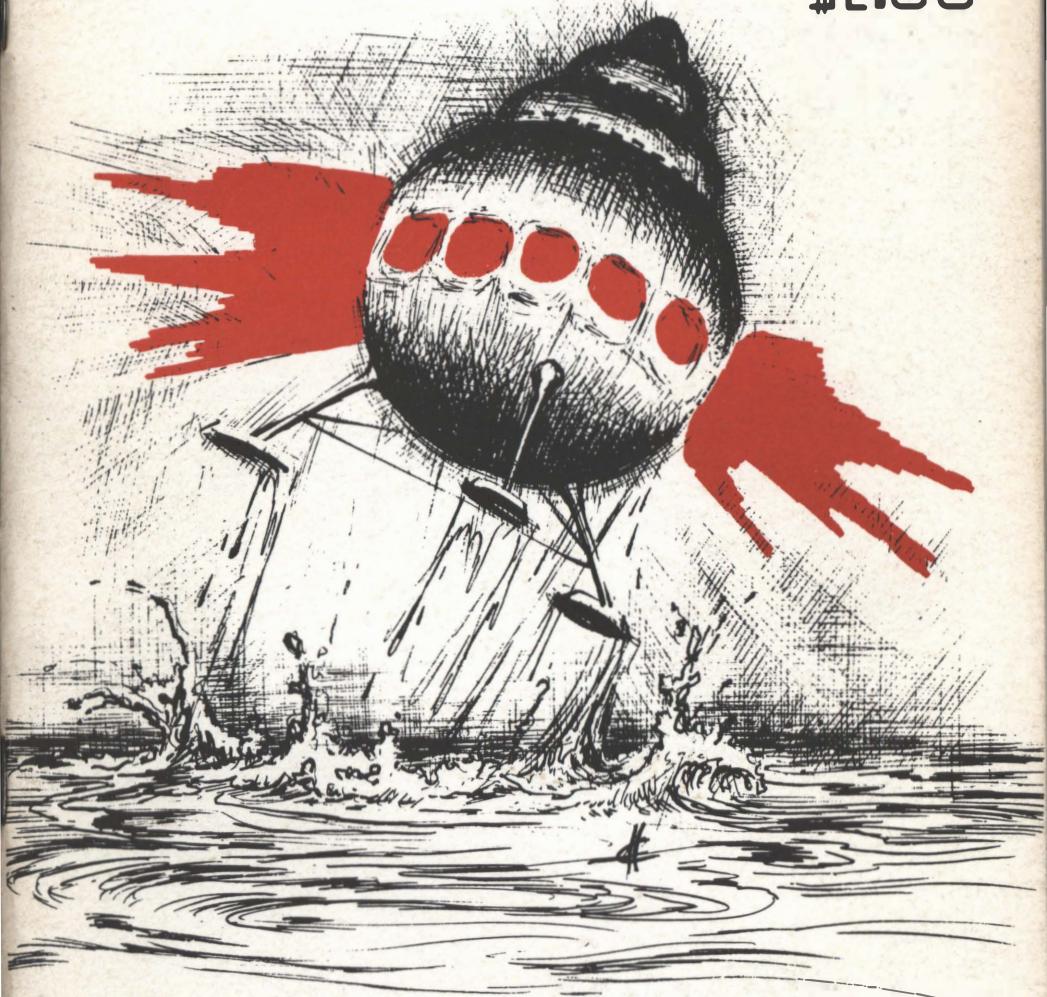


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Dear Mr. Hewes:

As a scientist, I wish to extend my encouragement to you for your continued efforts in determining the validity of UFOs. Your organization merits the full support of the scientific community. It is totally irrational for humans to regard themselves as the only thinking beings in our infinite universe; logically, millions of planetary bodies must harbor some life forms, a percentage of which must have reached the level of intelligence requisite of intergalactic travel. Whether or not any have actually explored the earth is irrelevant; so long as a scintilla of evidence exists, it must be examined rashlessly and scientifically, not cast aside as mere fiction, for the tangible possibility does exist that we have indeed been visited....

Academically Yours,
(signed)
Franklin R. Ruehl, Ph.D.

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This book would have not been possible without the help of Bureau officials investigating this case. Investigators making four field investigations, spending a total of eleven days in the area and interviewing over 200 witnesses were Daniel Garcia, Public Relations Director, Tommy Blann, Deputy Director, (Marlin, Texas) and Ken Vaught, photographer/special investigator and myself, Hayden Hewes, Director of the Bureau. Cover and special illustrations by Hal Crawford, Associate Director, (Dallas, Texas) artist and UFOlogical historian.

EARTHPROBE is a documented investigation by the Bureau and is presented to tell the complete story and release our conclusions to date.

We gratefully acknowledge the help of many during our investigation.

First, special thanks go to Clearwater High School coach Reggie Bone, who with his wife Mary, extended the hospitality of their home during our stay in Piedmont, and helped Bureau officials to make our investigation a success. Appreciative thanks go next to Dennis Hovis, general manager of radio station KPWB, Piedmont, Missouri, who with his wife Mary, worked hand in hand with Bureau officials gathering first hand testimony. To KPWB newsman Dennis Keeney, who spent many hours with Bureau officials in the field our most grateful thanks. Next, we wish to especially convey our thanks to Gene Bearden, Piedmont Chief of Police who helped in every way possible. Further thanks go to Harold Ellinghouse of the Wayne County Journal Banner and Maude Jefferis for her assistance in getting the truth. Thank you to Don Casey for taking Bureau officials on an aerial search and to officials of Clearwater High School, who allowed Bureau members to interview teachers and students and present a special series of lectures to the student body.

A special thanks to all members of the news media, that not only reported the news, but keep Bureau officials informed of additional sightings across the United States and around the world. To cite everyone who assisted in furnishing material or helped in other ways is impossible. Due to the help of the many fine citizens of Piedmont in our efforts in investigating the UFO encounters and those that have shown interest in our research, we are proud to present one of the most interesting and best documented cases in UFO history.....EARTHPROBE

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Anyone who has observed a UFO or an occupant is encouraged to contact the Bureau. The Bureau treats all reports with the utmost confidence and your name will not be released without your permission.

The ultimate standard of the Bureau is the TRUTH. Let us continue to seek it for "There is nothing," says Plato, "so delightful as the hearing or speaking of truth. For this reason, is there no conversation so agreeable as that of the man of integrity, who hears without any intention to betray and speaks without any intention to deceive? For it is easier to perceive error than to find truth, for the former lies on the surface and is easily seen, while the latter lies in the depth, where few are willing to search for it....."

HAYDEN C. HEWES - DIRECTOR
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INDISPUTABLE EVIDENCE PROVING BEYOND DOUBT THE EXISTANCE OF AN ALIEN UFO

THE PIEDMONT UNEXPLAINED

Clearwater High School basketball coach Reggie Bone didn't think much about the incident when it happened several years ago, other than "it seemed strange", but now he wonders. Coach Bone, his wife Mary and some friends were returning to Piedmont, Missouri from a Christmas party through an area known as Brushy Creek, when the headlights hit the creature walking along the highway. Bone stated, "We didn't say anything, just looked at it and then one another." Bone described the creature as like "a man in a wet-diving-suit, holding something in his hand." Bone continued, "You know we never did figure out who would be walking down the road at 2:30 AM in the middle of December in a wet-suit with water miles away."

Pilot Kenneth Pingle was landing his single-engine airplane at the Farmington, Missouri airport when he and his student pilot first saw the strange light off the left wing tip. "The object was circular shaped and looked off-white in color, gradually turning yellow and taking on an orange tinge." Pilot Pingle stated, "It looked like it was moving at us at a high rate of speed, so I pulled back and flew toward it. It immediately stopped, reversed its direction and flew away from us at a high rate of speed."

Mrs. Jean Coleman and Mrs. Cathy Leach were crossing Clearwater Dam when they reported seeing an object surface. The two said the water took on a reddish glow and a disc-shaped object surfaced. It made no sound as it rose from the lake, circled and disappeared over the mountain top. The object turned from red to multi-colored, spinning white and amber. "I thought as I saw the lights rise from the lake, what if it really is an alien spaceship," Mrs. Coleman stated.

