

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

January - June 1961

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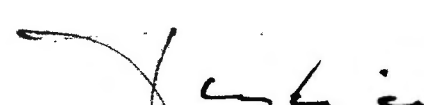
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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz



Four years ago. 1961? Swansea?, England. (1:45 p.m.)

Eminent doctor of medicine.



County Borough of Swansea

Any further communications should be
addressed to
THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
quoting the following reference

149/2/1.

TELEPHONE SWANSEA No. 50221

*Guildhall,
Swansea*

14th December, 1964.

Dear Mr. Ford,

I thank you for your letter of the 7th instant and regret the delay in replying, as I was not certain of my movements until to-day. Unfortunately I have to attend a meeting in Swansea at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th December, which I cannot cancel. Hence my regrets in being unable to be present.

In regard to the last paragraph of your letter, I wish to say that about four years ago on a bright Sunday afternoon, at 1.45 p.m. I saw a very fast moving object travelling approximately S. S.E. at a very great height, as high as any fast moving plane I have seen.

The object was dome-shaped and metallic grey in colour. At the time there was no wind and visibility was excellent.

It travelled so fast that it was out of sight in about 45 seconds. I do not think it could have been a balloon used for meteorological purposes.

Yours sincerely,

E.B. Keyrick.
Medical Officer of Health.

Brian J. Ford Esq.,
The British Broadcasting Corporation,
Broadcasting House.

Fig 4. An example of a UFO sighting by an eminent doctor of medicine. A great many such episodes are, of course, never brought to light.

(XX.)

1961. Central Peru. (daytime?)

UFO scrutinizes lead-silver mine operations.

A letter to the editor of *IUR* said:

"As *IUR* seems to be a focal point of serious UFO studies, I wish to relay an account of an interesting UFO sighting that I don't think has been documented. It occurred in an isolated area of the central Peruvian Andes sometime in 1961.

"I was a geologist, 30 years old at the time, working for Marcona Mining Company (of San Francisco) at its iron ore mine on the coast of Peru 250 miles south of Lima. A Peruvian friend, Manuel Montiel, of Lima, was also working at the mine, in the electrical department, I believe, and he asked me to accompany him on a weekend visit to a small but rich lead-silver mine located high in the Andes east of us (Mina Catalina Huanca). The owner, Gustavo Hernandez, of Nazca, wanted the opinion of a geologist as to the viability and potential of the mine which he had opened only two years earlier.

"Reaching this mine was a real task. From Nazca, 1,800 feet above sea level, we traveled 50 miles (two hours) east over a well-graded dirt road to the Pampa de Galeras on the Altiplano at 13,500 feet elevation. This road goes on to Puquio and eventually the high Andean city of Abancay.

"In the Pampa de Galeras we turned north on an unmaintained road which soon became just a track, or trail, across the gentle topography of the Altiplano at 14,000 to 15,000 feet elevation. Some of the rocks had been thrown off the track. We traveled for about 13 hours on this track, averaging five to 10 mph, about 100 miles to the mine. All people and supplies going into the mine and the ore concentrate coming out traveled this same tortuous route. My 1991 map shows an actual road at this locality now.

"The mine lies on the southwest side of the wide and deep valley of the Rio Pampamarca which drains eastward into the Rio Apurimac and eventually into the Amazon. I was told the mine is located near the village of Apongo, which I located on a 1:250,000 topographic sheet at geographic coordinates 13 degrees 50 S. lat., 73 degrees E. long., in the province of Victor Fajardo, department of Ayacucho.

"In my brief stay I examined the mine and mapped the mine workings, and after my return I wrote a report, from which I draw the above details and names. A year or so later, let's say 12-18 months, which would make it sometime in 1961, a young mining engineer who had helped me map the mine visited Marcona, where I worked, and related the flying-saucer story. He said that just a few weeks (I believe) prior, a flying saucer appeared over the Catalina Huanca mine and hovered there for some time (between five and 15 minutes, maybe more). The mine is on a steep slope, and I believe from where he was, higher up, the saucer was perhaps either level with him or a maximum 45-degree angle and at only 100 meters distance.

"The object was round and glowing, with windows on the upper part. He had time to get his transit, set it up, and look at the object through the telescope. Because it was 'fuzzy,' he couldn't get a focus on it, he said. The saucer hung around the

mine area for a day or so and was seen by everyone there.(I recorded 70 persons working at the mine in my report.) The following day(as I recall)it followed an ore truck or supply truck for several hours as it exited the mine heading south over the dirt track I described. It was not seen again.” (xx.)

(xx.) Gay Jr., S. Parker. Letter to the Editor. *International UFO Reporter*. Fall 1999. Vol. 24, No. 3. p.29.

3 January. Near Ukiah, California. (no time)

A continuation of the 1960 northern California flap?

A brief mention by the NICAP stated: “Two cigar-shaped UFOs zoomed over a car near Ukiah, California, then veered away sharply.” (xx.) No other detail was given.

(xx.) *The UFO Investigator*. Vol. II, No.4. p.8.

4? January. Dunedin, New Zealand. (night)

“Like a long balloon.”

The local paper reported:

“The *Evening Star* for January 4 ...reported a mysterious object. Mrs. E.M. Harmon of Nelson Street, saw a moving light which she at first took to be a falling star—except that it was not falling. It was moving steadily across the dark sky on a straight line from west to north[?]. It was completely orange and seemed to be moving quite slowly, said Mrs. Harmon. She added: ‘It was shaped like a cigar—or like one of those long balloons children play with, and it was completely noiseless.’ The object was visible for about a minute.” (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. May-June 1961. Vol.7, No.3. p.23.

6 January. A country estate at Torroja del Priorato, province of Tarragona, Spain. (3:00 a.m.)

“It looked as if the Moon had quitted the sky.”

The principle witness was 33-year-old Don Luis G. Ferre Casa. His story was published in the English publication *Flying Saucer Review*:

“...Sr. Ferre and his parents and his sister were staying for a few days on an estate at Torroja del Priorato, in the province of Tarragona. His father, accompanied by the family’s dog (a pointer), had just retired to his room on the first floor, and the rest of the family were still downstairs chatting in the dining room and about to go up to bed themselves.

"For some reason which has not been specified, the mother went out to on to the terrace, and at once called urgently to them come, whereupon the witness and his sister both went out to the terrace. And there, right in front of the house, on the mountain, at a distance of some 1,500 or 2,000 meters from the house, they saw what at first looked as though the Moon had quitted the sky and had come down and landed on the Earth. But the Moon was still there in the sky, full, shining as brightly as ever, and without a cloud to veil it. It was a perfect night, with clear visibility, and the temperature in the neighborhood of 10 degrees Centigrade.

"What they observed has been described as a disc-shaped object, seemingly solid, with clearly defined edges, with a color and brightness resembling those of the Moon itself. They could detect no sound from the object. It was on the ground on the mountaineous terrain, in a spot where there was a fair amount of vegetation round about. Comparing the apparent size of the object with a nearby water tank owned by the local waterworks (this tank is a few hundred meters from the house) Sr. Ferre estimates that its real diameter might have been about six meter. (See sketch by Sr. Fere.) The effect which this sight produced in the minds of the witnesses is well summed up by Sr. Ferre:

" 'A desire to investigate came over me, and I said I would like to get my shot gun and approach the object by a roundabout route. The object was as bright as the Moon. Or even brighter. But Mother went into a state akin to hysteria and so, in the face of this, I gave up the idea. So then we stood there looking at the thing as though it had been the most natural, purely everyday thing, and a great sense of tranquility took possession of us. And then, as there seemed to be no change, and without paying great heed to the matter, we went off to bed.'

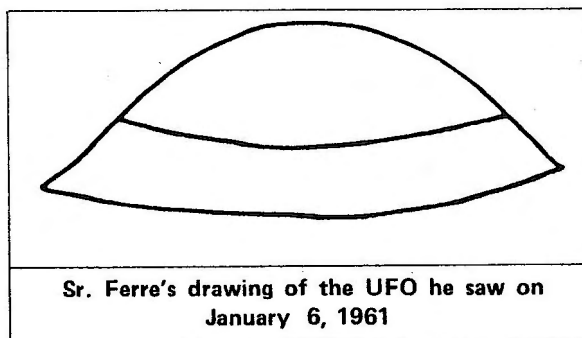
"About 20 minutes had elapsed. The object had remained there in the same position throughout this time.

"Next morning however, the mountain looked just as it did on all the other days. Although Ferre tried to find something which might have reflected the rays of the moonlight as a mirror does, he was forced in the end to the conclusion that there was nothing up there that could have done this.

"And here is one final point, in the realm of the possible psychobiological effects produced in living beings by the UFOs. One day, as the witness was out hunting, with a pointer dog with an extremely good nose, he happened to walk across the place where the object had stood. The dog refused to follow him, and made a detour around the area.

"Finally, the witness declares that on subsequent occasions, when the Moon is full, and looking out from that same window, he has never seen the phenomenon repeated." (xx.)

(xx.) Oloms, Vicente-Juan Ballester. "Twelfth Night...and a UFO." *Flying Saucer Review*. February 1974. Supplement 18. p.10.



8 January. Article in *Pravda*. Russia in an uproar.

"Tiny Venusians piloting '*Bludzas*'* land so they can purchase cheap sweets." (See translation of article below)



THE "FLYING SAUCER" MYTH

(Translated extracts from PRAVDA, top Soviet newspaper, January 8, 1961)

Recently we have been receiving various reports that in some regions of the U.S.S.R. people have observed the so-called "flying saucers". Even certain lecturers have referred to them as authentic facts. PRAVDA's readers have written in asking us to clarify the question of "flying saucers".

Our correspondent asked Academician L.A. Artsimovich to share his views with the readers of PRAVDA.

"There is not a single fact", - said the scientist - "which would lead us to believe that there are mysterious solid objects flying over us - the so-called

* The usual Russian expression for "flying saucers" is *Letayushchie Tarelki*, literally "flying plates," Less commonly, the Russians may say *Blyndtsa* or *Bludzas*.

'saucers'. All discussions along these lines, which have been wide-spread lately, emanate from one original source - the untrustworthy and unscientific data contained in lectures delivered in Moscow by some utterly irresponsible individuals. These lectures consisted of fantastic tales mainly based on reports in the American press, relating to that period when flying crockery was the main sensation in the U.S.A."

"American astronomer Menzel devoted an entire book to this subject - and arrived at a conclusion that 'flying saucers' are nothing else but optical effects. It would seem enough has already been said, and there is no ground for these absurd rumours buried many years ago. Nevertheless after a number of years we are again witnessing a lively discussion of the question of mysterious saucers and their cosmic origin. And this time in our own country."

"To these 'breathtaking' reports were also added many vague rumours on the appearance of cosmic saucers over the cities of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. It has been told that tiny Venusians, landing on Earth, immediately scattered in all directions to buy cheap Oriental sweets."

"A photograph of a saucer taken in one of the northern districts of the country further stimulated the interest in 'flying saucers'. The photograph is likewise the result of optical effects according to a laboratory analysis by the Institute of Applied Geo-Physics of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences."

"It is about time that these tales be stopped no matter how breathtaking they may be."

(xx.)

(xx.) *Australian Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. II, No.1. February 1961. p.7.

9 January. Victoria, Australia. (no time)

cigar-shaped object.

Another NICAP item tells us: "At Victoria, Australia, an Air Force veteran, a constable and others watched a cigar-shaped UFO ten minutes. Seen through binoculars, it had a fiery exhaust." (xx.)

(xx.) *The UFO Investigator*. Vol. II, No.4. p.8.

10 January. Cape Canaveral, Florida. (daytime)

Tracking radar locks on to UFO.

Donald Keyhoe wrote:

"In our [NICAP] files is a photocopy of an official tracking log from Cape Canaveral (now Cape Kennedy), covering operations on January 10, 1961. A Polaris missile was fired that day. According to the log, the missile was on its way up when an 'unidentifiable flying object' came in over the range. The UFO was evidently so big and maneuvered so close to the Polaris that automatic tracking radar on the ground, set to follow the Polaris, locked onto the UFO by mistake. The UFO eventually flew out of the radar's 'sight.' It took trackers 14 minutes to find the Polaris again. Did you read

about this in your paper? Certainly not." (xx.)

(xx.) Keyhoe, Donald. "U.S. Air Force Censorship of the UFO Sightings." *True*. January 1965. p.41.

10 January. Benjamin, Texas. (9:00 p.m.)

A "meteor" that "landed?" (See clipping on page 8) (See below)

Fortunately NICAP had a man in the area to check out the details and clear up some of the confusion about the Benjamin event, therefore the best account to read is the one given in the *UFO Evidence*:

"Early in 1961, a private pilot in Texas witnessed an apparent landing of a UFO. NICAP member Jack Varnell, Knox City, Texas, conducted an extensive investigation into the sighting and the resulting USAF interest. An employee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office, he joined the search for the landed object shortly after noon of the day following the sighting, and observed proceedings firsthand from then on.

"January 10, 1961: Pilot W.K. Rutledge and passenger George Thomas, both of Abilene, Texas, were en-route to Abilene from Tulsa, Oklahoma. At 6,500 feet over Wichita Falls, Texas, about 9:00 p.m. they spotted a red object about 1,500 feet above the plane, glowing brilliantly in the night sky, Rutledge changed course to follow it at about 180 mph, establishing radio contact with the control tower at Shepard AFB, Wichita Falls, during the chase. He followed it WSW to Munday, then north to Vera (where several persons on the ground saw it). Then the object moved WSW again, toward Benjamin, finally turning SW. When beyond Benjamin, the object began to reduce its speed and altitude, going into a glide and apparently landing 4 to 5 miles SW of the town in a heavily wooded area.

"The pilot circled in his single-engine Beech 'Debonair' while law officers, alerted by radio, sped to the scene. Included were Knox County Sheriff Homer T. Melton (now a Texas Ranger), one of his deputies, and the police chiefs of Knox City and Munday. Rutledge radioed his position to the Shepard AFB control tower when he began to circle, and the word was relayed to the converging patrol cars.

"Poor communication between air and ground hampered Rutledge in his efforts to direct the search cars. At one point, a cruiser driven by Deputy Stone came within 100 yards of the landing spot, but the pilot was unable to direct him closer. During this period the glow from the UFO, which had been visible to Rutledge on the ground, was diminishing to a dull red. About the time Stone approached it (unknowingly) and blinked his lights, the glow vanished completely.

"After about 90 minutes of chasing and circling, Rutledge noticed he was running low on fuel and decided to go on to Abilene.

"AIR FORCE INVESTIGATION

"Next morning the search was resumed by police, about 20 high school boys, and

several other citizens of the area. Despite a cold drizzle, they hunted until 3:00 p.m., when Rutledge and Thomas flew back from Abilene. Since there was no convenient airport, Rutledge landed on a highway near Benjamin. When they got into town they were immediately met by USAF Lieutenant McClure and a Sergeant; the four retired to a restaurant nearby for the questioning. NICAP member Jack Varnell listened from the next table.

"The Air Force officer's opening implications that the object might have been a balloon meteorite were quickly shortcut by Rutledge's firm statement: 'What I saw last night was certainly not a meteorite or a weather balloon.' He then made it clear that the object 'came down slowly,' and did not 'fall.' The lieutenant changed his tone at this point, Varnell reported, and became much more serious and interested.

"As the interview progressed, the café began to fill, since the sighting was by this time the chief topic of conversation in the small Texas town. Questions were posed and answers noted for more than a half hour, but the muffled voices were hard to hear in the crowded room." (xx.)

(xx.) Hall, Richard, ed. *The UFO Evidence*. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., 1964. p.43.

SPOTTED BY PILOT

Flaming Object Hunted Near West Texas Town

BENJAMIN (AP)—Officers resumed today a search for a trace of the flaming object which witnesses say blazed through Texas skies Tuesday night and apparently crashed near this West Texas community.

First report of the unidentified object came when the Department of Public Safety said an airplane reported seeing a luminous flying object in the area.

Not An Aircraft

W. K. Rutledge, Abilene attorney and pilot of the plane, and a passenger, Abilene drilling contractor George A. Thomas, said they spotted the object a couple of minutes out of Wichita Falls.

They were en route from Tulsa to Abilene.

It first appeared to be a landing light on an airplane, they later told Abilene officials, but as the two men drew closer they discovered it was not an aircraft.

