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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE
ATTENTION 1A1

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF REPORT(S) OF INVESTIGATION

1. Transmitted are results of investigation considered of interest to your office.

2. This case is being carried in a CLOSED status in OSI files.

3. Remarks -

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Ltr fr FBI, dtd 8 Nov 57

GENE P. MORITZ
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
Counterintelligence Division
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE
ATTN: CAPTAIN COPAS

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

1. The inclosure, received from the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army, is considered of interest to your office.

2. You will be advised if any additional information is received concerning this matter.

1 Incl
Ltr fr E. J. Maurer to
General Barclay, dtd
10 Oct 57

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ACSI-SNF-R 6 November 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTORATE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Objects (U)

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1. Attached hereto is a letter written to Brigadier General John Barclay, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, by one Mr. E. J. MAURER, 5207 Second, Detroit, Michigan, in which Mr. MAURER reports sighting flying objects. Subject letter was forwarded to this office for transmittal to your agency.

2. Mr. MAURER has been informed by the Officer in Charge, Detachment "M", Redstone, that his letter is being forwarded to Headquarters, United States Air Force, as the agency having primary interest in matters of this nature.

3. For action deemed appropriate.

Edwin D. Moore
Major, GS

1 Incl
Ltr, 10 Oct 57 fr
Maurer to Gen Barclay

MINOR K. WILSON
Colonel, GS
Chief, Security Division

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SUBJECT: Reports on Anomalous Luminous Phenomena

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

23OCT 1957

Attached for your information and any action deemed appropriate is a copy of a letter from Aeronutronic Systems, Inc., requesting subject reports. The requestor has been advised of this referral.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

F. L. WELCH
Assistant Chief
Counterintelligence Div.
Dir of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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Cy ltr fr Aeronutronic
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Aeronutronic Systems, Inc.
1234 Air Way
Glendale, California

ATTN: Mr. John D. Gibson
Librarian

RE: Reports on Anomalous
Luminous Phenomena

Dear Sir:

Reference your letter of 18 September 1957, concerning subject matter.

Your request has been referred to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for appropriate action.

Sincerely,

F. L. WELCH
Assistant Chief
Counterintelligence Div.
Dir of Special Investigations
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AERONUTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC.
A SUBSIDIARY OF
Ford Motor Company

1234 AIR WAY
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA

September 18, 1957

U. S. Air Force
Inspector General
Office of Special Investigator
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have received information that you have a file of reports on "anomalous luminous phenomena". Will you send us a copy of all of the reports you have on this subject. We need these for a study of meteoritic phenomena in relation to our Contract AF 49(638)55.

Please send the reports to Aeronutronic Systems, Inc., Library, 1234 Air Way, Glendale, California.

Very truly yours,

AERONUTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC.

John D. Gibson

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208 West Cortez Road
Bradenton, Florida
August 23,1957

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen :

I have just been informed by several persons that one is supposed to report the sighting of any strange or unusual air craft to some bureau in Washington, but nobody seemed to know just what bureau! There was an announcement on television some time ago relative to this requirement.

First let me say that I am nearing sixty years of age, eyesight exfellent,many years' experience in teaching in the local high school,attitude usually very tolerant except toward the idea of FLYING SAUCERS. I have read much on this subject and have found myself extremely skeptical.

I remember quite well seeing Halley's comet in 1910. I have seen some very large meteors and countless falling stars, but I must admit that on the morning of July2, at ten minutes of four o'clock I saw in the eastern sky approaching from the south a very wide band of yellow light. It came on at terrific speed,not quite so fast as a falling star apparently,but much faster than any plane I have seen. Suddenly it stopped its northward flight and flew at right angles due east. As it made the turn, I saw DISTINCTLY THAT THE CRAFT WAS SHAPED LIKE A HUGE HALF MOON.

It never for one minute occurred to me that this craft was other than a manmade affair,and when I realized that its shape and speed were extraordinary,I had the strangest feeling that I had seen a so-called 'flying saucer'. Now I am wondering if what I certainly saw could have been an earth satellite experiment.

C 26 SEP 1957

For whatever it is worth,that is my storyand much as I regret having to admit it,I believe it was from outer space!

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Very truly yours,

Ruby E. Patten

(Mrs. Roy A. Patten)

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE
ATTN: COLONEL CHARLES HURLEY

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Files
SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Reference is made to your memorandum, subject as above, dated 18 July 1957.

2. This Directorate's interest in the files is to review them for information of possible counterintelligence value. The OSI has had to conduct certain limited investigations concerning UFO reports in the past and has not as yet noted any of counterintelligence value. This Directorate would be glad to transmit to the FBI any files deemed by you to be of value. Files should be mailed or delivered to this Directorate, addressed for the attention of the Chief, Counterintelligence Division. The Sabotage and Espionage Branch of the Counterintelligence Division may be contacted for future action.

3. This memorandum is classified C[redacted]AL in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

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GENE P. MORITA, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Files

1. The Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, has for several years conducted analysis of UFO sightings. As a result, there have been accumulated extensive files on certain individuals who have used the UFO controversy for personal financial gain. In addition, there are files that indicate certain organizations, which because of their titles, appear to be official organizations and receive reports that otherwise should be directed to the Air Force. One such organization claims to have "received a number of Confidential UFO reports, both visual and radar, from veteran pilots and other trained observers in the Armed Forces and government civil aviation agencies."

2. Federal Bureau of Investigation interest in these files was discussed informally with Mr. W. T. Whaley, FBI-USAF Liaison Officer, who advised that we transmit, through AFCSI to the FBI, files determined by AFCIN to be of interest to the Bureau.

3. It is requested that you advise this office of your interest in the subject files, their means of transmittal to AFCSI, and the name of an AFCSI individual whom this office may contact for future action.

Charles Hurley

CHARLES HURLEY
Colonel, USAF
Office, ACS/Intelligence

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UAO Hovers Over Holloman AFB

On June 4 at approximately 12:30 a. m. a pale, blue-green globe-shaped light approached Holloman Air Force Base from the direction of Sierra Blanca (referred to as "Old Baldy Mountain") in the northwest. The speed of the object was not great, and the outstanding feature of this incident is what the object did when it reached the air base.

During a period of between 10 and 15 minutes astonished civilian and military observers watched the weird object swing to and fro like a pendulum. There was no discernible shape except the light, which was either large at high altitude or small at low altitude.

The light, as though bent on a specific mission, swung in even arcs over the base, then headed for White Sands Proving Ground, to the Southwest, and when over that area, again began the pendulum-like swing. It was observed by military and civilian personnel at the Proving Grounds also. After 10 or 15 minutes (we couldn't verify the *exact* time interval) of this maneuvering, the light began a swift ascension and disappeared into the sky over the Proving Ground.

The Director waited several weeks, meanwhile gathering pertinent information, before calling the PIO at Holloman for confirmation. On July 10 at 7:35 a. m. she called and talked to Public Information Officer Major John W McCurdy. She identified herself, then stated that she had called to inquire about the sighting made over Holloman in June. It was apparent the Major was familiar with the Director's name, for he didn't ask for it again. Neither did he ask about what specific sighting, or the details.

Major McCurdy merely said that the PIO had no information or official release on the sighting, and that "technical people would be more concerned" with such a matter. Mrs. Lorenzen then said, "Then you will neither confirm nor deny the sighting?" The Major said that was correct. Mrs. Lorenzen then thanked him for his courtesy and time and hung up the telephone.

The whole situation is somewhat disconcerting, as it only adds to the already sound assumption that the AF is holding back information regarding UAO. Major McCurdy was evidently well aware of the sighting, for he didn't seem curious about it. Usually reliable sources other than the eye witnesses who told us of the sighting, have informed us that radar confirmation was obtained, at least at Holloman if not aot White Sands, that a CIA investigator visited Holloman and the Photo Lab, and that films of the object and its maneuvers were obtained.

