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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

-Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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1 November.

NICAP, a false front of bigness and other problems.

UFO author M.K. Jessup was still keeping tabs on developments at NICAP. Although touted as a "great gift to Saucerdom," NICAP, as Jessup observed, was still taking shape as a vehicle of pecuniary gain for a few promoters. For Jessup this was made abundantly clear during the November 1st meeting of 19 voting members when plans surfaced for a Baltimore firm to conduct some "public relations," a scheme Jessup felt was too vague to be on the up and up. He also considered the \$85,000 salary structure for a seven member office staff too high to be realistic, and it didn't help when some potential donors to the NICAP cause withheld their money when Director Brown indicated the UFO organization would do limited investigations. (1.)

NICAP and the CIA.

If difficulties with its business condition and research program wasn't enough, NICAP had two men appointed to key positions who were suspicious characters. Occupying the position of Vice-Chairman was a Russian immigrant named Count Nicolas de Rochefort. The other appointee was Bernard J.O. Carvalho who was selected to head NICAP's membership subcommittee. Only decades later was it learned that de Rochefort and Carvalho were long time CIA operatives. Proof that the super-secret Intelligence agency was deliberately infiltrating the civilian UFO organization is lacking, but it is suspicious that Count Rochefort was an employee of the CIA's Psychological Warfare staff, as was a Col. Joseph Bryan who much later served as NICAP's Chairman of the Board. Col. Bryan was tricked into revealing his affiliation with the CIA. (2.) (3.) (4.)

NICAP public relations.

There was a need for someone on NICAP's staff to handle the newsmedia, so Brown selected the group's fundraiser, Martin H. Heflin, for the job. Heflin was given the title: "Chairman of Public Relations." If the job was to make NICAP look good, Heflin had a chance, but if he was required to make the UFO mystery respectable he was in for an uphill battle, especially in California.

Out west, John -alien contact by radio- Otto, was busy in the Los Angeles area trying to take advantage of the "Mon-ka" phenomenon, riding the crest of excitement over the supposed impending "Martian communique" due on November 7th. Over a period of four days (November 1st-4th) Otto gave his speech, titled: "We have Visitors From Space," to crowds in Southern California.

1 November. 60 miles east of St. Louis, Missouri.

"Unable to give a logical explanation."

It wasn't one of the more spectacular UFO sightings, but considering the witnesses, the story should be included in our survey of the period.


A round glowing body was spotted at 2330Z hours on November 1st by two Air Force officers. The weather was CAVU. The UFO was moving at a speed that was estimated to be 1,200 knots.

The Air Force witnesses were flying in a T-33 jet. BLUE BOOK records tells us:

"The pilot was Lt. Colonel Walter A. Rosenfield, Jr., and the Aerial Weather Reconnaissance Officer was Orville H. Daniel. Lt. Col. Rosenfield is the Chief, Maintenance Division, 3243rd Test Group (Fighter), AFOTC, Eglin AFB, Florida. He has over 10,000 flying hours, is current in supersonic aircraft, and is assigned to Headquarters, APGC, Directorate of Test Requirements, Eglin, Florida. He is an Air Force meteorologist and holds an AFSC of 2524 and 2534." (5.)

Capt. Daniel filed the following statement with Air Force Intelligence. (See below)

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM: Agency Hq Air Proving Ground Command Eglin Air Force Base, Florida	REPORT NO. IR-6-56	PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES
<p style="text-align: center;">INCLOSURE #1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>STATEMENT BY CAPTAIN DANIEL</u></p>		
<p>I was the Aerial Weather Reconnaissance Officer on the night of 1 November 1956 in a T-33 aircraft going from Springfield, Illinois to Eglin Air Force Base on a true course of 140°. After reaching an altitude at 35,000 feet, a steady orange light with a blue tinge was sighted near Mount Vernon at about 2330Z at about a 5° elevation angle and 220° from the aircraft. I was unable to judge the distance, speed, or size of the object. There was no tail, or exhaust discernible. It did not appear to be a jet exhaust as the light intensity was constant when viewed from a changing direction. I do not believe it was a meteor as there was not any tail, nor another aircraft because of the lack of blinking navigation lights. The object was in view for about two minutes, increasing nearly 5° in elevation and to about 320° from the aircraft position. As the aircraft was heading in opposite direction from the object, I was unable to view it any longer. The night was clear, with an unlimited ceiling and unrestricted visibility of at least 60 miles. The cloud formation in the area was thin altostratus on the East and Southeast horizon and clear in the vicinity of the object. I am unable to give a logical explanation for this reported sighting.</p>		
<p>The above statement was given to Captain William M. Lyons by Capt Daniel.</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">  WILLIAM M. LYONS Captain, USAF Chief, Intelligence Division </p>		

"Mon-ka" causes a stir.

When Leonard Stringfield heard of the "Mon-ka" story, he immediately felt the "space message" business was nonsense and refused to publish anything about it in the pages of Orbit. His readers, however, swamped CRIFO headquarters with inquiries. Rumors were circulating alluding to an unnamed "unimpeachable source" that vouched for the authenticity of the "Mon-ka" story coming out of Los Angeles. Some people said the British UFO magazine Flying Saucer Review was the source. Stringfield, in an Orbit editorial, aptly remarked that he knew of no "unimpeachable source" in the weird business of saucer research, but to set things straight, he said he would contact the editor of the British publication, Brinsley Le Poer Trench. (6.)

3 November. Washington Star story on NICAP.

A second news story about NICAP, this time in the widely read Washington D.C. newspaper the Evening Star, tells us more about the new UFO group. Brown, speaking for the organization, did not claim the government was withholding UFO information and that he had no pre-conceived notions about what UFOs could be. (See news clipping)

5 November. Johannesburg, South Africa. (8-9:00 p.m.)

At least 33 people reported something over the city. A prime witness was a Mrs. Keet:

"It appeared from behind the building across the road. It was enormous --about twice the apparent size of the full moon, round with defined edges, and it made no sound.

"It moved from the north-east to the south-east at a speed of about 200 miles an hour and then disappeared behind our building. It travelled behind a cloud--still showing clearly, but blurred, through it--and then reappeared. It was yellowish-white in color." (7.)

6 November. Hobart, Oklahoma. (11:00 p.m.)

"Strange request."

An unexplained notice appeared in the local newspaper on November 29th:

"PILOT REPORT SOUGHT."

Any pilot of any civilian aircraft who was flying in the vicinity of Hobart, at about 11 p.m. on election night, November 6, and who saw anything unusual is requested to contact the Commander, Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, as soon as possible." (8.)

6 November. "Big space party." (See news clippings)

The "Mon-ka" business was being played out right in Idabel Epperson's back yard. One of the better civilian UFO investigators of her time, the woman UFOlogist was dismayed by the "message from space" stunt and 20 years later the trouble caused by "Mon-ka" still irritated. In a 1978 letter she wrote:

"There are certain groups, and individuals, whose interests in

Board Named to Probe Flying Saucer Reports

A nine-man board of governors, including a nuclear physicist, a radio-television commentator and two ministers, was named here yesterday to head an investigation by "interested parties" of aerial phenomena, including the possible existence of flying saucers.

At its organizational meeting at 1536 Connecticut avenue N.W., the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, temporarily headed by T. Townsend Brown, a British expert on cosmic radiation, determined to gather data on unidentified flying objects from world-wide sources and make them available to the Government and the public.

The membership stressed it is not just a group of science-fiction fans.

"We go beyond that," one member said.

In launching the investigation, Mr. Brown declared:

"Nothing whatever is conceded at this time on the saucer-and-space subject, save that there does exist more than enough evidence of certain and obvious aerial phenomena to justify independent evaluation."

The group maintains "there is a wide public demand for more honest information about the mysterious realm of outer-space 'raft.' It did not claim, however, that the Government is withholding information.

"Strange objects and lights are continuing to be reported throughout the world by airline pilots, military observers, radar operators, and others whose reliability cannot be ques-

tioned," Mr. Brown said. "Someone knows something and we hope to find out what it is and make the facts available to everyone."

He said the committee has "no pre-conceived notions about so-called flying saucers. We only wish to serve the public interest." The project will be financed privately by individual memberships, group registration fees, endowment-fund grants and two planned publications.

The board members are Robert Emerson, nuclear physicist with Kaiser Aluminum Co.; Frank Edwards, radio-TV commentator, the Rev. Albert N. Baller, Robbins Memorial Congregational Church, Greenfield, Mass.; Talbot T. Speer, Speer Foundation, Baltimore; Dr. Charles A. Maney, physics professor at DePauw College; Rear Admiral D. C. Fahrney, USN, retired; A. M. Sonnabend, president of the Hotel Corporation of America, and the Rev. Leon C. LeVan, New Jerusalem Christian Church.

Five additional members will be named at a January meeting.

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'SAUCER DAY'

Coast Town To Welcome Martians

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.
—(AP)—Mayor Fred Locksinger proclaimed Wednesday "flying saucer day" because some London scientists predicted a flying saucer would appear over the city and its crew would try to make radio contact.

Radio Station KATY said it would go off the air in efforts to pick up signals from the saucer.

"Welcome Martians" signs appeared on white backgrounds with red letters.

Store windows displayed purported flying saucers, space ships and a landscape of Mars.

Maynard Marquardt, owner of KATY, said California Polytechnic College was readying about a dozen radio-equipped cars and an elaborate radar system.

'Flying Saucer Day' Flops

'Martians' Fail to Call Waiting Radio Station

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., Nov. 9 (UP) — Promoters of 'Flying Saucer Day' felt let down yesterday because Martian "spacemen" ignored their invitation.

The Martian visitors were supposed to contact local radio station KATY through a network of 11 mobile radar and directional finders supplied by the California Polytechnic Institute here.

The radio station went through with its plan to go off the air for three minutes at 10 pm, 10:15 pm and 10:30 pm so that signals could be heard. But nothing happened.

One of the mobile units, located

on a nearby hilltop, reported sighting an unidentified flying object and a radio station in Berkeley, Calif., reported seeing a blue light in the sky. The blue light later was identified by the Air Force as a weather balloon.

Although the radio station did not contact any space ships, it was flooded with calls from flying saucer enthusiasts.

"It was a madhouse here," KATY radio announcer Hugh Harling said. "Everyone wanted to know about the spacemen. I didn't know that there are that many flying saucer enthusiasts in the country."

The preparations for greeting the possible landing of men from outer space began following a report from "saucer scientists" in Paris and London that a landing of spacemen could be expected the night of Nov. 7 in southern California. The "scientists" also said the visitors would attempt to contact earth through a radio or television station which was willing to tune in.

Maynard Marguardt and Clay Coldwell, executives of KATY, immediately arranged for the station to be ready for any such signals. The chamber of commerce and city declared Nov. 7 "Flying Saucer Day."

'Martian Ship' Arrives At Los Angeles Tonight

Space Travelers Booked to Speak Over Radio if They Can Get Free Time

By ALICE MOSBY

Hollywood, Nov. 7 (UP)—Los Angeles—where else?—has been selected for what is called the first arrival on earth of men from Mars. It's due tonight.

This communique comes from an earth organization, the Space Interplanetary Study Group, which has become virtually another popular religion in this land of fads about the hereafter.

The group, headed by President, Gabriel Green, for months has been playing on local TV and radio stations a tape recording that predicts the space ship will hover over the orange groves and supermarkets on Nov. 7. On this recording allegedly made by mental telepathy from Mars, a celestial-sounding voice booms out the news that the saucers will sail into sight to prove they really exist.

With M-Day approaching, I visited President Green to see how members of the SISG were preparing for this event.

Green, a 31-year-old photographer for the Los Angeles city school system, has a problem. How to get a local TV or radio station to go off the air for two minutes when the saucers arrive.

"The men from Mars say they will speak to us on the wavelength of a station if that station will cease its programming," explained Green.

One station in San Luis Obispo (KATY) obligingly will observe two minutes of silence. But Green fears the station is too far away for the space men to be able to use it.

The space ship, he continued, is due at 10:30 p. m. (PST). He says it will be oblong in length and brightly lit. It will be a mother ship with little saucers tucked inside, he added. Whether the Martians will disembark and be photographed with Jayne Mansfield at Ciro's, he doesn't know.

Green hopes somebody will ask him to be on TV that night so he can explain the Martians to everybody.

The photographer, a bachelor who still lives with his parents, is enjoying local fame with his project which might explain it. His space club meetings in auditoriums draw hundreds of customers, including, he says, space men disguised as earthlings. They've been sent to earth, he tells his rapt listeners, to "help people solve their problems."

KBLA Will Give Spacecraft Believers Chance for Proof

Burbank radio station KBLA is going to give local craft-from-outer-space believers a chance to prove it.

Gordon Rogers, president of the Burbank station, said KBLA will leave the air at 10:30 p. m. for two minutes so a spacecraft Los Angeles Interplanetary Study Groups claim will be hovering over the city then will be able to broadcast on KBLA's 1490 frequency. Rogers emphasized his station's action was no endorsement of the groups' claim, merely a chance for the group to prove their assertion.

Gabriel Green, chairman of the Groups, is holding a free "space party" at 8:30 tonight at 5745 Sunset Blvd.

the subject of UFOs follow a very different course than ours. They are responsible for the ridicule that has surrounded the subject of UFOs since the beginning. My usual advice has been to ignore the trouble makers and the games they play. But once in awhile they create a situation that causes a major set back for serious, objective researchers.

"This occurred in 1956. Those of us who realized what the results were going to be, tried desperately to prevent it. We didn't have a chance. Art Linkletter[a famous T.V. host in the 1950s.] allowed sponsors of the Mon-Ka 'visit' to appear on his nationwide program more than once. Several of us begged him for equal time on his program and he refused. At that time we were told that newspapers across the U.S. featured the story --and we knew there were headlines in a newspaper in London, England.

"Well, of course the fiasco that exploded when Mon-ka did not show up as promised, increased the ridicule tenfold. It set serious UFO research back at least ten years." (9.)

Also: "Scientists, the news media and ordinary citizens who were beginning to be interested dropped the subject quickly, lest they would be ridiculed." (10.)

7 November.

The night of 'Mon-ka' as described by the Saucerian Bulletin: (See photocopy)

7 November. Stringfield and the Baston photos.

ATIC heard from Stringfield again in November. It seems a Cincinnati photographer by the name of Harry Baston had taken some pictures of the moon that also showed an odd, semi-ovoidal, sharply defined, shape in the sky. Prints and negatives were passed on to Stringfield who immediately phoned BLUE BOOK's Captain Gregory. Considering BLUE BOOK's aversion to cooperating with the Cincinnati UFO buff perhaps it is surprising Gregory agreed to examine the photos, yet maybe not since the BLUE BOOK chief took the opportunity to boast of the military's ability to analyze any photographic evidence, and to denounce "rumors" that maintained that the Air Force retained UFO films instead of returning them to their owners. (11.)

In fact the Air Force was at that time under fire on the West Coast for allegedly not returning a UFO negative to a San Bernardino, California, man.

Air Force records at this time mention a fear of "adverse publicity," and in another official letter, the writer of the "Aviation Week" column in a Los Angeles newspaper is identified and the reason for caution explained:

"...it is requested that positive action be taken to bring to the attention of Mr. Tom Towers, that the negative, and prints therefrom, were processed, analyzed, and the results made known to source, Mr. (...deleted). For your information, it should be pointed out that Mr. Towers was the individual cast in the leading role of the controversial documentary film produced by Green Rouse Studios 'UFO.' The implications in not informing Mr. Towers are therefore obvious." [12.]

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"MON-KA" DOESN'T COME THROUGH: "THE 'MON-KA' BUSINESS WAS A COMPLETE FIASCO," MANON DARIAINE, ONE OF OUR WEST COAST CONTACTS, TOLD US BY LONG DISTANCE PHONE, ABOUT 3:30 A.M. AFTER THE NOT-SO-MOMENTOUS NOVEMBER 7TH, THE DATE THE TAPE RECORDED SPACE MAN WAS SUPPOSED TO BREAK INTO RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS WITH A MESSAGE TO PEOPLE OF EARTH. BUT LIKE THE OLD LADY WHO PRAYED FOR THE MOUNTAIN TO BE REMOVED, AND, THE NEXT MORNING LOOKED OUT HER WINDOW, SAW IT STILL THERE AND SAID, "O LORD, JUST AS I EXPECTED," SAUCERERS HAD EVIDENCED LITTLE FAITH THAT "MON-KA" WOULD ACTUALLY PRODUCE. IN SHORT, HE DIDN'T. SINCE NOTHING HAPPENED, WE DELAYED RUSHING THIS BULLETIN TO PRESS UNTIL PROPER BACKGROUND MATERIAL COULD BE GATHERED. YOU'LL BE RATHER GLAD WE DID, WE BELIEVE, WHEN YOU READ THE FOLLOWING REPORT FROM OUR ANONYMOUS WEST COAST CORRESPONDENT, WHO, EVEN IF HE (OR MAYBE SHE) GETS IN SOME SAUCERERS' WIGS OCCASIONALLY, ALWAYS COMES THROUGH WITH THE FASCINATING INSIDE STORY:

EVEN THOUGH "MON-KA" FAILED TO PICK UP HIS INTERSTELLAR RADIO AND T.V. OPTION AND make the promised broadcast to the people of Earth, California saucerers made a big night of it. Television coverage began with the Paul Coates show, called "UNIT ONE," a roving reporter sort of thing, on Channel 11, KTTV, at 9:00 p.m.

Coates works from a sound truck. Tonite (this report written 12:30 a.m. right after the "big night"--Ed.) he "visited," via picture and sound (HE stays in the truck) a comedian back stage, a homecoming queen -- and a large group of people gathered on a Hollywood vacant lot awaiting Mon-ka's coming! Gabriel Green, prominent local saucerenthusiast, did the talking for the group. "Somebody" Short was manning the "light beam equipment," and I'm CERTAIN I saw John Otto there in the crowd. Coates interviewed a Mr. Comstock who had a telescope set up. He was an oldish fellow with a funny hair-do. It seemed the cameras DELIBERATELY picked out what might be termed the most "colorful" characters.

Coates interviewed a sandwich wagon man who was doing a land office business. "What would YOU do, sir, if a saucer landed?" "Oh, I'll just try to sell them a couple of sandwiches." Short explained (?) the light beam machine and said he was ready to "monitor and record messages."

Green explained why they knew the saucer was to hover over the city, reviewed the message from Mon-ka (printed in the last issue of THE BULLETIN).