Tom Martin and Kevin Kinard were camping on top of Bluff View overlooking Clearwater Lake with eight other Explorer Scouts when the boys saw a circular shaped glowing object skim across the water and disappear. Later the same week, five men were fishing in the pre-dawn darkness on the lake and observed several disc-shaped objects hovering over the water.



CLEARWATER LAKE

PIEDMONT, MISSOURI

Mr. Bruce Barry and Rich Johnson were at Clearwater Lake on Sunday afternoon March 11, when the "water seemed like it was bubbling in the middle, and was raising up." While the two did not observe anything rise from the lake, the bubbling area was reported to be 25 to 30 feet across.

Newsman Dennis Kenney, KPWB Radio, Piedmont, Missouri was one of many who reported, while observing something that he could not explain, "The radio went dead...no static...this thing was close then...I was really close to it, no noise just the lights...and when the big bright light came on the car died."

Chief of Police Gene Bearden related that "ever since this thing came up we have had trouble with the 2-way radio. It goes completely dead...will not work at all."

Other people reported that they thought it was interference in the neighborhood. Sharp lines going up and down would appear on TV sets which was often accompanied by a roaring noise.

Mrs. Ruth Rupple stated, "I saw this thing in the air, and first thought it was an airplane. Linda, my daughter, said to flash my lights at it so I started blinking my headlights. I turned them off and on and they started doing the same thing." The flashing back and forth continued for 10 or 12 flashes and then the object disappeared.

Mr. Elvis Bell reported that his car was hit by "a bright light that suddenly came up from nowhere and hit the car, knocking it into the oncoming lane."

Mrs. Wilma J. Burch testified that "at approximately 8:30 PM on March 14, 1973, my daughter, Mrs. Kathy Keith, called and informed me that I could observe a UFO from my carport by looking to the northeast. I went outside and found that the object was not difficult to locate, although there were a number of stars in the sky. To the naked eye the object was an orange-yellow in color, where as the stars were white. The moon was directly east of the UFO. Shortly, my daughter and a friend, Mrs. Janet Burford, came to my home with binoculars for a better observation. We compared and agreed on the movement of the object, whether it was moving to the right or left, moving in a circle, or up and down. These movements did not seem to be at a great speed. Through binoculars the top of the object seemed to be cone-shaped, from which the lights beamed. We could see no shape or outline of the bottom section."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chairman of the Northwestern University astronomy department and scientific consultant on UFOs to the United States Air Force for 20 years was invited to Piedmont by State Representative Jerry T. Howard (D) to investigate the unexplained series of UFO sightings.

Accompanying Dr. Hynek, who also serves as Director of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center, was Walter Andrus, Director of the Midwest UFO Network, Bob Kewney, field investigator and Ted Phillips. After interviewing eight persons who had reported observing the UFOs, Hynek then studied a series of photographs that had been obtained. The most publicized photo of the Piedmont UFOs was a "lens flare" Hynek said, adding that not all the evidence was negative. "There were two other photos I can't explain...and neither of us could punch any holes in the story of the basketball coach (Reggie Bone)."

Coach Bone and five members of his team, Greg Twidwell, Fred Allen, Cary Barks, and Randall Holes were returning home to Piedmont from a seven point defeat at a basketball tournament at Essex, Missouri, the night of Wednesday, February 21. "We were a basket short on our stat sheet, and I was teasing the boy who kept the statistics about his vision," Bone stated. He continued, "We were coming back by way of route 60 and about 1 1/2 miles before you turn off to go to Ellsinore and we just happened to glance in the tree line and asked the boy if he could see it. We all got to looking and of course we could see it, but at that time we just more or less passed it off as an airplane, although I did glance back over there and said to myself, that thing is not moving." What was observed was a bright shaft of light beaming down out of the black sky.

About nine miles south of Piedmont at Brushy Creek they saw it again. This time one of the boys said, "There is that thing we saw over on Highway 60 sitting out in the field." Coach Bone stopped the car for a closer look. Bone estimated the craft to be about 200 yards away and about 50 feet in the air. "The same light rotation and the same pattern of what we had observed the first time... red...green...amber and white. The lights were four or five feet apart and flashing."

"We watched it for five, ten minutes, and then it took off. It was too dark to be able to make out any size or shape. I would say the lights were revolving, but maybe they blinked."

"There has never been any doubt in my mind...it was hovering trying to decide whether or not to land." The UFO went straight up without a sound and disappeared.



MRS. RUTH RUPPLE TELLS TOMMY BLANN ABOUT HER ENCOUNTER

DAN GARCIA, COACH REG BONE AND HAYDEN HEWES AT UFO OBSERVATION SITE

gap in test here. Party speaking now seems to be Mr. Burch:-

saw the object, they told us about it. It stimulated a lot of interest around school. I started checking and heard various other people had heard about or seen an object down there (Brushy Creek). We were curious so my wife, her sister, her mother, and I went down there in the Mill Springs, Brushy Creek area." Burch continued, "We drove around for about 20 minutes and searched the skies and didn't see anything." After returning to Piedmont it was decided to make one more trip. "We decided to make one more trip south on Highway 49 toward Mill Springs. My sister noticed something behind us behind some trees on the left hand side of the road. It was blinking. We immediately turned around and went back. Out in this field there was a blinking light. It varied from a pale green to a distinct green. There seemed to be a red glow, I don't know, could have been a continuous small red light. We parked and watched the object for about 15 minutes." Burch estimated the UFO to be about 100 feet off the ground. "It was lower than the crescent of the hill." Burch added, "Finally it started moving, southward, down across the center fields. We started driving 70 miles and hour as fast as I could take those curvy roads, trying to keep up with it, and it beat us. We chased it for two miles on that curvy road."

Mrs. Kathy Keith stated, "We got to the Creek area and there were some other Piedmont people standing on the road looking at it." One of the men, Mr. Bob Smith, was watching the UFO with a pair of binoculars, but he could not make the shape out. The UFO stayed in view for about 10 minutes and then disappeared over the hill."

Mrs. Beth Burch related that after Mr. Smith looked at the UFO "It must have made a ninety degree turn because it was directly in front of us when we looked up. The light was green and it seemed much closer as it went over the hill."

Miss Pat Toney, a student at the University of Missouri, observed the UFO four nights later south of Tip Top Mountain near Ironton, which is north of Piedmont. Miss Toney and Mr. Will Freeman, who was driving Miss Toney back to school, reported that the UFO was at treetop level and about 500 yards from them. "It was solid with prongs on it." Miss Toney continued, "A red light was on it." Mr. Freeman added that the UFO "appeared to be self-luminous."

Another incident reported by Mr. Carl Laxton also described prongs. Laxton reported that he observed an object "flashing red and green lights. I'd say it was between 2000 to 3000 feet off the ground and when it passed the flashing light went off and by that time I had it in my binoculars real good. It went straight up and kind of banked to the right. Then after it got leveled out again the flashing light came back on. You've just got to see it to enjoy it. The object was shaped like a barrel with protrusions."

like arms, sticking out of it. The only way I could see the shape of this thing was when it seemed to tilt, the brilliant white light appeared to go behind the object. The object was tilting from a vertical to a horizontal position, then it moved straight up and disappeared into the night sky."

By this time almost everyone within miles of Piedmont was equipped with cameras and binoculars looking nightly for the uninvited visitors. One newspaper The Daily American Republic published at Poplar Bluff, Missouri offered some "helpful hints for UFO watching" stating that "girl watching is out for the moment and UFO watching is in." in an article entitled "Where to go; What to see".

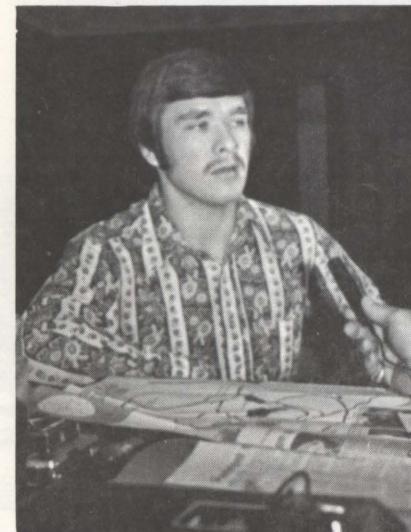
One such person out of the thousands that have searched for the elusive UFO was Mrs. Maude Jefferis. On Wednesday night March 14, about 11:00 PM approximately 2 1/2 hours after Mrs. Wilma Burch observed a "cone-shaped object" Mrs. Jefferis, a professional photographer for over 50 years, was able to obtain a series of photographs. Using a tripod mounted 4x5 Crown Graphic press camera Mrs. Jefferis took a ten minute time exposure. "It appeared like a small red ball. The closer the object got the white color starts to show up." As she and three neighbors watched the UFO Mrs. Jefferis took her photographs. The ten minute exposure produced a skyscape of star streaks, blurred tree limbs and an unidentifiable gyroscope shaped image left on the film by a spinning mass. "As a professional photographer, I can not explain the object. It is not a lens flare or light reflection."