Rutledge said it looked like it was changing from white to red and appeared to flash up again when it approached or hit the ground.

Efforts Fruitless

Knox County Sheriff H. T. Melton said witnesses in the area reported seeing an orange, glowing object zigzagging across the sky.

Melton said attempts by the sheriff's office and the Department of Public Safety to track down the object were fruitless because of the darkness. The object reportedly glowed brightly and then faded slowly as it approached the ground.

It was believed to have landed or crashed on a ranch west and a little south of Benjamin, which is about 75 miles southwest of Wichita Falls.

Lubbock, Texas
Avalanche-Journal
11 January 61

A reporter for the Knox City *Herald* was stumped by the report that "something" had "landed" on King County rancher Charles Hamilton's property. He wrote:

"The Tuesday incident has been described as a 'meteor,' a 'flying saucer,' or a 'weather balloon.' If a meteor, why would it go back and forth and travel slowly enough for a plane with a speed of 180 keep up with it? The pilot of the aircraft tracked and circled the object for at least an hour and a half. If a weather balloon, why the bright light? If it was a saucer, where did it go?" (xx.)

(xx.) Knox City, Texas. *Herald*. 12 January 61.

10 January. One mile north of Naknek, Alaska. (0745Z)

Glowing orange thing.

The primary witnesses were two fishermen. One aged 28 and the other 37. Names are deleted from official files.

There was a high, thin, scattered cloud layer at the time with visibility at 15 plus miles. Initial observation of object was at 0.30 degrees azimuth, 10 degrees elevation. When last seen the object was at 210 degrees, elevation 5 degrees. The object reported was circular in shape but otherwise indistinct except for the glow it emitted. Glowing orange when it hovered, it brightened with a blue rim and "flashes" when moving. Accompanied by a whistling sound, it was first sighted moving southeast, then northwest. While on the southwest course, the object stopped at various times and hovered. The general direction of travel was southeast. Altitude was estimated at 50-300 feet. It was in view about 90 minutes. Winds Aloft logs were not compatible the motions of the object. No helicopters or other aircraft were in the area according to FAA Anchorage and King Salmon Air Force Station. (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 10 January 61.

11 January. Stillwater, Oklahoma. (5:45 p.m.)

"Jerky cigar."

According to our source:

"The cigar-shaped object, glowing red, appeared on the southwest horizon at approximately 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, faded, reappeared and then faded forever during a span of nearly 20 minutes.

"First to reporting having spotted the 'UFO' were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fagan, northwest of the city.

"According to Fagan, the object seemed to be moving in jerky motions toward the southwest when he first spotted it. However, once the object reached the horizon, it seemed to hang in space, the family told KSPI radio station manager, who watched the object until it disappeared into the night." (xx.)

(xx.) Stillwater, Oklahoma. *News-Press*. 12 January 61.

15 January. Wichita Falls, Texas. (night)

The principle witness was a programmer and weatherman for station KFDX, Wichita Falls:

"My wife and I were driving west on the Seymour Highway and were approximately one mile west of the city when we first sighted the object. At first glance it appeared to be an unusually brilliant star but a second look quickly convinced us that this object was far too brilliant, and too close at hand to be a star—also quickly became evident that the object was moving. Our first sight of it was to our right and it appeared to be moving toward the southwest, however when the object reached directly above Channel 3 TV station (located on the north side of the highway about three miles out of the city) it appeared to hover directly above the station for a brief time.

"At this point we drove off the highway and stopped to view the object better. This was the closest I believe that we came to it. We were slightly to the east of the TV station and the object appeared to us to be no more than 1,500 feet at most altitude and appeared to be no more than 1,000 or so feet ahead of us and to our right.

"The object then began to move again in a southwesterly direction and we followed it proceeding on out the highway another mile or so at which point the object crossed the highway on its southwesterly course.

"We then turned almost due south on Fairway Road and observed the object continuing on to the west and to our right. We arrived at our home and went in to the back yard and continued to observe the object (after calling the TV station to ask if they knew of it). I stayed in the back yard or in the back door of my home and my wife got into the car and drove out Route 369 which proceeds in a westerly direction from where we live, to see if she could see any thing further.

"We both observed an airplane following the object, some distance behind it. We saw the blinking wing and tail lights of the plane very clearly, and could see the object ahead of the plane and somewhat more southwest also very clearly..." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 15 January 61.

16 January. Fitchburg, Massachusetts. (0430Z)

One large, three small.

According to BLUE BOOK files:

The main witness was an amateur astronomer who operated a business in Fitchburg. For 1½ hours he watched four objects maneuver in the sky. He finally asked his son an adult male inside the store to step outside and join him in observing the objects (Total time of observation was 2 ½ hours). All four objects were round in shape and a bright silver or aluminum in color. One object was larger than the rest and appeared to be the size of a dime at arm's length. The other three were pea-size.

The store owner (named deleted in official files) gave a description of the object's maneuvers:

"The larger object would appear to hover with the three smaller objects hanging back in Vee formation. First one would approach, appear to close in, then drop back, then the next would approach in turn. Periodically the large object would dance wildly in the sky and circle back into position then all three smaller would back off attack again, one at a time. Suddenly the larger object shot at a high rate of speed. In a matter of seconds covering 30 degrees of arc from the northwest toward north and disappeared. The other objects had disappeared when Mr. (...deleted) looked for them after the disappearance of the larger object." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 16 January 61.

17 January. Cimarron, New Mexico. (6:17 p.m.)

Mother ship?

A former weather officer at Holloman AFB informed APRO about his sighting. Coral included it one of her books:

"The color was amber or ranging from yellow to orange. Three different groups were sighted or, as thought, the second and third group were actually the same group sighted twice. There were six lights in the first group and eight in the second and third. In comparison with airplanes, their estimated distance was about fifteen miles from the observers and the altitude about 30,000 feet. Each of the groups was noted as flying a V-formation, as flying wild geese, or a 'wedge formation.' The speed was normal or perhaps slow for airplanes. Lights in the second and third groups changed position in the formation now and then—first one light would be in the lead, and then another.

"The really amazing thing was the appearance of the second group. The observers were watching a bright star in the south which they thought was the planet Mars. Suddenly a bright light appeared just beneath this star, and from it, the formation of smaller lights appeared. Then the bright light went out. The formation flew away to the southwest and disappeared. The men started to drive on when, suddenly, they observed the formation returning. The group of objects flew back to approximately the same spot where they had appeared from the bright light, and then disappeared. Some of the lights would pulsate as they flew along and they grew momentarily brighter and then dim again." (xx.)

(xx.) Lorenzen, Coral and Jim. *UFOs: The Whole Story*. A SIGNET book: New York, N.Y., 1969. pp.226-227.

22 January. The Communists crack down on its most prominent UFOlogist.

Not long after UFO reports were castigated as "fantastic fairy tales" by the Communist Party's official newspaper *Pravda*, a similar harsh denunciation was published in the "Moscow Evening

[News],”(*Vechernaya Moskva*). This strong reaction caused the All-Union Society for the Propagation of Political and Scientific Knowledge to oust Yuri Alkeksandrovitch Fomin from membership. Fomin and some colleagues had started to collect UFO reports and cataloging them, giving lectures about their data to interested people. Now that UFOs were “out of favor,” the chances of a creation of a Russian organization along the lines of APRO or NICAP were nil.

22 January. Cestas-Gazinet, France. (no time)

“ZEMU?”

According to our source:

“An electronic professor at Bordeaux University and three school teachers observed an elongated, glowing, orange object. Interference with car ignition was noted. One witness was said to have felt a slight indisposition and to have heard or somehow perceived the word ‘ZEMU’ repeated twice.” (xx.)

(xx.) Vallee, Jacques. *Passport to Magonia*. Henry Regnery Company: Chicago, Illinois, 1969. p.280.

22 January. Waston, Missouri. (between 9:30 – 10:00 p.m.)

UFO lands, follows car. Spooky goings on in Lover’s Lane.

According to BLUE BOOK files:

“Mr. (...deleted) and Miss (...deleted) were parked in a lovers lane area approximately four miles north of town. The automobile lights were off and the motor was not running. The object flew overhead but they could not determine the size nor altitude. [It] Was sighted in the woods to the north over a mile away. They watched as it landed. There was a red light—not distinct—more like a glow. They sat and watched for about 10 minutes. When Mr. (...deleted) got out of the car, the courtesy (ceiling) lights came on in the auto. When this happened, two lights came on in the object and pointed toward the auto. These lights were one above the other and were brighter than any search lights Mr. (...deleted) had ever seen. They showed for a 50 feet radius. When this happened, Mr. (...deleted) got back in the car and started toward town. The object also took off and stayed to one side of the automobile for about three miles. The lights from the object were so bright that (...deleted) tested his headlights several times to see if they were operating. Headlights were dim in comparison to the lights from the object. About one mile north of town the object took off.

“This same object has been sighted on three or four occasions prior to the reported one and on several occasions since then. [It] Has also been seen by an old farmer who accompanied Mr. (...deleted) to the scene. On other occasions, the bright lights were not showing. The weather was clear. The object remained on the ground for approximately 10 minutes.” (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 22 January 61.

30 January. Greenfield, Massachusetts. (5:30 p.m.)

Low flying-huge size.

According to our source:

"On January 30, 1961 near Greenfield, Massachusetts a report was relayed to me by the Rev. (...deleted), (...deleted) Robbins Memorial Congregational Church in Greenfield. (...deleted) was returning home from work on (...deleted) (north of Greenfield) at 5:30 p.m. Her car was passed by a low flying object of huge size, which showed large, very bright white lights at the front and back and a flashing red light in its center. Miss Kangas stopped her car motor and watched the aerial object then turn off, pass directly overhead and move away at increased speed and vanish in the distance. It made a slight sound, like the hum of a child's spinning top, she said. (xx.)

(xx.) "No Case (Information Only) 30 January 1961. Greenfield, Massachusetts." Air Force BLUE BOOK files. Data from a civilian publication.

31 January. Near Koorda, Australia. (4:25 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

"Father Xmas's plane with no engine."

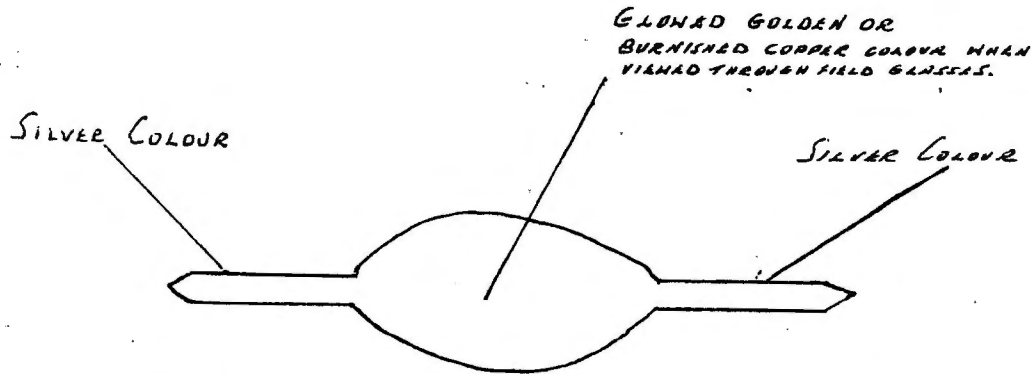
Mr. and Mrs. Mactaggart lived on a farm about 18 miles west of the town of Koorda. On the 31st of January 1961 they had their UFO experience. It was a hot that day and there was a cloudless sky (The seasons are reversed down under). The Mactaggart's grandchildren were visiting at the time and it was one of them, a four-year-old, who first spotted the UFO. The object came out the east heading for the Mactaggart farm and the young child knew right away the thing in the sky was unusual. The small child called out to her grandparents to come see 'Father Xmas's plane with no engine.'

The grandparents sighted what appeared to be a silver colored object quickly approaching. They grabbed a pair of German-made field glasses that were handy and focused in on the UFO. Under magnification a golden glow in the object's center was discernable. The Mactaggarts said the object resembled a golden sphere with silver protuberances either side of the sphere, reminding them of a motor armature.

The object came to a momentary stop when it reached a point over the Mactaggart farmhouse, then it continued on a western course that slanted upward. (xx.)

(xx.) *Report on Aerial Object Observed.* B. Marsh, Postmaster, Captain Command & Staff Group, Western Command, Australia. Australian archives, ACT Regional Office.

(See drawing of Koorda UFO on page 14)



THIS SKETCH VARIES SLIGHTLY WITH ORIGINAL SKETCH PROVIDED.

The date of the above incident was on the afternoon of the day the USA placed a chimpanzee into orbit.

INITIALLED *[Signature]*

7 February. Between Kennebunkport
and Arundel, Maine.
(10:20 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.?)

President of an advertising agency sees
a "red-orange thing." (See letter on pages
14-15)

16 February. Chamberlain Lake, Maine.
(about 9:30 p.m.)

"It gave an eerie feeling." (See clipping)

Bangor, Maine.
Daily News.
17 February 61.

Sportsmen Mystified By Red, White Beams In Sky

CHAMBERLAIN LAKE, Feb. 17 — Sportsmen are still puzzled and mystified by an unusual night sighting here at about 9:30 Thursday evening. — Feb 16

An object with two powerful beams of light, red and white, was seen from Nugent's Airport and Sporting Camps and appeared to be hanging in mid-air at treetop level.

Sportsmen watched the object for nearly five minutes before it appeared to fall to earth and spend itself.

Allen O. Nugent, who has lived on the shores of Chamberlain Lake, pinpointed the sighting in the general area of Donnelly Point and the tramway, leading in the direction of Allagash Stream and Mountain.

Jerome Dickinson of Houlton saw the object first and informed those at camp. Others who watched the lights and described them were James Pierce and Jack Chisholm of Houlton, Arthur Augustine and William Cameron of Shin Pond, James Leighton of Portland, Norman Hathaway of South Brewer and William Cyr, Bangor.

Early today airplanes piloted by Dickinson and Hathaway flew the general area in an attempt to spot the object. The mystery remained tonight as both pilots said there was no evidence of any object in the area.

Mrs. Milton B. Steeves, 295 Maple Street, Bangor, reported seeing a large bright object early Thursday evening. "It was as big as a softball and traveling fast. It gave me an eerie feeling."

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February 21, 1961

National Investigation Committee
on Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a report on a U F O observed by me on the evening of February 7, 1961. The time was approximately 10:20 to 10:30 PM, weather clear, cold, visibility excellent, stars were out, location Old River Road between Kennebunkport and Arundel, see map, location marked in pen.

I was traveling home from a directors meeting of the Kennebunk-Kennebunkport Chamber of Commerce. There is a curve in this road, not evident on map, as I came around the curve I saw what appeared to be the lower half of an red-orange ball in the sky. It was of such unusual brightness that I stopped and got out of my car to observe more closely.

I am not positive but I had the feeling as I came around this curve that I saw two objects, however there were some trees along the edge of the road that obstructed my view until I drove another hundred feet to the point where I stopped my car.

My first impression was that this was a harvest moon because of its size and color. I observed this stationery object for at least two minutes and then saw it disappear at a tremendous speed, far in excess of the capabilities of any of our military aircraft.

The object was at an angle of 20 to 30 degrees above the horizon and travelled in an easterly direction. My guess would be that this UFO was over Biddeford at an altitude of about 3 to 5,000 feet when I saw it.

As the UFO disappeared I could hear no sound or saw no contrails, or smoke of any kind.



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I arrived back at my home within five minutes and looked up the phase of the moon for that date in the Old Farmers Almanac. I looked very carefully for the moon when I arrived home but could not find it. According to the Old Farmers Almanac the moon was in its' last quarter. The Old Farmers Almanac gives the time of the rise of the moon on ~~8~~, FEB 6 at 11:00 PM no time for the rise of the moon on Feb. 7, and 12:03 AM for Feb. 8th. I would assume from this that the moon had not risen at the time I saw the UFO.

Further the moon does not travel at any terrific speed such as the UFO I saw. I am confident that the object I saw was not man made.

I have not reported this observation to the airforce, or any one else, except my family and Mrs Bertha Timson of Kennebunkport who is a member of your organization.

Either that day Feb. 7th or Feb. 8th the Portland Press Herald reported stories of others who saw similar UFO's.

If my memory serves me correctly the airforce said these were planes refueling. You might check the Portland Papers of those dates, or if you prefer I will get these articles for you and mail them to your office.