Coates had a pilot circling the area, Hank Coffin -- "34-Charlie." They talked back and forth, Coates asking "34-Charlie" if he was seeing anything unusual, and cameras picked up the plane very nicely. The pilot said he couldn't see a thing -- no saucers, anyhow. Coates asked him if he had heard the stories about pilots who had encountered saucers and had disappeared and "34-Charlie" said he was back East once when some planes saw a saucer, but HE looked and he didn't see anything. He seemed quite unconcerned about the whole matter.

Coates played it fairly straight, seemed, though, to be enjoying himself greatly. He signed off by telling the pilot to keep circling and watching and to cut in any time he saw a saucer. If he did, Coates would be back, -- but if he didn't, "I'll see you next week."

I cut back to Channel 11 several times after the show, but there wasn't anything saucerwise coming off. So I assume "34-Charlie" drew a blank as far as saucers were concerned.

TOM DUGAN, who originally had interviewed Dick Miller and started the whole mess in the first place, opened his show with a foggy, weird-looking scene, complete with space men drifting across the screen, one by one. That was 10:30, the time for Mon-Ka's appointed coming, and we ran outside every minute or two to scan the skies. After the science-fictionish introduction, the TV camera showed everyone at the studio running out the door and looking up, except Dugan and his gal Friday, Judith Bess. I nearly fell over when I spotted Orfeo Angelucci in the crowd. Dugan switched to the camera outside, which scanned the sky, found a plane and stayed on it.

There was a lot of "funny stuff," -- people screaming, "Tom, come look at the saucer" -- and shots of the sky and the people. Tom kept urging the cameraman to show the PEOPLE -- evidently he thought that was the best part of the show. A lot of chit chat and confusion -- and actually it was pretty funny. In fact the whole show was hilarious, at the expense of saucers and saucerers. "After this," I thought, "NOBODY will ever take the saucers seriously."

Angelucci was first "interviewed." He didn't have a chance. Dugan kept asking him idiotic questions and making very UNfunny veiled cracks. Orfeo started way back with the first time he ever saw a saucer, about 1947, in New Jersey. Said he was studying molds at the time. "MOLES?" shouts Dugan. Orfeo then gets into an involved explanation about sending up mold cultures into the sky, to study the effect of radiation on them. He never got anywhere, thanks to Dugan. He started on his story about meeting space people a few years later here in Los Angeles

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---their studying him, reading his mind, etc. Told about "the car" seeming "to get heavy on the right side, making me turn right," whereupon Dugan says, "Sounds like a flat tire to me." Orfeo tried to tell more about his research* but got no where, due to Dugan's meddling and smart remarks:

Next Dugan screams for "that woman who gets space messages through the hole in her head!" She was an innocent, benign lady, and it was a shame that overbearing TV personalities must exploit such people. Her name was Juanita Schaeffer, or "the human telephone," as he called her. She tried to explain about the "head opening" -- "born with it and will die with it. Humans are the greatest electronic instruments--special power we all can develop, etc."

Next a fellow named Berke dashes in, and everyone screams at the same time. Out of the melee I gather from Berke that he "attended a meeting of the Solar Group (Solar Cross Foundation -- Ed.) at Tarzana once! Ah-hal " He kept saying it was a "tensor beam" that could have entered the lady's hole in the head.

Best note in the proceedings was John Otto's attempt to alleviate the situation saying things like "All this is obscuring the real research," but he didn't get too far. Otto came right out and made no bones about not believing the Mon-ka business, called the people who perpetrated the affair "frauds and fakes." Baxter Ward said it was deplorable that the tape recordings, ostensibly from space people, were sold all over the world at \$4.50, and some for as much as \$100.00.

Earlier Otto had cried "Hogwash!" to Omar Garrison, L.A. Mirror-News science editor, who interviewed the Chicago saucerenthusiast. According to Otto, Kenneth Keller, a university student from England, carried the Miller tapes back to London and started the wave of publicity about Mon-ka's promised broadcast.

Garrison telephoned Randall Cox, auto dealer of Detroit, and Miller's former employer before the latter left Detroit for the West Coast. "I exposed one of his attempted hoaxes here when he was a member of the Detroit Flying Saucer Club," Cox told him.

"MILLER TOLD US HE HAD INFORMATION ON A CERTAIN DATE WE WERE TO CONTACT A SAUCER IN A CERTAIN AREA. WHEN WE WENT OUT, HE HAD US REMAIN IN A CAR TO LISTEN TO THE RADIO. SOON WE HEARD HIS VOICE. HE SAID HE WAS SPEAKING FROM THE SPACESHIP. HE SAID HE COULD SEE US ON A KIND OF ADVANCED-TYPE SCREEN ABOARD THE SAUCER.

"LATER, WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE CAR, I WAS SUSPICIOUS. I GOT THE RADIO HAM WHO ASSISTED MILLER TO BREAK DOWN AND TELL ME THE WHOLE STORY. ABOUT A HALF MILE AWAY IN AN ABANDONED TRUCK, WE FOUND THE RADIO TRANSMITTER HE HAD USED TO CUT IN ON OUR RADIO WITH HIS PHONY MESSAGE FROM THE SPACESHIP."

John Otto, as SAUCERIAN READERS will recall, has also received messages from space people (Page 37 THE SAUCERIAN #6), although it turned out to be a weird kind of code. He once ran across a space man in a restaurant, who had pre-arranged the meeting through a radio message to Otto.

Dugan's program format includes periods of phone calls from listeners asking questions which Tom answers (?). This time they were flooded with "saucer calls." People reporting saucers seen here and there, one hovering over such and such a place, one flying over Burbank, and the like. I rather doubt their authenticity, but who knows, maybe Mon-ka was around, after all?

The sanest note of the evening was Baxter Ward's news broadcast over radio station KATY, at 11:00 (San Luis Obispo). He said KATY was disappointed -- NOTHING. Ward had students in the engineering school of California State Polytechnic College manning inner and outer rings of signal and direction detectors which would determine whether a message, if it did come through, was originating from the earth or sky.

*Angelucci engaged in other research prior to becoming interested in saucers. Following is quote from his publication, 20TH CENTURY TIMES, Vol. 1, No. 1: "For a short time he (Angelucci) centered his attention on the crowing of a rooster, and from a few observations concluded that the rooster was made to crow for the stability of the sensitive nervous system of the hens, whose nervous system is in a way similar to the human nervous system." --Ed.

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7 November. Paris, France.

Thousands of witnesses.

The "Martians" seemed to have picked the wrong city to visit on November 7th. While crowds filled the streets of Los Angeles looking skyward in vain for a flying saucer, something appeared above Paris a half world away.

There were plenty of people in the streets of Paris. Mass anti-Communist protests were taking place at the time, when a couple of unexplained bright lights were visible stationary in the sky. Before the objects zoomed away, the Paris Observatory confirmed the presence of the UFOs. The same two objects, apparently, were later sighted over Versailles to the west.

Elsewhere in France, the next day, five policemen stationed in the town of Forbach in Alsace Lorraine witnessed a "white ball" in the atmosphere that changed its color to red while shooting out "rays." (13.)

8 November. "Scanning the skies in vain."

When "Mon-ka" didn't show there was considerable disappointment. Rubbing it in Capt. Brock of the Air Defense Center remarked: "If anything, we have had fewer calls than usual." (See Mirror-News news clipping)

8 November. Garden Grove, California. (6:30 p.m.)

A day late, a UFO visits California.

A newspaper account said:

"Orange County deputy sheriffs Jimmy Pond and Donald E. Atkins reported a bright blue light in the sky which stopped, started, zig-zagged, and at times changed color to a glowing red at 6:30 p.m. The Santa Ana sheriff's radio operator, to whom the deputies related their account, verified the UFO." (14.)

8 November. Cape Sable, the southern most tip of Florida.

"Moving aimlessly over Florida."

The Miami Herald tells us:

"At 11:15 a.m. on the evening of November 8, 1956, Pan American radar technician Donald Freestone at Miami International Airport, was putting a Bendix RDR-1A weather radar through its paces. The antenna was horizontally directed when a strange blip appeared on the scope, 65 miles southwest of Miami (thus approximately at the southern most tip of Florida) and at an altitude of 7,000 to 8,000 feet. It was hourglass shaped, and four or five times as large as any airplane. Freestone and six of his PAA colleagues watched the UFO on the radarscopes for twenty minutes as it moved rapidly and apparently aimlessly about over the southern Everglades, its distance from the radar station varying between 50 and 70 miles. 'It disappeared and reappeared several times,' said Freestone, 'but I found that by tilting the antenna up, it could be brought back on the screen. The speed was estimated at 550 and 650 miles per hour. One time, though, it was noted that the target moved 20 miles in six sweeps of the antenna, which rotates at 20 rpm (4,000

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TIME FLEW BY, BUT THAT FLYING SAUCER DIDN'T---



MIRROR-NEWS Photo

MARTIANS STAND UP EARTH CROWD THAT KEPT A DATE LAST NIGHT
Flying rumors failed to materialize into flying saucers.

BY OMAR GARRISON
Mirror-News Science Editor

Credulity, like dandruff or fallen arches, can happen to anybody.

It happened to scores of Southland flying-saucer converts who last night scanned the skies in vain for a promised visit of Martians in a spaceship.

Shortly before 10:30 p.m., the hour for the saucer to appear over Los Angeles, the space votaries and assorted believers in things extraterrestrial gathered on rooftops, beaches and in the hills to watch for the awaited advent.

To make certain that nothing escaped their vigilance, they armed themselves

with telescopes, cameras, tape recorders and such advanced gadgets as light-beam receivers.

But Mon-Ka, mysterious Martian whose voice had allegedly set up the precise time of the rendezvous, failed to show.

At the Air Defense Filter Center in Pasadena, where personnel were alert for any unusual activity in the air, the evening passed with only one sighting reported.

That report came from Santa Barbara County. The flying object was soon identified by the Army as one of its weather balloons, which gives off light

as they release telemetering equipment.

"It has been a normal, routine night here," said Capt. Gordon Brock, operations officer at the center. "If anything, we

have had fewer calls than usual."

The officer said the Air Defense filter operations cover an area from San Diego to Paso Robles, and from some distance offshore in the Pacific to a point 80 miles beyond Yuma, Ariz.

At San Luis Obispo, the California Polytechnic school put 13 mobile radio receivers at various points in San Luis Obispo and San Bernardino Counties to pick up any unusual radio messages. None was received, a spokesman for the school said.

Officials of Radio Station KRLA, which had agreed to go off the air for two minutes at 10:30 p.m., so the Martians could speak through their transmitter, could not be reached for comment.

Listeners who tuned into the station, however, said no message from Martian spacecraft was received.

Police received telephone calls from residents inquiring about several conventional aircraft which appeared over the city about the time the Martians were supposed to appear. They were identified as private planes whose pilots evidently wanted a closer look at a spaceship if it should appear.

Gabriel Green, chairman of a local space fan club, who invited saucer groups to a "Space Party" on the back lot of KTTV television studios, was not daunted by the failure of Mon-Ka and his Martians to put in an appearance.

"Perhaps later reports will clarify the situation," he said cryptically. "Maybe the spaceship was here."

If it was, Venus came between us.

mph). After remaining stationary at 50 miles for two or three minutes, it began going off in the south-southwest direction it had come from. It was last seen about 100 miles from Miami.' Freestone added that 'it had a definite course, so it is not believed to have been a freak return. I'm convinced that it was something that is not of our experience.'" (15.)

8 November. Ortonville, Minnesota.

"It was following his truck." (See Saucerian Bulletin)

According to a number of newspaper sources, Hewitt claimed that at one point the UFO swooped down to an altitude of about 1,000 feet and about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away. The thing, he said, was: "...about a block square[!], around 12 feet thick, and with an opening at the base about 1/10 the size of the object itself, from which a brilliant light was shining." (16.)

The light flashed blue-white, and then to orange, and finally to a cherry red color.

Also: "It would tilt around and back-and-forth, gaining maybe 3,000 or 4,000 feet in the flick of an eye." (17.)

Hewitt said: "I wanted to get out of there, so I jumped back into the truck and turned on the lights. When my lights went on, the thing turned a bright cherry red and shot up into the high clouds. It moved faster than anything I ever saw." (18.)

Moreover: "As I drove toward Ortonville, it dropped down and went to the southwest at a tremendous rate of speed. Then it stopped and hovered. I could still see light in the cloud when I got to Ortonville...after I got to Big Stone City, it came down out of the clouds again, still changing colors." (19.)

Furthermore. "Further interviews with Hewitt also disclosed that he had again turned out his lights and that it again darted away, only that this time he saw some smoke coming from it." (20.)

In summation the: "...object disappeared about five hours after he first spotted it. He had travelled about 150 miles." (21.)

9 November. Destin, Florida.

The existence of a high altitude radar target above Florida may explain a visual contact with something on the 9th at 2400Z. An Air Force BLUE BOOK file card, unfortunately, is all the data we have on the incident. (See file card) (22.)

11 November. Breardsley, Minnesota.

A "dirigible-like" object was spotted near the farm of Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Herberg. No other details are available. (23.)

11/12 November. El Toro, California.

A fantastic 8 hours.

At 9:30 p.m. Marine Sgt. William Word, assigned to the Marine Air Station at El Toro, California, was standing outside the operations room of the airfield's GCA unit. Looking to the north, Sgt. Word noticed a bright light flying in circles. (24.)

With Sgt. Word was M/Sgt. Philip Karnoski. Sgt. Karnowski said the mystery light was red in color, blinking, and in the air directly to the north over a

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OUT OF THE COLD PRE-DAWN OF ORTONVILLE, MINNESOTA, Marlan Hewitt, National Guardsman and milk truck driver, braked to a screaming halt in the parking area in front of an all-night Cafe. He always stops there for breakfast. Everyone ran to the windows, wiped off the frost and looked out. They saw it was Marlan, and that was unusual. Marlan Hewitt never hot rodded his truck.

He entered the Theatre of Seasons Cafe, at Hilltop, Minn., visibly shaken and breathless, shouting to the night attendant to come outside. Jim Scherer, the youthful attendant complied, and looked where Hewitt pointed. There, in the eastern sky, was a bright moving object too bright and too big for a star. Scherer was frightened: he could see windows in it:

By that time others in the cafe had come outside to look. They were members of a hunting party which included Don Olson, editor of the Marshall, Minn., Messenger, Jack Miller, Marshall theatre operator, Carl Olson, of Minneapolis, and two members of the Ortonville Independent staff, Dick Olson and L. A. Kaercher, who later gave the story front page in their paper. The members of the hunting party were too late to see much of the object. By that time all that could be seen was what looked like a brilliant star, alone in the sky, traveling eastward. The object had a touch of yellow haze just below or adjoining it, they said, adding it was brighter than a star, oscillated up and down, but not horizontally.

Back inside the cafe the hunters crowded around Hewitt, now calmed somewhat, as he nervously ate breakfast. He had first seen the thing about 1 a.m. near Pelican Rapids. His curiosity was piqued, but at first he thought little about it, beyond noticing it. Soon, however, his calm demeanor changed to fear. IT WAS FOLLOWING HIS TRUCK!

He slowed down, rolled down his window and observed the thing. It must have been a thousand feet in the air, about a half mile away from the road. And it had windows in it! Near Graceville he pulled off the road to get a better look. It was saucer shaped, grey in color and of tremendous size. If it were on the ground he was sure it would cover an acre of land. Around the top he could see individual lights.

He cut his lights, and when he did the object turned red suddenly, then sped away and upward. But it was still visible all the way to Ortonville where he encountered the other witnesses.

A later check with Hewitt disclosed that the object had reappeared after he left the cafe, and followed him until he arrived at Milbank, 11 or 12 miles to the west.

What was it? Checks with a nearby airfield and the Associated Press failed to reveal any further information. Further interviews with Hewitt also disclosed that he had again turned out his lights and that it again darted away, only that time he saw some smoke coming from it.

Other nearby citizens had also seen things. Mrs. B. C. Herberg of Breardsley said she and her son saw a dirigible-like object over their farm home on November 11th, four days before Hewitt's sighting. At nearby Mankato 200 residents saw an aerial object two hours after the Ortonville story was phoned to the paper, but it was identified as a weather balloon.

EARLIER IN THE YEAR a saucer had chased a 57-year-old man for six miles, near Woodstock, Ontario, Canada. William Corbett, a cattleman driving his truck from Hamilton to Tavistock to trade it in on a newer model, spotted a bright object in the sky. About that time his truck broke down, and he got out. As he emerged from the truck he "noticed a strong white light emerging from a large hub 900 feet in the air. I got scared and started to run, and it followed me."

WHILE SOME BRAVE SOULS were fraternizing with occupants of flying saucers, many other witnesses were just plain scared at them. A huge cigar-shaped object, which swooped to within 50 yards of Harry J. Sturdevant, 66-year-old Trenton, N. J. watchman on a Freeway construction project, shook him so badly he applied to the State Workmen's Compensation Bureau for disability benefits.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 November 1956	2. LOCATION Destin, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION four minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE see below	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One long narrow-shaped object, as large or larger than a B-36. There was a series of bright orange lights or flame relatively close together-appeared to be larger than the present operational aircraft afterburner exhausts. Object was first seen at 2 o'clock and very high. Object was seen air-visually for four minutes.		11. COMMENTS Description, duration, flight path indicate this sighting was probably caused by an aircraft. However, airborne observer's data sheets were sent to the sources to obtain a clearer picture of the type of a/c involved. No Report In File.	

low mountain range. The light, he remarked, would pause for 30 seconds or so and then dart about. (25.)

"The object appeared on the screen as a large target, moving erratically and at speeds which SOURCE estimated to be from 50 to over two thousand knots(He stated that at one time, one of the objects moved from one side of the screen to the other, a distance of approximately eighteen nautical miles in a period of four seconds). Shortly, this object was joined by a group of smaller objects. At this time they started moving all over the screen in a very haphazard manner, with no apparent destination. Again, their speeds varied from an estimated 50 to over two thousand." (26.)

The Marine radar operators called the control tower and informed the crew on duty of the situation. The control tower personnel alerted the officer in charge, Captain W. H. Schumaker who rushed over to radar operations to see the strange targets for himself. Greatly puzzled, the Captain ordered photos taken of the blips on the screen and then asked that the field's helicopter be made ready for an immediate take off.

Were the targets real objects? We don't have a minute to minute record of events but BLUE BOOK files state:

"On several occasions, the objects moved rapidly, stopped abruptly and then reversed course. On other occasions, the smaller objects appeared to join the larger one, merge with it and form one larger blip. A few seconds later, the small objects would depart and again dash all over the screen leaving the large blip in it's original size." (27.)

