Atlantic City \(N.J.\) Press](#), January 21, 1976, pp. 1, 16)
- 1976**, January 21 — Before 3:55 a.m. Security police see two UFOs near the flight line at Cannon AFB, southwest of Clovis, New Mexico. The objects are 75 feet in diameter, gold or silver in color, with a blue light on top, a hole in the middle, and a red light on the bottom. An Air Force officer calls the UFO Education Center in Wisconsin to report he “had a very close sighting and was able to witness a type of vehicle that did maneuver and that was unlike any type aircraft he has ever seen.” One observer claims to see a dozen UFOs through a Starlight Scope from the flight tower. A Clovis policeman sees a cigar-shaped object with pulsating red, white, and blue lights. ([“UFOs Continue Clovis Visits,” Las Cruces \(N.Mex.\) Sun-News](#), January 25, 1976, p. 1; Rear Adm. J. G. Morin, [“Report of UFO, Cannon AFB, NM,”](#) January 21, 1976; [“Cannon AFB: UFOs, Burned Circles, and Cows Found Mutilated,”](#) UFO Info; Good Above, [p. 524](#); Good Need, [p. 349](#))
- 1976**, January 23 — 6:00–10:30 p.m. “Scores” of UFO sightings take place around Clovis, New Mexico. Town Marshal [Willie Ronquillo](#) of Texico follows a silent object with green, yellow, and blue lights 900 feet above his car before it speeds away to the north. A police dispatcher in Artesia sees 6–7 flashing lights in the sky at 750–1,000 feet altitude. They hover for a while, then move away at high speed toward Carlsbad. Members of the UFO Study Group, composed of employees of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories, arrive in Clovis at 11:30 p.m. to investigate. ([“UFOs Continue Clovis Visits,” Las Cruces \(N.Mex.\) Sun-News](#), January 25, 1976, p. 1; Tommy Roy Blann, [“UFOs over New Mexico,” Official UFO](#), September 1977, pp. 23–25, 50–52; [“Flying Hotdog? It Was Saturn,” Vancouver \(B.C.\) Province](#), January 31, 1976, p. 2)
- 1976**, January 25 — 8:45 p.m. Two witnesses in Sultan, Washington, are watching TV when they notice a red, blue, and white oscillating light moving east to west parallel to the Skyhomish River. The at 10-minute intervals, they see three more identical lights, about one mile away and 1,000 feet high. As they are watching a fourth light, a fifth light comes into view, closer than the others. With the aid of binoculars, they see it is a cigar-shaped object, gray on one end and dimly illuminated on the other. It disappears in the west, and no more are seen. ([“Sighting Reports,” CUFOS Bulletin](#), June 1976, p. 4)
- 1976**, January 31 — 3:30–5:00 a.m. UFOs are spotted by security police over the radar site at the Armament Development and Test Center at Eglin AFB, southwest of Valparaiso, Florida. Photos are taken. (Brig. Gen. Fred A. Treyz, [“Unidentified Flying Object Sighting,”](#) January 31, 1976; [“Eglin Reports UFO Sighting,” Pensacola \(Fla.\) Journal](#), February 2, 1976, p. 1B; [“Blue-Green UFO Sighted,” Pensacola \(Fla.\) Journal](#), February 2, p. 1B; [“Sighting Advisory,” UFO Investigator](#), February 1976, p. 3)
- 1976**, February — Ufologist [James W. Moseley](#) launches an eight-page newsletter of UFO information and rumor. Its title varies, but by July 1981 Moseley has settled on *Saucer Smear*. It is sent out for free every month or so to several hundred UFO buffs whom Moseley calls “nonsubscribers.” (Clark III 776)
- 1976**, February — 7:20 p.m. [Ruby Breslin](#) is driving along Central Expressway in Dallas, Texas, when her daughter sees an object just as she takes the exit ramp to the Northwest Highway. It has windows and a flashing red light on top, and hovers for 4–5 minutes before shooting straight up. ([“Out of the Past,” CUFOS Associate Newsletter 5](#), no. 5 (Oct./Nov. 1984): 6)
- 1976**, February — Night. A married couple living near the Tasman Highway in Tasmania have retired for the evening. The woman is already asleep and the man has just turned off the light when he sees three 7–8 feet tall entities passing through the closed door of the bedroom. One touches the man’s leg and he goes numb to the waist. He lets them attach some kind of glowing sack to his body, but when they start to approach his wife, he lashes out with one arm that hasn’t gone numb. His wife wakes up and starts struggling too. The entities exit through some

kind of orange portal outside the closed window and disappear. (Michael D. Swords, "[A Trick of the Light](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 11)

- 1976**, February 3 — 4:45 a.m. During a blizzard, a witness in Piscataway, New Jersey, is awakened by a red glow shining in through her bedroom window. Pulling aside the window curtains, she sees a red object moving slowly over her backyard at an altitude of 30 feet, spewing orange flames and dropping sparks. It is making a low "whirling" sound as it moves away. ("[Sighting Reports](#)," *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 4)
- 1976**, February 10 — 11:00 p.m. A woman living south of Lake City, Florida, reports a UFO to the Columbia County sheriff's office. Deputies and highway patrol officers arrive and watch an object hovering at 500 feet and flashing multi-colored lights from a clear dome on its bottom. They can see at least two dark figures through the dome. The object then rises rapidly and disappears. ("[Florida Lawmen Say They Chased UFO](#)," *Charlotte (N.C.) Observer*, February 12, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 83 (March 1976): 7; "[Sighting Reports](#)," *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 4)
- 1976**, February 18 — 6:45 p.m. A witness in Rancho Cordova, California, glances upward and sees 8–10 disc-shaped objects flying soundlessly in a V-formation at about 37 mph at an altitude of approximately 490 feet. They seem to be 10–20 feet in diameter and gray. He watches them for 2 minutes until they disappear. Later he sees about 10 aircraft circling in the sky at the point where they have disappeared. ("[Sighting Reports](#)," *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 5)
- 1976**, February 19 — The National Archives starts microfilming the redacted Project Blue Book files through the commercial firm Fuller & Dees Marketing Group in Montgomery, Alabama. ([Sparks](#), p. 7)
- 1976**, February 20 — In answer to a request by UFO researcher [Robert Todd](#), the National Security Agency states that the NSA "does not have any interest in UFOs in any manner." (ClearIntent, [p. 181](#))
- 1976**, February 25 — 7:30 p.m. A woman driving in Nashville, Illinois, sees two tall humanoid forms off the left side of the road. As she draws even with the second figure, a blue light flashes across her face, which she continues to see in her rear-view mirror as she speeds away in fright. Later that night there is a report of a plane crash about 12 miles away, but a subsequent police investigation finds nothing. ("[Sighting Reports](#)," *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 5)
- 1976**, Late February — 1:00 a.m. A man in Kettering, Tasmania, is awake tending to a child when he looks outside to his east and sees what he thinks is an aircraft descending at 45°. After watching for a couple of minutes, he goes outside. The object comes down behind a small bank on the far side of a sports field opposite his house. He crosses the field, climbs the bank, and sees from about 82 feet away, a dome-shaped object emitting a bright-white to yellow light from three or four windows. When he looks through the object's windows he can see a tall cylinder (that he likens to a ship's compass mounting), motionless gray shapes (like car seats with headrests seen from the rear), and perhaps entities. He hears a humming noise. The object takes off to the east with the noise increasing in volume. It climbs away at 60° and recedes to a point source and disappears. The total duration is 6–7 minutes. The next day he returns to the spot and notes the rough grass beyond the sports field has been scorched in a circular patch. This grass later dies. On October 24, 1977, the Tasmanian UFO Information Centre takes soil samples of this area that are examined by Geoff Stevens using a thermoluminescence test. His investigation reveals no significant, systematic differences in the thermoluminescence content of soil and mineral particles taken from within the affected area, and control samples taken from outside this area. (Geoff Stevens, "[Thermoluminescence Measurements of Soil Samples Affected by a UFO](#)," *CUFOS Bulletin*, Spring 1978, pp. 1, 3–6; Keith Roberts and Geoff Stevens, "[The Kettering, Tasmania, Landing: A Study](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 24, no. 3 (November 1978): 18–21; "[Tasmanian Landing in 1976](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 2 (June 2007): 21)
- 1976**, March — [Werner Walter](#) and Hansjürgen Köhler found Centrale Erforschungsnetz Außergewöhnlicher Phänomene [later Himmelsphänomene] in Mannheim, Germany. The first issue of its somewhat skeptical, anti-ETH, monthly *CENAP-Report* is published, continuing until May 2007. (Wikipedia, "[Centrales Erforschungsnetz Außergewöhnlicher Himmelsphänomene](#)"; *CENAP Report*, no. 1 (May 1976))
- 1976**, March 3 — Night. Claude Bosc, a student pilot flying a French Air Force T-33 on a training mission at 19,500 feet, sees a rapidly approaching bright light in the distance near Tours, Indre-et-Loire, France. In 1–2 seconds, the object speeds toward him and his plane is surrounded by a green phosphorescent light that illuminates the aircraft for several seconds. The green sphere, only 3–6 feet in diameter, avoids a collision at the last minute and passes over his right wing. The radar shows nothing, but two other pilots see the encounter from a distance. (Comité d'Études Approfondies, *Les OVNI et la Défense: A Quoi doit-on se Préparer?* ([UFOs and Defense: What Should We Prepare for?](#)), July 16, 1999, pp. 10–11; Gildas Bourdais, "[Summary of Some Cases Noted in the COMETA Report](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 377 (September 1999): 13)