One additional item, about a month prior to this sighting I was traveling from Biddeford, Maine after attending a director's meeting of the Biddeford-Saco Community Chest, time was about 9 PM, weather clear, cold, stars out. I was on the Old Biddeford Road, marked in blue on enclosed map.

I did not see any object but was conscious of a bright orange-red light that flashed across the sky at terrific speed. I thought it might be a falling star or some similar object and forgot about it until I saw the UFO on Feb. 7th.

If you desire any more information kindly feel free to ask. Best of luck in your efforts.

Cordially

H. David Walley
H. David Walley

HDW:dal

16 February. Ernest AFB, Newfoundland.

Assistant Squadron Commander's wife. 2,000 mph. Can turn on a dime.

"..and, by the way, one was on the ground...it was described in detail." (See clipping)

Stationed in Newfoundland:

Flying Saucers Above, Mooseburgers Below

BY TEDD DETERMAN

The snow is 131 inches deep. . . the wind is blowing at 140 knots per hour. . . you look out your window and a moose is rummaging around in your garbage can. . . above you unidentified flying objects are turning 90 degree corners at 2,000 miles per hour. . . and through it all, you sit munching a moosburger while watching television without commercials.

This may sound like the beginning of a good science fiction story because it sure doesn't describe any place we are familiar with. . . except that we are familiar with the snow. But it exists all right, and Mrs. James P. Thomas, the former Marian Dege of Washington Avenue, Patchogue, will verify every detail.

She is stationed with her husband at Ernest Harmon Air Force Base, Newfoundland, where he is an F-102 jet interceptor pilot and assistant squadron commander of the Fifty-Ninth Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Detachment 1. The base, which is designed to provide defense early warning, is part of the Strategic Air Command and is located on the western side of the island about 100 dirt-road miles from Port Au Basque, the port you enter by ferry if you're driving.

Mrs. Thomas is home visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dege of Patchogue, and her son, Stephen, aged 14 months. Her tale of life at this arctic-type base, (which she, by the way, didn't think was interesting enough to tell) gives one an infectious desire to stay home.

When she left the base two



Mrs. Marian Thomas

weeks ago for her visit home, the snow was 131 inches deep. But that's nothing. . . it was 250 inches two years ago! "It snows continually," she said, "but the roads are always clear on the base even though the drifts are like mountains next to our sports car."

At one point in January, she maintained, the winds reached 140 knots per hour, which would be about 157.5 miles per hour. "But," she added, "the wind machine broke at 140 knots so we don't know what the maximum really was."

The weather necessitates the wearing of the warmest parkas made, she said. Each day, the base weather station releases a "chill factor," which tells the base residents how long they can stay out before their exposed flesh will

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freeze.

During the bad weather, the many moose in the area get hungry and make pests of themselves by rummaging around in garbage cans. The consolation is that moose hunting is good, she said, and provides base residents with hamburger substitutes. . . mooseburger. (She added that moose meat is quite dry and if you cook it, you usually have to mix it with a fatty meat like ham.)

Bordering on the fiction side of science, her two-year stay at the base has made her a confirmed believer in flying saucers. "Occasionally," she said, "The aircraft control and warning section will sight unidentified objects on their radar scopes that travel at over 2,000 miles per hour and can turn on a dime at that speed." To top it off, she said, a friend of her husband actually saw one of the objects on the ground and can describe it in detail.

And if you ever get tired of looking at the flying saucers, she claims, you can watch an occasional iceberg as it drifts by. That is, she said, you could watch them if you had the time. She is active in the Officer's Wives' Club, the Toastmistress Club and in television.

The base has its own television station that transmits all of the latest shows without the commercials. When she gets back to the base, Mrs. Thomas will have her own Children's Hour on Saturday afternoons, which will add to her busy schedule.

22 February. Conroe, Hempstead and Ellington Field, Texas. (about 10:00 p.m.)

Mysterious object stirs law officers. 200 feet altitude?

Our source states:

“‘Object appeared to be about 200 feet off the ground, then moved in a westerly direction at a high rate off speed.’ That was part of the exchange between the Bryan Department of Public Safety radio dispatcher and various units from here to Houston. The time was about 10 p.m. last night. The object referred to was an elusive ‘unidentified flying object.’ The first sighting was near Conroe by a Highway Patrol Unit. He described the ‘thing’ as a bright, silent light.’ Another Highway Patrol unit at Hempstead also saw the object. An Air Force spokesman at Ellington Field near Houston said that there were no military aircraft in that area. Houston International Airport also said that they knew nothing of any air activity in the area. The radar apparatus here was not in operation at the time.” (xx.)

(xx.) “No Case (Information Only) 22 February 1961. Conroe, Hempstead and Ellington Field, Texas.” Air Force BLUE BOOK files. (Data apparently from a civilian publication. A note attached states: College Station, Texas, Battalion 2/23/61)

28 February. New Bedford, Massachusetts. (3:20 a.m. – 3:40 a.m.)

Bobbing “fat barrel.” House lights dimmed. (See clippings below)

Letters From Our Readers

Lakeville Couple Saw Strange Object

To the Editor of The Standard-Times:

On Feb. 28 at 3:20 a. m., my husband and I both saw the “unusual object” in the sky as did a North End reader of The Standard-Times.

We were attracted by a roaring noise and then lights which were left on in the kitchen dimmed several times. Then a bright light lit the whole house. We both looked out and saw this object in the sky which looked to me like a big ball of fire.

It was rolling over and over near our house. It seemed as if it were going to hit the trees. It was traveling quite fast and went from east to southwest near Long Pond. This was at 3:20 a. m.

Then it returned at 3:40. The house lights dimmed again. The third time it came back it seemed to be rolling faster. My husband aroused our neighbor, but we did not see it again. Our neighbor said not to be alarmed. It was too close for comfort for me, however. I’ll bet the North Ender thought so, too.

MRS. CLARENCE BLACKWOOD
Lakeville 3/9/61

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New Bedford, Massachusetts
Standard-Times
4 March 61 & 9 March 61.

Observed Unusual Object in Sky 3/4/61

To the Editor of The Standard-Times:

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 3:15 a. m., I was awake and looked out of my window. I could hear what sounded like several planes up in the clouds, but I could not see any planes coming from the Municipal Airport.

The noise became louder than a plane. Out of a small cloud an object came, as the sun does after the clouds go over it. The object was like a fat barrel. As I watched, it grew brighter. The light then became fainter, as it turned over. At either end there were what looked like black clouds, about as thick as a man’s hand.

It was traveling quite fast, but not too high. The light, as this object turned over, was so bright I had to get a film negative through which to look at it. It turned over and over, going at great speed from west to east, then south at 3:30 a. m., headed toward Fairhaven. It bobbed up and over, like a bobber on a fishline.

This is not a crackpot letter. I have been a constant reader of The Standard-Times for 40 years, and my parents read The Mercury also.

Did anyone else see this object?

NORTH ENDER

Spring 1961. Tucson, Arizona. (about 10:00 a.m.)

Tumbling gently down.

A report found in Dr. James McDonald's papers. (See below and on pages 19 and 20)

C O P Y

June 22, 1966

Report on a Flying Saucer, by Shirley Van Cleef, 3568 N. Campbell, Ave., Tucson, Arizona - Spring of 1961.

I had not long been in Tucson, in fact I was only visiting a friend in Tucson, and we were having our last cup of coffee about 10:00 on the terrace. My friend was Elizabeth Bickford from Providence, R. I. who had been sent out there for her asthma.

We were just naturally regarding the north of us because that's where the view was toward the mountains. I was looking toward the northeast and she was looking toward the northwest. There was a jet trail - an old jet trail - so it was quite fat and it was curved. And all of a sudden I realized that here was this opaque white object tumbling gently down the curve of the jet trail on the upper edge of it. It was loafing as if it were a round scrap of paper or a round lightest heavy object might fall. It was tumbling end over end but there was no shininess to it at that point. It was white and it tumbled.

Doc: It was tumbling but it had no sheen. Didn't the sun reflect?

Shirley: Well I must have been able to see an outline of it so that I knew that it was tumbling.

Doc: Did you have your glasses on?

Shirley: I had my dark glasses on. I'm near sighted but I have 20-20 vision. The glasses I have on were recently checked and they were all right.

It was very leisurely and I said to my friend: Tilly, I think I'm seeing a flying saucer. She was just silenced and we sat there and we watched it, and it came leisurely down this jet trail. All of a sudden at Davis Monson Air Force Base we heard a jet warming up, and as soon as that jet started to warm up, the object we were looking at looked as if it had turned on a flat side, as if it were a flat disk and metallic. It flashed.

Doc: Do you think it was a reflection of light or a flash from internal energy?

Shirley: Well, I felt that it was a reflection of light because the sun is so bright out there that you expect to see reflections on metallic objects. And then it obviously went due north very fast. And due north of us was another, not a jet trail, but just a wisp of cloud. This was all there was in the sky, the jet trail and the wisp of cloud, and this object went away from us very fast and went out of sight.

But we were still watching and sure enough it must have made a slight left turn to the west and we could see it again and it went into the cloud. And after that we lost it. But we estimated that we had watched it for at least ten or fifteen minutes because it had been so leisurely coming down that enormous jet trail. We had plenty of time to see it. And of course we were far enough out of town, on the edge of town. We couldn't hear any cars as the patio is on the back of the house. The house is set back from a very quiet road. It's always very quiet on the desert anyway, even the city isn't as noisy. The first noise that we heard really was this jet and the minute we heard it, the UFO reacted. We almost wondered if the jet were going to chase the UFO or something like that, but we never did see the jet. It must have gone in another direction. We never saw anything in the sky at all after we lost the UFO. We were awfully mad at ourselves. I did not have my watch on and Tilly didn't have her watch on. There were some binoculars in the house but we were so paralyzed by this that we didn't even have sense enough to go in the house and get them. We just sat there saying nothing and watched it. I couldn't imagine that everybody in Tucson who might also be sitting out in their patios that morning facing north wouldn't have seen it too.

There was no mention of it in the paper.

Doc: Were trees bending under what seemed to be gravitational pressure?

Shirley: If there was, I didn't notice it. The trees - we've had very few trees near us. The nearest tree to us was a silver dollar eucalyptus and it was a young one, and it flickers anyway. But I didn't notice. I'm very fond of that particular kind of tree.

Doc: Did you by any chance have your radio on or television?

Shirley: No, we didn't.

Doc: Did any neighbor with a radio switched on or with his TV going have any difficulty of reception?

Shirley: We didn't hear of anybody.

Doc: Did any cars have difficulty? Were any cars stalled?

Shirley: Not that I know of. We didn't see anybody until about noontime. We went somewhere for lunch and I brought this up and I was looked at as so insane that it was best to drop it and not even mention it. Tilly said nothing. I called a very good friend of mine in Tucson that night and I told her what I had seen and she laughed. She said, oh if you live in Tucson, you'll see all kinds of strange things. Nobody pays any attention to them. But now there is a couple, unfortunately, I can't remember their name, who are making a study of these and there is a professor at the University who has announced in the papers that anybody sighting a UFO should get in touch with him. They are really paying attention to it and about three weeks ago, somebody saw one in the daytime. I was so angry that I missed it. And it was reported in the newspaper. The good radio station that I listen to has a whole program on an interview with this young couple who are making a study of them and the wife goes all over the western United States wherever necessary.

Doc: Could I have the address of that couple perhaps and the address of the professor?

Shirley: When I get back to Tucson because I haven't got them with me.

Doc: This was dictation from Mrs. Shirley Van Cleef. She graduated from Vassar and is a friend of my wife. Dictated this 21st day of June, 1966 in my office in Harvard.

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(xx.) Dr. James McDonald's papers. University of Arizona at Tucson Library. Tucson, Arizona. Special Collection Division.

Spring 1961. Millville, New Jersey. (night?)

"I never believed in UFO reports, but I do now."

A letter to Air Force BLUE BOOK advisor Dr. J. Allen Hynek:

"I read with interest the latest commentary on the controversial UFO, in this Sunday's *Boston Globe*. Now I've finally decided to tell about a certain UFO that I saw a long time ago [letter written in 1965]. Mind you, now, I'm not trying to climb on the bandwagon. I couldn't care less if anyone attributes my report to the power of suggestion due to the article. I've kept it to myself because I don't consider myself the type to sound alarms, only to receive a pat on the shoulder, a reassurance that 'everything's going to be alright,' and a hidden snicker after my back is turned.

"One night back in 1961, early Spring, I believe, I was engaged in the noble American tradition or 'parking' with a girl. There had been several meteors that evening, so they were commonplace enough that I took only a glance at the ones I saw. Then, along came 'Big Daddy' meteor, or so I at first thought. However, it was too large to be a meteor, and moved far too slow. As nearly as I can recall, it was towards the East or possibly Northeast, at about a 60 degree angle above the horizon. Might mention that I was in Millville, N. J. at the time.

"What caught my attention, and at the time it took an awful lot to distract me, was the way the thing moved. Above like an airplane. First logical conclusion, airplanes have colored lights, and usually make noise. The object was noiseless, and, not to sound corny, glowed. It was much brighter than any star in the sky. Therefore, it wasn't either an airplane or a star. So as it moved slowly northward, I figured it to be a weather balloon reflecting the sun's light. However, balloons don't stand still, change direction, and have reverse gears, so to speak. Second logical conclusion: not a weather balloon.

"Well, I finally pointed it out to the girl, to assure myself that it wasn't an illusion. She saw it with no trouble, and got quite scared. We watched together as the

thing went through its antics. Here's what it did as nearly as I recall: it moved slowly northward for perhaps 30 seconds, then stopped. Then it darted toward the horizon, which would be Eastward I guess. Such a rapid movement as this I've never seen. Almost too fast to see. It stopped abruptly, blasted Northward again for quite a ways, and stopped again. And there it sat for over a minute. Bingo! It went into reverse, back over almost the same path it had come. Was something like when powerful searchlights light up a cloud at night. Except that I checked the area and the nearest light was some 30 miles away, and the sky was cloudless. 'Thing' then darted around all over the place in little bursts of speed unbelievably rapid. At one point it came to a star, stopped, went right, straight, left, and straight again. So help me, it looked like the thing deliberately missed that star, which I realize is foolish. It was probably a coincidence. Finally, after some five minutes of fooling around, it took off for greener pastures. From far to the south it moved out of sight to the north in about FIVE [writer's emphasis] seconds. I timed it. I don't expect you to believe it, but it happened.

"I have the 'I'm from Missouri' outlook on things. I never believed in UFO reports. I do now, until someone can show me why I shouldn't. Hoping you don't think I'm nuts, but not caring much if you do." (xx.)

(xx.) "No Case (Information Only) Spring, 1961. Millville, New Jersey (...deleted) Sharon, Mass. 02067. August 8, 1965." Air Force BLUE BOOK files.

Spring 1961. Kemah, Texas. (10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.)

"Angel Hair (?) and a UFO with "windows."

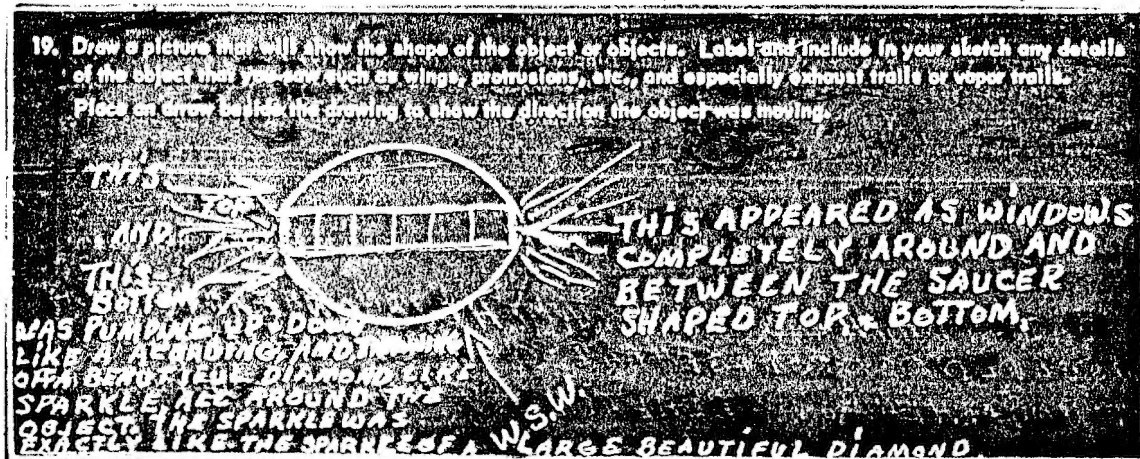
In a letter, a Texas housewife tells of a strange experience:

"It was a beautiful sunny day...I was coming back from grocery shopping about two a.m. I noticed while driving long white cotton, or spider web, like strings coming out of the sky. They were coming down, hanging all over everything, telephone and electric lines, trees...some strips probably a half mile long. I stopped at neighbors and everyone was watching this. Finally I called Ellington Airport here near Houston. They told me to get them a sample of it, which I did, and mailed to them. They sent many, many jets over our town as soon as I called them. I do not know what they found out, but I sent the sample and was thanked by letter for it.

