

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

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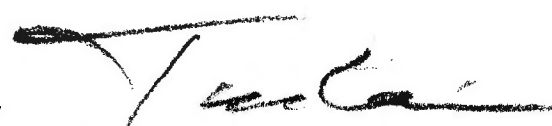
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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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1962 Astronaut Gordon Cooper.

In the book *We Seven* published in 1962 Astronaut Gordon Cooper expressed this opinion:

"I also had the idea that there might be some interesting forms of life out in space for us to discover and get acquainted with. I don't believe in fairy tales but as far as I am concerned there have been far too many unexplained examples of unidentified objects sighted around this earth for us to rule out the possibility that some form of life exists out beyond our own world. I certainly don't pretend that the examples we know about necessarily prove anything. But the fact that many experienced pilots had reported strange sights which cannot be easily explained did heighten my curiosity about space." (xx.)

(xx.) *We Seven*. Simon & Schuster. P.56. need location and editor

1962 Oxford, Stonehenge area, England. (no time)

Circular and bright.

According to our source, a Major George A. Filer (USAF) had a UFO experience:

"In 1962 Flier was in a tanker aircraft over the North Sea. His aircraft had just completed a night refueling operation when London Control asked if they could investigate an unidentified flying object that was being picked up on radar. Other traffic was cleared and the tanker was requested to proceed toward the Oxford, Stonehenge area. The object was picked up on the aircraft's radar at the one o'clock position and appeared to be hovering. As the aircraft dropped to 1,000 and closed to within a mile, Filer was able to see the UFO. It was circular and bright. He saw its lights as it shot straight up like a rocket, moving at over 1,000 miles an hour. London Control radioed that no rockets were being launched from that part of England. The incident was not reported, partly because of the stigma associated with such reports in those days but also because Filer believed that what he saw was man-made." (xx.)

(xx.) Compagna, Palmiro. *The UFO Files*. St. Oddart Publishing Co., Limited: Toronto, Canada. pp.124-125.

1962 Hampton, Virginia. (about 4:00 p.m.)

Aerodynamic design expert views "mystery dirigible."

"...an outstanding sighting of a daylight dirigible-like craft by a highly qualified technical witness. Mr. Paul Hill, the witness, is an APRO Field Investigator,

and was at the time an employee of the Langley Research Center, NASA, at Hampton, Virginia. When Mr. Hill retired in 1970 he was Associate Chief of the Applied Materials and Physics Division of the Laboratory. He had been responsible for the aerodynamic design for the highly successful P47 Thunderbolt fighter airplane of World War II, and had been called on to help with the aerodynamic design of the nuclear powered super sonic airplane for the AEC. Certainly he was in a position to be intimately familiar with the latest in aircraft design. Here, in his own narrative, is the story of his sighting over Hampton Roads in 1962.

“The object was sighted during a stormy afternoon in Hampton, Virginia, in 1962. The time was about 4 p.m. and the storm was clearing. A heavy cloud layer with a bottom at about 3,000 to 4,000 feet altitude lay over the lower end of Chesapeake Bay and over Hampton Roads, which is the body of water where the famous battle between the Merrimack and the Monitor took place during the Civil War. The rain had stopped, and the air beneath the cloud cover was clean and clear. The writer was heading west on Chesapeake Ave. which is on the north shore of Hampton Roads, and was near the intersection with La Salle Ave. Although a front seat passenger in an old Dodge sedan, he had a practically unobstructed view of the southern Bay and entire Roads area which he was scanning to inspect the cloud formation.

“Looking back over the southern end of Chesapeake Bay the author was surprised to see a fat aluminum or metallic-colored “fuselage” nearly the size of a small freighter, but shaped more like a dirigible, approaching from the rear. It was at an altitude of about 1,000 feet and following a path about parallel to the ship channel and parallel to Chesapeake Ave. It was moving slowly, possibly 100 mph or a little more. When it was first seen it was a couple of miles back over the Bay in a front-to-quartermaster view by which one could tell it was round in cross section. The author kept staring at this unusual object as it approached. It took about a minute to reach Fort Wool which marks the beginning of the Roads. Its shape was clearly visible in good lighting, with its bright surface contrasting with the darker cloud cover, and there was ample time to study it in changing perspective.

“Puzzled, the writer asked the driver to look for a wing or other appendages to this strange vehicle. It looked like a big, pointed-nose dirigible, but had not even a tail surface as an appendage. The puzzling thing was that the big dirigibles had disappeared from the scene many years before; in fact the big dirigible hanger at Langley Field had even been torn down. Had this been the Blimp, I could have read GOODYEAR, but it was much longer. The driver didn’t take time to look, as there was some traffic.

“Soon after passing the Fort Wool, Fort Monroe area and when it was about opposite La Salle Ave., it began to accelerate very rapidly and at the same time to emit a straw-yellow, or pale flame-colored wake or plume, short at first but it grew in length as the speed increased until it was nearly as long as the object. Also when it started to accelerate it changed from a level path to an upward slanting path making an angle of about 5 degrees with the horizontal. It passed us going at an astounding speed. It disappeared into the cloud layer opposite the Newport News coal-loading docks in what I estimate to be four seconds after the time it began to accelerate. The accelerating distance was measured by the car odometer to be 5 miles.

“If the acceleration were uniform, to cover 5 miles in 4 seconds with a 100 mph start means an acceleration of 100 times earth gravity and a speed at disappear-

ance into the cloud layer of 8900 mph. But just as astounding as the performance figures may be, was the silent operation. Not a sound was heard. This was surely a sophisticated performance, to make the understatement of the year." (xx.)

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin*. June 1977. Vol. 25, No. 12. pp. 6-7.

1962. Padang, Indonesia. (evening)

Flying torpedo?

A letter to Dr. Hynek stated:

"...in 1962 in Padang, Sumatra's West Coast, around 20 people, mostly Army officers and their wives, were attending a garden party in the evening, when all of them saw a UFO flying low and silently from north to south. It looked like a torpedo or bomb, without fins, with a fuzzy nose-tip and flaming tail. A circular row of portholes located laterally was observed. Its size was about as big as an aircraft." (XX.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Dr. J. Allen Hynek. From: J. Salatun, Air Vice Marshal, Indonesian Air Force. Date: 24 February 77. Copy in author's files.

"Probably" 1962. Dublin, Ireland. (about 6:28 a.m.)

Big as a bus.

An APRO report states:

"Mr. Austin Byrne of Dublin reported the following sighting which he personally investigated.

"Mr. Patrick Stafford, A C.I.F. bus driver of Dublin was just getting up into the cab of his bus when he noticed a bright object coming from the northeast.

" 'It approached at about 300 mph—about the speed of a Viscount [aircraft] and was at approximately 500 feet altitude. It was like an aeroplane with its engines stopped.' "

"The object was immediately unusual to him since it gave off no sound. He thought it was going to crash but what struck him was that it was not dropping but [was] in horizontal flight.

"On describing the object itself, Mr. Stafford said, 'It was like the big spinning tops you sometimes see children playing with and it had portholes around the outside of it. It was not spinning. Because if it were, you would see only a blur of light around the thing, not just light coming out through each individual porthole.' "

"The light he said was coming from inside of the thing through the portholes was described as being 'a fierce white (or) somewhat bluish' light. He said it gave him the impression that the light was centered inside the thing and 'you could see it coming from the center through the portholes,' emphasizing it was a 'fierce' light.

"He said the object was as big as a bus... He emphasized the size and detail he

could see by pointing out the size of a Viscount aeroplane would be at a height of 500 feet.

"He described a curious sort of light—a 'misty light'—he saw come from the thing for about a hundred yards. It was 'slightly tapered.' It then went back into the thing and the object suddenly vanished. 'It just wasn't there anymore.'

"All this took place in about ten seconds at about 6:28 a.m....

"Stafford said, 'it was a wonderful thing to see and I would love see it again.' One of the bus cleaners at the bus depot observed the object also, as well as a conductor, Mr. Kevin Lynch. Lynch was near the same spot where Stafford made his observation, and could only add that the object's flight path was from northeast to southwest." (xx.)

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin*. January 1963. p.2.

3 January. Woonsocket, Rhode Island. (9:15 a.m.- ?)

Three maneuvering discs.

According to our source:

"Joseph Ferriere [Vice-President] of the Fairmount Dye Works, Willis Harnois, and Rene Fauthier reported watching three circular silver-colored discs maneuvering from 5 to 7 minutes. The objects, they said, moved northeast in formation at tremendous speed. The phenomena were shiny and flat and brilliantly luminous; they hovered from 9:15 a.m. for a period of time before disappearing into the distance. Visibility at the time was perfect." (xx.)

(xx.) Beckley, Timothy. "UFOs 1962." *Inside the Saucers 1962*. Interplanetary News Service: New Brunswick, New Jersey, First printing July 1963. p.9.

3 January. Columbus, Ohio. (6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Residents panic?

Something in the night sky:

"It was a clear evening, when suddenly there was a spectacular burst of bluish-green light in the northwest skies. It caused the area residents to flood switchboards at police and radio stations, and even WBNS-TV received calls. The calls began coming in at 6:30 p.m. and continued after 9. There were reports that the UFO had landed in Columbus, but this went unconfirmed. It was also sighted over Dayton, Lima, Cincinnati, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. Jets were scrambled from Dayton Air Force Base to investigate the UFO. A Cincinnati woman said she saw it come close to the ground and then rise again. A North High School sophomore in Columbus stated that he was watching through a 150-power telescope and was able to see a cabin with red and white flashing lights coming from within. He also said he could see windows in the saucer. Robert Miller, then Director of the UFORC in Newark,

got the following statement from Philip Bougher, the observer: 'I first saw the UFO about 9:15 p.m. when it was pointed out to me by my mother. I immediately went for my telescope. It is a 2.5 reflector. Being an amateur astronomer, it could tell at once that it was not a meteor. After some movement, it became stationary and changed color. I focused in on it with a 6mm eyepiece giving a power of about 150X. As I brought the object into focus, the first thing I noticed was a row of windows. They were clear and unmistakable. Behind the windows were four lights; other than that I could not see any other details inside the windows. The object moved several times both horizontally and vertically. As a guess, I would say the object was approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile away from me. I lost sight of the object when I attempted to move my telescope to another window. At times I could see something like electrical impulses. They appeared to come just before the object above and vertically to the hull. The lights inside the windows were yellow and rather soft. They were not the source of the object's brilliance. I caught sight of what I think was a sort of bluish light. As for the over-all shape of the UFO, it is hard to say since I did not see the entire object at one time. I would say it was either bell-shaped or cigar-shaped.'

"The official Air Force statement was that the object was merely a meteor. Apparently the Air Force is in somewhat more knowledgeable about meteors than even astronomers, in that it claims they can land and take off again." (xx.)

(xx.) Beckley, Timothy. "UFOs 1962." *Inside the Saucers 1962*. pp. 10-11.

3 January. Rep. Horace R. Kornegay (D. N.C.)

Congressional hearings. Still a chance?

The Air Force did well to prepare for any attempt to revitalize any UFO hearings. On January 3, 1962, Congressman Horace Kornegay wrote Keyhoe the following note:

"I am returning to you *Flying Saucers: Top Secret* along with my expression of gratitude for your lending it to me, I found it very interesting.

"I shall return to Washington on January 8 and look forward to conferring with Mr. Miller, Chairman of the Space Committee, and others on that Committee in connection with the matter of holding hearings on unidentified flying objects in accordance with our earlier conversation here in Greensboro..." (xx.)

(xx.) Hall, Richard. Ed. *The UFO Evidence*. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., 1964. p.176.

4 January. Ukiah, California. (2:30 p.m.)

Two cigar-shaped objects.

According to our source:

"Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Rawles of Ukiah, California, said that on their way home about 2:30 p.m., they saw two cigar-shaped objects flying over their car in a south-

easternly direction and then veering sharply to the south and disappearing over a ridge. The couple told interviewers that the machines were about 30 feet long, 13 feet in diameter, tapering in to about 6 feet at either end. They also said that the objects passed within 50 feet of the car. The odd thing, Mr. Rawles said, was that no sound came from the UFOs, nor was there any sign of a vapor trail. Rawles said they were white with red trim and flew very low just above the trees. They seemed to be under perfect control at all times.' (xx.)

(xx.) Beckley, Timothy. "UFOs 1962." *Inside the Saucers* 1962. p.10.

10 January. Between Catamaren and Tucuman, Argentina. (about 3:00 a.m.)

Strange machine.

According to a newspaper account forwarded to the American UFO publication *Saucer News* by its correspondent in Argentina, a Henning Von Hippel:

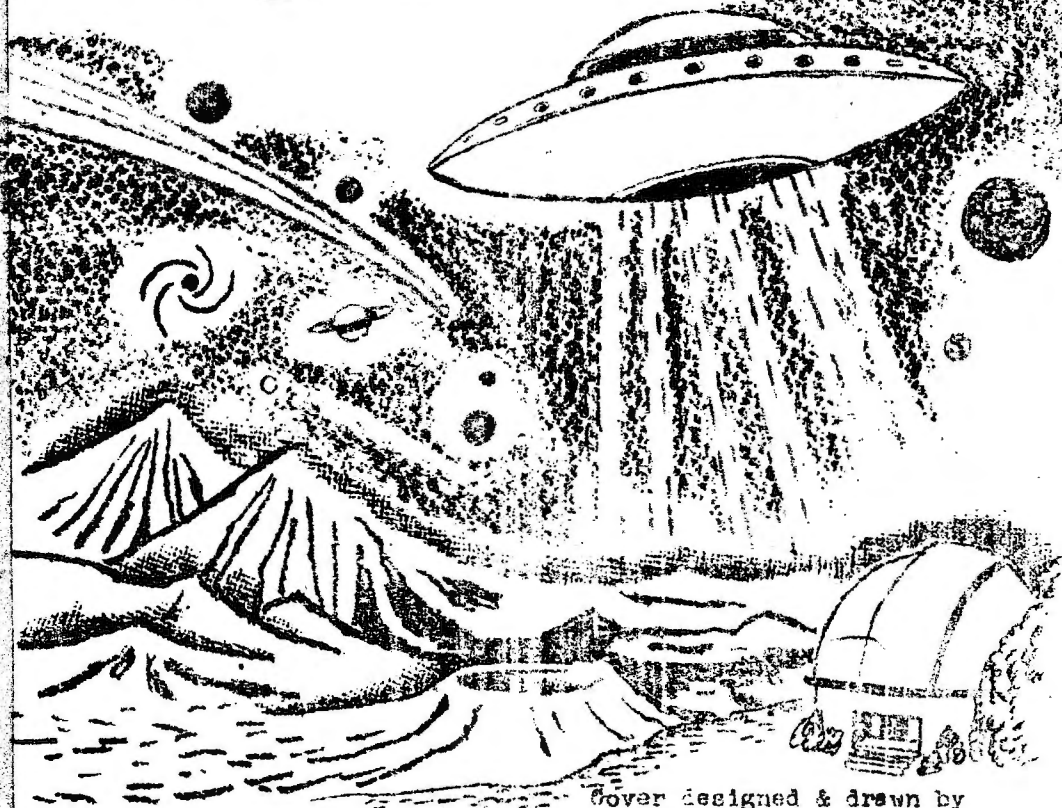
"A truck driver named Jose A. Fillipin made the following statement to *El Mundo*: 'I was driving back to Catamaren last night from the town of Tucuman, accompanied by two companions, when we suddenly saw two powerful lights overhead. They were following our vehicle. When we stopped to investigate, the lights disappeared with surprising speed. Another sighting was made further along the highway, at Amadores. This time we noticed that a strange machine was standing stationary near a hillside about a hundred yards from the road, next to the shore of the Palin River. The light on top of the machine made it possible for us to make out the form of a dome, similar to the upper half of a bus. This object moved away rapidly when we tried to shine the truck's headlights on it. When we got closer, we saw that there were two identical machines rather than one, and they were moving slowly back and forth in a zigzag motion.'

"When Fillipin reached Catamaren, he went to the police with his story. A group of policemen accompanied him—still the same night—to the area where the sightings had occurred. Says *El Mundo*, 'As if to confirm that Fillipin had not suffered any hallucination, one of the objects graciously reappeared when the policemen arrived on the scene. The machine descended slowly and made a landing or a near landing at a considerable distance from them. A search of the area by the police did not have any positive results, but the lighted object was clearly seen by everyone.

"The truth of this story was attested to by Inspector General Pedro Tolasa, who is Chief of Investigations of the province. He stated that, while asleep at his home, he received a phone call from headquarters at 3 a.m. He thereupon sent out the above-mentioned policemen to investigate Fillipin's story—only out of duty, and in spite of the fact that he never has believed in sensational occurrences such as flying saucer sightings. But, upon hearing later of the sighting made by his own men, he decided to go personally the next night to investigate the area himself, in order to be able to give a full report on the strange episode (We [*Saucer News*] do not have the follow-up story on what, if anything, the Inspector General found on his own inspection trip)." (xx.)

(xx.) Buenos Aires, Argentina. *EL Mundo*. 10 January 62. *Saucer News*. March 1962.

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15 January. (no town mentioned) Jamaica. (about 6:15 a.m.)

Stopped, "split up."

A letter to the editor reported:

"This morning, January 15, I was in bed at about 6:15 when I heard my brother exclaim that he saw a bright object which he believed to be a satellite. I ran out and saw a bright object—much larger than a star—coming up above the northwestern horizon. It moved very rapidly but suddenly stopped at about 45 degrees in the sky.

"There we saw an amazing thing—the bright object split up into a number of finer pieces—which moved around. What is more the number varied at times from three to five. They also became brighter, then dimmer at intervals. This spectacle lasted for about 10 minutes during which time the entire object moved to a northerly position. Then the units moved further apart but remained side by side until three of them rejoined. [?]. They then passed gradually north to disappear over the horizon as the day brightened. In all we viewed the spectacle for about 20 minutes." (xx.)

(xx.) (no town given) *The Daily Gleaner. Flying Saucer Review.* July-August 1962. p.?

The resurrection of Dr. Donald Menzel.

Menzel, Harvard University's firmly rooted UFO skeptic, made something of a comeback during this period. We can say that, because not much had been heard from the professor for some time.

A renowned expert in optics and radio propagation, Menzel claimed that many unexplained UFO sightings were due to distorted interpretations of natural phenomena. He had enjoyed considerable notoriety during the Ruppelt BLUE BOOK era, frequently appearing as a panel member in UFO debates, but when even the Air Force expressed doubts his theories were sufficient to do away with the tough cases, his public profile greatly diminished. His relations with ATIC had not always been the best either. He was critical, for example, of how Ruppelt managed BLUE BOOK.

To make sense of Menzel's resurrection, one might credit a change in personnel at BLUE BOOK, or perhaps a plan by "powers-that-be" to enlist Menzel in an "anti-Congressional hearing offensive." A combination of both scenarios is another possibility. In any case, some friendly correspondence between Menzel and ATIC began to appear in BLUE BOOK records. Menzel expressed satisfaction with the recent more "scientific approach" by BLUE BOOK. That view is debatable since one notes that many UFO sightings were now being explained as "atmospheric phenomena" that didn't deserve it. The August 1960 Red Bluff case was a prime example.

When NICAP's Richard Hall and Dr. Charles Maney book, *The Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects*, was published in the latter part of 1961, Menzel took the opportunity to discuss the volume's arguments. Dr. Maney was a member of the physics department at Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, and Menzel expressed amazement a scientists would help author a pro-UFO book. Conspiracy theorists might also content that a book by a scientist might offset any planned UFO debunking campaign.

Menzel and Maney began to exchange letters. Dr. Maney hoped to get Menzel involved in a discussion of a good UFO case, one with a wealth of detail and where the witnesses were professionals. Menzel fell into the "trap." The Harvard professor tried to offer a prosaic solution to the 1952 Nash/Fortenberry case. Capt. Nash himself answered Menzel. (See letter on pages 10-15)

16 January. Vandalia, Ohio. (7:45 a.m.)

An "airplane" without wings?

A BLUE BOOK file card states:

"Witness opened curtains to a window and saw a trail being generated by some object which was descended in an arc. Trail was bright orange at the top, changed as the object came down to pink, yellow, white, then gray. When object leveled off it generated a gray trail for a while then separated from the trail. Object was described as like a transport without wings and about the size of a DC-6 at 1 to 1 ½ miles, but without wings. Moved at approximate speed of a landing transport." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 16 January 62.

20 January. Waburn, Massachusetts. (5:00 a.m. -12:30?)

Orange cigar.

A brief report states: "January 20th brought sightings of a hovering orange-colored cigar-shaped object over Waburn, Massachusetts, at 5:00 a.m. Jets chase it over Boston at 12:30 p.m." (xx.)

(xx.) Beckley, Timothy. "UFOs 1962." *Inside the Saucers 1962*. p.11.

22-25 January. Villa Dique Los Molinos, Argentina. (9:00 p.m. - midnight)

UFOs "relax" in the mountains. Do UFOs take vacations?

According to our source:

"A 'squadron' of 15 UFOs, flying above the vicinity of the Dyke, were seen by many local inhabitants. Some of the objects landed on the banks of the lake, while others even moved around on the surface of the water, at no more than 200 meters distance from the eye-witnesses. The diameters of the objects varied between five and ten meters." (xx.)

(xx.) Cordoba, Argentina. *Cordoba*. 29 January 62. *Manual de Informaciones*. Vol. 4, Fol. 2/3, 1962. p.22. (Published by the Information Service of the Argentine Army) *Flying Saucer Review*. Supplement #12. December 1972. p.9

761 Glenridge Road, JEG HATCH
Key Biscayne,
Miami 49, Florida,
January 13, 1962

Donald H. Menzel:
Director,
Harvard College Observatory,
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Dr. Menzel:

Dr. Maney has been kind enough to keep me advised concerning his debate with you on the subject of UFO's, which, for the sake of semantics, let us identify immediately. UFO means to me exactly what it says; an object in the air which we have not identified.

Almost anything resolves itself into categories. To me, UFO's resolve themselves into at least two major categories: those which could, by their observed behavior, be of Earthly origin, and those which obviously could not be from this planet. In other words, Dr. Menzel, I subscribe to the interplanetary theory, as the only explanation for many human experiences with the UFO's.

This is not a direct result of my own experience, but is a result of what I am sure has been a far more detailed study of the evidence than you have made. This became obvious when I read your writings on the subject. You speak of "scientific studies". Such studies require a deeper look into the subject than you have taken. You speak of "prejudiced approach". I believe your approach was extremely prejudiced. You gave practically no scientific attention to the possibilities of an opposite theory. You chose the evidence that fit your theories, and did, indeed ignore examples which did not benefit your ideas. At least NICAP is objective. Dr. Menzel, I cannot truly believe that a scientist in your position actually believes what he says when he writes as you do on this subject. It has been my opinion for some time, in fact, since reading your first writings, that you are cooperating with Air Force public relations or some other such department. All of our astronomical observations are filtered through Harvard. You would therefore have a close association with top-level Air Force. I do not wish to believe that a man in your position could be as unscientific as your writings on this subject demonstrate. I would feel even less secure than I do now.

Because of the above, and because I think you are writing "tongue in the cheek" about UFO's, I feel that I am wasting my time in writing to you, but since a copy is going to Dr. Maney, I decided to do so. Writing takes more of my time than I care to spare, since in addition to flying, I am president of a Community civic group, an officer on a county group which I originated, a voluntary flying police officer, an officer in the Air Line Pilots Association and a widower raising three children. I once was scheduled to appear opposite you on a TV program - opposite you and Willy Ley. You did not appear and Jonathan Leonard took your place. Captain Joe Hull of Capitol Airlines tried to get you to appear opposite him on a TV or radio show. You would not do so. I suppose it is more difficult to push your theories when you are face to face with a pilot opposite an audience. I really don't blame you.

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Now, in general, about your obvious opinion of airline pilots:- You assume that pilots use their imaginations aloft, and are easily fooled by things they see. You thus display a gross ignorance of the characteristics of a pilot who eventually becomes an airline pilot. Many fall by the wayside enroute. True, a pilot does not have to be a genius, but scheduled airline pilots are above average intelligence if I.Q. checks mean anything. However, intelligence is not the total factor. One of the most important factors can be expressed in a little ditty we keep in mind: "In God we trust--everyone else, we check".

You readily ascribe "assumptions" to us. Do you know what we think of that word in an airplane? We call it a killer. We divide that word up this way "Ass - u - me" --To assume makes an ass out of "u" and me. The way we get a 5 million dollar aircraft with 150 people from one place to another is not, sir, by assumptions or guesses. We know, and we make ~~assumed~~ sure we know. Our mistakes are a hell of a lot more spectacular than a doctors. We cannot make excuses to ourselves or anyone else. We check and double check. We prebuild emergencies and solve them-- regarding ~~weather~~ weather ahead. Three to five alternate plans are ready. We spend 65 to 120 hours per month in the sky, and can consider ourselves ~~inexperienced~~ therefore among the most experienced observers of things we see from those cockpits. Do you really believe, Dr Menzel, that we have not seen thousands of reflections? Do you therefore maintain that we cannot identify one when we see it? Do you think we have not seen thousands of meteorites? I have watched them all night long. Do you think we cannot identify a reflection on a conventional aircraft, that we have not seen the "northern lights"? Actually we are better able to do these things than you or any other astronomer is--only because of our years of experience. Even so, we do not Assume that an object is a definite thing without checking and double-checking. I believe that we must re-check more than persons in any other occupation in the world - except other occupations wherein lives depend on checking - not just theories. We get in the habit, sir- and we apply it also to such things as UFO's. Only after such checking and consideration of the facts would we go so far as to make a public announcement of military report. I have heard personally from many pilots, experiences they would not report because they could not be reasonably certain the object was not earth-made. I have personally seen other UFO's , not all from an airplane- but all I will or can say about them is :- They were in the sky and I could not identify them. The formation of objects William Fortenberry and I spotted that night ~~were~~, in my opinion, not from this planet.