The was the photograph that Dr. Hynek identified as a "lens flare", which is defined as a reflection of light off the surface of the camera lens.

St. Louis Post Dispatch photographers dispute Dr. Hynek's theory stating "A lens flare would be widespread over the negative, rather than the small speck that appears in Mrs. Jefferis' photograph."

Mrs. Jefferis also disputed the explanation as being a "lens flare", since the lens on the camera she used to make the photo is coated to prevent a flare plus the fact that she and neighbors were watching the object while she was photographing it.

Additional photographs were made at the request of Dr. Hynek from the patio where Mrs. Jefferis first photographed the top shaped object. A similar shaped object which was not observed appeared on the bottom of a tree limb, thus came the "lens flare" theory. Mrs. Jefferis said that the "image was produced by moisture on the leaves reflecting a flashlight that was flashed while the photo was being made."



ROY BURCH, JR. AND HIS WIFE, BETH BURCH

KOP032801 3/28/73 OKLAHOMA CITY: The International UFO Bureau released this 10 minute time exposure today of the Piedmont, Missouri Unexplained, a glowing red and amber light that appeared March 14, 1973. More than 500 persons reported the light over a two week period. Mrs. Maude Jefferis (inserted below with Hayden Hewes, Bureau Director) took the photograph with a 4X5 press camera. She has been a photography instructor more than fifty years. UFO is the gyroscope-shaped light circled. UPI TELEPHOTO rb



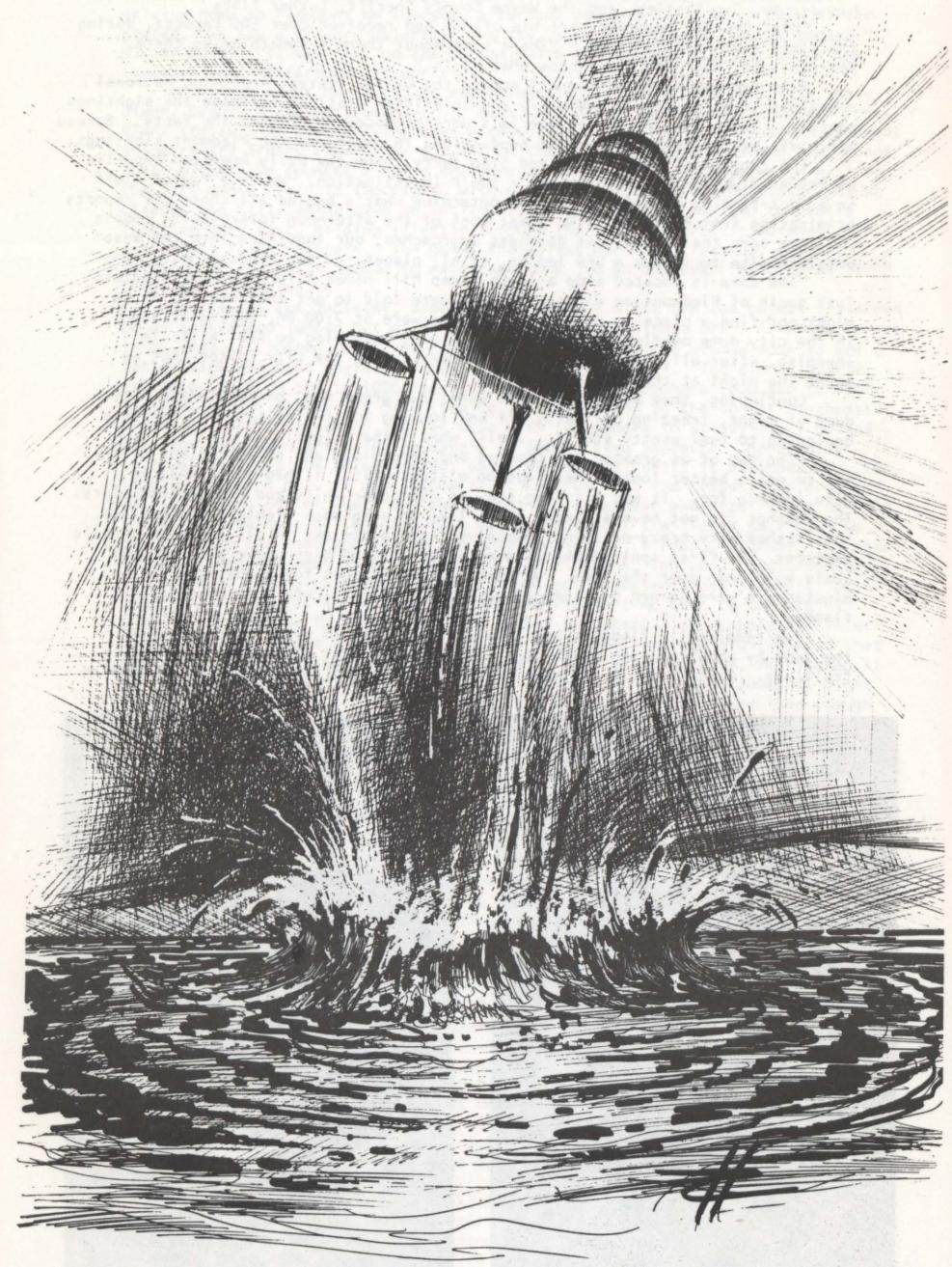
The International UFO Bureau, headquartered in Oklahoma City, was the first UFO research organization to make a field investigation of the Piedmont sightings. Coach Bone arranged for several of the witnesses to meet with Bureau officials at his home on March 17. This investigator was accompanied by Daniel Garcia, Public Relations Director of the Bureau and Ken Vaught, investigator/photographer. Bureau officials were in the Piedmont area conducting four field investigations between March 17 and April 6 spending a total of eleven days interviewing over 200 eyewitnesses and taking over 300 photographs.

Just three days after Bureau officials returned to Oklahoma City, ending their first field investigation, the dam really broke. On March 21, Mrs. Jean Coleman, a school teacher, and Mrs. Cathy Leach were crossing the Clearwater Dam about 9:00 PM and observed an object rise from the lake. As the craft rose from the lake it would flash red and each time it would get brighter. "We could see it climbing. It looked like the lights were red, white and yellow." Mrs. Coleman added, "There was no sound, we tried to make out the shape, but each time the lights went out we could see nothing. It seemed like it was saucer shaped...we watched it for four or five minutes until it circled out of sight."

At the same time Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Leach were observing the UFO rise from the lake, a group of out of town campers, apparently unaware of the UFO sightings, were having a frightening experience of their own at a campsite on a lake cove near the dam.

They related their experience to Ken Johnson, owner of the Piedmont Boat Dock located near their campsite. Johnson stated that the campers reported to him seeing a reflection of what looked like a bright light moving out of the cove. He reported they described the light as about two feet long and right under the surface of the water. One of the campers, a teenage boy, aimed a flashlight beam at the traveling underwater light and it immediately went out.

Although Johnson did not observe the UFO that night he did see it earlier on March 22, about 9:30 PM. He was with his wife, Wanda, and they were returning from Piedmont to their lakefront home. "Just before we got to the Dam we saw a white light about three miles away going south toward the lake. It looked like it got over the lake and started coming toward us. I stopped the car, shut off the motor and lights, grabbed a camera. The UFO was about half a mile away and about 800 feet in the air. Just as I started to take the picture the light went out as if someone had turned off a lightbulb."