"Then about 2:30 p.m. I had quit looking and was at home. I went into the back yard to hang a piece of clothing on the line. I saw a large string of this asbestos-like stuff coming down near me. I wanted a piece to keep and examine closely, so, I called a man rooming in my house. He came out and I told him to gather it up for me as it came down, and just at that time he said to me, 'Look, what is that lady?' Right over our heads was a round machine, or whatever it was. It was about 50 feet wide [and] the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. It glistened like a diamond. It looked like two round disks with an opening or windows around the center. It looked like it was pumping in an accordion fashion, and every time it pumped, it looked like

sparkles were coming out that looked exactly like sparkles of a large diamond under [the] sun, or light. There was no noise—not a sound, yet it was just over the top of the trees. We both stood and watched it until it went out of sight. It didn't seem to be going fast. It was just moving along with an up and down motion. Every time it would go together in the middle in a pump fashion, these beautiful diamond-like sparkles would shoot out all around the machine. It was the brightest aluminum I have ever seen—like the most shiny foil in sunlight..." (xx.) (See drawing by the witness below)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. Spring 1961. Kemah, Texas.



10 March. Near Albury, Australia. (about 8:45 p.m.)

UFO Landing? (See article on this page and page 24)

UFO LANDING ?

"Albury Border Morning Mail" featured a provoking article on 16th March, 1961 entitled "SAW SPACE SHIP HERE?" which is reproduced below. An investigating team of the Australian FLYING SAUCER Review composed of Peter Norris (Victoria Co-Editor), Colin McCarthy, Peter Thomas, Geoff Rumpf and Ray Mountford examined the site of the alleged landing of mystery craft and questioned the witnesses.

Did a space ship land near Albury last Friday? This question, which would be scoffed at by the average citizen, was seriously posed by a well-known professional man yesterday.

The man who is non-committal about the possibility, is convinced he and his son saw an inexplicable phenomenon. He is Mr. F. Reynolds of Young Street, Albury. Mr. Reynolds said it was usual practice to take his 15-year old son Lloyd away for study every second weekend. Although they usually went to the Hume Weir camping reserve, they decided to go to Bowna.

After leaving Albury at 6.30 p.m. they arrived at their destination as dusk fell and camped 300 yards from the weir. "About 8.45 p.m. we decided to have supper", Mr. Reynolds said.

SAW STRANGE SIGHT

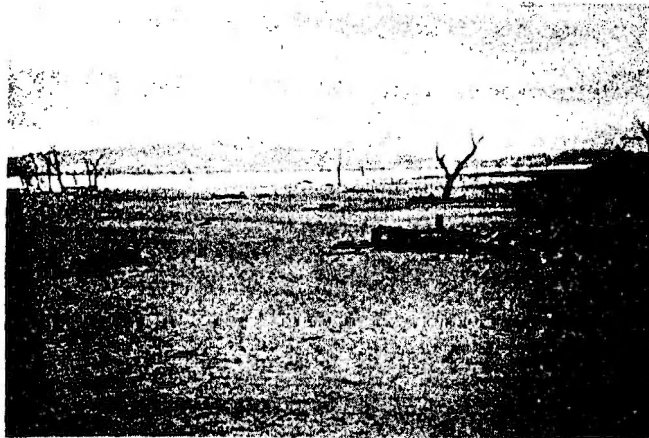
"I went outside and saw a strange sight on the edge of the water. At first I thought it was a camp but wondered how the people occupying it could have passed our caravan without hearing them."

"The camp appeared to be a large caravan with four windows with a red light nearby. A fire on the right of the caravan was visible. About four persons seemed to be moving very quickly between the fire and the 'caravan' on the left", Mr. Reynolds said.

"I had a look through my binoculars and was surprised to see the whole unit, that is caravan, red light and fire, appear to move sideways in a jerking manner"

FLAME NOT CONSTANT

"The flame was not constant. It would flare up, showing someone standing near it and then die down again to-almost nothing before flaring up again," Mr. Reynolds related.



Actual position where UFO was seen standing

He looked again at 9.30 p.m. but was surprised to see the "caravan" and its "occupants" had disappeared.

"In the morning we visited the area and found a mud flat with no unusual markings and no trace of the fire," Mr. Reynolds said. He explained that the mud was very soft and would have left impressions. He later decided to advertise in the "Mail" to see if other readers had seen anything unusual on Friday night.

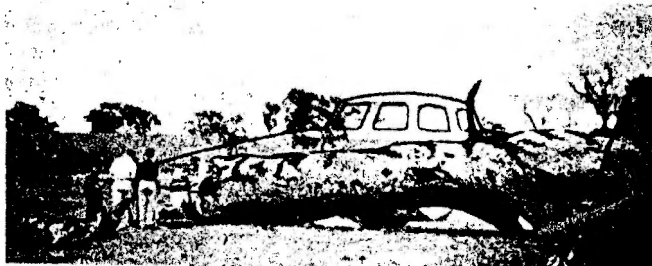
OTHERS SAW STRANGE THINGS

A Barnawartha resident Mrs. D. Anderson told him that before 10 p.m. she saw a yellow type of light which moved east toward Beechworth. She had never seen anything like it.

Other comments were:

- Mrs. Saw, Tallangatta: Some time after dark I saw a very bright light, which appeared to drop behind the mountains towards the east.
- Mrs. Woodcock, West Albury: About 9.25 p.m. I saw a peculiar light like fine rain coming down which changed from red to pink, and then faded away - it seemed to move along toward Beechworth.
- Mr. W. Burns, Wangaratta: About 10 p.m. I saw an unusual pink light in a narrow beam which seemed to extend out for some miles.
- Mr. E. Staff, a Wodonga S.E.C. worker rang the "Mail" last night to say he had seen an object in the sky which changed colors about 5.30 p.m. yesterday. Its appearance was like that of a small cloud but moved rapidly toward Beechworth emitting jet-like flames.

Fallen tree behind which UFO was sighted. Investigating team on spot. Outline of object superimposed.



(xx.)

13 March. Fort Ord, California. (8:30? or 9:00 p.m.)

Two perfect 90-degree turns.

According to our source, the incident took place at a rifle range on the Army post:

"Over 200 men of Basic Training Company D, 5th Battle Group, 1st Brigade, had completed their evening's night-firing training, and were waiting for vehicles to take them back to their barracks. Some of the soldiers noticed a small, star-like light moving at perhaps 30 degrees above the horizon (possibly N.W.). The light flew at 'about the speed of a jet plane' to a position directly or almost directly overhead. Its size increased with its approach. It was blue-white, extremely bright and beautiful. Without losing speed, the light made two perfect 90-degree turns, and headed back in the direction from which it had come.

"The group's commanding officer ordered his men to leave the area at a rout-step. Suddenly, panic swept through the marching men and they broke into a run, because the UFO had accelerated in a 'blinding burst of speed' that 'took your breath away.'" (xx.)

13 March. San Diego, California. (about 9:45 p.m.)

Two 90-degree turns.

The Fort Ord document mentioned that the report from the Army post may have been confirmed by a sighting by two Navy pilots, which was published in a San Diego paper the following day. The article said:

"Two Navy pilots today reported seeing a strange flying object in San Diego skies.

"Lt. Bill Friel and Ens. Jim Jacanin of North Island's All Weather Fighter Squadron 3 spotted the object about 9:45 last night.

"The Air Force radar station on Mt. Laguna said it did not pick up an unidentified object.

"The station tracks all aircraft approaching the San Diego area.

" 'We were just going home from a routine alert when I saw this unusual light in the sky,' said Friel.

" 'We were three blocks from our house at 311 1st St. When we got there, the light was still visible. At first I thought it might be a satellite, but it wasn't moving as a satellite would. We then got binoculars and watched it.

" 'At first it was almost due east,' said Jacanin. 'It seemed to be moving east to west. Then it made a 90-degree turn toward the north. A minute or so later, it turned another 90-degrees and went back east.'

"The fliers said the object was visible for eight or 10 minutes.

" 'What intrigued us was the light from this object,' said Friel.

" 'It wasn't the kind of light you see from a reciprocating engine exhaust at night or from a jet afterburner.

"The nearer you can describe it is to say it looked like a steady stream of electric sparks. Something like a sparkler on the 4th of July."

"Friel and Jacanin belong to the only Navy fighter-interceptor squadron in the Air Force's North American Air Defense network." (xx.)

(xx.) San Diego, California. *Tribune*. 14 March 61.

16 March. Near Witt, Illinois. (about 8:30 p.m.)

"A dome with a ray."

(See clipping)

Was Montgomery County Visited By Flying Saucer?

A natural or man-made object hovered for about an hour Thursday night near Witt. It was spotted at about 8:30 p.m. traveling from east to west about 200 feet above the ground.

Bob Hilt, 23, of Witt, welder and mechanic at the Square Tool and Die company in Hillsboro, was the first to spot it as he was driving on Route 16. His story was verified by his father Russell and by John Hilt, his grandfather all of Witt.

Bob and his father used their car in an attempt to get a better look at it but as they moved the object moved, never permitting them to get too close. When they stopped, it stopped.

They agreed that the object had a definite though diffused shape. "To me, it looked like a dome with a ray (like you see when you shine a flashlight into the night) that led to a cloudy mass," Mr. Hilt said.

"I never believed in stories about flying saucers," he said. "Now I don't know."

The object appeared in the sky

over the Hilt home as he was approaching in his car. Thinking it was a plane, he turned off his car engine but heard nothing.

He told his father and grandfather and they went outside to look at it with 8 power binoculars. They said it resembled a shooting star, then a ball of fire.

As they drove in their car, the object seemed to tag along. When they stopped, the object hovered in the sky, when they moved, it moved.

From a crossroads 3 miles north of Witt, they watched while the object appeared to be generating. It would turn from white to fiery red and then to white.

They returned to Witt to get Mrs. Hilt, but when they drove back to the crossroads the object was no longer visible.

They drove for several miles in hopes of seeing it again but were unsuccessful. When Bob told Creal V. Heath of the Square Tool and Die company about it, Mr. Heath said the government should be notified and a report was turned in to authorities.

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Hillsboro, Ill.
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Unidentified Flying Object Spotted Also In East Hillsboro

Hillsboro, Ill. (AP) — A Hillsboro resident is credited with seeing an unidentified flying object a few hours after three Witt residents reported a strange occurrence near there last Thursday night.

Mrs. Rosie McLean who lives at Starr and East Seward street in Hillsboro told of seeing a strange object sweep between her home and the home of Mrs. Hattie Koenig who lives north of the McLean residence.

Mrs. McLean, who is about 60 and she often goes during the night and at about 2 a.m. she heard a noise that sounded like a sweep of rain. She went to the door and saw a diffused object the color of the rainbow come over her home from the southeast, dip low and vanish in just moments.

She was very excited and told Mrs. Koenig about it but the two women thought nothing of the incident until seeing Monday's Journal and the story about the Hilt sighting.

Mrs. Lena McBride of Hillsboro picked up copies of the story to forward to the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) headquarters in Washington, D.C. Mrs. McBride has been cooperator in the nation-wide UFO program for several years.

Hillsboro, Illinois.
Journal.
23 March 61.

18 March.

Col. Tacker:

"No space ships."

(See clipping)

20 March. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
(about 8:00 p.m.)

Step echelon.

According to a NICAP source:

"About 8 p.m. March 20, five objects in step (echelon) formation, were sighted by member Thomas F. Green and another witness. The UFOs gave off a pulsating amber-orange light, [and] disappeared within three minutes." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. I, No.12.
April-May 1961. p.5.

20? March. Near Frankfurt,
Germany. (11:00 a.m.)

Speed, color changes.

A letter to the Air Force said:

"I want to report to you a flying unknown object which I have seen in County Darmstadt near Frankfurt (Germany)! The day I can't remember too good, it must have been in the week from the 20th March to the 25th March. The sky was 100% clear. I spotted this object with my 12x50 binoculars. The surrounding area was full of woods and no towns, but a lot of hills. The sun shone bright and she was a little in back of me, but not too much. Time: 11 a.m. The object's shape was from round to oval and had a couple of seconds, then it gained speed and started to turn color to orange, then it moved faster and the color went to light orange or yellow. When the object's color went back to white and then to orange it went suddenly [Letter writer's emphasis] a different direction, now the object was slowing down and the color turned to white (milky). Then it arranged the

BUFFALO COURIER-EXPRESS, Saturday, March 18, 1961

No Evidence, Officer Says

Reports of Space Ship Visits False, Club Told

Any claims that our atmosphere has been visited by space ships from another planet are a "lot of malarkey," an Air Force spokesman said last night at the Buffalo Trap & Field Club, Cayuga Rd., Cheektowaga.

"No evidence such as photos, numerical counts and light spectrum analysis that would allow a scientific conclusion has been submitted to the Air Force," Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker of Washington told the Aero Club of Buffalo.

Chief of Book Branch

Col. Tacker, who was wounded in World War II while a bomber navigator, is chief of the magazine and book branch, Office of Publication Relations, USAF, Pentagon. He is the author of "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force."

He emphasized that the Air Force is charged by law with the responsibility of the air defense of the United States. He said:

"You can't divorce investigation of unidentified flying objects from the mission of air defense. The swift and thorough investigation of anything that flies is part of air defense."

He emphatically denied that the Air Force is withholding information on other planet space ships and unidentified flying objects.

"The Air Force is not afraid to tell the public of its findings because of the fear the public may panic," the speaker said. "It (the Air Force) has no information on space ships from another planet and flying saucers. It is not withholding any information from the public because the claim of space ships and flying saucers are absolutely erroneous."

No Support of Reports

According to the speaker there is nothing in the Air Force files—classified or unclassified—to support reports of space ships from another world and flying objects.

"The Air Force files," he said, "are open to any accredited member of the press."

Evidence Invited

Citing the 300,000 enrolled in so-called Saucer Clubs throughout the country, Col. Tacker added:

"It's a good hobby. But we say 'Do you have any evidence of space ships or unidentified flying objects? The Air Force would be very interested in seeing it.'"