- 1976**, March 5 — 9:25 p.m. While driving in Redmond, Oregon, a witness sees “aircraft landing lights” descending some distance ahead. After rounding a bend, she encounters an oval object with bright white and revolving red lights hovering silently above the road about 75 feet in the air. As she approaches, her car radio goes out. The object shoots up quickly and moves to the side of the road, where it hovers and directs a searchlight beam toward the ground. The witness drives away quickly. (“[Sighting Reports](#),” *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 5)
- 1976**, March 11 — An Iberian Airlines pilot flying above Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain, watches an elongated object, shaped like a dirigible gondola and lighted from within through several window-like openings, pace his aircraft with occasional bursts of speed. (UFOEv II 122, 146)
- 1976**, March 15 — 10:14 p.m. Two objects are tracked on radar flying over the landing strips at Simón Bolívar Airport near Caracas, Venezuela, at 3,000 mph. Tower operators ask the unidentified craft to identify themselves. Instead they take off and disappear over the Caribbean Sea. (“[Gente seria asegura en Caracas que los OVNIS andan merodeando](#),” *Mayoría* (Buenos Aires, Argentina), March 17, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, nos. 84–85 (April 5, 1976): 18; Richard H. Hall, “[UFOs Tracked on Radar at Venezuelan Airport](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 110 (January 1977): 3)
- 1976**, March 22 — 5:42 a.m. A couple are stopped in their car outside a hotel in Nemingha, New South Wales, deciding on directions. Suddenly a bright, greenish-yellow light descends and completely envelops a nearby white car, which drifts to the wrong side of the road, wrapped in a thick ball of white haze. Its headlights go out. After 2 minutes the haze dissipates, and a woman gets out of the car and wipes a white substance off the windshield with a yellow cloth. She is about to get back in when its lights come back on by themselves. She throws the cloth on the roadside, drives a short way, and the yellow cloth bursts into flame. When the white car passes the couple, they notice it is covered in a thick white substance, except for the windshield. (Bill Chalker, “[Road Hazard Down Under?](#)” *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 5 (February 1977): 28–32; Bill Chalker, “[Postscript to the Nemingha Case](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 3 (October 1977): 22, 27)
- 1976**, March 26 — The CIA responds to the Ground Saucer Watch FOIA request, claiming that its only involvement with UFOs was with the 1953 Robertson Panel. (ClearIntent, [p. 113](#))
- 1976**, March 28 — 8:00 p.m. A couple and their young son driving in Level Green, Pennsylvania, see a round, yellow object with square glowing panels around its middle. It rotates as it moves and makes a two-tone chirping sound as it approaches within four car lengths of their vehicle. They stop the car to watch and see an arrangement of illuminated legs and a wheel lowered from the base. The object descends behind trees and appears to land with a jerk and a bounce. They continue watching for 20 minutes until it disappears behind the tree line. After the sighting, the woman suffers from nausea and dizziness, and the child has some eye irritation. (“[Sighting Reports](#),” *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 5; Stan Gordon, “[Low Level UFO Sightings in Pennsylvania](#),” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 103 (June 1976): 18)
- 1976**, March 28 — 8:30 p.m. While watching TV, a witness in Villa Park, Illinois, notices a bright light hanging above a tree. She goes outside to investigate and sees a brilliant mass of gold and blue lights hovering about 225 feet away. About halfway through the observation, two other witnesses join her. She watches for 20 minutes until it disappears behind trees. (“[Sighting Reports](#),” *CUFOS Bulletin*, June 1976, p. 5)
- 1976**, March 31 — During a campaign stop in Appleton, Wisconsin, Georgia Gov. [Jimmy Carter](#) is asked by Thomas Heiman, associate director of the UFO Education Center, whether he would make public all the UFO files if he became president. Carter answers, “Yes, I would make these kinds of data available to the public, as President, to help resolve the mystery about it.” (Grant Cameron, “[Jimmy Carter, the Nobel Prize, and Extraterrestrials](#)”)
- 1976**, April — DARPA names Lockheed the winner of a competition to build a stealth bomber. Immediately it begins manufacturing two flying Have Blue prototypes in Skunk Works Building 82 in Burbank, California. (Wikipedia, “[Lockheed Have Blue](#)”)
- 1976**, April — [Michel Monnerie](#) and Raymond Bonnaventure begin publishing *Ufologie Contact*, a newsletter intending to reach all the UFO groups around Paris, France. It soon falls under the auspices of the Société Parisienne d’Étude des Phénomène Spatiaux et Étranges in Marly-le-Roi, Yvelines, France, and continues through at least 1981. ([Ufologie Contact](#), ser. 1, no. 2 (May 1976))
- 1976**, April 2 — 1:50 a.m. Detective Sgt. Norman Collinson is driving home along the M62 and M66 motorways near Bury, Greater Manchester, England. As he turns north onto the M66 he observes a white disc of light moving very fast, crossing the path he is traveling. The object is heading toward Knoll Hill, east of Bury. The UFO makes a right-angle turn onto a south-southeast heading. Puzzled, the officer stops his vehicle and gets out to look at the light. As he does so, the light stops and hovers nearby. It then begins to perform a series of spectacular right-angle box turns, after which it moves off in the direction of Heywood, with Collinson following it in his car. The object stops a second time and again repeats the angular movements before streaking away at a tremendous speed. The

incident is reported to the Ministry of Defence and Manchester Airport. (Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington, [“Police Encounter at Bury,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 2 (August 1977): 13, 15)