International UFO Bureau officials returned to the Piedmont area on March 24, and interviewed local residents through March 26. Among the outstanding citizens reporting the almost nightly UFOs was the Chief of Police Gene Bearden, his deputy, Don Shatley, and the Wayne County Sheriff, Luther Tibbs.

Chief Bearden reported that his office had received over 500 reports, during the first month of sightings. "There's no doubt there's something up there," Bearden said, "We just don't know what it is."

News representatives from all across the United States, including national magazines, news networks, and radio and television stations followed the sightings closely. Radio and television specials were produced to present the facts. Bureau officials participated in over 40 productions in regard to the Piedmont sightings.

Two reporters, John Prince and Stan Berry, from the Daily American Republic at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, stated in their investigation, "We left Poplar Bluff on a fact-finding mission to try and determine what's behind all those UFO reports originating from Piedmont. We spent most of the afternoon interviewing people who have seen the lights. As darkness approached, our inquiries into the best possible site to locate a UFO led us, of all places, to the Piedmont city dump."

"The dump is located atop a large steep hill named Pyle's Lookout Mountain just south of Piedmont on Highway 34. We were told to get there early, or we might not find a place to park. So there we were at 7:00 PM, parked at night in the city dump overlooking Piedmont. We were beginning to feel a little sheepish, after all, how were we going to explain to the City Editor that we spent the night at the dump."

Continuing, they added, "Here we were, two grown men, parked in the city dump at night, freezing our tails off and looking for flying saucers. We were beginning to feel pretty stupid....wait, what's that light?"

"The two of us grabbed our cameras and binoculars and scrambled out of the car to get a better look. There was no mistaking it. It had to be what we were looking for. It was flashing red, an off-color white and blue-green colors. The flashes did not have a steady blink like an airplanes lights. And besides, the flashes were crazy-quilting themselves across the sky in all sorts of erratic patterns. We first spotted the flashes about 7:30 PM high above an area that could have been over the lake. We observed the flashes for about five to ten minutes and were joined by Piedmont Deputy Don Shatley, who also observed the flashes."

"We remained in Piedmont until nearly midnight and were later joined at the dump by about a dozen other cars, but the remainder of our vigil proved fruitless. Quite frankly, we were not really prepared for what we saw. Shatley



PIEDMONT CHIEF OF POLICE GENE BEARDEN WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF LUTHER TIBBS

probably summed it up best when he said: "I don't believe in flying saucers, but there is something unusual going on up there."

Two students at Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Ron Miller and Joe Kigg, reported a close daytime encounter while driving home to Piedmont on Thursday afternoon about 4:30 on March 22. Miller stated, "We saw a silvery object in the sky, something kind of saucer shaped." Miller added, "It was flat on the bottom, with an oval top and just above the treetops near Patterson, Missouri."

On Sunday night March 25, at approximately 7:30 PM Bureau officials Tommy Blann, Deputy Director from Marlin, Texas, and Daniel Garcia, observed two UFOs. Blann stated, "We were driving down Highway 49 and cut off on 34 road in Piedmont going toward Brushy Creek. We got off on the wrong road (V road) and went about 10-11 miles. We rounded a curve and came up on this hill. There was a hill to the left and a field to the right, with woods on each side of the field. As we cleared the hill, going down an incline into level area we saw two red balls rotating very fast, gliding silently through the air. No erratic movement, just a straight flight pattern. The balls themselves were not flashing, but the rotation of the balls seemed to make them look (to an observer far off) as if they were pulsating."

Describing the incident, Blann added, "When I first saw the object I slammed on my brakes and jumped out of my car, and I cut the lights off. I had my camera in my hand. I leaned it on the car door after rolling the window down to get a better view and hear anything. There was no noise at all. The cloud layer I estimate was from 500 to 1000 feet. This object was anywhere from 500 to 1000 feet up, approximately 1/4 mile from us. It was going to the south, southwest direction. As I leaned on the car door with the camera to steady it, I opened the lens wide open and tried to take a 20 second time exposure. Apparently this was how long the thing lasted, about 20 seconds, until it disappeared. The lights just went out. I don't know if it went up into the cloud layer or just cut its lights off or what, but the object did disappear and after I got back in the car I made sure my lens aperture was shut and cut the lights back on. We started down the road and got to the intersection of V road A Highway. We then turned around and went back to Piedmont. At Piedmont, Dan and I discussed it, but couldn't figure out what it was. It was not a conventional aircraft, helicopter nor airplane, and when we got back to Piedmont we went to the Brushy Creek area where we found several cars parked out there. We stopped and interviewed several people out there, to see if there had been any sightings in that area. Since we had seen this object where we were originally, we figured it would be flying in a direction toward the Brushy Creek area and somebody might have seen it. Apparently the ones we talked to had not been there long enough to have seen this object if it had passed over the area. So the following day we took the film to Mrs. Jefferis, the Clearwater High School photography teacher and had it developed. The film was a verichrome film (ASA 125) and I stood there with her as she developed it. Only one picture was on the roll. It was overexposed very badly. The thing is we both saw the object, and it was there."

Garcia concurred with Blann's statement wholeheartedly, stating that "like Carl Laxton said, 'you've just got to see it to enjoy it.' The feeling you get is both sensational and eerie. From an investigator's viewpoint, if I can feel this way, you can only imagine what the people of Piedmont are experiencing."

In an attempt to locate something under the water at Clearwater Lake the East Side Divers Supply Company of Granite City, Illinois, offered to dive to help Bureau officials locate something under the surface of the lake. Mr. Michael Sparks related that, "Shortly after our arrival in Piedmont on Sunday, March 25, we made three initial dives into the lake at sighting locations given to us by Piedmont police officials. Due to high water and inclement weather, clarity was at a minimum and we could not gather much information concerning the sightings."

Three days later on Wednesday, March 28, Michael Henderson, also with the East Side Divers Supply Company, and Michael Sparks did observe the UFO at a high point in Piedmont. "The object we observed through binoculars first appeared in the north and proceeded at an apparent high rate of speed towards the south. The object was a very bright undulating light and we kept it in view for approximately three and one half minutes as it traveled in an approximately 160 degree arc."

Bureau officials returned to Oklahoma City, ending investigation trip three, only to return seven days later to stay a full week in the area.

The Wildlife Conservation Department supplied the Bureau with local maps of the area in which the UFO seemed to come...an area south of Wappapello Lake, one of the two giant man-made lakes (Clearwater Lake the other one) which is a heavily forested area in Wayne County. In an effort to locate any out-of-water landing trace sites, Piedmont pilot Don Casey, who has been flying the area for the past 20 years, took the author and Deputy Director Blann on an air search in his single engine four seat aircraft.

While two landing sites were located and photographed from the air, attempts to locate them again by land did not succeed. Piedmont Mayor Roy Anderson offered the use of his Jeep to get into the areas in question. Bureau investigators aided by UFO interested volunteers from St. Louis, combed the fields in the general area but did not locate the landing sites photographed from the air.

Several additional photographs were obtained of the Piedmont UFO on infrared film. Clearwater High School student Gary Sutton using a 35mm Petri camera loaded with special infrared film took eight photographs on March 22, at 7:30 PM. Infrared film will pick up radiation wave lengths whose rays are greater than those of visible light rays. The UFO was first sighted rising from a field by KPWB newsmen Dennis Kenney. "It looked like a big orange light, glowing from white to orange. It appeared to just go out and then would come back on." The photo clearly shows a ball with a bright glowing band across the center sections, just like Reggie Bone and others reported. It was Gary Sutton's photographs that Dr. Hynek studied and stated, "I saw some photographs that are quite revealing. I at least cannot explain them."

While Sutton was photographing the UFO he did not realize that later on it would again be sighted almost 80 miles northeast of Piedmont at Grand Tower, Illinois.

Oscar Wills, an operating engineer at the Central Illinois Public Service Company's power generating station reported the UFO when a fellow employee, Willis Hughes called him from his home to report that something was hovering over the transformer yard. Wills told Jerome Clark, investigating the incident for FATE magazine, "I went out by myself to take a look and there it was, hovering about 1500 feet in the air and about 200 yards from me. It was a round-shaped object, about 25 to 30 feet in diameter. It looked like a high-intensity red light, with lots of lights coming out of what seemed to be portholes. The lights were flashing and causing a spinning effect. I couldn't see any image of its bottom, which may have been concaved in. I'm not sure." Willis stated, "I kept walking and got to within a hundred yards of it. I looked at it for two or three minutes until it darted behind the power plant almost like a blur."

