

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1957 May 24^{th*} – July 31st

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

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“UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse.”

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

* This date should be “May 26th”.

“Supplemental Notes” consist of material under consideration for any revision of the original UFO history volume covering this time period.

Late May 1957. Edward Ruppelt and the ETH theory.

A Frank Halstead wrote Keyhoe with an interesting titbit about Ruppelt:

“Below is a summary of a conversation I had with Captain E.J. Ruppelt at his home in Long Beach, California, in the later part of May, 1957, regarding his investigations of the U.F.O.s while with the Air Force.

“I was accompanied by a technician from North American Aviation Company who was present during our visit of about two hours. After starting the conversation I allowed the technician to do most of the talking while I tried to analyze their conversation and bring up what I considered pertinent questions occasionally.

“Throughout his talk he gave us the impression that there was no doubt in his mind, that he, personally believes the U.F.O.s were ships from outer space. And his last account of a sighting was regarding one at Rapid City, South Dakota, and he said if U.F.O.s are real they must be space ships and this something the jets were chasing must have looked real to the two jets that tried to get near it. He then walked out in his yard with us and said good night.” (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Major Donald Keyhoe, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Washington 6, D.C. From: Frank A. Halstead, 604 North Manbin(?) Drive, Salem, Oregon. Date: 2 August 59. Photocopy in author's files.

7 June. Baltimore, Maryland. (11:30 a.m.)

Full “BLUE ALERT.” (See letter on page 2)

11 June. Cape Canaveral, Florida.

“It's being plucked out of sky.”

Here's our story:

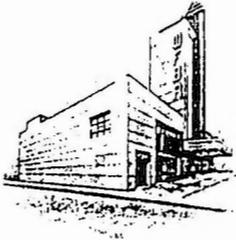
“The 16,000 m.p.h. intercontinental missile Atlas, the ultimate weapon, exploded shortly after being launched on Tuesday, June 11, 1957. The missile, designed to carry a nuclear warhead 5,000 miles, was making its first 2,200 mile test flight from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

“An official said there were no casualties and ‘valuable information was gained.’ It leveled off at 5,000 or 6,000 feet and then exploded in a tremendous ball of fire.’ An observer at the proving grounds was understood to say to a press photographer, ‘Good heavens, it's being plucked out of the sky.’ A reporter on a Jacksonville paper stated that just before the explosion, which he described as a violent orange mushroom, he saw what appeared to be a light or lighted object diving towards the rocket.” (xx.)

(xx.) *Australian Saucer Record*. Vol. 4, No.1. First Quarter 1958. p.13.

11 June. APRO.

The fact that Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen worked at Holloman in New Mexico gave the couple a lot



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Dear Mrs. Lorenzon:

It has been some time since I wrote you, this is due in part to no local sighting and in part to my being in the Hospital. I am back to work now and feel fair to good. I have a little informat on for you. First a hot story.

On Wednesday June 5th at noon just north of Baltimore, height 45,000 feet speed 600 MPH direction h-ne one UFO three to four time as large as know air craft circled area and proceed N-NE as mentined. One only.

On Thursday June 6th same thing but TWO objects same speed same height.

Friday June 7th 11.30 AM Baltimore and Vicinity had a full BLUE alert. No dress rehearsal but the real thing. Five UFO over Canada heading for U.S.. Two squadrons of interceptors (from New York State) were ordered up to intercept. No report from the interceptors has been received here in Baltimore. *file*

The above was this year 1957.

The Below was Last Year.

August 1956 (during last 10 days) exact day is being checked. At the same location as above sighting, at 8 PM a blip at 40,000 feet speeds up and slows down several time then went up to 65,000 feet and traveled at 1,000 MPH and circled Aberdeen Maryland several time then went in NE direction. *file*

On August 23rd (saturday night-early Sunday morning the 24th) at 3 AM witnessed by several people, one I have known for three years and consider him a very capable person, a UFO took off after landⁱⁿ in ESSEX Maryland, (just East of Baltimore). It burn^{ed} a tree near by and the tree has since died. It was a large white round object. At about the same date (Baltimore Sun paper) and others stated a UFO landed at Camp Holibird in Dundalk, Maryland. Two Officers saw it and one walked toward it, when he did the object took off and he was burnt. Now ten months later I have been unable to get further information about the burned officer not even his name. The Sun paper carried the information in only one edition.

Lou Borbin aired the Friday June 7th 1957 radar alert on WFBR *BLWIS*
today June 11th at 2.30 and 3.30 PM. *1*

Thank you for the last two pictures.

Sincerely,

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Robert H. Orin

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of encouragement in their UFO work. They learned that being interested in UFOs was not detrimental to their social standing. Coral wrote to Keyhoe on June 11th to say:

“Incidentally, Major David Simons, who will (or probably has by now) make a balloon capsule trip to above 100,000 feet, is a Unitarian, although he doesn’t belong to our group. He and his wife Libby frequently attend, and he always brings the after-service discussion on around to UAO [UFOs]. His personal convictions are not the same as the Air Force’s, that’s for darn sure. Dave [David] used to work across the hall from me at Holloman, and it was there that I found out he entertained some very unorthodox ideas about UAO.

“I am trying to gain the confidence of a few more scientific men in this area. A sighting at Holloman (duration 30 minutes) last week was relayed to me by a chemical engineer who is much interested. We are waiting for radar confirmation information at present. I don’t have all the details, but will send you a full account as soon as I get it.” (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Donald E. Keyhoe, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D.C. From: Coral Lorenzen, 1712 Van Court, Alamogordo, New Mexico. Date: 11 June 57. Photocopy in Author’s files.