Holloman Air Research and Development Center is one of, if not the most, important guided missile testing range in the United States. No planes were sent up to investigate the strange, unknown aerial visitor which hovered for at least TEN MINUTES over the Base on June 4. To even theorize that the object was one of our own test vehicles is ridiculous—test missiles are not ranged over the base proper because such tactics would be too dangerous.

This observation is without a doubt one of the most important sightings ever to be made of an unconventional aerial object.

Four Objects Over Kansas City, Kansas

We are indebted to Frank Inderwiesen for the following detailed account of four UAO in flight over Kansas City. Mr. Inderwiesen, an electronics engineer on business in this vicinity, had heard of us and stopped for a chat, meanwhile relating the following:

On 23 May, John Campbell, Theodore Cox, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Barnett, all employees of the main Quindaro Power Plant, observed four round, bluish-silver objects in the sky. Campbell and Cox were getting ready to do some painting, saw the objects and called to Mr. Wilson, head custodian and Mr. Barnett, the janitor, and they also observed the objects.

As they came into view, the objects were in a "box" formation with the first two objects about one diameter of the object apart, and the second two objects, also abreast of each other, spaced the same but about 6 or 7 diameters to the rear of the leaders. The observers estimated their speed to be betwen 300 and 500 mph, based on observations of the speed of B-47s they had watched.

Suddenly the rear pair of UAO flipped on edge, made a tight turn and headed northwest. The two forward objects continued on for a space, then flipped on edge, accelerated to catch up, then resumed formation with the others and the whole formation went out of sight. The UAO to the left in the rear formation was described as red, somewhat like a red neon sign, on top, and this red top was on the inside of the turn when the turn was made.

The observers said the objects appeared to be very thin when viewed on edge, as compared to the diameter. There was no sound and no trail. A TWA constellation was at about 2,000 feet in the sky, and the UAO appeared to be much higher. Surface winds were mrom the north.

The pairs of UAOs, after flipping on edge, made a tight turn in a formation like the two rear wheels of an automobile would make in executing a turn. Also it was noted that the objects did not completely return to a horizontal position after the turn, but remained slightly tilted as they faded into the distance. The total time the UAOs were in view was estimated at one and one-half to two minutes. The apparent size estimate is compared to a 50 cent piece at a distance of 5 feet from the eye. The time: 8:30 a. m.

None of the observers were flying saucer enthusiasts prior to this observation. Their supervisor, Mr. Peterson, vouched for the character of the observers, and missed seeing the UAOs by seconds, himself.

UAO Seen At Close Range By Airline Crew

Valencia, Venezuela, June 9. The crew and passengers of a Linea Aeropostal Venezolana Douglas DC-3 reported seeing a strange luminous object which passed within a few meters of the plane at tremendous speed. The plane was piloted by Captain Vivas with co-pilot Rafael Hernandez and the object was seen on the route between Puerto Cabello and Valencia. All observers agreed that the object was luminous, flat, slightly round and travelling at a fantastic rate of speed. People residing in the region of El Cambur near the highway connecting Pto Cabello and Valencia also reported seeing the object, thus confirming the plane sighting, but from the ground. (Cr: H. Gonzales, from Ultimas Noticias, also personal radio report)

A BOOK REVIEW

A veritable gold mine of facts is the new book, "The Inexplicable Sky" by Britisher Arthur Constance, which deals with meteors, fireballs, mirages, things that fall from the sky and latest facts about flying saucers. This book, in the writer's opinion, is one of those rare tomes which is not only well written but well researched. Mr. Constance is a meticulous writer, and is not afraid to criticize the "experts" who have made a muddle of scieontific research. The reader will not have realized how little he knew about such commonplace things as rain, until he has read this book and we highly recommend it to any individual who is interested in pure, unadulterated truth. Citadel Press, 222 Fourth Ave., New York 3, New York. Price $3.95.

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Supermatter For Spaceships

By C. F. KRAFFT

For years UAO enthusiasts have collected, filed and printed accounts of UAO sightings, gleaning bits of information about astronomy, the possibility of lift on other planets. Only recently, however, has anyone come up with a feasible solution to the mystery of the propulsion of the unconventional aerial objects.

Dr. Krafft, the author of this article, has been with the U. S. Patent Office since 1913, and among his scientific accomplishments has been the successful prediction of the existence of the antiproton, which he prognosticated in 1933, and which was discovered over 20 years later. In 1931 he predicted "supergravitation" (the force of attraction between protons at close range), which was discovered experimentally by others in 1936.

Dr. Krafft is vitally interested in the UAO mystery, but has concerned himself primarily with the method of propulsion utilized by the seemingly infallible discs. To our knowledge, he is one of the very few who have entered into this phase of the UAO mystery, not only with enthusiasm, but with a tremendous background in scientific research. We feel sure our members will thoroughly appreciate the following article dealing with supermatter.

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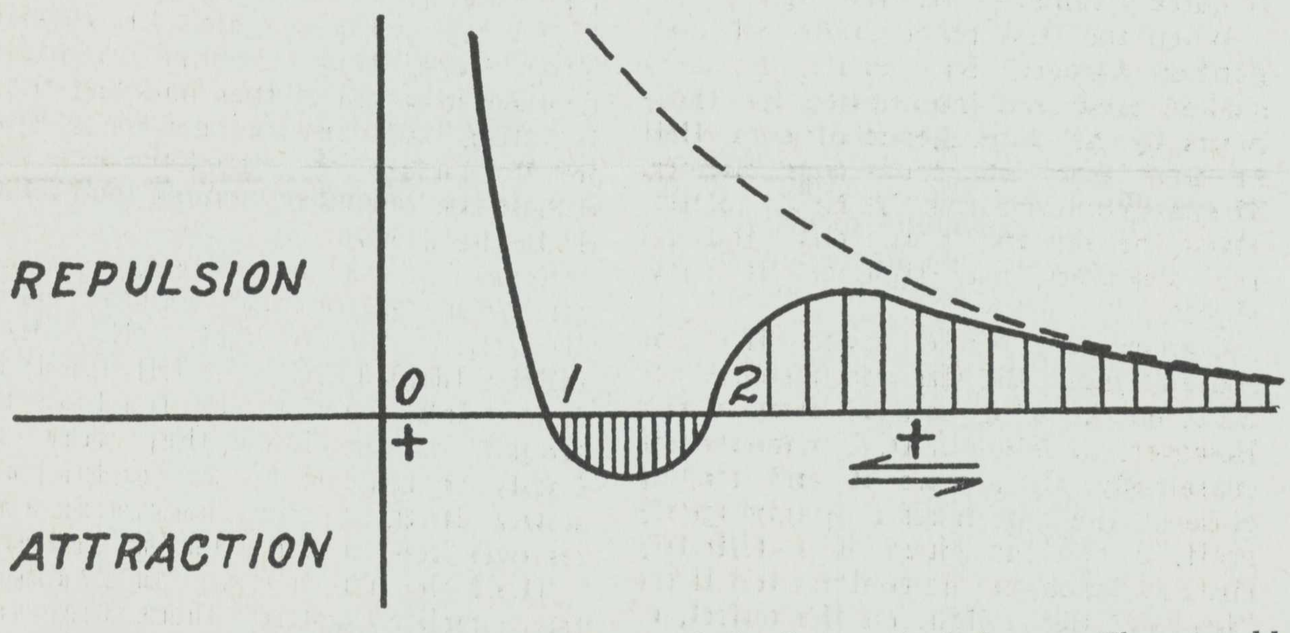
Under the prevailing nuclear theory of atomic structure, atoms can be joined to one another only through their peripheral negative electrons acting as chemical valence bonds. A direct connection between the nuclei of adjacent atoms would be impossible under the nuclear theory because the peripheral electrons would be in the way. The nuclear theory however involves many contradictions, and is being challenged by the ether vortex theory which is free from contradictions but has never been permitted to appear in the scientific magazines. The time has now arrived, however, when the public should demand that the ether vortex be given a hearing, because our national safety may depend on it. The vortex atom does permit direct core-to-core connections between adjacent atoms which may lead to the production of a new kind of matter, namely "supermatter", which appears to be the material that makes flying saucers possible, and the first country that solves the flying saucer problem will be in a good position to have the rest of the world at its mercy.