After observing the craft Wills called Hughes, who informed him the object had flown across the river and disappeared into the Missouri hills. Within minutes, Wills and two other men watched four jet planes making passes over the plant area as if searching for something.

"The most amazing part," Wills stated, "is the way this object moved rapidly with no effort and perfectly silently." The generating plant produces 66,000 volts of electricity.

The Illinois incident is one of many reports reaching the Bureau from a seven state area during this time period.

One of the best daytime encounters that clearly showed what the craft looked like and what the Sutton pictures captured on film was reported by Mrs. Raymond Stucker of Ellsinore, Missouri. Ellsinore is approximately 20 miles south of Piedmont. Mrs. Stucker was able to get a good close daytime look at the UFO on April 3, 1973, about 11:00 AM while traveling down Highway 60 from junction 21 and 60. "There was a real slow vehicle in front of me, which slowed me down



MRS. RAYMOND STUCKER AT DAYTIME OBSERVATION SITE



TREES SWIRLED UNDER UFO OBSERVATION SITE

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until my car shifted into low range. I looked out to the side of the road and right off the road was this thing in the air. I just looked at it as long as I could. It looked like something I never saw before. It was round, with the exception of a dome on top...three...one on top of the other. It appeared to have a dull band or something going around the center. The bottom had something like tripod landing gear. The object was hovering just above treetop level off to the right of the road. The area is over a small valley. The craft emitted no sound, and looked like aluminum. There is a possibility that it came up from the ground and stopped right above the trees."

Investigation of the area under where the craft was reported by Bureau officials revealed that the UFO had not landed, but did in fact break off several of the tree tops and several of the big 40 foot tall pine trees were turned in a circular motion. Tommy Blann stated, "I have never seen anything like it before. It's fantastic." The area was about 35 feet in diameter which corresponds to Mrs. Stucker's estimate that the thing "was at least 40 feet across."

The author is a trained Oklahoma Civil Defense radiological monitor and was equipped with a special geiger counter especially designed to pick up gamma rays. Gamma radiation is electromagnetic radiation (which is also suspected to be the cause of UFO related radio and TV interference) of energy higher than that of X-rays. Gamma radiation is the most energetic form of electromagnetic radiation. Results were negative as no unusual amount of radiation was detected at the site.

On Thursday night, April 5, the night before Bureau officials were to return to Oklahoma City, one of the most meaningful observations to the author was made by the Bureau proving beyond doubt the existence of the "Piedmont Unexplained", as it has become known.

Witnessing the two UFOs were the author, Tommy Blann, Coach Bone, his wife Mary, and Radio KPWB manager Dennis Hovis and his wife Mary. At 7:30 PM all were standing in Coach Bone's front yard looking at a bright star and wondering, as did the reporters from Poplar Bluff, where the best place would be to "go saucer hunting" on our last night in Piedmont. We, too, were not prepared as someone shouted, "Look!" The UFO appeared about the size of a pea when held at arms length and was a yellowish orange in color. The UFO was estimated to be about a quarter-mile away and travelling between 500-1000 feet in a southeast direction. Before the first UFO disappeared from view, a second object just like the first appeared and followed in the same flight path. No sound, they just seemed to float along. An attempt to catch the UFOs failed as they went over the nearby mountains. While the sighting only lasted a few minutes it was enough to let Bureau officials again see the thing first-hand.

On Friday morning April 6, our fourth field investigation was completed and the trek back to Oklahoma City, was made.

To carry on with a scientific investigation into the Piedmont sightings, scientists from Southeast Missouri State University at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, arrived on Friday night, hoping to shed some light on the yet unexplained nightly visitors. The investigation team was headed by Dr. Harley D. Rutledge, head of the physics department, who wanted to find a "plausible, scientific explanation."

Dr. Rutledge notified the Bureau of his investigations and project goals. Accompanying Dr. Rutledge was Milton W. Ueleke, a member of the University physics department who teaches astronomy. The team wanted to establish observing teams in the Piedmont area to keep watch for the lights. This was much like Bureau attempts where walkie-talkies were used to keep in touch between investigation units in the field and 2-way radio equipped Bureau cars.

Other members of the investigative team were Dr. Sidney E. Hodges, photography instructor, Dr. Robert W. Freeman, nuclear physics instructor, and two students majoring in physics, John Wilson and King Turnbull.

Piedmont Chief of Police Gene Bearden enthusiastically invited the researchers to the area. "We are going at this strictly on a scientific basis with no pre-conceived notions," explained Dr. Rutledge. "I've read both the pros and cons of the issue and the same statement has been made by both sides---that there should be an investigation made of UFOs using scientific equipment."

For use in their observations the investigative team used some of the same equipment employed by the Bureau, such as pocket compasses, battery powered radios, geiger counters, binoculars, cameras and tape recorders. Additional equipment such as hand-held spectrometers, magnetometers, electrostatic voltmeters, astronomical telescopes, timing devices, psychrometer, polarized lenses, and sound meters. Also included in the equipment was a small portable radar unit.

Before "Project Identification" could be put into operation, unexplained observations were made. On Friday night April 6, Dr. Rutledge and Milton Ueleke, and their wives observed one of the lights. "I'm convinced that there is something there, and it needs an explanation, but I can't offer anything until we get data from scientific observations."

Dr. Rutledge reported his sighting to Bureau headquarters in Oklahoma City. "I've never seen anything like it before." He observed the UFO through an 8X telescope and the light appeared to have form and was about the size of a garden pea. He said the light appeared to be about 10-15 miles away and at an altitude of a half-mile. "The light would come to full brilliance, remain visible for 10-20 seconds and extinguish. "It did not appear to be radiation from a gaseous source, but resembled radiation from a metallic source. The light appeared to be a mixture of red and yellow light."

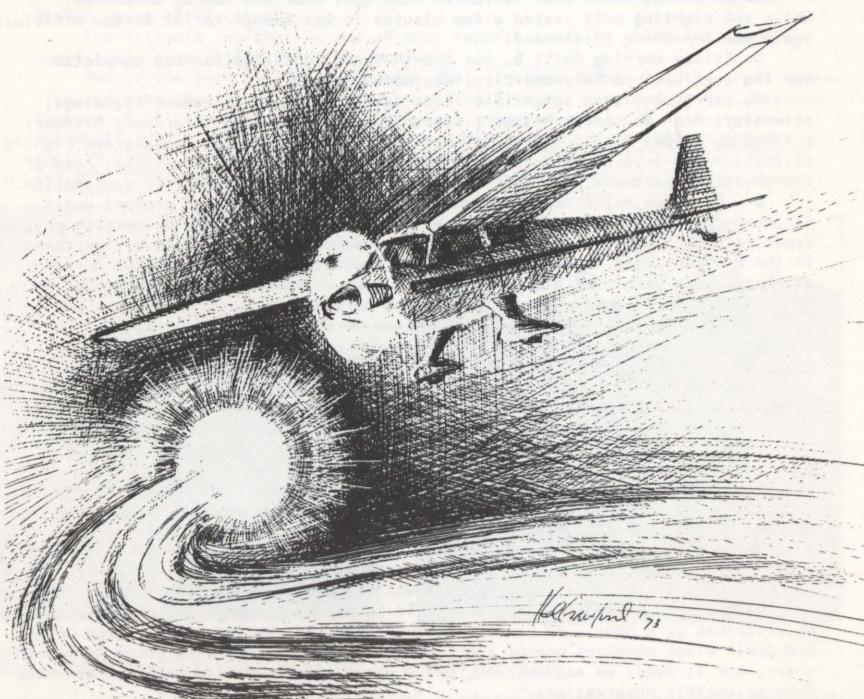
The following night on April 7, Ben Baron, a 15 year old high school sophomore at Horton Walkins High School, St. Louis County, went to Piedmont, with his brother, his brother's wife and their teenage son, and photographed the UFO from the Piedmont city dump, which Baron said, "Was a good vantage point because it is one of the highest spots in the area."

Describing the incident Baron stated, "It started out with a glow above the horizon to the east. The glow got intense and lit up the sky. It got weaker and brighter and then suddenly disappeared altogether. It was up there for about 20 minutes. Their photograph shows a glowing object similar to the Sutton photographs.