June 1957. More on England’s Room 801. (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 May 24th – July 31st*, p.30)

Clarke and Roberts write in their book about the UFO problem in England that:

“In June 1957 the Sunday newspaper *Reynolds News* ran a story which emphasized how seriously reports of flying saucers were treated. The story claimed that a ‘special department’ of the Air Ministry dedicated to UFO investigations operated from Room 801, a former attic room on the ninth floor of the old hotel [The *Metropole* on Northumberland Avenue, London]. An anonymous source claimed the Ministry had been investigating reports since 1947 and had up to 10,000 on file, most of which had been ‘cleared up,’ but a number of which remained unexplained. The source also stated the department had direct links with fighter airfields, where some planes were dedicated to intercept UFOs. ‘That is why nobody in the know is prepared to say that all reports of these mystery objects are nonsense.

“‘*Reynolds News*’ source appeared to be a Board of Trade technician, Ronald R. Russell, who visited the DDI (Tech) offices by invitation in 1954 to report his own sightings. He was provided with a standard form and was told 15,000 similar reports had been received by the branch, all of which were carefully filed away in three large wooden cabinets situated in Room 801. Journalist John Pitt later said he was reliably informed that ‘in each cabinet there were three drawers, locked by Yale-type locks and doubly secured by a hinged plate locked in turn by a large padlock. As befitting such high security, the room was heavily guarded and few were allowed access. Pitt claimed he had been reliably informed that above the filing cabinets was a huge map of the British Isles covered with thousands of coloured pins—the heaviest concentration being over the Norwich area of East Anglia! (xx.)

(xx.) Clarke, Dr. David and Andy Roberts, *Out of the Shadows*. Judy Piatkus Limited: London, England, p.157.

Summer fun:

“Newest college fad to hit Princeton University this spring is ‘Frisbee.’ It originated at Dartmouth and involves a spinning object which resembles a flying saucer, hurdled from player to player.”

28 June. Kaiapo, New Zealand. (about 10:45 a.m.) (See clipping)

29 June. Between Belo Horizonte and Rio, Brazil. (6:30 p.m.) (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 May 24th - July 31st*, p.41)

Kaiapo Men Report Flying Saucer

Four Kaiapo men saw what they believed to be a flying saucer this morning.

About 10.45 a.m. their attention was attracted by an object about the size of a football. For a few seconds it came within a few hundred feet of them, and one man described it as being “as bright as the sun.”

The object then “flattened off,” and went towards Kai-koura. It was visible for about five minutes.

The Christchurch Star-Sun,

Friday, June 28, 1957 3

The following version found in Dr. Fontes’ papers has more detail:

“Just before sunset on June 29, 1957, a ‘Real-Aerovias Airlines’ DC-3 took off from Belo Horizonte Air port en route to Rio de Janeiro, D.C. At the controls was a veteran pilot, Commander Gabriel Janqueirs Giovanini. In the cockpit with him was the co-pilot Commander Jackson Lopes Correia. Radio-operator Aluisio Meneses de Araujo and Stewardess Berenice de Oliveira, back in the cabin, completed the airliner’s crew. It was a dark, star-lit night, with scattered clouds overhead.

“The time was 6:30 p.m. Cruising at 9,900 feet (or 3,000 meters), the plane droned over the mountains of southern Minas Gerais state. Co-pilot Correia was in his seat. He glanced out from the shadowy cockpit and looked back to the left side of his craft. He saw clouds and darkness—nothing interesting. But suddenly a red glow, moving swiftly near the horizon, caught his eye. It was coming after the airliner and apparently following it, some miles behind.

“Puzzled, he watched the red light. This was no wing-tip light, it was too bright. Whatever it was, it was not a conventional aircraft.

“He swung around to Commander Giovanini: ‘Look over there. What do you make of that?’

“The pilot turned and looked out at the ‘unknown.’ It was more close now, keeping pace with the plane.

“‘Go back and tell the passengers,’ he said abruptly. ‘Get them all to look it.’

“Commander Correia entered the cabin and called for the attention of the passengers.

“‘Attention, please. There is a strange luminous object following our plane. Look out the left side.’

“All the passengers moved to that side and leaned down to look out through the windows. One of them, Mr. Germano da Silva, manager of Atlantico Hotel in Rio (address: 116 Santa Clara Street, Rio de Janeiro), was perhaps the first to see the strange craft.

“‘It still seemed to be very far from the aircraft,’ he said later to the press. “At

first I saw nothing special, only a bright red light. It could be a lighted house over [on?] a mountain.'

"As other passengers had had the same initial impression, they started an argument about the possibility of a lighted house on the mountains. But the debate was soon closed by the co-pilot. His words cooled off rapidly the enthusiasm of those who were trying to prove the plausibility of such a theory.

" 'We are, now, flying at 9,900 feet,' he said. 'The object is at the same level as our plane, everyone can see. And I don't know of any mountain in this country with such a height...'

"He broke the silence asking for the powerful binoculars that were in the hands of a nearby passenger. After a careful study of the UAO through the instrument, he instructed the passengers to use it too.

"For fifteen minutes the UAO followed the airliner, apparently keeping the same distance as before. But suddenly, with growing astonishment, the observers saw the light increasing in size. The mysterious glowing object was coming toward the plane. In fact, it was overtaking it rapidly.

"The passengers stared at each other, scared. The 'thing' was now near the plane, flying at its side at an unknown distance and (again) keeping pace with it. It was no more a single light—but a lighted object. From the lighted cabin it was difficult to get a good look at the UAO, but it appeared to be shaped like a flattened disk and seemed to be surrounded by a faint red glow. No one reported any dome on top of it—but the upper part of the object was in the darkness and no details could be seen on it.

"The witnesses froze on their seats, as they saw the strange red object glowing behind the wing. Suddenly, in an unexpected maneuver the glowing saucer rushed toward the plane, passing above it at tremendous speed. At this moment passenger Germano da Silva, who still had not observed the UAO through the binoculars, got a close view of its bottom. He noticed clearly that the alien craft had three orange-red lights on its under side, forming a delta-shaped geometrical figure (an isosceles triangle with the acute angle toward the front). Those lights were steady and bright, but showed no unusual characteristics.

"After the dangerous maneuver described above, the UAO started a crazy dance around the plane, making several passes at the DC-3, crossing above and under it or at its side, or passing before or behind the plane. It was changing constantly its altitude, course and speed.