When nucleated atoms form positive ions, the positive charges are always at the centers of the atoms, whereas positively charged vortex atoms have their positive charges in the peripheries of the atoms. It should therefore be possible to connect vortex atoms to one another by direct core-tocore connections, without the use of valence bonds, if we make use of the force of "supergravitation" which was predicted by the writer in 1931 and was discovered experimentally in 1936. The production of such supermatter would require low temperature, high pressure, and strong positive electric potential. Since these three conditions do not coexist anywhere in nature, such a material would have to be produced artificially, but since it would be obviously impossible under the nuclear theory, no attempt has ever been made here on this Earth to produce it.



The diagram shows one proton at the origin 0, and another proton at a point some distance away. The classical law of the electrostatics (Coulomb's law) is represented by the dotted curve, while the solid curve shows the actual relation of force to distance as determined experimentally, independently of any theory. Thus when two protons move sufficiently close together, the force of repulsion changes over to a force of attraction (supergravitation) in the region of the lower shaded area. The movable proton will be in equilibrium at points 1 and 2, but at 1 its equilibrium will be stable whereas at 2 its equilibrium will be unstable. Although the diagram shows two isolated protons, the same relation of force to distance would hold true where the protons are structural parts of atomic cores. For further infomation about vortex atom structures, the writer's book on "The Ether and its Vortices" should be consulted.

For use as a propellant, a supermatter made from an inert gas such as argon or from molecular nitrogen should be tried. If heated to a certain critical temperature, it should disintegrate into the same positive ions from which it was produced, and these could then serve as a propellant for a rocket motor. The positive electricity thus liberated would soon charge the rocket motor and eventually the entire spaceship electrostatically, so as to be repelled from the liberated cloud of ions. The downwardly dished circular flange that usually surrounds a flying saucer was evidently designed for being repelled from such a cloud of ions.

A continuous atomic fabric such as supermatter should also be effective to shield gravitational and inertial forces, but for this purpose it should be made from a monovalent metal such as copper or silver which is not very active chemically and is not easily melted. The polyvalent metals would not be suitable for this purpose because the multiplicity of valence bonds would prevent the atoms from being brought sufficiently close together for direct core-to-core connections. Acocrding to the ether votex theory, gravitational and inertial forces depend in some manner on pulsations sent out by the protons, and although these pulsations can pass freely through valence bonds, they would not be able to get through a continuous atomic core network such as supermatter. Upon encountering such a network, they would give up their energy to it and heat it up, sometimes to incandescence, as evidenced by the frequently observed luminosity of flying saucers. It represents a partial conversion of mass into energy. Underneath such a supermatter coating three is probably a layer of glass wool to serve as heat insulation for keeping the inside of the spaceship cool.

BOOMS IN 1920's

So these loud upper-atmosphere concussions are sonic booms from planes, eh? We quote from a member's recent account of what he experienced in Euboea, Greece in the mid 1920s: "There were several occasions for a few days at intervals when sonic booms of unknown origin were heard sharply in the town. They resembled the peal of a hollow echo of large metallic masses crashing against one another. The literates of the town sought to explain the sounds as due to subterranean activity, for that particular region happens to be located in a seismic zone, too. No quakes accompanied or followed the sounds, however. Back in the 1920s there were no such things as supersonic aircrafts to blast their way through the sonic barrier. Nor were there any jets." (Name withheld upon request—the Ed.)

We'd like to thank the many members who contributed information and clippings on the PAA-UAO near collision which was described in the last bulletin. There were too many to list, but we did very much appreciate the efforts and contributions.

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ALPO REFERS SIGHTING TO APRO

The following verbatim report was forwarded to APRO by the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers after having made the rounds of the Scientific American "Amateur Scientist" column, Professor Wylie, meteor expert, an amateur astronomer in Southern California, and Prof. Haas of ALPO, Las Cruces, before coming to rest on the editor's desk.

It is interesting to note that someone, probably another amateur astronomer, penned a cryptic comment at the bottom of the carbon accompanying the report. It read, simply: "A very good saucer, Walter." We agree.

"REPORT OF ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATION made February 13, 1957, at 9:40 p. m. (PST) at Placerville, El Dorado County, California.

I was walking south on a road just west of the El Dorado County Hospital at Placerville, California, about 300 feet from where a N-S street runs into Mills St. I witnessed the following:

In an easterly direction, which was to my left, I saw the ionized track of a shooting star about 20 degrees above the horizon rising on about a 70 degree angle (vertical) and off about 45 degrees to my left.

I roughly calculated in my mind that it should burn out on a line directly south of my observation point, but soon realized that my judgement was in error it would burn out further to my left. I then started watching this ionizing trail, when I noticed it was widening at about 35 degrees above the horizon. At the same time I noticed it was veering more in a westerly direction.

At about 10 degrees east of due south I noticed the ionized width was increasing and it had a round nose. At this instant the ionized trail was almost to the horizon but was still climbing on about a twenty degree angle. The trail appeared to be about one-half inch wide. Suddenly a black disc appeared in the sky directly in front of the ionized trail, the diameter of which corresponded to the width of the ionized trail at this point it was about 5 degrees east of the North-South line. Its size corresponded to the size of a 5 cent piece held at a distance of five feet. I could see that its surface was not smooth, and appeared to be roughened by cross-checked canyons.

In the southeast quadrant was an area which seemed to have a few of these "canyons" filled with a very black material. On the northwest quadrant another area was visible which had dark streaks but on a lesser scale. Of these streaks the largest was in the southeast quadrant and seemed to be about 8 times as long as it was wide.

The object stood out very clearly in the sky, not unlike the moon in eclipse, although it seemed to stand out more It continued to travel now in an east to west direction parallel to the earth's horizon and retaining its maximum diameter. When it was about five to ten degrees west of my assumed north to south line of sight (the road), it began acquiring a white dusty appearance and still its apparent maximum diameter. Its altitude at its maximum I estimate at 40 degrees (90 degrees being straight up from point of observation). As it continued its westerly course, it turned white in color.

When its diameter reduced by ⅔, I witnessed the most beautiful sight I ever expect to see. I saw it take off into outer space.

In an estimated elapsed time of a half second I saw this white ball reduce its diameter from about ⅔ maximum to ⅛ maximum size and disappear. It appeared to be traveling directly away from me on a straight line about 60 degrees to my right from the north-south line. It seemed to keep the same altitude while at the same time diminishing in size. Just like letting the air out of a toy balloon.

Its diameter seemed to diminish in direct proportion to its distance from the point of observation (i. e. time, diameter ratio).

At no time was I able to see any fringe shadows around its perimeter or when it went into space I did not see any shadows. I am assuming its going out into the sun's rays caused it to appear white in color but there were no signs of shadowing.

(Signed) Steve Papina
Soledad, California

Venezuelan Indian Encounters UAO, Little Men

On the night of June 5th, several Indians brought a friend to a village named Uriman in Bolivar to have a deep gash in his arm treated. An LAV Captain who was on the scene, questioned the Indians and was told that they had seen a luminous object land and little men emerged from it. They tried to catch the small creatures, one of whom slashed at an Indian and cut his arm. The Indians became frightened, let the little man go, and hurried to the village to have their comrade treated.