- 1976**, April 3 — 4:30 a.m. Several residents of Quixadá, Ceará, Brazil, during an outdoor physical education session, see a large disc-shaped object that glides silently a few feet from the ground emitting an intense light. At about the same time in another part of the city, Luis Barroso Fernandes is preparing to travel to a site a few kilometers away on his donkey cart. He soon hears a buzzing sound, and a flying object 10 feet in diameter positions itself above him. It slowly descends in front of his cart about 100 feet away. The device emits a beam of light that strikes the donkey and Barroso, who immediately become paralyzed. A door opens on the UFO and two small beings emerge. One holds something like a flashlight and aims a beam that strikes Barroso in the face, causing him to lose consciousness. He wakes up in a different spot, dizzy and suffering from a burning sensation on his face, and a headache. The left side of his body is reddish, and he has difficulty getting into his cart and getting it moving. He asks his wife to take him to Dr. Antônio Moreira Magalhães, who prescribes a tranquilizer. He continues to feel sick, his eyes burn continuously, and the left side of his body is red. A few days later, his hair turns gray and he suffers memory lapses. After his symptoms worsen and other doctors fail to help, his family checks him into a psychiatric hospital in Fortaleza. His condition deteriorates, and he dies in April 1993. (Elias Bruno, [“Homem que inspirou filme ‘Área Q’ ensinou filho a se proteger de óvnis,”](#) G1 (Grupo Globo), April 25, 2012; Elias Bruno, [“Brazil: The Barroso Case,”](#) *Inexplicata*, April 29, 2012; Clark III 180–182; Thiago Luiz Trichetti, [“The Tragic Case of Luis Barroso Fernandes,”](#) *Shadows of Your Mind*, no. 8 (2020): 10–15; [“Abdução em Quixadá, CE: Caso Luiz Barroso,”](#) Marco Leal YouTube channel, October 21, 2020; Brazil 179–184)
- 1976**, April 14 — A heavily redacted CIA memo shows a reference to someone’s having sought “guidance from CIA UFO experts as to material in his report that should remain classified.” (ClearIntent, [p. 143](#))
- 1976**, April 17 — June and Vicky Melling, on vacation in Mawnan, Cornwall, England, see a large winged creature hovering above the tower of St. Mawnan and St. Stephen’s Church. They are so frightened by the sight of a large “feathered bird-man” that their father Dan Melling cuts short the vacation. Magician and showman [Tony “Doc” Shiels](#) investigates the case, and one of the girls provides him with a drawing of the creature, which he dubs “Owlman.” Other sightings emerge over the next few years. Occult historian Gareth J. Medway suggests that the whole thing is a hoax by Shiels, who has a reputation for hoaxing. Medway notes that witnesses claiming encounters with the legendary monster “were either Doc Shiels, or friends of Doc Shiels, or relatives of Doc Shiels, or reported their sightings to Doc Shiels (and to no one else), or else wrote letters describing what they had seen to newspapers and were never interviewed by anyone.” (Wikipedia, [“Owlman”](#); Robert J. M. Rickard, “Birdmen of the Apocalypse!” *Fortean Times* 17 (August 1976): 14–20; Doc Shiels, “To Wit! To Woo? Some Thoughts about Owlman,” *Fortean Times* 27 (Autumn 1978): 44–46; Jonathan Downes, *The Owlman and Others*, Domra, 1997; Clark III 602)
- 1976**, April 22 — 1:45 a.m. RCMP Constable Bill Toffan sees an apparent vehicle with its lights flashing ahead of him as he is driving on Canada Highway 16 west of Terrace, British Columbia. As he rounds a curve, he sees it is actually in the air 300 feet above the trees. Suddenly there is a blinding flash and he nearly loses control of his car. After a brief report appears in the press, the RCMP orders Toffan not to discuss the incident. ([“Mountie ‘Ordered’ into Silence,”](#) *Vancouver (B.C.) Sun*, April 26, 1976, p. 8; Good Above, [pp. 194–195](#); Patrick Gross, [“Files Obtained from the National Archives of Canada”](#))
- 1976**, April 22 — 11:00 p.m. Police officer George Wheeler, on duty at Elmwood, Wisconsin, notices a glow at the top of Tuttle Hill. He drives closer and sees an object as high as a two-story house and 250 feet across with an orange-white light at the top and six bluish-white lights on the side. It is 500 feet away and about 100 feet off the ground. He thinks he can see, though an open side panel, something moving inside it. The object has several partially extended legs and a long, black, hose-like appendage. Suddenly the object rises straight up. He sees some kind of flash and his car lights go out, the motor stops, the radio goes dead, and he becomes dazed. A second police car arrives, noticing that the car door is open, and takes the witness to a hospital, from which he is released four days later. Some people in the area have difficulty with TV reception at the same time as the encounter. ([“Officer Geo. Wheeler Details Elmwood UFO Sighting,”](#) Ellsworth (Wis.) *Pierce County Herald*, May 6, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 86 (June 1976): 3; [“Second UFO Sighting Told at Elmwood,”](#) *Eau Claire (Wis.) Leader-Telegram*, May 14, 1976, pp. 1, 6C; [“Sighting Reports,”](#) *CUFOS News Bulletin*, June 1976, pp. 5–6; Patrick Gross, [“George Wheeler’s Close Encounter, 1976”](#); [“Elmwood Police Officer George Wheeler Got Hit by a Beam from a UFO in 1976, Had Multiple Sightings,”](#) Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, July 7, 2024)
- 1976**, April 23 — 2:40 a.m. A 1st Lt. is on communications duty aboard a US Navy destroyer in the Atlantic southwest of Bermuda. The lookout calls his attention to a green light dead ahead through light fog three miles away at 10° above the horizon. Radar reports no target and the sonar room hears no engines. The crew watches the green light dip to 30–40 feet above the surface and approach the ship. The lieutenant orders a course change to starboard, and

the green light becomes much larger, making a comparable turn to port in order to pace the ship. The ship and the object both make subsequent turns, with the light now only 50-60 feet away. Suddenly a large blip appears on the radar scope. The destroyer returns to its original heading and the light stations itself on the port beam. When the captain comes on deck, the light circles the ship twice. Then once again off to port, it becomes a brighter green, tilts at an angle, and submerges. The next day the captain tells the crew not to discuss the incident. (Donald R. Todd, "[Ship's Crew Sees UFO](#)," *APRO Bulletin* 26, no. 11 (May 1978): 1-2)

- 1976**, April 26 — A CIA teletype admits "offices and personnel within the Agency" monitor UFO phenomena, but not on an official basis. The document says the efforts of independent researchers are "vital for further progress," implying the Agency may have monitored US citizens' own UFO investigations. (CIA, "[DCD Case... UFO Research](#)," April 26, 1976)
- 1976**, April 30–May 1 — The Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal is launched at a specially convened conference of the American Humanist Association. [Paul Kurtz](#), [James Randi](#), [Martin Gardner](#), and [Ray Hyman](#) take seats on the executive board. The committee will be funded with donations and sales of their magazine, *Skeptical Inquirer*. (Wikipedia, "[Committee for Skeptical Inquiry](#)")
- 1976**, April 30–May 2 — The Center for UFO Studies holds its first conference on UFO research at the Hyatt House in Lincolnwood, Illinois. The proceedings are published later in the year, featuring papers on sighting waves, exosociology, and humanoid reports. Presenters include [Ted Bloecher](#), [Ann Druffel](#), [Loren Gross](#), [Richard H. Hall](#), [David M. Jacobs](#), [James McCampbell](#), [David Saunders](#), [R. Leo Sprinkle](#), David Webb, and [Ray Stanford](#). (Charles Bowen, "[The Editor Goes West](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 2 (July 1976): 26-28; Richard F. Haines, "[CUFOS Holds Its First Technical Conference](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 3 (October 1976): 13-17; [Proceedings of the 1976 CUFOS Conference](#), Center for UFO Studies, 1976)
- 1976**, Mid-May — The US National Archives publicly releases the redacted Project Blue Book paper files at its College Park, Maryland, branch. ([Sparks](#), p. 7)
- 1976**, June — Ground Saucer Watch issues its first newsletter, which is published through December 1982. ([Ground Saucer Watch Bulletin](#), no. 1 (June 1976))
- 1976**, June 11 — 1:15 a.m. Hélène Guiliiana is driving through Chatuzange-le-Goubet, Drôme, France, when her car engine misfires and stalls and the headlights go out. Some 80 feet away near the Pont du Martinet bridge she sees an orange light in the form of a "dome." She experiences fear and covers her face with her hands. After what seems a few seconds, the light disappears. Driving home upset and afraid, she misses a familiar sign and drives a mile out of her way. When she arrives home, it is 4:00 a.m. Under hypnosis on July 22 (repeated on August 18), she tells of meeting two waist-high small men with large eyes, dressed in black overalls. They carry her toward the light, which she enters through an iron door. Inside a high, round room, they place her on a table, putting handcuffs on her hands and feet. After an examination, she is returned outside and the craft departs straight up noiselessly. ("[L'Etrange Rencontre d'Hélène Guiliiana](#)," *Ouranos*, new ser. 18 (Jan./Mar. 1977): 5-7; UFOEv II 551; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 10; Jean Bastide, "[New 'Interrupted Journey'?](#)" *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 104 (July 1976): 6; Lex Mebane, "[New French Abduction Case](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 107 (October 1976): 14-15; UFOEv II 551)
- 1976**, June 20 — After 1:00 a.m. A young married couple and their 4-month-old child are detained and examined by entities as they are traveling near Goodland, Kansas, en route to Colorado. UFO investigator [Richard Sigismund](#) meets repeatedly with them in July–October 1976 using hypnotic regression techniques to enhance their memories. The experience is traumatic for them, and they require counseling. ("[Abduction in Western Kansas](#)," *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 12; "[Abduction in Western Kansas](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 10 (Oct. 1977): 4-7)
- 1976**, June 21 — 12:40 a.m. Police officer Th. Brandt-Jensen sees a bright, blue-white light cross the road behind him in Ringsted, Zealand, Denmark. He thinks it might be an airplane in trouble. He speeds up to 90 mph toward a crossroad where he can pull off the highway. The object catches up to within 165–250 feet and its light strikes his car, the engine and lights going out immediately. He guides the coasting vehicle to the road shoulder, gets out, and catches a glimpse of the object as it disappears behind the horizon. It resembles a glider with a ray of light coming from it that swings back and forth as it passes his car. It makes a slight whistling sound and appears to be about 50 feet long. ("[UFO Rapportør Danmark](#)," *UFO-Nyt*, 1976 no. 5 (Sept./Oct. 1976): 186-187; Herbert S. Taylor, "[An Update on Vehicle Interference Reports, Part Two](#)," *IUR* 34, no. 1 (Sept. 2011): 20)
- 1976**, June 22 — 9:27 p.m. Dr. Don Francisco-Julio Padrón León and Santiago del Pino are traveling in a taxi when they see a gigantic ball of light 200 feet ahead of them between Gáldar and Agaete, Gran Canaria, Canary Islands. The taxi radio cuts out. Inside the light, which is actually like a transparent soap bubble, they see some panels and two enormous beings on a platform. The humanoids are some 9–10 feet tall, wear black diving helmets and red tight-

fitting coveralls, and are moving levers about. Their hands are enclosed in black cones. The backs of their heads are disproportionately large, and their legs are short. The taxi driver switches the headlights on, and the UFO rises as a bluish gas is emitted from a tube and expands the size of the sphere to a 20-story building. The driver turns the car around and goes to a nearby house. The inhabitants say their TV set just blacked out. They continue watching through a window. When the sphere stops expanding, they hear a high-pitched whistle and the object speeds off to the northwest. (J. M. Sanchez, "[Canary Islands Landing: Occupants Reported](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 3 (October 1977): 4–7; Good Above, [pp. 153–154](#))