"For a few minutes the UAO seemed to enjoy the game and continued to play that nightmarish dance around the plane. Panic-stricken, the crew and passengers watched the scene quietly. They could do nothing about the situation. They could only pray. Maybe this does appear like a horror tale—but it was what happened.

"Commander Giovanini decided, however, to do something. He ordered the crew to switch off all the lights of the plane. When this had been done, he turned on the landing lights. The powerful lights in the wings flashed on. A blinding beam of white light reached out from them and cut through the darkness toward the place where the three orange-red lights marked the location of the UAO. The beam found it and, for a few seconds, all the witnesses saw distinctly the object, clearly outlined against the sky. They all agreed that it was entirely different from any ordinary aircraft—uncanny enough to startle anyone.

"The UAO didn't approve the landing lights. So, it speeded up to escape. Turning on edge it veered sharply to one side, disappearing swiftly from sight. Then it appeared again—but now it was at some distance from the DC-3, some miles behind it.

"The UAO kept this position for the rest of the trip, as it continued to track the airliner. It disappeared only when the first lights of Rio de Janeiro showed at the horizon. For about forty minutes it had been following the plane.

"...The incident drew unusual attention because it was not just another flying saucer story, to be laughed off. Besides the crew, all the passengers had been witnesses too. Soon the incident was on the [news] wires and received national publicity. On July 2, the report of Mr. Germano da Silva was published by *O Globo*, a Rio de Janeiro newspaper (he was later interviewed in a radio and television news program, too). On July 5, from Salvador, Bahia, the *Asapress* put on the wires the reports of two other witnesses of the sighting. They were responsible and reliable persons, Captain Saul Martins and Professor Aires da Mota Machado (from the Minas Gerais University) who was also a well-known writer. They had traveled to that city the day after the sighting, on another plane, and still didn't know about Mr. Silva's report. They had decided to report the case only after they had seen, in local newspapers, an account about another sighting over Belo Horizonte the same day of the airliner incident. At almost the same hour, a strange object had been spotted over Sao Cristovao (a Belo Horizonte district) by a large number of witnesses. They concluded that the same UAO was possibly involved in the two sightings." (xx.)

(xx.) *Recent UFO-Sightings in Brazil. UFO Sighted From Real-Aerovias Airlines Plane Near Rio de Janeiro.* A preliminary, typed, double-spaced, manuscript by Dr. Olavo T. Fontes. No date given. Original in author's files.

2 July. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (between 8:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.)

"Silver Moons."

Dr. Fontes collected this next report also:

"On July 2, the city of Rio de Janeiro was 'visited' by two UAOs, which seemed to have some unusual characteristics. They were sighted from Arpoador beach, near the well known Copacabana beach, by Mr. Afonso Gomes, a lawyer (address: 115 Marques de Abrantes Street, Apt. 1402), between 8:00 and 8:30 p.m. They looked like two spherical (or round) -shaped objects which were surrounded by a bright, homogeneous, silvery glow. Floating side to side in space, at an unknown altitude, they appeared silently above a mountain called Pedra da Gavea (the Gavea Rock). Hovering motionless at that place, they looked like two large, silvery moons placed together over the Gavea Rock, in a position good enough to watch a large part of the city. It was impossible to estimate their size, not knowing the height—but their angular size (or diameter) was larger than the full moon's. They stood still in the same position for three minutes before finally disappearing. They didn't disappear, however, in the UAO's usual way, but in a different and peculiar manner. The witness described it in the following way: 'A black band suddenly appeared on both the luminous spheres, going out from the center to the lower pole. This black band start-

ed to spread to the sides. When this process was completed, the two 'silvery moons' had disappeared into the night—being reduced to a horizontal luminous band around the equator of each sphere; all the rest was in the dark. Soon the luminous bands also disappeared and the UAOs were gone—or remained at the same place for an unknown time, protected by the darkness, not visible at all.

"I interviewed personally the witness. He didn't know what to think about the objects, but believed the phenomenon to be strange enough to be reported." (xx.)

(xx.) *Recent UFO-Sightings in Brazil. Two UAOs Sighted in the Skies of Rio de Janeiro.* A preliminary, typed, double-spaced, manuscript by Dr. Olavo T. Fontes. No date given. Original in author's files

3 July. Miami, Florida. (6:00 a.m.)

A flash of light.

A Mr. Newt Randum of 1314 Northwest 82nd Street reported the following to UFO investigator Norbert Gariety:

"I was up early in the morning and took a walk outside into the backyard. I was looking at my shrubs, when a flash of light in the sky attracted my attention.

"I looked up into the sky to the west, and saw two objects coming toward the southeast. They were about 60 degrees up from the horizon and coming down quite rapidly. The shape was elliptical, and the surface of the objects were bright and shiny. When they reached almost overhead, they suddenly changed course, and took off to the south. It wasn't a curve as a plane would make, but an instantaneous change of direction.

"At the closest point they were almost as large as the full moon looks in the sky when directly overhead. After changing course, they looked thinner than before, as if they were being viewed more on edge, like looking at a garbage lid from the narrow angle. Total time of observation was less than 30 seconds. Speed was faster than a jet, but not a phenomenal rate of speed. I called to my wife, but before I could get her outside, they were gone out of sight." (xx.)

(xx.) *S.P.A.C.E.* Ed.: Norbert F. Gariety. August 1957. Bulletin no. 8. Page 5.

3 July. Secretary "Townsend?"

On page one of the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 May 24th – July 31st* there is a UFO report by the "Assistant Secretary of Defense (U.S. Army)" near Chestertown, Maryland. This potentially embarrassing event (for the Air Force) hasn't enjoyed any publicity. The fact that the official's name was blacked out prevents any follow up by civilian investigators, but in a portion of the military file the letters "G-A-L-E" were readable. It was assumed that "Gale" was the name of the Secretary, but after some reflection it probably makes more sense to assume it might refer to a woman, perhaps the Secretary's wife who wrote a description of the sighting. Some information recently discovered by Jan Aldrich may help clear up the guessing game. There is a small bit of data in a 1958 Air Force document that may refer to the Secretary's sighting.