Probably the most dramatic incident reported occurred on April 12, about 10:30 PM when Kenneth Pingle, a commercial pilot with more than 5000 flying hours to his credit, and a student, Marvin Colyer, observed and chased a glowing disc-shaped object near Farmington, Missouri. Farmington is approximately 45 miles north of Piedmont. The object outdistanced them in a burst of speed and demonstrated an intelligent source of control.

Pilot Pingle said he was about to land his single-engined plane at the Farmington Airport when he and Colyer first observed the strange light off the left wingtip. "The object was circular shaped and looked off-white in color, gradually turning yellow and taking on an orange tinge. It did not appear to spin."

As the light aircraft made its final approach to land, Pilot Pingle said it looked like the object was directly in the plane's flight path. "It looked like it was moving at us at a high rate of speed, so I pulled back and flew toward it," he said. An intelligence was noted when "it immediately stopped, reversed its direction, and flew away from us at a high rate of speed." Pilot Pingle then chased the object at 140 miles per hour for several miles before it disappeared.



On April 15, Henry Haggard and Bob Malone, two college students from Flat River, Missouri, ten miles from Farmington, obtained three polaroid photographs of a glowing mass of light. The two students were driving on Hillsboro Road in Flat River, searching for the elusive UFOs when about midnight they sighted one.

"It looked like it was sitting on the ground but as we drove up it started to move upward," Haggard told the author. The UFO was only in view a couple of minutes but Haggard was able to take three photographs. "The first one is the best. The second one the UFO is further away, and the third one is even further." Because of the intensity of the light the photographs showed more detail inside the light's hazy outer ring than they were able to see by eye.

Flat River is approximately 55 miles due north of Piedmont. In between the two towns is the Taum Sauk power generating station producing 160,000 volts of electricity. It was at Taum Sauk, which is 600 feet deep, that two pilots reported strange lights ascending from as they flew over nearly five weeks before. Bureau officials flew over and photographed Taum Sauk, but nothing was observed. Nearby Taum Sauk Mountain is the highest point in Missouri.

The following night Oscar Wills again reported "a nearly identical object" hovering over the Grand Tower, Illinois power plant.

The same night, April 16, "A big white light" followed Ms. Carol Lawrence, a professional model from St. Louis in Piedmont to investigate the sightings, as she traveled along Highway H to the Clearwater Dam.

Roy Burch, Jr. once again observed the UFO three nights later on the 19th. He said the UFO, which appeared as "several white lights in a row with a red light above the others" was moving low over Piedmont about 7:50 PM as he and several other residents spotted the UFO.

Later that same evening Dennis Hovis observed the UFO hovering in the west sky at 9:20 PM. Hovis stated, "The white and red lights, flashing erratically, remained stationary at an estimated altitude of 1500 feet for about five minutes. Then it began moving in a southeasterly direction. As they began to move, the white lights went off and a green light appeared and remained on until it disappeared." The sighting lasted about 15 minutes and was observed by nine persons in all. Hovis added, "During this time there was a thunderstorm moving into the area and there was cloud cover, but the lights remained below the clouds.

Later, about 11:30 several persons in the Clearwater Lake area reported they observed "an amber light hanging below the cloud cover".

It would be impossible to report all the UFO sightings made in the area between February and May that were reported to the Bureau. Most of the Nocturnal Lights have been fairly routine as night UFO reports go, and not very revealing, while many have been outstanding encounters, as discussed. When such reports are examined as a class of phenomena rather than a mass of individual anomalous events, the overall result is, in effect, the appearance of order out of the midst of chaos.

While the International UFO Bureau is continuing its investigation into the Piedmont sightings, which in sheer quantity and quality parallels the famous sightings of the mid-1960's, several conclusions have been reached.

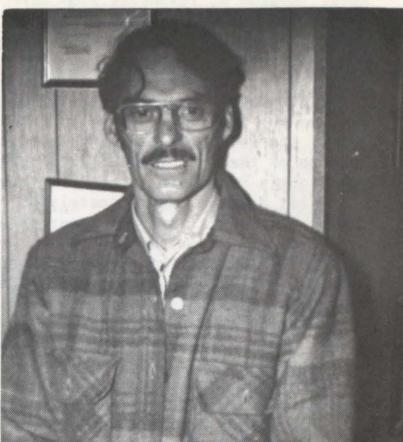
During the Bureau's eleven days of field investigations more than 200 persons were located that observed the UFOs first hand and over ten hours of tape recorded testimony was obtained, along with 300 photographs.

Based on the facts and evidence uncovered, several theories have been advanced by Bureau officials and others to explain why the UFOs have stayed so long in one place, and what they are. One thing is not debated. The fact that an unidentified flying object or objects is in the area.

One theory postulated by John H. Mullen, a research chemist working primarily in the field of plasma gas, investigated the sightings and stated, "There's no doubt in my mind that most of the objects sighted have been stars, which have an unusual appearance because of excess moisture. I didn't see any of the glowing balls that have been reported, but the people who have sighted them give descriptions that exactly fit hot plasma gas. Plasma balls never have been completely verified, but they are akin to ball lightning."

Employed by the McDonnell Douglas Research Laboratories, Mullen is also an amateur astronomer. He took a 400 power telescope to Piedmont with him. "My wife and I were talking to one woman about the UFOs and she said, "There are five of them now", and pointed to five bright lights in the sky. Through the telescope they definitely showed as stars and were identifiable on star charts."

Mullen said there was no question that stars have an unusual appearance in the Piedmont area. There are a number of lakes there, and this combined with high water in streams, has caused excess moisture in the air. "This gives a prism or rainbow effect to bright stars, especially near the horizon. A very small number of objects reported moving other than at the sidereal rate and



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normal direction probably were high-flying airplanes reflecting light from the sun after it was dark on the ground. Glowing balls of plasma gas usually are reported in the general area of high-voltage power lines. All reports of the glowing balls of light in the Piedmont area have been near a high-tension line. As to the report of a UFO landing site having been found...there was nothing to it."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek released his findings, which agreed with Mullen and Bureau officials in that many of the Piedmont reported sightings can be identified and attributed to a conglomeration of things including star scintillation, planets, aircraft, etc. "People thought they were seeing UFOs, while actually they were just distant pulsating lights, probably from observation towers. You have to disregard any lights on the horizon. There generally is one good case that launches a lot of 'me too' stuff, although he was not saying the first reported sighting was the only legitimate one."

The author believes that it was honest misinterpretation as Bureau officials did not uncover any incident involving a hoax.

Hynek classified the Piedmont UFOs as Nocturnal Lights, but did not tell the hundreds of prominent witnesses what they were seeing. After Hynek's investigation he stated, "I was surprised not to find any of the other categorized sightings that have been reported all over the world such as the daylight disc, close encounters and cases where UFOs are reported to leave burned areas on the ground. These are the cases that can be scientifically measured and studied."

Hynek admits he probably would be as pessimistic about UFOs as his astronomy peers if the United States Air Force hadn't asked him to look into the UFO situation. Hynek added, "We ourselves didn't see anything," while in Piedmont, he has reported sighting the Nocturnal Lights.

Hal Crawford, Associate Director of the Bureau from Dallas, Texas, stated, "One of the most troublesome aspects of ufolgy is the seemingly infinite variety of reported objects. It is, in fact, something of a stumbling block to proponents of the physical reality of UFOs, in that with too much of a good thing, most theories become cluttered with assumptions and 'logical entities' that involve motive, origin, propulsion, composition, etc. that are insupportable by the facts, that is, the UFO reports themselves. An adherent of the extra-terrestrial hypothesis questioned on this problem usually cites extremely general patterns, yet ignores the fact that separate reports describing identical objects are the exception, not the rule. Any theory, no matter who puts it forth, must be backed by all the data. Exclusions of data are no less than scientific sin. People look for patterns in their lives. Ufologists are no exception except that they try to organize the unfathomable. From collection of reports, documents, books that become as tedious as seed catalogs certain patterns have emerged. The discoidal variety as well as all others seem capable of assuming two alternate nocturnal configurations. Although the UFO is generally non-luminous by day, by night the UFO takes on either an all-over glow, or a "Christmas tree" appearance, being a dark body studded with numerous lights."