- 1976, June 22** — 10:30 p.m. A bright red light like a rocket emerging from the sea at a distance climbs diagonally and turns into a brilliant semicircular dome over the Canary Islands. It is transparent with a bluish-white hue. The crew of the corvette *Atrevida* watches the object for 40 minutes, during which time a foreign tourist takes a photo. 400 miles to the south, the crew of the ship *Osaka Bay* also sees the luminous phenomena in the shape of a sphere. Maj. Antonio Munáiz Ferro-Sastre investigates the sightings for the Spanish Air Force and rejects the hypothesis that the light is from a naval missile launch. However, two Poseidon missiles are launched in the area around the same time by the submarine [USS Von Steuben](#). (J. M. Sanchez, "[Canary Islands Landing: Occupants Reported](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 3 (October 1977): 4–7; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, [pp. 91–97](#); Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Ricardo Campo Pérez, "[Navy Missile Tests and the Canary Islands UFOs](#)," *IUR* 29, no. 4 (July 2005): 3–4; [Avistamiento de fenómenos extraños \(Expedientes OVNI\), Canarias, 22 de Junio de 1976](#), Madrid, Biblioteca Central del Ejército del Aire)
- 1976, June 23** — 11:30 p.m. Paulo Coutinho, 18, is returning home from a night class in Aricanduva, São Paulo, Brazil, when he sees a light in the sky moving westward. Suddenly he feels paralyzed as the light approaches and descends about 25 feet away. A short being emerges with a big head, large eyes, pointed ears, small mouth, and an upturned nose like a pig. It is bald, has no eyebrows, and wears a tight one-piece bluish-gray suit with an emblem on its chest. Coutinho rises into the air toward a huge cigar-shaped object, in which he undergoes an abduction experience. Coutinho is still missing the next morning. A friend finds his books and notebooks scattered on the street and brings them to his parents. A police search fails to find him. In the evening of June 24, Coutinho is discovered lying on the steps of the garden door in a semiconscious state. He is cold as if he has been there some time. He is later revived at a nearby hospital. The police officer who carries him to the ambulance later feels a strong irritation in his arms. Ballpoint pens in Coutinho's pockets are radioactive. ("[O Caso dos Anões Extraterrenos de Vila Aricanduva São Paulo, Capital](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 116/120 (July 1977/Feb. 1978): 6–18; "[Caso Paulo Coutinho](#)," Portal Fenomenum, June 15, 2016; Brazil 185–194)
- 1976, June 26** — Spanish journalist [Juan J. Benítez](#) interviews Gen. Carlos Castro Caveno, commander of the Canary Islands division, who tells him: "The nations of the world are currently working together in the investigation of the UFO phenomenon. There is an international exchange of data. Maybe when this group of nations acquires more precise and definite information, it will be possible to release the news to the world." He says the Spanish Air Ministry investigates UFO cases, including those involving pilots. He admits that he has watched a UFO for more than an hour at his ranch. It remains stationary for that length of time, then shoots off towards Ejea de los Caballeros, Zaragoza, covering 12.5 miles in less than 2 seconds. Caveno believes UFOs are "spaceships or extraterrestrial craft." (Gordon Creighton, "[Important Statement by Spanish Air Force Chief](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 3 (October 1976): 2; Patrick Gross, "[Documents: 50 Years of UFO Disclosure](#)")
- 1976, July** — The New England UFO Study Group publishes its first newsletter, which lasts through September 1982. ([New England UFO Newsletter](#), no. 1 (July 1976))
- 1976, July 11** — Two Indian Air Force MiG 21 jets are scrambled near the Pakistani border to intercept what appears initially on radar to be a Pakistani jet. But the object is moving at 2,600 mph, and the two pilots see the target is an amber-colored disc that pulls away before they can catch up to it. (Good Need, [p. 303](#))
- 1976, July 12** — The National Archives makes available the 94 reels of 35mm microfilm with redacted Project Blue Book files. ([Sparks](#), p. 7)
- 1976, July 14** — Before dawn. For a period of two hours, two brightly shining UFOs perform fantastic maneuvers at the Gobernador Edgardo Castello Airport in Viedma, Rio Negro, Argentina. At dawn, the sunlight neutralizes the bright lights of the UFOs, but the observers see them leave the area at high speed. ("[¿Ante una nueva oleada de OVNI?](#)" *Clarín* (Buenos Aires), July 15, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 88 (August 1976): 11; "[Otro 'show' de OVNI en Latinoamérica](#)," *Clarín* (Buenos Aires), September 16, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 91–92 (Nov./Dec. 1976): 29–31; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 2)
- 1976, July 20** — The Viking 1 lander touches down on Mars, the first successful Mars lander in history. It operates on Mars for 2,307 days. The Viking 2 lander arrives on the surface on September 3. The first color images

establishes the dark red of the planet's surface Viking 1 carries a biology experiment whose purpose is to look for evidence of life. The results are surprising and interesting: the spectrometer gives a negative result; the pyrolytic release experiment gives a negative result; the gas exchange experiment gives a negative result; and the labeled release experiment gives a positive result. Most scientists now believe that the data are due to inorganic chemical reactions of the soil; however, this view may have shifted a bit after the recent discovery of near-surface ice near the Viking landing zone. Some scientists still believe the results were due to living reactions. No organic chemicals are found in the soil. However, dry areas of Antarctica do not have detectable organic compounds either, but they have organisms living in the rocks. (Wikipedia, "[Viking 1](#)")

- 1976**, July 23 — [J. Allen Hynek](#) arrives on the set of [Steven Spielberg](#)'s *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* in Mobile, Alabama, and gives a lecture on UFOs to some of the actors who are interested ([Bob Balaban](#), [Richard Dreyfuss](#), [Melinda Dillon](#), and 30+ others. At some point his cameo is filmed. (Bob Balaban, *Spielberg, Truffaut and Me: Close Encounters of the Third Kind, an Actor's Diary*, Titan, 2002)
- 1976**, July 28 — Capt. [Eldon W. Joersz](#) and Maj. George T. Morgan Jr. attain a world airspeed record of 2,193 mph in a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird over Beale AFB near Marysville, California. (Wikipedia, "[Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird](#)")
- 1976**, July 28 — 3:45 p.m. Adult counselor Ira Leifer and 13 teenage boys are resting from a hike in the woods at Camp Delaware [now Greenwood Trails] west of Winsted, Connecticut, when they hear a high-pitched whine. They see a silvery, flat-bottomed UFO 15–25 feet in diameter through a clearing in the trees. A purple haze surrounds it and on top they see a red glow. The object is hovering at a steep angle. After 15–25 seconds the whine returns, and the object takes off and is lost to sight in a second or two. ("[UFO Sighting Stir National Interest](#)," *Winstead (Conn.) Evening Citizen*, July 30, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 89 (September 1976): 6; "[UFO Sighting Ruled Bonafide](#)," *Winstead (Conn.) Citizen*, August 23, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 90 (October 1976): 2; "[Daylight CE I Seen by 14 Witnesses in Connecticut](#)," *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 6–7; George W. Earley, "UFO Panics Connecticut Campers," *Official UFO*, July 1977, pp. 20–21, 51–52; Clark III 247)
- 1976**, July 30 — 1:30–3:45 a.m. Patrols at different locations in the US Army's Fort Ritchie [now closed], in Cascade, Maryland, see objects over the base. One crew sees three oblong objects with a reddish tint. Another watches a UFO over the ammunition storage area at an altitude of 300–600 feet. In another spot, an Army police sergeant sees an aerial object the size of a two-and-a-half-ton truck. (Brig. Gen. L. J. LeBlanc Jr., "[Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects \(UFOs\)](#)," National Military Command Center, July 30, 1976)
- 1976**, July 30 — 9:00 p.m. A British Airways Trident 2E piloted by Capt. Dennis Wood is flying at 29,000 feet over the North Atlantic about 40 miles south of Lisbon, Portugal, when air traffic control radios a Lockheed L-1011 TriStar that is flying near them and asks for a confirmation of a radar target. Wood and his crew look up and see a stationary bright light. They announce the sighting to their passengers. After several minutes watching the light, two cigar-shaped objects appear below and to the right of the light. A Portuguese airliner in the vicinity also observes the objects. Wood confirms the sighting, saying, "There is no way this is a star or planet." Fighters are immediately scrambled from Lisbon. (NICAP, "[Battleship-Sized Object Tracked by 3 Airlines](#)"; Jenny Randles, "Casebook: The Portugal Sighting," *Fortean Times* 199 (September 2005): 27)
- 1976**, July 31 — 11:45 p.m. Debbie Focken and other witnesses see an oblong object with illuminated windows hovering about 100 feet above Eldon's Standard Service Station in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Apparently the UFO causes extensive electrical damage to a CB radio, a burglar alarm, an adding machine, a cash register, and a vending machine. The owner and employees claim that lightning has caused the damage, and that is what they report to the insurance agency, but there is no thunderstorm that evening. ("[Gas Station Damaged by UFO?](#)" *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1977): 13; "[Council Bluffs CE II](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 3 (March 1977): 7)
- 1976**, August — American SF novelist [George H. Leonard](#) publishes *Somebody Else Is on the Moon*, which records his observations, drawings, and NASA photos of lunar pipes, conduits, gears, gas nozzles, flares, huge rigs for sifting through dust, hovering vehicles, odd lights, and electromagnetic towers on the lunar surface—all of it indicating alien mining operations. Leonard argues that NASA secretly knows of alien activity on the Moon. It is possible that Leonard has written the book as a spoof. (George H. Leonard, [Somebody Else Is on the Moon](#), McKay, 1976)
- 1976**, August — 10:17 a.m. A Swedish J-5 jet pursues six delta-shaped silver objects in formation until they accelerate out of sight over Lake Bolmen, Sweden. ("[Swedish Air Force Colonel Reports Six Delta-UFOs](#)," *AFU Newsletter*, no. 18 (Jan./Mar. 1980): 9–10)
- 1976**, August — Day. A man is working on his mobile home in the forested hills near Medford, Oregon, when he sees two intensely bright lights "like burning magnesium" silently move across the sky, side by side. They appear to be discs, curved on the top and flat on the bottom, and in between them is a third object, which seems to be a World