One might think that the odd movements would suggest anomalous propagation but to the UFO expert the impression is quite the contrary. One should recall two cases that took place on July 8, 1947, for example. In one case, two policemen in Tacoma, Washington, watched some strange "discs" flying around in the sky in the middle of the day. A press report stated:

"One central saucer, they said, appeared to act as sort of a 'flagship.' It appeared larger or closer than the others, with the smaller saucers repeatedly making sorties to the proximity of the larger disc and then gliding southward," (28.)

That same afternoon in southern California a similar case occurred. The news account said:

"One Palmdale woman reports seeing a 'Mother Saucer' with a bunch of little saucers playing around in the sky. Occasionally the smaller saucers would return to the mother saucer for nourishment or whatever the saucers use to romp around in the atmosphere." (29.)

Returning to the 1956 El Toro case, Capt. Schumaker climbed aboard the helicopter and radioed GCA for a vector toward the nearest radar blip. The time was 10:30 p.m. In the darkness Capt. Schumaker spotted a flashing light at 160 degrees and ground control radar radioed that it had a target at the same location. The chopper failed to close. GCA radioed that it was picking up a target pacing the chopper at 50 mph. This pacing continued for about five minutes, after which the radar blip was seen to turn

left and race away.

At 11:00 the chopper returned to the airfield because it was running low on fuel. While the chopper was being serviced, Capt. Schumaker made phone calls to Flight Service and ATIC.

Informed by GCA that radar targets were still being picked up, Capt. Schumaker took off again in the chopper to investigate. The time was 1.30 a.m.

At 2:00 a.m. M/Sgt. Karnowski detected a blip ten miles south of the Air Station which was heading for the airfield. When this target reached four miles, as Sgt. Karnowski described it: "This one target...had other targets feeding in and out of it, at which time it remained almost stationary." (30.)

There is no more about the targets until 2:30 a.m. when Capt. Schumaker had his most impressive encounter. Flying about in the chopper, the officer saw something:

"At about 0230, I sighted a red light approaching me from the north. GCA called it about the same time, stating one was approaching from the north on a collision course. Just prior to reaching me, his light went out (this was a steady red light). I then could make out a dark object, dropped my nose and he went by to my right. My first impression was that it was about the size of an L 19, but can safely say that I could not tell whether or not wings were visible. I reversed my course, but made no more visual contacts. Radar stated that he increased his speed and disappeared again to the north." (31.)

Furthermore:

"Very shortly we had on station two F-86D's from George AFB. They also had blips come up on them, but they could observe nothing." (32.)

If the UFOs were not carrying lights, one supposes nothing much could be seen in the darkness.

The report on the case also said:

"There had been no recent maintenance difficulties with either set. SOURCE stated that he was familiar with the effects of signal interference and the effects of anomalous propagation. He stated that anomalous propagation had been observed to extend the range of the ground clutter at that site but that during the time of these observations it was not. In comparison to conventional aircraft, some of these targets were larger and faster, others about the same size as conventional aircraft but much faster and capable of maneuvers completely beyond the capability of modern aircraft. The targets remained the same size except in the instances where the smaller ones joined the larger one. They travelled at varying speeds, disappeared then reappeared in a new location several times. SOURCE stated that in his opinion, the targets could not have been birds nor ground return at ten degrees antenna tilt as at that angle he was picking up the fighters at 18,000 feet when they first approached the station." (33.)

Confusion in the Control tower?

Shift supervisor 1/Sgt. Wallace R. Meredith, on duty during the period the radar targets were being tracked, said visual checks, with and without

binoculars, failed to detect any object in the sky. Likewise, tower controller Cpl. Diane Leverna scanned the sky throughout the night and never saw a thing. However, a third member of the tower crew, Sgt. Edwin D. McCurdy, said:

"I kept visual contact with the helicopter most of the time he was airborne and at one time saw a red light roughly 1,000 feet above him and heading in the direction of Saddleback Range. The light appeared to be very bright with a rapid erratic flash. I would judge it's speed at nearly 130-180 knots. Moments later it disappeared. Another time after the helicopter had landed, I sighted a similar light bearing approximately 330° from the tower heading easterly. It suddenly dropped from an estimated 5,000 or 6,000 feet to very near the ground and vanished. I watched these objects for nearly three hours. They appeared to have no definite course or system in maneuvers. [radar targets?] The most objects I ever saw at one time was heading in the same general direction." (34.)

Was there something to see or not? It seems likely that Sgt. Meredith and Cpl. Leverna were looking in the wrong direction when the red light was briefly in view. Either that or Sgt. McCurdy was a flat out liar. Neither sighting by Sgt. McCurdy seems to have been more than a few moments.

The comments of preparing officer Lt. Louis C. Saucter steered clear of a conclusion. (See document) However, the report's approving officer, Col. John Meador, favored "excitement" and anomalous propagation to explain the incident.

The report on the case states: "Height finding radar was not employed. The only altitude indication was given when Captain Schumaker, in the helicopter, observed a light approaching him while he was at 4,500 feet. This light was identified as one of the unidentified objects by radar." (35.)

Attempting an interception in the darkness without altitude information is not the best way to identify a UFO.

The problem of "invisibility."

The claim that the UFO radar targets were not picked up by other radar sites and the radar carried by the jet fighters may be due to the fact that all of radars operated on different frequencies, particularly the fighter radars which are S-Band compared to the X-Band used by the GCI sites. Perhaps UFOs possess a technology that can defeat radar because of frequency? We will touch on this when we discuss a December 17th case. This December case may not prove the frequency theory but it demonstrates that UFOs could well have a very good understanding of how radar works.

The problem of "fantastic maneuvers."

If a radar target displays "fantastic" movements and extreme speeds it should not be automatically dismissed as spurious. Such characteristics are the norm for UFOs. The Capt. Hull case of November 14th proves the point.

12 November. Spain.

"What happened to this investigation?" (See clipping)

12 November. Hartford, Connecticut.

"Heavenly body?" (See clipping)

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. The preparing officer was unable to arrive at any definite conclusion as to the cause of these sightings. However, since no other radar installations in the area observed these objects and so few visual observations were made, it seems possible that some local phenomenon was affecting the KCAS EL TO D radar installation.

Louis C. Sauter
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1/Lt USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER:

1. In the opinion of the Approving Officer, this sighting was caused by anomalous propagation compounded by excitement of the sources, causing an attempt to relate visual sightings to the radar sightings. The following reasons are given for this evaluation:

a. Although one source stated that he was familiar with the effects of anomalous propagation, past experience indicates that this phenomena is seen in various forms, all of which are not easily identified.

b. There are many radar sites in the area. Anyone of these could have been causing interference, compounding the effects of anomalous propagation, thus making this phenomenon unidentifiable even to trained observers.

c. Although, during vectoring operations, ground radar observed the objects on the wing of the interceptor, neither visual or radar contact was made from the aircraft.

d. It has been noted several times in the history of the UFOB program that observers have noticed a normal phenomenon and then picked up an object on radar. These two objects are not necessarily the same. It will be noted that, at no time, did the observers see visually the fantastic speeds and maneuverability of the objects that were seen on the radar scope.

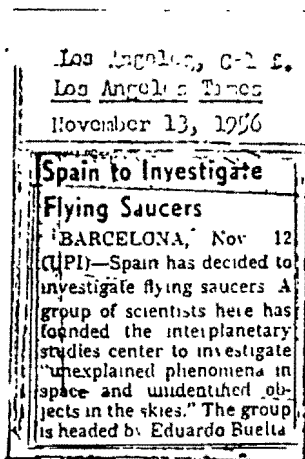
2. Therefore, an evaluation of "Other: Was Anomalous Propagation" is given to this sighting.

3. The photographs have been sent to ATIC for further analysis.

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Woman Reports Flying Saucer

A woman who would only identify herself as a resident of the southend of the city, called The Times Thursday afternoon to report a "flying saucer" or some "heavenly body."

She reported that the object was very high in the heavens and that at times it appeared to be stationary. Then it would travel in a circle and then go to a higher altitude.

She said it remained in the same position for about two hours and disappeared about 11 p. m. Wednesday.

14 November. In the air over Alabama 60 miles from Mobile.

"What the hell is it?"

Capt. William J. Hull, a commercial pilot with a nation-wide reputation for safety over more than a million miles of flying, wrote a column on the side for the Airline Pilot's Association's magazine The Airline Pilot. He had never seen a flying saucer and was extremely skeptical such objects existed. Like Dr. Donald Menzel, Hull favored some sort of natural explanation for sightings being made by fellow pilots. In 1953 Capt. Hull devoted a whole column to debunking the UFO subject under the optimistic title: "The Obituary of the Flying Saucers." Now, in mid November 1956, Capt. Hull received the shock of his life. (See documents) (36.)

Curious paragraph.

Capt. Gregory, the chief of project BLUE BOOK, wrote a letter to scientific advisor J. Allen Hynek in mid November. In the letter was this curious paragraph:

"I should like to thank you in behalf of those members of the Air Sciences Division who were tendered invitations to witness the program in Vandalia[city in Ohio?]. We certainly enjoyed it, and there was some interesting discussions the next day on possible applications of the instrument other than those considered during the 'under-the-stars' forum." (37.)

Just what Capt. Gregory was referring to certainly isn't very clear, but we might make a guess. During an interview by Timothy Green Beckley in 1976 Dr. Hynek remarked:

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CAPITAL AIRLINES' PILOTS SEE ACROBATIC NIGHT LIGHT

On the night of November 14, 1956 I was flying a Viscount at high altitude from New York to Mobile, Alabama. We were above a layer of clouds which were occasionally broken, giving us a glimpse of the ground now and then. At 10:10 p.m. E.S.T., when only about 60 miles from Mobile, my co-pilot Peter MacIntosh and I saw what we thought was a brilliant meteor. We were flying south-southwest and it fell across our path from left to right, first becoming visible at the top of the windshield. (The Viscount has wonderful visibility upward.) It decelerated rapidly, just as any meteor does when entering the denser layers of the earth's lower atmosphere, and we expected to see it burn out with the customary flash, which pilots often see, but which people on the ground are often denied.

Imagine our consternation when this brilliant light did not burn out, but abruptly halted directly in front of us! It was an intense blue-white light, approximately 7 or 8 times as bright as Venus when this planet is at its brightest magnitude. Peter shouted "What the hell is it, a jet?" His first thought, of course, was that the object was a diving jet fighter which had turned sharply away from us and in departing, was giving us a view right up its glowing tailpipe. Instantly I knew this could not possibly be an airplane. I have seen the glow of too many jet pipes at night not to recognize one when I see it. It was not the right color; it did not diminish in size, as a departing jet fighter's exhaust should have; and it remained motionless directly ahead of us, how far I cannot say, but it must have been quite a few miles.

I quickly grabbed my microphone and called the Mobile Control Tower. "Bates Tower, this is Capital 771. Look out toward the north and east and see if you can see a strange white light hovering in the sky."

"Capital 77, this is Mobile Bates Tower. We are unable to see much of the sky because of a thick cloud cover. Do you think the object is in our vicinity?"

"Affirmative. It looks like a brilliant white light bulb, about one tenth the size of the moon. It is directly ahead of us and at about our altitude, or slightly higher. We are right over Jackson, Alabama and have descended to 10,000 feet. Please initiate a call to Brookley Field Tower (Air Force Field 20 miles southeast of Bates Field) and ask the controller if he can see it on their big radar scope." (We did not have the military frequency crystals in our transmitter to work Brookley Tower.)

Just after this exchange, the object began to maneuver. It darted hither and yon, rising and falling in undulating flight, making sharper turns than any known aircraft, sometimes changing direction 90 degrees in an instant. All the while the color remained constant, a brilliant blue-white, and the object did not grow or lessen in size. MacIntosh and I sat there completely flabbergasted at this unnerving exhibition. I thought of calling the passengers over the public address system, but the object was dead ahead of us and putting on its performance in an area whose arc was not large enough to enable anybody in the cabin to get a view of it out the side windows. After a half minute or so of this dancing, unorthodox flight the object suddenly became motionless again and hovered dead still. We were simply confounded

by this.

Bates Tower called back. "Capital 77, we are trying to raise the Brookley Tower."

Right at this moment the strange light began another series of crazy gyrations, lazy 8's, square chandelles, all the while weaving through the air with a sort of rhythmic, undulating cadence, the likes of which neither Pete nor I had ever seen. Then, apparently content at the consternation which it had wrought, the object shot out over the Gulf of Mexico, rising at the most breathtaking angle and at such a fantastic speed that it diminished rapidly to a pinpoint and was swallowed up in the night.

This unearthly exhibition probably went on for at least two minutes, according to our best judgment. I glanced at the clock and noted it read 10:12.

The most puzzling thing about the whole occurrence, aside from the dancing flight, was that the object, whatever it was, had remained at the same distance from us throughout the performance. How do we know this? It never increased in size, and yet we were bearing down on it at more than 5 miles a minute in the Viscount. If it was in view two minutes and performing in one area we should have been at least ten miles closer to it. Now, any object that flies certainly looks different when viewed at such a great variance in distance. So this UFO must have managed to remain at the same distance from us throughout the entire display.

If you know southern Alabama you know that it is pretty desolate country, with few inhabitants and only a few small hamlets between Mobile and Montgomery up in the middle of the state. We were above the clouds, precluding any reflections of searchlights from below. I have seen hundreds of advertising searchlights playing on clouds, and this was nothing remotely related. Likewise I am summarily ruling out aircraft (at least the ones we know), balloons, missiles, or any other earth-launched device within my ken. The one thing which I can't get over is the fact that when it came, it came steeply downward; when it departed after its amazing exhibition, it went steeply upward! Now I ask you, John, is this machine based on the earth?

I followed up on this spectacular sighting after landing at Mobile. The control tower operators had reached Brookley after a slight delay, but the controller had seen nothing, and since no night flights were in progress, the surveillance radar had not been energized at the time.

In case any of your members would like to know my background, you may give it to them. You will remember me as objectively skeptical and cynically critical of most of the purported saucer sightings. But I think you have to believe a veteran airline pilot with 17 years of service, 15,000 hours and 3 million miles in his log-book. I am seeking no publicity. I didn't report this sighting to the press and not a word has ever been printed about it until this moment.

W. J. Hull

"...around 1956, I went to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C., and talked them into establishing a satellite-tracking network, which I became completely immersed in for approximately five years. I had hoped we would be able to zero in on UFOs sailing high above the earth. We never did!" (38.)

We can see that Dr. Hynek was not exactly on a vacation from the UFO problem for those five years. As for Hynek's claim of no results, that is an issue that needs some exploring. This matter is best discussed in a late 1957 time frame.

14 November. Graceville, Minnesota.

The following is some data taken from a civilian UFO bulletin and incorporated into BLUE BOOK files:

"1956, Nov. -Near Graceville, Minn -10 p.m. -A big, silent, round UFO with brilliant red lights on its perimeter, & fluctuating light below, seen for 4 hrs. Changed from blue-white or orange to red, said another witness! It changed altitude & hovered, finally shot SW at tremendous speed!" (39.)

15 November. How to get around the Air Force.

Dr. Leon Davidson was not satisfied with the limited access to the Air Force's UFO study Special Report #14. Only a three page summary was ever published and made available for general distribution, and those few pages had no actual data from the report itself. One hundred copies of the full report were printed, a tiny press run for a government publication, and those few were for "official use only." It was not impossible to gain access to a copy of the report, but a person was limited to taking notes. A person could not "check out a copy for home study" like a library book.

Dr. Davidson was determined to publish the report at his own expense and thus make the information available to UFO researchers around the world. He went right to the top to get permission, contacting Air Force Secretary Quarles. The Air Force Secretary wasn't impressed with Dr. Davidson's plea and saw no need to lift the restriction "For Official Use Only " (40.)

Congressional end run.

Dr. Davidson did not give up. He complained to Rep. Moss who headed the Congressional Subcommittee on Government Information, a group that monitored the abuse of secrecy by government agencies. It was argued by Davidson that the language in the Air Force's Special Report #14 press release made it clear the entire military study would be made public. Rep. Moss felt Dr. Davidson's argument may have merit so he promised his subcommittee would review the matter at the next subcommittee meeting.

Appealing to a member of Congress worked! UFOphiles found a real weapon in their dealing with the Pentagon.

The editors of the CSI Newsletter saluted Dr. Davidson:

"We are all in debt to Dr. Davidson for being the first saucer investigator to get Congress interested in the Air Force's bungling conduct of the UFO investigation. A Congressional inquiry into the matter has long been needed. This might be the opening wedge." (41.)

Encouraged by Congressional interest, Max B. Miller, editor of a little

saucerzine in Los Angeles, wrote Chairman Moss urging him to take an extensive approach. Miller suggested that. "...certain contacts and queries be instigated on the committee's behalf to secure a more intensive file." (42.)

Congressman Moss quickly learned that the Defense Department had no intention of responding to a mere request so Moss went ahead and planned some official subcommittee hearings on the matter in January 1957. (43.)

Informed that official hearings were pending, Air Force Secretary Quarles capitulated and directed a Col. Day of the New York Public Information Office to forward a complete copy of Special Report #14 to Dr. Davidson.

The reversal may have saved the Air Force from a Congressional probe but it did not save the military from bad publicity. The news media came down hard on the military's censorship policies. The New York World-Telegram, for example, printed:

"House investigators asked Pentagon officials today to explain the Defense Department's flip-flop secrecy policies on such matters as flying saucers...Later, Air Force officials faced questioning on how they alternately unclassified, stamped secret and unclassified again a report on flying saucers." (44.)

The United Press news service sent a similarly worded teletype message across the country.

Popular radio broadcaster Paul Harvey even expanded the negative story on the Air Force's UFO policy, including magazine articles and books along with Special Report #14. Harvey said:

"The Pentagon...has been censoring flying saucer information. Magazine articles submitted for clearance --articles that apparently had nothing to do with military secrets --have nonetheless been blue penciled by Pentagon security officials.

"Why?

"The House investigators want to know. One report on flying saucers was released...Then it was stamped secret...Then it was unclassified again! A former Intelligence Officer[Ruppelt?] wrote a book. All of the information had been previously published.

"All of it.

"But the Army[?] refused to allow publication of that book." (45.)

16 November. "Mars Gas."

If witnesses can be believed, so many UFOs were being seen in Minnesota and the Dakotas during the month of November the activity could be called a mini-flap. One service station in South Dakota even put up signs advertising a 5-cent discount per gallon for any flying saucer that would stop by for gas. (46.)

"85 reports in 25 days!"

16 November.

The full extent of the midwest flap can not be culled from Air Force records, and even civilian sources had trouble covering the situation because

few saucer club members lived in the region. BLUE BOOK scissored the following from an unnamed civilian UFO bulletin, probably INFINITY:

"1956, Nov. 16--Minnesota, S. & N. Dakotas-- Busiest day of 'Dakota Flap!' 13 sightings of a red, 'Blazing Object' or Objects. Seen Nov. 17, 18, 19, too. (The 'Dakota Flap' started Nov. 8 & continued until Dec. 2 with busiest days Nov. 16, 27, 30 & Dec. 2) There were at least 85 reports in 25 days, reports A.P.R.G.'" (47.)