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Now, to be specific. You stated that the TRUE article contains an abundance of detail not reported to ATIC. That is an unscientific statement, and also an untrue one. You could not possibly know what was reported to ATIC. All you could know is what they wrote down--or what they placed in a report after possibly deleting much detail. Be advised of this. At 7 AM the morning after the sighting we were telephoned by the Air Force and complied with their request to come to B.O.C. at the Airport for questioning. There were five men, only one in uniform. The others showed us I.D., card and badge, of Special Investigators, USAF. In separate rooms, we were questioned for one hour and 45 minutes- then about a half hour together. We made sketches on paper and drew the track of the objects on charts ~~for them~~. The tracks matched, they noted. The account matched. ~~They worked from~~

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what appeared to be a 7 page questionnaire - legal size paper. There was a person present in the corner recording all conversation upon a stenotype machine. Our interrogators were obviously well-trained in interrogation. If we asked a question they didn't want to answer, they set up a patter among themselves, steering skillfully all around it, then asked their next question. If you think these trained interrogators did not squeeze every last bit of information from us, you haven't the respect we learned for their skill.

They were also well prepared. They had a complete weather report of the area, and it coincided with our visual observations, and the report we had with our flight plan. This was 3/8 cirrus clouds about 20,000 feet. There was no inversion. It was a sharply clear night, probably unstable air. Visibility was unusually good.

The investigators also advised us that they already had seven other reports from persons who had witnessed objects such as we described. These reports were all within 30 minutes of ours, and were from the same area. One was from a LT. Commander and his wife, who were driving back to his base or ship in an open convertible. They described a formation of red discs travelling at high speed and making immediate direction changes without turn radius.

These other reports alone were enough to convince the investigators that we had not seen "reflections".

It is true that only one of us observed the complete maneuver when the objects changed direction. This was Mr. Fortenberry, the copilot, on whose side the craft departed (They approached from 30 degrees to the right of straight ahead) I had flipped my belt off and moved out of my seat when I saw that they were apparently going to go under us. In doing so, I arrived at the copilots side window in time to see them flip back from on edge to flat. We reported this to the ATIC. I did not see what they wrote down. I do not see any discrepancy regarding this in the TRUE story, and by using the word discrepancy you are again implying that airline pilots are not responsible people. Tell me sir- do you ride the airlines? If I held your opinion of us, I'd walk.

If there is a discrepancy in the speed of the objects, it is again because ATIC abbreviated the report we gave them. The report you quote "estimated at well over 1000 mph" is not from our oral report. It is from our initial message from the airplane which we sent to a C.A.A. station at Norfolk, Va., which message we sent (and asked that it be forwarded to Norfolk Navy Base) in the event that there had been ground or radar sightings, and the Navy might find our additional quick report of some value. It appears to me that ATIC has not made a clear, well organized report of our experience. We had not yet made our computations on the speed of the objects when we sent that message, and we knew that "in excess of 1000 mph" was effective enough if the Navy was at all interested. The sending of this message is recorded in the TRUE article.

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Furthermore, regarding the speed of the objects, you make another unscientific statement because you do not really know. You say "There was clearly no way of knowing the size and distance, and hence, the estimate of speed is meaningless". We did not state that

we knew the exact size, nor the exact distance, nor the exact speed, but we made calculations based on experience and ability to observe which you seem to discount - unless the observer is an astronomer, (whose gaze is focused millions of miles or light years away, or upon cameras, graphs or charts). The Air Force was particularly interested in our experience for the very reason that we had a good opportunity to approximate the speed and size of the objects. They would not have bothered to question us if they had had no confidence in our ability to observe and compute.

Regarding size; we both had flown many thousands of hours at either 8000 or 7000 ft., because these altitudes were high enough to be above most turbulence, but not so high as to starve us for oxygen. Hence, a sort of "instinct-judgement" about the height of objects gradually developed. If after 10,000 hours of flying at the same altitude a pilot cannot judge if something (Even an unfamiliar something) is half-way between his plane and the ground, and split that in half again, he'd best quit. Our judgement, after seeing these things travel nearly a hundred miles, and observing them both from a distance and almost directly beneath us, was that they were holding 2000 feet for most of the observed time. To approximate the size, therefore, we compared them with the wingspread of a DC3 (93ft) and the wingspread of a DC4 (117ft.), and the objects' diameter was about what these wingspreads would look like at 2000 feet, or somewhere around a 100 foot diameter, after perspective diminishment.

Regarding speed: We tried again to be very conservative in our computations. The objects first appeared about 10 miles beyond Newport News and Cumberland. They travelled to within about a half mile of our craft (longitudinal Travel), changed direction, and then crossed the western suburban edge of the town areas, seemed to travel out over a dark area at least 10 miles beyond the lights, then angled up about 45 degrees (It must have not been straight up because they were still observed behind each other) and travelled much more distance before they were lost to view. To be conservative, we drew a line through the lighted area, and measured the distance from our aircraft (and we knew our exact position both visually and by VOR navigation using an ILS needle) to the line through the lighted area. The distance was 25 miles. We had seen them cross this line twice, so we knew they had travelled at least 50 miles. We discounted all of the distance they travelled coming toward us before crossing the line, and leaving us after crossing the line again. To get a time, we were again conservative. We, seven times, separately, using our own panel stopwatch clocks, pushed the button, mentally went through the time-even to saying to ourselves again "What the hell's that!" Each time we came up amazingly close to 12 seconds. To be conservative we increased the figure to 15 seconds, and used that in our computations. 50 miles in 15 seconds equals 12,000 miles per hour. Again you assumed (bad word for us all!) that we just guessed around a bit and came up with a figure based on no thought or experience.

Dr. Menzel, regardless of your figures, the Western horizon was not quite bright, and regarding your "reflection theory", in the first place the ~~objects~~ were between us and the West. In the second place, they would have had to be damned persistent and consistent and impossible reflections to have manifested themselves in three cockpit windows in exactly the same way. We first observed them through the front window. As they approached and as I moved across the cockpit, I kept my eyes

on the objects and saw them through the curved corner window of the windshield, and we both finished our observations looking through the right side window. That is why there is no evidence (as you complain about to Dr. Maney) that the pilots considered that what they saw was a reflection; and you state that we were too excited by what we saw to make the most elementary scientific tests. Again, Doctor, pilots do not excite easily or they would not be airline pilots--please -- a little respect for us? We do think too, you know. I am a University Bachelor of Science graduate, and science has been a hobby with me. Most of our pilots are University graduates. Bill Fortenberry was with the U.S. Navy Air experimental wing for two years, and was aware of more of the U.S. air developments ~~than~~ than the average pilot or citizen. I was also a Navy pilot.

You mock that impressions can be received in 12 seconds. Again I must say that you display an absence of knowledge of flying in general. Both Bill Fortenberry and I, while in the Navy, were specifically trained in "identification", as were all military pilots. We memorized the contours of every ship in the German and Japanese Navies, even to learning the names of every ship in the German Navy. We did this also with all enemy aircraft. Needless to say we had to learn all of our own air and sea craft too. We had to draw outline sketches of any of them in tests. These, once learned, were flashed upon a screen first at a 10th of a second and later at 1/100 of a second. In that length of time, we had to tell the instructor the type, nation and number of craft we had seen. It was anticipated that there would be occasions in which we'd only get a glimpse of the enemy through a hole in the clouds, etc. You say "Count it off" about our 12 seconds. You count it off---and then compare it with 1/100 th. We had all of the time in the world to make our observations!

And sir, I must again accuse you of a poor opinion of Air-line pilots when you say in your letter to Dr. Maney, "-it is easy to remember things later that perhaps never occurred". Thanks a lot.

You also say "Unfortunately, the most experienced man in the crew, the Captain, was not available." Though I was not in command of this flight, and was acting as a First Officer, I have been a Pan American Captain since 1946. You infer here that copilots, due to less experience would not be as good an observer. There is no copilot who earns his place on a scheduled airline who could not have made the same observations; perhaps better, with younger eyes. I fail to see that the TRUE article indicates any hysteria, as you say. If I don't become hysterical in the air-and you'd better damned well hope we don't if you fly with us. We certainly won't get hysterical during the rather tedious job of writing an article--and I did write it, and many others, most not on Flying Saucers- after I found that I could write and sell. I have even written on your subject- an article on Comets, published in Science Digest.

You say that you are "trying to collect additional information that may lead to other interpretations." (re: our sighting) You see, you are a bit prejudiced, but now you have some other information. I'll be interested in what you do with it.

~~blame~~ You are frustrating to deal with, because you are not willing to credit observers other than scientists with any sense. You ignore



our report that we both saw ~~the~~ objects when you say "Optical illusion produced more by the apparent motion of the observer than of the object, as the observer stodd up to track the objects"

You say the chief evidence on your side for a reflection theory is our failure to make tests for "possible reflections from the Western sky". You can see that seeing the objects through three radically differently positioned windows precluded in our minds the necessity for such tests. In addition, we were there, and we know damned well that the brilliant objects we saw were none of your reflections. The ground observations help to discourage that theory too. I had included these ground observations in the original TRUE article. They deleted the sentence because they had no time to verify with ATIC before publication. That's how "hysterical" TRUE is. They check facts very closely.

You say that "The detail-is somewhat heavy for a sighting so short". How long would it take you to write down the details of a complicated multicar collision which you witnessed in 12 seconds? It takes longer to retell than to see...just like this sighting.

It was not many days after our sighting that a radio engineer saw a similar number of similar objects over Wash. DC, and shortly after that all radar sets in Washington had them for over 5 hours, and later, another night, 2 1/2 hours. Jets called in saw them. The radar of one jet locked on one. Airplane pilots were vectored near them and saw them. I guess we're all crazy except the Scientists, because we make deductions from our experience and knowledge instead of test tubes.

I did see that in one report from the Air Force, your book was credited with explaining only 1/3 of 1% of the sightings.

After studying the avalanche of evidence at hand, it is more of a stretch of the facts to "explain away" the interplanetary theory than to give it some credence.

In an unknown subject such as this, I have found it reasonable to go on evidence alone, and separate it from my own opinions formed from that evidence. As crackpot as some reports are, to be objective and scientific in an unknown area, we must investigate them all. Then they fall into an order of credibility. The most objective observations and facts I keep at the front of my mental and physical files, and the least go to the rear, many falling off the edge back there. NICAP is the only group in addition to AFRO, making a truly objective, full time, scientific study of UFO's, and this includes our government if the fact sheets mean anything. Personally I find them more sheet than fact. The Air Force in hiding its findings (They could print it and sell at cost thru our Dept of Public Documents) is assuming a privilege which is not theirs. They have been hired by the citizens to defend us against enemies on Earth. They are playing God when they decide what the "Little people" should know and what they should not know regarding UFO's. I hope the hearings will end all of this. You have a knowledge it seems, that most of us lack - that "1962 will go and so will the year 2000 and 3000 without visitations from space people." I am again surprised at your unscientific statements- especially to Dr. Maney, himself a Physicist. Can you know? I'm a pilot, and I don't make such statements. I hope you do not ~~apply this~~ to your science! Sincerely,

29 January. Eastern Holland. (no time)

Prepare to attack.

According to our source:

"...a Royal Dutch Air Force pilot flying an F-86 Sabrejet sighted an unknown flying device over Eastern Holland. The jet's radar also picked up the object. When the pilot radioed his base he was informed that the UFO was being tracked by control-tower radar. Following instructions, he tried to make radio contact with the unknown machine. When His urgent warning to answer went unheeded he prepared to attack. The F-86 was equipped with four 20 mm. Cannon and a 'Sidewinder' rocket. Arming the rocket, the pilot tried to close in, but the UFO swiftly pulled away before he could fire. Within a few seconds, it disappeared." (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. II, No. 5. August-September 1962. p.2.

31 January. Rep. W.M. Abbitt (D. Va.)

Hearings?

Our source states: "I am very much in accord with your sentiments and am hopeful that we can get the [UFO] hearings started in the not too distant future..." (xx.)

(xx.) Hall, Richard, Ed. *UFO Evidence*. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., 1964. p.176.

1 February. Rep. W. Pat Jennings (D. Va.)

Hearings?

Our source states: "The Air Force, it seems, is taking the whole subject seriously, which is important at the moment because of the need to maintain our Nation's defense in an ever-ready state. It would be helpful to hear more of the background on these objects, and I shall await the actions of the Space Subcommittee with interest..." (xx.)

(xx.) Hall, Richard, Ed. *UFO Evidence*. p.176.

1 February. Rep. Hugh J. Addonizio (D. N.J.)

Hearings?

Our source states: "...concerning the subject of UFOs...It is a pleasure to cooperate in the matter. I have expressed my deep personal interest in early and open hearings to the Committee and I shall keep in touch with developments..." (xx.)

(xx.) Hall, Richard, Ed. *UFO Evidence*. p.176.

Early 1962. The Hills conduct a series of pilgrimages.

According to author John Fuller:

"It wasn't until after the holidays that the Hills were able to think about returning to the scene of the encounter. The inevitable Christmas bustle helped suspend their lingering doubts and questions, if only on a temporary basis.

"Finally, in February of 1962, a series of pilgrimages began that were to continue for many months, in all seasons. At first they would go two or three times a month; later, they were to skip many weeks at a time. But always with the same questions to answer: What happened during the inexplicable blackout? Where did Barney spin the car off to a side road? And, if he did, what happened?

"The idea of hypnosis was temporarily tabled. Neither Hohman, Jackson nor Major MacDonald could suggest a psychiatrist [Maybe they were afraid to], and Betty, especially, hoped that the return trips to the area might spark a chain of memory that would suddenly bring back their recall.

"Again, Barney was ambivalent about taking the trips. Betty could overcome Barney's resistance by suggesting they look for a new and different restaurant on each trip, a particular weakness of his. They would often pack a lunch to economize on the trip up, so that they later could splurge at dinner.

"Or they might leave Portsmouth at three in the afternoon on a Saturday, drive along Route 4 toward Concord, then swing northerly on the expressway, planning to reach Route 3 at dusk. They reasoned that after dark the area would be as it was the night of the encounter, the landscape more provoking to their senses if they were to discover the vaguely defined road that they half recalled from the limbo period of their amnesia." (xx.)

(xx.) Fuller, John. *The Interrupted Journey*. A Dell Book: Dell Publishing Co., Inc., 1966. p.69.

C.W. Fitch and the Hills.

Mr. C.W. Fitch of Cleveland, Ohio, who used to investigate UFOs for Leonard Stringfield's CRIFO group in the 1950s, and now was a member of Coral Lorenzen's APRO, had his memory jarred when news of the Hills encounter came to his attention. For Fitch, the Hill's story was not that improbable. He told Coral about an impressive multi-witnessed case that had taken place in May 1956 that might have a bearing on the reality of the Hills' claims. It had to do with the possibility UFOs might be kidnapping people.

The case in question, which Fitch personally investigated at the time, occurred on May 9, 1956. The location was Jacksonville, Florida.

This story concerns the adventure of Joan Frost and her girl friend Gertie. Joan was a serious, well behaved, honor student with no interest in the subject of flying saucers, yet, on the night of May 9, 1956, she was the central figure in an episode so strange she hesitated to contact the police even though she experienced a bad scare. Eventually she wrote a letter to her father (who was out of town) knowing that that he had complete confidence in her aversion to pranks or lies. The letter refers to some additional witnesses, one of which was her best friend, Gertie Wynn.

Joan wrote that she and her friend Gertie had left a dance at 10:15 p.m. and walked to a bus stop close by. It was a neighborhood of few houses and little traffic, in fact at 11:00 at the onset of the UFO incident no cars or pedestrians were in sight.

At 11:00 p.m. Joan and Gertie noticed two 'star-light bodies' pass overhead at a high altitude. Pulsating with light and following one behind the other, the pair of brilliant dots streaked out of sight. A quarter of an hour later (the bus still hadn't arrived), according to Joan, the two UFOs:

"...came back and one went up into the other. It came over towards us and dropped lower and lower until it got just over us. It was round and red and had three lights on it. I started to run down the street and Gertie just stood there with her mouth wide open. The thing didn't make a sound, no engine or motor or anything. Just then the bus came and the object rose again. The door (on the bottom) opened up and the other object came out. [The apparent fact that the second object was smaller was confirmed by Joan in a subsequent interview]. The two objects started moving slowly away. There were only a few people on the bus and they and the driver got out. We all watched the objects for about ten minutes. The bus driver said they couldn't be jet planes because being so low we surely would have heard the jet engines. We knew they weren't jets. Gertie and I shook all night long. We thought we were gonners for sure. Whatever they were they saw us standing there. After our experience, we bought two books on flying saucers and are going to study them." (xx.)

(xx.) *Orbit*. Vol. III, No.4. 6 July 56. p.3.

A co-worker of Joan's father, Richard Scocchera, learned of the letter and knew the girl wasn't the type of youngster to imagine things. Mr. Scocchera obtained the information and forwarded it to UFO researcher Leonard Stringfield. The CRIFO chief was impressed with the story and contacted the school girl for more details. Joan wrote back, telling Stringfield the area of the sighting was exceptionally dark because there was no street light. The object's size, therefore, was difficult to determine although it was fairly low in the sky, perhaps as low as 3 ½ telephone poles place end to end. She didn't know the names of the passengers or the driver of the bus but she still urged Stringfield to make inquiries, informing him the vehicle was the "22" bus of the Jacksonville Coach Company that operated on the Lake Shore run at 11:00 p.m. on May 9, 1956.

In her letter to Stringfield, Joan also said:

"The door on the bottom appeared to be like a bomb bay, shaped in a long square with only three cracks visible. As it came down toward us, and while in the sky, it appeared to have three white lights which were pulsating. However, as it tipped downward and hovered above us it seemed to be surrounded by an eerie deep red mist of light." (18.) Ibid.

The Jacksonville case was so sensational it called for efforts to confirm its reality. There were many obvious questions. What did Gertie have to say? Did the bus exist, or the driver and passengers?

Mr. C.W. Fitch of Cleveland, Ohio, volunteered to carry out a follow-up investigation of the Jacksonville case, eventually identifying the bus driver and obtaining his confirmation of the incident. The driver, Wallace L. Marlowe, had no trouble recalling the event, which he said had given him an eerie feeling. He told Mr. Fitch he saw a couple of strange objects in the air above the two girls as he drove up to the bus stop. The girls, he remembered, quickly boarded the bus and seemed badly frightened. The two, he said, exclaimed that they feared a kidnapping was im-

minent. Amazed, Mr. Marlowe looked skyward at the mysterious objects. One of the UFOs was much larger than its companion. Its not clear from the driver's testimony but it is assumed both UFOs had the same general appearance in spite of the size difference: round-shaped and glowing red on the bottom and white on top.

After hovering for awhile, the UFOs zoomed soundlessly out of sight upward.

Gertie told investigator Fitch she had a strong impression someone or something was about to carry her off, adding: "It was also an exciting feeling of something different." (xx.)

(xx.) Stringfield, Leonard. *Saucer Post 3-0 Blue*. Cincinnati, Ohio: Civilian Research Interplanetary Flying Objects (C.R.I.F.O.), 1957. p.36.

Joan also contributed additional details to Fitch's investigation, stating that the "door" in the bottom of the big UFO seemed sizeable and was very visible because a bright red light, flame-like in color, was shining through the crack that outlined the opening.

Neither girl stared very long at the UFOs because the "kidnapping feeling" enveloped them causing them to panic. The bus evidently had made a timely arrival.

Locating the two passengers on the bus seemed an impossible task but Fitch had some luck and found both persons. One was a Mr. W.T. Hill and the other was a Mr. C.R. Lewis. Unfortunately neither man wanted to be quoted in print but they did talk freely to Fitch off the record. Hill and Lewis confirmed the stories told by the two girls and the bus driver. (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

2 February. Rep. George P. Miller (D. Calif.) Chairman, Committee on Science and Astronautics.

No hearings?

Our source states:

"I don't intend at this time to conduct any hearings on UFOs since that subject really is not a scientific, research and development, nor space related activity. I should think that the subject matter of UFOs is really in the jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee since the Air Force has been given the responsibility to investigate all such unusual phenomena..." (xx.)

(xx.) Hall, Richard, Ed. *UFO Evidence*. p.176.

7 February. Rep. Carl Vinson (D. Ga.) Chairman, Committee on Armed Services.

No hearings?

Our source states:

"While it remains true that some aerial phenomena remain unexplained, the great majority of the reports which have been investigated have been subject to a valid scientific explanation. As I have previously said, we have found no evidence to substan-

tiate the allegation that such vehicles are under intelligent control..." (xx.)

(xx.) Hall, Richard, Ed. *UFO Evidence*. p.176.

2 February. Fremantle?, Redcliffe?, West Australia. (9:38 p.m.)

Orange, "planet-like" object. (See report below)

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SIGHTINGS OF UN-IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Forwarded are reports on un-identified flying objects seen in West Australia by Mr P. Hall-Robb of Fremantle and Mr K. Bell of Redcliffe WA.

2. The customary "Report" form has not been forwarded for completion by the reporters of these incidents because of the considerable time lapse.

(J.S. GOOCH)

Wing Commander

For Air Officer Commanding

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2. 2-2-62. 8.59 p.m., W.S. Time. Bright white planet-like object, seen first in Orion as then positioned, then moving very quickly overhead in a generally southe ly direction, in a striking "zig-zag" path, not a "wobble". Sharp angular changes of about 20 degs., until near Canopus, when it made a 90 degree change in direction, shooting away due east, lost behind some clouds. Noted particularly, no circling, simply instantaneous change in direction without loss of the astonishing speed. No noise, no red or green signal or navigational type lights. Must have been at or above level of fairly high tenous clouds in the act of dispersion as slight softening effect could be observed when object passed through or above them.

5 February. Captain Nash and Dr. Menzel:

761 Glenridge Rd.,
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Miami 49, Florida,
February 5, 1962

Doctor Donald H. Menzel,
Director,
Harvard College Observatory,
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Doctor Menzel:

Please forgive the time element between your last letter and this answer. I have been flying heavily. In addition, as I mentioned before, flying is not my only current responsibility.

Thank you for taking the time from your own busy schedule to write a nine page letter.

I have a great respect for your intelligence and your extensive work in various fields. Therefore I believe that this regular work requires too much of your time for you to bother to debate with Doctor Maney and me without good reason. In spite of your denials, I think there is sufficient evidence right in your own recent letters to strongly indicate that you have been asked by A.T.I.C. to help them get rid of the "unexplainables" before the Congressional hearings begin. The following, I took directly from your letters, and is strongly indicative that you are now, even if never before, aiding the Air Force in its debunking campaign.

1. Your "recent" access to all A.F. files.
2. Your debunking of Project Bluebook (They didn't agree with you, so you didn't like them). Your praise of the current A.F. staff probably because they, in grasping at straws rather desperately, have come to you for help.
3. Your casual inquiry in a letter to Dr. Maney - "By the way, how are the plans for the Congressional hearing progressing?"
4. You explain your position as that of the position of the Air Force.
5. Your definite statement that the A.F. did not silence Capt. Killian. How could you know if not closely associated with the A.F.? You said, "I can say authoritatively that they (A.F.) did nothing of the sort." (silence Killian)
6. You say, "- and one by one, to some extent with my help, the classic cases are being resolved."

You claim that you have never been an official consultant of the government on U.F.O.'s. That could be devious wording. You have worked with the government in other fields, no doubt in an "official" capacity. This U.F.O. business could be a little extra job they tossed in - unofficially.

It is not nonsense, as you claim it to be, that the government, through its assigned investigative departments on the subject, is attempting to keep secret strong evidence that a percentage of U.F.O.

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are probably extraterrestrial in origin. It may be true that they have no incontrovertable evidence, as you express it, which wording could also just be devious. This type of wording is the same trick used by the Air Force when they say, "There is no such thing as a 'flying saucer' - meaning literally, a saucer that goes with a cup. Even this can be disputed by husbands with violent wives, and we have plenty of flying saucers in our aircraft gallies.

You apparently respect the opinions of scientists only; therefore what have you to say about the positive report, created by scientists at A.F. request, which expressed the opinion that, incredible as it may seem, some of the U.F.O's must be of inter-planetary origin? This report was mentioned in Capt. Ruppelt's book, and it did or does exist. A prominent Washington Columnist saw this report, along with other news men who were called in to see it. They wrote about it, quoting from it. I have one of the clippings. Also a personal letter to me from this columnist tells me that he, in fact, saw this report, and that the reporters had received a promise of more detail from it later. Then suddenly, he said, we were not allowed this follow-up, in spite of persistent efforts on our part. He told me he thought that the approaching elections (Presidential) might have caused them to withdraw - that perhaps no department in Wash. wanted to make any moves it didn't have to make until after elections. Well, where is that report from the science group now? Why has it been kept from the American public? Can you deny that it has? If it hasn't, please show me a copy. Otherwise you must admit, without dancing all around Cobb's corner, that it has been kept secret. A fact is a fact, especially to a scientist.

You claim that the great bulk of pilot reports have been solved. Solved to the satisfaction of whom? If much of the A.F. investigation has been as incompetent as you say, then it follows that many of the conclusions are invalid - as a result of this incompetence. Are you going over again, all of these incompetent reports?