War II-era bomber. The tips of each wing appear to be resting on the discs, and its propellers are not turning. The three objects pass overhead and move beyond the hill behind him. (Michael D. Swords, "[Timmermania: A Step Too Far into the Timmerman Files?](#)" *IUR* 27, no. 4 (Winter 2002–2003): 8)

- 1976, August** — A. Troitsky and six others observe a silvery disc over the Pirogovskoye Reservoir north of Moscow, Russia. It is about 8 times the apparent size of the full moon and is moving slowly at an altitude of perhaps 120 feet. The object has two revolving stripes along its side and a black hatch on its underside from which a small cylinder protrudes, its lower portion rotating. (Stonehill and Mantle, *Russia's USO Secrets*, Flying Disk, 2020, pp. 10–11)
- 1976, August 1** — Ranch worker Jorge Arturo Aguerre sees an object like an upturned funnel with windows land for 3–4 minutes near Tacuarembó, Uruguay. It emits two brilliant beams of light from the top and is about 45 feet in diameter. Police find landing marks and a burned area. A similar object is witnessed in the same area on September 13. ("[OVNIs en la Otra Orilla](#)," *Crónica* (Buenos Aires), October 1, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 91/92 (Nov./Dec. 1976): 29, 32; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 2)
- 1976, August 2** — 3:30 a.m. A domed UFO is seen at an altitude of 15–18 feet at St.-Pierre-sur-Mer, Hérault, France. It has orange lights that go on and off slowly. (M. Grazioli, "[Enquête dans l'Hérault](#)," *Lumières dans la Nuit*, no. 166 (June/July 1977): 26–27)
- 1976, August 3–4** — 11:25 p.m. The pilot of Tunisair Flight Tu8953, en route from Monastir to Tunis, Tunisia, sees a flying object at 3,200–3,900 feet moving north to south. At 11:27 p.m., five objects showing red and green lights are seen over Monastir and confirmed on radar. From 12:24 a.m. to 4:00 a.m., five separate radar returns are tracked and visually confirmed. (ClearIntent, [p. 80](#))
- 1976, August 4–5** — 10:43–10:52 p.m. An Air France pilot en route to Monastir, Tunisia, is followed by an unidentified object. (ClearIntent, [pp. 80–81](#))
- 1976, August 6** — 12:20 a.m. Police at La Soukra, Tunisia, see four lighted objects that disappear one by one until 1:45 a.m. (ClearIntent, [p. 81](#))
- 1976, August 6** — 10:00 a.m. A family is driving in Gaspésie National Park, Quebec, when a beam of red light penetrates the fog and creates a six-inch circle on the road ahead. The beam paces ahead of them for several miles, then collapses and withdraws upwards. A dazzling white light then approaches and stops ahead. Strong heat builds up in the car, so the father stops the vehicle. The headlights and radio fail, and the engine dies. All four get out and walk toward the object, which now appears as a scallop-shaped craft on landing legs, stretching across the road. The wife notices a massive "face" looking at them. Two 7-foot tall beings are apparently floating near the UFO, dressed in close-fitting, khaki-brown suits. The witnesses flee back into the car. The object moves away in a flash of light and burst of heat. The car starts again. All four suffer from itching for the next 10 hours. (Jean Ferguson, "[Enquêtes en Abitibi et en Gaspésie](#)," *UFO-Quebec*, no. 8 (1976): 4–6, 11; Jean Ferguson, *Les Humanoïdes: Les Cerveaux qui Dirigent les Soucoupes Volantes*, Leméac, 1977; NICAP, "[Gaspésian Park, Quebec: Humanoids/E-M Case](#)"; Michael D. Swords, "[Messing Around with the Force](#)," *IUR* 31, no. 4 (March 2008): 29–30)
- 1976, August 7** — 10:00 p.m. Mark Ziegelbauer, 15, of Malone, Wisconsin, and his father [Orville](#) see multicolored lights fly past their new silo and land in a distant hayfield. Mark drives over to the spot and shines his headlights into the field. He sees an object the size of a "camper-trailer" and two green men, one about 5 feet 7 inches, the other shorter. They put their hands up and "disappeared somehow." ("[Youth Claims Seeing 2 Green Men from UFO](#)," *Fond du Lac (Wis.) Reporter*, August 10, 1976, p. 26; Clark III 279)
- 1976, August 7** — 11:48 p.m. The control tower at the Djerba-Zarzis International Airport, Tunisia, tracks a UFO on radar to the northwest. The sighting is confirmed by a Tunisair pilot, who says it is a lighted object that seems to touch down near the airport then turn south after climbing up. (ClearIntent, [p. 81](#))
- 1976, August 8** — 7:50 p.m. Radar at Sidi Ahmed Air Base at Bizerte Airport, Tunisia, tracks a target going east to west. It turns south and disappears. Tunisian authorities contact the US State Department asking whether the US Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean can shed any light on the incidents. (ClearIntent, [p. 81](#))
- 1976, August 10** — 5:00 a.m. Teresa de Tejero wakes up suddenly in her room at the Hotel Da Balaia in Albufeira, Portugal, and sees a vivid luminous rectangle on the window curtains. She wakes up her husband Francisco, who goes to the window and sees an object with six reddish lights that appears to be on another wing of the hotel. One of its lights seems to be directed straight into their bedroom. They go back to sleep. In the morning, Francisco looks out the window and finds there is no hotel wing where he thought the UFO was. He realizes that the object must have been huge to masquerade as two floors of the hotel. (Ignacio Darnaude, "[Spies in the Supernumerary Attic?](#)" *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 3 (October 1977): 20–21)
- 1976, August 11** — 11:00 p.m. Two boys aged 13 and 14 are standing on the beach in La Linea de Concepción, Spain, facing the Strait of Gibraltar when they see a yellowish-white UFO approaching from over the Mediterranean. It seems to have an axis that bisects it. The object climbs rapidly, changing color to whitish and then a vivid yellow.