The data in the 1958 document is not a perfect match but it wouldn't be the first time the Air Force got its facts wrong. Since the sighting in BLUE BOOK records state the "Gale" sighting took place on May 24, 1957, any December 1958 reference to it as a "recent" event is a stretch, although the slow processing of paperwork in the military could cast doubt on that opinion. (A draft of the document could have been written months before). Another thing to question is whether Chesterton, Maryland, qualifies as the "Washington D.C. area."

For the record, the bit of info from the 1958 document is quoted below and it may give us a more definite idea of the man's name and his job title, if he is the UFO witness we seek:

"The people reporting UFO's are for the most part honest American citizens ranging all the way from relatively uninformed men in the street to eminent authorities, such as Mr. Townsend, Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, who recently reported a sighting from the Washington D.C. area." (xx.)

(xx.) "Memorandum for Commands, Air Technical Intelligence Center. Thru - AFCIN-4E AFCIN - 4X1. Subject: UFO Program. 17 December 1958. Page 2 of 6. Jan Aldrich files.

This "Mr. Townsend" could be a powerful friend for the pro-UFO forces. In the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 May 24th - July 31st*, page 50, Mr. "Gale" on July 3rd reacts to the Air Force's explanation to his sighting. A trace of skepticism seem to be contained in Mr. "Gale's" remarks. We may never know.

4 July. Vitoria, Brazil.

UFO paces R.E.A.L. airliner.

This case is on page 52 of the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 May 24th - July 31st*. Since a more detailed account is available, we will quote it. This is Dr. Fontes' somewhat dramatized version of the occurrence:

"On the night of July 4, the population of Vitoria, the beautiful Capital of the state of Espirito Santo, was shaken by a strange event. A 'Real-Aerovias' airliner had been hunted, for a long time, by a flying saucer or something of the same sort. The news about the incident spread rapidly and a number of persons hurried toward the airport to learn about it. In their reports to the press, the crew and passengers of the plane stated that the UAO was, in fact, one of the so-called flying saucers. Detailed eye-witness accounts of the sighting were soon on the [news] wires. The story drew unusual attention and received national publicity.

"The Real-Aerovias DC-3 was the PP-YOP [beats me what those letters mean -L.E. Gross], and the pilot at its controls was Commander Delgado. In the cockpit with him was the co-pilot, Commander Clodoaldo. Radio-operator Walter and Steward Megallases completed the crew. The plane scrambled from Santos Dumont Airport, at Rio de Janeiro, a few hours before. The night was dark with stars on the sky and a few scattered clouds overhead; visibility was good, there was no haze.

"For a time nothing happened. But, when the plane was approaching the town

of Campos, in the state of Rio de Janeiro, the co-pilot spotted a strange red-glowing object that shot out of the clouds at high speed and started to maneuver in the sky. At the moment the airliner was flying at about seven and a half miles from Campos, but it was not scheduled to land at it.

“Amazed, Commander Clodoaldo watched the scene. He saw at once that this was no wing-tip light—it was larger and too bright. It was not a conventional aircraft. And it was coming after the aircraft [airliner], following it at some distance. Then, he showed the object to Commander Delgado who, after a careful observation, decided to alert the passengers. In a few minutes, all persons aboard the plane were watching the phenomenon—startled.

“For perhaps one hour the mysterious object escorted the airliner. In fact, it continued to follow it for the rest of the trip, through a distance of about 180 miles—but always keeping at some distance away from it. It never came too close but, on the other hand, it didn’t stand [stay in?] a fixed position for more than a few minutes and was constantly changing places with the plane [?]. For a time it remained following the DC-3, some miles behind it. Then, on a rush of speed, the UAO passed to travel in front of the plane—after crossing above or below it, or at its side. But soon, with the same unexpected readiness, it changed places again, reversing to its former position behind the airliner. After repeating this maneuver for a number of times, the UAO changed again its tactics and started a series of maneuvers around the plane—performing the more [most] fantastic evolutions ever seen by anyone. At last, after enjoying the game for a time, it started again to escort the plane and to change places with it.

“All persons aboard the airliner had sighted the strange object and watched its incredible evolutions. At first there was panic among the passengers. The UAO, however, never showed through its doings that its intentions or purposes could be hostile or menacing. This calmed down the passengers, who gradually relaxed as they realized they were not in danger. Some of them even enjoyed the spectacle.

“The UAO was a round-shaped object and looked like a flattened disk with a kind of cupola or dome on top of it. This cupola was obviously a cabin of some sort because it had a row of windows. The whole cupola emitted an intense red glow but the windows were not lighted. There was also a strong red light on the under side of the alien craft. The bright red glow was enough for the observers to see that the UAO was wingless, with no protruding fins.

“At times the UAO entered into a cloud and was briefly out of sight. All the witness[es] reported that—when this happened—the windows on the object were lighted. Then, they could be seen glowing brightly through the clouds—their powerful varicolored light projecting against the clouds around the UAO. All the reports agreed that this curious behavior was repeated again and again—but only when the UAO was inside or behind a cloud, [Fontes’ emphasis], out of sight.

“As in the other incident already reported, it was impossible to make a correct estimation about the UAO size, not knowing the distance. But it seemed to be fairly large. Some passengers described it as about twice the size of the DC-3. Of course, this was only a guess.

“Two reports of the airliner crew were fully confirmed in the accounts obtained from the following passengers: Antonio Coimbra, Raul Chmbre, Olimpio Filho, Alba Montenegro, Francisco Michel, Altair Pereira, Peter Longov, Arno Abib, Luis Beleza

e Jose Lion. A careful check showed that all witnesses had sighted the same things.

"Despite the national publicity given to this incident the [Brazilian] Air Force refused to make any comment regarding it—as it was to be expected.

