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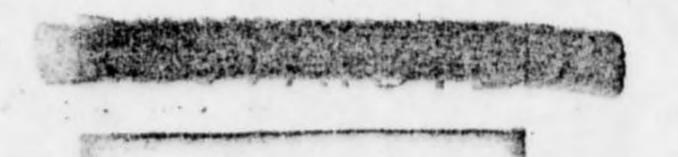
## UNCLASSIFIED

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There is nothing of astronomical character in this incident.

If one considers Colonel Siegmund's statements apart from the considerably less reliable ones of other observers, it would seem that the object may really have been a bird.





#### CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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- 2. Time 2330
- 3. Location 4 miles morth of Alton, Illinois
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- 5. Occupation of observer Former Commendant of the Mir Rese
  - 6. Address of observer
  - 7. Place of observation 4 miles morth of Alton, Ill ground
  - 8. Number of objects 1
  - 9. Distance of object from observer 1/3
- 10. Timo in sight 1/3
- 11. Altitude B/3
- 12. Speed 1/3
- 13. Diroction of flight 1/3
- 14. Tactics walkoped its wings
- 15. Sound M/S
- 16. Sizo Phigger them on airplane
- 17. Color 1/3
- 18. Shapo Resembled a large ford and not a type of aircraft
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- 20. Apparent construction 1/8
- 21. Exhaust trails 11/9
- 22. Weather conditions 3/3
- 23. Effect on clouds 1/8
- 21. Skotches or photographs In
- 25. Manner of disapposrance 11/3
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### THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS

# Companion To Flying Saucer, "Monster Bird"

BY PAUL DIX

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Kearns, Link, said he observed

-a. m. last Sunday while horsehak riding four miles north of Alton, Iil.

James Trares, 12, said he saw the bird flying over his home in suburban Glendale, Mo., about three months ago. Both Siegmund and the hoy said they were apprehensive of telling anyone about it until they read the United Press dispatch from Belvidere yesterday.

THE BELVIDERE report queted Robert Price and Veryl Babb as saying the bird was "bigger than an airplane" and flapped its wings.

for the Weestern Cartridge Co. at Alton, said he didn't see any flapping of wings but he was sure it was a huge fowl and not a type of aircraft.

Siagmund was riding with a companion, Col. Raiph Jackson,

head of Western Military Academy, at the time. Jackson, however, was talking to a farmer and didn't see it. Siegmund said, "and I didn't mention it to him because it looked too incredible." Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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