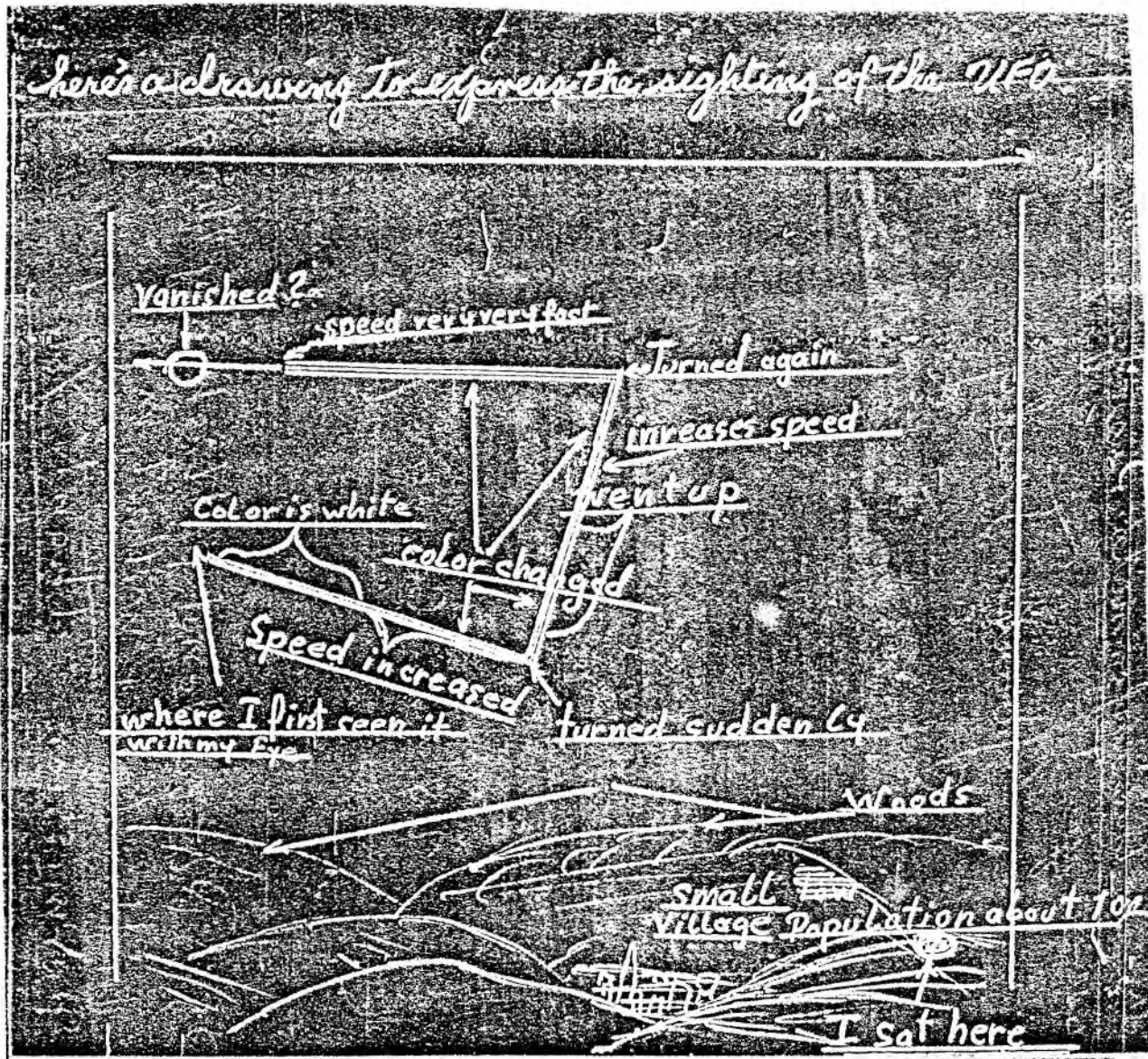
None Submitted

"These groups have been invited to submit their evidence to the Air Force but none has been forthcoming because they don't have it. Their explanation: they don't trust the Air Force."

He was introduced by Aero Club President Herbert H. Rouse.

same happening over again till to the yellow color and disappeared. A human being could never hold out the pressure which I think the object recorded. So therefore I assume it could have come from another planet of our solar system or a different system which is very fantastic to believe." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 20 March 61. (See drawing below)



22 March. Fort Pierce, Florida. (9:45 p.m.)

The mayor and a spine-chilling story. (See clipping)

STAR WITNESS

Jax Mayor Has Near-Miss With Wednesday's 'Flying Whatsis'

RETURNING FROM TALK AT HOLLYWOOD

BY SALLY LATHAM
News Tribune Staff Writer

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A sky-spying whatsis that kept an evening-long watch over Fort Pierce Wednesday evening nearly got itself a governor-elect.

Jacksonville Mayor Haydon Burns who ran third in last May's gubernatorial race, called The News Tribune late Friday afternoon with a spine-chilling story about a near-miss with the object in the air lanes over this city.

Said object was obviously the same one that caused a furor here among sky-watchers that night. From early evening until nearly midnight the bright-lit mystery orb danced a patterned gavotte around the heavens over Fort Pierce. Reported sightings have come from all sectors of town.

The Mayor, who has an almost legendary reputation for dealing strictly with the real and practical in his building of a huge industrial empire around Jacksonville, revealed his harrowing experience with great reluctance. Even with two reliable witnesses (his executive secretary and his pilot) he doubted his own credibility.

It was a routine flight from Hollywood back to Jacksonville. Mayor Burns had made a speech in Hollywood. With him were his secretary, William Y. White, sitting in the co-pilot's seat next to Pilot George Nikita. The last-mentioned flies for the S.S. Jacobs Construction Company of Jacksonville. The craft was a twin-engine Beechcraft.

Right in Airplane

Immediately following his Hollywood talk, the trio enplaned for home, at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday.

"We saw this thing ahead of us, right in the airplane, but about 500 feet higher. We were traveling at 4,000," related the Mayor. "We watched it for six or seven minutes. At first it looked like a real bright star. As we grew closer it took on much greater dimension."

Pilot Nikita's first reaction, before anything was said, was to turn on his landing lights. He thought it was another plane with its landing lights on. Then they realized it must be something else.

Ascended Quickly

"The light was most intense," Mayor Burns continued. "Almost like looking into a direct light bulb. We saw no image because the light was so blinding."



HAYDON BURNS

"I think we scared it away," was Burns' opinion. "As we approached, the light increased in intensity, then decreased and increased again. Then it rose at an accelerated rate, something in the vicinity of 300 to 400 mph. We were traveling at 160."

"The object ascended immediately from 8,000 to near 20,000 feet. At first it had been standing absolutely still."

The pilot radioed a report to Air Traffic Control in Miami, which suggested that it might have been reflection from a grass fire earlier reported to the west of Fort Pierce. "But this wasn't possible," said Burns. "There were no clouds in the area and the visibility was clear—with a 25,000-foot ceiling."

The experience was a memorable one indeed. But when the trio arrived in Jacksonville they hesitated to say anything about it. After all, it's considered a little queer to "see flying saucers." Only after reading the Thursday story in The News Tribune about the mass sighting of the object here did Burns decide to tell about it.

"And after all," laughed the Mayor, "I don't believe in 'em."

At the time of Burns' flight it was over the western part of the city. This was at approximately 10 p.m. Shortly thereafter, an Eastern Airlines plane, north-bound from Miami, also saw and reported the phenomenon. Listening on the plane's two-way radio, Burns and his companions heard the call-in to Air Traffic Control. The EAL pilot had at first thought it was the Burns plane ahead of him. Then he saw the steep ascent and realized it was something other than a regulation plane, according to the conversation heard by the three.

"From its behavior, I'm convinced that it was manned by intelligent human beings," concluded the Mayor.

The News Tribune contacted the Miami Air Traffic Control on Saturday, and was told that any records of such reports were locked up, and would not be available until Monday. A call was also placed to Patrick Air Force Base to determine whether or not an official investigation had been made. Late observers had reported planes in the sky before its disappearance.

Patrick's public relations officials hesitated to say that a flight had or had not been sent out for such a purpose.

Ft. Pierce, Florida
News-Tribune.
26 March 61.

30 March. Oil City, Michigan. (4:00 p.m.)

14 round silver objects. Reporters see them too.

A press report states:

"It's UFO time again.

"That stands, says the government, for Unidentified Flying Objects. You know, flying saucers, cigars and what not.

"Fourteen of them were reported over Oil City about 4 p.m. Thursday by W.P. Herzog of Shepherd. They were flying at about 5,000 feet, he guessed.

"Staffers of the Midland *Daily News* also observed the round, silver objects—about six of them this time—over Midland shortly after.

"The first report of the objects over Midland was given by Earl Sias, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Sias, 510 Benson.

"No reports were received by Saginaw Flight Service or by Wurtsmith Air Force Base at Oscoda." (xx.)

(xx.) Midland, Michigan. *Daily News*. 31 March 61.

3 April. Congressman James C. Corman.

NICAP members Mr. and Mrs. Robert Karp wrote to Rep. James C. Corman who was on the Science and Astronautics Committee. The Karps expressed their concern about the UFO problem. Congressman Corman wrote back on April 3rd to say:

"I would certainly encourage any examination of unidentified flying objects evidence if it comes before our group. I agree with you that in cases where unidentified flying objects have endangered passengers on airplanes, or otherwise imperil our national security, we should take all steps necessary to determine the nature of the objects and their sources." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. 11, No. 1. July-August 1961. p.3.

9 April. Kingsville, Texas. (about 1:00 a.m.)

"It's the end of the world!" (See clipping)

UFO MAKES CONVERT OF KINGSVILLE MAN

Kingsville photographer Jimmie Dodd has always been a bit skeptical of people who see flying objects, but early Sunday he became a believer. About 25 persons had gathered in a yard in northwest Kingsville where there had been a death in the family.

At about 1 a.m., a large, round flaming red object sped down through the overcast, Dodd said.

"Everyone was frightened," he said. "Somebody said, 'It's the end of the world!' and I believed it, too, because the object seemed to be coming right at us."

However, the silent object stopped and remained stationary for a couple of minutes, he said.

"All of a sudden there was a burst of black smoke and the object took off to the southeast toward the Naval Air Station (Kingsville NAAS)," he said. "It went back through the overcast and disappeared. There was a big flash and it was gone. Then it started pouring down rain and hailing."

Dodd said he could not estimate the altitude of the object but said, "if it was on your living room ceiling, it would be about six inches in diameter."

A Weather Bureau spokesman said a resident south of Corpus Christi reported a similar object a week ago just before a thunderstorm.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., CALLER
Circ. D. 56,831

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18 April. The “trap.”

On the 18th of April chicken farmer Joseph Simonton insisted he had an encounter with some flying disc occupants, and that he had given the saucer crew a jug of water and that they had returned the favor by giving him four “pancakes” they had cooked on a smokeless grill inside the space craft.

UFO author Jerome Clark states:

“Within days Simonton strange story had evolved from a local wonder to a national joke. Most press accounts were written tongue in cheek, predictable enough given the tale’s outlandish character and rural setting.” (xx.)

(xx.) Clark, Jerome. *The UFO Encyclopedia, Volume 1: A-K*. 2nd edition. Omnigraphics, Inc.: Detroit, Michigan, 1998. p.345.

Clark also says:

“...when Maj. Robert Friend of Project Blue Book heard of the case on April 26 from the Duluth, Minnesota, Air Defense Sector, he immediately—and hugely mistakenly—thought that NICAP would play up the story for all it was worth. After all, as he learned from a phone conversation that morning with [Judge] Carter, the judge had sent one of the pancakes to Keyhoe. Alarmed, Friend phoned Blue Book scientific advisor, J. Allen Hynek, at 10:45 a.m. and asked him to get up to Eagle River as quickly as he possibly could” (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid. p.345.

Why Maj. Friend would think NICAP was dumb enough to play up the Simonton case is hard to imagine. The pancake claim had already generated a lot of ridicule. Furthermore, it was a single witness case. The Air Force didn’t think much of reports with just one person making claims. Dr. Hynek agreed with Air Force policy: “...I don’t like single witness cases—as they used to say in Roman law, ‘One witness is no witness,’” (xx.)

(xx.) Hynek, J. Allen and Jacque Vallee. *The Edge of Reality*. Henry Regnery Company: Chicago, Illinois, 1975. p.153.

The presence of Hynek at Eagle River only raised the profile of the Simonton story and perhaps that was Maj. Friend’s plan. In any case, NICAP didn’t fall into the trap.

Richard Hall wrote to Judge Carter, a NICAP member and UFO enthusiast who was pushing hard to get Simonton’s assertions accepted, to say:

“...it seems you expected that we [NICAP headquarters] would accept Mr. Mr. Simonton’s story at face value and be willing to link ourselves publicly with it. We are engaged in very important liaison work with Congress which may well lead to hearings on UFOs and we do not propose to compromise this work

Got 'Cakes' from Saucer Men Is Claim of Joe Simonton



Here's the "pancake from outer space" that caused nationwide publicity for Eagle River beginning Saturday of last week—and still continuing. It is held by Joe Simonton, 54, of Eagle River, who alleges it was given to him by three men who landed in his yard in a flying saucer. The novel and incredible story was given wide play by the Associated Press,

United Press International, and leading television stations and metropolitan newspapers. One of the pancakes has been sent by Judge Frank W. Carter to Donald E. Keyhoe, director of the National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Washington, D. C. Keyhoe is having the pancake analyzed.—NEWS-REVIEW photo

Report Stirs State, Then Much of U.S.

By a STAFF WRITER

The alleged landing and contact between three men in a "flying saucer" and Joe Simonton, 54-year old Eagle River plumber, has rocketed to first statewide, and then nationwide attention since it broke to the public, shortly after noon Saturday.

Many residents of this community are surprised and almost bewildered by the tremendous interest in the report which was wired from the News-Review office Saturday morning to the Milwaukee Journal.

Simonton claims he received several small pancake shaped pieces of food from the visitors from outer space. He turned over one of the cakes—about three inches in diameter and perforated with many small holes, to Judge Frank Carter, who said he sent them to a Washington, D. C. organization investigating "unidentified flying objects."

The national press services became interested in the story, picked it up and received confirmation from Washington that the "cakes" had been received there—but a lab report based on an analysis of the cake would be unavailable until Friday, April 28, or as late as Monday of next week.

MEANWHILE the story simmers, and the question rages—what is behind the incredible report from Joe Simonton?

The claimed landing of the "flying saucer" was said to have occurred about 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 18—but Simonton said he was reluctant to spread the word, realizing some would claim his experience was preposterous.

He said he was attracted to his yard when he heard a noise outside, and the saucer—gleaming silver "brighter than chrome" had landed in his yard. He said it was about 12 feet from top to bottom and about 30 feet in diameter.

for the sake of an unproven, and, you must admit, fantastic sounding claim. Accordingly, we do not wish to have any further publicity in connection with this claim unless strong supporting evidence is forthcoming." (xx.)

(xx.) Clark, Jerome. *The UFO Encyclopedia, Volume 1: A-K*. p.348.

Caution paid off. Tests showed the food samples were of ordinary terrestrial origin and the Air Force chose as an explanation of Simonton's actions an "anonymous psychologist off-the-cuff analysis" that Simonton "suffered an hallucination followed with a delusion," which showed the military was determined to resist efforts to give credence to the chicken farmer's testimony. BLUE BOOK almost never insinuated a UFO witness was crazy.

The Simonton event made NICAP even more careful about "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" cases than it had been before, and demonstrated that 1961 was a very poor time for NICAP to entertain highly controversial UFO reports. The experience may have played a role in more fantastic incident that would take place in September.

And then there was NICAP's rival APRO. Coral and company were watching the Simonton case unfold from a distance. APRO, as Jerome Clark terms it, "did not blanch at the idea of UFO occupants." Coral's group felt the Simonton case should have been subject to further inquiry, even "hypnoanalysis." (xx.) Hypnosis was something that also would have a bearing on an incident .in September.

(xx.) Ibid. p.348.



Matchbook cover
and "Flying Saucers
Are Real" pin.

Early 1960s

Les Treece-Sinclair
Collection



22 April. Rev. Lionel Browning of Australia.

"Whitewashing of sky objects?" (See article)

'AIR FORCE WHITEWASHING REPORTS OF SKY OBJECTS'

THE AIR FORCE was trying to whitewash his report of flying objects in the sky above Cressy in October, the Rev. Lionel Browning said yesterday.

"If I was asked to keep quiet in the interests of national security I would, but if the air force is trying to make me appear a fool in order to hush the matter up, it is sheer stupidity."



The report makes it obvious that the Air Force has something to hide," he said. Mr. Browning was commenting on an Air Force Intelligence report of an investigation into the sighting of flying objects above Cressy about 6 p.m. on October 4, 1960. The report said that the sightings were "phenomena as a result of a moon rise associated with meteorological conditions at the time".

Mr. Browning said "the report is an attempt to completely whitewash the matter. I shall attempt to do something about it." He had reliable people to back his report and the Air Force knew the people and their stories. "A woman and her daughter saw a cigar-shaped object flying about 300 feet above the ground about 4.30 p.m. 10 days after I saw the flying objects. It was not reported in the press because the family did not want the publicity, but the Air Force investigators spent considerable time with the woman and her daughter."

Mr. Browning said the woman and her daughter had to re-enact the sighting for investigators. After the investigation the woman and daughter were told not to talk about what they had seen, he said. "And they were told of a similar strange sighting in the U. S. last year when three jets were sent up to investigate and the strange craft disappeared as if into thin air," he said.

'COVERING UP'

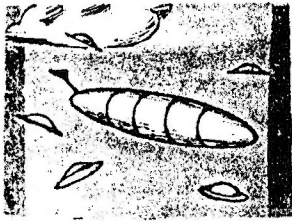
Mr. Browning said that the sighting by the woman and daughter backed up his story. "Obviously the Air Force is covering up, otherwise the investigators would not have impressed on the woman and daughter not to say anything," he said.