"In this case, the plane was followed through a distance of 180 miles. At the end, when the DC-3 was approaching Guarapari, Espirito Santo, and the lights of Vitoria already were appearing in the horizon—the mysterious hunter abandoned the chase. It veered sharply to one side and flashed away at fantastic speed. In barely more than a second the eerie machine—a diminishing red spot in the darkness—vanished into the night. A few minutes later the plane landed at Vitoria."
(xx.)

(xx.) *Recent UFO-Sightings in Brazil. UAO Sighted from REAL-Aerovials Airlines Plane En Route to Vitoria.* A preliminary, typed, doubled-spaced, manuscript by Dr. Olvas Fontes. No date given. Original in author's files.

6 July. Canada's Wilbur B. Smith.

"They probably see us as a low form of life." (See clipping)

DAILY STAR, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - July 6, 1957

Sure Flying Saucers Real

By ROBERT TAYLOR
Star Staff Correspondent

Ottawa, July 6—If mankind put on a crash program such as led to the atomic bomb, they could have space travel in 10 years, in the opinion of Wilbur B. Smith of the department of transport.

But he doesn't think that in 10 years' time we will have our own flying saucers, for governments apparently aren't interested in pouring out the billions of dollars needed for studying how the flying saucers work.

How long will it take, Canada's most ardent student of flying saucers was asked. He figures if governments hadn't decided on a crash program for atomic energy, it might have taken from 100 to 150 years to get it. If research proceeds in the usual way, and no big league program is put on in regard to the technology of flying saucers, it might take from 100 to 150 years for man to get flying saucers for the big move into outer space.

Distorted View

One barrier to a governmental crash program in this field is that the flood of pub-

licity, "much of it garbage," has made it look ridiculous "and the scientific facts have been ignored so that the public and those who control governmental purse strings have a distorted view of the whole thing."

Though his work in the department of transport is divorced from flying saucers, he has made a serious effort to discover all he can about these UFO's — unidentified flying objects.

He has, as a hobby, checked with many people who have claimed to have seen them. He has concluded there is a 91 per cent. probability that what they saw was genuine and a 60 per cent. probability that they were "alien vehicles."

To even a veteran science fiction reader like this reporter it comes as something of a shock to talk with a man who, after lengthy study, is so convinced that aliens from outer space have been among us that he chats about them almost casually.

Massive Probe

He was asked if he thought mankind might be shocked into a massive investigation of flying saucers by having one appear in public.

"UFO's have been with us for the last period of civilization," he said. "Since they have not manifested themselves to us in that way, I do not see any probability of them doing so in the future. They probably see us as a low form of life, interesting to keep an eye on, but they do not care much what we do."

He said he is personally convinced they are "extra-terrestrial," out of this world. One idea is that they are "inter-dimensional," able to move from one dimension to another.

He believes a study of how they operate would reveal the technique of space travel. The U.S. plan for an earth-girdling satellite, he feels, "is going at it the hard way." About 180 tons of fuel is used in the U.S. plan to put a 20-pound weight into space.

He is convinced the secret of space travel can be uncovered by human beings "if they devote time and effort to it."

But it would be a big job. Just how big he didn't know. "Something of the scope of IGY—the International Geophysical Year?" he was asked. "IGY is peanuts," he said.

10 July. Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. (about 7:45 p.m. E.S.T.)

Flying cigar.

According to our source:

"An unidentified flying object was sighted over this town July 10, 1957 by Charles T. Frederick, Sheriff of Montgomery County, Kentucky.

"I talked with Mr. Frederick the following day, and obtained the following information:

"At about 7:45 p.m. E.S.T. the sheriff saw this object flying approximately due south. It had just passed over the town. He was standing at the "Big-Y" drive in restaurant, just south of the city limit.

"Mr. Frederick describes the object as being cigar-shaped, silvery colored at the front end while the rest of the body of the object was gray. He heard no noise. There was no vapor or smoke trail behind the object.

"I shall touch very lightly on the subject of size and altitude, since without instruments one has little chance of making a good guess. The sheriff thought that the object was high—probably a mile.

"After passing over the town, the object continued south for some seconds (possibly a minute), and then turned around and flew northward, apparently retracing its course. In about two minutes it reached the northern horizon. Visibility was unlimited. While the object was flying northward, Mr. Frederick drove his car across town, and watched the object disappear from a new observation point, approximately one mile north of the point where he was standing when he originally observed the object.

"Mr. Frederick tells me that the object was also seen by Mr. Goebel Greer, 502 Holt Avenue, Mt. Sterling, Ky. Rumor also has it that several people at the American Legion Ball Park also saw the object, but as yet I have not heard any names." (xx.)

(xx.) C.D. Prewitt, 129 North Marysville Street, Mt. Sterling, Ky. *Flying Saucers*. Ed.: Ray Palmer. Issue #27. November 1957. pp.42-43.

10 July. Near Mt. Rainier, Washington. (about noon)

"Soup bowls" over Mt. Rainier. (See clipping on this page)

11 July. Norfolk, Virginia. (6:30 p.m.)

Lumberman Says Flying Disks Flew Over Rainier

Hang onto your coffee cups. Those saucers are flying again. A Bonney Lake lumberman today said he saw two soup bowl-shaped flying saucers whiz over the Mt. Rainier area about noon yesterday.

Art Hatch, 31, says he was stone cold sober. What's more, he says, a fellow woodsman was standing nearby and can verify his story.

It was nearly noon lunchtime when Hatch cast his eyes skyward yesterday in an area near the Mowich Lake Road. There, "big as life," were two saucers.

He Was Scared
"They were shaped like soup bowls turned upside down," said Hatch.

"It was terrifying," he added. "I got goose pimples all over."

The logger said the saucers

were a dull white—"silvery, sort of"—and they soared overhead at about 5,000 feet. There was no sound.

"One stopped, then—zoom—both were gone," said Hatch. "One headed toward Tacoma, the other veered toward Seattle."

Each saucer had a small fin, said Hatch. It seemed as if they were running on magnetic power, he added.

Friend Backs Him Up
Hatch's logging companion was identified only as a man named Mel, of Centralia.