You speak of burden of proof. When a "solution" to a sighting is neatly written down and shelved with a sigh of relief, who has proved that a pilot saw a reflection from an ice crystal formation or in his windows or that he saw some other natural phenomena? Who has photographed this deceptive image as proof? Has the A.F. caught any of the "meteors" which pilots have seen climb up out of sight in the sky after zooming the Earth's surface? Where is the evidence to prove that the objects radar sets, military pilots and airline pilots saw over Washington for 5½ hours one night and 2½ hours another night were not solid objects? Where is the proof that all of the people in the Mantell case were suddenly attracted by a "sun-dog", or Venus? It seems to me that the "solutions" are on rather shaky ground. Proof is a word requiring complete definition. The opposite parties should agree on what is proof. Does proof mean that to be convinced of an object's existence we must touch it? Then who has touched Venus lately? Does proof recognize that all men are not liars, and that some can report fairly accurately what they see? The "burden" of proof does not only rest on the person or persons reporting the experience. It also rests heavily on those who are attempting to shelve the reports and who claim, in writing, to have solved so many cases. If the "solved" reports are so "clear", as you say, why doesn't the A.F. publish all of the reports, at cost, through the department of public documents? Can you give me a good reason why not after so many requests?

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I am aware that you are an expert in many fields of physics, and I do not at all discredit your ability, but I do feel that one must stretch things quite a bit to agree with some of your explanations. The original observer has had the distinct advantage of "being there", and even with your ability as an expert in certain sciences, that leaves you in the lesser position of being a "Monday morning quarterback".

The burden of proof is on you, Doctor Menzel, if you elect to disprove, and how many times have you "overwhelmed" anyone as you say, with provable evidence that a well documented sighting was, without doubt, reflections, sun-dogs, mirages or hot air layers over the Pentagon?

In my records, I note that book reviewer Whitney Bolton of the Buffalo Evening News, 3/9/53, says of your book, "- is foggy with evasions and ignoring of demonstrable facts."

Published in a national magazine, during an interview, Major General John A. Samford, Chief of Air Force Intelligence, said about your book, "The Air Force cannot yet accept it as a satisfactory explanation. Furthermore, it would not account for all reports by any means".

An Air Force major, in briefing a Reserve Air Officer group on U.F.O.'s said of your book, "It is beautifully written, but the Air Force doesn't think anything of it."

My records show that a project Bluebook spokesman, when questioned about your book said, "These explanations were known to the project and carefully considered, even before Menzel published his theories. They explain only a small percent of the sightings". "...At the request of A.T.I.C., prominent scientists analyzed Menzel's claims. None of them accepted his answers."

A.T.I.C. said about one of your explanations:- "The electronic or ~~mirage~~ visual mirage of meteorological phenomena is out of the question as the radar set was on high beam and both would not occur simultaneously in the same place."

In your long explanation of how you interpret that which someone else saw, thank you for comparing us all to six year old boys while allowing yourself the luxury of retaining your own identity, age and experience. You do reveal, through your letters, a degree of disdain for those of us who are not scientists. That word "scientist" could stand some definition, too.

Regarding your credulity, suppose, just before the fairly recent catches of the Coelacanth off Africa, a man of intelligence returned from a trip to Africa and told you that he had seen a Coelacanth, but that the natives who caught it were hungry and ate it, and he couldn't get it from them because they had big spears. I doubt that you would even have considered the man's story about a fish long thought to be extinct.

Regarding the television program on which you did not appear, I was contacted in Miami by Frank Edwards and asked to appear, with Major Keyhoe, opposite you and Willy Ley. When I arrived in Washington, Frank Edwards advised me that you had decided not to take part, and

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that Jonothan Leonard, Science Editor of Time Magazine was taking your place.

I have letters in my possession from Captain W.J. Hull of Capitol Airlines, stating that he had invited you more than once to debate with him on the U.F.O. subject on television or radio. He said you refused. Captain Hull has always been respected as a man of integrity. Incidentally, until he looked deeper into the subject, he had been briefly mesmerized by your book. As the man said, It is well written.

You refer to N.I.C.A.P. as a "biased" group. The following The following quotes from your letters and writings rather fully prove that you are biased.

1. "In my opinion, a real live green two-headed lion is far more probable an object than the interplanetary U.F.O.'s--"

2. "U.F.O.'s"(obviously meaning all)"are distorted interpretations of natural phenomena" (that takes in a lot of U.F.O.s!

3. "No - scientific investigation - is desired at the present time"

4. "1962 will go and so will the year 2000 and 3000 without visitations from space people unless we ourselves go out there and bring them back to earth."

5. The above were from recent letters. In TIME magazine, June 9, 1952, you said"(flying saucers) are as real as rainbows- This science-fiction approach is like explaining lightning by calling it a weapon of Zeus. How simple is this sort of science- and how wrong'

6. In BLUEBOOK Magazine in 1954, in an article titled FLYING SAUCERS ARE THE BUNK!, you wrote, "Throughout the ages, apparitions have plagued the human race ---and now we are seeing flying saucers!"

7. In a recent letter you also wrote, "We still have the drag of unsolved cases" (underlining mine)

It would behoove you to clean your own house before calling N.I.C.A.P.'s objective research group "biased".

It seems that you do not agree that Mr. Fortenberry and I could, with our experience, estimate the size of the objects we saw. I suppose we'll just have to agree to disagree on that point since you were unwilling to concur that 10,000 hours of flying at 7000 or 8000 feet will help pilots' judgement at all regarding objects in the air between the airplane and the ground. An Air Force Officer (I believe a Major Sharp)who was one of those who interviewed us, agreed that such judgement does develop, and the fact that the objects were between us and the Earth's surface was a major reason for Air Force interest in our sighting.

I do not "suspect that you are naive", as you seem to think. I do suspect that you are very biased, and influenced by a strong desire of the government to explain away the bothersome U.F.O.'s. This approach limits you to an incomplete, therefore unscientific, investigation.

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You are quite correct when you say, "an unusual type of reflection would have to be required" to explain our sighting. I'd say it would have to be a real original invention. The instantaneous reversal, on which you base much of the strength of your reflection guess, is common in U.F.O. reports from ground reports, and ground and airborne radar observations. Perhaps many flying saucer believers have "tried to promote" (why don't you say, "Have theorized") (You don't like to be considered to be "Pushing" your theories) the idea that this instantaneous reversal indicates that the craft contains a creature which is capable of enduring the "G-forces" involved. I presently agree with you that this is unlikely. However, I do not agree that this is evidence against the extra-terrestrial theory or evidence which supports your reflection theory. Here is why.

Einstein, in his unified field theory, (With which, I realize, he was not yet completely satisfied) says, "Gravity and electromagnetism are different manifestations of the same thing". If H₂O is used as a comparison, we might say, "Ice, water and steam are not the same thing, but they are different manifestations of the same thing.

Well, first man knew water, ice and steam in natural states; later he learned to create steam from water. Much later, relatively, he learned to create ice from water. Presently we know and use electromagnetism. If Einstein is right (and he's been pretty right in his career) someday we may learn to create gravity from electromagnetism. Perhaps creatures from another planet have already done so. Perhaps they even skipped our known methods of flight such as lighter-than-air, airscrew with airfoil, jet with airfoil, and rocket propulsion. It could be why they are so frequently reported following behind our aircraft - perhaps to learn what keeps the silly things in the air.

Gravity, as far as we know now, affects all material in the universe. Hold anything, even a human, over the edge of a cliff and let go. The force we call gravity pulls it. If a strange race has learned to create its own gravity within a space craft, and control it directionally, then it is not inconceivable that they could change direction without radius, or make instantaneous reversals without the occupants experiencing any sensation at all, for they would be pulled with the ship with a common force. Gravity evidently works ^{as} the fundamental building block of the universe, of which everything seems to consist - even humans. (It has been suggested by the Italian physicist Bruno Pontecorvo, who unfortunately defected to Russia, and Yale's Dr. Hong-Lee Chiu that the basic stuff of the universe might be the neutrinos. I see that Brookhaven National Lab. is presently attempting to study and perhaps trap neutrinos.) I don't think occupants of these strange craft would make such violent direction changes if to do so was a discomfort, and I presently don't believe, as you don't that they are immune to "G-forces".

Please note that I say "presently" about my beliefs. All one can have in such an unknown subject are current beliefs. It is unscientific, egotistical, and limiting to form firm conclusions without incontrovertible evidence. I also believe that there are no "experts" on U.F.O.'s in existence - only persons who have kept themselves better informed than others because of their interest in the subject.

Incidentally, while on the subject of the propulsion of the interplanetary or interstellar UFO's - if it were true that they used strong electromagnetic forces to create gravitational propulsion,

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it might also be true that a by-product of the electromagnetic forces might be the visible ionization of the air immediately about the surface of the craft. Various degrees of power applied (hence changes in ionization) might change the amount of air visibly glowing in an ionized state. This could explain the apparent changes in shape sometimes reported, and also the changes in color. Ionization of gasses has been accomplished in laboratories in bell jars, and the gasses glow brightly. As we all know, air is also a combination of gasses.

I have a question. Is it possible for a heavy layer of ionized air immediately around a fast moving craft to protect a metal skin of a craft from friction - with the outer ionized air taking the brunt of the friction? This, I have just conjectured about, but am not sufficiently acquainted with the properties of ionized air to feel too strongly about it.

To carry it further, photos at night of odd fast lights aloft, and oral reports, frequently indicate a firm round leading edge, and a tattered trailing edge. One photo (I don't have it) even showed a fine connecting line of light between a series of ever-decreasing bulges - like a long nerve ganglion. Would this possibly indicate a gradual collapse of the air ionized by the craft? I ask this because I felt that a bubble of ionized air, left behind, would be of a single electronic charge which would resist collapse by a series of expansions before fading away to complete discharge. "Like" charges repel and if this resulted in such a cushioned deterioration (unlike the sonic boom) it might explain the "silence" of these craft. This silence may be quite accidental, a mere by-product of the propulsion power-source. If the occupants are as anti-social as they seem, the illumination of the craft also could be a by-product - and perhaps undesired by them. It is to be noted that daylight reports do not report changes in shape.

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You, Doctor Menzel, reflections, mirages, and other such unsubstantial things are not the only guesses one can make to explain the reversals, speed, illumination, and silence of the UFO's.

Now I shall try to answer your specific questions:

1. The side window of a DC4 is inclined approximately 10 degrees, with the top nearest the aircraft centerline. (I believe you intend to get even more complex with your reflection theory. I can almost see it coming - that you are about to try a reflection explanation through three windows now, including a curved one. You'd better work on a four window theory then; -see # 5, below)

2. Our compass course was 200 degrees magnetic.

3. The exact ground speed and air speed, I don't recall. It has been almost ten years, and I don't have it recorded, but a DC4 averages 195 knots. We used the ground speed we were making (we had kept accurate track of it) to compute our exact position at 8:12 P.M., after overheading Norfolk VAR Range not much later.

4. The objects seemed to appear first, in place, about 10 miles beyond Newport News and Cumberland on an approximate bearing of 30 degrees to the right of our heading. They seemed to be low enough at that time to have been almost on the ground.

5. Initially, I saw them from my front window, and Bill Fortenberry saw them from his front window. (two distinctly different angles of flat, minimum-distortion, aircraft glass) This means that I saw them through four different panes of glass of very different angles, and Bill Fortenberry saw them through at least two different panes of glass- possibly three, if he also observed them through the corner curved window as I did.

6. Bill and I were both looking through the right hand side window at the time of reverse. (I, somewhat late at the scene - Bill with a full, complete, and continuous view.)

7. We watched them disappear as we looked through the right side window.

8. My seat was already back a bit. (It's comfortable that way) It was easy to step into the aisle area between the seats and lean over Bill to continue watching.

9. The departure track of the objects was about 30 degrees to the right (more westerly) of their approach track.

10. At the end of the flight, they recrossed our "line" thru the city areas, seemed to travel about ten miles beyond that, then ~~angled~~ angled upward sharply. As they climbed, they oscillated up and down behind one another in an irregular fashion, as though they were extremely sensitive to control. In doing this, they went vertically past one another, bobbing up and down. (just as the front three went horizontally past one another, as the initial six approached us. This appeared to be an intelligence error - "lousing up the formation") When they arrived at a high altitude, we were looking well up at them, even though they seemed to be horizontally quite distant. (Judged from speed and perspective diminishment) We didn't venture a guess as to their height, but they disappeared by blinking out in a mixed up fashion, in no particular order. Some persons have suggested they were entering a carrier - or getting behind clouds. We never ventured a guess. However, they had blinked out before, just after the reversal, and after two more came from beneath our right wing to join the original six. The lights were out about one second. They seemed to dim just before the reversal, and brighten right afterward. The color, in quality, was not lense-like, phosphorescent, or at all fuzzy, but appeared to have depth, as in the appearance of a hot coal. They were bright red, somewhat toward orange or amber. The edges of the coin-shaped objects were distinct and well-defined: not fuzzy in the least. Artists, drawing sketches for T.V. appearances wanted to elaborate and draw cabins, port holes and such, but Bill and I refused to appear if any such illustrations were used.

11. Yes, they appeared to get bigger and bigger as they got closer, (considerably) and decreased in apparent size as they departed.

You demand further elaboration from me concerning my statement "We know damned well that the brilliant objects we saw were none of your reflections". I offer the above answers to your questions and emphasize the following as evidence against the reflection theory which I consider very weak,

1. The apparent "intelligence error" of the objects sliding past one another as they approached. The objects also passed one

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another vertically during the climb.

2. The objects blinked off and on after reversal, and blinked off separately, in disorder, at the end of the observed climb. x.

3. The intense "hot coal-like" brilliance of the objects.

4. The two additional similar discs which came from beneath our right wing to join the original six. These two were not in our sight above the wing, as they should have been if they had been reflections.

5. The objects turned on edge and back flat again.

6. One pilot saw the unchanging objects through four glass surfaces. The other saw them through two, perhaps three glass surfaces (The front windshield is V-shaped with two panels.)

7. The (at least seven) ground reports of objects similar in shape, color and maneuvers.

8. The same kind of "reflections" were seen over Wash. , D.C. visually from ground and air, and by both ground and aircraft radar, and were locked on by aircraft radar, ~~XXXX~~ at least three separate nights, two for hours at a time, within ten days after our sighting.

9. Our extended experience (far greater than yours, and that of most other scientists) in observing and analyzing actual reflections and natural phenomena, and our Navy training in rapid identification.

10. The fact that the objects were observed between our aircraft and the West.

You ask me if I had been a believer in U.F.O.'s from extra-terrestrial sources before I had this sighting. TRUE Magazine ~~XXXX~~ also asked me that, and I told them "yes"- that I gave credence to many of the reports from reliable sources which were then in existence. There was strong evidence, even in 1952, six years after the initial reports had begun, that the interplanetary explanation was a logical one. I realize that to have withheld the fact of my previous interest in U.F.O.'s would have benefited acceptance of my personal experience in all quarters, and I also am quite aware of the inference you make when you pose this question. However, I feel that truth is necessary, and also that such an interest in U.F.O.'s should not be considered unique in an intelligent society, and an alert society. To fail to give at least some attention to this subject appears to me to reveal either fear of learning that U.F.O.'s are real, or that the individual has unfortunately lost one of the fundamental human wishes; the desire for new experience. This human wish, as expressed by psychologists, has unfortunately been almost completely obliterated in many of us today by the over-emphasis of another of the human wishes; the desire for security. The complexity of this era causes many persons to erroneously believe that they are behind times, and they feel lost in confusion because they do not understand all that goes on about them. We should realize that we cannot possibly fathom all technical fields, and comfort ourselves with general understanding, except in our own particular specializations. However, to assuage the feeling of insecurity, the humanunconsciously sets upthe defense mechanism of rejecting that which he does not understand. Hence the success of "expla-
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tions" for U.F.O.'s. Most people snatch at these with a sigh of relief and say "Ah" "That gets rid of those nasty old flying saucers!" Our Air Force, in suppressing information is helping to drive the people of our nation further into shells of security, when what our people need is a kick in the pants, a few shocks, and the regaining of some of the guts of their forefathers.

Even if the chance that the interplanetary theory is true was a small one, proof of the theory would be the biggest news since B.C. became A.D. How can the subject be ignored - intelligently? Especially how could a pilot ignore it, when he spends so much of his life in the air? The fact that I had previously taken an interest in the subject does not help your case one bit.

No, Bill and I had not discussed flying saucers before the experience we had.

No, we were not looking for flying saucers. However many other nights, I had cut down the cockpit lights on 8 hour over-water flights, and watched the sky intently. I saw hundreds of meteorites, the northern lights, other aircraft, bright, distorted and multi-colored Venus and various stars low on the horizon, but in at least five years of such watching, I never saw anything odd that appeared to be intelligently controlled until July 12, 1952 when I was not watching. It was Bill's first trip on that route, and it was such a clear night that I was taking advantage of it to point out to Bill the various cities and landmarks as we passed them, such as Philadelphia, Washington, and Richmond - and the reason we were both looking at the same spot at the same time was that at that moment I was pointing toward that spot and saying, "There is Newport News and Cumberland".

We were attracted therefore, simultaneously, by the redness of the objects as they seemed to light up, or appear in place, then shoot like small red tracer bullets toward us. When they moved over the bay, they came close enough for us to define their shape and to approximate their rather large size.

To answer your question about whether or not Bill Fortenberry also concluded that the objects were interplanetary craft, I'll quote from a long article published in the Miami Daily News on July 16, 1952.

"It was at this point that Fortenberry offered the idea that he thought these "saucers" were something from another body in the universe".

I currently agree with your view that the U.F.O.'s do not originate within our solar system. In fact, I wrote an article (A feature article with title on the cover) on this thesis for CHALLENGE magazine, May, 1955. I think it more likely that they come from another solar system. I know you are a prominent astrophysicist and you don't agree that this is possible, but many scientists, who, of all people, should be open-minded, actually close their minds. Remember it took 200 years to get most scientists to agree with a few, that meteors found on Earth were extraterrestrial - not just Earthly rocks struck by lightning.

J.B.S. Haldane said, "My own suspicion is that the universe is not only queerer than we suppose, but queerer than we can suppose."

Einstein said, "The fairest thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the fundamental emotion which stands at the cradle of ~~any~~ true art and true science. He who knows it not, ~~can~~ can no

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longer feel amazement, is as good as dead, a snuffed-out candle."

Hudson Maxim, in a 1910 issue of an aviation magazine in my possession said, "Bombs from the high air will never be widely destructive, reports from imaginative writers notwithstanding".

How many officials with a "good grasp" of tactics thought General Billy Mitchell was a crackpot many years after the above article in 1910? These officials were sure they were right, as you are sure you are right when you say, (not with modesty) "I have based my resolution on my scientific knowledge. There is no question about the correctness of my observations."

Even though, at present, I give the greater credence to the interstellar U.F.O. origin theory, there are many scientists who conclude that life on other planets within our own solar system could most certainly exist, even though it probably is not "life as we know it".

Axel Firsoff, in the British Magazine, DISCOVERY, believes Jupiter could have life based on ~~XXXXXX~~ Ammono-chemistry. Both systems produce well-known compounds, including amino acids of which proteins are built. Instead of oxydizing food to liberate energy as Earth's animals do, Jovian animals would combine it with nitrogen, and the final product would be cyanogen, violently poisonous to us. Such animals could breath nitrogen and drink liquid ammonia.

The study of "exobiology" exists among eminent scientists. The growing of bacteria-like cells from the Murray meteorite of 1950, and the organic compounds found in a 100 year old meteorite from France are both of considerable interest. The scientists do carefully admit, however, that it is difficult to determine whether the meteorite from France was examined in its pristine form, or whether Earth bacteria from the atmosphere or the ground had penetrated it.

We will soon have to broaden our concept of what constitutes a living organism. Life forms faced with different gravities, atmospheres and food sources could well develop very different appearances. We should begin to clear our minds of prejudices and preconceptions.

Another thought, Doctor Menzel; "sight" (the only sense involved in your explanations) is not the only sense which has been affected by U.F.O.'s. They have been heard, and smelled (which, to a degree is associated with taste) and have physically disturbed our vehicles and at least the plane of Chiles and Whitted of Eastern Air Lines, which sighting I note you explain away by attributing this motion to the pilots' imaginations. (simultaneous imaginations)

To answer your question, I currently do not give credence to the story of any of the "contactees", but there are convincing examples of "landed" U.F.O.'s. However, I believe that a sincere, scientific and unbiased investigator cannot ignore any contactee's report. All must be checked. Someday one might be the real thing. (the old "cry-wolf" story again) The scoffer would end up looking ridiculous, unscientific and small minded, like the Newspapers who would not print the Wright brothers' successful flight even when their on-the-spot reporters sent them the story.

By the way, here is something I've been trying to learn for years. I wrote to the Harvard Dept of Astrophysics and the Observatory at the time (1948) for further information, but never received the courtesy of an answer.

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Perhaps you can tell me the complete story. In 1948, in the NEW YORK TIMES, I saw an article regarding a statement from the Harvard Observatory that there were three "asteroids", as they called them in the ~~XXXXXX~~ paper, circling the Sun in the Earth's orbit. I believe two were reported to be 359,000 miles ahead of the Earth, and one was 250,000 miles behind the Earth. In trying to get further details, I was ignored. Can you, as a long time Harvard astrophysist offer more information on this Harvard observatioh?

I too, write without rancor, though with some impatience at your single-mindedness. I don't mind a good debate, only I have little time to participate, and I lack an office and a secretary.

It would be a pleasure to have you aboard my aircraft. I think, however, that when I invited you to the cockpit, it would behoove us to avoid this subject until on the ground where we'd have hollering room.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Nash,
P.A.A.

7 February. Relax?

With Congressional hearings still having a faint heartbeat, is it no wonder that the Air Force chose this moment to issue one of its periodical "no such thing" news releases. (See clipping)

(P.S. Fact Is They Ain't)

Relax! Flying Saucers Belong to This World

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP) — They might have been birds, balloons, satellites, astronomical phenomena, birds, lights, sky lights—but not spacecraft from other planets.

That's the word from the Air Force today after 15 years of investigating flying saucer reports.

It said there was no evidence that any of the so-called Unidentified Flying Objects checked on were space-ships swooping in from distant planets.

To date, no Unidentified Flying Object (U.F.O.) has given any indication of threat to the national security, the Air Force concluded in summing up its investigations from 1947 through last year.

It said its "Project Blue Book" has turned up no evidence that any of the unidentified sightings represented technological advances "beyond the range of our present day scientific knowledge," or that any of the U.F.I.'s were "extraterrestrial vehicles."

During 1961, the Air Force's Office of Aerial Phenomena probed into 488 U.F.O. reports—26 fewer than the year before.

At year's end, only 10 of the 1961 sightings still were classified as unidentified. Most of the

rest were traced to aircraft, balloons, satellites, astronomical phenomena, birds, lights, hoaxes and other causes.

The report disclosed that a new experimental beacon designed to prevent airliner collisions has been mistaken by some persons as an unidentified flying object in the past several months. The beacon is intense and flashes for a fraction of a second.

"It has been seen as much as 50 miles away and at that distance only the light could be seen, thereby producing a rather startling sight," the Air Force said.

Recently, too, there were widespread reports to the Air Force of flashing objects in the sky. Investigation revealed that these were caused by the earth's passing through meteor showers, the report said.

The report did not specify how many of the 7369 sightings reported over the past 15 years had been identified. But it said the percentage remaining unexplained had dropped from 19.74 in 1947-52 to only 1.94 percent in the past six years.

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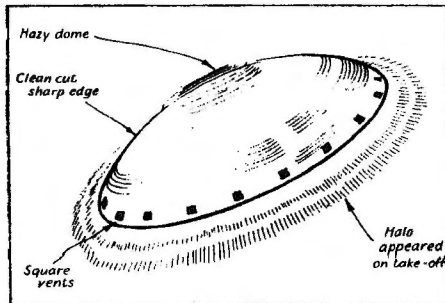
9 February. Near Dunstable, England. (3:30 a.m.)

"I came within 20 yards." (See article)

THE IVINGHOE FLYING SAUCER

Mr. Ronald Wildman's sensational story

IN a letter to the *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW*, Mr. Ronald Wildman, of 42 St. Margaret's Avenue, Luton, Bedfordshire, tells in his own words the story of his amazing experience while delivering a new Vauxhall car in the early hours of February 9:



Sketch of flying saucer drawn by Mr. Wildman.

"I left home at 3 a.m. to proceed to Swansea with a new estate car from the factory. I had driven through Dunstable and was approaching the cross-roads at the end of the deserted Ivinghoe road at Aston Clinton, the time now being 3.30 a.m. approximately. Then I saw something—it was oval shaped and white with black marks at regular intervals round it, which could have been port-holes or air vents. It was about 20 or 30 feet above the ground and at least 40 feet wide across—which in my estimation was fantastic.

"As soon as I came within 20 yards of it the power of my car changed, it dropped right down to 20 m.p.h. I changed down into second and put my foot flat on the accelerator—nothing happened. I had my headlights full on and although the engine lost revs. the lights did not fade. The object, which was silent, kept ahead of me by approximately 20 feet for 200 yards, then started to come lower—it continued like this till it came to the end of the stretch—then a white haze appeared around it, like a halo around the moon. It veered off to the right at a terrific speed and vanished; as it did so it brushed particles of frost from the tree tops on to my windscreen.

"It was definitely a solid object because the reflection of my headlights was thrown back from it."