It approaches another, larger object and enters it. While they watch it, the light of a nearby lighthouse goes out temporarily. The larger object remains in place. ([“UFO Blacks Out Lighthouse,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 1 (June 1977): iii)

- 1976,** August 13 — 8:30 a.m. The pilot of a Piper Arrow PA-28 is flying at 3,500 feet between Diepholz and Petershagen, Germany, when he notices a strange light approaching from the northeast. After 3–5 minutes, the object comes closer and takes a fixed position off the left wing. The object is oval-shaped and very bright yellow in its center with an indistinct flame-orange boundary. Suddenly the Piper goes into two rapid 360° clockwise rolls from which the pilot must recover manually. He discovers that he has dropped about 500 feet during the roll-and-recovery maneuver. When he next checks his instrument panel, he discovers that his magnetic compass is spinning in a clockwise direction so fast that he can’t read the number in its square window. Looking outside again, he sees that the UFO is still behind him, suggesting that he has lost the same amount of altitude. The pilot climbs back to his cruise altitude and calls on the radio to flight control at Hannover airport. The air traffic controller tells him that the radar shows both his airplane and another object nearby. The controller says that an aircraft will be sent to investigate. Little more than 4 minutes later, two USAF F-4 Phantom jets arrive on either side of him travelling 400–500 mph. The jet on the right side is slightly lower, closer, and ahead of the jet on the left. The pilot is certain they are American planes. Just as the jets arrive, the UFO accelerates forward and then upward at about a 30° angle above the horizontal and turns right, passing in front of his aircraft. It quickly outdistances its pursuers and is out of sight in a matter of seconds. The compass eventually returns to normal operation after the UFO departs. The pilot is interrogated after his landing by “military men.” (Richard F. Haines, [“An Aircraft/UFO Encounter over Germany in 1976,”](#) *IUR* 24, no. 4 (Winter 1999): 3–6)
- 1976,** August 14 — 6:30 p.m. A couple out walking along a road on Cartmel Fell in Lake District National Park, Cumbria, England, see a bright light in the sky. Through binoculars, it looks like a silver disc reflecting light from its top surface. After 30 seconds, it becomes smaller as if it is moving away. Two other witnesses see a similar object at the same time. ([“Report 7670,”](#) *Northern UFO News*, no. 28 (September 1976): 7)
- 1976,** August 15 — 3:00 a.m. A distant bright light appears above El Real de la Jara, Seville, Spain, as 20 automobiles stop on the highway to watch it. Taxi driver Pablo García García blinks his lights at it, and the object appears to approach much closer. García stops signaling, but the other drivers panic and drive away rapidly. (Gordon Creighton, [“Some Recent Spanish Reports,”](#) *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 6 (April 1977): 28–29)
- 1976,** August 20 — Brothers Jim and Jack Weiner, with friends Charles Foltz and Charles Rak, claim they are abducted by aliens during a camping trip near Allagash, Maine. According to the four men, hypnotic regression allows them to recall being taken aboard a circular UFO and being “probed and tested by four-fingered beings with almond-shaped eyes and languid limbs.” In a later interview by the *St. John Valley Times*, Charles Rak changes his story, saying he did see strange lights during the camping trip, but the abduction part of the story is a total fabrication, and he went along with the narrative for financial gain. The other three members of the group stand by the abduction story. According to Jim Weiner, “Jack, Charlie, and I, after all these years, are still in agreement with the Eagle Lake event as we (three) remember it. We also accept the results of the hypnotic regression sessions and subsequent polygraph tests as supportive of an abduction scenario.” (Raymond E. Fowler, *The Allagash Abductions*, Wild Flower, 1993; Jessica Potila, [“Subject of 1976 UFO Incident Casts Doubt on ‘Allagash Abductions,’”](#) *Fort Kent (Maine) Fiddlehead Focus*, September 10, 2016; [“Jim Weiner and Charlie Foltz on Their Terrifying 1976 Allagash UFO Encounter and Abduction Experience,”](#) Eyes On Cinema YouTube channel, February 15, 2024)
- 1976,** August 21 — 10:30 p.m. A 90-foot-long cigar-shaped object descends from 4,000 feet over the Forêt de Molière to the east of Poitiers, France. Witnesses hear a humming sound and smell an odor. It ascends and disappears. (Michel Figuet and Jean-Louis Ruchon, *OVNI: Le premier dossier complet des rencontres rapprochées en France*, Alain Lefeuve, 1979, p. 627)
- 1976,** August 22 — Midnight. A young couple are driving from Monswiller to Dossenheim-sur-Zinsel, Bas-Rhin, France, when they notice a bright light about 9–12 feet in diameter following them at an altitude of about 325 feet. When they arrive at a campsite near Dossenheim, the light moves ahead of their car and about 8 feet above them. The object diminishes to about 12–15 inches in diameter and becomes a dazzling yellow-white color surrounded by sparkling rings of blue and red. The car radio is so loaded with static when the object is close that the man turns it off. They make a U-turn at the campsite and drive back to the woman’s home in Monswiller with the glowing ball following them. The object hovers 130–160 feet above a neighbor’s roof. The woman goes inside and gets her parents to come out and look at it with binoculars. A swarm of semicircular luminous points is visible above it. The young man drives to Ingwiller and alerts two constables to the incident, while the woman calls the local gendarmes in Monswiller, who go to a hill near Rothbach to observe the light, which now appears in the shape of

a triangle. The observation continues until 4:00 a.m. (Ph. Wiedenhoff, "[Dans le Bas-Rhin](#)," *Lumières de la Nuit*, no. 166 (June/July 1977): 17–20)

1976, August 25 — 12:30 p.m. Three children see beings in polished-silver suits and a UFO rising upward from a schoolyard in North Reddish, Stockport, Manchester, England. (David Rees, "[‘Floating’ Entity at Reddish](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 25, no. 2 (July 1979): 29–31)

1976, Early September — Three men watch a dense white cloud hover low above Rua Cajati in São Paulo, Brazil. It dissipates, revealing a disc-shaped object that emits light beams of various colors. When policemen arrive and draw their weapons, they become paralyzed like statues. The smoke cloud reappears and envelops the disc, which takes off. (*O Dia* (Rio de Janeiro), September 8, 1976; "[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 10)

1976, September — The Cambridge UFO Research Group is founded by Bonnie Wheeler in Cambridge, Ontario. She produces a bimonthly newsletter through September 1994. ([Cambridge UFO Research Group Newsletter](#) 2, no. 3 (September 1980))

1976, September 1 — 10:35 a.m. A witness is walking with her dog in a field off Larimer County Road 76H northwest of Larimer, Colorado. She looks up and sees a large (100 feet long), silver-colored, silent cylinder flying at about 50 mph to the south. It is only 200–250 feet in altitude and has two rings around it towards each end. She watches it for several minutes. ("[More Letters](#)," *IUR* 8, no. 2 (Mar./Apr. 1983): 16; "[More Similarities Begin to Appear](#)," *CUFOS Associate Bulletin* 4, no. 6 (Dec. 1983/Jan. 1984): 1)

1976, September 1 — Day. A retired science teacher watches a circular glowing object while walking on a beach near Aguada, Puerto Rico. The object moves slowly, hovers, then falls abruptly, tumbling over and over, until it nearly enters the ocean. It then rights itself and moves slowly westward. It has a dull gray finish and appears to be quite distant. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 2)

1976, September 3 — Early morning. A witness in Bethel, Alaska, hears a high-pitched whine and looks out at the tundra where a small (2.5–3-inch diameter) white beach ball seems to be moving just above the ground. After a while it tilts so that she can see it is a disc with a rotating "platinum-shiny" area in the middle. The object arcs upward, then back down, and seems to disappear into the ground, whereupon the whine stops. She can find no ground markings. (Michael D. Swords, "[Unusual Experiences from the Timmerman Files](#)," *IUR* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 24)

1976, September 3 — 7:00 p.m. Farm laborer João Romeu Klein, 19, returns home to Brusque, Santa Catarina, Brazil, after visiting a friend. As he approaches the house, he spots a flying object in the shape of a deep dish that rotates slowly counterclockwise. The upper part of the object is flattened, and a luminous light on top varies according to the speed of the craft's movement and vacillates from red (high speed) to orange, from yellow to light green, and finally to white. When the craft is still, the intensity of the light diminishes. The object itself is gray in color and nearly 10 feet in diameter. The UFO moves toward Klein, passes 33 feet above his head, and then hovers in front of him about 16 feet from the ground. A bright, red light shines from the center of its base, through which three small beings about 3 feet tall slowly descend. The humanoids form a line across the entire width of the road and prevent him from passing as the UFO moves behind him some 33 feet away and 26 feet above the ground, close to some trees. The beings open their arms in an apparent blocking gesture, communicating with each other in an unfamiliar language. Klein draws his knife and tosses it toward the beings; it whizzes through the air, but at one point appears to float before falling to another spot. Each being wears a staff at its waist. The crew member in the center reacts by waving his staff toward Klein. The staff fires a beam of bluish-white light that hits Klein in the left thigh. He faints on being struck and is later found by his neighbors. His leg is paralyzed, so he goes to Azambuja hospital in Brusque, where doctors find no sign of injury. He recovers after a few days. ("[Os Tripulantes da Serra do Moura, Novo Trento, Brusque, Estado de Santa Catarina](#)," *SBEDV Boletim*, no. 136/145 (Sept. 1981/April 1982): 10–12; Clark III 218–220; Luis Lopez, "[Quase 40 Anos Depois, Homem Relata Experiência com Extraterrestres em Brusque, SC](#)," *Novos Insólitos*, May 12, 2016; Brazil 194–198)