These details were related to an airline pilot by the LAV pilot who interviewed the Indians. The pilot, a close friend of Joseph Rolas, related the incident to him. Rolas commented that Indians in that country are very reticent and serious people, and are not known to falsify for attention. The Indians are also known as having little or no imagination, which would be required to make up such a tale, and also are not often in contact with the civilized world where they might gather information of the 1954-55 "little men" sightings and contacts in Venezuela. The general consensus of opinion in Uriman is that the Indians saw and experienced what they claim they did. (Cr: Joseph Rolas)

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. . . . And then there was the case of the AF courier who saw prints taken of a "monkey" which had supposedly been used in a hoax. Funny thing about it was the fact that the "monkey" had a rump and a forehead . . . At 11:14 a. m. a "sonic Boom" rocked Los Angeles from San Fernando Valley to Whittier. Glendale was the center of the shock where windows were shattered. Jets were blamed . . . . Mrs. R. H. Thomas of Cucamonga, Calif., witnessed a rain of metal strips on Nov. 24 . . . . Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England, August 6: This towwn was blanketed by five feet of hail . . . . In Honolulu, Hawaii on Jan. 9, an 8-year-old boy was "floored" in his Pearl City home by a mystery explosion. This time, none of the military would take credit for the concussion. The noise was described variously as two loud claps and a prolonged roar. One woman said it sounded and felt as though something had fallen on the house — another housewife, a Navy man's wife said she had heard and felt sonic booms, this was not one of these. A Navy public information officer agreed with her. An AF spokesman said he was sure it was a sonic blast from a plane passing through the sound barrier, but that it was not any of the AF planes. (Ed. note: We have found that a flurry of UAO sightings follow these rashes of "sonic Booms" — the AF should try that for size. It fits better than any proferred explanation so far.) . . . . Another blast at St. Louis, Mo., on December 29 — no explanation . . . . On December 30 Keokuk, Iowa and Hamilton, Ill. felt the concussion of a sonic boom — no explanation . . . . An object described as having the apparent diameter of the moon, changing in color from red to green, orange and blue, streaked across skies over St. Louis, Mo., on January 4 at 7 p. m. It took an east-west direction, made no sound. Local regional director of the American Meteor Society referred to it as meteor, but asked for letters from observers giving in particular object's angular height above horizon at beginning and end of its flight . . . . The Aumoana, a pleasure yacht belonging to Lloyd Dorsey was found abandoned about 120 miles west of Kingston, Jamaica in December. Spoiled food found aboard, crew and passengers gone (another Marie Celeste?) . . . . (Cr: J. Sanders, G. Conway, J. Hopf, D. Lansden, J. Myers, A. Vogele, P. A. Hanson)

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An Interplanetary Space Patrol of ham radio operators has been organized by Texan Jim Lee of Abilene. Apparently connected with a pseudo-religious cult operating nationwide, Lee claims the UAOs originate from a space station called Schare, and the commandant is named Ashtar. Van Tassel and other visionaries were mentioned in the write-up on Lee, who at the time of the writing of the article about him in the Fort Worth Star Telegram, was at Giant Rock, California attending Van Tassel's "Spacecraft" convention. (Cr: V. Meadors)

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AN EDITORIAL

Bowing to the wishes of most of the members, the Director has begun work on her book which is long overdue. We feel that UAO enthusiasts have been deprived of some most vital information because she has been unable, due to pressure of APRO work, to undertake this task. We would like to request that the membership keep all correspondence to an absolute minimum, freeing the local staff to do only Bulletin work and routine inquiry correspondence. The Director, who takes care of more than her share of correspondence, could then devote all of her spare time to the immense task of file research and writing.

Few of the membership at large are aware that Mrs. Lorenzen made her first UAO observation in 1934, and has sighted three unconventional objects since. Her active interest in the subject began on June 10, 1947 when she made her second observation of a UAO. From that time until she organized APRO in January of 1952, she carried out her own private research. Her files from 1934 to 1952 contain many sightings which have been hitherto unpublicized because of the space needed in the Bulletins for current developmnts and reports.

Mrs. Lorenzen recognized the rather hysterical explanations for the UAO for what they were in 1947, and, as will be enlarged upon in her forthcoming book, came to the conclusion that man was not alone in the Universe before most of the current UAO authors knew that the mystery existed. This book will appeal not only to UAO enthusiasts, but to the laymen and scientists in every field. Aid has been solicited and is expected to be forthcoming from well known and qualified scientists who, although they may not care for name credit, will be instrumental in the success of the book.

Many members are wondering why this book has not been written before, and the Director has stated that she didn't want to present merely another tome made up of old and new sightings, but rather she wanted to present some of the answers to many of the puzzling aspects of the UAO. She feels she has some of those answers now.

After the book is fiinshed, arrangements will be made with the publishers to offer copies to the membership and other groups at a greatly reduced price. If the sale of the book is satisfactory a part of the proceeds will be alloted to APRO's treasury.

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On Saturday, 22 June, Mr. Lorenzen, the Director and their two children attended the movies at the Sierra Theater in Alamogordo to view the motion picture "UFO". They were somewhat surprised that it was not too well attended, and hoped that the Friday and Saturday night showings accomodated much larger crowds.

For the layman "UFO" would be an interesting picture, but he would have to be somewhat interested before attending. Many walked out of the movie during the performance, possibly due to the poor quality of "acting". We understand there was no real acting done, as most parts were played by the person being portrayed.

It would seem ,in view of Capt. Edward Ruppelt's recent book, that the AF is, slowly and ponderously, moving toward the unveiling of the truth about the UAO. It is understandable, however, that no sensational statements will be forthcoming until some way of stabalizing the stock market can be found. A stock market which fluctuates each time the President has a stomach upset, would take a nose-dive if any such tremendous announcement as the advent of space travel by extraterrestrials were made. At any rate, if the picture "UFO" should come to your vicinity, make a point of seeing it, if for no other reason than to reconvince yourself that USAF is still in there pitching.

One thing stuck out in that picture like a sore thumb: After several experts pronounced the "blips" on the Washington radar in 1952 as "definitely solid," Captain Ruppelt, hundreds of miles away in Ohio, pronounced the blips as nothing more than temperature inversions. Another example of lack of coordination which is so prevalent in a bureaucratic organization such as a military agency.

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Our announcement that dues would be raised, and that those who felt the Bulletin and the information contained therein were worth more than the new $3.50 rate, could show their appreciation by paying an excess, brought immediate results. Things are looking up money-wise for APRO. However, we would like to urge members to renew on time. If your dues lapse and you renew after your file is pulled, it takes quite a little work to get you and your papers back in "current status."

It is difficult to bring up the next subject on this issue's editorial docket but it must be approached. We have become aware that in cities where there are quite a few members, there is a tendency to band together, exchange bulletins, information, etc. This is good. The thing that bothers us is that when such a local group is formed, one person subscribes to one UAO magazine, another to a different and etc. In at least 30 cities in the United States alone, APRO members have dropped out, keeping in touch with APRO news through companion members, and using this technique, at the price of subscription to one UAO periodical, have available all UAO news from 10 or 12 papers. We can easily sympathize with those who want to save money. This problem was approached in the editorial, May issue. What most of us don't realize is that local members in Alamogordo pay dues although they see the information as soon as it crosses the Director's desk. APRO is not the only organization suffering from financial malnutrition. We feel that if *any* periodical is worth reading, it is also worth supporting with subscription or membership fees. The upshot of this sort of philosophy will be the eventual bankruptcy of all research groups for lack of support. The "liberal" elements wil survive with their irrational claims because there are plenty of the crackpot element to support them. We would suggest that members get behind those papers or organizations which they feel are performing a service, and support them!

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The projected business trip which Mr. Loreonzen and the Director had planned has been indefinitely delayed. Those members in Central and Southern California who invited the Lorenzens for a visit will be notified as soon as something definite about the trip is established. Many thanks to all for the kind invitations.

The South American Scene

Venezuelan APRO representatives Horacio Gonzales and Joseph Rolas have done an excellent job of reporting the unprecedented rise in UAO activity not only in the interior of that country, but also in nearby outlying districts in Venezuela. Mr Gonzales feels that a big operation seems to be in progress, and we present here, in two parts, plus comments, the latest sightings in Venezuela.