16 November. Newport, Oregon

Odd object over Oregon. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (48.)

"Over-active imagination?"

The school boy's story:

"When I first saw it, it looked fairly far away. It was hovering in one position. The color was a dull red. It hovered for five minutes. Then it sped up quickly in a southeast to north course. As it built up speed the color turned to a bright red....It flew along for a time getting redder and redder. At the end of its flight it turned into a shape of a cigar. Three small round objects came from an extra dark part of the sky (probably a cloud) and merged into the bigger cigar-shaped object. The one big object flew on for a few seconds and then just disappeared. There were no wings, tail, or exhausts showing that I could see." (49.)

16 November. Lemmon, South Dakota.

Electrical systems "mysteriously dead."

Press sources from North and South Dakota on the 16th mention some alarming electrical problems, and a strange object:

"A bright object, about three feet in diameter, was reported to have changed colors from red to orange to white this morning near Lemmon Depot. Approximately 25 feet above the ground, the UFO assertedly hovered for a few seconds, swooped low over the stockyards and then sped away. Suddenly a loud noise --as if lightning had struck --was heard in the depot. The third shift telegrapher at the depot, Calvin Goetz, tried to call the next station. To his dismay, Goetz found the railroad phones and automatic block system 'mysteriously dead.' After the telegrapher had roused a lineman, they found the line refunctioning --and just as mysteriously. Another account stated that Western Union service was disrupted 'and the noise was heard all of the way to Baker, Mont.'" (50.)

Was it ball lightning?

16 November. New England, North Dakota.

If the Lemmon phenomenon was just ball lightning, a very rare natural manifestation, it seems strange so many UFO sightings were being made in the region during this period. From the town of New England came this account

"William Hanson and his son, of Dovre township, saw a brilliantly colored object with sparks trailing behind at 6 p.m. Young Hanson,

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7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one hour		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE see below	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round red object the size of a pillow at arm's length. Object had a tail like a comet. Object was first seen in a reflection in the lake, Object moved straight up then 90 dgr to the Northwest. Object slowly faded in the sky after having been seen visually for one hour.				11. COMMENTS In order to obtain more info, ATIC Forms 164 sent to Source on // 19 Nov 56. Results will be on monthly UFOB Summary. Mars in west at 20 dgr elevation.	

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a former paratrooper, said he first mistook the UFO as a jet plane. They both described it as looking 'something like a large chunk of red and white hot iron.' The thing disappeared in the south-west without falling, they said. The pair were certain the UFO was not a meteor, as it first went toward the earth, and then came up again." (51.)

16 November. Mobridge, South Dakota. (7:00 p.m.)

An hour after the incident at Hanson something was seen at the town of Mobridge. A Mr. and Mrs. Jensen saw a "blue-green" flame with a red-orange bulb-like center" cruising slowly at tree top level. The thing hovered for over ten minutes, a duration far longer than any known ball lightning report. Other witnesses in the area reported something similar at the same hour. A Mr. Bud Kelly and a Fred Berg saw an object which resembled the thing seen by the Jensens, although when observed by the two men the UFO was in a great hurry to traverse the sky. An even better witness to the phenomenon in the area, apparently a separate object, was State Highway patrolman A.J. Markuson who said he sighted a "flying ice cream cone." (52.)

Radio KOLY. Mobridge, broadcast the news that a "failing star" was seen by some local people who said the thing exhibited some strange behavior. The brilliant body "fell" out of the heavens and then came to an abrupt stop about 500 feet above the ground where it hovered. Soon afterward the object raced away. (53.)

16 November. Milbank, South Dakota. (8:30 p.m.)

A circular body zoomed over the Whitlow farm near the town of Milbank at 8:30 p.m. Watching the object passing overhead was Walter Whitlow and two friends named Dale Trapp and Meritt Pochart. These men said that in their opinion the object exceeded the speed of a jet plane. Furthermore, the lights displayed were not regulation. Four red lights were seen in the form of a cross with an extra white light on the rear portion of the object. (54.)

There were a great number of sightings reported in the midwest region at this time, although most mention little detail. The following descriptions were given: "a big round ball of light," a "white-orange-red object streaking overhead," a "bright object trailing a spot of red," and a "cigar-like, bright and shiny object."

17 November. Hopkins, Minnesota.

A motorist traveling a highway near the town of Hopkins noticed a big crimson point in the sky he thought was curious. Since the red dot was moving, the witness, Reuben Koep, 31, believed the thing was a meteor. The object hovered for a moment, revealing its shape which was that of a "revolving flame with a silver inverted cone-like body underneath." The object then rose sharply. After gaining some altitude, the object dropped down to a very low altitude and was then screened from further viewing by a hill. The fate of the object was not known. (55.)

17 November. Dickinson, North Dakota. (2:30 a.m.)

Two members of the local police department of Dickinson investigated a red light near some railroad tracks. Lawmen Jack Messmer and his partner spotted the light at 2:30 a.m. When the men approached, the light vaulted skyward out of reach. For the next two hours the light remained in view in the night sky and put on a show. The light bobbed up and down, as well as back and forth, changing color as it did so. The colors shifted from green, to white, to red, and back to green. At 4:30 a.m. the lawmen lost sight of the phenomenon. (56.)

17 November. Barnesville, Minnesota. (2:30 p.m.)

The afternoon of the 17th young Joe Hough heard a strange noise. Believing a plane was crossing over, he searched for it but instead of a plane Joe saw a disk-shaped body with a cone-shaped lower portion (like an ice cream cone.) After spinning in the air above the Hough's farm for a $\frac{1}{2}$ minute, the strange object moved westward. (57.)

17 November. Wakpala and McLoughlin, South Dakota.

Suspicious "balloon" over South Dakota.

On the 17th a state police officer sighted a strange aerial object 3-5 miles west of the town of Wakpala, South Dakota, at 7:00 p.m. He kept it in sight until 7:30 when the object reached a position just west of the community of McLoughlin where many of the townspeople also viewed the UFO. In a telephone report to military authorities, South Dakota officials passed on the Wakpala/McLoughlin sightings and also mentioned that a state police mobile unit had observed something hovering above Mount City for about 30 minutes. There was no description of the latter UFO, but in the former case the UFO was said to have resembled a "blue-green cone shape." (58.)

17-18 November. Aberdeen and Redfield, South Dakota.

Military teletype messages mention that the staff officer on duty at Korpi state police radio station, South Dakota, had broadcast the following message:

"Aircraft sighted at about 1,000 feet just west of Aberdeen, South Dakota. Also sighted five to ten miles west of Redfield. Dim red glow, changing to bright red glow. Object hovered and then moved to another location. Sighted by a farmer at [...not legible] Central Standard Time and by state police officers..." (59.)

18 November. The flap caught the attention of the wire services. (See clippings)

18 November. Aberdeen and Redfield, South Dakota. (Early morning)

More police witnesses.

At an unspecified time four miles west of Redfield, South Dakota, a huge red ball was observed by farmer Keith Lowry. Two members of the Redfield police force, Burt Englet and Curtis Buss, also reported seeing the object. The two officers said the ball gave off a flashing light. (60.)

At Aberdeen that same night three members of the town's police force also saw a UFO in the sky. Officers Irwin Albrecht, Walter Hartman, and Orville

'Saucers' Fly Again In Midwest 1956

CHICAGO, Nov. 17 (UP)—Authorities Saturday investigated a rash of "flying saucer" reports in the upper midwest where at least six persons have sighted strange objects streaking through the sky.

The latest report came from near Crookston, Minn., where a man said he saw what "looked like a falling star" plunge to about 500 feet from the ground, then stop and hang motionless in the sky."

Bill Nimens, 33, Crookston, a former state commander of the Disabled American Veterans, said the object he saw Friday night was bright green and issued a white light.

"It resembled a piece of chrome with a brilliant light to it," he said.

Three other persons said they saw fiery objects over Bismarck, N. D., Friday night. Radio Announcer Eldon Ray said he saw a "reddish-white ball of flame, trailing blue flame" speed westward. He said it was at an altitude of 1,500 to 2,500 feet and seemed to be erupting.

A Frontier airline pilot passing over the city said he also spotted the object but thought it was a meteorite. His theory was discounted by a civil aeronautics administration representative at the Bismarck airport.

"It didn't act like a meteorite," he said. He described it as being "of a glowing nature . . . bluish green."

Two other persons have reported sighting glowing objects flying about Minnesota and the Dakotas during the past 10 days.

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Flying Saucer Is Sighted In Dakota 56

HOT SPRINGS, S. D. (UP)—Two more unidentified objects sighted in the skies over South Dakota brought back reports of "flying saucers" today.

A group of Hot Springs residents spotted one Sunday at the same time that a jet interceptor from Ellsworth Air Force base reportedly registered an unidentified "blip" on its radar screen.

Spokesmen for the Air Force, however, have not confirmed the report.

Deep Red In Color

Earlier Sunday, two men in the South Dakota state motor patrol told of spotting a bowl-shaped object swaying back and forth across a road near Pierre, about 300 miles east of here.

Donald Kelm and Jack Peters said the floating object was deep red in color, and that it was between 50 and 100 feet off the ground. There was no noise, Peters said.

Sheriff Allen Coates and his son, Robert, said the Hot Springs object was brilliantly illuminated and bobbed up and down in the sky. Young Coates described it as flashing red, green and yellow.

Base Denies Report

Robert also said a jet interceptor made three passes at the object and on the third, the pilot radioed that a "blip" registered on his radar screen.

Coates said the jet's radio was monitored by the police radio.

However, Major Everett Chester, information services office at Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, S. D., denied that any unidentified object was detected by radar at that time.

Hanson, all observed a round object for almost a quarter of an hour and made a detailed report. The police turned off the headlights of their patrol car and peered into the darkness. Officer Hartman told the press: "The UFO was football-shaped and changed to orange, and a real bright white like someone was clicking switches...it was the prettiest sight we ever saw." (61.)

20 November. Brumnddal, Elverum, Atna, and Bergen, Norway.

Multi-colored lights.

Inexplicably, some strange sightings were made in Norway on November 20th. The reports were interesting. The newspaper Verdens Gang quoted one of four workers who witnessed the passage of a pair of unusual aerial bodies. Asbjørn Soerland remarked:

"We saw the object at 6:20 p.m. on November 20th. It was moving at a very low altitude, sometimes so low that it could be seen between the tree tops. It was not luminous, but was sending out a series of flash lights, changing in color between red, white and green. It did not follow a definite course, but could in one moment come to a standstill, in the next move in a half circle and thereafter shoot straight up or to one side.

"About 6:30 p.m. the object rose considerably and could be distinctly seen in the city. At that moment we discovered another one of the same kind. This one was farther north and a good deal farther away, but was also flashing in different colors." (62.)

20 November.

Father Zilwes and Dr. Alberto Perego.

Italian diplomat Dr. Alberto Perego investigated the mystery squadrons of UFOs maneuvering over Rome in early November 1954. The professor discussed the sightings with Father Zilwes, Director of the Specola Vaticana Vatican Observatory at Castel Gandolfo, near Rome. The suggestion of "interplanetary aviation" was broached but Dr. Perego resisted the idea at that time. Two years later the professor was completely sold on the extraterrestrial hypothesis and sent his findings to Father Zilwes for a review. On the 20th of November, 1956, Father Zilwes wrote Dr. Perego:

"We have found very interesting material in your Report, which is possibly the most complete that has yet been on the problem of the so-called flying saucers. But why did so many scientists, whom I met at the Astronautical Congress in Rome, give no consideration at all to this problem." (63.)

Professor Perego reply was: "Because all Governments keep this matter secret...And because all 'scientists' receive Government salaries so they prefer to keep silent..." (64.)

This Week magazine and the Air Force.

Concerning government secrecy in America, Keyhoe wrote:

"In 1956, Editor-in-Chief William Nicholes (of This Week magazine) had assigned (Imile) Shurmacker to...[a UFO] project and had asked

the Air Force for assistance. But ATIC had bluntly refused. Nichols had fought all the way to the top, only to be told by high Air Force officials that nothing could be released." (65)

20 November. Reno, Nevada.

Some unnamed Reno motorists were supposed to have seen a brilliantly glowing cigar-like UFO stationary in the sky east of Washoe Valley. The motorists drove by and returned 10 minutes later to find the UFO gone. (66.)

21 November. Deephaven, Minnesota.

The "encounter" on the highway.

Another report from Minnesota said:

"On Nov. 21st, Mrs. H.E. Wagner of Deephaven, Minn., was driving with her son on the way home for Thanksgiving. Near Fremont, Nebraska, while driving along icy roads at about 10:30 p.m., they stopped to put chains on the car. All of a sudden their car was lit up by a flashing silver light, so bright that it temporarily blinded them. The light lasted only a few seconds, but at the same time that the strange light appeared, a terrible gust of wind almost ripped off the son's jacket, according to his story.

"Before this incident they had seen no car headlights anywhere near them on the road, and they had noticed very little wind at all. Both mother and son were very frightened by the incident. A thorough check of the car showed no damage. However, Don Motzko, the son, was quoted as saying, 'The incident was too eerie. It's got to mean something. Mother said it's a warning, and I think that's what it is too.'" (67.)

25-26 November. South Dakota sightings. The flap gets noticed by NBC's Today show! (See scissored section of unnamed (INFINITY?) civilian UFO bulletin below)

1956, Nov. 25-Hot Springs, S. Dakota-4:30pm-UFO seen from ground & on Jet's radar. Brilliantly lighted, Object flashed green, red & yellow lights(see Jan. 2 Report). It moved up & down in the sky. A Jet plane made passes at it, says Report!(Moseley)

1956, Nov. 26-(South Dakota?)-UFO seen in sky by a man & wife! AP reported a "Blip" on their radar at same time! "First Flying-Saucer Report in MONTHS" said Frank Blair on NBC's "Today" tv show. (What a whopper!) They never repeated the Report later...

1956, Nov. 26-South Dakota-Two more UFOs seen, reports ABC-News on Radio! (This may or may-not be the same sighting as above-Ed.)

25 November. East of Pierre, South Dakota. (12:15 a.m.)

"It wouldn't let us go by it."

The year of 1957 in UFO history is usually remembered for the famous Lovelland, Texas, sightings in November. It is a remarkable fact that some-

thing very similar happened a year earlier during the midwest UFO flap. According to newspaper stories the following incident occurred:

"South Dakota State Police Officer Don Kelm was driving on Highway 31, about 25 miles east of Pierre, with Jack Peters, dispatcher for the state radio system as his passenger, when suddenly they came upon a strange object. It was about 12:15 a.m. on the 25th, and 'we came over the top of this hill,' Kelm said, 'and right down there in the valley below us was this object. We were within a block of it. I slammed on the brakes. I thought we were going to run into it, we were that close.' The two men got out of the car and watched it for a few minutes. When they first saw it, the bright red UFO was hovering a few feet off the ground on the north side of the road. As they watched it, it rose up and away from them.

"The two men got back into their car and attempted to pursue the object. It stayed about a mile ahead of them. 'We must have driven after it for seven miles, Kelm said, 'It wouldn't let us go by it.' The UFO moved back and forth across the road as they followed it. Kelm turned the car around and headed back toward Pierre. The object followed them, they said, but never went ahead of them. Kelm described the object as about the size of an 'ordinary car,' and bowl-shaped. It gave off a bright red light which illuminated the entire highway." (68.)

More police, more sightings.

25 November. Hot Springs, South Dakota. (4:30 a.m.)

Just hours after the above sighting:

"...another UFO was spotted about 4:30 a.m., on the 25th by a group of people near Hot Springs, South Dakota. Robert Coates, who accompanied his father, Sheriff Allen Coates, to the scene said the object was brilliantly lighted, and moved up and down. Young Coates said a jet interceptor made three passes at the object and on the third pass the pilot reported by radio that a blip registered on his on his radar screen. Coates said, however, that two other jets flying in the vicinity did not report picking up anything unusual on their radar. Coates said the jet's radio was being monitored by police radio." (69.)

26-27 November.

Various towns in the Dakotas.

Kadoka and Clear Lake, South Dakota. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (70.)

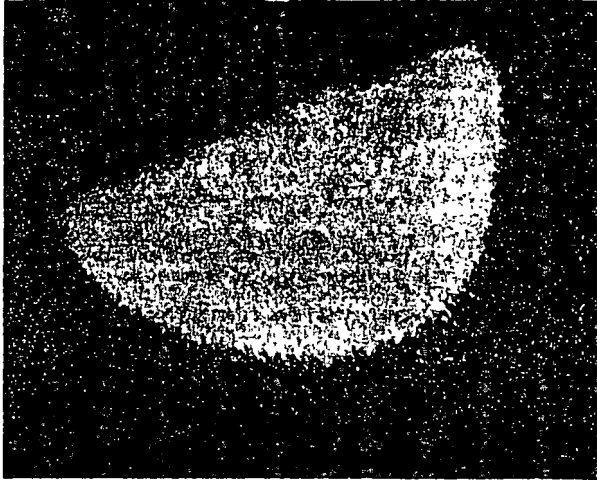
27 November. Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois.

Alert! Jet chase. Balloons?

According to a Rockford, Illinois, newspaper:

"Variously described as orange, red, white, blue and 'some like the moon,' the objects were spotted over Rockford and Belvidere. In Wisconsin, skywatchers saw them above Brodhead, Lodi, Watertown and Beloit. At the Air Force filter center in Chicago, military personnel said at one point their boards showed 'five unidentified objects.'

A 'Whatsit' Over S.D.



AP Wirephoto

This is what Jack Peters, South Dakota police radio dispatcher, got with his camera when he photographed a bright object in the sky. The strange object was seen by Peters and highway patrolman Don Kelm

about 30 miles east of Pierre. They said it was bright red. "Saucer posers" reported seeing at least 10 flying things over South Dakota on Monday night alone. What do you think this thing was?

James Moseley, in his December-January 1956-1957 issue of Saucer News, adds some additional information taken from the press:

"'It was shaped like half an egg with the bottom round, and made no sound,' said Peters. 'It appeared like someone was shining a red light on a mirror. There was enough light from it to make the center lines on the highway gleam.' Peters took several photos of the object, using a fence post to steady the camera. The negatives, developed in the state law enforcement laboratory, appeared to show a dot of light in the dark. There was no symmetrical shape such as the men reported to have seen with the naked eye.

"At Rapid City, it was reported that radar screens had picked up the strange object, and interceptors were sent up to try to make contact with it."