1976, September 3 — 9:00 p.m. Two women, one 63 and the other an 18-year-old relative, are returning from a family visit in Fence Houses, Durham, England, when they see a peculiar object resting on a mound of earth in a section of mining wasteland. They walk toward it, feeling a sort of attraction, and see that it is an oval object about 3 feet high and 5 feet long and standing on chrome or steel runners. The main compartment is glasslike with an orange section on top. When they reach the object, they sense the wind and traffic noise have stopped. The older woman touches the glassy side, which feels warm. At this point two strange entities are seen within the craft with long white hair parted down the middle, large eyes, and claw-like hands. They are both the size of a large doll, perhaps 1–1.5 feet tall. Frightened, the two women hurry away, noting that the street noise has returned. The object then takes off at great speed, making a humming noise. (William D. Muir, "[UFO Landing at Fencehouses, County Durham](#)," *Flying Saucer Review* 22, no. 6 (April 1977): 2–3)

- 1976**, September 8 — Leoncio Torres and Elena Bedjara are driving a truck on the road between Ollachea and Ayaviri, Peru, when a UFO lands 90 feet in front of them. Two strange creatures about 6 feet tall approach the blocked truck with flashlights. The creatures touch the couple's backs and they feel a burning sensation. ("[Foreign Forum](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 2)
- 1976**, September 9 — About 2:00 a.m. Farmer Hermelindo da Silva is making his way home from the bar he owns in Vargem Grande, Minas Gerais, Brazil, when his dog grows agitated. A flash of light illuminates the area, followed by a strange buzzing sound. He sees a bright object about 12 feet in diameter above him. The dog begins barking nonstop until it receives some type of shock, apparently from the craft, and flees in terror. The light goes out, and da Silva runs back to the bar and flattens himself against the outside wall. The object lights up again, scaring him, so he picks up a piece of wood and throws it at the object. The light goes out again and the buzzing ceases, only to be replaced by a hiss. He feels a blow to his shoulder and falls to the ground, then he runs toward his house with the object 10 feet above him. Cables and hooks descend from the UFO, accompanied by a small creature about 3 feet tall. Da Silva hits its shoulder, causing it to jump and fall, then gets into a fight with it for 15 minutes. Finally, the creature loops a cable around da Silva's ankle and hoists him screaming into an opening on the craft. His brother-in-law hears him and sees him ascending. Da Silva manages to get loose from the cable and falls 20 feet onto a spiky yucca plant. He runs to the house, bruised. (Clark III 1220–1221; Brazil 198–200)
- 1976**, September 9–10 — Around 3:00 p.m. A worker at the Liangshan Cotton Mill south of Longwangmiao, Shandong, China, sees a spherical object at 45° elevation about 9,800–13,000 feet away. The upper part is bright silver, and the lower part is dark gray. It moves in the direction of the sun. It reappears on September 10, although it seems larger. It shrinks in size toward 12:00 noon and finally appears like a twinkling star in the daytime. It reverts to its former size in the afternoon, and then in front of more than 1,000 witnesses it flies away and disappears around 5:00 p.m. (Wendelle Stevens and Paul Dong, *UFOs over Modern China*, UFO Photo Archives, 1983, p. 88)
- 1976**, September 10 — 12:54 a.m. Bill Pecha Jr. is watching TV in his home 3 miles southwest of Colusa, California, when suddenly the picture crackles, fades, and blacks out, and the air conditioner dies. He goes outside to check on the circuit breaker and feels an electrical sensation. He looks up and sees an object 85 feet in diameter hovering above a TV antenna near the barn about 50 feet away. The main body of the craft is a disc shape, which appears to be rotating in a clockwise direction, with a large dome that remains stationary on top. The object makes little or no sound, and is silver or gray in color, except for the very bottom, which has a "porcelain" look about it. Two hook-like cables are hanging down. Pecha approaches until he is just under one edge. The UFO moves slowly away and retracts its cables. Two hatches open on either end, revealing a "spotlight." He goes inside and wakes up his wife Lenda, who also sees the object. Pecha can now see two other objects over high-tension power lines a mile to the west, emitting light beams at the tops of the transmission towers. The first UFO is moving closer and passes over a neighbor's house, shining a light on it. Frightened, Pecha grabs his two children and he and his wife speed away in their pickup. They stop at a friends' house and draw their attention to the distant light. The encounter ends at 1:03 a.m. (Paul Cerny, "[UFO Hovers over California Farm](#)," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 107 (October 1976): 3–8; Center for UFO Studies, [[case files](#)]; "[The UFO Finalist](#)," *IUR* 2, no. 1 (January 1977): 6–8; UFOEv II 39–40; Clark III 294–296; Micah Hanks, "[Tentacles and Telephone Lines: The Colusa, California, UFO Incident of 1976](#)," *Mysterious Universe*, February 22, 2019)
- 1976**, September 10 — 6:00–7:00 p.m. British European Airways Flight 831 from Moscow to London is cruising at 33,000 feet over Lithuania when a blinding, stationary light is seen on the starboard side of the airliner, apparently 10–15 miles away and 5,000–6,000 feet below. The light resembles a yellowish sodium vapor lamp and is too intense to view directly. It lights up the top of the cloud layer below. The pilot asks the Soviet authorities to identify the source, but they come back with a negative response, saying he should not ask questions. The light is visible for 10–15 minutes. ("[Aerial Observation of Intense Source of Light](#)," CIA Foreign Intelligence Information Report, November 18, 1976)
- 1976**, September 11 — 8:00 p.m. [Herbert Hopkins](#), the hypnotist investigating the 1975 Oxford abduction case, is alone in his home in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. The telephone rings, and the caller identifies himself as vice president of the nonexistent New Jersey UFO Research Association. He wants to come and discuss the Oxford case. Hopkins consents, telling him to come right over. As soon as he switches on the back light, he sees a man in dark clothing walking up the porch stairs. Hopkins unthinkingly opens the door right away. The stranger is wearing a black derby, black jacket, black tie, white shirt, gray gloves, black trousers, and black shoes. The crease in his pants is razor sharp. The man never introduces himself but sits down and removes his hat. He is completely hairless, devoid of eyebrows and eyelashes, but his lips are a vivid red. The stranger speaks in a monotone. After Hopkins discusses what he knows about the David Stephens case, the man remarks, "That's just what I thought," and abruptly changes the subject. "You have two coins in your left pocket," he says. Hopkins acknowledges he has a dime and a penny. The stranger tells him to take one out and hold it in his palm. He does and is shocked to find

that its color has changed to bright silver, then light blue. It grows blurry and fuzzy and finally fades away in a vapor. The stranger says that no one else “on this plane will ever see that coin again.” The stranger then asks if he knew why [Barney Hill](#) died, saying “He died because he knew too much. He died because he had no heart, just as you have no coin.” He orders Hopkins to destroy all the audiotapes of Stephens’s hypnosis sessions, as well as any other UFO literature he has sitting around, or he will suffer the same fate as Barney Hill. The stranger gets up, speaking slowly, and says his energy is running low. He gets up slowly and walks down the porch steps one foot at a time. Hopkins sees a bright light outside, rushes to the kitchen window, and sees the light and the man are gone. About 90 minutes later, Mrs. Hopkins and two of their sons arrive home from a movie. He tells them what happened, and one of the sons finds a series of marks in the narrow driveway that look like a small tractor tread. They are gone the next day. Hopkins burns all his tapes, correspondence, and literature at the urging of his family. (Berthold Eric Schwartz, “[The Man-in-Black Syndrome, Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 4 (January 1978): 9–15; Berthold Eric Schwartz, “[The Man-in-Black Syndrome, Part 2](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 5 (February 1978): 22–25; Berthold Eric Schwartz, “[The Man-in-Black Syndrome, Part 3](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 6 (April 1978): 26–29; Clark III 863–864)