Sabana de Mendoza, June 4. Violent explosion was heard over 1,000 square kilometers at around 8:00 a. m. Witnesses said the explosion was caused by a luminous ball as big as the sun which flew over Arapuey. Residents of Arepuey fled out of their homes in panic at the sound of the explosion which was accompanied by strong earth tremors. They said that they saw the ball of intense light at a height of about 100 meters. (It must have been a tremendous thing, as the following details will demonstrate.)

Merida, June 4. A violent explosion accompanied by intense earth vibrations was felt in Merida at around 7:20 a. m. on June 4, and also in Cachapo, Ejido, Apartaderos, Lagunillas, Mendoza Fria, Trujillo, Monte Carmelo and other towns and villages nearby. Many persons said that they saw a strange red object shaped like a "cigarette" which flew across the skies at fantastic speed at the same time.

Valera, Trujillo State, June 4. Persons coming from Arepuey said that a luminous object had fallen there on the morning of the 4th producing earth tremors over many square kilometers. (Note: The region affected is actually more than 1,000 square kilometers as I measured it myself from the reports of where the object was seen, heard, and the tremors felt. H. Gonzales)

Coro, Falcon State, June 4. At 7:15 a. m., various persons reported seeing a luminous object of great size cross the skies over Sierra de Coro in east-west direction. The object, with luminous lights, and leaving a slight trail, disappeared immediately, but not before giving opportunity for it to be seen perfectly by the people who were at the local airport at the time. Witnesses confirmed the fact that the object was

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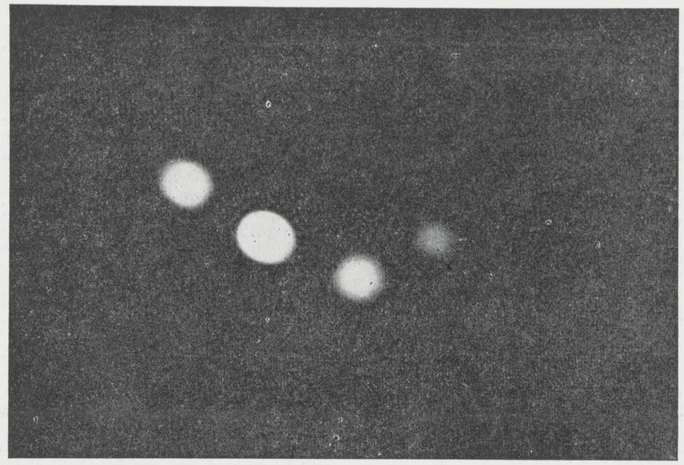

The above photograph was obtained at 9:07 a. m., 21 February at Yokohama, Japan by Mr. A. Komaki, member of Flying Saucer Research Group in Japan. The objects were yellow-orange in color, saucer shaped, traveling rather low and at about 100 miles per hour. See May A. P. R. O. Bulletin for details.

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huge, luminous and perfectly visible at long range.

Bariquisimeto, Lara State, June 4. For the fifth time there ocurred one of the most surprising mysteries of our time: the appearance of a phenomena which was seen during the evening hours and afterwards in the night by various persons employed at the Cement factory of this city. Witnesses said that the object they saw was round and similar to a gigantic luminous disc. All witnesses registered surprise and mentioned the fact that this was the fifth time that this type of phenomena had been observed over Barquisimeto. The news report emphasized that this was the first time ALL OBSERVERS were in agreement as to the fact that they had seen some type of MANUFACURED APPARATUS which emitted one red light and another green and that the object was clearly visible and distinct.

News coming from the city of Carora, Falcon State, reveal that there was general agitation and alarm over the presence of VAROUS LUMNOUS OBJECTS which flew through the skies at tremendous speed at different times, not only in the afternoon hours of Monday, June 3, but also on the morning of Tuesday, June 4, date of the strange explosion which rocked 1,000 square kilometers between two states. Persons who have come forward to report are Mr. and Mrs. Felix Mariano Zubillaga, Messers Flavio Jose Herrera and Francisco Ramirez and others who saw the object emit flashes of blue light.

Coro, June 4. Strange luminous objects which produced sounds were seen over the town of Dabajuro in the evening. The objects were seen by night-shift workmen at the oil-pumping station of Uleamuay. The objects crossed over the region at such fantastic speed that no one could make out what they were. The noise produced was more strident than that of a plane.

Valera, Trujillo State, June 5. Some parts of the earth's surface in the region of San Jose de Palmira, mountainous zone in the State of Merida, is sinking and this is believed to have been produced or caused by the strange explosion which rocked the area on the morning of June 4, at which time hundreds of people rushed out into the streets thinking that the tremors were the results of a tremendous earthquake.

Merida, June 5. On receiving news of the strange explosion, the authorities sent out a group of the National Guard too investigate. Captain Vivas and co-pilot Lopez reported seeing "a red hot object" 10 miles off Puerto Cabello cruising at a height of 9,000 meters.

Barquisimeto, June 5, Lara State. The luminous object which was supposed to have fallen in the Andean mountains of Arapuey was seen to cross the skies of Barquisimeto going in a North-South direction and was best seen from the sectors of Central Hospital, Union, and Duaca Highway. Residents of this region, among whom are Messers Jose Elias Camarco and Roberto Gallardo, told the correspondent that they had seen the object, and ALL described it as ROUND and the outline it presented was that of a GIGANTIC LUMINOUS DISC.

Valera, Trujillo State, June 6. A group of men comprising members of the National Guard and other civilians and guides set out to investigate and search for remains of the luminous object said to have fallen in the Arapuey region. Investigation instigated by Governor of the State, Doctor Vincente Talamo. Luminous objects seen in the sky of Carora, in Trujillo State, causing much astonishment. Witnesses said they saw various luminous objects crossing the sky at tremendous speed and emitting flashes of bluish light as they passed.

San Felipe, June 6. At 6:30 p. m. Mr. Ramon Cordido Salom and his mother saw a luminous object of considerable size from their estate residence. "La Fundacion". Mr. Cordido said the object SEEMED TO FALL between two hills although later it continued its flight through the sky. Fifteen minutes after he saw the object, seven workmen arrived breathless and related that they had just seen A HUGE RED DISC flash out of sight in a matter of seconds.

Coro, Falcon State, June 3. At about 7:15 a. m. many persons observed a luminous object cross the skies over the town of San Luis in the Sierra de Coro. Described by Dr. Juan Moralas, Prefect Secretary and estate owner Mr. Luis Jimenez as being "rocketlike", going at a leisurely speed from east to west and emitting a brilliant light.

Yaritagua, June 6. A luminous giant disc-shaped object observed flying in a north-south direction over this city. Seen from center of town and also from Mataedro and Plazuela districts. Witnesses said it was lost to sight in a matter of seconds, leaving a faint trail.

Anaca, Anzoategui State, June 7. Workmen in oil perforation near banks of the Guario river observed a strange airship flying at a great height and speed toward the south. First thought to be a plane until observers realized there was no air traffic in this region at this hour. This is first time an object has been seen in this region but what was singular was that the object left a luminous trail and was sending flashes of light toward the earth.

Valera, June 6. A National Guard detachment left at dawn to investigate the region where an object supposedly fell on the morning of June 4 near Arapuey in Merida State.

Barquisimeto, June 7. Commissions comprising many persons are going in search of another object which supposedly fell in the mountainous Urdaneta district on June 7. After the object was seen to fall, a strange explosion was heard. Reports coming in from this region state that residents are getting panicky because of the fact that for the last five days they have been seeing a round appaoratus crossing and re-crossing the skies in the region. Mr. Jesus Rafael Nieto, well known and respected agriculturist of the region, said that since Tuesday the matter was brought seriously to his attention by the light reflected or emitted by some sort of unknown flying apparatus which descended near La Floresta. On the night of June 6 an explosion was heard and many guides and other persons went into the bush in search of some trail or indication as to what it may have been. Mr. Figueroa also states that the object passed fairly close to where he was and flew in the direction of the Aguada Grande Mountains.