Mr. Browning described the Air Force explanation of his sighting as ridiculous. The Directorate of Air Force Intelligence report said - "on October 4, 1960 moon rise (full quarter) at Cressy would have been visible shortly after 6 p.m. on an east-south-east direction. Objects apparently seen were near the skyline in an easterly direction. The presence of scud type cloud moving in varying directions because of turbulence in and around a rain squall near which the objects were sighted and the position of the moon or its reflections produced the impression of flying objects."

Mr. Browning said that the investigators spent 1 1/2 hours with him and not once asked about clouds. He said the explanation did not hold up. "At no time was there cloud or scud when I saw the objects," he said. "The mountain was not the backdrop to what I saw. The rain cleared in front of us although it was still raining near the mountains. I saw the objects in the sky where there was no rain and the rain near the mountains provided the backdrop."

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Mr. Browning dismissed the Air Force's report of the moon or its reflections being the cause of the sightings. "The moon was not above the mountains and any reflections would have had to compete with a glorious sunset. It was the sunset which caused me to look out the window in the first place," he said.

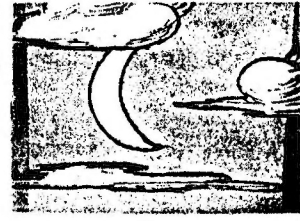


This is what Rev. Browning saw.

CONTRADICTORY

Mr. Browning said that the report contradicted a letter written to Mr. Duthie, M.H.R. in answer to a question asked in Parliament by Mr. Duthie.

The letter written by the Minister for Air (Mr. Osborne) said that when natural phenomena could not explain sightings, an investigation was ordered.



"Only Moon Reflections," says the Air Force.

"Why then did they investigate my report?" Mr. Browning asked. He said that he would try to carry the matter further. There was little he could do except point out the fallacies in the report.

He said that the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society was interested in the case. The president (Mr. Peter Norris) had interviewed the woman and her daughter and himself, he said.

Mr. Browning's report of flying objects caused a sensation last year. His wife also reported seeing a cigar-shaped flying object and five or six saucer-shaped objects.

At the time he said that until the sighting he had been sceptical about flying object reports. Mr. and Mrs. Browning watched the "mother ship" and its "attendants" for some minutes before they disappeared in a rain squall.

THE EXAMINER, Saturday, April 22, 1961

30 April. North Plainfield, New Jersey. (about 6:30 p.m.)

Do airplanes blink in broad daylight?

According to letter in Blue Book files:

"Dear Sirs:

I understand that you have a project which does its best to identify UFOs. I have seen something which I could not explain. Here are the details: On April 30, 1961, my mother, sister, the my brothers, and I were in our car, a 1954 Dodge. We were at the intersection of West End Avenue and Highway 22, North Plainfield, New Jersey. We were stopped at a red light, which was red for about 30 seconds, so I got a good look at it. The time was about 6:30 p.m. I was looking out the window when I saw it. I yelled to everyone else, but my mother couldn't see it. It was coming our way, and was very silver and metallic, so I thought it may have been an airplane. It was blinking off and on, and it was broad daylight? It was blinking regularly, so I thought it may have been a lighted balloon. Then it changed course, so I decided against that. It was doing weird maneuvers [?], but never went in a circle.

"Two planes went over, so I tried to compare heights, but couldn't. If you do, or don't find out what it was, please wrote me." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: U.S. Air Force. From: (...deleted) North Plainfield, New Jersey.
Date: 1 May 61. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files.

May? Growing support. Senator William Proxmire.

In a letter to a NICAP member, Senator Proxmire stated: "The very fact that so many explicable incidents have occurred is reason enough for a through investigation." (xx.) In yet another

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol.1, No.12. April-May 1961. p.1.

letter the Senator remarked: "It is very difficult even for a U.S. Senator to get information on this subject which does not come from the Air Force...My interest is only to see that somewhere and somehow the government of the United States is taking full cognizance of the problems which may be raised by UFOs." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. 1, No. 12. April-May 1961. p.1.

Senator Henry M. Jackson, Armed Services and Government Operations Committee:

"I appreciate your providing me with a copy of this report (NICAP's Confidential UFO Report to Congress) which I will keep available for further consideration pending hearings before the Armed Services Committee." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. 1, No. 12. April-May 1961. p.1.

3 May. Congressional pressure builds.

Rep. Horace R. Kornegay (D. N.C.) wrote:

"I had a very interesting conference with Major Keyhoe [NICAP Director], and I am continuing to urge the Majority Leader, Mr. [John] McCormack, and the Committee Chairman, Mr. Overton Brooks, to hold hearings to bring all data and new information up to date relative to Unidentified Flying Objects." (xx.)

(xx.) *The UFO Evidence*. Ed.: Richard Hall. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., p.175

5 May. Athol, Massachusetts. (10:10 p.m.-10:30 p.m.)

Sharp angle turns.

According to our source:

"An unidentified whitish light which moved back and forth making sharp angle turns, and dropped progressively lower until out of sight behind trees, was sighted for about 20 minutes beginning at 10:10 p.m. by five witnesses at the railroad depot. One of the witnesses, Delano Demarest, filed a report with NICAP. Mr. Demarest said the UFO moved much more rapidly than a jet." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. 11, No.1. July-August 1961. p.6.

9 May. Gadisk Mouseveski, Poland. (about 6:00 p.m.)

Brilliant cylinder.

A European source tells us:

"We had an observation of an unidentified flying object on May 9, 1961, about 6:00 in the evening.

"It was a case of an object of cylindrical form like a cigar, which remained suspended, without budging over the village of Gadisk Mouseveski situated at 40 kilometers to the west of Warsaw. The object was very brilliant, blinding. After a time, it began to move slowly. It changed its position to horizontal and shifted toward the west. The observation lasted about a half an hour and it took place over the center of the railroad switching yard. This report was edited by one of my acquaintances, Madam Stenestava Roslovits who was a witness to this observation along with a number of other persons.

"As far as I know the Astronomic Observatory of Warsaw has some details concerning this object, but I do not know what twaddle they invented to explain this apparition." (xx.)

(xx.) "Observation of [in?] Poland, called to the attention of (...deleted) President of Polish Section of AMI in Poland." *World Chronicle on Mysterious Celestial Objects, the OVNI, in Poland*. No other source data. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files.

9 May. Congress again:

Senator Harry F. Byrd (D. Va.) wrote:

"As you know, I am a member of the Senator Armed Services Committee, and this Committee is frequently briefed on the subject matter [UFOs] of your communication. Access to UFO files is necessarily restricted..." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Evidence*. Ed.: Richard Hall. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., p.175.

9 May. Wellington?, South Africa. (7:45 a.m.)

Began to oscillate from side to side.

According to an item in the *Cape Argus* on May 9th:

“Several people in Church Street, Wellington, saw what they believe to be a flying saucer over Bain’s Kloof at 7:45 a.m. today.

“The unidentified object, circular and with no wings, according to those who saw it, was seen high in the sky above the mountains of the Kloof. Inker Hoogenhout (17) said the object was caught in the rays of the sun, which was on the point of rising above the mountain. Shining brightly, it was stationary for a minute or two, then began to oscillate from side to side.

“ ‘Suddenly it swung left and disappeared towards the east at great speed, leaving a trail of white vapour. A number of other people in Church Street watched the object.’” (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 7, No.4. July-August 1961. p.30.

17 May. “We will be before Congress prior to December.”

There was no better indication of Congressional pressure than the Air Force memo dated May 17th that conceded the possibility of hearings before the end of the year. (See memo)

NICAP achieves its goal?

Word leaked out that Congressional hearings would be held on the UFO situation, but the first indication that NICAP’s effort would be rolled back came when it was learned the hearings would *probably not* be open to the public. A key element to NICAP’s plan of Congressional review of the UFO problem was open hearings to assure UFO data would get an objective evaluation.

On May 17, 1961, Congressman Perkins Bass (R. N. H.) informed NICAP:

“I have just been put on a small three-man subcommittee of the House Space Committee to investigate this UFO situation. We will hear various witnesses from the Air Force, NASA, and other Defense Department officials, but these will probably not be public hearings...and would appreciate your sending me along any particular points or questions I might ask of these Defense Department officials which might throw more light on the matter and answer some of the questions in your mind...” (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

While it was critical to ask the right questions, it was also vital to monitor the exchange to prevent the Air Force from giving the subcommittee a run-a-round. The subcommittee had gotten things only half right. A better development for the Air Force, however, was to not have any hearings at all. That desired result came about slowly.

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AFCIN-4E/Major Friend/vw/69216

Congressional Hearings (UFO)

17 May 1961

AFCIN-4E (Colonel Evans)

1. On 17 May 1961 Major Coleman, SAFOI-3c, called and informed me that the pressure was on for a congressional hearing on unidentified flying objects. He indicated that it was the opinion of SAFLI that we would be before Congress prior to December 1961.

2. Major Coleman stated that most of the present pressure was from Congressman Downing of Virginia, as evidenced by a nine page letter from the Congressman which requires a paragraph by paragraph answer.

ROBERT J. FRIEND
Major, USAF
AFCIN-4E

19 May. Long Beach, California. (3:50 p.m.)

12 shiny objects playing tag. (See clipping)

Sky Tag Follows 2 Booms

Mysterious ear-shaking noises and unidentified objects in the skies plagued the Long Beach area Friday.

Area residents reported two almost simultaneous sonic boom-type explosions during the afternoon.

Later, twelve shiny objects played tag high above Long Beach for 55 minutes, several residents reported.

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THE UNEARTHLY noises, apparently centered in the Fullerton area, occurred about 3 p.m. and at first—and without foundation—were blamed on a plant explosion and then an airplane crash.

An area check by Fullerton police and a county check by the Orange County Sheriff's office failed to disclose the reason for the two thunderous vibrations.

The mysterious objects in the sky first were spotted by 13-year-old Marsha Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Howard, 1720 Linden Ave., at 3:50 p.m.

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SHE AND A resident in the same building, Phillip Wilkins, 14, who were walking her dog, agreed with Marsha's parents and other callers to the Independent that the objects fluttered rhythmically as they chased each other.

They said they spotted the objects at about 80 degrees high in the eastern sky.

At 4:30 p.m., observers said, three jet planes flying in formation swept in from the ocean and the shiny objects "just disappeared."

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BUT FIVE minutes later, six reappeared and continued their antics before abruptly fading from sight at 4:45 p.m.

Workers in the control tower at Long Beach Municipal Airport said no unusual objects were sighted during the afternoon.

Long Beach, California
Independent
20 May 61.

20 May. Tyndall AFB, Florida. (2:50 a.m. – 4:20? A.m.)

Maneuvered over drone launching site. (See article from NICAP's *UFO Investigator* on page 43)

Strange Flying Object Over Base, Tyndall AFB Tells HQ

For 90 minutes, in the early hours of May 20, 1961, Tyndall Air Force Base was under observation by a strange, round object, glowing orange-white, which maneuvered over the Drone (pilotless aircraft) Launching Site.

During this time, the UFO was tracked by two AF radar stations. Its prolonged maneuvers were observed by members of the 4756th Air Police Squadron and the assistant to the base UFO officer. After attempted interceptions by a jet and a helicopter, the unidentified object climbed away from the base and disappeared.

To date, the AF has kept this UFO surveillance from the public, but NICAP now has in its possession a five-page AF report, complete with names, details and action taken, including a "mission report" by Capt. Paul F. Vandergriff, the helicopter pilot. A condensed account of the five-page report follows:

Time and date of sighting 0250 hours (2:50 a.m.) 20 May 1961. Base weather report -- clear, 10 miles visibility.

Report from Post #13, by Airman Garland L. Henson, Air Police: At about 0250, May 20, 1961, sighted orange colored light alternately descending to treetop level and climbing at high speeds. When the UFO was nearest Post No. 13, Henson's radio temporarily failed, apparently from electro-magnetic interference generated by the device. Radio contact was made with Tyndall Operations at about 0300.

The UFO report from Post 13 was relayed to M/Sgt. Henry J. Lacour, assistant to the Base UFO officer, Capt. Allan E. Aaronson. At 0300 Lacour went to Post 13 and observed the UFO alternately hovering and climbing about the base. At 0330, complying with AF Reg. 200-2 for immediate reporting of UFOs, M/Sgt. Lacour put in a call to Major Robert Friend, chief of Project Blue Book, ATIC (Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Phone numbers listed in the report: Clearwater 3-7111, extension 69216 or 66378. When Lacour found Major Friend was unavailable, he gave the UFO report to the Officer of the Day.

Report of S/Sgt. Cecil L. Mallett, Air Police: Received radio call from Post 13, Drone Launch Site, three miles

AF JET, HELICOPTER, CHASE UFO AT TYNDALL AFB from page 1

from Gate 2. Proceeded, parked my AF vehicle to observe the light.

Report of Airman Gary L. Kelly, Air Police: Intercepted Post 13 radio call about a "floating object." Car 3 said he would check. About 0400 I noticed a bright shining object . . . moving west slowly. Went to Drone Launch Site, continued to watch it.

Similar report by Airman Roy C. Elmore, Air Police. Consensus by the four: Shape, round; color, rusty orange to white; no sound. UFO could move very slowly, then climb rapidly. Trail or exhaust reported by Airman Kelly.

Ground-electronic, air electronic and aircraft details:

Report by the Alert Dispatcher, A1/C Robert L. Drennan: "At 0345, Base Operations Dispatcher, A/2C Varljen, called me. He said he had a problem on a UFO. RAPCON (radar station) was painting a sighting that the Air Police had called in. ("Painting" means tracking on a radarscope.) I notified Brush Off Control (radar) and they too were painting an object 8-12 miles west of PAM. The object was at first reported 2 miles west of the TACAN, then abruptly shifted to 8-12 miles west. I notified MOADS and they scrambled a "hot fighter" to run on this object. Fighter airborne in two minutes; radar still tracking object"

Though the jet's radar intermittently picked up the UFO, the pilot was unable to sight the object because of the jet's high speed. According to the Alert Dispatcher, Drennan, the UFO was first moving at 2-4 m.p.h., then up to 45. A helicopter, he stated, was scrambled "due to the slowness" of the UFO.

Following is a verbatim copy of the helicopter pilot's report:

MISSION REPORT

Mission Number, 61-31--Date, 20 May 1961--Time 0440C.

Origin of alert, Base Operations
Type Mission, Search. Grid Location
N/A. A/C Number, N/A.

Crew Condition, N/A. Helicopter airborne 0445C. Sorties, 1. Total time, 0 hour 20 min.

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Pilot, Vandergriff, P.F., Capt.
Helicopter Crew,

Co-pilot,
Engineer, Seph, B., A1C
Med. Tech.,
Other,

Resume. Cooky 29 (flight code number) was scrambled in an attempt to intercept an unidentified flying object seen earlier in the night near the Drone Launch Site. One of the alert fighters had been scrambled on the object earlier; however, it was believed that a slower aircraft might have a better chance of identifying the object. Cooky 29 was less than five miles from the base when BRUSH-OFF reported that they were losing contact with the object. Cooky 29 returned to Tyndall at 0505C.

Paul F. Vandergriff

Capt., USAF, Alert Pilot

Office Form 358(TAFB), Nov 58

According to the Tyndall AFB report, visual contact was lost after the jet landed and just before the helicopter took off, but radar (RAPCON-CPH-18) continued to track the UFO until 0510C, at which time the object was 25 miles NNW, at 5,000 feet. The report also states that BRUSH-OFF, an AF Ground Control Intercept station, tracked the unknown device between 2,000 and 10,000 feet.

The simultaneous visual and radar reports, including double confirmation by two AF radar stations, completely rule out any possibility of mirages or refractions of distant stars. The alternate hovering and high speeds also rule out balloons, normal aircraft or missiles.

This official AF report is one more item of solid proof that the true UFO story is being withheld from the public. The complete report will be given to Chairman Overton Brooks, Science and Astronautics Committee, the UFO Subcommittee, the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, and individual Members of Congress who oppose the UFO censorship.

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25 May. Shepperton, England. (between 10 and 10:30 p.m.)

"Bowler hat?"