- 1976**, Mid-September — 4:00 p.m. A copilot of a Boeing 727 for the Brazilian Varig airline sees a disc-shaped object about 120 feet in diameter over the Amazon forest between Manaus and Belém, Brazil. The aircraft’s radar confirms the sighting. The pilot is carrying a camera and snaps a photo of the UFO, which starts jumping from one side to the other in front of the plane, causing the crew to panic. The sighting lasts about 5 minutes. (Clark III 198; Brazil 535–536)
- 1976**, September 16 — 9:15 p.m. Six witnesses in Modesto, California, see a rolling orange ball of light heading slowly south. Possible balloon. (“[Case 1-1-6](#),” *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 5)
- 1976**, September 16 — 9:45 p.m. A witness in Eureka, California, sees a large orange light at treetop level that rushes overhead, then stops and hovers for 5 minutes. (“[Case 1-1-7](#),” *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 5)
- 1976**, September 18–19 — 10:30 p.m. Residents of the northeast portion of the city of Tehran, Iran, watch a multicolored aircraft hovering a few thousand feet in the air. Some of them call the nearby Mehrabad Airport, reaching night supervisor Houssain Pirouzi, who goes outside at 11:15 p.m. to look. With his binoculars, he sees a bright object flashing colored lights and changing positions at an altitude of 6,000 feet. Around 12:30 a.m., Pirouzi alerts the Iranian Air Force command post. Deputy Gen. Nader Yousefi also sees the object and scrambles an Air Force F-4 Phantom II interceptor piloted by Capt. Aziz Khani and 1stLt. Hossein Shokri from Shahrokhi Airbase [now Hamadan Airbase] to the west at 1:30 a.m. They close in on the object, but the jet’s radio and instruments give out. Only when Khani pulls away does functionality return. Squadron Cmdr. Parviz Jafari takes off in a second jet with 1stLt. Jalal Damirian in pursuit at 1:40 a.m. Some 27 miles from the UFO, Jafari picks the object up on radar, the return indicating something the size of a Boeing 707. Visually, it is flashing like a strobe with intense red, green, orange, and blue lights (in a diamond shape) so bright that Jafari cannot see its body. He approaches within 70 miles, then the object jumps 10° to the right, then twice again the same amount. Suddenly a smaller round object comes out of the large object and heads straight toward the interceptor at a high rate of speed. Jafari tries to fire an AIM-9 heat-seeking missile at it, but his weapons control panel malfunctions, as well as his radio and instruments. Jafari turns to the left to avoid an impact with the small object, which approaches to 4 miles distance, then stops. It returns to the large object, which emits another smaller object. Jafari is ordered back to the base, but the light follows him. During final approach, another object (a thin rectangle with three lights) appears at low altitude in front of his plane. Gen. Yousefi then orders Jafari to approach the light and get a look. When he is within 4 miles, the radio and instrument panel go out again. The light disappears from view after Jafari lands. Base Commander Gen. Abdulah Azerbarzin claims the complete investigation records are turned over to the US Air Force, which insists it only has one memo from USAF Lt. Col. Olin R. Mooy, who sat in on one of the pilot interviews. A US Defense Intelligence Agency evaluation rates the case High (of major significance). The sighting is apparently tracked by a US Defense Support Program satellite. (Wikipedia, “[1976 Tehran UFO incident](#)”; NICAP, “[Iranian F-4 Phantom Jet Chase, Radar/Visual/E-M/IAD Signal](#)”; US Department of Defense, “[Iran, Reported UFO Sighting](#),” message, September 1976; “[Iranian Air Force Jets Scrambled](#),” *UFO Investigator*, November 1976, pp. 1–2; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 2; “[The U.S. Government and the Iran Case](#),” *IUR* 3, no. 1 (January 1978): 6–7; Henry S. Shields, “[Now You See It, Now You Don’t](#),” [October 1978]; “[Review of Iranian UFO Reports](#),” *IUR/Frontiers of Science* 3, no. 2 (Jan./Feb. 1981): 14–15; “[Now You See It, Now You Don’t!](#)” *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* 3, no. 1 (February 1982): 3; Center for UFO Studies, [[case documents](#)]; Kim Hansen, “UFO Casebook,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 85–88; Don Berliner, with Marie Galbreath and Antonio Huneeus, *UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*, Dell, 2000, pp. 98–104; UFOEv II 94–95; Clark III 624–626; Kean, pp. 86–92, 149–150; Swords 340–341; Good Above, pp. 318–321, 497–500; Good Need, pp. 302–303, 315–317; A. Meessen, “[Deux jets F-4](#)

- [rencontrent un ovni à Téhéran](#),” April 30, 2007; Ryan Sprague, “[The Tehran UFO and the Iranian Fighter Pilot Who Chased It](#),” Medium: Trail of the Saucers, September 4, 2022; Graff 264–266; Powell, *Scientist*, 17; Sigma 2 Technical Committee on UAP, “[2024 UAP News Summary, April–June](#),” Sentinel News, August 31, 2024)
- 1976**, September 19 — 1:00–2:00 a.m. A silvery, luminous circular object is seen flying southwest to northwest (parallel to the coast) at an altitude of 3,200 feet in multiple locations in Morocco, including Agadir, El Kelaa des Sraghna, Essaouira, Marrakesh, Casablanca, Rabat, Kenitra, Meknes, and Fez. It gives off an intermittent trail and is completely silent. The US Embassy in Rabat forwards a summary to the US State Department, asking for more information. A reply comes in October from Secretary of State [Henry Kissinger](#), who cites the Condon study and natural causes, although he rules out meteors and reflections from a polar-orbiting satellite. (ClearIntent, [pp. 86–88](#))
- 1976**, September 19 — A TAP Air Portugal Boeing 707 nearly collides with a UFO shortly after takeoff at Lisbon, Portugal. The oval object is glowing blue with a horizontal row of red and white lights. It is also seen by an air traffic controller who says that the object does not show up on radar. (“[\[Aerial Emergency in Lisbon Due to a ‘Flying Disc’\]](#)” *La Crónica* (Buenos Aires), September 23, 1976, via *UFO Newsclipping Service*, no. 91/92 (Nov./Dec. 1976): 31–32; Good Above, [p. 154](#))
- 1976**, September 22 — 10:30 p.m. A 10-year-old-boy in Regal, Minnesota, sees a 3.5-foot-tall creature with a large bald head, large red eyes, and green skin floating outside his bedroom window. A couple minutes later, the creature floats down to a cube-shaped craft, which he enters. (“[Case 1-1-27](#),” *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 5)
- 1976**, September 24 — 2:30 a.m. A conservation officer and his wife watch a dark object fly over Lake Red Rock near Otley, Iowa. It moves noiselessly at 40 mph and about 600 feet altitude. Binoculars reveal a blinking red light flanked by pairs of amber lights. (“[Case 1-1-35](#),” *IUR* 1, no. 1 (November 1976): 5)
- 1976**, September 24 — 7:30 p.m. John Hopkins, the son of hypnotist [Herbert Hopkins](#), and his wife Maureen, meet two odd individuals, “Bill” and “Jane,” who have arranged a meeting at a fast-food restaurant near their home in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. The conversation is uncomfortable and strange but does not involve UFOs. (Berthold Eric Schwarz, “[The Man-in-Black Syndrome, Part 1](#),” *Flying Saucer Review* 23, no. 4 (January 1978): 9, 11–12; Clark III 864–865)
- 1976**, September 25 — Night. Vera White and three others traveling by car between farms in the Karawinna area to the west of Mildura, Victoria, Australia, notice a strange object on the ground in a paddock. It takes off vertically and hovers silently for about 5 minutes. They return to the site in the daytime and find a circle of flattened, discolored grass about 30 feet in diameter. (*Melbourne Sun*, September 29, 1976; “[Flashing Lights, Ground Traces in the North West](#),” *Australian UFO Bulletin*, November 1976, pp. 1–2; “[Australian UFO Reports](#),” *ACOS Bulletin*, no. 8, December 1976, p. 15; “[Foreign Forum](#),” *IUR* 1, no. 2 (December 1976): 10; “[Tests on Karawinna Samples Negative](#),” *Australian UFO Bulletin*, November 1977, pp. 2–3)
- 1976**, Autumn — 2:00 a.m. Missile Combat Crew Commander Bruce Fenstermacher is on alert duty at one of the underground launch capsules at Francis E. Warren AFB near Cheyenne, Wyoming, with another crewman, when the officer-in-charge at the launch facility asks two security guards to report anything that seems unusual. A few seconds later, one of them reports seeing a pulsating white object in the sky. He can see flashing red and blue lights between the pulsations. It is about 10 miles north of their position and close to the launch control facility itself. The UFO is hovering about 100 feet above the building and looks like a “fat cigar” about 50–60 feet long. It begins to move away but stops close to one of the missile silos. Over the next 2 hours or so, the UFO hovers near several more missile silos. The security guards are terrified and refuse to approach any missile site that has the UFO over it. Sometime around 4:30 a.m., the object zooms away and disappears in seconds. (Nukes 340–343)
- 1976**, October — The head of the UFO desk at the Swedish National Defence Research Institute, [Sture Wickerts](#), travels to Målilla, Kalmar County, Sweden, to conduct a search for an unknown object thought to have crashed in the woods. He supervises diving operations into a water-filled hole possibly connected to the incident. Nothing is found but old logs. (Swords 369)
- 1976**, October — Guillermo Carlos Roncoroni begins publishing *UFO Press* in Buenos Aires, Argentina, until November 1986. ([UFO Press](#), no. 1 (October 1976); Willy Smith, “UFOs in Latin America,” *UFOs 1947–1987*, Fortean Tomes, 1987, pp. 99–100)
- 1976**, October — George J. Myers and his wife are traveling 3 miles southeast of Winnebago, Nebraska, on US Highway 73 [now US 75] when they notice a large patch of cornfield with no corn growing. It is on sloping ground and in the shape of a perfect circle 100 feet in diameter. They learn from local farmers that it had appeared earlier in the year while the corn was still quite short, killing off growth later in the summer. A light “like lightning” was seen shortly before the damaged area was noticed. Myers takes photographs of the circle and soil samples, which are later taken to the University of Nebraska and show evidence of a chemical spill. (“[Large Circular Physical Trace](#):