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With help from the radar network, jet planes roared out of Chicago, dispatched to the critical areas by the air defense command. 'We sent jets to check. I can't tell you anything more about that,' a spokesman said at the filter center. An alert call from Rockford was recorded there at 4:46 p.m., sent in by John C. Gregory, executive secretary of the Winnebago county civil defense. After calling Chicago, Gregory notified Morning Star employees who spotted one object high in the western sky, heading due east. Switchboard operators received half dozen calls. About 5:30 p.m., members of a northeast side family said they spotted objects over the southeast section of Rockford. Gregory estimated the glistening object he saw was 50,000 feet high, 'seemingly round --perhaps a little flat at times, resembling a white light.' In Chicago, a filter center spokesman said the objects were weather balloons released by the General Mills Corporation, Minneapolis..." (71.)

(?) November 1956. Uruguay.

BLUE BOOK placed on file a pilot report from Uruguay concerning an incident that was supposed to have occurred on an unnamed date in November. It seems that a DC-3 pilot sighted a solid-looking, metallic, oval-shaped object that "moved brusquely" without slowing down. The information originated from a "Centro de Investigacion de Objetos Voladores Inidentificados." American experts translated that part of the spanish report that discussed, as the report puts it, "displacement movements." (See document) (72.)

28 November. Washington D.C.

"Domed saucer?" (See Spot Intelligence Report) (73.)

28 November. Cottonwood County, Minnesota. (10:00 p.m.)

"Appeared to have small windows."

Our press source states:

"Harold Thompson, a farmer living in Cottonwood County, Minn., reported seeing a saucer at 10 p.m. last Nov. 28th while doing his usual evening chores. 'I had just finished some work in the barn,' he said, 'and I was walking to the house when I saw the thing hovering about three or four hundred feet off the ground. At first I thought it might be an airplane, but then it shot straight up in the air and hovered there for awhile.' Thompson rushed into the farmhouse and got his binoculars. He watched the saucer-shaped object change from a light red to a cherry red as the object gained altitude rapidly. At other times, it appeared to have a number of small windows. 'My wife and I had laughing about all these flying saucer stories from South Dakota,' said Thompson, 'but we're not laughing now.'" (74.)

"Asymptotic statement."

Air Force Scientific Advisor A. Francis Arcier wrote a memo to Lt. Col. L.W. Green, AFON-X. In it there is this statement:

"You will recall that Colonel Monts, Captain Hudson and Sergeant Gilliken of the Press Information Branch, OSD Press Desk, during

CIOVI brings this case to consideration as it was reported by a member of the Armed Forces of our country, a very well known person who went to India as an observer from the United Nations in the border with Pakistan. Lt Colonel Ferrando describes what he saw very clearly.

It had three displacement characteristics: 1) shape, 2) maneuver, 3) swinging oscillating movement:

1) SHAPE - Lt Colonel [REDACTED] describes it as oval. Has no sign of a cabin or cupola on any side. It gave us the impression of 2 saucers joined by the edges.

2) MANEUVER - The report says that the object maneuvered brusquely "almost at right angles" without slowing down or stopping. There are several previous reports of unbelievable changes of route. One of them is the one described in this report.

3) SWINGING OSCILLATING MOVEMENT - Here we think it necessary to make some comment. According to the more reliable studies they consider the possibility of its being guided by earth's magnetic field. They think there is a possibility of their using an automatic device that constantly analyzes the magnetic fields through which they travel. It is probable that they verify the resulting magnetic force before maneuvering.

This would explain the oscillation observed before a brusque change of course, a pronounced climb or a sharp turn. The cause for this oscillation would be the adjustment of the saucer to the magnetic fields.

This report clearly indicates it was an unidentified flying object of the type known as "flying saucer."

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BY: YURT K. KONZE, Capt, USAF
Historian

DATE: 5 DEC 1975

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

(Unclassified)
SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Reported 28 Nov 56
by Mrs. [REDACTED], N. W. Washington, D. C. UNCLASSIFIED

TO: Commander
Headquarters Command, USAF
Bolling Air Force Base 25, D. C.

1. Synopsis: Mrs. [REDACTED] Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. at 1000 hours, 28 November 1956 telephonically reported to a representative of U. S. Army, Military District of Washington that she had observed an unidentified flying object at 0600 hours that date.

2. Details: Major MILDRED C. BAILEY, L281, Chief, Intelligence Branch, U. S. Army, G-2, Military District of Washington (MDW) at 1115 hours 28 November 1956 telephonically notified a representative of this District that a Mrs. [REDACTED], N. W., Washington, D. C., telephone number [REDACTED], at 1000 hours 28 November 1956 telephonically contacted Sgt JOHN COLLINS, RA 12308406, Message Center, Adjutant General Section, MDW and related the following information:

[REDACTED] 0600 hours 28 November 1956 awoke and upon looking out her bedroom window observed a "flying saucer" which was approximately 4' x 6' in diameter, dome shaped, and white in color. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated this object was "located in a westernly direction" and remained stationary for a period of approximately five (5) minutes after which it raised and went to an unknown height and then came down again and remained for approximately five (5) minutes longer. She stated the object made no noise. Mrs. [REDACTED] furnished no further details.

3. Actions: At 1128 hours 28 November 1956 a representative of this District telephonically contacted Major EMMETT MILLER, 10945A, Director of Plans and Programming, and Intelligence Officer, Headquarters Command, Bolling Air Force Base 25, D. C. Major MILLER advised he would take necessary actions as provided for in AFR 200-2.

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our meeting with them on 28 November 1956, agreed to prepare a press release (based on our special briefing to General Lewis) announcing the availability of Special Report #14 to the general public. They agreed to submit it to us for coordination and for addition of a so-called 'asymptote statement' by us, before publication. This press release, it is suggested, should also be brought to the attention of DCS/O." (75.)

More from the mid-west.

28 November. Oldham, South Dakota.

The night of November 28th Mr. L.H. Folsland got out of bed and gazed out the window at a bright-colored object speeding through the air. He called to his wife but she was: "...too frighten to get up." (76.)

30 November. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Like a large light bulb."

Another sighting that morning also involved a pet. According to a newscast by radio station WCCO: "...Fred Ewing who let out his cat at 5:15 a.m. watched a bright orange object moving across the sky. His wife, awakened, agreed that the object looked like a large light bulb." (77.)

30 November. London. England.

The London "Radio Times" announced that its December 4th "First Hand" program would feature a debate between Patrick Moore, astronomer, space-travel author and firm saucer disbeliever, and saucer book author Desmond Leslie. In an attempt at humor the "Radio Times" added that TV cameras would be positioned on the roof of the studio in case a saucer made an appearance.

30 November. Kettering, England.

A newspaper story tells us:

"A Kettering workman, a member of the Royal Observer Corps, leaving work in a dark alley near town centre last evening, happened to glance up and saw a mysterious object glowing in the night sky, pass swiftly overhead and out of his line of vision.

"Hardly believing his own eyes, Mr. Keith Manning, an electrician of 30 Morley street, Kettering, called to a workmate, Mr. Maurice Holloway, and the two of them cycled quickly up a gradient to Market Street.

"There the two were able to get an unobstructed view of the UFO." (78.)

The story continues with testimony by Mr. Holloway:

"The object was clearly visible. It was circular in shape and had a hole in the centre. It was very strange and appeared to be travelling sideways like a discus. Its speed was about the same as a jet aircraft, but there was absolutely no sound coming from it." (79.)

The newspaper reporting the incident added:

"The two observers stood stunned by what they had seen, for about half a minute as the object, still visible despite the bright street lamps, drew away from them in the direction of Corby.

"Neither knew what to do, but both felt they ought to tell somebody about their experience.

"Mr. John Barton, of 159 Beatrice Road, Kettering, Mr. Holloway's brother-in-law, who was told of the happening, said today: 'My brother-in-law was very serious about the whole affair. I am sure they did see something strange.' (80.)

30 November. Cincinnati, Ohio. (5:55 a.m.)

Something in the morning gloom.

Ordinarily Mrs. "L" wouldn't be looking out her front door at 5:55 a.m. but her dog was ill and she was eager to accommodate her pet which wanted to go outside. Once she got up and went to the door, Mrs. "L" happened to notice a "bright star" approaching her home. The "star" came to a stop about 200 feet from her porch midway between the house and a lodge 400 feet away. At that distance the "star" appeared to be a big, round, light green body. She felt she couldn't estimate the dimension of the thing very well but he figured it must have been a fairly big body. She compared the thing with a lodge building some distance behind the UFO. The building was of a known size, 30X40 feet, and the view of the structure was blocked by the object. The thing, whatever it was, did not maintain its position. It began to rise, and at the same time became an intense red in color. Some trees on a ridge finally screened the UFO from view as it moved off." (81.)

Was the UFO wave moving south? Would reports shift like the other flaps?

30 November. Petersburg, Indiana.

"It's not a helicopter."

Thursday, noontime, on Indiana State Highway 61, Charles Malott was driving a truck on a test run after making a some repairs. The teenager was only a few miles out of town at a place the locals called "Half Mile Hill" when he heard a strange racket coming from the rear of his vehicle. Fearing another bad mechanical problem, the youth pulled over to investigate. (See clipping)

The youth was familiar with helicopters but the "machine" was a drastic departure from: "... anything he ever saw, or heard about." (82.)

No propellers, tail structure, wings, windows, or landing gear could be seen.

An Experience!

Youth Says Big,

Spherical Object

Just Glided Away

PETERSBURG, Ind. (AP) -- Seventeen-year-old Charles Malott, of Petersburg, was kept busy answering questions today after he let the public in on his experience with an "object."

Malott said that he pulled to the side of Ind. 61, south of Petersburg, when he heard a noise "like three old threshing machines all being operated at one time."

Malott said that he discovered the noise did not come from the truck, he was driving but a spherical object, about 16 feet in diameter, and six or seven feet in height, which was rising from behind a woods about 1,000 yards off the road.

The boy said the object had no wings nor tail, and arose vertically. When the object reached a height of about 150 feet, Malott said the noise suddenly ceased and the object glided out of sight.

BLUE BOOK copied a page from a civilian UFO bulletin (INFINITY?) and included it in Air Force records for December 1956. Little or no information is available on many of the cases listed. (See below and on the next page)

- 1956, Dec. 31-Prineville, Oregon-7:04am-A green Fireball seen near here!
 1956, Dec. 26-Huntington Beach, Cal-4:49pm-Several, silver, oblong; UFOs reported crossing each others paths!
 1956, Dec. 26-Ada, Oklahoma-3pm-A round UFO! It disappeared & reappeared!
 1956, Dec. 20-Luverno, Tenn-4:45am-Strange LIGHT hovering at treetop level! Changed from red to green as it moved away! Observed for about an hour; It made no sound, was about a half-mile away!
 1956, Dec. 18-Hollidaysburg, Pa-7pm-A fiery UFO reported over here!
 1956, Dec. 18-Near Nyack, NY-7pm-A blue-green BLOB of light seen!
 1956, Dec. 18-Cleveland, Ohio-7:20pm-Strange LIGHT seen by Airline Pilots!
 1956, Dec. 18-Brookville, Pa-7:20pm-Blue-green LIGHT seen in this area!!
 1956, Dec. 18-Bartlow, Fla-10:30pm-UFO stopped, climbed vertically fast!!
 1956, Dec. 18-Near Winter Haven, Fla-(10:30pm)-Strange LIGHT reported!
 1956, Dec. 14-Dristol, SD-5pm-Bright, red, rectangular UFO hovering; low!
 1956, Dec. 13-Miami, Fla-11:15pm-Hourglass-shaped "blip" observed on Radar for about 20min.! It was about 65 miles SW of Miami, at 75,000 feet Altitude, lit 4,000mph! Disappeared & reappeared several times, changed speed & hovered, traveled SW! Cruised at 600mph!
 1956, Dec. 11-Ceylon, Minn-4:45pm-A round, red UFO stopped for 4 minutes!
 1956, Dec. 11-Anoka, Minn-Strong Sky-Quake baffles Officials! No solution!
 1956, Dec. 11-England-6:15pm-Round, green UFO over Moors! Intense light! It hovered with yellow flames shooting from it, then descended!
 1956, Dec. 10-Hawthorne, Cal-Zeppelin UFO hovers 1 min., then shot away!
 1956, Dec. 10-Chester, Oklahoma-Early-Mysterious colored LIGHT in area!
 1956, Dec. 9-6 miles NW of Cary, Minn-Night-Round, red UFO moves up & down!
 1956, Dec. 8-Storden, Minn-Night-Two UFOs were seen here tonight!
 1956, Dec. 8-Duford, ND-Night-Four, bright LIGHTS seen here!!
 1956, Dec. 7-Trenton, ND-Four, bright UFOs observed over Trenton!
 1956, Dec. 6-Forest Lake, Minn-about 9:45pm-UFO hovered a few blocks away at treetop-level, moving back-&-forth & up-&-down! Object was oblong, had 2 windows: 1 green & 1 red! Made no sound! Witnesses followed it almost an hr. in car, eastward! Unable to gain-up!
 1956, Dec. 5-Five miles S of Eklessa, Minn-4:30am-Brilliant, org-shaped UFO! Dogs in area barked loudly during the sighting!! (Familiar?)
 1956, Dec. 5-W of Mora, Minn-7am-A red LIGHT, that disappeared suddenly!
 1956, Dec. 5-Harrak, Oklahoma-Night-Brilliant Fireball passed over here!
 1956, Dec. 5-Hiller, SD-Midnight-Brilliant, red DISC seen for 10 minutes!
 1956, Dec. 4-Patterson, Ill-5:45am-A UFO reported over here this morning!
 1956, Dec. 4-Reno, Nev-4:30pm-Silver Object reported over here!
 1956, Dec. 4-Fallon, Nev-4:35pm-Several UFOs seen over the Naval Base!
 1956, Dec. 4-Bermillion, SD-6:45pm-24, white, cigar-shaped UFOs seen!! (24!!)
 1956, Dec. 3-Boston, Mass-Midnight-Bright, oval UFO seen speeding away from an Airliner! Airliner gave chase, but had to give-up!!

1956, Dec. 3-Bristol, SD-6:15pm-A UFO seen over this city!!
 1956, Dec. 3-Big Springs, SD-9pm-A red, ball-like UFO over here!
 1956, Dec. 3-Alliance, Ohio-9:45pm-Zig-zagging LIGHT seen over here!
 1956, Dec. 2-Near San Luis Obispo, Cal-5:15am-Five UFOs hovered over an hr.!!
 1956, Dec. 2-NW of Zumbrota, Minn-6pm-Green LIGHT appearing & disappearing!
 1956, Dec. 2-Bruce, SD-6pm-A UFO seen over here about 6pm!!
 1956, Dec. 2-W of Frankfort, SD-6:15pm- An elongated UFO reported!!
 1956, Dec. 2-Near Greenville, SD-6:15pm-Large, red 'Ball' seen, for 15 minutes!
 1956, Dec. 2-Near Ortley, SD-6:25pm-A cup-shaped UFO with rows of windows!
 1956, Dec. 2-Five miles W of Salem, SD-6:45pm-Bright, orange UFO, hovered at first, then moved on! (Dec. 2 was busy, too!)
 1956, Dec. 2-Forest Lake, Minn-9:45pm-Luminous, oblong UFO with points of light flashing in all directions! It moved up-&-down and back-&-forth! All while hovering! (See Dec. 6 report)
 1956, Dec. 2-6 miles S of Pierpont, SD-Evening-Pink UFO moving up-&-down!
 1956, Dec. 2-5-St. Paul, Minn-A UFO was seen over this City today!!
 1956, Dec. 1-Pollock, SD-12:45am-Bright, glowing UFO, big as a house! It hovered about 200ft. above the ground with a yellow glow! Dogs in the area 'went crazy' during its' visit!!
 1956, Dec. 1-Two miles E of Webster, SD-5am-A UFO with a "bump on top" and a ring of flashing lights encircling it, reported!
 1956, Dec. 1-Abbeeton, SD-5am-A white UFO over here was inspected by an Air-

1 December. Valley City, North Dakota.

Police car scares off UFO? See BLUE BOOK file card)

Some additional information on Valley City case is given in a teletype message that accompanied the file card. The message said the UFO left a red colored streak at intervals, but the most interesting part of the extra data is the reference to radio trouble.

Our source states:

THE OFFICERS REPORTED THAT WHEN THEY TRIED TO GET CLOSER TO THE OBJECT THEY LOST RADIO CONTACT WITH THE STATION AT VALLEY CITY AND ALSO AT JAMESTOWN. THIS WAS CONSIDERED VERY UNUSUAL AND HAS HAPPENED ONLY PREVIOUSLY DURING SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS. THE RADIO STATION IN VALLEY CITY WAS ALSO WITHOUT CONTACT WITH JAMESTOWN. ALL RADIO OPERATORS WERE ON DUTY AS TELEPHONE CHECK WAS MADE. WEATHER WAS CLEAR IN JAMESTOWN. ALL CONTACT WAS REGAINED WHEN OBJECT LEFT THE AREA." (83.)