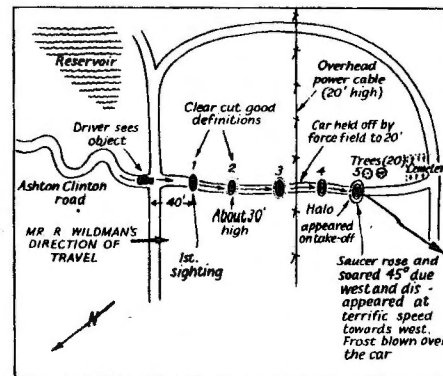
In his letter, Mr. Wildman makes the point that prior to this experience he was a sceptic on such matters, "but this encounter of mine has completely changed my outlook."

On behalf of the *REVIEW*, three investigators travelled down to Luton on February 10 and interviewed Mr. Wildman while the experience was still fresh in his mind. The investigators were Dr. B. E. Finch, a regular contributor to the *REVIEW*, Dr. J. Doel, a radiologist, and Mr. Russell, a photographic expert. We append their signed report:

"We travelled to interview Mr. R. Wildman, of 42 St. Margaret's Avenue, on February 10. During the interview and after we were con-

vinced that Mr. Wildman had a genuine sighting, that he was not hallucinated and that he was trustworthy and honest.

"We also came to the conclusion that until this incident occurred he knew nothing of flying saucers and the like. There were no commercial aspects involved. He was a straightforward, intelligent man, a car delivery driver for Vaux-



Sketch map of the area.

hall's and a skilled mechanic. We made a tour of his house and no literature concerning saucers came to light.

"After the interview he accompanied us to the scene of the sighting. We investigated the area for magnetic and radio-active changes. Although

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several metallic objects (spades, wheels, tins, etc.) were highly magnetic, this was not felt to be conclusive. There was no obvious increase in radiation. We inspected the road, the hedges, the fields and interrogated neighbouring farmers. No further evidence came to light. However, Mr. Wildman stated that two other Vauxhall delivery men had had similar experiences, having in the recent past seen a UFO in the vicinity of Luton's Vauxhall factory."

The London *Daily Telegraph* on February 10 carried a brief reference and quoted an Air Ministry spokesman who had stated that: "He may have seen a low cloud lit up by headlights. Or it may have been a joke." When the Air Ministry was interrogated on the telephone, the Press Officer said that all such incidents were investigated. At the moment of writing no Air Ministry representative had visited Mr. Wildman. The Air Ministry's comment was, therefore, uninformed and a gratuitous insult to Mr. Wildman. He had, by the way, performed his duty as a citizen and had reported the matter immediately he had recovered from his surprise to the police at Aylesbury. At first incredulous, two policemen later admitted that Mr. Wildman was sane, sober and sensible and was clearly telling the truth.

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Menzel's book

In 1962 there was the publication of a translation of Donald Menzel's first UFO debunking book, *Flying Saucers*, in a Russian edition*.


20 February. Campbell, Ohio. (evening)

Glowing balls doing the herky-jerky.

A Librarian, John William LaRocca, wrote scientist Dr. James McDonald to say:

"...on February 20, 1962, I observed, along with my mother, the following: I was leaving my mother's house—she was with me—to go and do some shopping at a local plaza. The sky was already dark and the skies were relatively clear. The night was clam and serene.

"As I backed out of her drive which faces directly west to east (in backing out), I noticed two huge glowing balls, you can best envision them accurately by saying they were the size of two silver dollars held at arms' length at about 20 degrees above the horizon and directly in the front of me—traveling west to east—the direction in which I was moving.

"As they cleared the trees in her back yard I noticed, as did my mother, that they were gliding in a peculiar herky-jerky or pulsating manner—sort of a glide up-fall-glide up-fall or  pattern. I would estimate you could have placed another silver dollar in the space between them—but this space was filled with a red (deep red) glow that was, it seemed, dissected into perhaps three parts—this was only faintly visible.

"This is what it looked like approaching us in a slow pulsating glide (The lights were not pulsating)—I use the word to describe the rhythmic movement of the object.



"As if this were not fantastic enough—more happened. My mother and I—after I stopped the car—which was still in the drive—got out and stood watching the huge object which was flying directly overhead and down the drive. It was flying at an elevation of (here I must guess) about 200 – 300 feet. It would seem to have had a span of 75-100 feet from sphere to sphere.

* I've always had questions about this but have no clue to possible answers. Did Menzel get official Russian approval to circulate the book behind the Iron Curtain? Who suggested the idea? Who paid for it? Did Harvard University foot the bill or did Menzel pay? Did the U.S. Air Force play a role?

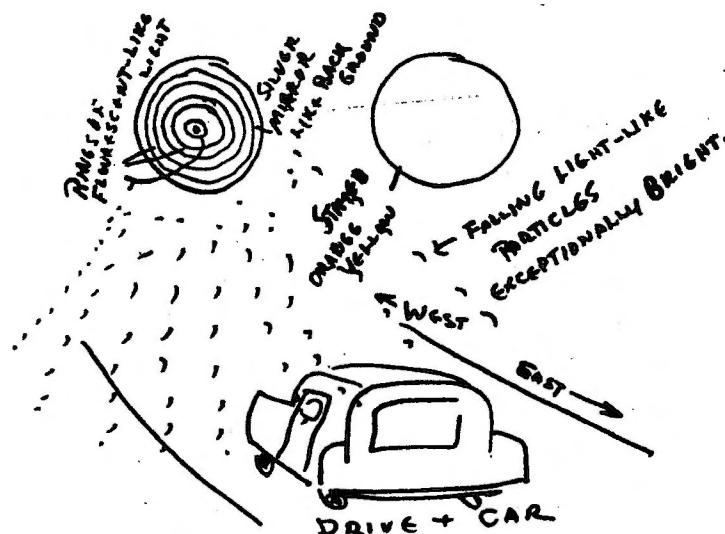
"Once out of the car, I realized this was no oddball reflection on clouds or windshield, I and my mother took off our glasses to be sure we were seeing what we couldn't believe. It was there!

"Directly overhead a strange thing occurred. We were so intent on watching—I cannot say speaking for myself—that it did not hover above us for a few seconds; when suddenly the left sphere grew bright—like a silver mirror—it seemed to me to contain three rings—glowing brighter than a welders arc (I know. I am a welder with years experience prior to becoming a librarian). The light seemed to reflect from a mirror surface. The beam of light was unusual however, it was not like a search light or sold[?] light (As a navy man aboard ship I have seen nothing to resemble it). It was brighter, but the light seemed to drift down like a falling glowing snow flakes. This is as close as I can come to being accurate in describing the light. Even my mother said the light was unusually bright and spray-like. It glowed from maybe 3-5 seconds, and as the sphere returned to normal orange-yellow, the light seemed to flow back to the sphere in the same snow-flakey manner.

"During the search light incident the right sphere remained a constant orange-yellow and never changed color once. It continued to fly directly east over the horizon and the deep red section appeared the same from the rear. While overhead I did not notice the center space—we, or I was at least, too occupied with observing this craft. As for sound—there was none to speak of—I'm not sure but it might have hummed very low or softly.

"It did not to my knowledge throw heat from the light, or burn us in any degree or manner. I do not recall turning off my motor or lights—and was so awed by what had occurred—I just can't say I had to restart or turn on my lights to go to the plaza—I was it seems, as was my mother, flabbergasted!

"The flight took place in a matter of—I would guess 30-60 seconds. It was really amazing—so much so—that I have never told the authorities. If others saw this machine—you wouldn't be able to find out in the local paper or news broadcasts. To this day—we seem to be the only two who saw it, but see it we did!" (See drawing by witness below) (xx.)



(xx.) Letter: To: Mr. (Dr.) McDonald. From: John William LaRocca, 724 Devitt Avenue. Campbell, Ohio. Date: (Too faded to read) Photocopy in author's files.

Late February? Major Coleman writes Stanton Friedman.

BLUE BOOK's new "scientific approach."

In a letter to Stanton Friedman, Maj. William Coleman discussed a number of issues of mutual interest. One was the October 2, 1961, Salt Lake City case that received good coverage in the press (See the UFO history monograph detailing that period). Originally explained as a balloon or the planet Venus (BLUE BOOK had a curious habit of assigning dual answers), the case was now classified as a "sundog," the phenomenon of sunlight reflecting off ice crystals in the air. Dr. James McDonald called such a solution "nonsensical," maintaining that sundogs (if there were any) would be at 40 degrees elevation, left or right of the noon time sun, far higher than the reported UFO. (xx.)

(xx.) McDonald, James E. *UFOs: Greatest Scientific Problem of our Times?* Prepared for Presentation before the 1967 annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Washington D.C., April 22, 1967.) Case # 14. Copy in author's files.

Sundogs were among Menzel's favorite answers to UFO reports, so apparently this was one of the cases he was now helping BLUE BOOK to "solve." This, evidently, was an example of the project's new "scientific approach," which amounted to BLUE BOOK submitting cases to Menzel for review.

It can be said that the sundog theory was much better than the balloon or Venus answer since there wasn't much a match between the witness' testimony, and a free-floating bit of rubber and a fixed point of light in the sky. That said, there is still a problem with the sundog idea. When first spotted by Harris, the UFO was "gray-colored, like dull aluminum." (xx.)

(xx.) Salt Lake City, Utah. *The Salt Lake Tribune*. 3 October 61.

Major Coleman also attempted to defend the military's "A Priori" single person policy when it comes to UFO reports (BLUE BOOK required more than one witness to take a sighting seriously).

Another point Maj. Colman made (and no doubt one he emphasized when debriefing Congressmen) was the question of spending "additional funds" and "assigning increased numbers" to the UFO project in face of the Russian threat (Remember only one officer and \$3,000 dollars were suggested but were denied!)

As a final touch before signing off, Coleman couldn't resist a jab at hopes for Congressional UFO hearings. (See letter on pages 37-38) (xx.)

(xx.) I'm pretty sure this letter was copied from Stanton Friedman's personal files. He let me copy quite a lot, but as you can tell, his UFOlogy career was just beginning so little use can be made of his correspondence for the early 1960s. There is a penciled note on the first page that says the letter was received approximately 2/19/62. Coleman did not date the letter—L.E. Gross.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

2/19/62 well opposed this date

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Stan:

Your letter of 19 January is in hand. I have been delayed in answering since a little terrestrial virus not yet well known to American medicine established a beachhead within this tired body of mine.

The Salt Lake City sighting evaluation has been completed. Our conclusion is that a sun dog was responsible. Here's why: The absolute elevation of the sun at the time of the sighting was 46:59:42. Sky condition was high cirrus (ice crystals). Sun dogs appear 22.5 degrees and 45 degrees from the sun. Reports indicate that the pilot placed elevation of the object at 24 degrees. Pilot reported object as moving; ground observer reported object as stationary. As you can see, the sun dog would appear to move with the pilot....when your aspect changes beyond the range of arc necessary to permit seeing the "dog" it would disappear. I have oversimplified the details, but Bob Friend can provide you with these.

We had a mixup in the signals on the Baltimore sighting. I don't have the papers and advised Friend. I will forward them as soon as I get them.

Enclosed is the latest fact sheet.....just completed.

The requirement for an additional witness depends entirely on the ability and capability of the observer. You must admit that every man's individual, private experience is suspect. Also, we could not accept a report from one person in a large city with no other corroboration. In ~~any~~ case many months ago, an investigator became suspicious of repeated reports from one lady. He visited her.....discussed her sightings..... personally took her to a medical doctor. The doctor's findings.....acute high blood pressure (cause unknown) which affected her vision...the higher the pressure, the bigger and brighter the UFO. Further explanation of the unidentified and insufficient categories is made in the fact sheet.

The fact sheet provides details on the "under evaluation" question. However, there are no "59" cases under evaluation. We do periodically re-evaluate some of the old cases. We do this to reconfirm or because of new information which might be applicable to the case.

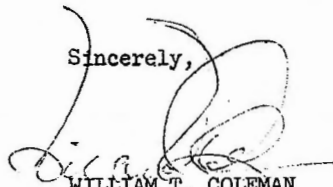
Rest assured that our Dew Line people report to us in considerable detail and instantly. I agree, perhaps many reports of observation of UFO's go unknown because of reluctance of people to come forth. I must say, though, that we have done everything reasonable to get them to report to us. And this gets to the crux of the problem, I believe. Our business is defense against a threat to national security and secondly to determine technological advancement and to explain all sightings. To date there has been nothing presented that would indicate a technological state in advance of present day knowledge. The Air Force stand on this is: why spend additional funds and assign increased numbers of people to a project when we need these people and monies to contribute toward the answers needed to combat a known, proven threat?

Stan, you are a man of science. Do you really believe you'll find the clues to an advanced propulsion system from UFO statistics? Why not devote your efforts toward an advanced propulsion system. We both agree that fuel rocket power (liquids and solids) is or will be a primitive system someday. These systems manned can't take us anywhere since the nearest star beyond our sun lies nearly five light years away.

I would like to discuss this more at length, particularly from the standpoint of electromagnetics. Unfortunately, I am no longer assigned to this project. A Major Carl Hart has been assigned as spokesman for Project Blue Book and this constitutes one of my last pieces of correspondence on the subject of UFO. I'm still pondering about a book. I believe there is a need for one.

I shall be happy to hear from you anytime and discuss this interesting subject when you are out this way or vice versa. I have enjoyed our relatively short acquaintance. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,


WILLIAM T. COLEMAN
Major, USAF
UFO Project Officer
Office of Information

P. S. I would say that Congressional Hearings will not be held. This is a personal opinion.

Mr. Stanton T. Friedman
Aerojet-General Nucleonics
P. O. Box 77
San Ramon, California

Early 1962. Admiral Hillenkoetter jumps ship.

An article in the *International UFO Reporter* explains an important development:

"In his book (*Aliens from Space* 1973) Keyhoe relates how, in the run up to hearings in Congress, he was relying heavily on Hillenkotter's support and the big influence he would have in backing NICAP's effort to force the Air Force to open its files. But suddenly, out of the blue in early 1962, came a short letter from Hillenkotter. The text, quoted by Keyhoe in *Aliens*, reads:

'Dear Don:

In my opinion, NICAP's investigation has gone as far as possible. I know the UFOs are not US or Soviet devices. All we can do now is wait for some action by the UFOs.

The Air Force cannot do any more under the circumstances. It has been a difficult assignment for them, and I believe we should not continue to criticize their investigation.

I am resigning as a member of the NICAP Board of Governors.'

"Keyhoe was stunned and naturally put Hillenkotter's action down to pressure from above: 'persuasion at a very high level,' as he put it. Even in retirement it seemed Hillenkoetter was not immune to these mysterious 'persuaders.' Despite this Keyhoe did admit that 'the cause of the admiral's action was still a mystery.' Never once did he hint that Hillenkoetter resigned through disenchantment with NICAP. After this Hillenkoetter dropped out of ufology and made no more public statements." (xx.)

(xx.) *International UFO Reporter*. Vol. 20, No. 2. March/April 1995. p.16.

It should be noted that in his resignation letter Hillenkoetter did not deny the possibility UFOs could be alien craft. In fact, what he says was probably what someone at a "very high level" told him. UFOs are real and not earth-made. There is nothing we, or you, can do about them. Don't torture authorities.

27 February.

"Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and UFOs?" (See clipping)

Clear Field Pa
Progress
Feb 27, 1962

with Rep. James E.
Van Zandt

In Washington

FLYING SAUCERS — After 15 years of investigating flying saucer reports, the Department of Air said there was no evidence of the 7,369 unidentified flying objects checked on during that period. The Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, of which I am a member, has worked with the Department of Air and the extent of the investigations, as reported from time to time, reveals the thousands of dollars that have been spent through qualified manpower only to find there is no basis for the so-called sighting of space craft from other planets.

March 1962. Barney: "Forget your dreams."

The Hill case could have ended here if Betty had finally given in to Barney:

"As the Hills attempted to settle down to something like a reasonable routine, they occasionally discussed the incident with a few close friends, Betty still being haunted by her graphic and startling dreams. For Betty, talking it out with close friends was helpful. Barney continued to try to ignore the subject, except on those occasions of the trips. He continued to plead with Betty to forget the dreams."
(xx.)

(xx.) Fuller, John. *The Interrupted Journey*. A Dell Book: Dell Publishing Co., Inc. 1966. p.71.

March? 1962. The Hills. The subject of hypnosis comes up again.

Fuller writes:

"On one day in March of 1962, Betty had lunch with Gail Peabody, a friend of hers who was a state probation officer and in whom Betty had full confidence. She mentioned the idea of hypnosis, and Gail responded promptly by recommending a psychiatrist she knew of who was medical director of a private sanitarium in Georgetown, Massachusetts, only about ten miles away from Portsmouth." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid, p.71.

7 March. Bolton, England. (6:00 p.m.)

"Couldn't believe her eyes."

According to our source:

"In the March-April, 1962, issue, the *Flying Saucer Review* reported a 'wave' of sightings over Bolton in Lancashire. The *Bolton Evening News* on March 8 prints the following account of a new sighting over the town:

" 'A level-headed 12-year-old schoolgirl couldn't believe her eyes when she saw a flying saucer hovering in Bolton's evening sky. It happened when Jane Barnett was walking home along Albert Road West at 6 p.m. last Wednesday.

" 'I gazed at it for several minutes as it hovered in the sky,' says Jane. 'It appeared slightly blurred, but I could see the shape quite clearly. And the colour appeared to be a dark silvery blue.'

"Jane made a quick sketch of the saucer, and her drawing shows the conventional bulging disc.

" 'When Jane told me about it I thought at first it was a figment of her imagination,' said her father, Mr. Maurice Barnett, of 9 Greenmount Lane.

" 'But I questioned her at considerable length about it and I am quite sure she must have seen something. It wasn't a balloon or anything like that.' " (xx.)

(xx.) No Case. (Information Only) Air Force BLUE BOOK Files. 7 March 62.

17 March. Bristol, England. (9:25 p.m.)

Height: 100 feet.

According to our source:

"Mrs. W. J. F. Cox of 45 Pembroke Road, Bristol, 8, states that on March 17, when she was in the company of a witness, Miss Welshman, she was standing at her front door looking to the east when she saw a sharply defined circular object about 50 feet above the tops of the houses on the opposite side of Pembroke Road. The time was 9:25 p.m. The night was clear and frosty and the evening stars were prominent. The object, which was stationary, seemed to be end on to the observers, presenting its face to them like a full moon. It would seem to have been 40 to 50 feet in diameter. Occasionally it gave a tilt. It remained in sight for four or five minutes and suddenly vanished. Its height was estimated at about 100 feet and appeared to be about 150 feet away from the observers. It was pale amber in color and gave off vapor from part of its circumference.

"The other witness, Miss Welshman of 2 Kings Road, Brislington, Bristol, 4, described the incident as follows: 'I saw a round silvery object shining over the roof top of the house opposite in Pembroke Road. It looked about 2 feet across and at a fair distance. It was stationary, hanging full face toward us. I watched for a moment and then took leave of my friend. I learned later that she had watched it through the window of her sitting room on the ground floor and after about five minutes it had disappeared suddenly.'" (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. July-August 1962. Vol. 8, No.4. p.22.

25 March. The Hills are interviewed by Dr. Patrick Quirke.

Fuller writes:

" 'At no time did I feel uncomfortable,' Barney said. 'The doctor sat across from us at his desk, while we sat in comfortable chairs, and I felt relieved to talk to this man about our experience, particularly since he did not look at it as if it were two persons talking about an obvious hallucination—and he was giving his professional attention to it. He acknowledge that we had an unusual experience, but he felt that we might gradually begin to remember some of the missing things, since we had probably suppressed much of the experience as a protective device. He felt that at this stage it might not be a good idea to explore this block of mine and Betty's disturbing reactions, forcibly, at least.'

"The ultimate, mutual decision was to postpone any action at the time, but that if problems should persist, then therapy might be indicated. The Hills felt relieved that Dr. Quirke ruled out simultaneous hallucination, a matter that had been giving them both some concern." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid, p.73.

22 March. Boston, Massachusetts. (10:45 a.m.)

"Sudden darts at high speed."

STANDARD FORM NO. 64	
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT	
TO : Mr. [REDACTED] (Please pass to ATIC)	DATE: March 23, 1962.
FROM : [REDACTED] <i>clg</i>	
SUBJECT: <u>Three UFO's Observed at 10.45 a.m. EST, March 22, 1962.</u>	
<p>The following report was received last night by telephone from Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Washington Street, Hyde Park 36, Mass. (Tel. [REDACTED]):</p> <p>Mr. [REDACTED] was looking to the north-west out of the window of an office building situated near the Cathedral in Boston. He noticed a jet plane traveling from the north-west till it passed over the building. Above the vapor trail of the plane he noticed three objects at a great height and thought at first they were seagulls. Then he saw that they were definitely round, though small because of distance, and were moving in sudden darts at high speed and making sharp right-angled turns. They were silver gray and shone brightly in the sunlight. Mr. [REDACTED] observed these objects for two or three minutes until they finally passed over the building and out of sight. He was alone in the room at the time. His account sounded sensible and authentic.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A.B.G.</p>	
<p>410 1311 RECEIVED</p>	

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 22 March 62. (FBI Document?)

27 March. Rep. Charles F. Ducander, Executive Director & Chief Counsel, Committee on Science and Astronautics, House of Representatives.

The question of hearings again: "At the present time, the Committee agenda does not include any investigations of UFOs. In addition, I must be candid and tell you that the Chairman has no plans for scheduling this type of investigation in the foreseeable future." (xx.)

(xx.) *The UFO Evidence*. Ed.: Richard Hall. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena: Washington D.C., 1964. p.176.

29 March. Taupo, New Zealand. (11:32 a.m.)

Hovered over a launch.

A story in England's *Flying Saucer Review* states:

"The Hawke's Bay *Herald-Tribune* carried the following report in its issue of March 30:

" 'A mysterious unidentified flying object was seen in the sky by a group of Hastings men on a fishing holiday in Taupo yesterday. The object was hovering over Whanagamata Bay where the men travelling on Mr. E.P. Taylor's launch Ponui. Mr. R.C. Bauld, a Hastings grocer who first sighted the object, said at first it resembled a parachute. But as it moved overhead it could be seen through binoculars to be rotating in an anti-clockwise direction. As it moved over, the shape changed to that of a cross very much like that of the new model aeroplanes[?].

" 'Till then, somebody suggested it might be a meteorological balloon—but the object dispelled this possibility by suddenly taking off. It took four seconds to disappear from sight, said Mr. Bauld.

" 'According to the *Herald-Tribune's* Taupo correspondent, Mr. Taylor said today he first saw the object at 11:32 a.m. It appeared to have a reflected silver light and was shaped like a parachute with an extension of the lines at the same angle from where the parachutist would hang for about a third of the length of the chute.

" 'It passed over the launch and hovered for about two minutes. At first he thought it was a weather balloon or similar lighter-than-air object. The launch was about half a mile from the Kinloch Marina home at the time and because the launch engine was running they could hear no noise from the object. At the end of the two minutes the object appeared to revolve anti-clockwise, then suddenly move at a very high speed. By then Mr. Taylor had his binoculars focused on the object, and he held it in view for a few seconds longer than the other observers.

" 'It disappeared faster than any jet aircraft on a shallow curving course slightly east of south, said Mr. Taylor. He would not like to say what it was, but it appeared to be a controlled craft of some sort. He had never seen anything like it before over Lake Taupo.

" 'The party had previously watched the satellite Echo I go over. Mr. Bauld's impression was that yesterday's object was travelling at least three times as fast. All on board saw the object and were at first skeptical, but very soon mystified by the object.

“The party—comprising Messrs. V. Watkins, M. Lush, R.E. Goodall and M. Dentice—as well as Mr. Bauld—had spent five days at Taupo.’” (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. September-October 1962. Vol. 8, No. 5. p.23.

7 April. Near Winnemucca, Nevada. (Late night)

“Followed them for 60 miles.” (See clipping)

UFO Sighted by Trio In Northern Nevada

Unidentified flying objects (UFO) are back in the news, this time reported in northern Nevada.

Three women returning from the general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah, reported sighting the object as they were traveling south from the Oregon state line towards Winnemucca late Saturday night.

The women reported that the bright object, about the size of a beach ball, glowed with a yellowish-orange light and seemed to hover just above the ground. It was first sighted as it crossed the highway in front of the vehicle, casting a light beneath it as it traveled. Shortly afterwards it appeared behind the vehicle, the women said, and followed them for about 60 miles, disappearing only when cars approached from the opposite direction. It disappeared for the last time shortly before the trio arrived in Winnemucca.

Medford, Oregon
*Medford Daily
Tribune.*
9 April 62

9-20 April. The Air Force's Orwellian demands.

It should not be too much of a surprise to find the Air Force open to proposals for ending its UFO public relation difficulties. Congressional hearings had been turned aside, but it had been a near thing.

Air Force advisor J. Allen Hynek had formerly urged a change two years before, suggesting UFO investigations: “...be brought to the cognizance of scientific offices most directly able to cope with them.” (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Office of the Commander, Air Force Research Division, Air Research and Development Command, USAF, Washington 25, D.C.
Date: 17 February 60. p.3.

Hynek, however, was small potatoes. His letter was ignored. What got things rolling wasn't science. What prompted action by the major players, apparently, was Congressional pressure. Dr. Robert Calkins, president of Brookings Research Institute, felt the Air Force needed “to get off the spot” they were on. He expressed that opinion to Edward Trapnell, Assistant for Public Relations to the Secretary Zuckert of the Air Force.