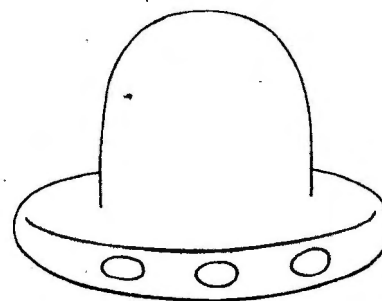
An item in England's *Flying Saucer Review* states:

"On Thursday, May 25, between 10 and 10:30 p.m., Miss Julia Cardoza, aged 16 years, of Shepperton, Middlesex, noticed what appeared to be a brilliant point of yellow light in the western sky. As it came nearer and lower she was able to see more clearly the details of the object. It appeared to resemble a rather elongated bowler hat. The top part, which was all she could see at first, was glowing 'like an electric light bulb' with a yellow light. Below it was a very dark portion, and round the edge some 'portholes' glowing with a greeny-grey light. The object made no sound at all. Finally, it disappeared behind the roof of a house opposite in a north-westerly direction. It travelled in roughly a straight line from the moment it was first observed until it went out of sight.

"The witness prepared the sketch which we reproduce. Its apparent size, estimated by the witness, was 20-30 feet. Its distance from the witness was given at 150-200 yards and its speed at 20 mph." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 7, No.5. September-October 1961. p.29.

(See "bowler hat" drawing to the right)



DEVONPORT OBJECT

TWO DEVONPORT residents yesterday gave remarkably similar descriptions of an object over the sea on Thursday morning.

Mr. J. Young, of Stewart St., described yesterday how he and his family saw the object for about five minutes.

Mr. Young said that about 8.35 a.m. his son Donald called the family to see what Mr. Young described as a long, thin, white cloud, shaped like a pencil. It was moving slowly over the sea against the wind in a north-north-westerly direction.

It was watched for a couple of minutes.

Mr. Young then watched the object through binoculars, and said it resembled a fluorescent light tube. He watched it for a further

three minutes before his view was obscured.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Goss and family, of Parker St., also reported seeing a strange object about 8.15 a.m. Yesterday, Mrs. Goss described it as resembling a white stick about 20ft. long. It travelled fairly high over the sea in a northerly direction.

The family saw it for about a quarter of an hour until it disappeared slowly over the sea.

"It has puzzled us ever since. I am sure it was neither a cloud, plane, nor vapour from an aircraft," she said.

"EXAMINER" Launceston, Tas.

25 May. Devonport, Tasmania.
(about 8:35 a.m.)

"Shaped like a pencil."

Launceston, Tasmania.
Examiner.
27 May 61.

28 May. Movie review: *Edge of Tomorrow*.

Writing in James Moseley's monthly UFO publication *Saucer News*, Fred Broman blasted the film *Edge of Tomorrow* (I wonder if a print survives. The movie may be good for a laugh and perhaps give Ed Wood's *Plan Nine From Outer Space* a run for its money as the worst thing on celluloid—L. E. Gross)

Broman's review:

"‘*Edge of Tomorrow*’ is the title of the hopelessly boring, technically inadequate, poorly photographed hodge-podge of inanities premiered before one thousand starry-eyed saucer addicts at the Wilshire Edell Theatre in Los Angeles on May 28th, 1961. For reasons only professional psychologists can isolate, the majority viewing this 16mm color (though by no means colorful) ‘premiere’ seemed vaguely satisfied that this motion picture had offered something of value to the world, though no one seemed quite able to specify what that ‘something’ might be.

"The hour-long monotony opened with Reinhold O. Schmidt—hero, star, and martyr—driving interminably around Kearney, Nebraska (where he was allegedly contacted by a Saturnian spaceship on November 5th, 1957.) Then, at long last, the film re-enacts the famed encounter: briefly the audience spots what appears to be an aluminum cucumber lying in an untidy garden.

"Although Schmidt had claimed the Saturnians spoke in ‘high German,’ the space visitor who finally greets ‘Schmidty’ looked and talked like a Hollywood version of a British butler (and one whose shoes were two sizes too tight.) When two space women later appear, red-blooded American males can only be grateful to be living on terra firma. Schmidt enter the spaceship through a silver door that must take 20 to 30 seconds to jerkily slide open. The interior of the 60-foot craft appears to have constructed of cardboard and erector sets, (not wholly unlike the deliberately antiquated sets used in Disney's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.)

"‘*Edge of Tomorrow*’ was produced, directed (?), and filmed by Ron and June Ormond. Ron Ormond is a former Hollywood director (of low-budgeted westerns) and is a part-time professional mystic. He is unquestionably a superb showman, but what cinematic talents he may have were not displayed in this epic.

"It might be worthwhile at this juncture to quote from the publicity sheets Reinhold Schmidt mailed to 7,000 Los Angeles faddists:

‘At a recent private showing for the Hollywood press, Reinhold challenged them to answer their own questions about the flying saucer used in the motion picture. Those witnessing the picture have literally been left breathless....

‘But more surprising is the fact that no one in Hollywood can determine the exact geographical location of the scenery. No one, that is, but Reinhold O. Schmidt and his director, and they’re not talking.

"At another point, this sheet (which would have been a credit to P.T. Barum), hinted broadly that some of the preposterous scenes were actually filmed aboard a spacecraft:

“What about the spaceship sequence in the file,” one critic asked Reinhold Schmidt. “Was it filmed aboard a real flying saucer?”

The contactee’s answer will go down in history as he replied to the hard-boiled newsman: “You’re a film man.” Reinhold commented, “You certainly ought to know a theatrical ship from the real thing.”

Scratching his head, the man replied, “Well, I’ve never seen one exactly like that, and brother, I’ve seen a lot of movie sets in my day.”

“But by far the bulk of the picture comprises an endlessly tedious, badly photographed interview between Schmidt and one Bill Anson. One must here give credit to a script not devoid of adequate continuity. But why Schmidt’s illiterate grammar was not improved by employing a teleprompter or idiot cards, this reviewer will never know. (The film presumably cost \$20,000. But even at union rates, this figure seems unnecessarily high.)

“Reinhold Schmidt, playing himself, was excruciatingly self-conscious and static throughout the film. As for acting and direction, neither of these qualities was evident in the opus.

“A fact omitted from this biographical documentary (one has to call it something), was Schmidt’s 1938 arrest and conviction for embezzlement.

“Not all of those witnessing the movie were overwhelmed by its spiritual significance. One young couple sitting across the aisle from this reviewer abruptly got up during the middle of the presentation. The gentleman audibly mumbled a comment, but obscenity laws prevent its quotation within the body of the review. But his reaction obviously was not isolated.

“*Edge of Tomorrow* is truly a ‘must see’ for all enthusiasts of flying saucers and Outer Space, as an experience that will always be remembered. That’s what the publicity handouts said. Amen.” (xx.)

(xx.) Broman, Fred. “Movie Review.” *Saucer News*. Ed.: James W. Moseley. Vol.8, No. 2. June 1961. pp.4-5.

31 May. Near Young, Australia. (Close to lunch hour)

Mother ship? (See clipping on page 47)

DRAMATIC

**5 MEN
AMAZED**

**"Unbelievable"
say eye
witnesses**

SKY SCENE

by JACK GIULIANO

I spoke at the weekend to several men who watched smaller objects leave and return to a big sky object.

The men were members of a Toompang. They watched the sky seven-man lamb-marking party at drama at midday on Wednesday.

I make no explanation of what the men saw.

But I am convinced the men saw something. Any attempt to explain the happening away by smart remarks would be futile.

The men are all reliable and unimaginative. I have rung both Mt. Stromlo Observatory at Canberra and the State Weather Bureau.

Dr. Gascoyne, of Mt. Stromlo, said he could not hazard a guess about what the explanation might be.

He asked for a copy of the report.

A meteorologist at the Weather Bureau said that no equipment used by the bureau "would behave in that way."

The man who first mentioned the story told me, "I don't want my name mentioned."

"People will ridicule a fellow."

"But I know I saw this thing and I've seen some queer things in my time."

"Five of us saw it, in fact."

This is the story this man told me: "We were marking lambs on 'Toompang'. Near the lunch hour we heard what we thought was a jet."

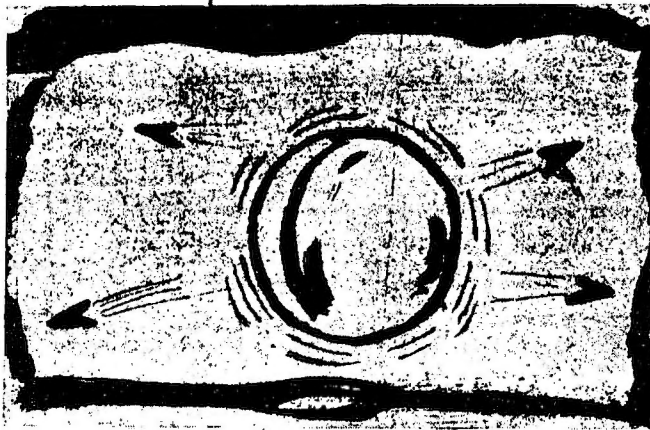
"I looked up for the jet and saw an eagle-hawk, way up in the sky."

"I was taking a bit of interest in the eagle-hawk when we heard another sound, as if the jet were overhead again."

"But I still couldn't see a jet."

"Then I saw this round object. It looked like a silver star, and seemed to be over Wyalong, it was so high up and so far away. It was stationary."

**"Young Witness"
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1961**



ABOVE: An artist's reconstruction of the objects seen on Wednesday.

V-craft above & Cairns photo (p.5) are alike

my wife, was, 'Has anything come over the air about anybody seeing things in the sky?'

"She told me nothing had."

"I don't know what I saw, but I know that when the objects left the stationary object on the right-hand side they went out to the side and then went straight up fast."

"The one that passed overhead towards Young was really travelling."

A second man backed this up.

He said he could not say that any of the objects were V-shaped.

They all appeared to him to be round, shimmering slightly in the sun.

At times the silver shoen winked a little on the small objects as they were leaving or returning to the main object.

Mr. Neville Sheahan, a "Toompang" employee, said he was one who saw the objects repeatedly.

Mr. Sheahan, who gave permission for his name to be used, said the large object seemed to him to be round, with a dome on it.

"The small objects which left it seemed flatter."

"A tennis ball would have covered the big object."

"We watched them when we sat down to lunch."

"About two o'clock the sun moved around in that direction and we couldn't see the things any more against the strong light," he said.

Mr. Jim Hobson, of Monmity Rd., who also gave permission for his name to be used, said that he looked up for the object when the first man mentioned it.

"I looked for it, saw it, and said, 'That's only a star.'"

"The others said, 'How could you see a star in the daytime?'"

"Next thing I saw another object leave the first one and go out to the right."

"I knew then that it wasn't a star but I couldn't say what it was."

All the men said that there was no doubt the object was a manufactured one.

They also said that it was so unbelievable that if any one of them had seen it on his own he'd have "thought he was mad."

All the men were interviewed separately.

Their stories agreed in substance, with just enough discrepancy to testify to the truth of their stories.

They were all asked if they knew that two naval officers at Canberra Naval Base had photographed a round, glowing object at night recently, and that this object could not be identified by astronomers.

All said they knew absolutely nothing of any other report.

"They left slowly, then went out at high speed, circled and returned, slowing down as they approached the big stationary object."

"They then seemed to land on it or go into it because they disappeared when they reached it," he said.

This man also said there was no chance of its being an optical illusion of any kind.

"Three or four of us at a time watched an object leave the big object, commenting about where it was going and what it was doing."

This man said he had told the others that "somebody should phone some authority about it."

But a combination of being four or five miles from a phone, of having work to do, and of risking scorn decided them against this.

However, the man did get a pair of dark glasses out of the glove box of his vehicle.

"The glasses made it easier still to watch the things," he said.

Summer? 1961. "Amazing News" from Russia?

Like many others, Gordon Creighton suspected something remarkable was taking place behind the Iron Curtain if the Soviet press was going to so much trouble to discredit domestic flying saucer stories. The Cold War, however, made the job of determining the truth almost impossible. Reading between the lines of officially approved press releases was about the best one could do.

Fortunately, an Italian named Signor Alberto Fenoglio claimed to have met and interviewed a Russian diplomat and a Russian engineer while they were traveling in the West. These two Russian citizens insisted on remaining anonymous, and the reports they related seemed too sensational to be authentic, but for the record we will mention what Fenoglio said he had learned. Creighton, an accomplished translator, obtained the data from Fenoglio's writings in the journal *Oltre Il Cielo: Missili*, a publication catering to the subjects of missiles and space research. Currently, there is no way determining the how careful Fenoglio was as a reporter, or how valid the information. Some really strange rumors have originated from Communist territory over the decades and Fenoglio's accounts are equal to any of them.

A case in point, is what Fenoglio was supposed to have been told about "candidates for Russian pilot licences." He wrote:

"The saucers seem to have shown particular interest in people who were taking flying lessons. Numerous candidates for the Soviet civilian flying licence have described how the discs dogged them with extraordinary persistence, even following them right back to their airfields." (xx.)

(xx.) Creighton, Gordon W. "Amazing News From Russia." *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 8, No. 6. November-December 1962. p.27. *Oltre Il Cielo: Missili*. Issue No. 105. June 1-15, 1962.

There nothing unusual about UFOs following aircraft, but being able to "single out licence candidates" is something new to Capitalist UFOlogists (at least for me —L.E. Gross)

The article in the Italian journal was published in mid-1962 and the words "a year ago" in the text were an introduction to more than one incident, which indicate the summer of 1961 should be the best time period to put them. Here is a supposed sighting made close to Irkutsk, a large Siberian city: "Near Irkutsk, a year ago (mid-1961?), rocket-shaped machine with four legs was seen to land. The craft and two of its occupants were photographed by a woman doctor from a nearby laboratory." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Here is another:

"About a year ago (mid-1961?), a small mail-plane carrying mail and four passengers, disappeared while on a regular scheduled flight across the central plains of Russia. The machine was found, intact, two days later, near Tobolsk (Siberia). Everything on board—engine, radio, mailbags, etc.—was in perfect order. The tanks contained fuel for two hours of flight. The four passengers had vanished without a trace.

At a distance of 100 meters from the aircraft there was a huge clearly defined circle, 30 meters wide, on which the grass was all scorched and the earth depressed." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid, p.28.

Parachutist jumps—lands three days later?

The story:

"Last year (1961), a woman parachutist jumped from a height of 9,000 meters. The pilot of her aircraft saw her floating down, with her chute extended, so he landed to wait for her. She came down...[Don't know what Creighton left out in here—L.E. Gross] at Saratov...[another gap] *three days later* [Emphasis—Creighton]. Her explanation? She had been caught in mid-air by a saucer. Its three occupants had treated her well, had taken her out to an immense distance in space so as to view the Earth, and had given her a message for the authorities. The envelope containing the message was given to the local Chief of Police. We are told nothing as to its contents." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Cigar UFO—800 meters long?

The story:

"Last summer (1961), over the city of Voronezh, a giant cigar, at least 800 meters long, came down to a height of only 2,000 meters, in daylight, and hung there immobile. Thousands saw it and there was tremendous panic. Suddenly the cigar 'began to grow transparent.' It disappeared completely. Shortly after that, some fighter aircraft arrived and flew around, evidently searching for it. Seconds after the baffled had departed, the monster was back again 'in the same place' above the city. Then a vast jet of flame suddenly shot out from its stern. The cigar began to move, rose steeply into the sky, and vanished at immense speed." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Rocket batteries fire salvos.

The story:

"Last summer (1961?), on a hill near Rybinsk, some 15 km. north of Moscow, new rocket batteries were being set up, as part of the defense network of the Soviet capital. A huge disc appeared, at the estimated height of 20,000 meters, and with it a number of smaller discs. The UFOs took up positions and appeared to be studying the missile site. A nervous battery-commander panicked and gave—unauthorised—the order to fire a salvo at the giant disc. The missiles were fired. All exploded when at an estimated distance of some 2 km. from the target, creating a fantastic spectacle

in the sky. A second salvo followed, with the same result. The third salvo was never fired, for at this point the smaller discs went into action and stalled the electrical apparatus of the whole missile base. When the small discs had withdrawn and joined the larger craft the electrical apparatus was again found to be in working order.” (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

Creighton, who is a reliable reporter, remarked that his translation for the readers of the *Flying Saucer Review* was a very condensed version of the Fenoglio article. Apparently using Fenoglio as his source, Creighton made the following broad statement:

“The Soviet Union, with all its war plants, atomic installations, airfields and missile bases,* is under constant UFO surveillance. The authorities know it, and are uneasy. Air Force personnel and civilians pilots have encountered huge discs, and ‘fire balls,’ and immense cigars, all over the country, by day and by night, and thousands of people in the towns have seen them too.