Robert Wheeler, who operates a Bonney Lake cafe, said today that Hatch was "real shaken by his experience."

"He's a very dependable, straight-thinking fellow," added Wheeler. "If he says he saw a saucer, well then he probably saw a saucer."

Hatch was back in the woods today, perhaps looking skyward more often than usual.

His one regret: "Shucks, I'd like to have gone for a ride."

Tacoma, Washington
Tacoma Tribune
11 July 57.

White circles in the sky.

A news story said:

“Was it flying saucers or visitors from outer space? A visitor to Roland Park reports seeing two ‘whitish’ circular things flying at a rapid rate through the air Thursday night at about 6:30 o’clock.

“ ‘They were going faster than a jet,’ he says. ‘And I heard no noise, none at all, not even after they had disappeared, like you often hear the sound of a jet after it has gone out of sight.’ She adds that the disks had no lights, at least none that she could see as you might see a red or green light on a plane at night. But in the near-dusk she could see the white circles quite distinctly. They moved from south to north.” (xx.)

(xx.) Norfolk, Virginia. *Ledger-Dispatch*. 12 July 57.

11 July. Roseau, Minnesota. (no time)

Mysterious cigar-shaped object.

The local press informed its readers:

“A mysterious cigar-shaped object which gleamed like an aluminum water tower in the direction of Pinecreek was sighted Thursday from the Roseau county fair grounds by several men who watched it for some time.

“Sighting the object were County Civil Defense Director E.G. Simmons and I. W. Meade who watched the object and could see it even through a thin cloud cover which came between them from time to time. It seemed to be at low altitude.

“They could gain no accurate estimate of the size of the oddly-shaped object which seemed to stand in mid-air in one spot, but reported that it seemed quite large.

“The mysterious ‘thing’ disappeared before they could get field glasses through which to make a closer identification.” (xx.)

(xx.) Roseau, Minnesota. *The Roseau-Times Region*. 18 July 57.

13 July. Isle of Giglio, Italy. (no time)

Hovered over island for two hours. (See clipping on this page)

13 July. Riverside, California. (night)

Flying 'Cone' Visits Italy

ISLE OF GIGLIO, Italy (UP)—A mysterious flying object hovered for two hours over this tiny wooded islet off the coast of Tuscany, inhabitants reported Saturday. It was shaped like a long cone, with one silver-colored turret on the upper side and one on the bottom. It stopped over the island for about two hours, during which it changed color and some parts of its surface appeared to be moving, the islanders said.

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Skeptic changes his mind.

An article in the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* stated:

“Clyde Haver of 5445 Granada Street, Riverside, has long been a skeptic as far as flying saucers are concerned, but last night he told police he’s changed his mind.

“Haver said he spotted a disk-shaped object with lights going around it and a light on top and bottom streaking west across Riverside skies at a high rate of speed.

“Haver’s description of the object was similar to that given three other flying objects spotted in the Los Angeles area earlier in the week.

“The *Press-Enterprise* also received a phone call from an anonymous resident late last night who said he saw a strange saucer-like craft skim across the skies and hover over Mira Loma.” (xx.)

(xx.) Riverside, California. *Press-Enterprise*. 14 July 57.

15 July. Near Joshua Tree, California. (11:00 a.m.)

“Flying fish” 50 feet off the ground.

Was there a connection between this report and the one at Riverside? Here is the sighting:

“Question: Is there a wingless craft among known planes? This uninformed agent who cannot qualify as an authority, remains mum. But such a craft was sighted clearly at 11 AM, Monday, according to our informant.

“This ‘flying fish’ without wings was seen cruising along no faster than the average car might travel, about fifty feet off the ground, going west toward Yucca Valley. The body of the plane was shiny aluminum, about 40 feet long, no windows, and ‘positively no wings.’ Had our informant had suitable locomotion there was a fine possibility for pursuit.” (xx.)

(xx.) Joshua Tree, California. *Desert Journal*. 18 July 57.

15 July. Southington, Connecticut. (6:55 p.m.)

Blue ball drops like a spider weaving its web.

A press report said:

“What appeared as a ‘flying saucer,’ a big blue ball brighter than the sun, was reported by a Southington couple on a Sunday drive with their twin girls and a neighbor’s boy at 6:55 last night.

“Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Galiette said they were in their car at Main Street and Meri... [not clear] Avenue when Mrs. Galiette noticed a ball of blue-white flame in the sky. It appeared to be dropping straight down to the earth.

“Mrs. Galiette called *The Register* last night to ask whether some strange planet or weather balloon had been reported by others in the area. She then told of what appeared

to have been a 'flying saucer.'

"A check with authorities in the area turned up no information of any planets or weather balloons. Police said they have received no reports of the unusual sight.

"Mrs. Galiette said she and her husband, their 10-year-old twins, Donna and Debora, and Allen Lappert, a nine-year-old neighbor, watched the blue ball for about three minutes.

"She said the ball appeared almost the size of an umbrella, 'It was so brilliant it was almost blue. I have never seen anything so brilliant. It was brighter than the sun,' she said.

"Mrs. Galiette said they parked near the Bradley Memorial Hospital to watch the spectacle. She said it appeared to be about as high as the highest airplane she had ever seen.

"The ball appeared to drop several feet on the horizon, hover, then drop several more feet and hover. Then it shot back up in the sky and out of sight, she said. She said it appeared to drop as a spider weaving its web.

"The Galiettes said they drove to the Southington Country Club, thinking they might spot it again from the hill there. They did not see it again.

"Mrs. Galiette asked if others had reported the ball. She said she felt like calling to persons passing in cars to look up into the sky, but was too absorbed." (xx.)

(xx.) New Haven, Connecticut. *New Haven Register*. 15 July 57.

16 July. Cleveland, Ohio. (about 4:30 a.m.)

Orange lights in perfect alignment. (See clipping on this page)

19 July. Banff Links, Scotland. (11:30 p.m.)

"What utter rot. They are nothing but a myth." (See clipping on page 15)

20 July. Tampa, Florida. (about 2:30 a.m.)

"Like an airplane but with no wings."