In April 1962 the UFO program was still the responsibility of the Foreign Technology Division (FTD). This fit the assertion that the Air Force's primary interest in UFOs was to determine their threat potential and/or military value. However, the UFO program was

considered a "special project" with its own project name and spokesmen, making it too high profile and vulnerable to civilian critics.

Documents discussing a shift of responsibility are revealing. If any changes were made, the Air Force: "...should not be required to disprove the claims of independent UFO organizations or investigators that sightings are due to interplanetary space vehicles." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: TD-G (Colonel Carlisle). From: Col. Edward Wynn, USAF, Deputy for Science and Components, Foreign Technology Division, WPAFB. (?April 1962)

What that demand would do, would be to terminate any future chance of Congressional hearings.

Another demand was that: "Probable causes for sightings based on limited information *should be accepted* [Emphasis mine—L.E. Gross]" (xx.) No wonder Menzel and his

(xx.) Ibid.

half baked explanations were enjoying a comeback. This would no doubt shock civilian critics who were certain something important was going on in the atmosphere.

Moreover, the Air Force stated: "...the public would have to be *educated to accept...*" such explanations. [Emphasis mine—L.E. Gross] (xx.) Why? Can't the public decide

(xx.) Ibid.

for itself?

Yet another curious demand, was that if the UFO program was: "Contracted to some private organization, such as Brookings, ...[it] will make positive statements regarding the program and the Air Force's handling of it in the past..." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: "TD-E (Colonel Wynn). From: "Lt. Col. Robert Friend, USAF. Foreign Technology Division, WPAFB. Date: 9 April 60.

What the Air Force wanted, apparently, was no complaints about its work even if criticism was justified!

While the Air Force entertained the idea of releasing its hold on the UFO problem, it never seemed determined to do so. What occurred was the folding in of the UFO program into regular military operations. That gave the Air Force complete control of the situation without any public relations hassles.

Perhaps some of the odd events that took place during the University of Colorado (Condon Committee) UFO project in 1966 can be explained by these 1962 demands by the military.

Three drafts of the Air Force proposals for the future of official UFO policy are reproduced on pages 46-53)


HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TD-E

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: TD-G (Colonel Carlisle)

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Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama		K243.0010-7 Apr 1962
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1. Reference our letter to AFCIN-P, subject: "Project Blue Book (Unidentified Flying Objects)," dated 20 April 1962, relating information concerning the briefing on unidentified flying objects given to Mr. Edward R. Trapnell, Assistant for Public Relations to the Secretary of the Air Force.

2. Paragraph 6 of the referenced letter expressed that in the opinion of FTD the UFO program should be discontinued as a special project and the function absorbed by the Air Force in the conduct of its overall mission. Investigating and evaluating UFO sightings should be the responsibility of the Air Force facility nearest the scene of the incident. Attempts should be made to determine the cause for all sightings, but the primary objective would be directed toward determining the threat potential of the occurrence.

3. Our opinion that the UFO program should be discontinued as a special project is drawn from the following:

a. During the past 15 years the USAF has studied over 7300 cases of sightings of unidentified flying objects without discovering one shred of evidence indicating that UFO sightings are due to interplanetary space vehicles.

b. Discontinuation of the UFO project would not result in the loss of valuable information. For those incidents which may be significant other than as UFO sightings, reports are made to other Air Force elements through channels completely independent for those spelled out for UFO reports.

c. Based on experience gained from handling thousands of cases, it is believed that field organizations could determine the causes for approximately 75 percent of the cases and evaluate the threat potential of them all.

d. Due to the time element and familiarity with the local environment, field organizations are often in a better position to determine the cause for sightings, such as those which result from the misidentification of aircraft, balloons launched locally, etc., than is FTD with the present method of operation.

4. Some of the sightings which take place during a year require more sophisticated treatment than some field units are capable of giving; however, in these instances the field unit should recognize the significance of the sighting and notify some agency with a specialized capability, e. g., the

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Smithsonian Institute, in the instance of suspected meteorite impacts. In other cases it should only be necessary for the field unit to collect the data and forward it to some interested agency for analysis, e.g., radar scope films to RADC.

5. Before the UFO program could be discontinued as a special project, the public would have to be educated to accept this new philosophy. The following information would have to be brought to their attention:

a. The USAF's primary interest in UFO's is to determine their threat potential and/or military value.

b. Positive determination of the causes for all sightings is desirable, but to accomplish this would require extensive investigation and study of all sightings, in most cases placing an unnecessary strain on the Air Force's budget.

c. Probable causes for sightings based on limited information should be accepted.

d. The Air Force should not be required to disprove the claims of independent UFO organizations or investigators that sightings are due to inter-planetary space vehicles.

6. If, contrary to our suggestion, the UFO program is continued as a special project, the following is offered as an alternate solution:

a. The UFO project office be divorced from any connections with intelligence and assigned to some organization within the Air Force's scientific structure.

b. The project office be staffed with personnel who have the proper backgrounds to analyze the sightings, conduct the investigations of significant incidents, and to conduct an effective public-relations program.

c. A public education program designed to allow discontinuance of the program as a special project after a specified time period, be a part of the mission of the project office.

Edward H. Wynn
EDWARD H. WYNN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

HEADQUARTERS
 FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
 AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
 WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
 ATTN OF: TD-E/Lt Col Friend

SUBJECT: Trip Report (UFO)

9 APR 1962

TO: TD-E (Colonel Wynn)

1. On 6 April 1962 Lt. Colonel Friend, TD-E, visited DOD to participate in a briefing on the Air Force's unidentified aerial phenomena program for Mr. Edward R. Trapnell, Assistant for Public Relations to the Secretary of the Air Force. Also present were Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Project Consultant, and Major C. R. Hart, SAFOI-3b. Mr. Trapnell requested this briefing after his interest in the matter was whetted by a statement by Dr. Robert Calkins, President of Brookings Institute. The gist of Dr. Calkins' statement was that it was unfortunate the Air Force must suffer the bad publicity associated with unidentified flying objects, with a suggestion that some private agency might relieve the Air Force of the problem.

2. During the briefing Mr. Trapnell was informed of the origin of the program, the Air Force method of handling it, conclusions and recommendations regarding it by such groups as the Robertson Committee of January 1953, Air Force conclusions after 15 years of study, current problems, and recommendations for solving them. The foremost conclusion was that no evidence has become available to the Air Force indicating that UFO's constitute a threat to national security or are interplanetary vehicles bearing life or intelligence of any sort. The outstanding recommendation was that definite steps be taken to carry out the recommendations of the Robertson Committee; to wit; that the UFO program be stripped of the aura of mystery and put into its proper perspective and that a program designed to inform the public regarding UFO's be instituted. In the eyes of the lay public anything associated with intelligence assumes an air of great secrecy; therefore, it was suggested that the first step toward stripping UFO's of their cloak of mystery would be to divorce the program from its connections with the intelligence community.

3. Mr. Trapnell was amazed to learn that the UFO traffic today was three times that of the early years of the program and observed that this could grow into a life-time job unless headed off in some manner. He stated that following a planned meeting with Mr. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. B. McMillian, SAFRD, and Dr. Calkins, Brookings, one of the following actions might be taken.

a. The UFO program will be transferred to some agency such as NASA, NSF, or Smithsonian and pursued under an entirely different title such as Atmospheric Physics.

b. Transferred within the Air Force from technical intelligence to a strictly scientific complex and contracted to some private organization, such as Brookings.

c. Contracted to some private organization, such as Brookings, which will make positive statements regarding the program and the Air Force's handling of it in the past and make recommendations regarding its future, i.e., disband the program completely or handle it as outlined in A or B above.

4. Following his planned meeting with Mr. Zuckert, Dr. McMillian, and Dr. Calkins, Mr. Trapnell plans to visit FTD with Dr. Calkins for an informal discussion prior to a decision regarding the UFO program. No date has been set for this visit. Mr. Trapnell suggested that the UFO files be put into order to allow transfer of the complete office at a moment's notice.

5. It is my opinion that it will prove very difficult, if not impossible, to transfer this program to another agency because none of them want to inherit the public relations problem that goes with it. The final solution will probably be either to disband the project entirely and allow the Air Force to absorb it in the normal course of its overall mission or to contract it to some private organization, the contract being monitored by some agency within the Air Force's scientific structure.

Robert J. Friend
ROBERT J. FRIEND
Lt. Colonel, USAF

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TD-E/Lt Col Friend/vw/69216

Project Blue Book (Unidentified Flying Objects)

20 APR 1962

Hq USAF
AFCIN-P
Wash 25 DC

1. On 6 April 1962 FTD participated in a briefing on the USAF unidentified flying objects project which was given to Mr. Edward R. Trapnell, Assistant for Public Relations to the Secretary of the Air Force. This briefing was requested by Mr. Trapnell, following a casual conversation between him and Dr. Robert Calkins of Brookings Research Institute where the latter made a remark regarding how unfortunate it was that the Air Force was forced to suffer the bad publicity associated with unidentified flying objects.
2. During the briefing Mr. Trapnell was informed of the history of the program, the Air Force's method of handling the project, and the major problems which have been encountered. He was also informed of the study conducted in 1953 by a panel of scientists headed by Dr. H. P. Robertson of California Institute of Technology. This panel concluded that UFO's did not constitute a threat to the security of the United States and recommended that a program designed to educate the public and strip the aura of mystery from UFO's be instituted. Mr. Trapnell was informed that our continued study of UFO's since 1953 had not revealed any evidence which would change the conclusion of the Robertson Committee.
3. It was pointed out that a major step toward stripping the air of mystery from UFO's would be accomplished if it were divorced from any association with intelligence. Mr. Trapnell went a step further and stated that the program was out of place with the Air Force, and indicated that he intends to talk the matter over with Mr. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force, with a view toward accomplishing one of the following:
 - a. Transfer of the UFO project to another agency such as NASA, NSF, or the Smithsonian Institute and have it conducted as a program to study atmospheric physics.
 - b. Divorce the project from any association with intelligence and hire a contractor to conduct the program under Air Force monitorship.
 - c. Contract a private organization to study the material which has been accumulated to date and recommend a course of action. This recommendation could be to completely disband the program as a special project and allow it to be absorbed by the Air Force in the conduct of its overall mission; or a modification of A or B above.

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4. Mr. Trapenll plans to visit FTD prior to a final decision as to what course of action should be pursued. However, he did instruct FTD verbally to get the UFO files in an order which would allow transfer at a moment's notice. It is our intention to review all reports with a view toward downgrading and declassifying as many as possible. The provisions of AFR 205-1, 10 June 1960 with changes, AFR 205-2, 1 March 1961, and AFR 200-17, 12 January 1961 will be adhered to during this exercise.

5. The plans to transfer the UFO project to some other government agency or to contract it to some private organization are not considered feasible for the following reasons:

a. The Air Force would still be burdened with handling the communication of all reports except the few which would be mailed directly to the agency or contractor by private citizens.

b. Transfer of the program to some agency such as NASA would only serve to convince a larger segment of the public that sightings are due to visits to earth by interplanetary space vehicles.

c. Contracting the program would be many times more expensive to the Air Force than the present method of operating and would not relieve the Air Force of the responsibility. The public would still feel that an organization under contract to the Air Force was directed to make certain statements. We have experienced this on a smaller scale regarding statements made by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the present project consultant.

d. A contractor would serve principally as an analyzing agency, and the Air Force would still find it necessary to investigate the majority of the cases.


e. It would be necessary to provide a contractor with specialized information such as missile, satellite, and balloon data; information regarding special programs and/or operations; and other specialized information to support their analysis effort.

f. Air Force personnel would be required to monitor the contract and provide support to the contractor.

6. It is the FTD opinion that the UFO program should be discontinued as a special project and the function absorbed by the Air Force in the normal conduct of its overall mission. Each sighting would be the responsibility of the Air Force facility nearest to the scene of the incident. The investigating unit would evaluate the occurrence with a view toward determining if the object is a potential threat to national security. Determination of the actual cause of the incident should be attempted but is only of secondary importance. UFO reports which originate as compliance with JANAP-146D should continue to be processed in the manner outlined in this directive.

7. Although FTD is now the office of primary interest regarding reports of unidentified flying objects, this letter is being forwarded to AFCEH due to its earlier association with this project and the fact that some of the reports are on IR's.

FOR THE COMMANDER


EDWARD E. WINN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

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DD FORM 95

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Replaces DD Form 94, 1 Feb 50 and DD Form 95, 1 Feb 50 which will be used until exhausted.

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13 April. Modesto, California. (no time)

Their bodies became numb all over.

According to our source:

"...at Modesto, California on April 13, 1962 five teenagers reported a strange glowing light slowly descending at 500 feet altitude and becoming brighter as it neared the ground. The eyewitnesses started to get out of their car, but found themselves physically affected by their encounter. Their bodies became numb all over and for a time they could hardly move. All of them were visibly frightened by their experience." (xx.)

(xx.) No case (Information Only) 13 April 1962. Modesto, California. Air Force BLUE BOOK Files.

23 April. NICAP's difficulties. (See letter on page 55)

24 April. Springfield, Pennsylvania. (about 7:45 p.m. & 8:10 p.m.)

A very close CE-1. (See IUR article below and on page 56) (See additional details collected by Dr. James McDonald on page 57)

As part of a long-range program to follow up well-documented cases from the past (for the purpose of determining life-effects, present thoughts about the past UFO-event and about the UFO phenomenon itself on the part of the witness or witnesses, and to see how well their present memory of the event compares with what was reported originally), we have recently been in touch with Lt. Col. J.A. Gasslein Jr. (Army Reserve, Ret.). For 30 years Gasslein has been employed in the aviation industry, specializing in helicopters with Boeing, during which time he has been "exposed to all types of aircraft." In 1962 he reported two cases occurring within minutes of each other (presumably sightings of the same object) and witnessed by several independent observers. Dr. James McDonald, who was interested in the case, corresponded with Gasslein and with NICAP investigators. Gasslein has been kind enough to respond to our queries. Below is a recap of the original reports and Gasslein's present comments about the many-year-old sightings.

Sighting 1

TYPE: CE-1
DATE: April 24, 1962
TIME: Approx. 7:45 P.M.
DURATION: 5+/- minutes
WITNESSES: 3 + several indept't.
PLACE: Springfield, Pennsylvania

Sighting 2

TYPE: CE-1
DATE: April 24, 1962
TIME: Approx. 8:10 P.M.
DURATION: 3-5 minutes
WITNESSES: 3 + several indept't.
PLACE: Springfield, Pennsylvania

Sighting 1

It was a clear spring night. The sun had set an hour before, and Mrs. Gasslein and her mother had just driven out of their driveway and were less than two blocks from their suburban home when "coming in level with the roofs of the Cape Cod homes was this very large round thing, surmounted with a dome that was emitting flashes of green light."

"That's no airplane!" one woman exclaimed to the other.

A band, rotating around the main body, consisted of a series of square "windows" from which came shafts of brilliant white light. Similar shafts of brilliant white light were directed downward from the base of the craft; the object had a well-defined outline, or shape.

Startled and anxious to have her husband (professionally competent in the matter of aircraft) witness the bizarre object, she quickly returned to her house and rushed in to get him. He responded immediately and ran up the street to get a better view.

"By that time," he reported, "the object appeared to be about a quarter to a half-mile distant, moving in a westerly direction. It was seemingly suspended in the air, about a 45 degrees elevation from my position, appearing smaller at the top than at the base, and was giving off colored lights." The object was moving at a cross angle to the tree-lined street and thus was soon lost to view.

Gasslein returned to his workshop in the basement and his wife continued her

interrupted journey, taking her mother home. That seemed to end the adventure for the evening, but not for long.

Sighting 2

"Returning from taking her mother home," Gasslein related to us, "my wife drove the car into the driveway alongside the house, facing west. The rear of the house faces onto a partially-wooded public park. As my wife walked down the driveway toward the street she spied a young lady (a neighbor) 20 years of age, coming toward the house."

When Mrs. Gasslein saw her young neighbor, she immediately wanted to tell her about her sighting. "Wait until I tell Barbara what I saw!" she thought, as she related later on.

But she never got the chance. Mrs. Gasslein recalls. "She was looking up with her mouth wide open and said, 'My God, what's that?'"

From the park area was emerging an object very much like the one seen less than a half-hour earlier. It was heading for the house. Judging from the height of the trees in the Gasslein yard, the UFO appeared to be not over 20 feet above the ground level, so low that a good view of its underpart could not be obtained. It moved slowly and silently.

At this point Gasslein was called out from the house the second time. He now relates: "Once inside our relatively small fenced backyard, the object turned to pass behind the same Cape Cod-type houses of

April 23, 1962

Dr. Askold Ladonko
Apartado 911
Caracas, Venezuela

Dear Dr. Ladonko:

I hasten to assure you that the only reason for our silence is our continued financial predicament, and the fact that we have no staff to handle our voluminous correspondence. It goes without saying that we are glad to receive your reports; please continue to send them. We have been unable to check out whether any of the objects have been satellites, as I explained earlier, due to the fact that our Adviser who was in a position to make such a check no longer is. It is now a more difficult task, but one that will be done eventually.

As for our plan vis-a-vis the Air Force and our alleged "mistakes," I am afraid you have misunderstood the plan completely. We have no intention of merely handing over our reports to the AF so they can label 96% explained and put us out of business. That is why we have insisted, and continue to insist, that NICAP representatives be present to examine any evidence and reasoning used in specific cases. We will not accept generalities.

We have never made direct attacks on the AF, and have only criticized their one policy--about UFOs. From the start, we have attempted to work out a cooperative effort to get at the truth about UFOs, and still desire to do so provided it is an honest and open scientific study. We have no illusions about the chances of this happening; however, I am afraid you and others in foreign countries (including Aime Michel--until I explained the situation to him) grossly underestimate the influence our AF has had on the UFO investigation here. They can not be ignored since their pronouncements discourage and inhibit scientific study, influence legislators, and keep sightings secret. Our recent offer called their bluff when they had repeatedly told Congressmen that NICAP had been asked to turn over their evidence but didn't do so, therefore it must not exist.

An independent scientific investigation is impossible at this point, and will be until the AF statements are refuted or counteracted. NICAP is on the verge of bankruptcy. What other organization is there to supervise a scientific investigation? There is none.

Secretary of NICAP

Sincerely,

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(xx.) NICAP Files. CUFOS archives.

our neighbors. I saw it plainly after it made the turn. The UFO had, at the closest point of observation, not been over 50 feet from where my wife and the young neighbor were standing.

"The object presented a dramatic sight. Strangely, the brilliant white light emanating from the rotating band of square 'windows', and from the base, caused no eye discomfort whatsoever. Again the object had a clear-cut outline/structure, and was itself dark in appearance.

"After passing along the backs of the adjacent properties, the UFO disappeared from our view, passing over higher ground. It left no signs, either on the ground or in the foliage of the trees, of its having been in the area."

Immediately after this second sighting, both Mrs. Gasslein and her neighbor went into the house and independently drew pencil sketches of the UFO. The sketches agreed in basic details, and tallied with Gasslein's own observation.

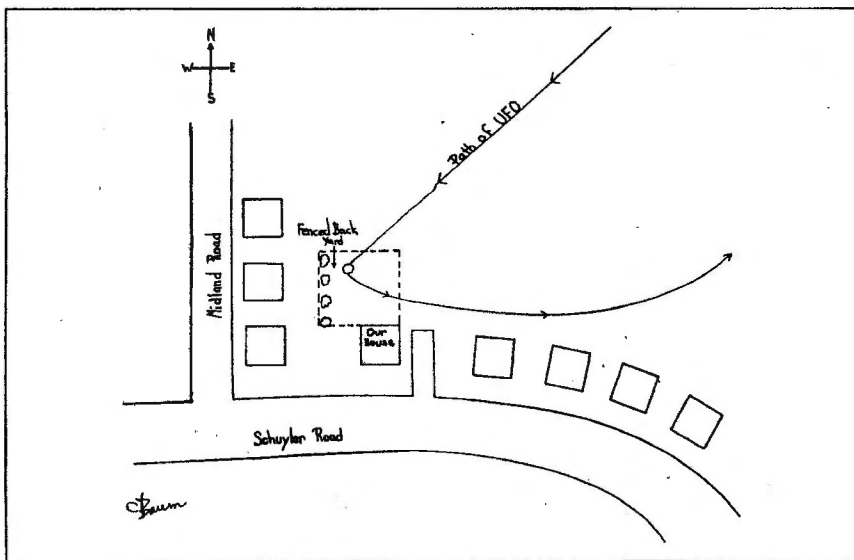
The actual size was not difficult to estimate since, as Mrs. Gasslein related, "It came toward us, about as far as 10 feet from the house, moving slowly and making no noise." The witnesses estimated the diameter of the object to be 30 feet.

NICAP files contain correspondence between Gasslein, McDonald and Ted Bloecher. The investigators were interested in locating the names and addresses of several other witnesses who came forward after a brief account of the double sighting became known (particularly from a short item in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* entitled "Strange Objects

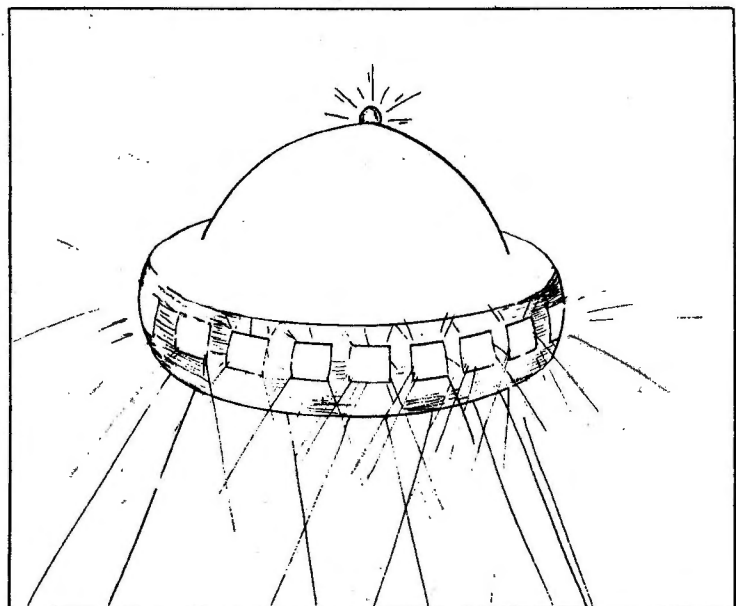
Seen Over Philadelphia," April 26, 1962). Some dozen additional witnesses were found. The times, locations and descriptions furnished by these witnesses tallied quite well with the sightings of the close encounter witnesses.

Unfortunately, as so frequently happens, no cameras were available. From well-attested experiences, however, it is known that even when witnesses have a camera within reach, when confronted with an utterly foreign, frightening and upsetting encounter, they forget to use it. Sketches generally are available. In this case the composite sketch of the two women witnesses and a map are shown. ■

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(XX.) *International
UFO Reporter*
January-February
1985. Vol. 10, No.1.
pp.9-10, 14.



The UFO, which appeared to be no more than 20 feet above the witness' small fenced-in yard, had a slowly rotating band of square, equally-spaced 'windows' from which a brilliant white light emanated. Light was also diffused downward from the bottom of the UFO.

4. Springfield (Delaware Co.), Pa., April 24, 1962.

Multiple-witness urban-area sightings of UFOs take on special interest in that many uninformed persons are under the misimpression that UFOs are never seen except in rural areas by lone witnesses. Near 8:00 PM on Tuesday evening, 4/24/62, a number of persons in different parts of greater Philadelphia observed a slow-moving disc-shaped object with flashing lights. NICAP files gave basic information on the background to this case, but I have been in direct contact with one of the principal witnesses, Mr. Joseph A. Gasslein, near whose home two separate sightings within a 20-minute period occurred. Gasslein, who is with Boeing's Vertol Division at Morton, Pa., was working in his basement when his wife called him out excitedly to see an object moving low over their neighborhood, at about 7:45 PM. His wife, Mrs. Alice W. Gasslein, had been driving her mother, Mrs. Estelle W. Wilkinson, to her near-by home when the two of them observed the object, and hastened back to alert Mr. Gasslein.

By the time Gasslein got outside to look, the object had passed to a distance from his house. (148 Schuyler Rd., Springfield) which he estimated at about a quarter of a mile, "but nevertheless clearly defined as to configuration". His summary states: "I saw it as an object smaller at the top than at the base, seemingly suspended in the air at an angle of about 45° from my position, and giving off colored lights. I know that the object was not any kind of conventional aircraft or balloon." (It may be relevant to note here that Gasslein is a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve and his work brings him in contact with helicopter equipment.)

His wife and mother-in-law had seen it from very much closer than he while it was moving in a westerly direction at only about 50 feet above street level before it turned northward. The description given by Mrs. Gasslein included the following points: "The UFO appeared to be about the size of one of the Cape Cod houses over which it passed, which would make it approximately 30 ft in diameter, and about the same dimension in height. It was circular (in planform), surmounted by a dome giving off flashes of green light. The center section (had a rotating) series of square shaped 'windows', each giving off a brilliant white light. The base section was somewhat saucer-shaped, curved upward. Shafts of white light were directed downward from the base." Clearly, we are not here dealing with a report readily equatable to any of the commonly proposed meteorological or astronomical explanations of UFOs. No sound was ever heard so an aircraft explanation is inadequate. The shape, seen clearly, was quite unlike an airship.

When the UFO departed, Gasslein returned inside and Mrs. Gasslein took her mother to her near-by home. On returning, she had just parked the car when a neighbor, Miss Barbara Berryman (now Mrs. Richard McClure), called "in a tone of astonishment" to direct Mrs. Gasslein's attention to a near-by wooded park area, from which was emerging an object of the same description as cited above. "Moving easterly at low level--not over 50 ft above the ground level, as judged by trees in that area--the UFO proceeded slowly and without sound. It was approaching the rear of our home and adjacent properties," Gasslein recounts his wife's description.