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We Have Visitors From Outer Space

By OLAVE FONTES

(Dr. Olavo Fontes is Chief of the Gastroenterology Section of the National Medicine School in Rio de Janeiro, and a respected and capable physician and surgeon. He became interested in UAO in 1953 when he read Donald Keyhoe's "The Flying Saucers are Real". We feel he has done a very good job of evaluation and correlation of sightings which have taken place in South America in the past three years. We present here an exclusive article written especially for th A.P.R.O. Bulletin by Dr. Fontes.)

"THE GREATEST of all causes of non-observation is preconceived opinion. This is which in all ages has made the whole race of mankind, and every section of it, for the most part unobservant of all facts, however abundant, even when passing under their own eyes, which are contradictory to any first appearance, or any received tenet" — (John Stouart Mill: A System of Logic, Vol. II, p. 332).

Yes, they are here. I don't know, of course, where or when the story actually started. I have no way of knowing what will be the end. Neither do you. Nor does anybody except God, the "visitors" themselves, and perhaps certain persons who aren't talking. But we know that already we have thousands of sightings, authenticated by thousands of witnesses of excellent reputation, indicating the existence of extra-terrestrial intelligences who are *very* interested in our affairs. I don't know why many people still imagine that the presence of these visitors from outer space will be—at last —recognized by the accumulation of sightings. The opening of this story explains why this is hopeless. We do not need a multiplicity of proofs; nor do we need statistical evidence. The answer lies in the field of logic rather than of evidence. It is a matter of "the-will-to-believe" or "the-will-not-to-believe."

Then why am I writing about the UAOs? Don't you understand? I don't blame you. I wouldn't either if I were you, there where you are now, reading what I am writing. But you will. You will understand some day and perhaps you will be worried. Did you ever hear about something called "fear-of-the-unknown"? I have. Yes, I have fear. Because I don't know WHY they are here and WHAT they want. And there are others like me. We want you on our side. We don't want to be the only ones who can't sleep well at night . . . . So, read the incidents I am going to relate to you—the most remarkable sightings from the number on record here in my country. But please, don't be frightened by my opening. We still hope they are friendly—and we haven't definite proof on the contrary. Make special note of the word HOPE, however. Because, my friend, you know and I know, everyone knows . . . . . hope is the only thing we have left.

Remember that in this field of investigation, about the things we call UAOs—one single incident is enough. A good "unknown", witnessed by reliable people. We need only one such incident to prove that we are not alone in the Universe.

Checked and rechecked, five cases out of Brazilian records are here presented in essential detail.

INCIDENT 1. At daybreak on December 18th, 1954, the Guard Commander in the Getete Palace, Rio de Janeiro (where the President of the U. S of Brazil lives), was suddenly awakened by shouts from the nearby streets. This officer—a captain of the Marine Corps — alerted the sentries all over the place and left toward the street to see what was happening. In his *Official Report*, which was later transmitted to the Air Force, he described the events he witnessed that night. Here is this Report, transcribed verbatim:

. . . . a). A 3:45 a. m., I was awakened by the alarm given by the sentries and, after ordering the garrison to assume combatposts all over the place. I contacted the sentinel stationed on Post 4. He informed me that he was observing a crowd of persons gathered at Flamengo Beach—in front of the Palace. The excitement had been caused by the

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Caracara estate reveals that residents of that region are now alarmed. Mr. Hector Montes de Oca, administrator, and Mr. Francisco Carrasco and others saw a gigantic luminous disc or umbrella-shaped device descend from the skies aoccompanied by strong earth tremors and a frightening noise. When they moved in the direction they saw the object fall, they were surprised to see it shoot up again at tremendous speed and disappear into space within a matter of seconds.

Coro, Falcon State, June 7. At 7:45 a. m. the strange luminous object was again seen passing over the Dabajuro district. This time it flew lower over the mountains and regions where the petroleum installations are located. Witnesses said that the luminous body left a slight trail and was oval-shaped. Some said the trail seemed to be a triple ejection of some sort. More than one hundred people saw the thing cruise over the installations at Paujislanda Tijuaje and it also emitted a very peculiar sound.

Valera, June 8. National Guard detachment sent to investigate possibility of landed UAO, returned. They could find no evidence of anything having landed. Extreme cold, mist, and impassable chasm made the going difficult. Another commission may be sent later.

(Ed. Note: The above reports were submitted by Horacio Gonzales, and it is not difficult to realize that some big operation is in progress in Venezuela. The objects seen were tremendous in size, and TRAVERSED ONE PARTICULAR AREA OF SEVERAL THOUSAND SQUARE MILES WITHIN THESE FEW DAYS. There may, however, have been only one object involved. We now continue this report with observations submitted by Joseph Rolas, our other Venezuelan member.)

La Guaira, June 12. A luminous object giving off streamers of smoke was seen by seaside residents as it fell off shore about noon. According to observers, the object was about the size of a commercial passenger plane, gave off flames and when plunging toward earth betoween Maiquetia airport and Catialamar, it trailed a wake of white smoke. Neither the Air Force nor meteorological offices reported any planes missing or strange objects in the area.

El Tigre, June 13. Movie goers returning home at 8:30 p. m. watched large illuminated object streak across sky at high speed. Their calls brought thousands to the street to view it.

Barcelona, June 14. Huge, oval-shaped object observed by many, including Maritza Gonzales and Bertha Marrero and Mr. Jesus Rodrigues. Mr. Rodrigues said, "It was something huge, which flew toward the downtown area at a great speed."

Ciudad Bolivar, June 20. A huge red cloud layer spread over the city, then moved in a north-to-south direction and was followed by a tremendous rainstorm of half-hour duration and intermittent strong showers which lasted until 10 p. m.

Coro, June 22. At 8:30 a. m. Pilots and passengers of a commercial airliner and thousands of persons on the ground observed a noiseless, unidentified object as it rose west of the city, flew in a parallel path over the city and disappeared into the cloud layer.

Punto Fijo, June 22. Huge, red cigar-shaped object observed by fifty persons at the Antonio Smith Hospital, including several newsmen. The object gave off a broad band of whitish smoke-trail. It was seen at 8:15 and 8:45 a. m. and was also observed by members of the Prevention Guard at Police Headquarters.

(Ed. Note: It certainly seems as though the 1954-55 UAO influx is repeating itself again in Venezuela ((AP RO Bulletin for Nov., 1954 and Jan. 1955)). Another "little man" sighting has been made ((see feature elsewhere this issue)) and we can possibly expect more of the same.)

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coming of a "Flying Saucer"—said the soldier—textual words.

b). I stepped outside and ran toward Post 4 to investigate the phenomenon. When I still was about half my way, I saw an unknown object moving in the sky. It passed swiftly between Sugar Loaf Mountain and the buildings of the Navy School—following a N. E. course —and was coming fast in a straight line toward the Palace. Its apparent size at first sight appeared to correspond to that of an orange. It seemed to follow a steady course, flying at an unknown height across the background of stars. This round luminous object was emitting a bright yellow glow. No sharply defined outlines were visible at the time, neither were any details discernible.

c). When it came near enough to assume the apparent size of a large soccer ball, the unidentified object slowed down abruptly and stopped in mid-air. It came to a stop from high speed—all in about three seconds. It remained stationary over the sea, irradiating a glaring light which spread all over—illuminating the Guanabara Bay as in a moon-lit night.

d). It hovered in that position, absolutely motionless, for a long time—about *twenty minutes*. Then, it suddenly started to move again—at tremendous speed —and climbed up sharply in an oblique direction. During this movement, two small luminous objects were detected, flowing apparently from the lower part of the object. The whole maneuver was performed at a fantastic rate of speed and it required a time of only 4 or 5 seconds (if my computation was right). As the object disappeared into the night, the luminosity observed a few moments before also disappeared and the Bay was again thrown into darkness.

e). It was a round-shaped object with a steady bright light—a glaring yellow glow, hard to describe. The outlines were regular but somewhat hazy; no details were discernible. The form remained constant, not changing during the time the object was in sight. The total absence of sound was another significant fact, more so as the night was perfectly silent.