2 December. Belvidero, South Dakota.

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2 December Belvidero, South Dakota

"Disappeared as if a light was turned off " (See BLUE BOOK file card) (84)

2 December Forest Lake, Minnesota

They chased it in their car

The story

"Mr and Mrs Fred Mofett, together with several house guests, saw a saucer at about 9 45 p m , and chased it for almost an hour in the family car When first spotted, the object was moving back and forth and up and down, at almost tree-top level, a few blocks to the east of them The Mofetts thought at first that it must be a plane in trouble, but they heard no motor noise whatever The saucer appeared to have two windows, one a luminous red and the other a luminous green in color It seemed to have an oblong shape They followed it along the highway toward the east, traveling at a moderate rate of speed in their car The saucer continued to hover low over the tree tops, and did not move at any great speed at any time However, they were unable to drive directly under the object as they hoped to do, so at 10 30 p m they gave up the chase However, during the entire drive they had been within a few hundred yards of the brightly-lighted saucer, which they believed to be the same unidentified craft that was seen over St Paul, Minn , earlier the same week " (85)

Ruppelt's brush with death

During a three week tour of the United States, Derek Dempster, a contributor to England's Flying Saucer Review, visited the West Coast where he called on Al Chop who assured the Englishman the U S Air Force was making a great effort to determine the true nature of UFO reports and was as anxious as any civilian to learn the facts

Dempster also hoped to interview E J Ruppelt who was employed by a Southern California aircraft company but the ex-BLUE BOOK chief was in no condition to discuss the UFO problem Ruppelt had suffered a heart attack and was in seclusion recuperating Not many years later a second cardiac arrest would be fatal Ruppelt's days were numbered (86)

2 December San Luis Obispo, California (5 45 a m)

"A bloodshot eye in the sky "

Bishop's Peak, a geographic feature near the city of San Luis Obispo, was part of the scenery for the guards patrolling the grounds of the California Men's Colony, a state prison

Early in the morning of December 2nd (5 45 a m) guards Richard Schacht, Wayne McGinnis, William Sperio, and watch commander Lt William Reeves, became excited over a number of glowing objects visible hovering in the vicinity of Bishop's Peak Unable to think of anything else, the lawmen summoned a reporter for the Telegram-Tribune, John Sarber Sarber rushed to the prison and met with the guards The members of the Colony constabulary pointed out the luminous bodies near the mountain top The reporter wrote "I watched

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them[the bodies] for 45 minutes and could detect no movement whatsoever to indicate forward speed. I can only say that the larger of the five objects most closely resembled a bloodshot eye " (87)

3 December Baltimore, Maryland

A UFO and a transport plane

According to a newspaper account

"Two men reported they saw a flying object streak away from a large transport plane while they were standing at Charles and Centre Streets Curvin Bush and Robert Bryant, guards at the Walters Art Gallery, said, 'We thought at first the tail or section of a wing had broken loose. But then the plane reversed its direction from northeast to southwest to follow the thing.' They said they watched it until it disappeared behind a building " (88)

4 December Stow, Ohio

"Came out at 90 degree angle "

Just before midnight on December 4th a former Marine Sergeant observed a reddish, silent, high-flying, star-like body racing toward the northeast over the town of Stow, Ohio. During the passage overhead, the witness noticed "Two objects at approximately one to two second intervals, came out at 90 degrees from the first object " (89)

Snippets from the midwest press

An editorial in the Alexandria, Minnesota, Echo on November 29th said "So there we are. Those who haven't seen these objects are likely to keep insisting that it's all hocus-pocus. Those who have seen them are perplexed "

The Huron, South Dakota, Plainsman posted a \$100 reward, expressing a desire for a photo of a UFO, or least the exclusive use of such a picture if it was " sharp and clear and shows sufficient details of construction "

The editor of the Sisseton Courier on December 6th admitted "I'm beginning to see why people are starting to change their opinions on the belief of 'flying saucers' in the midwest today " The Courier also had a story headlined "Flying Saucer Reported To Have Landed at Vieblen " The UFO touchdown was supposed to have left behind a circle of melted snow at the landing site in a cow pasture

The Salem, South Dakota, Special on December 6th printed " we do not believe that there is any cause for alarm. The saucers have been seen off and on for a number of years now, and if they had any harmful intentions upon earth we would have felt them before this. So we simply refuse to worry about them "

6 December Congressman Moss

"Congress is dropping the matter "

It took three weeks for Congressman Moss to reply to saucer buff Max B. Miller's letter of mid-November, a missive that urged a more intensive investigation into the UFO problem while extending congratulations for his efforts so far. Chairman Moss informed Miller in a letter dated December 6, 1956, that the Subcommittee was only concerned with the availability of BLUE BOOK's Special Report #14 and not the validity of the data therein. After

receiving assurances of a wider distribution of Special Report #14 from the Air Force, the Subcommittee was dropping any plans of further inquiries. This action by the military prompted Chairman Moss to cancel additional Congressional Hearings scheduled for early 1957. The Air Force avoided what it most feared for the time being, but the rise of NICAP made the military's horizon a dark one (90)

8 December Chandler AFS, Minnesota

Meteor?

The witness in this case thought he was watching a falling star, but when the "meteor" changed altitude and speed, the observer was amazed (See BLUE BOOK file card) (91)

8 December "Red flares spy on missile launches "

A CIA document states

"During the observation of test 3818 at 0104R, 8 December 1956, a red flare was sighted high in the eastern sky. This flare was a spot of reddish light with short tails of the same color protruding from each side of the spot to the south.

"The flare appeared to be at 15,000 to 20,000 feet. Its track, at first sighting (Launch, plus about one minute), was estimated to be some 10-12 miles out to and from the writer's position three miles north of [not legible] Main Gate, and its course was due north. Speed was estimated to be 750-1,000 miles per hour.

"The missile's altitude at about T plus 95 seconds appeared to be the same as the altitude of the flare.

"The flare made a wide turn to the east immediately after the missile 'passed' it (missile track appeared to be some 3 to 4 miles toward shore from the track of the flare), completing the turn about 8 to 10 seconds before burn-out of the missile.

"Upon completion of the turn, the flare picked up a heading of 90 - 100 degrees and maintaining this heading until out of sight of the writer at T plus 330 seconds.

"As far as could be determined, the flare track did not vary in speed or altitude during the entire sighting.

"On making the turn to the east, the two tails disappeared. Whether this was due to change in altitude with relation to the observer, or due to increased distance from the observer, or due to a change in 'power settings'(sic) is undecided.

"Weather conditions were ceiling and visibility unlimited.

"Attention is called to a similar sighting described to the writer by Mr. Wayne Aldrich. Mr. Aldrich saw a flare with a similar flight path the night of the ill-fated Jupiter launch " (92)

PROJECT 10013 RECORD CARD

1 DATE	2 LOCATION	17 CONCLUSIONS
<u>8 December 1956</u>	<u>Chandler AFS, Minnesota</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3 DATE TIME GROUP	4 TYPE OF OBSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
Local _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
GMT <u>09/0130Z</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Aerial <input type="checkbox"/> Satellite Radar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <i>Meteor</i>
5 PHOTOS	6 SOURCE	<input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<u>Military</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
7 LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8 NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9 COURSE
<u>twenty to thirty secs</u>	<u>one</u>	<u>vertical</u>
10 BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round white to green object, size of baseball at arm's length. Object came toward the earth at approximately 20 dgr then leveled off & started a slight climb. Obj was seen visually for 20 to 30 seconds.		11 COMMENTS Description, duration, and flight path indicate sighting was caused by a meteor. Slight rising considered to be optical illusion.

The author of the above account is not given. It may have been a CIA agent, or perhaps a concerned official employed at the missile base. It would seem the latter is the case since the writer is well informed on progress of the missile. It follows, therefore, that the "flare" has no connection with the missile launch or with air traffic in the area (air traffic is restricted during such tests). Another thing not mentioned in the document was the location of the missile base. California? Florida?

We do have two reports from Florida at this time that may indicate that is where the above incident took place.

A high school student named Frank McKisic observed something over Miami about a "week before Thanksgiving." He said he was

"walking down 3rd Street, between 9th and 10th Avenue. We [he and a friend] suddenly noticed a funny looking object up in the sky, just off to our left in the Southwest.

"It was moving very slowly at first, then it suddenly took off with a burst of speed and disappeared. It was completely silent." (93)

11 December Patrick AFB, Florida

Much more interesting is a letter sent to Leonard Stringfield at CRIFO headquarters. The correspondent's name was withheld but in light of the CIA document, perhaps we can give some credence to this information from an anonymous source.

"Today a rocket was fired and it went quite away upstairs. On the return flight a jet was covering the photos[?], and out from behind the rear bounced two saucer type ships at 25,000 feet. Through 7X50 glasses they were bright and gleaming --as the sun on a bright day. One was 400 feet to the rear and the other farther back and both traveling at 4,500 or faster speeds." (94)

Stringfield adds "CRIFO's correspondent goes on to tell of the objects making a 90° turn --and the jet trying to turn with them, but without luck. He comments, 'The machines left him (the jet) holding his hand.'" (95) Judging by the awkward language, the observer was probably not a person of consequence at the air base, and the account may have been badly described, yet a jet chase may have taken place. Further investigation is warranted.

9 December New Orleans, Louisiana

"Y formation"

An unusual formation case was recorded at New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 9th. A statement provided to authorities by a nightwatchman said four objects were observed in a Y-formation. These objects became stationary, and after a pause, formed up in a vertical fashion. After this, the four objects scattered in different directions. (96)

9 December Woodstock, Minnesota

"Mars, Moon or what?" (See BLUE BOOK file card)

The local military authority added the following to this report which lacks any further details

"This man [the witness] called me by phone at 1330 hours, 10 Dec 56 and gave the foregoing account. The only possible conclusion that I could arrive at was that it may have been the moon. However the farmer stated he could not see the moon and the size was too big for the moon. I could not render an honest opinion of what the object may have been." (97)

11 December Blubberhouses Moor, England

"Green ball"

A couple of young Mill workers, Peter Lawson and Alan Owens, reported an unusual experience on December 11th

"The two friends had gone for a motorcycle ride and lost themselves on the moor between Dalton Abby and Addingham

"Suddenly we were amazed to see a bright green object, which seemed to be hovering in the air about 2,000 ft up. It was shaped like a ball and about 20 ft in width. Bright green and yellow flames were shooting from it.

"The time was 8 15 p.m. yet the light from the object was intense enough to give the impression of daylight and the lamps on the motorcycle were switched off.

"The saucer hovered in the sky for about two minutes and then began to descend quite slowly. Whether it touched the ground or carried on its course over a fold in the hill, neither of the two onlookers could say. The light radiating from it persisted for minutes.

"Corroboration for this sighting comes from Miss Gwen Verity, of Station Road, Grassington. She also saw this object at precisely the same time as the two men, though from a much greater distance.

"I had just left the house when my attention was attracted by a green object, which appeared to be circular, in the sky in the Blubberhouses direction. It appeared to travel straight down the sky," Miss Verity said." (98)

11 December Minneapolis, Minnesota (5 30 a.m.)

More suspicious activity in the midwest

An unusually bright point of light with an orange cast was noticed by a disc jockey at 5 30 a.m. as he was on his way to the radio station. John Tally said the light was stationary and then zoomed away leaving what appeared to be a spray of sparks. Tally didn't think much of the sighting but when he arrived at the radio station he noticed that a UFO report had come over the AP news wire stating that three nightwatchmen had reported a UFO at 5 20, some 10 minutes before his own experience. (99)

REPORT OF OBSERVATION

1 DATE	2 LOCATION		12 CLOUDS
9 December 1956	Woodstock, Minnesota		01 V B H
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7 LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	9 COMMENT		01 I 11y Z 1 1 1
10 minutes	010	NW	01 I 11y Z 1 1 1
10 BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING	11 COMMENT		
One object shape of ball photo w/ flat side on top, larger than a baseball Color fire red and orange Obj tipped before it moved northw to slowly	Mn at about 10 deg elevation in W to t Moving toward NW and settling Color of red & orange associated with the planet		

13 December Norbert F Gariety

Back on November 8th radar technician Donald Freestone tracked a target in the sky over the tip of Florida, a target that was moving at tremendous speed and could not be identified as a missile or an aircraft. Word of the strange incident quickly circulated among the employees at the Pan American Airways building at the Miami International Airport. A radio operator that worked there, Tim Roper, heard the story and related it to the President of the Miami Ham Radio Operators, Robert Cheney, the next day. Cheney told a friend, Norbert F Gariety of Coral Gables who was extremely interested in the UFO problem and was making plans to publish a UFO news bulletin named S P A C I (Saucer Phenomena And Celestial Enigma). Gariety obtained a signed copy of the radar report from Freestone so he could show it to the Miami papers. There had been an alert at Homestead AFB the same day as the radar tracking and Gariety thought there might be a connection but the military refused to provide a civilian with details other than to confirm the alert had been official ordered.

Gariety scheduled a number of speaking engagements in the Miami area to generate curiosity about the radar case, handing out copies of the Freestone report during every talk. Nonetheless there was no press interest until Gariety's buddy Harry Emerson personally contacted reporter Bert Collier of the Miami Herald. Following up on the tip given him by Emerson, Collier did some checking and convinced himself the Freestone report had merit. On December 13th Collier's story appeared in the Herald under the headline "MYSTERY OBJECT GOING 4,000 MPH EYED ON RADAR HERE". The news story produced results. Gariety tells us "Mr Freestone received a letter from a man at Cocoa Beach telling of their watching a UFO follow a Guided Missile that was fired on the same day, November 8th " (100)

13 December Tampa, Florida

A B-47??? (See BLUE BOOK file card) (101)

14 December CRIFO chief gets some bad news

Major Andrew Wood, executive, Public Information Division, wrote Leonard Stringfield a letter on December 14, 1956, which read

"We have just completed a review of the considerable file of correspondence that has accumulated over the past years between you and various units and offices of the Air Force. Our conclusion is that a continuation on the subject would be of little value to the United States Air Force investigation and technical analysis of UFO studies " (102)

16 December Biloxi, Mississippi

A 15-year-old boy made this report so his credibility is open to question (See BLUE BOOK file card) (103) The sighting is more complex than the description given on the file card. According to the report the UFO was moving

" south to north on a collision course with a jet aircraft heading east. As it approached the jet, it paralleled its course momentarily, disappeared for a second and then rose rapidly where it joined a second similar object which appeared suddenly

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7 LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8 NUMBER OF OBJECT	9 COMMENT
one minute	three	unknown
10 BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING		
Three white circular objects, size of a silver dollar at arm's length. Objects flow in a V formation on a straight flight path. Object was seen visually for one minute.		Concur w/reporting officer that the sighting was caused by the sun reflecting from a high flying B-17 in area.

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1. DATE 16 December 1956	2. LOCATION Biloxi, Mississippi	12. CORRELATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> W B II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W B II <input type="checkbox"/> W B II
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7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 to 5 seconds	9. COURSE Rising 1 to N	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 1000 ft to 1000 ft <input type="checkbox"/> 1000 ft to 1000 ft
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two objects round, size of half dollar, color cream to white. Objects side by side, appeared as a fuzzy ball WX balloons and numerous n/c in area. Sound of jet indistinct in shape, very bright		11. COMMENTS Preparing officer comment that W/B balloon was released at 1500 hrs and very easily could be in area of sighting. Description is similar to cluster balloon, however, duration of 15 seconds tends to conflict with this analysis. Description of motion is in accord w/balloon analysis. Case listed as possible balloon.

Both objects continued to rise until they faded from sight. Observer stated the jet aircraft appeared to roll slightly as the object neared the aircraft, the aircraft then straightened and continued on an easterly course " (104)

17 December Itazuke Air Base, Japan

Balloon, freak conditions, or a UFO? (See teletype message) (See news clipping, comment of Col Hoffman, and BLUE BOOK file card) (105)

NICAP examined the BLUE BOOK report on the Itazuke case in August 1957 and the civilian group noted with interest the pilot's estimate of the UFO's size which the flyer said was as big as a B-29 bomber. Was the size correct? NICAP used three figures to confirm the pilot's estimate

- 1) The thickness of a standard pencil eraser
- 2) The range of the UFO as determined by radar
- 3) The distance between the pilot's eye and the windscreen
(This distance was determined exactly by consulting with the aircraft company that designed and manufactured the F-86, North American Aviation)

NICAP computed the diameter of the UFO as 200 feet+. The largest type of weather balloon did not exceed 20 feet in diameter "at altitude" (Point of maximum expansion), so how could the UFO be a weather balloon? (106)

Aside from the question of the UFO's dimensions, it is impossible to ignore the apparent jamming of the F-86's radar. To jam the jet's radar, the UFO had to have a device to transmit a powerful signal on the same frequency, thus washing out any reflective echo. Once the F-86's radar was jammed, the pilot in this case pushed the anti-jamming button which triggered a change of frequency, restoring a clear screen. To maintain a jamming condition the UFO had to search the spectrum of radar frequencies until it found the one being used by the F-86, and then again transmit obscuring interference pulses. This search of the radar spectrum involves a slight delay, which is exactly what happened. It is also interesting to note that the second attempt at jamming was not completely effective, at which time the UFO pulled away as if the UFO was aware its jamming was not doing the job. The testimony of the pilot seeing an object, combined with the jamming, indicates that some sort of machine was involved. At least it makes for a better scenario than the proposed "freak atmospheric conditions "

Late 1956

Castle AFB, California

More puzzling radar effects

With the Itazuke case fresh in our minds, let us review a late 1956 (No exact date available) incident as related in Richard Hall's book Uninvited Guests

The incident involved a "cat and mouse" aerial encounter in the sky near the city of Modesto, California. The jets in this encounter were radar equipped F-86s, the same kind of aircraft as in the Itazuke case.

It seems civilians in the Modesto area alerted nearby Castle AFB to UFO activity. As a result two F-86 jets were scrambled. While searching the sky,

THE AUCKLAND STAR FRIDAY OCTOBER 4, 1957

Jet planes chased big flying object

WASHINGTON, Thursday —An Air Force jet chased a "circular flying object" that was at least 250 feet in diameter last December, the National Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) said today

NICAP, a privately-financed research organization, said it obtained the report from a "Far East Air Force office" where the incident took place. Air Force headquarters in Washington had no immediate comment.

According to the report, published in NICAP's monthly magazine, *UFO Investigator*, a jet pilot picked up a strange blip on his radar. The object was the size of a B 29 bomber, the report added, and the pilot headed towards it at more than 800 miles an hour.

"At eight miles range a large round object appeared directly ahead," the magazine quoted the Air Force report as saying. "By this time, the jet's radar was in 'lock-on' position, automatically guiding the jet towards the UFO (unidentified flying object)."

"A moment later, the radar was jammed by a strong interference. Using anti-jam pro-

cedure, the pilot switched frequency. For 10 seconds this eliminated the mysterious interference pulses, then they came again on the new frequency. But they were not strong enough to break the radar lock on and the jet held its course.

"The jet closed to within five nautical miles of the object and could not close further."

Turned away

"When the pilot was closest to the unidentified object, it appeared to make a shallow left turn. It had the appearance of being circular on the bottom."

The magazine said the Air Force report described the object as "a golden tan with no sun reflection." It said the object moved up and away at an estimated speed of 1800 to 2160 miles an hour.