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Boy Coughs, Family Sees Flying You-Know-What's

"I feel a little silly reporting this," said Mrs. Geraldine Vane, Geauga Lake Rd., Bainbridge, as she phoned The Press today.

"I saw them, my husband, Rosti, saw them and my son, Alex, 9, saw them this morning about 4:30.

"I got up with the boy when he had a coughing spell. He looked out the window and called me.

"There were four bright orange lights in the sky west of us. They were in perfect alignment, moving to the south. I called my husband and by then there was a fifth orange light. They moved out of sight to the south."

The Vanas apparently are the only ones who witnessed the latest "UFO" demonstration. (UFO stands for Unidentified Flying Object.)

Cleveland Hopkins Airport didn't spot the orange balls.

Canton Filter Center of Civil Defense, which coordinates Ground Observer Corps reports of identified flying objects, such as airliners, as well as UFO's, hadn't heard about the lights, either.

A spokesman said sadly that the Ground Observer Corps was in such a state that



few if any eyes were trained on the sky in this area at 4:30 a. m.

Objects Like Flying Saucers Seen At Banff

Keith Woman Astonished While Looking From Caravan At Links

IF anyone had admitted they believed in flying saucers, Mrs A. M. Lochhead, wife of Keith's burgh surveyor, would have scoffed and said—"What utter rot. They are nothing but a myth." But after a rather strange experience on Banff Links—where she is having a caravan holiday with her three children—shortly before midnight on Wednesday evening her opinion has changed somewhat.

While on holiday at the seaside Mrs Lochhead likes nothing better than to watch the waves breaking on the shore and, with the children asleep, she was doing just this at 11-30 p.m. on Wednesday when there was a strange occurrence.

As she sat gazing out of the caravan window her attention was attracted by what she thought was the moon rising over the houses of Banff almost due east from the caravan. But it could not be the moon, thought Mrs Lochhead, as it was far too red for that and it seems to be rising almost directly out of Banff Bay.

COLOUR DEEPENED

Mystified by what she saw Mrs Lochhead continued to watch the object. It seemed to be coming nearer and all the time the colour seemed to be deepening until it changed from bright pink to almost vivid scarlet.

It finally stopped and this is where Mrs Lochhead got her biggest shock of all. The object was not circular as she had first imagined it to be but was similar in shape to a child's humming top. The full significance of this discovery did not strike her for a few moments. Then with a start she realised that this was the shape attributed in sketches and photographs to flying saucers!

With all her powers of concentration Mrs Lochhead kept her eyes glued to the object and waited for further developments. She didn't have long to wait. In about a minute the outlines of the object became blurred and indistinct and the vivid red seemed to be weakening a little. This is where Mrs Lochhead had another surprise.

"As it began to recede into the distance," she told the Banffshire Journal, "stars seemed to shoot out from all round it. It was then that I thought it might be a firework set off as part of Macduff Gala Week celebrations but then I realised that was impossible, for no firework on earth could burn for so long."

As she watched the object grew gradually smaller and more indistinct until finally it disappeared altogether seven minutes from the time it first came into sight.

Recovering from her experience Mrs Lochhead lay back in bed and turned the matter over in her mind. She thought it might have been the reflection of a car headlight or even the navigation lights of a passing plane. But she was not for one moment satisfied with any of these explanations.

ANOTHER OBJECT

Five minutes later she was still thinking the matter over when suddenly another object came into her line of vision. It was away to the right of the previous one, roughly in the direction of the Fir Wood.

Said Mrs Lochhead: "There was a great deal of difference between this object and the first one. It looked to me like a yellow rugby ball with a thick black band drawn round the middle. I watched it for close on five minutes and then it disappeared behind the horizon and I saw nothing more after that."

Mrs Lochhead told our reporter that she had always associated flying saucers with the Loch Ness Monster—simply a myth. But she is convinced now and even intends to send her

testimony to B.B.C. Television who recently screened a programme dealing with the subject.

"I have not had an opportunity of reporting the matter to the police," she said, "as I have been unable to get out because of the bad weather, but I intend to do so as quickly as I can."

As far as Mrs Lochhead knows none of her neighbours saw the objects in the sky although a man who was passing along the Links at the time may have done.

Limerick Chronicle

(Eire)

20 JUL 1957

A press report states:

“*Tribune* carrier, Mrs. Geraldine Sammons of Temple Terrace, yesterday became the third person to report sighting a ‘flying saucer’ type object in the sky east or north-east of Tampa.

“She said she saw an oval-shaped object ‘like an airplane but with no wings’ and with a turret on top of it as she was traveling on Temple Terrace Highway about 2:30 a.m. Thursday delivering papers. She said the object was about a mile south of her—and stopped to hover over 56th Street. Mrs. Sammons said since the night was dark she only saw the object when it lit up occasionally.

“She said her mother, Mrs. Daisy Browning, also of Temple Terrace, and a youth, Bobby Asborn, 14, of Temple Terrace Highway and 46th Street, saw the object at the same time. Other ‘saucer’ reports have come in the past few days from Tom Candileri of 2531 Watrous Avenue, a salesman who was making a call in the Zambito Road area and from Mrs. Eleanor Carey, who lives about 13 miles east of Tampa on Vairico Road. They report sighting the object Wednesday night.” (xx.)

(xx.) Tampa, Florida. *Tampa Tribune*. 21 July 57.

24 July. Kouril Islands, Russia.

Anti-aircraft batteries in action?

Keyhoe writes that according to an Air Force Academy document drawn up in 1968:

“On July 24, 1957,...Russian anti-aircraft on the Kouri Islands opened fire on UFOs. Although all Soviet anti-aircraft batteries on the islands were in action, no hits were made. The UFOs were luminous and moved very fast.” (xx.)

(xx.) Keyhoe, Donald. *Aliens From Space*. Doubleday & Company, Inc.:Garden City, New York, 1973. p.51.

24 July. Geelong, Australia. (night)

Glowed like a coating of luminous paint.