2. The night was cool and there was no wind. The sky was perfectly clear and cloudless at the time of the sighting and many stars could be seen. But there was no moon.

3. The sighting was witnessed by (it follows the names of the witnesses.)

This sighting was kept secret by the Air Force until October, 1956. The Official Report transcribed above was then released by Colonel Adil de Oliveira, Chief of AF UFO-Research Unit. He made the following comment about the incident: "It's impossible to explain away a sighting of this kind. There are hundreds more, thousands more, which —like it—still defy any conventional explanation."

INCIDENT 2. On November 22, 1954, strange events were observed at Santa Maria Air Force Base, in the city of Santa Maria, Rio Grande de Sul. That Base has a Meteorological Station transmitting hourly a weather bulletin, to keep informed all military aircrafts in operation. That night, at 9:45 p. m., a radio-operator and telegraphist named Arquimedos Fernandes, left the MS and walked toward a small building 100 feet away which had been built to protect the thermometers and other instruments. He was collecting data to prepare the next weather-bulletin. After registering the numbers for the temperature and humidity, he started to come back to the MS using a flash-light to light his way. But he had to make (in order to complete his observations about the weather) an examination of the sky, too. In doing so, he noticed what seemed to be a thin dark cloud, hovering above some small eucalyptus trees behind the building. He would have neglected that "thing" which seemed to be a cloud—if it wasn't a matter of professional duty. So, he tried to analyse its outlines. Suddenly he discovered an incredible thing . . . . Here is his report, transcribed verbatim:

"The cloud was a black object, enormous in size, shaped like a reversed wash-bowl, with a length of approximately 165 feet seeming to be suspended on the trees. It wasn't motionless, exhibiting a sort of slow oscillatory motion. This served to set the object as a rigid, if not solid body. I was already almost frozen by terror. I confess to be nervous, but that was enough to scare anyone. Keeping my eyes on the object, I ran to the Station. There I controlled my nerves and continued to observe the "thing" through a window. I watched it until the moment it started to move down softly—disappearing as by sorcery between the trees. But soon it climbed above them again. I could see that it showed a sharp and firm regular outline. On its upper-structure I noticed a small light which I would have called a "blackout-light". Then it dived again between the trees, almost in the same place I had seen it first. No one can convince me that the 'thing" wasn't controlled by an intelligence. I was so badly shaken that—for a time—I didn't know what to do. But the object moved again, now glowing faintly in the darkness as if it had assumed a more bright colour. I then came to life and started to call Porto Alegre (by radio). I told my story, spreading a full alarm. They told me to keep watching the object. I returned to the window. The object was there . . . . Again I went to the transmitter but this time I called the AF Flight Control and the Security Service, and made a complete report—answering all the questions and asking for a substitute. At 0:15 a. m., after a long time, the personnel Agency arrived at the Station with my substitute . . . . "

The startling report of Mr. Fernandes was substantiated by the appearance of other witnesses, who also sighted the UFO. At midnight, another radio-operator named Ruben Machado saw it from the window of his room, at the "Canobi Hotel" (at some distance from the Base). It was hovering over the Base — a luminous object, larger than the full moon. He called it to the attention of many other persons, who also had the opportunity to see the UFO maneuvering over the Base—before it disappeared to the North. At almost the same hour and from another place, the Varig radio operator — Mr. Juranir Ferreira — also spotted the UFO over the Base. But it was higher now, having the apparent size of a billiard ball. After some maneuvers, it headed towards the North and was gone . . . .

Next day this sighting was printed by papers all over the country and received wide publiicty. The authorities refused to make any comments about it—as was to be expected. In the F. A. B. files, the incident is still classified as "unexplained."

INCIDENT 3. On the night of December 13, 1954, just after sunset, three round, cone-shaped crafts passed across the skies of Campinas, one of the largest cities of Sao Paulo state. Moving noiselessly in a tight formation, the "unknowns" shot out of the clouds at high speed and maneuvered over the city for a few minutes—before finally disappearing toward the southwest. They were sighted by dozens of citizens all over the city. The most incredible report came from a woman who lived at Major Solon St. She refused to disclose her identity to the press because she didn't wish any kind of publicity. She reported being in the backyard washing some clothes when she saw the objects maneuvering in the sky at terrific speed. Amazed, she watched the spectacle. Suddenly one of the UAOs dived quickly in a new kind of maneuver, and came very low over her roof lighting up the surroundings for a few moments. This craft was dull-ggrey in color, round-shaped and resembled "two plates turned upside down and put together"; one of the plates was fixed, but the other was spinning like a top emitting a strong fluorescent light which illuminated the ground around her for a few seconds—like daylight. Then, in an unexpected maneuver, it abruptly rushed up into the night to join the others. But in that moment the woman witnessed an eerie spectacle . . . . A liquid substance had been dropped from the craft, apparently coming from the spinning part of it — and was falling toward the ground, like a "silver rain". Part of this material fell in her backyard (the rest over the nearby houses), in a cemented area near the washing-tank. Startled, she came closer to see what was it. A brilliant, glowing stain—10 centimeters in diameter—was spread over the cement. She even tried to touch it, but stopped in time when she felt the heat it radiated. The "thing" was incandescent—white-hot—and giving a boiling sound. Frightened, she called for help. A neighbor, Professor Benedite G. Nascimento (retired), came to the place. He was a man of solid reputation in the town and a correspondent of the local newspaper, the "Correio Popular". By a curious coincidence, this man was

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a hard-boiled skeptic about the flying saucers and even had written some articles (published by the "Correio Popular"), trying to prove that UAOs didn't exist. And he had now before his eyes the best evidence — PHYSICAL PROOF — of the UAOs existence. If it was true, of course. But he was no fool. The 'substance clearly was some kind of molton metal," and he had to wait for it to cool off. In the meantime, he phoned some friends to come to the place at once; and reported the incident to newspapers and radio stations in the town. Before a number of witnesses the material was collected and brought to the office of the "Correio Popular". From that place, it was sent to the Young Laboratories (at 584 Francisco Deodoro St.) to be analyzed. One of the chemists told the reporters that "the sample had, at naked-eye, all the characteristics of TIN (symbol Sn). In a few hours the analyses will give the answer."

The metallic sample was analysed by the chief chemist, Dr. Visvalde Maffei, before several witnesses. Six hours later, Dr. Maffei released to the press the following report, transcribed verbatim:

"The sample analysed is a combination of *chemically pure TIN* (Sn)—88.91 per cent and oxygen (0)—11.9 per cent —as-oxide. *No other element or impurity of any kind was found* in the material in question. In other words, the analysis proved the "substance" to be really a metal, which was definitely Tin—in high concentration and exceptionally pure; and *with no impurities or trace-elements excepting oxygen,* which came from the oxidation in contact with the atmosphere.

Observation: The results above refer only to the sample received, which weighed 1.30 Gm."

Next day, in a press conference, Dr. Maffei was asked to explain better the analyses' report, to translate it into non-technical terms. In a strained voice, he made then the following statement:

"The 'substance' analysed had 88.91½ of tin, chemically pure tin. The rest was oxygen, derived from the righ degree of oxidation of the molton metal in the atmosphere. I can afirm categorically that this is the PUREST TIN EVER FOUND ON EARTH, IN NO PLACE ON OUR PLANET CAN A CONCENTRATION AS HIGH AS THIS — WITH SO PERFECT A PURITY — BE OBTAINED. I would like to stress, on the other side, that tin manufactured for industrial use has only 75 per cent of it—the rest being constituted of other elements, like iron, antimonium, lead, arsenium, etc. Even the purest tin manufactured by special procedures, with a percentage of 99.99 per cent, presents infinitesimal quantities of these elements—which can be detected by the spectroscopic analysis.

In the material analysed, however, *the metal is absolutely pure, chemically pure, with a percentage of 100 per cent.* The oxygen can be obviously discarded. It was not in the original material.