Air Force electronics experts, it added, checked the plane's radar after the pilot landed and found it working perfectly. —N.E.P.A.—Reuter

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SUBJECT Radar and Visual UFO Reported by FEAF

TO AFOIN-4E4

FROM AFOIN-4E1

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Comment Nr 2

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1 The following comments are made with reference to the radar portion of this UFO sighting

a The size of the "blip" on the scope is much larger than a normal return for a single target

b Assuming a large target (from the large "blip" observed), the wing man and the GCI station should also have had radar contact This they did not have

c The speed the target left the scope eliminates returns from aircraft, including the B-57

2 It is extremely difficult to discount sightings which involve both visual and radar sightings In this case the existence of a physical target cannot be positively disproven, although the discrepancies in the radar portion of the sighting indicate that at least the radar sighting is a false target. If this is true, the sighting may be a case of associating an actual visual target with a false radar target

3 Although this office is not in a position to comment on the subject, it would seem that unusual weather or transmission conditions which affect radar transmissions might also affect visual transmissions thereby providing freak visual observation

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GORDON C HOFFMAN
Colonel, USAF
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<p>1 DATE 17 December 1956</p>	<p>2 LOCATION Itazuke AB, Japan</p>		<p>12 CONCLUSIONS Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon</p>
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<p>5 PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>6 SOURCE Military Air</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical</p>
<p>7 LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Visual 3-4 minutes Radar 7-8 minutes</p>	<p>8 NUMBER OF OBJECTS one</p>	<p>9 COURSE - - -</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other spurious returns <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>10 BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING UFO observed as blip on radar of lead plane not visible on radar or visually by trailing plane 6 miles behind. Plane under GCA control & object could not be picked up by ground radar. Object was observed visually was tan color, flat on bottom, round on top.</p>		<p>11 COMMENTS Radar sighting evaluated as spurious return or false target since obj could not be picked up on other radars in area. Visual observation evaluated as WX balloon.</p>	

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1 A SPHERICAL, (GROWN ON LOG) FLAT (1/2") RADAR VAL
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D ONE (1)
E N/A
F NEGATIVE

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B. RADAR: 12 O'CLOCK LEVEL VISUAL 12 O'CLOCK LEVEL
C. 12 O'CLOCK LEVEL

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JET CHASE OF LARGE CIRCULAR OBJECT INVESTIGATED BY FAR EAST AIR FORCE

The pilot of the USAF F-4 Phantom II, Lt. Col. R. J. ...
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Pilot called the GCI site to ask if they had a target which would correspond to the unidentified blip. After receiving an ... (Please turn to Column 1, Page 2)

Castle field radioed that an unidentified object was visible to controllers in the air traffic control tower. The jets raced back to the field and immediately spotted the UFO.

There was a cloud layer at about 11,000 feet and the UFO was just below it. The UFO appeared to be a luminous elliptical body that was apparently trying to use the thin cloud layer as cover, ducking into the vapor when one of the F-86s approached. At times the jets got within 500 yards of the object. To foil the UFO, one jet positioned itself above the cloud layer while the other interceptor remained below the cloud layer. Of course none of this maneuvering should have been necessary since the F-86s were equipped with airborne radar, and the "alien ship," if that is what it was, should have been aware of that fact. Hall tells us "Both pilots got transient returns from their airborne radars, but were puzzled by the curious way in which they lost the echo almost as soon as they picked it up." (107)

The game of "cat and mouse" continued until the two jets had to return to Castle field so they could refuel.

An Air Force debriefing team arrived at Castle field to interrogate the F-86 pilots. The debriefing officers were not connected with Castle AFB and they asked some odd questions according to the F-86 pilots. The questions asked were "seeking 'confirmation not information,' as if they knew just what they wanted to find out." (108) The pilots were told "Forget the incident and inquiries from the public were discouraged by insisting the F-86s had been chasing nothing more than large birds.

This case was investigated by Dr. James McDonald who was one of the best UFO detectives ever to tackle the mystery. All of the names and affiliations of those people involved in the case are in his files. (109)

How the Air Force assigned balloon explanations "

Among the BLUE BOOK paperwork on the Itasca case, there is the following information from ATIC's "Balloon Data File." First of all there is some general data about weather balloon types: Radiosonde, Rawin, Rawinsonde, Robal, and Pibal, and then there is this surprising admission. (See below) (110)

Part I - Weather Balloons

1. In the analysis of Flyobrrpts prior to 1 Jul 52 approximately 15% were classified as "possibly" or "probably" balloon. The basis for decision was generally little more than a form of guesswork; if the Flyobrrpt did not do anything, and much leeway was allowed for observer's fallibility, that a balloon could not do in maneuvers, speed, etc., and if the description corresponded even roughly to that of a balloon, it was so classified. If there was no particular reason to believe a balloon was in the area, the report became a "possible." If the sighting occurred near a balloon launch site or on or about the launch time, it became a "probable." It was obvious that the effort to obtain actual data to support such conclusions was in order.

17 December Newberryport, New Hampshire

Red and green star-like body (See BLUE BOOK file card) (111)

The witness was a Seaman apprentice, U S Coast Guard "Size of a dime" seems a bit large for a celestial object even allowing for considerable error on the part of the observer Compare this report with the next case

18 December Miami, Florida

The witness was an ex-Navy pilot (See BLUE BOOK file card) (112)

18 December Barberton, Ohio

A brief report from Ohio mentions that an object crossed the sky from east to west over the city of Barberton While in view the UFO reduced speed, came to a stop, wobbled, and then performed some movements described as erratic (113)

20 December Luverne, Minnesota

Another mystery in the midwest

Early in the morning of December 20th(4 45 a m) a Mr and Mrs Elmer Hamann noticed a strange reddish light about 1/2 mile from their farmhouse The light appeared to be low in the sky, apparently hovering just above the tree tops There was no sound During the hour the light hovered in view, no solid body could be seen Eventually the light moved away, changing from red to green as it travelled out of sight (114)

26 December DeFuniak, Florida

Helicopter? (See BLUE BOOK file card) (115)

30 December Reading, England (6 15 p m)

"The queerest thing she had even seen "

Our source states

"A Mrs Doris Dinnage, a housewife living in the city of Reading, was hanging out the wash early Sunday evening when 'the queerest thing she had ever seen' came into view She likened its appearance to a 'fish without a tail,' and that it zig-zagged across the sky on a generally western direction Startled, Mrs Dinnage summoned her husband and the children to witness the phenomenon The spectacle, she said, was an 'unneiving' experience " (116)

APRO and NICAP

The appearance of the NICAP organization on the saucer scene in 1956 came at a time the reigning UFO group, Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) changed the structure of its operating policy The leadership of APRO decided that the government was probably telling the truth when it professed ignorance of any evidence to prove UFOs to be real APRO's efforts were redirected to obtaining the services of scientists so the organization could improve its investigations of UFO incidents (117)

NICAP, under the guidance of T T Brown, was also avoiding any clashes with the government, but that wouldn't last After a change of leadership, there would be a change of policy and a gap would develop between NICAP and APRO

PROJECT 100/3 RECORD CARD

1 DATE 17 December 1956		2 LOCATION Newberryport, New Hampshire		12 CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
3 DATE TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 17/0830Z		4 TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Intercept Radar			
5 PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6 SOURCE Military		13 Was Astronomical Venus <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7 LENGTH OF OBSERVATION two hours		8 NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9 COURSE stationary	
10 BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One red and green star-shaped object, size of a dime at arm's length. Obj was seen blinking and stationary and was seen visually for two hours		11 COMMENTS Description, duration, blinking indicate that sighting was caused by a star or planet, probably the planet Venus.			

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1 DATE	2 LOCATION		12 CONCLUSIONS
18 December 1956	Miami, Florida		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3 DATE TIME GROUP	4 TYPE OF OBSERVATION		
Local _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
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5 PHOTOS	6 SOURCE		
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7 LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8 NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9 COURSE
five minutes	one		stationary then SSW
10 BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING		11 COMMENTS	
One red and green blinking light When first seen, object was stationary in the South, but suddenly it veered to SSW at a very high rate of speed. Object was seen visually and through binoculars for five minutes.		Concur with reporting officer that sighting was probably caused by an aircraft.	

PROJECT 10074 RECORDED

1 DATE 26 December 1956		2 LOCATION Dofuniak Springs, Florida		12 CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Ballistic <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Ballistic <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Ballistic <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
3 DATE TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 26/2320Z		4 TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
5 PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6 SOURCE Civilian & Military		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
7 LENGTH OF OBSERVATION fifteen to twenty five mins one		8 NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9 COURSE SW to W	
10 BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One white egg-shaped object w/a red tinge around the edges. Obj was the size of small grapefruit. Very red flashes, fm 1/10 to 1/20 the size of the object kept flashing and/or firing until the object went out of sight. Object was first seen at 30 dgr elevation, 135 dgr azimuth, and disappeared at 15 dgr elevation traveling west. Object was seen visually for 15 to 25 minutes. NO REPORT IN FILE.		11 COMMENTS Concur with reporting Officer that sighting caused by i/c. Although there was a helicopter in the area & the details of the sighting indicate that this was cause, the helicopter landed ten minutes before the obj disappeared. However, time in sight may have been incorrectly estimated. Therefore, prob all craft is evaluation of this sig.			

28 December Wickford, England (Early morning)

"fired his shotgun "

According to a London newspaper

"Maurice Waddope, a former railway fireman, went out early to shoot a sparrowhawk with his A40 Shotgun. Through the mist he saw a circular object overhead (est 40m alt) 'six times the size of a penny held at arms length'. Waddope fled to a clearing, loaded and fired his gun. The shot hit against the metal craft, rebounding and hitting him in the chest. The object hovered over the treetops for 4-5 minutes, after which it shot away westward toward London " (118)

28 December Invercargill, New Zealand

Chief Inspector of Police reports

"I observed a number of mysterious flying object pass over the city between the hours of 11 p.m. and midnight

"The first formation flew across the city in an east to west direction. The objects were travelling at a very high speed and at first sight appeared to be a flock of birds surrounded in a very white phosphorescent glow. This formation appeared to be follow-one particular light which seemed to have control over the remainder of the flight in a triangular formation. The total length of time they were visible would be approximately 30 seconds

"A single light travelling from the east was visible to myself and two firemen for approximately 75 seconds. This object circled over South Invercargill, disappearing into the south-west

"Ten minutes later eight lights sped across the sky in the same direction as the previous ones, this formation being also triangular in shape. All lights seen on this night were flying well below the cloud layers

Yours faithfully,

J J Kearns

Chief Inspector of Police

District Office, Invercargill " (119)

31 December Guam

Unidentified (See BLUE BOOK file card) (120)

The detailed teletype message that accompanied this BLUE BOOK file card tells us the UFO displayed tremendous speed, literally flying circles around one of the fastest fighters of the U.S. Air Force

" WHEN HE WAS UNABLE TO CLOSE WITH IT AND IT CONTINUED TO TURN WITH HIM ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE TURN['] THE PILOT KNEW THERE WERE NO OTHER FIGHTERS AIRBORNE AT THE TIME AND OTHER AIRCRAFT STATIONED IN THE VICINITY COULD NOT TURN OUTSIDE THE F-86D'S TURNING RADIUS. THE OBJECT PASSED BETWEEN THE INTERCEPTOR AND THE CITY OF AGANA, GUAM, AND AT THIS TIME NO SILHOUETTE WAS SEEN[?] THE OBJECT PROCEEDED SOUTH FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES AT THE PILOT'S ALTITUDE (20,000 MSL) THEN IT CLIMBED TO ABOUT 30,000 MSL AND CAME DIRECTLY

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Changes

Observing the saucer scene at the end of the year, UFO buff James Moseley noted that George Adamski's former associate, George Williamson, had closed his "Telonic Research Center" in Arizona and left the country, telling everyone he was moving to Lima, Peru, in South America, of all places

Another surprise was news James Rigberg was filing for bankruptcy Only months before the publisher of Flying Saucer News was featured in the Saturday Evening Post as a commercial success

Much more disturbing, however, was that NICAP was in financial difficulties and was in danger of failure Moseley hoped that the giant saucer club would put all other groups to shame since it operated out of an office on fashionable Connecticut Avenue in the nation's capital and was backed by about 70 respectable scientifically-minded people Rumors suggested that the scheme was too grandiose (123)

Air Radar Team Sights 4,000-mph 'Saucer' in Fla

MIAMI (UP) — Those flying saucers are back again

A radar expert for Pan American Airways here said he spotted an unidentified flying object on his screen zipping over South Florida at an estimated 4,000 mph

The radar man, Donald Freestone, said the object was four to five times larger than an aircraft observed in the past

Freestone said his other Pan American radar reports confirmed his observation

He described the object as egg-shaped or oval and said it first appeared 65 miles southwest of Miami at an altitude of 7,000 to 8,000 feet going about 4,000 mph

I didn't believe in such things before, Freestone said, but after this happened I got some books and read up on it. Now I'm convinced it was something that is out of our experience so far as air traffic is concerned

Freestone said such is the Air Force missile test center at Cape Canaveral 200 miles north of Miami are believed capable of attaining speed up to 4,000 mph

PROJECT 100/J RECORD CARD

<p>1 DATE</p> <p>31 December 1956</p>	<p>2 LOCATION</p> <p>Guam</p>		<p>12 CONCLUSIONS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Was B Ho n</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly B Ho</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly B Ho</p>
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<p>5 PHOTOS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Y..</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N</p>	<p>6 SOURCE</p> <p>AF Interceptor Pilot</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical</p>
<p>7 LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</p> <p>10 minutes</p>	<p>8 NUMBER OF OBJECTS</p> <p>one</p>	<p>9 COURSE</p> <p>fm W to S to W (maneuvered)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Other UNIDENTIFIED</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>10 BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</p> <p>UFO passed under pilot's a/c(F-86-D) Came in fm West - proceeded South, then came over pilot. Pilot unable to gain or intercept obj. It turned West then returned and circled fighter going W. Pilot broke off due to low fuel. UFO described as white, round, dime-size, blinking white lights</p>		<p>11 COMMENTS</p> <p>Maneuvers strongly indicate i/c. However, in view of stated reliability of observer, & statement no i/c in vicinity (air traffic over small island in Pacific easily discernible) will place in UNIDENTIFIED pending further details & info. Iwx 30 Jim could not give any additional data. Case carried as UNIDENTIFIED</p>	

JOINT MESSAGE FORM

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Witness

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PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE	INFO	FROM	COMBAT
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FROM	COMBAT	INFO	FROM	COMBAT

A/FDO 57-0018 UNCL

TO COMDR, 4602D AISS, ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

RJF DEN

(UNCLASSIFIED) FROM APOIN-4E4

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UFO SIGHTING OVER GUAM ON NIGHT 31 DECEMBER 56 IS SUBJECT OF PLACENT
 TT MESSAGE A7FDO 57-0018 COPY RECEIVED THIS CENTER ON 5 JANUARY 57
 REQUEST IF FURTHER INFO RECEIVED YOUR HEADQUARTERS, OR STATUS OF THIS
 SIGHTING PRESUME PREPARING OFFICER CONTACTED FOR FURTHER DETAILS,
 COMMENTS, AF 112, ETC NO INDICATION GIVEN ON UNCLCT ME PAGE
 WHETHER RADAR FACILITIES CHECKED IF UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY,
 PRESUMING FIELD AND CONTROL STATION CHECK VISUAL MANEUVER, STRONGLY
 INDICATE AIRCRAFT HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF GIVEN RELIABILITY OF OBSERVER,
 AND PRESUMED NO AIRCRAFT (AS AIR TRAFFIC OVER SMALL ISLAND IN PACIFIC
 IS EASILY OBSERVED), WILL CARRY AS 'UNKNOWN PENDING FURTHER
 INFO AND DEVELOPMENTS

COORDINATION

APOIN-4E4 Henry A. Milley DATE 18/1/57

Dr Henry A. Milley

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ROBERT F. O. COMDR

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REPLACES DD FORM 173 1 OCT 49 WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

Air Force UFO statistics (1947 1956)

On page ~~68~~⁷⁰ is a Special Report #14 graph showing the number of UFO reports in U S Air Force files as of 1956, as well as the official explanations expressed as percentages of the total. There are six categories of explanations AS -- Astronomical, AC -- Aircraft, B -- Balloon, INS -- Insufficient data, O -- Other, and UNK -- Unknown. The line "TOT" stands for "total number of cases."

The "gap"

The first thing a person is aware of is the 1953 1954 "gap." For some reason no data for this period has been plotted. See page ~~69~~⁷¹.

On page ~~70~~⁷¹ the "gap" has been eliminated by folding over the paper. Now we have a more accurate picture of the plotted statistics. (See arrows)

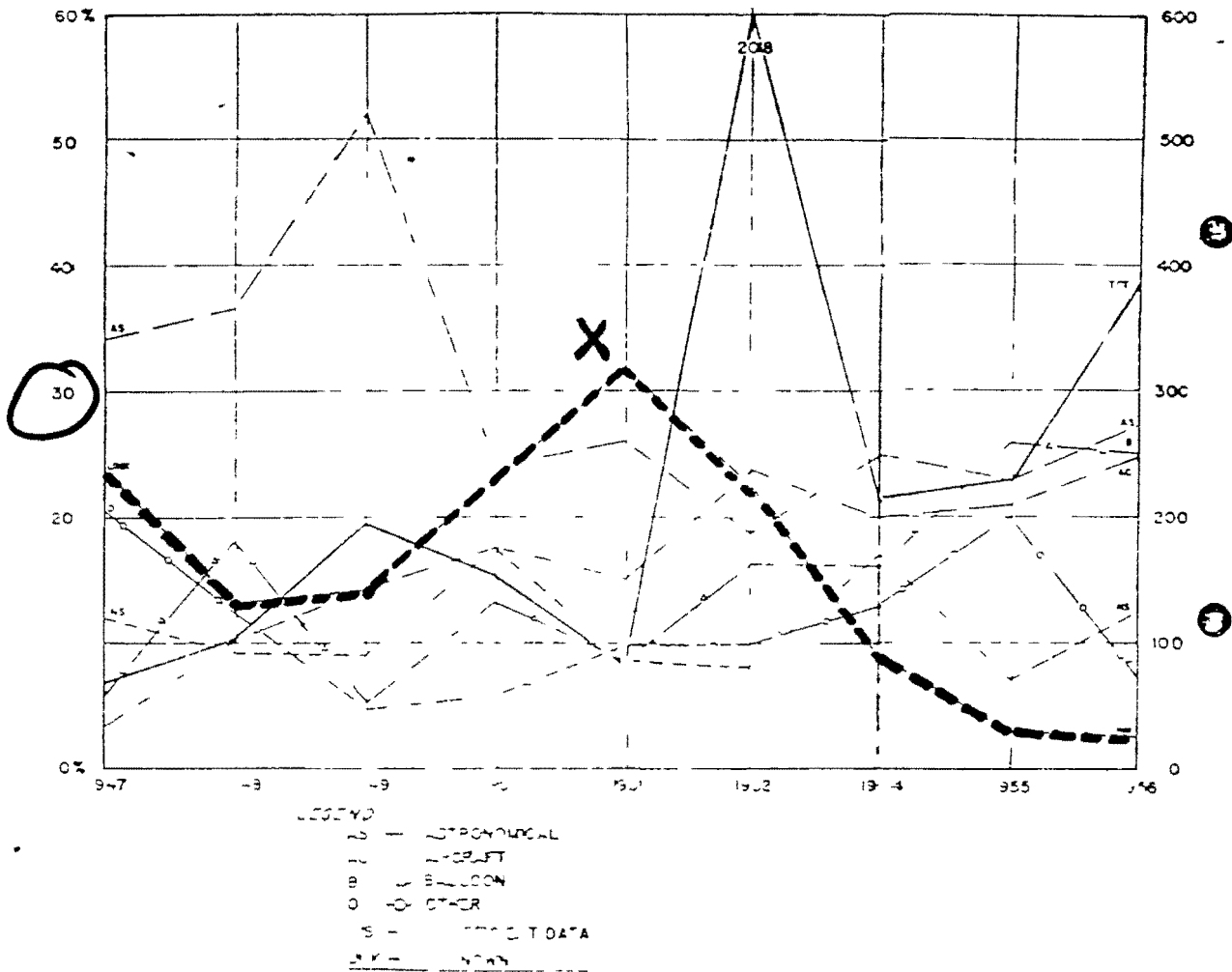
UFO reports on the increase

Page ~~71~~⁷² emphasizes the TOT line by making it dark and heavy. A second dark and heavy line, a series of dashes, has been added to show the general trend over time. The graph shows that the number of UFO reports were increasing at a rapid pace in spite of the Air Force's efforts to end the "hysteria."