An Australian newspaper informed its readers:

“Reports of a mysterious glowing object in the sky were again received here tonight. Similar reports were received last night. In both cases, they came from widely scattered Areas.

“Last night’s reports came from as far apart as Anakie and Torquay.

“All witnesses agreed in every detail about the object’s description and behavior.

“The most detailed report came from Mr. Graham Stewart, of Maude, who was shooting rabbits with the aid of a spotlight.

“Mr. Stewart said the object was flying north at a fairly fast speed and quite low. He described it as oval and about the size of a medium sedan car. Its contours were unbroken

by wings or projections.

"Mr. Stewart said it appeared to be a solid structure and compared the glow of light which surrounded it to a coating of luminous paint.

"Other reports indicated that the object had first been sighted at either Grovedale or Norlane and followed a semi-circular course from Maude back toward Anglesea.

"Mr. Stewart was the only person claiming to have seen the object very low. Other reports varied from 'about the size of a two-bob bit' to 'it was more of a vapor than anything.'

"A witness in Freshwater Creek said he thought the object glowed for a moment, climbed, then accelerated across the sky.

"Later, the flashing lights of an airplane were seen circling above the area." (xx.)

(xx.) Bendigo, Australia. *Advertiser*. 24 July 57.

25 July. Savanne, Canada. (evening)

UFOs at 500 feet. Rabbit-track formation.

(See clipping on this page)

29 July. Bury, England. (10:18 p.m., 11:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Railway men see "strange lights."

(See clipping on page 18)

FORT WILLIAM DAILY TIMES JOURNAL - MONDAY, JUL

3 Flying Saucers Seen By Savanne Forester

More of that mysterious dinnerware the space-peoples whirled through Northwestern Ontario skies Thursday evening. They're getting braver with the passing of the moons.

This time three of them dipped to an astonishingly low altitude of an estimated 500 feet. They were spotted by William (Bill) Reid, deputy chief ranger with the Department of Lands and Forests at Savanne, 70 miles west of Fort William.

At first Mr. Reid took them to be aircraft. As they approached in rabbit-track formation — two before and one behind, he noted that though their progress was steady, they gave forth no sound. Appearing to be about 16 inches in diameter and around a quarter-mile distant, they crossed the Trans-Canada highway, travelling in a southerly direction, at 10 p.m. central standard time.

Using highway width as a guide Mr. Reid opined them to be spaced 300 to 400 feet apart and travelling between 300 and 400 miles an hour. They radiated a constant amber glow.

There was no highway traffic at the time to distort vision or interrupt observation. They were within view long enough for Mr. Reid to summon witnesses to observe their progress.

They flew steadily and in level flight, maintaining a constant progress and never varying from course. If they're still in the area they may yet show up at the Port Arthur centennial.

Fort William,

Ontario,

Canada.

*The Daily Times-
Journal.*

29 July 57.

RAILWAYMEN SAW STRANGE LIGHTS IN THE SKY

RAILWAYMEN on night duty at stations on the Manchester-Bury electric line have this week been trying to solve the mystery of strange objects they have seen in the sky in the Whitefield area.

At least five men saw a circular object in the eastern sky on Monday night, and deliberately watched again when darkness fell the following evening. Shortly before midnight it reappeared.

There were several possible explanations, including that an high flying aircraft was responsible, but none seemed satisfactory.

Mr. Albert Holt, of 47, Albert-street, Radcliffe, leading porter at Besses o'th' Barn Station, said that on Tuesday the light was much smaller than on the previous night.

"It kept changing colour to red, green, and white, and was very high," he said. "It was too stationary to be an aircraft, but it seemed to be spinning."

DIFFERENT OBJECT

The mystery began on Monday, however, with the appearance of a completely different object.

Mr. Holt was alone in the booking office at 10-18 p.m. when he heard a knock at the window. A young woman with a Canadian accent asked him to come outside to the platform.

She pointed to the western sky across Bury Old-road. This is what happened next.

"A glowing object shot into view at great speed," Mr. Holt told a "Bury Times" reporter, "It hung quivering in the sky and then shot away again. About 30 seconds later it again appeared a short distance away and then vanished."

He described it as a bluish-grey object with a banana-shaped base and a dome on top. The base was surrounded by vapour.

"PLAIN AS DAYLIGHT"

He said: "I have never seen anything move so fast in my life. When people used to tell me they had seen things in the sky I thought they were 'crackers.'" I

will swear now that some things are flying about that should not be. I saw this object as plain as daylight, and so did the girl. I am not easily taken in, but after yesterday I do believe there is something in this flying saucer business."

He told a guard on a Manchester-bound train about his experience. The guard passed on the news to the station staff at the next station along the line—Prestwich.

There porter Neville Williams and ticket collector David Taylor looked up and saw, not a bluish-grey object, but a circular one which changed from red to green to white.

WHITE SPIRAL

Said Mr. Williams: "It had a white spiral on top, like an aerial."

They telephoned Mr. Holt at Besses and he went back to the platform. There, to the other side of the track, he saw the circular object. Railwaymen from Radcliffe and Whitefield stations also saw the light. It was visible for at least an hour and a half, from 11-0 to 12-30.

When this light appeared again on Tuesday it set them wondering. It was seen by passengers on a train, and a policeman, as well as railway staffs.

One person who is not surprised is the secretary of the Manchester Flying Saucer Club, Mrs. Ethel Cowdy.

"That area is one of those which has a special magnetic current that enables saucers to travel better," she said.

Club President, Mr. James Dale, stated: "There is a theory that saucers come down lower where there is a lot of electricity, to refuel by induction. A temporary measure, of course. It helps them travel on."

A meteorological official at Manchester Airport said: "We have no explanation to offer."

Bury, England
Bury Times.
3 August 57.



—Binghamton Press Photo.

Alexander D. Mebane was one of better civilian UFO researchers in the 1950s. He was a graduate of Harvard and received a master's degree in organic chemistry from New York University. He held the position of Secretary in the New York UFO organization "Civilian Saucer Intelligence."

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