Artist Crawford continued, "The Nocturnal Meandering Lights are the most common type of nighttime UFO reports, and are also the hardest to evaluate without having all the aircraft and astronomical data, on flight routes and times, meteor shower cycles, etc. As a result, they have acquired the name 'Damnable Lights.'

Investigating the possibility of what the remaining unexplained cases could be, the following facts were uncovered.

Aircraft: Dennis Hovis contacted Mr. W. W. Shram at the McDonald Douglas Astronatic Co. about aircraft flights near Piedmont. Hovis reported to Bureau officials that "Mr. Shram told me that they are doing radio altimeter system performance flights at a low altitude over the various types of terrain. The low level flights with a company twin-engine light aircraft going north to south in a line from the Taum Sauk power plant to Williamsville, Missouri. One plane flies 200-700 feet off the ground while another is above photographing at 3000 feet. Day time flight only. They were not here on the 21st of February and their last flights were on the 19th of March." Which poses the question, what were they really photographing and looking for?

Meteor Showers: It was determined by astronomy data that the Piedmont UFOs were not part of any known meteor shower. Of the known three meteor showers during this period, the Quadrantids (January 3) was before the reported sightings, the Lyrids (April 21) were not reported to the Bureau, and the Aquarids (May 4) falls after the concentration of encounters and sightings.

Earth Satellites: Available data indicates that the Piedmont UFOs were not man made earth satellites.

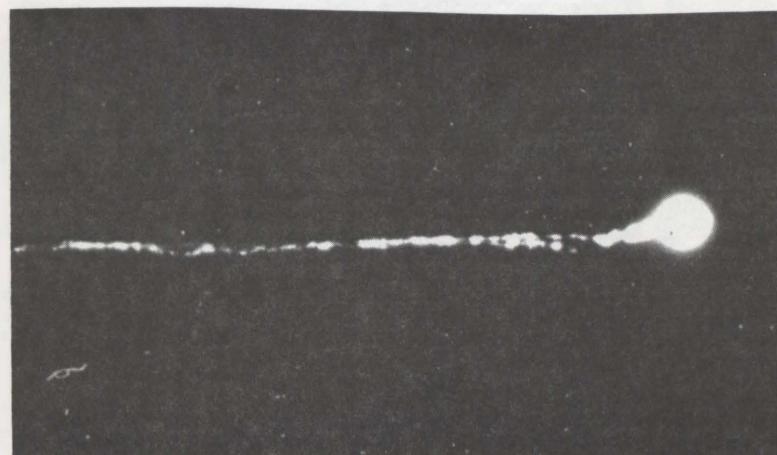
Radar: Dennis Hovis checked with the Federal Aviation Administration flight services in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and they told him to call Kansas City. "I then called Kansas City and the man said he officially couldn't tell me but he said the radar that they use comes out of St. Louis (135 miles north of Piedmont) and that it would not pick up any object unless it was at least 10,000 feet over Piedmont. I then contacted Scott Air Force Base and they did have flights in the area at night but not below 1000 feet."

Motion: The Piedmont UFOs gyrate in flight, sometimes in an erratic manner. Velocity varied from a hover mode or slow crawl, up to speeds faster than can be implemented by todays aerospace technology.

Color: The Piedmont UFOs exhibited an extremely wide range of colors when observed in darkness, varying from an overall glow to the effects of multiple portholes and flashing/rotating searchlights. The most commonly reported colors were orange, red, green and white. Certain reports indicate that some of the UFOs seemed to fade in and out of the human range of perception by becoming tenuous and transparent or even vanishing.

Sound: The Piedmont UFOs rarely were accompanied by sound.

Shape: The general configuration of the UFO was that of a ball, dome on top, with a band of portholes or something similar around the center. Daytime observations reported the craft to be metallic, while it appeared as a mass of glowing colored light at night.



SPECIAL INFRARED PHOTOGRAPH OF UFO BY GARY SUTTON

Several different forms of evidence were uncovered. Proof to one person may not be proof to another. The question of proof is one's own constitution of proof.

1: Multiple Witnesses: Out of the estimated thousands of second-hand sightings Bureau officials were able to locate over 200 first hand witnesses, with this number increasing as our investigations continued.

2: Photographs: Several photographs were obtained of the Piedmont UFO that remain unexplained, including special infrared photographs. Comments concerning the questioned photo of Maude Jefferis are offered by Deputy Director Blann, "My immediate reaction to this photograph was that it was a lens flare. The techniques on the measurements for checking lens flares was applied and it seemed like nothing but a lens flare. I could not understand why Mrs. Jefferis was unable to see this herself. However, there remains one other yet unproposed explanation...that the object was (or is) actually there but through some misfortune was engulfed by a lens flare, or was hidden or wiped out some way."

Public Relations Director Dan Garcia added, "Before I comment on the photo, one thing must definitely be made clear. The Bureau is not trying to push or prove any one theory as opposed to another, we are merely collection all the data available in an effort to come forth with the best possible explanation to these mysterious events in Piedmont. While the Bureau cannot as yet make a definite comment on the photo in particular, it does acknowledge the pros and cons offered by these people...However, let this also be brought to light again for classification purposes...there were witnesses present when this photo was taken, so this would seem to add credibility to the photo itself. The lens flare theory is also well presented, for indeed, the object appears to be like a lens flare...then there's Tommy's explanation.

One question that does remain unanswered is why if the camera lens was coated to prevent a lens flare, did a flare appear on the photos taken for Dr. Hynek?



LEONARD ADAMS AND DAUGHTER AT OBSERVATION SITE

3: E-M Effects: Several witnesses were located that reported interference with car radios and TV sets following visual observations of the Piedmont UFO. Five persons were located that reported their car was stalled as the object was observed nearby. Police reported that their 2-way radios went dead, while the local radio station was unable to sign on the air following the sighting of an object described as "high-intensity, bright white light". Reported by Mr. Leonard Adams and his 13 year old daughter, Alma, the incident on Friday, March 23, may have been responsible. Alma stated, "It blinked on and off and every time it blinked, it shot up about ten feet. When it got about 300 to 500 feet in the air, red and green lights came on and then the object flew horizontally." JX

The UFO passed over the radio station, which was not on at the time. The next morning the station was unable to sign on because some of its equipment was blown out. Manager Hovis stated it "could have been from any number of causes". Hovis told Bureau investigators the following day, "Our engineer came down this morning and he checked out the fuses. They were all blown!"

Mr. Delbert Heffer, supervisor of the Allied Telephone Company, checked the police 2-way radio after they went dead and stated, "I can't find out what caused it."

4: Landing Sites: Three landing sites were located and two were photographed from an aerial search. One site was located in which treetops had been broken off and trees swirled in a counter-clockwise direction.

5: Daytime Encounters: Several good daytime reports at close range were made which fit night observations and match unexplained photographic evidence.

6: Additional UFO Reports: The International UFO Bureau received similar reports from several states across the United States during this time period.

7: Intelligence Control: Based on the 'signalling' and the observation of Pilot Pingle it appears that the UFO or UFOs are intelligently controlled.

The location of Piedmont is within an area surrounded by thick dense forest regions of the vast Clark National Forest and the Mark Twain National Forest, while the flight pattern of the UFOs shows that the UFOs appear to be in the area around Wappapello Lake and Clearwater Lake, as well as the Brushy Creek region. This is supported both by observations and locations of landing sites.

Based on reported sightings it appears that there are more than two UFOs in the Piedmont area. This is based on several visual observations of objects parting, or coming out of another object.



HAYDEN HEWES INTERVIEWS DENNIS AND MARY HOVIS

There is a possibility that the purpose for the UFOs presence in Piedmont was a mining expedition, survey, or study of the magnetic fluctuations of the earth in relation to the high mineral content of the area, search for something, or using the vast forested, hilly region for concealment, if not the large water bodies in the area.

When all the facts are in, then the truth will be known. It is a fact that Piedmont, Missouri, had unidentified flying objects in the area during the Bureau's investigation. "Out of the numerous reports, the Bureau has analyzed the statistics and have found that these people have indeed witnessed something which is completely alien to our present technology," stated Tommy Blann, adding, "The flight maneuvers of these objects and others relating to these sightings could not definitely be any type of known conventional aircraft."