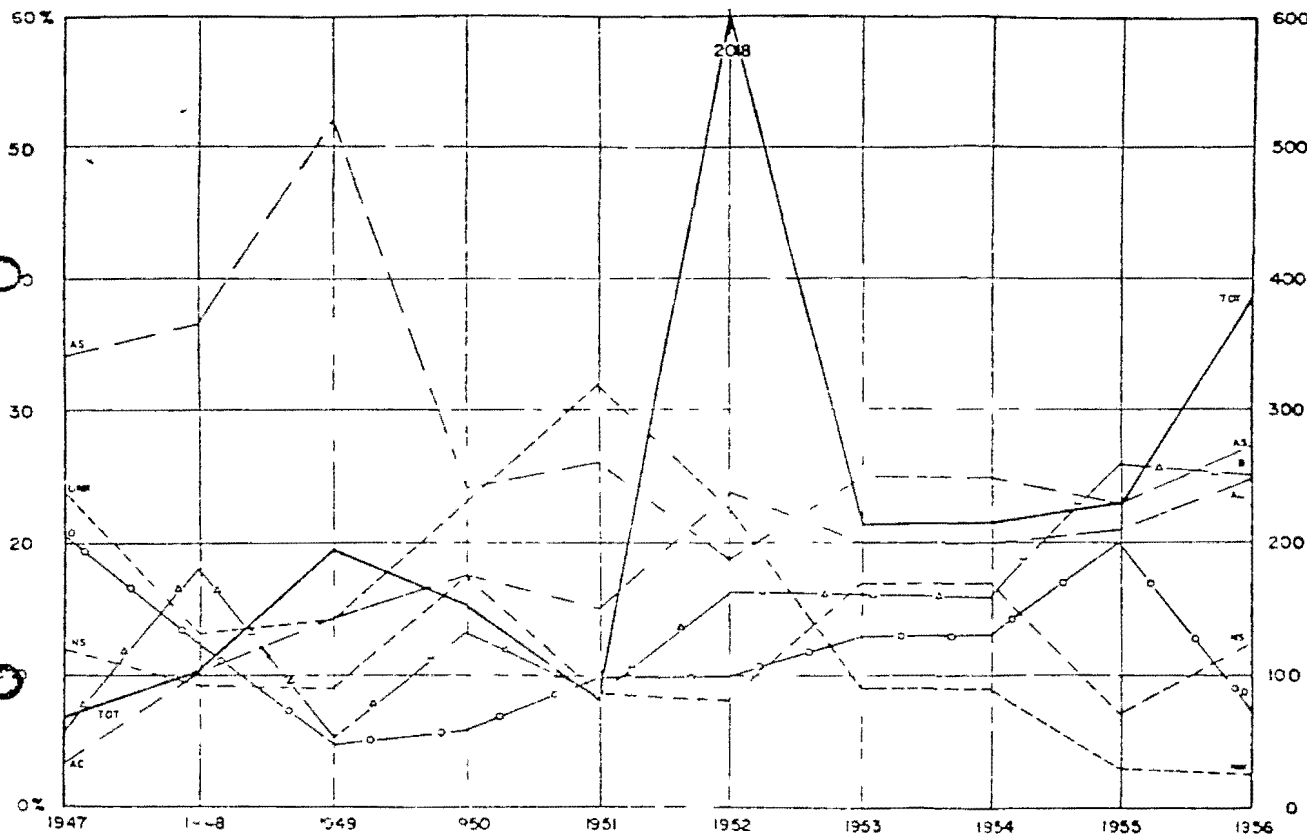
Unknowns

No doubt the statistic most interesting to UFOlogists is the "Unknown" reports, as designated as such by Air Force evaluators. Without the "gap," Air Force figures show a decline of unknowns of almost mathematical perfection, plunging from a high of over 30% in 1951 (Point X), to an "acceptable" 7-3% by 1955. Any thoughtful person would challenge this "perfection" and wonder if the numbers had been manipulated. Since the sharp drop in unknowns began in 1951 when project GRUDGE was launched, followed by BLUE BOOK in March 1952, one might meditate on the real purpose of the Intelligence efforts. (See pages ~~22~~⁶⁹)

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT STATISTICS FOR THE CALENDAR 1947 THRU 1956



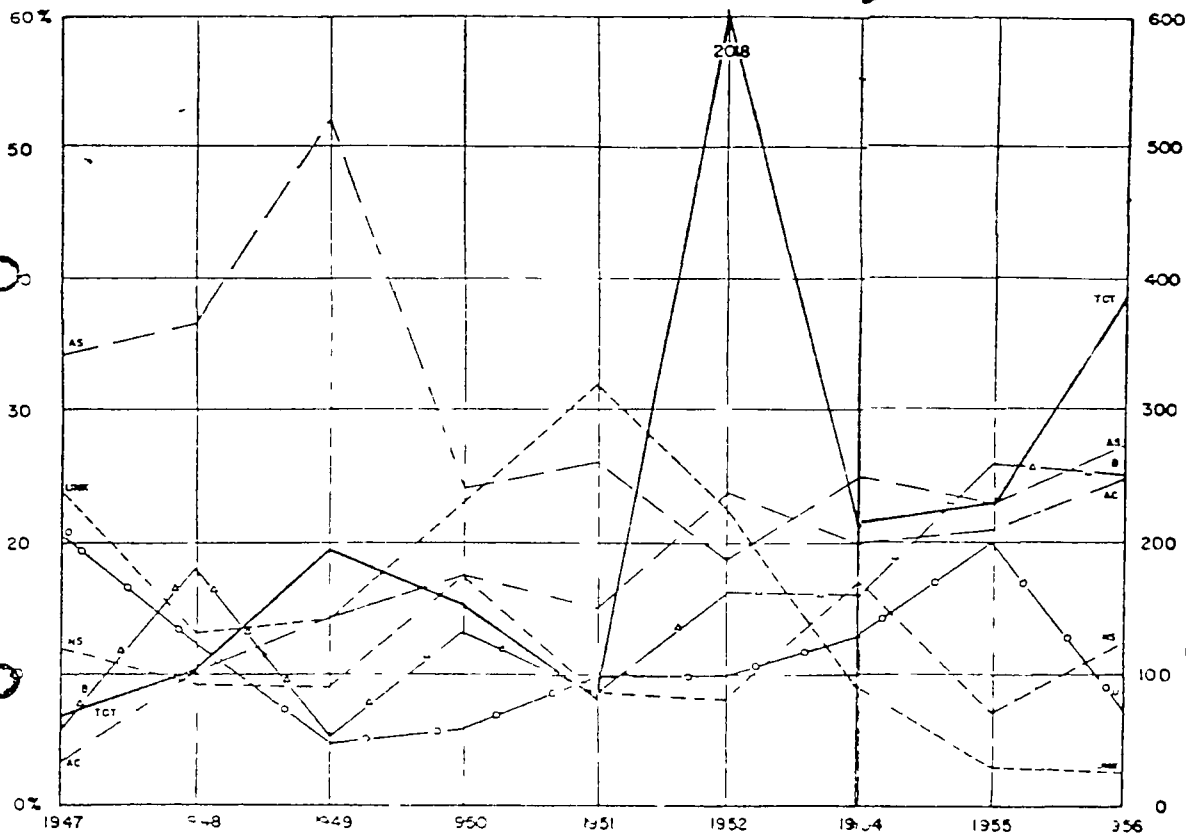
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- AC — AIRCRAFT
- B — BALLOON
- O — OTHER
- ND — RECENT DATA
- X — UNKNOWN

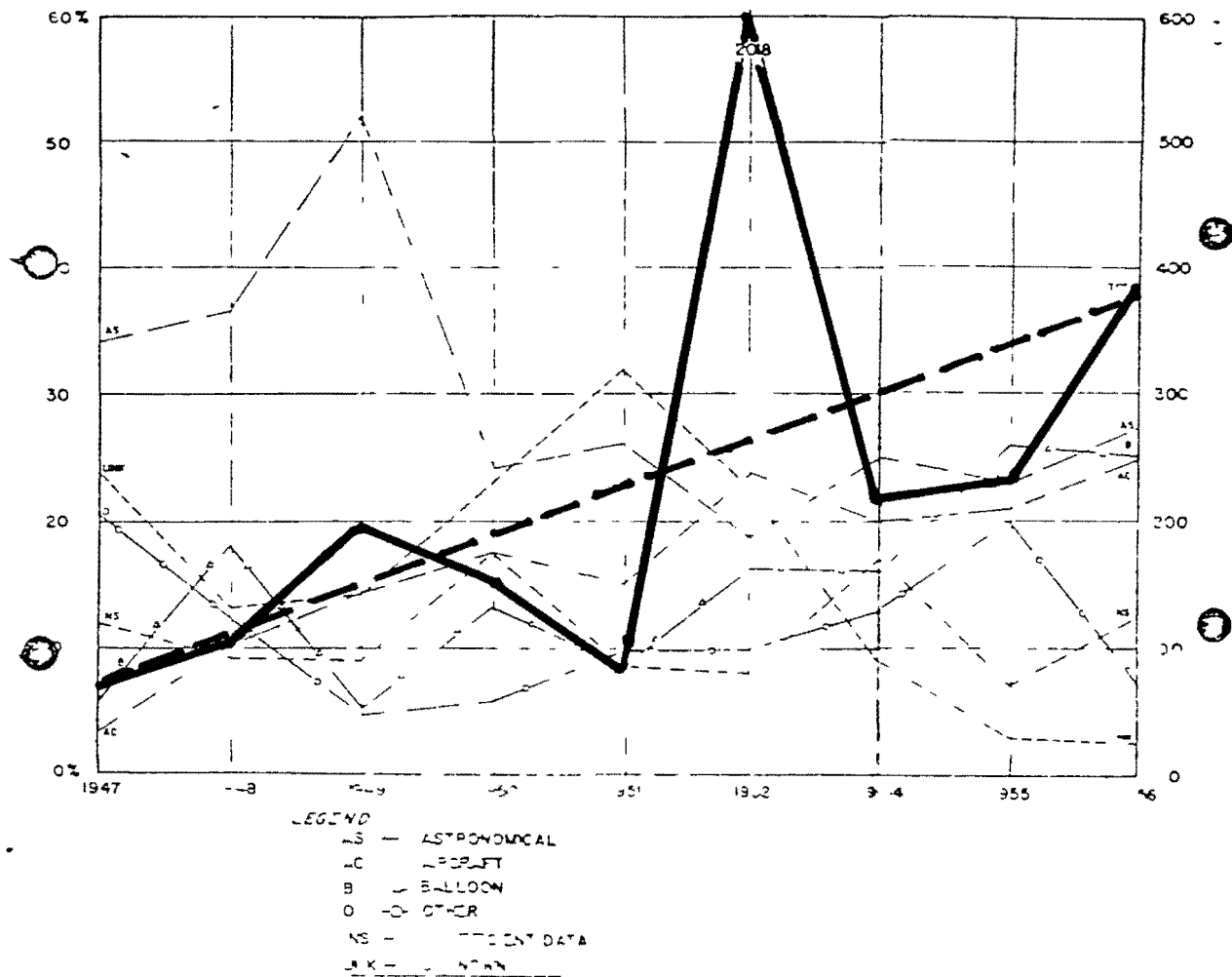
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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT STATISTICS FOR THE CALENDAR 1947 THRU 1956



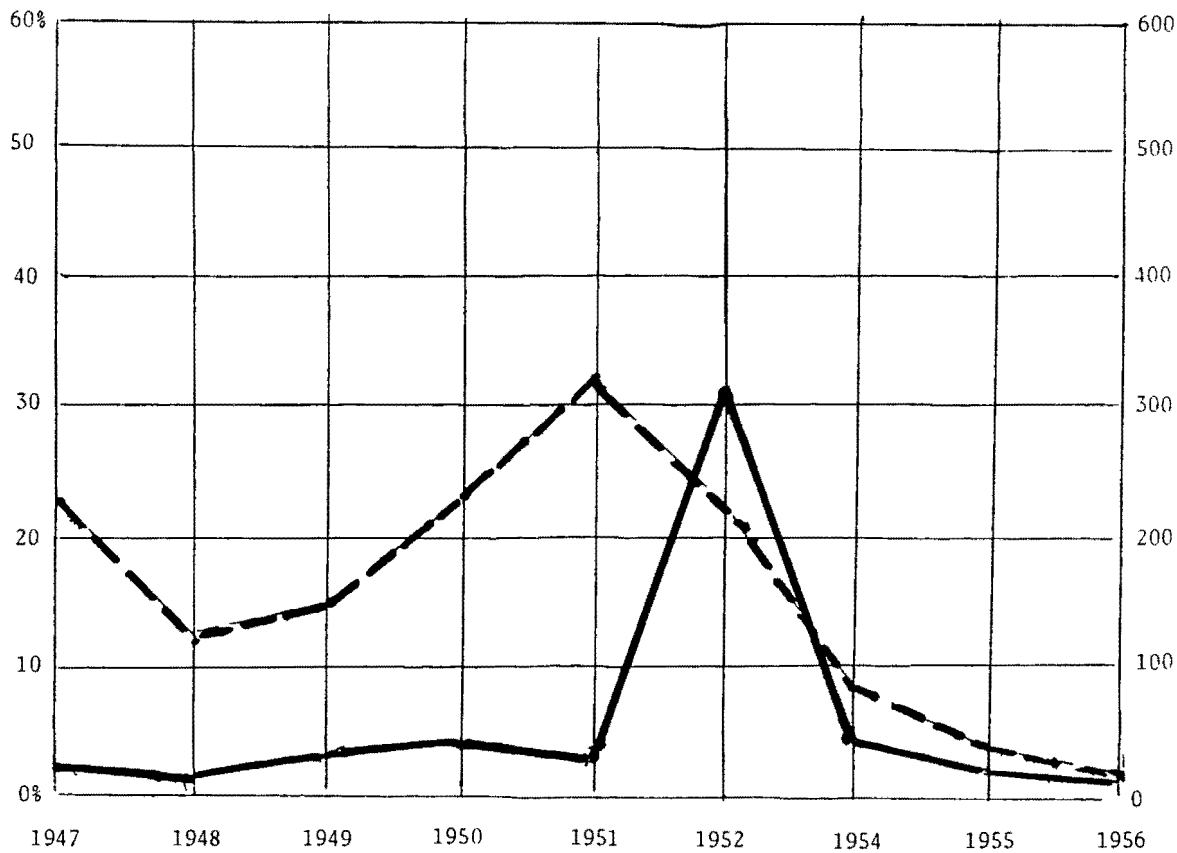
In 1966 the Air Force "up dated" its BLUE BOOK Special Report #14 UFO statistics in a mimeographed document distributed by the Library of Congress Legislative Reference Bureau under the title "Facts About Unidentified Flying Objects".* It seems that in reviewing its records, the Air Force found various (questionable) reasons to change the number of unknowns to make the figures "acceptable". Except for the year 1952, which the Air Force said was "tainted" by the "hysteria" caused by the widespread publicity over the Washington D C flap, the military produced new low numbers for every year! Not only were the numbers low, they were suspiciously uniform. Regardless of the amount of UFO reports placed on file for a particular year, the "official" unknowns for that 12 month period were very nearly the same as any other year. Page 68 shows the 1966 unknowns plotted on a graph with the Special Report #14 unknowns.

The figures for the unknowns for the years 1957-1966 also show a suspicious uniformity.

Year	Unidentified
1957	14
1958	10
1959	12
1960	14
1961	13
1962	15
1963	14
1964	19
1965	16

To illustrate how ridiculous the Air Force numbers were, one has only to note in the 1966 document the total number of UFO reports for 1956 was 670, while the total for 1957 was 1,006, yet the Air Force listed the number of unknowns for both years as "14". There is no better evidence than BLUE BOOK statistics to prove that the Air Force project was a sham.

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UNKNOWN (SS#14)
 UNKNOWN (1966 figures)

1953 - Omitted
 The 1966 figure for
 this year 42

Appendix

What came first? Was it the Frisbee or Kenneth Aronold's "flying saucers?"

Q Who Invented the Frisbee?

A Ivy League students started experimenting with flying discs in the 1920s when they tossed around pie tins from the Frisbie Baking Co. of Bridgeport, Conn. But that's not where the toy got its name.

Fred Morrison, son of the inventor of the automobile sealed beam headlight, is the acknowledged father of the Frisbee. He combined his interest in flight and a new post World War II substance called plastic.

Southern Californians Rich Knerr and Arthur Melin, founders of the Wham-O toy company, saw Morrison on a Southland beach throwing his creation, which he called the Pluto Platter. Morrison agreed to sell it to Wham-O.

Knerr and Melin later renamed the disc after a cartoon character and introduced the Frisbee, their first toy, in 1957.

Today's column was written by Gwynne Young with contributions from the Los Angeles Times. If you have a question about local, national or world news, call (408) 920-5003 fax (408) 288-8080 or write Q&A on the News, 750 Rudder Park Drive San Jose, Calif. 95190

Manufacturer Says Discs May Be New Type Toys

ROANOKE, Va. (July 8, 1947) — A toy manufacturer here added his guess today to the growing list of surmises as to what the flying saucers really are.

Kyle Walker said it was possible the discs were the new spin-a-ler toys his firm distributed to outlets across the Nation about two weeks ago.

Walker said publicly minded toy dealers may have filed some of the toys with helium and turned them loose. He described the toys as round rubber discs two feet in diameter and painted silver with small stabilizing fins mounted on the upper surface.

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