His wife again called him out from the basement, and by the time he got outside, "the object was proceeding parallel to the backs of the houses in the same line as ours. It was then perhaps 150-200 yards distant. My observations of the characteristics of the UFO tallied with my wife's and the young lady's. Each of them independently made a pencil sketch within a few minutes after the sighting, and the sketches were substantially alike." (Gasslein enclosed a copy-sketch in his 1/6/69 letter to me.) It is so unlike any conventional airborne device or natural phenomenon that one would be obliged to discount the testimony of evidently credible witnesses to assimilate it to any conventional object.)

Through the assistance of Dr. Charles P. Olivier of the University of Pennsylvania's Flower Observatory, NICAP secured reports of a number of others in the southwest sector of Philadelphia who had reported basically similar sightings at about that same time. Mr. Paul T. Scattergood, living about a mile west of the Gasslein residence, was out walking his dog near 8:00 PM, when he saw to his southeast, "a brilliantly lighted object low in the southern sky." At first he supposed it to be a jet; but

its slow speed, lack of engine noise, and peculiar blink pattern of the row of lights did not match that explanation, he stressed.

Two other observers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. King, contacted Dr. Olivier, describing an unusual object with flashing lights similar in features to that seen at close range by the four persons involved in the two sightings at the Gasslein's. Three students at St. Joseph's College, about 6 miles to the NE also reported seeing an unidentified object move over the College area that evening, and other witnesses that night reported unidentified aerial objects, but details are sparse in the latter instances.

Remarks: In answer to a number of queries on this case, Gasslein wrote me and provided a helpful clarification. He states that the observer-to-object distance was approximately 50 ft, at one part of his wife's sighting in the object's second return. Since no sound was ever heard, and since the clues to distance were here much better than average (trees, backyard fences, etc.), it is difficult to propose any routine explanation or even any unusual natural or technological explanation to account for this sighting.

This incident was not reported to any official agency, though much effort was expended by the Gasslein's to contact other witnesses and to discuss the event with astronomer Olivier. Mrs. Gasslein contacted a friend on the staff of the Philadelphia Inquirer, to indicate that their account might be of public interest, but the paper did not follow through and no press account was published. (This is reminiscent of the 2/4/68 sighting over Redlands, Calif., where a total of at least 30 residents saw a hovering disc estimated at a height above street level of a few hundred feet. A 2-inch story in the local paper, commenting on a single witness's account, would have been the entire coverage had not professors at Redlands University become interested and undertaken an investigation. The Air Force did no witness-interviewing. Since I have interviewed a half-dozen of those main witnesses, I can say that I regard it as a quite significant UFO sighting. The Colorado Project also investigated it, yet not a word about that Redlands case appears in the Condon Report for reasons I fail to understand.)

The Gasslein sightings and related sightings near Philadelphia on 4/24/62 are paralleled by a very substantial number of other urban-area sightings, often involving close-range observations, such as the 4/22/66 Beverly, Mass., case that appears (incompletely reported) in the Condon Report. It is true that more reports exist for non-urban areas than for urban areas, but it is incorrect to assume that UFOs are never within major cities. What are they doing there? The answer is simply that no one knows, because UFOs are regarded as a nonsense problem; hence the kind of intensive surveillance that would be required to begin to shed light on such highly relevant questions is not now in progress.

To examine UFO cases in the Condon Report bearing at least general resemblance to the foregoing case, study Case 6, p. 266 (Beverly, Mass.), Case 8, p. 273 (Donnybrook, N.D.), Case 12, p. 282 (New Richmond, Mich.), Case 13, p. 285 (Granville, Mass.), Case 14a, p. 287 (Joplin, Mo.), and Case 31, p. 342 (Winchester, Conn.). All six of those cases end up in the Unidentified category in the Condon Report! If you next ask how Condon could conclude that the UFO problem holds nothing of scientific interest with a half-dozen cases of just this general category in his own Report left unexplained, you are asking a highly relevant question. I cannot understand it, frankly. But there are many other still more interesting Unidentified cases in that curious Report. Indeed, of the roughly 90 cases considered, about one-third are Unidentified! Yet Condon recommends that he sees so little of significance in all this that he feels even Air Force Project Bluebook can be dispensed with. I think that only a project director who did no field investigation, who would not interview (even by phone) any of the hundreds of airline pilots, military pilots, law enforcement officers, and other highly credible witnesses who have contributed the truly baffling UFO cases of the past 20 years, but who was whimsically intrigued by the nuts and crackpots would come up with Condon's negative conclusions--the same conclusions he explicitly stated at Corning, N.Y., a few months after his Project was formed.

- (xx.) McDonald, Dr. James E. "Some Pennsylvania UFO Cases and their Bearing on the Condon Report." Presented May 15, 1969, Mansfield State College, Mansfield, PA. Copy of speech in author's files.

25 April. Detroit, Michigan. (no time)

Mother ship?

Our source states:

"A large circular UFO, with three small lighted objects moving around it, was observed through a 6-inch reflector telescope by William J. Witkosky, member of the Detroit Astronomical Society. As the large UFO hovered, two more small objects emerged, then it moved across the sky." (xx.)

- (xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. II, No.5. August-September 1962. p.7.

25? April. Fiji Islands. (no time)

Flying in formation.

Our source states: "Reports in Suva say that four bright objects flying in formation were seen over Suva Bay. Three of them flew off at high speed, while the fourth hovered for a while, then followed the others." (xx.)

- (xx.) Birmingham, England. *Birmingham Mail*. 25 April 62.

26 April. Milan, Italy. (night)

Topped by a glowing red dome.

According to a press report:

"An American family living in Milan today reported that they had seen a 'flying saucer' last night (April 26) 400 meters above their home, moving at great speed and heading towards the northwest. The Americans, Mr. and Mrs. Lagyos Von Szeszich, said the round saucer was topped by a glowing red dome. The Von Szeszichs said the saucer remained in sight for a whole minute as they were returning home with their children." (xx.)

- (xx.) Hong Kong. *South China Morning Post*. 27 April 62. (AFP)

30 April. Magdalena?, New Mexico. (no time)

According to our source:

"On April 30 a saucer-shaped object over New Mexico was seen by three persons

who watched it through a telescope. The observers were Macario Lopez, Robert L. Dobbins, and Mr. G.G. Thompson, the superintendant of schools in Magdalena." (xx.)

(xx.) Beckley, Timothy Green. *Inside The Saucers 1962*. Privately published. February 1963. p.14.

April 27th or May 4th. Near Granby, Connecticut. (night)

"She was too petrified to look..." (See NICAP report below and on page 60)

NICAP SUBCOMMITTEE MASS. UNIT #1
10/12/62

UFG'S CHASE CAR IN CONNECTICUT - APRIL OR MAY, 1962

15 Estrella St.
Jamaica Plains, Mass -

It was sometime in late April or early May, 1962--two of the witnesses believe it was on a Friday night, either April 27 or May 4. Miss Madge Brennan and her sister, Mrs. Betty Ritchie, Mrs. Ritchie's 10-year-old son Donald, and Madge and Betty's mother, Mrs. Celia Brennan, were returning to their house at 233 West Granby Road (State Route 20), Granby, Connecticut. It was late dusk and they were south of Granby driving west on Day Street. Betty, who was driving, and Madge were in the front seat; Mrs. Brennan and Don were in the back seat. Suddenly the two sisters noticed two big, bright, yellowish lights up ahead in the sky and to the right. The lights, separated from each other and in a nearly horizontal position, crossed the road at low altitude and vanished behind a clump of trees to the left. Madge said she was not sure how far away the lights were at this point, and when pressed for an estimate, she guessed "a third of half a mile." The witnesses thought an airplane must be about to crash. But as they drove past the trees, they could see both lights hovering over a field, this time one above the other and the bottom one several feet above the ground.

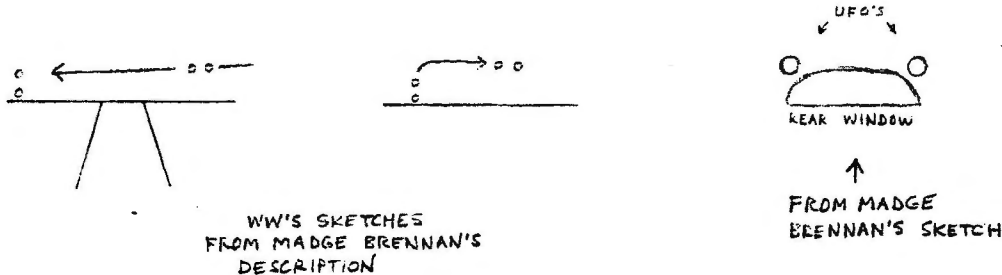
Betty stopped the car and shut off the engine, leaving the headlights on. All four observers watched the objects hover for up to a minute (uncertain). Then the objects turned to a horizontal position again and began to approach the car. Apprehensively, Betty started the car and as it accelerated down the road, the objects turned to follow.

The UFOs pulled up close behind the car very quickly and matched the car's speed for what Madge estimated was about four minutes. To Madge, the objects seemed to be only several feet from the rear window and at the level of the top of the car. The impression was that they were spherical with a clearcut round outline, only a few feet in diameter, and yellowish with a bright red patch of color that seemed to be moving around as if rotating. There was no audible sound. The helicopter theory is ruled out since the objects were widely separated, each about a foot to the left and right of the car, and apparently not connected by any visible structure. The witnesses could see stars and the sky between the UFOs

Betty was driving as fast as she could, but the objects kept pacing them just beyond the rear of the car. Everyone was shouting and panicky. Mrs. Brennan said she was too petrified to look back. At the end of the encounter the objects turned away to the right and disappeared behind trees in the direction of Granby.

A young UFO enthusiast, Joe Foggi of Boston, was responsible for telling me about this sighting. He heard it from a neighbor friend who knew the Brennans. Joe called the witnesses then he called me (October 4). I arranged for an interview October 10 at the Brennan home. Madge and her mother are living at 15 Estrella Street, Boston (Jamaica Plain section). Phone 522-0049. Betty and her son were not present as they still live in Granby.

- Walter H. Webb



? May. Speluzzi Vertiz "area," Argentina. (no time)

The *APRO Bulletin* printed:

"The wife of a well-known and respected rancher in the Speluzzi Vertiz area, saw a landed unconventional aerial object from which came a robot-like creature. It carefully explored the area around the craft, then suddenly apparently became aware of the woman watching, re-entered the object after which the craft ascended into the sky and disappeared toward the north. The woman, in shock, ran crying to her husband. She eventually had to be hospitalized for shock. However, her husband arrived in time to see the object take off. He and others approached the place where the object had rested and found a round area of burned grass. No date was given, nor time of day of the appearance, but 'authorities' and neighbors confirmed the fact that the UFO was there, and that the grass had been burned. The object appeared during the 'rest' hours, which is probably between 12 and 3 p.m." (xx.)

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin*. July 1962. p.4.

12 May. Near Bahia Blanca, Argentina. (4:10 a.m.)

"Like a brightly illuminated railway passenger coach?"

According to the Argentine press:

"Travelling from Bahia Blanca towards Jacinto Arauz, three truckmen, Valentino Tomassini, Guro Tomassini, and Humberto Zenobi, observed in a field, at a distance of some 40 meters from the wire fence, a light resembling a lantern, which kept brightening and dying down alternatively. As they slowed down their truck

they saw a row of lights (from 20 to 30) come on, and they had the impression that they were looking at a brightly illuminated railway passenger coach. When they had reached a point 70 meters from the object, it rose up and crossed the road at a height of four meters; its lights went out, and from the lower part of it came a red-dish flame and at the same time it made a soft humming noise. The UFO then divided into two parts, which flew off in different directions. At the landing site the grass was burnt over an area 60 meters in diameter, and there were damp leaden-colored patches which, when analyzed subsequently at the Southern National University, turned out to consist of calcium carbonate and potassium carbonate." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Supplement 12. December 1972. p.10.

12 May. General Douglas MacArthur.

"Ultimate conflict?"

The General wrote: "[Today we speak]...of ultimate conflict between a united human race and the sinister forces of some other planetary galaxy, of such dreams and fantasies as to make life the most exciting of all time." (xx.)

(xx.) MacArthur, General Douglas. *Reminiscences*. McGraw-Hill: New York, N.Y., 1964. p. 483.

12 May. Lexington, Massachusetts. (no time)

According to our source, four objects:

"...looking like aluminum-colored round-topped circular saucers were seen and reported to me, as they moved slowly north near a transport plane leaving Hanscom Air Force Base. In all three of these New England sightings the mystery objects were seen under good weather conditions and showed good clear edges. The description (parachute-shaped) in almost a half-dozen sightings near the vicinity of Hanscom Air Force Base was repeated time and time again.

"Upon contacting Hanscom Field authorities there stated that there had been no sightings of 'flying saucers' or UFOs over or near Hanscom in recent weeks." (xx.)

(xx.) No Case (Information Only) 12 May 1962. Lexington, Massachusetts. Air Force BLUE BOOK files.

12 May. Official Argentine UFO news release. "Concerned since 1952."

According to NICAP, it said:

"A report officially released by Capt. Luis S. Moreno, Argentine Navy, one of a government team investigating the recent wave of sightings: About 4:30 a.m., three luminous UFOs approached a car at close range. The intense glow, like bright sunlight, caused one passenger to suffer serious eye damage. Capt. Moreno stated

that the Argentine Navy Department had been constantly concerned about UFOs since 1952. He also revealed that he and an Argentine frigate captain had sighted a UFO in Mar del Plata.

“‘It was not a matter of stars or planets,’ he said, ‘but of mobile bodies with incredible speed.’” (xx.)

(xx.) *UFO Investigator*. Vol. II, No.5. August-September 1962. p.7.

13 May. La Arana, Argentina. (4:00 a.m.)

Powerful light.

Our source states: “People attending a meeting saw a powerful light which was on the ground to begin with and then rose and moved away accompanied by various luminous objects of similar shape. They seemed to rotate as they flew along.” (xx.)

(xx.) Buenos Aires, Argentina. *La Prensa*. 16 May 62.

13 May. Near Oncativo, Argentina. (4:00 a.m.)

A sort of “little house.”

An item in the *Flying Saucer Review* stated:

“Two ladies, driving from Rosario, saw a long object flying at moderate altitude and irradiating a powerful luminosity of many colors. A few moments later the surroundings seemed to be covered with fog and they saw, through the trees, and standing on the ground, a sort of ‘little house,’ with green, red and yellow lights set in an arrow-shaped arrangement.” (xx.)

(xx.) Buenos Aires, Argentina. *La Razon*. 15 May 62.

13 May. Mercedes, Argentina. (4:15 a.m.)

100 meters from the road.

According to our source:

“An [Argentine] Air Force sub-officer named Giashischa was driving his car, accompanied by his wife and family, when they saw, to one side, at a distance of some 100 meters from the road, a luminous mass of considerable size. They thought it was about 20 meters in diameter and 2 or 3 meters high. It seemed to be rotating on its axis, and emitted no sound. Giashischa wanted to get out and go over to the phenomenon, but his wife prevented him.” (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Supplement 15. June 1973. p.10.

13 May. Rio Cuarto, Argentina. (4:45 a.m.)

Big ball shoots out small balls.

The *Flying Saucer Review* also tells us:

“...a flight of 20 UFOs, displaying the most varied colors, were seen by numerous people in Rio Cuarto (Province of Cordoba). One saucer seemed to fall out of formation and come down like a shooting star to a distance of some 300 meters from an eyewitness’s car. It could then be seen that it was a great fiery ball some 30 meters in diameter. Suddenly, from one side of this ball there shot out four small globes. These then lined up behind the large ball and together all five flew away keeping the same formation with the large ball in the lead. In the neighboring state of Mendoza many people saw the same craft.” (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 10, No. 4. July-August 1964. p.10.

12-13 May. A busy night.

Comment by Gordon Creighton, the *Flying Saucer Review*’s translator:

“...during the 24 hours from midnight of Saturday 12 to Sunday 13 of May. UFOs were seen all over the Argentine, and landings occurred at several places, such as Oncativo (Cordoba Province) and Zapala (Neuquen). One newspaper said that this vast flood of sightings might well mark a new era with regard to the UFO problem, a key day in the history of Mankind. The paper added that strange cosmic happenings throughout the country had had a profound emotional impact upon the many eyewitnesses.” (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. Vol. 10, No. 4. July-August 1964. p.10.

14 May. Santa Rosa, Argentina. (night?)

Perfect formation.

A quote from the newspaper *La Nacion*: “...[in Santa Rosa] many saw overhead the strange spectacle of six or seven moving objects, strangely bright, advancing in perfect formation from north to south.” (xx.)

(xx.) Dublin, Ireland. *Evening Mail*. 18? June 62.

14 May. Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. (no time)

Teenagers and some “missing time?”

Some very strange things were happening in New Hampshire. First there was the Hill case, and now some terrified youths.

Here is the story:

"Two terrified young students requested psychiatric help after apparently being blacked out by a UFO. It is interesting to note that both psychiatrists in their case used the conventional explanations—overactive imaginations, exaggeration, fantasy projections—in spite of the fact one of the boys told the same story under a 'truth serum' injection (narcosynthesis). The witness mentioned having strange feelings following the sighting [Unfortunately details of the sighting are not available]." (xx.)

(xx.) Webb, Walter N. Webb. *A Dramatic UFO Encounter in the White Mountains, New Hampshire. The Hill case—September 19-20, 1961.* Draft copy. Author's Collection.

14 May. Puerto Belgrano Naval Base, Argentina.

Agitated?

The *APRO Bulletin* states:

"Scores of witnesses were cross-examined concerning what they had seen during the night of May 14, 1962, in the near vicinity of the Puerto Belgrano Naval Base. Little or nothing is known about this specific case, but the Navy seemed to be somewhat agitated about the incidents." (xx.)

(xx.) *APRO Bulletin*. July 1962. p. 4.

18 May. Pompano Beach, Florida. (about 7:00-7:09? p.m.)

As fast as a "flash of lightning."

A NICAP report states:

"Mrs. Elizabeth Scott, a housewife and college graduate, saw a hovering cigar-shaped object May 18. The UFO was first noticed about 7:00 p.m. in the northwest sky. The underside was brilliantly lighted, the top dark. For about 9 minutes, the object remained motionless. 'Then it moved very slowly south for 30 seconds, and then speeded up and disappeared into the southwest very rapidly,' Mrs. Scott reported. As it sped away, the lighted underside dimmed suddenly. When it accelerated, it moved 'like a flash of lightning,' she said." (xx.)

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

22 May. Dorchester, Massachusetts. (10:20 p.m.)

Circular-shaped object.

Our source states: "Switchboard operator Mary A. Fortuna reported one circular-shaped object with brilliant yellow blinking lights around its outer edge and with one red and green beacon light that revolved over Dorchester, Massachusetts at 10:20 p.m." (xx.)

(xx.) No Case (Information Only) 22 May 1962. Dorchester, Massachusetts. Air Force BLUE BOOK files.

22 May. Espora Naval Air Base, Argentina. (7:10 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m.)

Official results of an Argentine inquiry in events of May 22. (See pages 65-67)

ARGENTINE EMBASSY

AIR ATTACHE

Washington, D.C., October 30, 1962.

Mr. Richard Hall
Secretary of the
National Investigations Committee
on Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.



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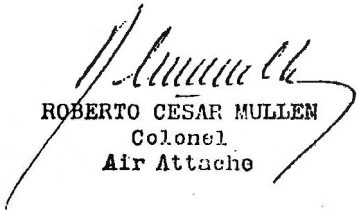
Dear Mr. Hall:

With reference to your letter of August 29, I am pleased to enclose herewith a report made by the Naval Information Service in Buenos Aires.

I hope it will prove useful for the work you are doing.

Please be kind enough to forward to this office all conclusions of interest reached in your special field.

Sincerely,


ROBERTO CESAR MULLEN
Colonel
Air Attache

ARGENTINE EMBASSY

AIR ATTACHÉ

INFORMATION ON UNIDENTIFIABLE FLYING OBJECTS

- a) D.A.C. Document N° 872 IR/55. The Directorate of Aeronautics of the Province of Buenos Aires sent a photographic copy of the occurrences arising from the appearance of a supposed flying object seen in the vicinity of Dudignac, Province of Buenos Aires. The Chief of Staff of the Argentine Air Force took due note of the document.
- b) On May 23 Commander Constantino Nuñez (MC) went to the Comandante Espora Naval Air Base to work on observations related to luminous objects in the sky in that area. Specifically this work consisted of determining whether there were ionized radiations on the presumed landing spots that produced radioactive residue from nuclear combustion that eventually could be used as a source of energy propulsion. At daybreak on the 13th, the location of the area where, according to the accounts of several witnesses, the supposed flying objects landed was located and a careful search with a Geiger counter was made of the land with no positive results obtained.
Conversations were held with personnel of the Comandante Espora Naval Air Base, with witnesses of the luminous phenomenon obtaining the following results:
 - 1) While Lieutenant José A. Ventureira and Ensign Eduardo Vigier were in the Turret Control at the Base on the 22nd at approximately 1945 o'clock, they saw a luminous object in the sky about the size of an electric buoy at 10' above the horizon that moved vertically and horizontally and 15 seconds later disappeared in the horizon.
 - 2) Lieutenant Rodolfo César Galdos asserted that on the same 22nd of May at about 1930 o'clock he was flying as leader of an instruction formation school. At about 1.000 feet he received a request from the Control Tower asking him whether he saw an object in the sky. At about 30° above the horizon over Bahía Blanca he saw a disc or luminous circular spot, orange colored and of an apparent diameter of a small moon (about 50 cms.). The object was moving towards the South, obscured at times by the lights of Punta Alta. The observation lasted between 40 seconds to 1 minute.
 - 3) On May 22 a student Eduardo Figueroa said that while flying in formation led by Lieutenant Galdos and on rejoining him at 1910 o'clock, in the Northwest he saw an orange object below the horizon. The phenomenon moved in oscillating movements finally disappearing. In his judgment it could not have been a planet or satellite.
 - 4) Student Roberto Wilkinson said that on the same day at 1920 o'clock more or less, while he was flying at 4.000 feet, the inside of his cabin lighted up. Immediately he thought that the light was caused by something abnormal in the plane, but later noticed that the light came from the stern of the aircraft. Later he saw it below the plane. His impression was that it was disappearing, that later he passed it, losing sight of it among the lights of Punta Alta. While observing he noticed that his radioelectric transmission was not working.

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The following findings from the mission are arrived at by Captain Nuñez:

- 1) The observations made of the presumed landing area of the unidentifiable objects with the appropriate equipment (Geiger counter) reveal no signs of radioactivity.
- 2) No signs, direct or indirect in the same area have been observed that might indicate in some way the possibility of a temporary stop by said objects.
- 3) The testimonies of Naval Air Officer pilots and personnel of the Flying Course indicate the existence of abnormal luminous phenomenon.
- 4) From the aforesaid it is not possible to obtain conclusions on the nature of this phenomenon.

23 May. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (10:15 p.m. - 11:05 p.m.)

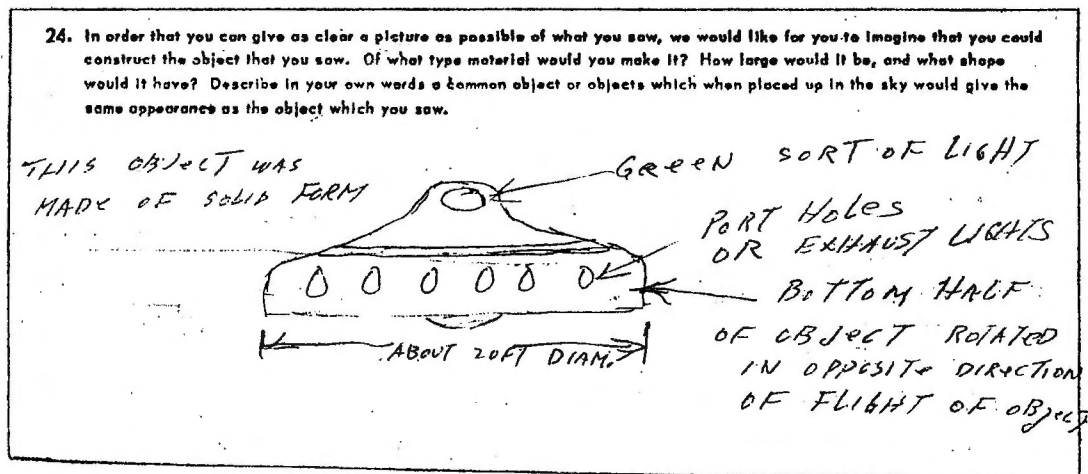
Round, spinning, "saucer."

A BLUE BOOK report says the witness was outside his house in a residential area of Philadelphia the evening of May 23rd. The time was 10:15 p.m. The sky was full of stars and a few clouds. Bright moonlight lit up the neighborhood.

The witnesses' son was the first to notice the object, which was in the atmosphere several blocks away. The thing was the size of a grapefruit at arm's length. Binoculars were obtained to get a closer look.

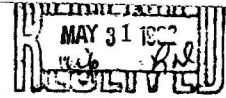
The UFO was a gray or silver-colored solid object with fuzzy edges [See drawing]. The top and bottom sections were rotating. The "flying saucer" moved around on a circular course, in and out of the clouds, for about 45 minutes. When it finally left, it sped off at "terrific speed."
(xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 23 May 62.