“The UFOs have frequently been caught on the radar scopes.” (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid, p.27.

Summer, 1961. Weston, Missouri. (no time)

Follows car.

Report collected by Ted Phillips:

“Summer, 1961, Weston, Missouri: Two witnesses were parked on a gravel road when they suddenly saw a ring of lights approaching. They thought that they were seeing an airplane at first; however, the object appeared to stop, hover and then land behind a distance tree line.

“Witness No. 1 estimated the distance to be about a mile. They continued to watch the area and after about five minutes, the object ascended vertically and moved toward their car. They drove away at a high rate of speed with the object pulling up near the car and following them for several miles into Weston. It then turned and left the area.

“No shape was seen, just the ring of lights, which were quite bright.

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- A sensation account of a panic and widespread alarm was reported to have taken place at Sverdlovsk in 1959 where the headquarters of Russian Tactical Missile Command was located, so perhaps Fenoglio wasn’t inventing wild yarns.

A final item passed along by Fenoglio concerns a alleged “attack” on a Russian war plant early in 1962. We will deal with it later, in a monograph devoted to that time period.

"Another landing was reported in the area and is being checked as of this writing.
 "Weston is located about 20 miles northwest of Kansas City." (xx.)

(xx.) *Skylook*. No. 31. June 1970. p.10.

3 June. Savona, Italy. (6:35 a.m.)

Contraption rises out of the sea.

According to our source:

"Signor Giacomo Barra, of 9 via Fratelli Canepa, Savona, reported the following experience.

"I went out in a motorboat with Giuseppe Pordoi, businessman, Filippo Marin, office employee, and Silvano Guardinfante, owner of the boat. When quite a good distance out to sea, we shut off the engine and sat there chatting and enjoying the morning breeze. It was 6:35 a.m.

"Suddenly the rocking motion of the waves increased, and the boat began to roll badly. We looked around, thinking it must be due to the proximity of one of the many tankers that put into our port. But nothing of the sort. At a distance of a kilometer from us, the surface of the sea was bulging like an enormous ball, with long billows going out from it on all sides. Dumbfounded, we were still wondering what it was when, suddenly, a strange contraption rose up from the bulge of water. Perhaps it was one of the celebrated 'flying saucers,' for the lower part of it looked like a plate upside down, and the upper part ended in a cone. While it was emerging from the sea, the water was thrust away all round it, as by a cushion of air. After it had emerged completely from the sea, it stopped still for a few seconds, at a height of 10 meters or so, and then rocked slightly a few times. Then a halo formed round the base of it, and the thing shot away very fast across the sea and vanished towards the northwest." (xx.)

(xx.) *The Reference for Outstanding UFO Sighting Reports*. Ed.: Thomas M. Olsen. UFO Information Retrieval Center, Inc.: Riderwood, Maryland, 1967. p.3-73

4 June. Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania. (early afternoon)

Large object plus smaller objects. Mother ship?

An item in the *UFO Evidence* states:

"Mrs. James W. Annis, librarian, in the early afternoon of June 4 noticed a large, narrow elliptical object hovering low in the sky to the north. Farther to the east, a cluster of smaller objects hovered. The UFOs were just above the treetops on the visible horizon. Mrs. Annis then saw the smaller objects 'streak across the sky to the large one.' All of the UFOs quickly moved out of sight behind trees to the NNW.

Mrs. Annis said the UFOs 'were extremely faster than any aircraft I have observed.' The weather was clear, with bright sunlight shining on the objects from behind the observer. The large UFO 'appeared like the flat end of a clam shell, seen in profile [elliptical?]' (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Evidence*. Ed.: Richard Hall. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., 1964. p.71.

5 June. Near Santos, Brazil. (2:30 a.m.-5:30 a.m.)

UFO stops traffic.

Report from APRO states:

"At 2:30 a.m. on June 5, 1961, Patrolmen Jaime de Miranda and Astrogildo de Medeiros were called to the scene of a sighting on the Anchieta Highway about 48 kilometers from Santos in the state of Sao Paulo. When the two arrived at that location they found about 20 cars stopped along the road, and the occupants were standing on the side of the road watching a glowing disk-shaped object which was maneuvering in the area. The patrolmen attempted to signal the object by projecting the white spotlight at it but got no results. Then they turned on the red light and focused it in the direction of the UFO. It suddenly began to move toward the cars at high speed and, afraid of a collision, the two patrolmen left the car and sought cover. Marshal Jose Otavia Leite, who had answered the same alert call and driven in from Cubatao, drew his Winchester .44 and was about to shoot at the object when other police stopped him. After three hours of this sort of antic, the object gradually began to lose its glow, and at 5:30 a.m. it was still visible through binoculars when it landed near a tree quite a distance from the road. As daybreak came the UFO was no longer visible to the observers, and it was still on the ground out of sight." (xx.)

(xx.) Lorenzen, Coral and Jim. *UFOs: The Whole Story*. A SIGNET Book: New York, N.Y., 1969. pp.227-228.

5 June. Millaa Millaa, Australia. (about 4:10 p.m.)

Rapid dashes across the sky. (See clipping on page 50)

11 June. Cantillana, Spain. (11:00 p.m.)

Strange prickings—insects stop singing?

According to our source:

"Feeling strange prickings all over the body, but especially in the head, the witness, Sr. Jose G. Darnaude, saw a luminous disc appear in the southwest at eye level. It was spinning and changed color from white to red, orange and purple, then white

Mystery "Cone In Sky" Seen Over Millaa Millaa

CAIRNS, June 5.— A cone-shaped object which remained stationary for a long period and then made rapid dashes across the sky was sighted over Millaa Millaa on the Atherton Tableland to-day.

The object was reported to the officer in charge of the Innisfail Police District (Inspector N. A. White) who informed the R.A.A.F. at Townsville.

A R.A.A.F. Winjeel arrived over Millaa Millaa at about 4.10 p.m.

The officer in charge of the Millaa Millaa police (Senior Constable W. Anderson) said the object appeared to the naked eye like a dull star, but viewed through binoculars turned to present a cone shape with half its surface coloured red.

HEARD ENGINE

Constable Anderson said he received the first report of the object from Minbun farmers, Walter and Arthur Bicheno, at 11.30 a.m. They told him they had heard a plane engine and had looked up to sight the object. They had not seen a plane, but had watched the object which remained stationary for about two hours.

Constable Anderson said he sighted the object about 12.55 o'clock. The sky was cloudless and through binoculars the object appeared to be a silver sphere about six inches across. As he watched, it turned slowly and became cone-shaped with half its length at the wider end of the cone coloured with what looked like red paint.

"At 1.23 o'clock it turned, moved slowly for a very short distance, and then accelerated at great speed moving to the east," Constable Anderson said. Its speed was too great to keep it in focus with the binoculars, but it could be seen plainly with the naked eye.

About 10 seconds after it moved off it was back in its original position about half way between directly overhead and the western horizon.

About 15 seconds later the object moved again, gathered speed slowly and shot away, this time to the south. It returned, moved away to the west, back again then to the north and returned.

Constable Anderson said the object finally moved slowly away to the west and was lost from sight in a haze on the western horizon at 2.50 p.m.

The object was seen clearly by the manager of the Bank of Australasia (Mr. E. D. Hall), the manager of the butter factory (Mr. A. S. Hanley) and the head teacher (Mr. T. Seary) and pupils of the Millaa Millaa State School.

Constable Anderson said he understood the plane engine heard by the Bicheno brothers was that of a mapping plane working over the Tablelands. No noise came from the unidentified object.

NOT BALLOONS

Cairns meteorological officers said to-night that they had sent normal weather balloons up to-day but the wind was in such a quarter that it would not be possible for them to appear over Millaa Millaa.

A R.A.A.F. spokesman said in Townsville that the pilot of the Winjeel did not sight any object over Millaa Millaa.

Townsville, Australia.

*Townsville Daily
Bulletin.*

6 June 61.

again. Additional witnesses were able to see the object for several minutes before it rose vertically and disappeared. All insects stopped singing during the phenomenon. The object was about 5 meters high with the shape of two inverted plates, fuzzy edges, no structure visible. Neighbors reported observing a light in flight." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review. Special Issue. No.4. August 1971. p.48.*

11 June. 50 kilometers from Seville, Spain. (11:00 p.m.)

A visit to a farmhouse. (See article below)

2. A visit to a farmhouse in the Province of Andalusia

In our opinion the next case is one of the most remarkable that we have on our files. We think this for two reasons: namely, because this sighting, so meticulously reported, is a typical example of all those varied features which go to constitute the world-wide UFO phenomenon, and, secondly, because our source happens to be a personal friend in whom we have the utmost confidence. He is a Sevillian, of a family that is held in high esteem, and a man who, by virtue of his whole background and career, academic and personal, is worthy of the highest praise. He is, to put it in a nutshell, in my opinion the ideal witness.

José-Gregorio Darnaude y Rojas Marcos was 28 years old at the time of his sighting. He took his bachelor degree, then did a three-year Law course in the University of Seville, and he has done courses in Economics and Business Management. In 1961 he was the manager of one of the enterprises owned by his family, the agricultural and cattle-breeding firm of Fuenteluenga S.A.

First a brief sketch of the setting. The Fuenteluenga Estate consists of 1300 hectares of mountainous terrain, low hills, meadows, an olive-grove, pine groves, and an orchard in front of and skirting the valley where the cluster of farm buildings lies. The property is within the municipal boundaries of Villanueva del Río y Minas, Cantillana, and El Pedroso, at a distance of some 50 kilometres from Seville.

The time is 11.00 p.m. on June 11, 1961, a typical hot night of the Andalusian summer. José Darnaude is lying in a hammock in the garden in front of the house, when he feels a sensation of discomfort and a peculiar malaise, with a pricking and itching throughout the whole body and particularly on his head. And suddenly, from behind the house, there appears a luminous disc flying at enormous speed on a NE-SW course. With an abrupt 90° turn it then comes down and hangs in the air, at a height of some 20-30 metres from the ground, and practically on an eye-level with him, as the situation of the farmhouse is lower than the area over which the UFO was hovering. From where the witness was, the horizon (in this case bounded by a hill), appeared to be above the stationary object. The distance of the object from him was about 250 metres. It emitted no detectible sound and gave the impression (although he is not fully sure on this point) that it was spinning on its axis, while all

the time changing in colour and intensity of colour through white, orange, red, purple, and back to white again, always scintillating and flashing.

The night was dark, with no Moon, but also with no clouds to hide the stars, and visibility was excellent. The apparent size of the UFO was roughly half that of the full Moon, and he estimated its actual dimensions at some 4-6 metres in diameter and 3-4 metres through from top to bottom (these being its major and minor axes respectively, as it was elliptical in form). Its appearance was as of two dishes set face to face and, as Darnaude describes it, it seemed definitely solid, and with luminous, slightly diffuse, contours which were however brighter than the rest of the object. He could see no windows or other particular features.

Sr. Darnaude at once ran into the house and called to various members of his family and to the servants to come and see the phenomenon. The people in the house included José-Maria Barrera, Rufino Macías Helo and his wife Antonia, and some dozen other persons. Then suddenly the object, turning white again, shot straight upwards at an enormous speed and vanished from sight towards the West. The whole duration of the incident, from the initial sensations of itching and malaise to the disappearance of the UFO, had been some 7-10 minutes.

And now we come to yet another aspect of the complex riddle of the saucers, namely the changes brought about in the surroundings through the presence of an unidentified flying object. Darnaude informs us that all the insects, crickets, cicadas, etc., fell silent and only suddenly started singing again after the extraordinary machine had gone. In the stables (which have no openings in the walls through which the animals might have seen the UFOs) the horses and mules went mad with excitement. The sheep, some four kilometres distant from the house, at the far end of the property, broke through their hedges and wire-fences and scattered over the mountainside, so that the shepherds had to go and get help to round them up again. The mastiff dogs of the house, and the other dogs such as are usually found on farms, all cowered and were silent.

Moreover there is yet another indirect corroboration for this case: the watchman at a limestone quarry at a distance of one kilometre from the house declared that he had seen a "round light" cross the sky at high speed.

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(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review Case Histories. Supplement #18. February 1974. p. 11.*

12 June. Territory of Papua, New Guinea. (4:00 a.m.)

Delta winged?

According to our source:

"On 12th June, 1961, an unidentified flying object was sighted by two residents of the Northern District. The District Commissioner of that District has reported as follows:-

"The object was seen by Mr. and Mrs. (...deleted) of Azerita Plantation at 4:00 a.m. and for a period of about 15 minutes. They say that the shining object approached the North East and was shaped like the nollow [hollow?] in a new moon, and could have been delta winged. The object was at an estimated height of 15,000 feet and kept moving backwards and forwards to and from the North East.

"On one particular occasion it moved to the North East until it became the size of a pin's head then returned. Eventually it returned the way it came. No noise was heard and only the bright object was seen.

"Mr. and Mrs. (...deleted) have travelled widely and he was employed by the United Nations Organization for some time. They may be considered as being reliable." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: The Secretary, Department of Territories, Canberra, A.C.T. From: D.M. Cleland (no other source data) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 12 June 61.

13 June. Bethungra, Australia. (3:35 p.m.)

The UFO tangled the telephone wires.

An item in England's *Flying Saucer Review* states:

"Four men are absolutely convinced that they saw a flying saucer on June 13 near the Bethungra railway station. They are the assistant station master, Mr. Tom Henshaw, of Junee, and three members of a railway gang, Mr. George Macdonald, Mr. Reg. Seymour and Mr. Jack Lloyd of Bethungra. Mr. Henshaw was the first to spot the object: he thought he heard the sound of a low-flying aircraft and went outside to investigate. He described what he saw as a glowing red object in the sky traveling across the station and adjoining land at a height a little above the telephone wires. As it moved it created a series of 'whirly winds' sucking up dust in large clouds from any bare land. In its path it went perilously close to a lot of telephone lines and they were tangled in the process.

"Mr. Henshaw went back to the station convinced in his own words, that he had been 'seeing things' and he specially noted the time which was 3:35 p.m. Not long afterwards the other three men whose names are given above went to the station to tell him that they had a similar experience.

"All four men describe the circular object as being about as large as a dinner plate, glowing red in color with sparks shooting out and creating a noise as if powered by a motor." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 7, No.5. September-October 1961. p.30.

16 June. Congressional hearings. Maj. Colman's opinion.

In a letter to Dr. Donald Menzel Major William Colman expressed his opinion of possible hearings: "The pressure for open hearings has been mounting. It looks as if we will get by because adjournment is not far off and there're a lot of bills pending." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Dr. Donald Menzel. Director, Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Massachusetts. From: Major William Colman. UFO Project Officer, Public Information Division, Office of Information. Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 16 June 61.

19 June. Washington D.C. area. (no time)

UFO launches smaller bodies?

Another item from NICAP's *UFO Investigator*:

"In a confidential statement, radio technician at a Government agency reported sighting a brilliant UFO which either divided into, or launched several smaller objects. Observed with 7-power binoculars, the small objects appeared round, less bright than the larger UFO first noted." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. 11, No. 1. July-August 1961. p.7.

26 June, New Brunswick, N. J. (about 3:00 a.m.)

According to our source: "An elongated, orange-glowing UFO, reported by a local merchant, was observed hovering over the Albany Street Bridge about 3:00 a.m., then swiftly moving away." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. 11, No.1. July-August 1961. p.7.

28 June. Speculation in civilian publication prompts inquiries within the Air Force chain of command. (See memo on page 57)

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E/Major Friend/vw/69216

SUBJECT: Congressional Investigation

28 JUN 1961

TO: AFCIN-4E (Colonel Wynn)

Major Friend contacted Lt. Colonel Tacker, SAFOI-3d, concerning the article about Congressional Investigation of the Air Force UFO program. Colonel Tacker indicated that there was no official information on the subject; however he had contacted the office of Lt. Colonel Boland, SAFIL, regarding the article and would inform ATIC of any information which he received.

Robert J. Friend
ROBERT J. FRIEND
Major, USAF
Aerial Phenomena Branch

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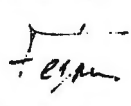
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