Why are the UFOs at Piedmont? The answer may never be known, but the Bureau has uncovered indisputable evidence proving beyond doubt the existence of an alien earthprobe.....



UFO Photographed

Ben Baron, 15, of St. Louis County, Mo., said he made pictures of the notorious unidentified flying objects of Piedmont, Mo., calling it a "radiant glow, very very intense." He said "It started out with a glow above the horizon to the east. The glow got intense and lit up the sky, got weaker and brighter and then suddenly disappeared altogether. It was up there for about 20 minutes." Baron took the pictures from the city dump April 7 but didn't develop them until Friday because he didn't expect to see anything. He described the 20-second time exposure (right) as brighter than the moon (top of right photo). (UPI Telephoto)

APPENDIX A

Witness Illustrations of Piedmont UFO

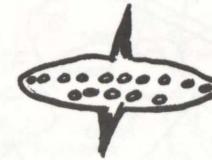
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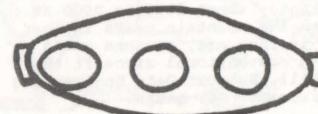
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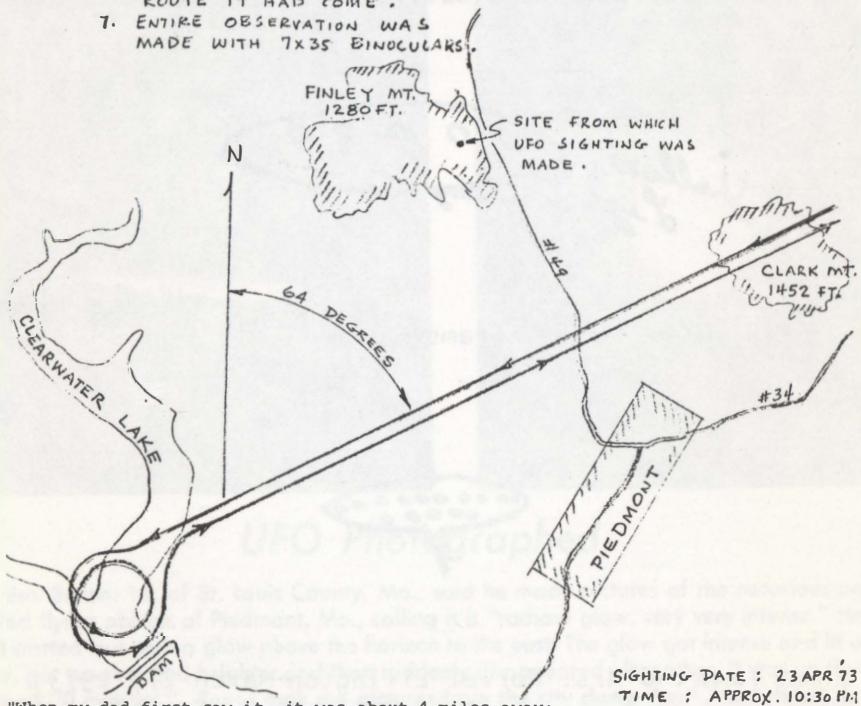


APPENDIX B

Dan Rothwell Sighting

DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING :

- 1- A SINGLE UFO APPROACHED FROM THE NORTHEAST, PASSING APPROX. OVER CLARK MT. HEADING TOWARD CLEARWATER DAM.
- 2- UFO HAD WHITE, GREEN AND RED LIGHTS AND MADE NO SOUND WE COULD HEAR.
- 3- ESTIMATED UFO SPEED 150 MPH
- 4- UFO CIRCLED OVER CLEARWATER DAM AND LAKE AREA AT EST. ALTITUDE OF 1500 TO 2000 FT.
5. AT ONE TIME WHILE CIRCLING DAM AREA, UFO SEEMED TO SHINE A BRIGHT LIGHT TOWARD THE GROUND FOR ABOUT THREE SECONDS.
6. AFTER APPROX. 15 MINUTES UFO LEFT OVER THE SAME ROUTE IT HAD COME.
7. ENTIRE OBSERVATION WAS MADE WITH 7X35 BINOCULARS.



SIGHTING DATE : 23 APR 73
TIME : APPROX. 10:30 PM
WEATHER : CLEAR, 60°

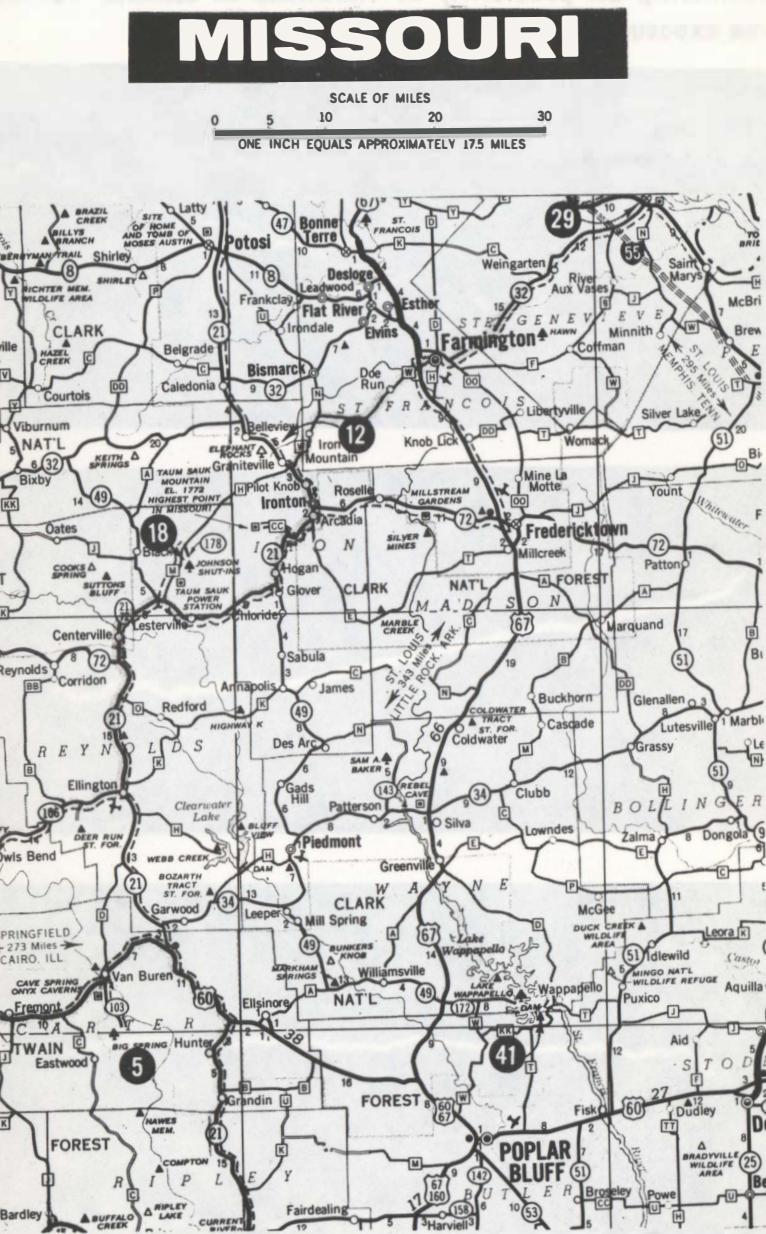
SCALE: 1 INCH = 1 MILE

Dan A. Rothwell

"When my dad first saw it, it was about 4 miles away, coming diagonally toward us. The closest distance to us was about 2 miles. As it left, I was able to watch it till maybe 10 miles away with the binoculars. Its altitude seemed to be constantly about 1500 to 2000 ft. I'm a pilot myself, and with the mountain peaks in that part of the Ozarks as high as they are, someone would have to be an idiot to fly a conventional aircraft that low at night." Dan A. Rothwell, Support Data Engineering Supervisor for McDonnell Aircraft, St. Louis.

APPENDIX C

Map of Piedmont Area



APPENDIX D

Time exposures made in March, 1973 by Frank Bagbey, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, indicating the erratic flight levels of Piedmont UFOs. Camera and lens mounted on two separate tripods, eliminating all possibility of vibrations in camera. Ten second time exposures.