23 May. La Canada, Venezuela. (11:00 p.m.)

Mysterious luminous object.



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VENEZUELA

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U. S. A.

Caracas: May 27, 1962

Dear Mr. Hall:

The following is the translation of the enclosed clipping:

El Universal, May 24, 1962, page 49.-

Z U L I A

May 23

MYSTERICIOUS OBJECT WAS SEEN IN THE SKY OF "LA CAÑADA"

LA CAÑADA, District Urdaneta, State Zulia, May 23.
(INWAC).-- A mysterious luminous object was seen last night
by several inhabitants of this region as it stopped in space
for almost one hour.

One of the persons who observed the phenomenon was the
oil worker Jesús Vargas who at that time was delivering his
guard at the Richmond installations and who told that the
object had come apparently from the mountain chain of Perijá,
ascending and at high speed without making any sound.

11 P.M.

Other persons added that the phenomenon had stopped
nearby in space exactly over this region in the lake and
that it disappeared by the same way it had appeared.

The lake referred to is the Lake of Maracaibo.

Sincerely yours,

(XX.)

(xx.) NICAP files
CUFOS archives.

Jesus a Spaceman, Says Red Teacher

Moscow, May 24 (A).--A Russian university lecturer says Jesus Christ actually was a spaceman who came from another world.

This theory by Leningrad University lecturer V. K. Zaitsev was published by Pravda. The paper said Zaitsev told student audiences at the University the Holy Trinity really was the crew of a spaceship which landed on earth. Christ, Zaitsev said, was the ship's doctor and gained fame by healing earthlings with the use of hypnosis.

Zaitsev was quoted as saying these and other space travelers were "inspirers of social progress in ancient times and brought science, culture, arts, morals and governments to the earth."

Zaitsev said he believed the resurrection and Ascension of Christ were real historical events, but that the Ascension actually was in the rocket ship that brought him to earth.

24 May. More wild speculation
from Russia.
(See clipping)

ARKANSAS GAZETTE
May 25, 1962

25 May. Dayton. Ohio. (9:35 p.m.)

75 foot "football."

Air Force BLUE BOOK files contain this letter:

"My name is [...deleted] and I am 38 years old. All of my senses are in perfect order and I consider myself a responsible person.

"On the evening of May 25, 1962 at 9:35 p.m. I saw an object at a distance of about one to one and a half city blocks away. My position was north of this object and I was on a hill [The drawing that accompanies this report has a "side view" of the area of the sighting]. The object was rising vertically at a rate of about four or five feet per second with a slight easterly drift. I saw this object when it was about 100 feet off the ground and it slowly went into a mist or fog at about 250 feet off the ground. The size of the object I estimated to be about 75 feet in length (from the angle which I saw it) and about 30 to 40 feet thick. There were two lights clearly visible on either end. The left end had a red light and the right end had a white light. These two lights looked like ordinary trailing lights [? Auto tail lights?]. In the lower center portion of the object however was another lighted area which is difficult to describe. This area seemed to be about 15 feet to 18 feet high and about 20 to 28 feet in length. It was reddish-orangeish [sic] with vertical ripples showing. This area seemed to diminish as it [The UFO] went higher into the fogged area. The red and white lights were the last to be seen. There was no noise. Being in the position where I was, the possibility of reflections are out. There was definitely an object there. At first sighting the object, the first thing that came into my mind was a zeppelin. Realizing that this was so remote the only practical thing I could compare it to was a helicopter however, and there was no noise. When I went on to my destination which was right under the fogged area, I asked the people if they had heard and they answered 'no.' I saw no other movement on it [The UFO] except rippling.

"The weather conditions were clear to the north (behind me) and to the south it was clear except for the fog area to my left but where the sighting was first noticed, it was absolutely clear.

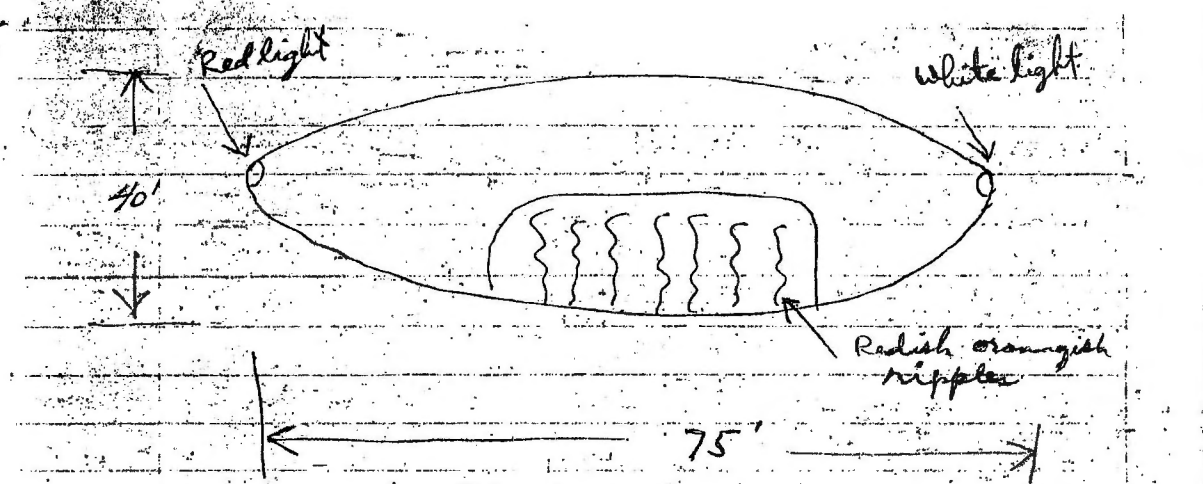
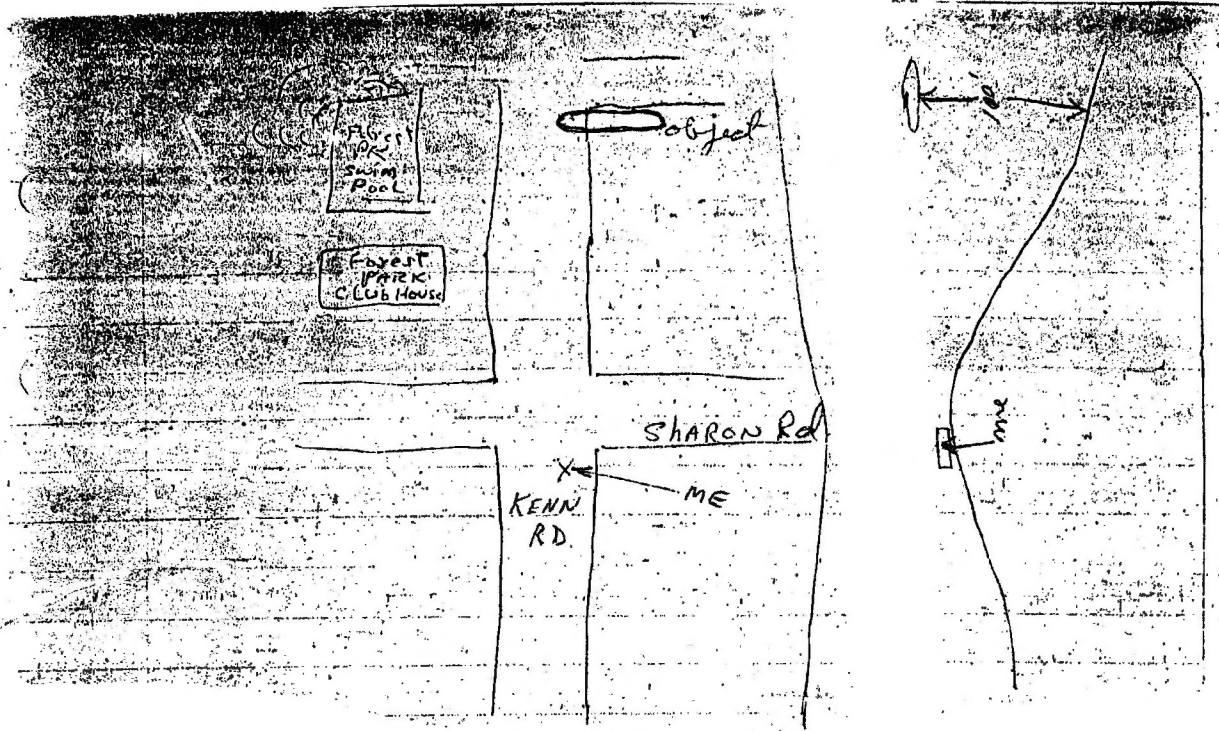
"The sighting took from 40 to 45 seconds approximately. My wife also saw this as she was in the car with me." (xx.) (See drawing on page 70)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 25 May 62.

Late May. Swedish Ministry of Defense.

Ivan Troeng, professor of the High School of Forestry and Chairman of the Ifologiska Sallskapet (The UFO Research Society of Sweden, a group of civilian UFO buffs) contacted the Swedish Ministry of Defense to announce that a wave of flying saucer reports could be expected because of the near orbital approach of the planet Venus to the Earth (Troeng, like England's Prince Phillip, seems to have been a fan of George Adamski). Troeng declared that May 22nd would be the magic day. Well, nothing of note occurred in Sweden on the 22nd but news of the Argentine flap reached Europe on May 28th, apparently giving Troeng some kind of credibility. (See June 7th). (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. September-October 1962. Vol. 8, No. 5. p.3.



Sincerely Yours,

Patricia A. Ohio

May?/June? Juyjuy district, Argentina. (4:00 a.m.)

Saucer landing?

The *APRO Bulletin* states:

"A third-hand case forwarded by Bernard Passion from his friend Mr. Echinique, involves the May or possibly June sighting (no exact date) of a saucer landing by four people. The people (4) were traveling in a pickup truck bound for a town in Juyjuy, and ran out of gas. They pulled up alongside the road and waited for a car to come along so they could go for help. It was 4 a.m. and drizzling rain. Suddenly they saw a bright light coming up the road in their direction. At first they thought it was another car but then realized it was not when it was about 200 yards away. It veered off the road, shot up into the air, 'lighting the area as if it were daylight.' Then it landed. The object was round in shape, very luminous, and blinked its lights on and off several times. It remained on the ground for about an hour. After that, it took off and disappeared into the distance at high speed."

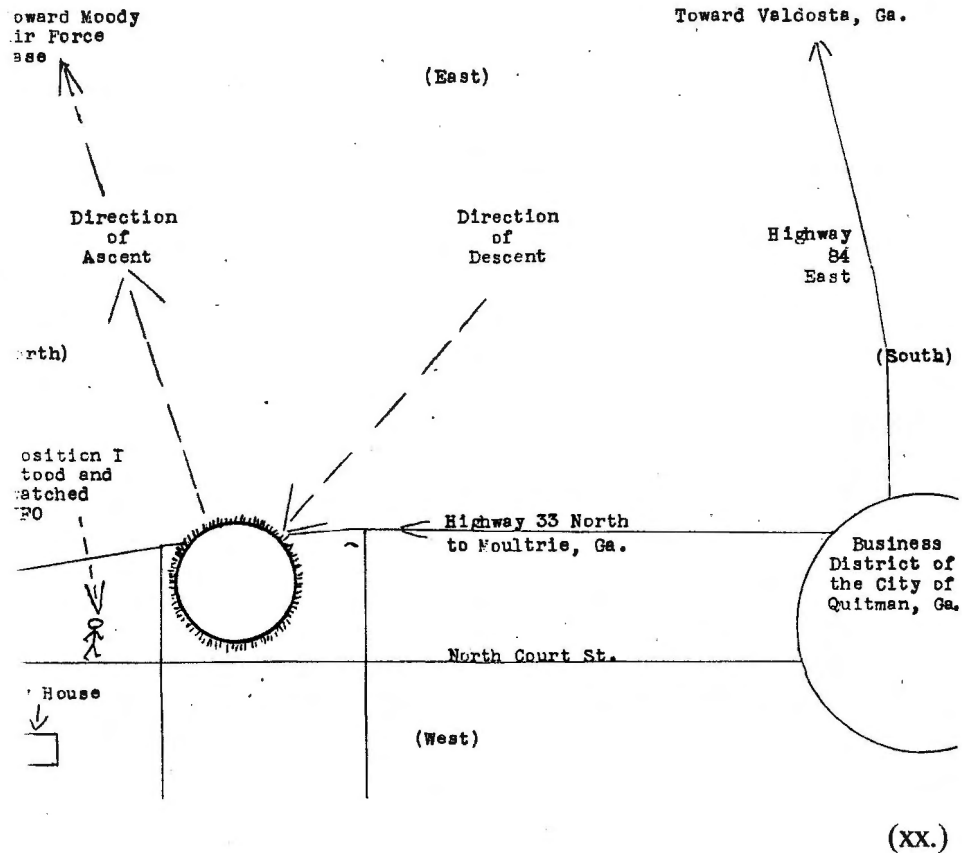
(xx.) *APRO Bulletin*. July 1962. p. 4.

? June 1962. Quiman, Georgia. (about 8:30 p.m.)

Brilliant ball.

Charles Howard was sitting on his front porch after supper talking with his aunt and son. The moon had yet risen and the stars were clearly visible. Suddenly he noticed an odd light high up in sky moving downward. What happened next is related in a letter and sketch sent to NICAP. (See below and on page 72)

Sketch showing direction of UFO coming down and going away. Object seemed solid & small at first as it made its descent but when it reached a height of about 100 to 200 ft. it was easy to tell it was approximately 100 ft. in diameter. It remained motionless as if suspended by something for about a minute or two. Then it seemed to begin rotating around the outer rim with red, white, & green color lights or jet streams coming from all around. It moved off with incredible speed and was out of sight in a matter of seconds. My first sighting was as I sat on the front porch of my home with my aunt and my 10 year old son. I was sitting in the swing facing the east. The object at first looked like a star in the southeast and almost straight overhead. I noticed it again in about a minute because it had become much larger. I called my aunt's and son's attention to it. They remained on the porch watching while I went out in the street. I would say the actual time descending was 3 to 4 minutes, time it remained stationary 1 minute, and time ascending until out of sight 25 seconds. I was no more than a hundred feet from being directly under the UFO. My aunt was frightened by the reflection of the different color lights as they danced all over the area as the UFO ascended. The color of object as it descended and remained motionless was bright white as something white hot. This is about as clear a description as can be given.



(xx.) NICAP UFO report form. Copy in author's files.

June 1962. Prince Philip and flying saucers.

The British royal family needed to be better served by the Air Ministry. The American magazine *McCalls* (30,000,000 readers) had story in its June 1962 issue about the Queen of England and how she entertains at parties for close fiends. The magazine article touched dinner conversations and mentioned one subject of interest to us. Someone happened to express an opinion about "flying saucers." Prince Philip remarked to those present: "I'm sure they exist. All the evidence points to it. So many people say they have seen them." (At this point one thinks he may have good contacts within the British military, however...) The prince continued: "You should read the book, *Flying Saucers Have Landed*." Adamski!!!!

1 June 62. Bordentown, New Jersey. (11:00 p.m.)

UFO throws TV out of kilter?

A local newspaper reported:

" 'The TV set was acting up all night. Then about 11:00 p.m. it got very bad,' Mrs. Jessie Bilancio of Homestead Ave., Bordentown Township, explained.

"Investigating the cause of the disturbance, the woman walked out into the rear yard and there 'off to my right—about the size of my fist—was a very bright object.' It was last Friday (June 1, 1962) evening when the UFO apparently touched off the electrical disturbance in Mrs. Bilancio's TV set.

" 'It didn't reflect light,' the woman explained. 'It—the light—hovered in the top of a tree in my yard less than 30 feet above me. Then it moved to the lower limbs, something like a firefly. I first thought it was a spotlight,' she continued, 'but then when it moved from branch to branch and finally flashed away into the sky, I realized it was something that was giving off its own light.' Mrs. Bilancio said it all happened so fast she did not have time to become frightened.

"When I told my husband about it inside the house, he started kidding me." (xx.)

(xx.) *SPACE*. Published by Norbert F. Gariety of Coral Gables, Florida. August 1962.

1 June. District of Sauce Viejo, Argentina. (between 12:00 & 1:00 p.m.)

Partly like a sombrero.

A press report said:

"Yesterday afternoon, Wednesday between 12 and one o'clock, in the neighboring district of Sauce Viejo, department of the Capital, a strange object was seen, flying at a high altitude.

"According to some witnesses who saw the phenomenon, mostly workers in the factory, D.W.W. Auto Union, the object was oval-shaped and partly like a sombrero.

"Other witnesses said that the object was a large disc and that a group of three unidentified airplanes (seemed to be, were said to be) flying over the spot.

"In trying to obtain details, information was requested from the local airport, where we were told that they had no information about (knew nothing about) this phenomenon (sighting), but that at the hour in question three airplanes from the Parana Airbase were flying in the area and had landed to refuel." (xx.)

(xx.) Buenos Aires, Argentina. *La Prensa*. 1 June 62.

7 June. Swedish Ministry of Defense.

Concerning professor Troeng and the Swedish military, according to our source:

"...on June 7, Mr. Troeng had been invited to a conference at the Ministry of Defense. At this meeting Colonel Von Vegesack, Head of the Staff Research Department, took the chair. In attendance were two staff captains. The conference opened with the statement: 'UFOs are not military objects.' When this declaration had been made, it was easy to discuss how the reports could be handed over without revealing military secrets: a convenient solution seemed to be that the place of observation should not always be disclosed.

"The interpretation that the UFO research Society puts on the Commander-in-Chief's statement was that UFOs seen in Sweden's air-space should be considered friendly and not as intruders.

"Following this official announcement, Mr. Troeng was invited to be interviewed on television, when he showed one of the Adamski photographs and answered several questions put to him by a space expert. Colonel Von Vegesack then stated that he could see no reason why it should not be true that people on other planets had solved the problems of traveling in space before we had. The television program was widely commented on in the Press and a lively controversy followed." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. September-October 1962. Vol. 8, No. 5. p.3.

9 June. Biloxi, Mississippi. (between 8:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.)

A round-flat object?

A 45-year-old woman was fishing off a pier at the foot of Pat Harrison Avenue in Biloxi, Mississippi, when she noticed what she thought was a large airplane coming out of the east. It was to her left over Biloxi Bay in the vicinity of Keeler AFB. As it approached she was curious about the lack of engine noise. The UFO crossed in front of her, zooming westward at fantastic speed. In a matter of 5-6 seconds the thing disappeared into some clouds. (See drawing and notes below from BLUE BOOK files) (xx.)

(xx.) Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 9 June 62.

<p>16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.</p> <p>a. Sound - <u>IT MADE ABSOLUTELY NO SOUND WHICH WAS WHAT CALLED MY ATTENTION TO IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.</u></p> <p>b. Color - <u>SOFT SILVERY GRAY - JUST BRIGHT ENOUGH TO SHOW ITS SOFT OUTLINE AGAINST THE NIGHT SKY - ALSO SEEMED TO REFLECT LIGHT FROM SHORE.</u></p>	
<p>17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.</p> <p>(LOOKED LIKE A 0-124 FUEL TANK - NO WINGS OR TAIL NOTICED)</p> <p>IT HAD A LINE OF LIGHT OR LIGHTS THRU THE CENTER RESEMBLING WINDOWS OF A PASSENGER TRAIN AT NITE, EXCEPT ONLY THE WINDOW OR LIGHT DIRECTLY OPPOSITE ME IN THE CENTER WAS BRIGHT. THE OTHERS FADED OUT TO EACH SIDE SUGGESTING CIRCLE OF LIGHTS BORDERING A ROUND-FLAT OBJECT.</p>	
<p>18. The edges of the object were:</p> <p>(Circle One): <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Fuzzy or blurred e. Other _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">b. Like a bright star</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">c. Sharply outlined</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">d. Don't remember</p>	
<p>19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? <u>ONLY ONE</u></p> <p>Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.</p>	

10 June. Woburn, Massachusetts. (no time)

Parachute-shaped.

Our source states:

"Four Woburn, Massachusetts, persons witnessed a white parachute-shaped object as it descended in the sky over Woburn, Massachusetts. This sighting along with the Lexington and Burlington, Massachusetts, sightings mentioned above all indicated the same shape-'parachute-shaped' objects, but none knew of the sightings and photographs of the other eyewitnesses during the 28 day period and all the same location." (xx.)

(xx.) No Case (Information Only) 10 June 1962. Woburn, Massachusetts. Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 10 June 62.

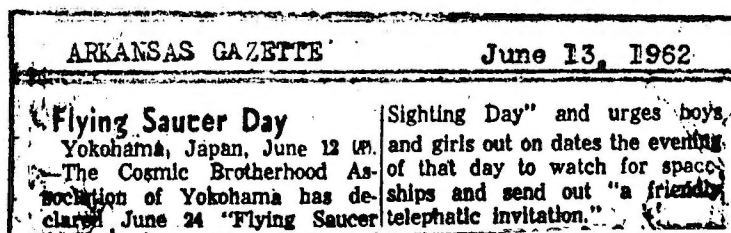
10 June. Call for an Argentina investigation.

Our source states:

"On June 10, the paper *La Nacion* (Buenos Aires) reported that UFOs had been seen three times since the beginning of the year in Catamarca and that the Government of that Province had called upon the local astronomical society (newly formed) for an investigation." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. July-August 1964. Vol. 10, No. 4. p.11.

13 June. "Flying Saucer Day."



13 June. Call for another Argentine investigation.

Our source states:

"On June 13 the Buenos Aires paper *El Mundo* reported that there had been so many saucer sightings over Bahia Blanc area that the Chief of Police in La Plata had summoned all eyewitnesses to appear before him and give statements. Some of the reports were of landings. The paper described the events as sensational and said the UFOs were visitors from space." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. July-August 1964. Vol. 10, No. 4. p.11.

15 June. Mar del Plata, Argentina. (9:30 p.m.)

Vividly illuminated cigar.

According to our source:

“During the night of June 15, at Mar del Plata, numerous people saw a UFO, while at the neighboring coast resort of Miramar a cigar was seen at 9:30 p.m. flying in from the direction of the South Atlantic. The whole craft was vividly illuminated and carried, in addition, three very bright lights (red in the center, yellow on the right, and green on the left). The apparent size of the cigar was greater than the diameter of the Moon.” (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. July-August 1964. Vol. 10, No.4. p.11.

19 June. London, England. (6:08 p.m.)

Like an inverted cup without the handle.

A report in the *Flying Saucer Review*:

“Mr. C. L. Davis of 16 Ravenshaw Street, London, N.M. 6, has sent us the following: ‘At precisely 6:08 p.m. on June 19, I began to take an interest in a UFO that I had noticed five minutes previously. I was on my way home from my office in the City of London and walking down a footpath running adjacent to the railway from West End Lane to Ravenshaw Street and Bloomsbury Street. The direction of the path is about due West. The object was seen passing from my right to left. It had, I would imagine, have come from the direction of Edgware and disappeared from my sight at about over Hammersmith, this being at precisely 6:09 p.m. It was travelling very slowly at about 400 to 600 feet and about two miles away, or maybe only one mile. It traveled from side to side in flight very slowly in a shallow loop, hesitating sometimes and practically stopping in mid air. It was in the shape of an inverted shallow, very shallow, cup without a handle and had a wide lip running round its base. Dull gray (metallic gray) is the only color, which would describe it with accuracy and when it caught the sun at the base of its shallow loop it shone as though it were burning magnesium, a brilliant blue and white color. No one was near enough for me to call and corroborate this sighting. I have the very best of eyesight and believe my own eyes implicitly. I would appreciate any further information as to whether or not any other person or persons saw it.’ (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. September-October. Vol. 8, No.5. p.21.

22 June. Indianapolis, Indiana. (no time)

Windows?

Our source states: "A flying disc with rectangular lights—apparently windows—was reported by groups of citizens. As the disc rotated, 7 to 10 'windows' could be seen at a time, showing red, green and white lights." (xx.)

(xx.) *NICAP Investigator*. August-September 1962. Vol. II, No. 5. p.7.

PAGE 6 SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, Saturday, June 23, 1962 FHE★

....Buenos Aires Is Talking About.....

The Unworldly Visitors

Buenos Aires

A WOMAN in the Argentine province of La Pampa is in a mental hospital suffering from shock after seeing a visitor from outer space.

The woman swears by this story: A flying saucer landed in a nearby field and a hatchway opened in its side. Out stepped a robot, which looked around and saw the woman watching it. Then it jumped back into the machine and flashed off into the sky. The woman's farmworker husband says he arrived just in time to see the saucer disappearing and found his wife in a state of collapse. The husband and fellow farmworkers all say the ground was scorched over a wide area where the woman claims the saucer landed.

Incredible it may be, but this is only one of a crop of weird tales that have occupied the pages of all major newspapers in this city. The country is afflicted with flying-sauceritis... a diversion from its political and economic woes.

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MIGUEL Thome, who lives in the southern city of Bahia Blanca, produced a set of



photographs which he claims are of a flying saucer at close range.

Three truck drivers claim they spotted a saucer just before dawn while traveling from Bahia Blanca to La Pampa. They described it as "a strange, luminous object looking like a brightly lit railway carriage." They say the object remained on the ground for a short spell, then took off and whistled low over their heads. As it passed them, the saucer split into half, each half going a separate way.

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ALL THIS publicity is grand for space buffs. Ariel-Ciro

Rietti, for example, the president of the Commission for Observing Non-Identified Objects, has publicly declared the commission's readiness to investigate any flying saucer reports.

Rietti's theory is that the saucers are manned by visitors from outer space who put down in Argentina to refuel. "It's logical," he said. "All reports of seeing flying saucers come from a triangular area bounded by the cities of Bahia Blanca, Cordoba and Salta. I believe that the saucers come down in this locality to refuel. We do not know what they use to propel themselves, but I theorize it is some kind of combustible. I feel it is not unreasonable to surmise that they can obtain some substance there that we know nothing about."

Rietti's theory as to who mans the saucers and why: "Beings from unknown parts of the universe are endeavoring to explore the earth," he said. "They are the reply from outer space to man's attempts to conquer new worlds with artificial satellites and manned space capsules."

—Barry James

25 June. Tucson, Arizona. (9:00 p.m. – 1:16 a.m.)

"Rocket-Shooting" SAUCERS over Tucson. (See *Fate* article on pages 78-82)

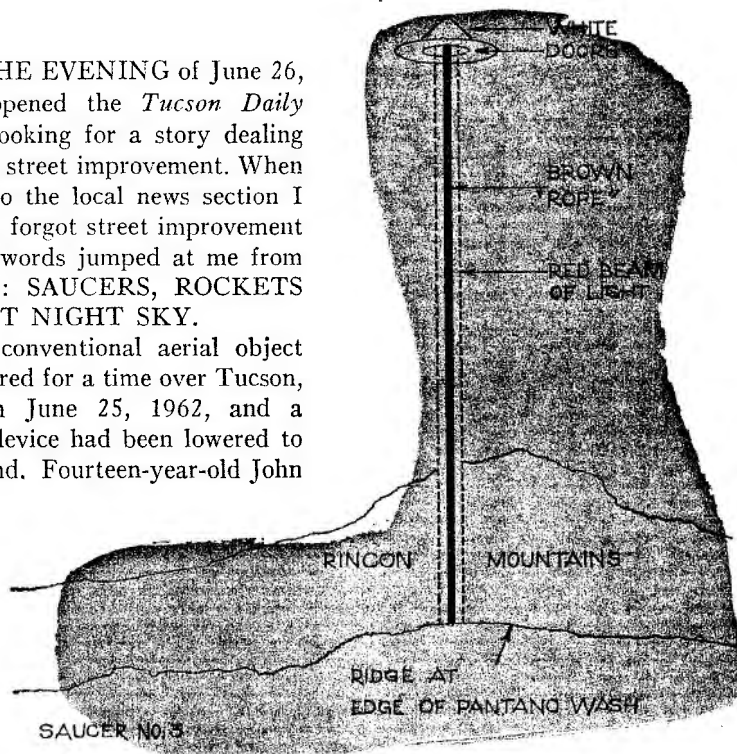
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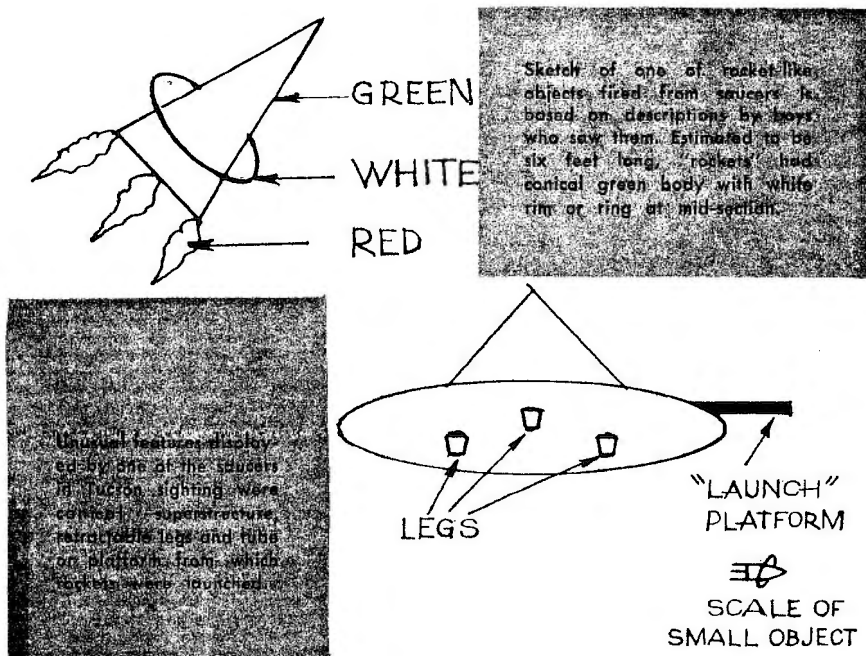
Rocket-like objects emerged from and returned to the saucers. And one disgorged an even stranger gimmick.

ON THE EVENING of June 26, I opened the *Tucson Daily Citizen* looking for a story dealing with city street improvement. When I came to the local news section I promptly forgot street improvement as these words jumped at me from the page: SAUCERS, ROCKETS INHABIT NIGHT SKY.

An unconventional aerial object had hovered for a time over Tucson, Ariz., on June 25, 1962, and a strange device had been lowered to the ground. Fourteen-year-old John



Drawing shows "rope" lowered to ground during remarkable saucer activity over Tucson.



Westmoreland, his brother James and next-door neighbor Ronnie Black had spent the night in a tent in the Westmoreland backyard and for four hours had witnessed some strange aerial phenomena.

I read the article and reached for the telephone book. Seconds later I was talking to Mrs. Logan Westmoreland, mother of John and James. She graciously invited Mr. Lorenzen and me to come to her home and interview the boys. Three hours later we were seated in the comfortably furnished living room of the Westmoreland home in southeast Tucson.

I really didn't expect to find out anything of importance; 11 years' experience investigating UFO sightings, as Director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), has taught me skepticism.

However, the boys were eager to talk about their adventure and they told this story:

John and James Westmoreland and Ronnie Black had been given permission to spend the night in the tent in the backyard. Armed with a deck of playing cards and pad and pencil for score-keeping, they had settled down to a game of 500 Rummy by lantern light. Short-

ly before 9:00 they were bored with the card game but not yet sleepy and they decided to go outside — to watch for meteors, to look at the stars, to catch a passing breeze. The day had been hot but summer rains were in the offing and the night air, although still warm and humid, was beginning to cool.

John noticed an odd-looking star. It was very bright, white in color, and "moved around a little." Soon it dimmed, moved a little toward the south, lost a few degrees in altitude and then became stationary.

Mr. Lorenzen determined through careful questioning that the "star" was at first about five degrees south of due west at an elevation of from 30 to 40 degrees.

However, the boys soon had lost interest and went back into the tent to another game of Rummy. From time to time they peeked out at the strange "star" but it just "stayed there." All three boys were beginning to think about turning in for the night. One of the fun things about sleeping out was staying up beyond normal bedtime, but they had to admit to themselves that they were sleepy. Then at about 11:45 things began to happen.

The bright "star" became much brighter and seemed to move closer. It assumed a triangular shape as it grew larger. Then it became stationary again. How long this process took the boys did not know, but according to the kitchen clock (they kept peeking in the window to check the time) a surprising thing happened at 12:15 A.M. Three green flares or rockets were fired horizontally from the main object.

At this time, John scrambled into the tent, and emerged with the score pad and pencil. Having decided to keep notes he wrote: "At 9:00 o'clock at night we saw a flying saucer. At 12:15 it shot three green things that traveled faster than any plane."

Jim and I questioned the boys in a conversational tone, changing off subjects occasionally. Sometimes I

would talk to John while Jim would ask questions of Ronnie Black or James. Then we would switch and I would talk to the youngest boy and Jim would concentrate on John and James, and so on. They all agreed that the rockets were too fast to track with the eyes.

After the first "rocket" was fired John noticed the second "saucer" which we will hereafter refer to as Number Two. It came racing from west to east across the northern sky, "turned a flip," and came to rest about 15 degrees east of north at a slightly greater elevation than saucer Number One. Shortly Number Two, which appeared closer and larger than Number One, was approached by a "flare-like object" which came in from underneath and appeared to be absorbed through the bottom of Number Two.

Then the first saucer spat out another of the small objects. About three minutes later Number Two was approached again by a tiny object which seemingly disappeared into the bottom of Number Two.

Number One was still in the same position, appearing to be triangular in shape. Number Two appeared round, and much closer, with two leg-like or stilt-like protuberances on its underside.

A third flare emerged from Number One and was shortly "received" by saucer Number Two. Things were getting interesting.

Number Two then shot out a "rocket" which quickly disappeared into the night sky. Number two began to dim and fade into the sky and was not seen again. Number One retained its position.

At this time saucer Number Three was spotted at about 100-110 degrees and about 45 degrees elevation. It appeared the largest and highest of the three, which suggests that it was closer. The detail reported by the boys bears this out.

But the best part of the show was yet to come.

Number Three sported a cone-shaped superstructure above an ap-

parently round airfoil. Its color was white and like the others it made absolutely no sound. At 1:16 a jet plane went over. We later decided it was probably in the flight pattern of Davis-Monthan AFB, a Strategic Air Command installation a scant three or four miles from the Westmoreland home.

The new visitor closed in and three of the stilt-like protuberances "popped out." Then the object gained altitude. An elongated dark *something* slid out from above the circular rim and three of the small rocket-like objects emerged in quick succession. In a few minutes they were back. Two doors swung down and back up flush with the bottom of the saucer. As the doors opened, the "legs" receded into the object. The little "rockets," now clearly seen, swiftly entered the opening, one by one. The big object elevated slightly, moved sideways and then became stationary again.

During our conversation the boys talked excitedly, sometimes disagreeing about time intervals but always agreeing on the basic information.

They said that during the latter part of the sighting involving the saucer with opening doors they became frightened but were too curious to go indoors.

The newspaper had printed only the boys' notes which recorded merely general movements of the aerial objects. For instance, in describing saucer Number Three, John had written: "Something lowered from the bottom. Something came out."

I asked John what this meant. He said something which looked like a rope or cable came out and lowered to the ground. I asked him what color it was and two voices — John's and James' — replied in unison, "brown." I asked how they could tell the colors at that time of night. "From the light," they said.

"What light?" I asked.

They then told me that when the

saucer doors opened, a red light shone down from the inside in a perpendicular narrow beam that extended to the ground. When the long, rope-like object began to emerge, it was clearly visible and appeared brown in color.

The boys estimated that after three to five minutes the "rope" began to go up into the saucer again. After it had cleared the top of the ridge bordering Pantano Wash they realized something was on the bottom of it. It was slowly pulled up into the large object, the doors closed and the object moved upward, eastward, and out of sight.

The youngsters stayed up a little longer watching for more activity in the sky, but before long sleepiness due to the excitement of the night and the late hour overcame their curiosity and they retired to the tent.

As soon as they awakened in the morning they rushed in to tell Mrs. Westmoreland what they had seen.

Pat Westmoreland, about 40, is an understanding mother but a firm one. She thought at first the boys had made up or had imagined the story but she soon realized they had had a real experience. She decided the newspapers should know what had happened the preceding night and called them.

The boys were anxious to find out if others had witnessed the phenomena. During one of our conversations John expressed considerable disappointment that no one had reported the objects to us. He said, "I can't figure how anyone could have missed it."

The newspaper which printed John's notes pointed out that the incident could be real or imaginary and did nothing to investigate for other witnesses or to establish the facts.

After three long visits with the boys, during which time Mr. Lorenzen walked with them to Pantano Wash over which they thought the UFO had hovered and I sketched the objects from their instructions, we found no indication that they

were not telling the truth. Mr. Lorenzen and I have no evidence nor any suspicion that the boys were attempting to perpetrate a hoax.

Some of the things, over and above the apparent honesty of the boys, which impressed me concerning the sighting are the objectivity and intelligent powers of observation displayed by the three boys.

When attempting to describe the object which was brought up by the "rope" or "cable," John Westmoreland estimated the object was about as long as his father. In other words, its length was approximately six feet. If saucer Number Three was above Pantano Wash, as the boys thought, we can have an idea of its size as well as of the size of the flares or "rockets" and of the size of the objects pulled up by the "rope".

The rim of the third saucer seemed to have the same displacement as the five-foot cross-arm on the utility pole at the corner of the Westmoreland lot. Thus, if it was over Pantano Wash, one-fourth mile distant, it was approximately 80 feet in diameter. The small objects then would have been about six feet long, and the object taken up into the saucer would be about the same size as the "rockets," and certainly of the same general configuration (see sketches).

It is interesting and tempting to speculate that one of the rockets, at some time or other, had become disabled and a search had been initiated and, eventually, a recovery effected (the incident observed by the Westmoreland boys and Ronnie Black). The latter phase of the sighting, in which a device was lowered to the ground and returned to saucer Number Three with a triangular-shaped object at the end of it, certainly indicates something was raised from the ground to the saucer. This may be supported further by the fact that, after hours of hovering in the vicinity, the UFO left after the small object was taken into Number Three. The recovery

of that object may have been the sole reason for the presence of the saucers that night.

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DURING THE COURSE of our investigation I heard a third-hand account of a sighting from an individual whom I consider reliable. This object had a yellow light on it and "gave off" small bright objects. It was seen southeast of Tucson about two months prior to the Westmoreland incident. The individual who told of the previous incident did not know all the details of the Westmoreland sighting.

After the initial publicity, a group of local college students sent up some balloons filled with ordinary kitchen gas and lighted by candles encased in fireproof crepe paper. This was done three days after the Westmoreland sighting.

A professor of atmospheric physics who is interested in UFOs was told of a strange lighted object in the sky and viewed it through a small telescope. The story of his sighting was in the *Arizona Star*, a morning paper, on Friday, June 29, 1962. Upon reading the details, plus his theory that the thing was an "extended source of light," I wondered if some hoaxers had been at work. I called the *Tucson Citizen*, asking that they mention APRO's interest and asking for further sightings of the Thursday object if any came in. I suggested that the object seen that night might have been the result of a prank. Later I talked to the physicist and found that he also had decided that the object was a hoax.

Later news stories said the boys involved in the "prank" were "carrying out experiments dealing with wind velocity and other weather conditions." Considering that the balloon was home-made, of dry-cleaning bags, and that it contained dangerous, highly flammable gas and was tied to a device with an open flame, it is not likely it was more than a prank. It appears more likely the "young men" realized the childishness of their actions and at-

tempted to pass them off as "an experiment."

The only two observers of the lighted plastic bags who called me and described what they had seen did not think there was anything mysterious about the objects. One lady said she felt the thing she was watching was a balloon with a light attached to it. Nevertheless, the local press gave the impression that those who viewed the hoax objects were completely fooled. This certainly was not the case.

It is lamentable that the newspapers, apparently satisfied with the "young men's" explanation, stated that these "experiments" may have been the cause of all saucer sightings in Southern Arizona in the past few months. Unfortunately, a large percentage of the press disposes of the perplexing UFO problem by ignoring the evidence.

Mr. Lorenzen duly informed the Airdrome officer at Davis-Monthan AFB of the Westmorelands' saucer sighting, but they have not been

contacted by any official investigator. Indeed, the officer did not seem to be interested in the sighting.

The events of June 24-30 aptly demonstrate my contention concerning the psychology of the "disbeliever." The skeptic is so intent upon disproving what he does not wish to believe, by labelling it a hoax or the misconception of a conventional object, that he often sets about perpetrating a hoax to support his own convictions and allay his subconscious fears.

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A THOROUGH PERUSAL of newspaper stories concerning the Westmoreland sighting, as well as other newspaper reports of unidentified flying objects, emphasizes the foolhardiness of accepting *in toto* the information pertaining to UFO sightings as presented by the news media and points up the need for thorough investigation. Had I accepted the Westmoreland story as presented by the *Tucson Citizen* I would have had a short disserta-

tion completely lacking in detail. A few hours spent in investigation enabled APRO to log one of the most detailed sightings of an unconventional aerial object in our records.

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AT THIS POINT, perhaps you wonder why the boys didn't report their observation when it took place.

The answer is quite simple. The first UFO remained only a "star" in the sky for some time. When the interesting phenomena began it was late and Mr. and Mrs. Westmoreland had retired. Both of the Westmoreland boys said they would hesitate to wake their parents to report a "flying saucer." And the Westmorelands admit that they would not have felt kindly disposed toward tales of UFOs in the middle of the night.

None of them believed in flying saucers before June 26 of this year.



(xx.) Date of *Fate* article missing. It was probably published shortly after the same story appeared in the July 1962 issue of the *APRO Bulletin*.

26 June. Verona, Italy. (about 3:00 a.m.)

"An incorporeal being."

A weird story from the Italian press. A strange account was:

"...described by a 20-year-old man named Roberto Peregozzo, of Verona. He claims that, during the evening hours of June 26, he was sitting up with his sister and mother smoking when they noticed a silvery disc maneuvering in the sky outside.

"It remained visible for about an hour, after which the two women retired. Roberto went to his own room.

"About 3 a.m. the daughter woke up complaining of intense cold. 'And then I saw a greenish fluctuating light invade the whole room,' she told the newspaper *La Domenica del Corriere*. 'Before I could recover from my astonishment, I saw appear, two paces from my bed and in the rectangular opening of the window, an incorporeal being in human form, but with only the outlines hazily defined. The rest of it was transparent.

It had an enormous close-shaven head. Although impalpable and, maybe, weightless, I could nevertheless see it, gigantic, with its huge head and its huge hands extended toward me as if it intended to carry me off. It was motionless, and only its hands brushed me. It had no particular odor.'

"At this point she began to scream, waking her mother, who fainted upon seeing the creature. Just then Roberto rushed into the room, where he, too, beheld it. Almost immediately the form began to diminish, passed through a window, and 'disappeared in a flash just like a TV set when it goes out.' The cold remained, however.

"So unnerved by the whole experience were they that the family have since moved to a cottage in the country." (xx.)

(xx.) Beckley, Timothy Green, Ed. *Inside The Saucers* 1962. Published by the Interplanetary News Service. February 10, 1962. p.29. (Note: Usually I omit the sensational occupant cases from Europe. Since this incident has multiple witnesses, it is more interesting than most—L.E. Gross)

26 June. Falmouth, Massachusetts. (no time)

Hovered over the ocean.

Our source states: "At Falmouth, Massachusetts, Eleanor Schmidt and two other women reported a large bright red object that maneuvered from side to side and hovered over the ocean for 30 minutes." (xx.)

(xx.) No Case. (Information Only) 26 June 1962. Falmouth, Massachusetts. Air Force BLUE BOOK files. 26 June 62.

27 June. Salta, Argentina. (daytime)

Extraordinary luminous body.

The newspaper *La Razon* printed:

"...in a perfectly clear sky, an extraordinary luminous body had passed rapidly from North-East to South-West over the town of Salta in the far north of the country, an area where so many UFOs had already been seen. The paper also reported that from around midnight of June 27-28 until noon June 28 a constant rain of fine ash-like dust had poured down on Salta and vicinity. Many had at first thought it was snow." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. July-August 1964. Vol. 10, No.4. pp.10-11.

27 June. Durban, South Africa. (about 5:30 p.m.)

Blood-red object.

A press report contained this information:

"The *Natal Witness* on June 28 announced that Mr. C.M. Grover, of Durban, reported having seen an unidentified object in the sky about 5:30 p.m. on June 27 when he was about 15 miles from Utrecht on the Blood River—Utrecht road. He thought it at first to be a thin line of cloud, brilliant red in color, above the sunset. But when he stopped, the 'cloud' suddenly started to move in an extremely fast zig-zagging motion, which continued for five minutes. It seemed to be very high. 'It looked,' said Mr. Grover, 'rather like a red-hot golf ball, leaving behind it a trail of burning gases.' As he watched, it disappeared and although he waited for some minutes the object did not show itself again. Mr. Grover said that from where he was, the object could well have been moving backwards and forwards over Newcastle, though it was difficult to estimate its exact position." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. November-December 1962. Vol. 8, No. 6. p.24.

28 June. Swedish Ministry of Defense.

Data released.

According to our source: "On June 28 the Oberberbefalhavare (the Commander-Chief of all Swedish forces) publicly announced that a complete list of sightings were filed at the Ministry of Defense and that this list was to be handed over to the Swedish UFO Research Society." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. September-October 1962. Vol. 8, No. 5. p.3.

29 June. London, England. (11:30 p.m.)

Hovered over reservoir.

A letter to the *Flying Saucer Review* said:

"On the evening of June 29, a Mrs. G. Roberts, aged 50, was looking out of her window toward the S.W. 1 district of London at 11:30 p.m. She lives in Granville Road at the top of Child's Hill, N.W. 2, and has a clear view in the direction toward which she was looking. Suddenly she saw a large round object glowing a deep violet color hovering over the Kilburn area which is directly south-west from her. This object was the size of a farthing held at arm's length. It darted backwards and forwards for a few seconds and then hovered again. She called her 14-year-old daughter who, on seeing the object, became quite frightened. After about from 30 seconds to one minute the object shot up and disappeared. I interviewed the daughter the next morning. They are both intelligent people and not accustomed to hallucinations. I can vouch for their mental states for they have been my patients for some time.

"From analysis of this sighting it appears that the object was hovering over the Brent Reservoir, popularly known as the Welsh Harp, a large artificial stretch of fresh water." (xx.)

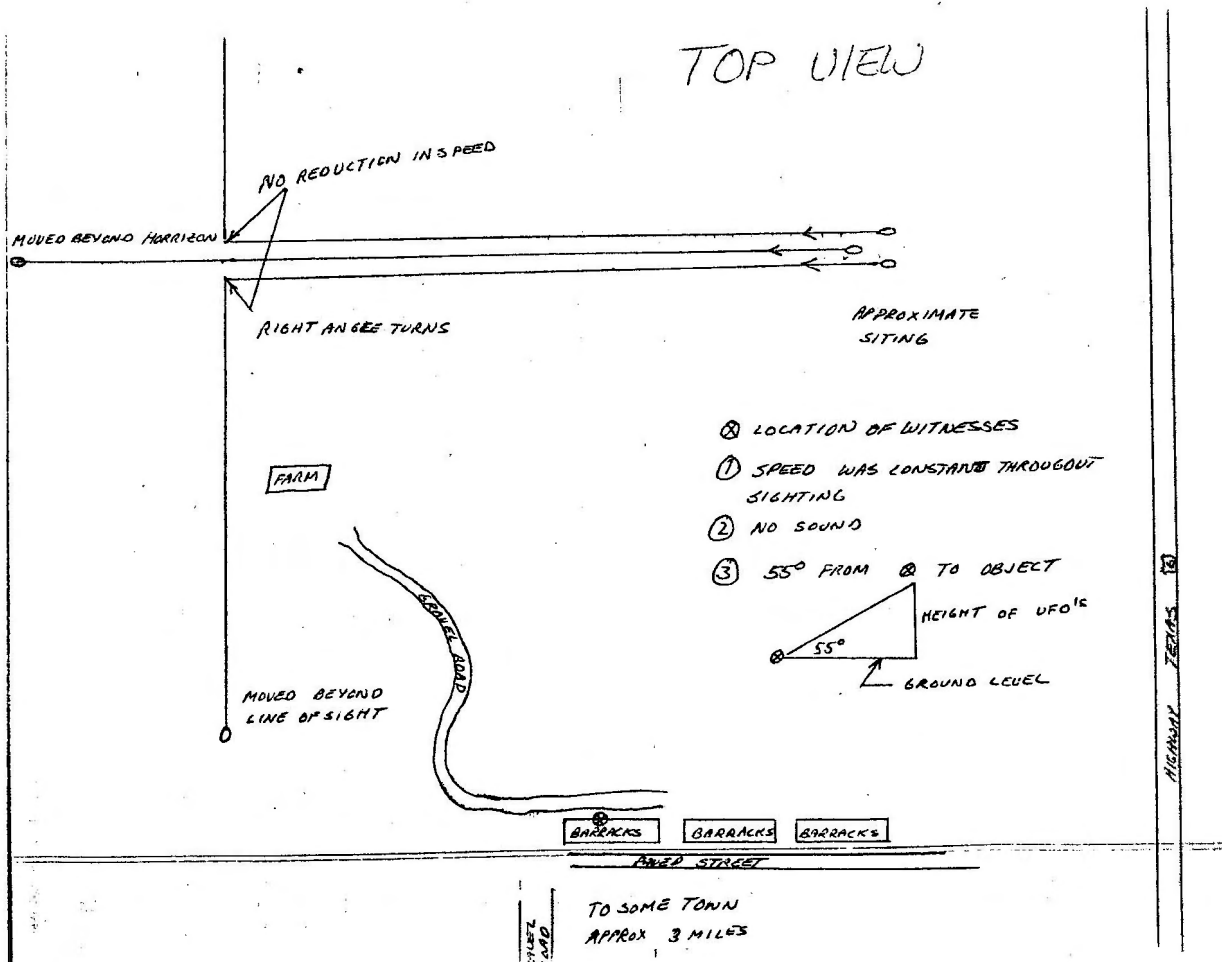
(xx.) *Flying Saucer Review*. September-October. Vol. 8, No. 5. p.31.

June or July? 1962. Dickenson, Texas. (Sometime between 9:00 – 3:00 a.m.)

"The two in back made right angle turns."

Martin R. Wingstrand was in a barrack on old Ellington Air Force Base one night in the summer of 1962. He happened to look out the window in time to notice three elliptical objects, giving off a constant medium-orange glow, silently racing across the dark sky. They were the size of a pea at arm's length. When the trio of UFOs reached a point overhead, they split up in dramatic fashion. (See drawing below) (xx.)

(xx.) *Report of an Unidentified Flying Object.* Questionnaire issued by the International UFO Bureau (IUFOB) Edmond, Oklahoma. Date of report: 29 July 1976. Copy in author's files.



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