To conclude, I consider the material in question as *COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO THIS EARTH . . . .*that is, *TIN OF THE MOST ABSOLUTE PURITY, IN CONCENTRATION NEVER FOUND UNTIL TODAY."*

Dr. Maffei finished this startling statement before a quiet, motionless audience. He was in a state of high tension. The spectators stood silent for a time, some faces worried, some confused and perplexed, a few bewildered. Then a reporter asked for his opinion about the origin of the material. He answered he was so disturbed about the whole incident that he could offer no solution to the problem. He did add, however, that metals in so high a state of purity are usually of meteoric origin as it happens, for example, with the iron-nickel meteorites. But this hypothesis could be definitely excluded here. *A meteorite made of pure tin has never been found till now . . . .*

The incident made headlines all over the country. The report and statement transcribed above were published and discussed by Rio's newspapers on December 22-23-24, 1954.

The Air Defense Command, at Rio de Janeiro, sent immediately an emissary to get a sample of the metal at Campinas. He was the RTTE sargent Nelson Banderiao da Silva. He left a receipt in the office of the "Correio Popular", where the material was deposited. The results of the analysis made by the Air Force, however, were kept secret. An official statement was promised, but never released. I was informed that exhaustive tests performed by AF chemists only confirmed the results obtained by Dr. Maffei. By an ironic coincidence, this information came the same day I read an article about the flying saucers by Major Ruppelt, USAFR, in the magazine "True" (May 1954), with the following statement (p. 134):

" . . . . in the seven years there has been no physical evidence of the existence of saucers. The Air Force . . . . has seen no "hardware" that it cannot explain as man-made".

Editor's Note: An analysis made of the material in the United States by. Prof. Meltz of Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, also confirms the analysis of the material made in Brazil by Dr. Maffei. Prof Nathan Meltz is Chief of the Chemistry Division at Defiance College and is well qualified to conduct such tests. Four tests in all were made: (1) The conventional test, using a silver coin and a strip of tin in a hydrochoric acid solution, (2) the rhodamin test, (3) the pyrogallol test and (4) the potassium iodide and pyradine test. None of these tests showed the slightest trace of antimony, a result that amazes those who know of this incident. The density of this small sample was found to be 10.3, whereas the density of tin as given in published tables is 7.3.

An interesting theory as to the possible use of molten tin is also submitted by Dr. Fontes, and would certainly satisfactorily explain not only the tin being in the saucer in a molten state, but that condition which would possibly be responsible for the expulsion of the same by the UAO.

According to Fontes' theory, the UAO might have been equipped with an atomic reactor, which provided the power to drive the airship and the energy to run its engines. Now, assume that no moderating material is used in this reactor to slow down the neutrons, and the latter produce fission (over a highly concentrated fissile material) which still have houndreds of thousands or even millions of electron volts of kinetec energy. You will have, then, a reactor of an interesting type—the so-called FAST REACTOR. Reactors of this kind could be easily adapted to an airship— if the shielding problem was solved—because they are very much smaller than those which use natural uranium. The core of the Experimental Reactor (a fast reactor) at Arco, Idaho, for example, is said to be the size of a football. The important point, however, is that fast reactors cannot be cooled by gasses at all, since the heat generated is too intense. In the core of the Experimental Breeder Reactor, for example, about 4 kilowats of heat are produced in each cubic inch. This heat can only be removed by using a liquid collant. The Breeder Reactor uses a molten metal—an alloy of sodium and potassium—which is circulated through the core and is heated up to a maximum temperature of 350 degrees Centigrade. The molten metal has its heat actually transferred outside the reactor, to a second, completely separate circuit which also contains liquid sodium and potoassium. The heat removed by this molten metal is used to produce useful power — electric power.

The material dropped from the UAO was a MOLTEN METAL. To be a liquid coolant, it needed to have a low melting point (like sodium and potassium), and had to be in a state of high purity, of course. The material in question fulfilled the two conditions. The analogy is, in Mr. Fontes' opinion, impressing enough to call attention to this theory. He considers it better than any other, because if tin could be a "by-product" commonly discarded by flying saucers, incidents of this kind would have been reported by thousands throughout the world. And it is not so. But a small leak in the coolant system of the kind described above could perfectly produce the phenomenon, in rare instances.)

INCIDENT 4. On August 6, 1954, at 5:00 p. m., a Varig DC-3 took off from Porto Alegre, Rio Grande de Sul, on a scheduled trip to Rio de Janeiro, with no intermediate stops scheduled. At 7:00 p. m. the airliner passed over Florianoplis, Santa Catarina. A few minutes later it was flying over the sea at 2250 meters. It was a pitch-black night; a high overcast even cut out the glow from the stars. Suddenly, Commander Nagib Ayub, the pilot, spotted a bright red light glowing at about 500 meters above

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the plane and to the left, near the coast. It glowed brightly for two seconds and vanished. TWO HUNDRED KILOMETERS AHEAD, when the plane was flying over Guaratuba Bay (in the state of Parana), the light appeared again for a few seconds. This time the co-pilot, Mr. R. Pinheiro da Silva, saw it too . . . .

At 10:00 p. m. they were aproaching the Paranagua Bay (in the same state), when it happened again. But now it wasn't a mere light . . . The co-pilot was turning around to look at an engine when he saw it. From the coast (at about 90 kilometers to the left), a huge FIREBALL was closing in at a tremendous speed. He alerted the others. The strange UFO—growing in size steadily—looked like a round blob of hot metal sweeping through the night sky. It had an apparent size larger than a full moon. It came from below, *straight* for the airplane on a collision course. It approached swiftly, getting bigger and bigger . . . Fright ened, the crew waited for the crash which seemed imminent. In the last moment, however, the "thing" maneuvered abruptly reversing course — and pulled away from the aircraft. It zoomed up, made another turn, closed again, and again turned out at the last instant to prevent the collision. This dangerous game was repeated again and again, for about 10 minutes. The nightmarish scene was watched by three frightened men, glued to their seats, with sweat trickling down their backs. Then Mr. R. F. Godinho, the radio operator, came to life. A frantic call was picked up by the ground operators at the airports of Porto Alegre, Sao Paulo and Rio. The incredible story was reported. Immediately a full alarm was spread. The AF Security Service and the Air Defense Command were alerted. The Varig Airlines' president arrived hurriedly at the Porto Alegre airport. Commander Ayub was reporting:

"After making several passes at the DS-3, the fireball is now following it. Now it has started a crazy dance around us, changing constantly and rapidly its altitude, course, speed and brightness—always tracking the plane".

In a strained voice, Ayub described the fantastic maneuvers of the UFO around the plane. It swerved in and out, pulled into sharp left and right banks, performed swift turns and reversed course instantly. It climbed up sharply, went into high-speed dives and again leveled out. It accelerated swiftly, or abruptly slowed down. At times, it seemed to go suddenly towards the plane, or away from it.

The UFO emitted a very strong light, but this light changed too. It was steady and looked red (or orange-red) and brighter when the alien craft seemed to put on power. When it slowed abruptly, the colour changed to amber, its bright glow dimming noticeably. And when the UFO accelerated rapidly, the glow seemed to take a bluish hue.

The "fireball" left no trail. It seemed to be noiseless, but obviously any observation of this kind was made uncertain by the sound from the aircraft's engines.

After the pilot finished his report, the ground controller called back; he said:

"We have checked and it seems that the object reported is an alien, unknown craft. There is no aircraft in your area. Now, how about switching off your lights and trying to escape it? But please, do it keeping in contact with us and reporting everything that happens."

Commander Ayub turned off all the lights of his plane, and started evasive maneuvers through the dark skies. But it was hopeless. The queer and enigmatic hunter certainly knew how to play the game and continued to follow the airliner, and to dance around it—even in the dark. THE CHASE CONTINUED FOR ALMOST TWO HOURS. All the time, the pilot kept contact with the Varig's president and with the ground operators. At the end—near Santos, Sao Paulo—he asked permission to try an emergency landing at Sao Paulo city . . . "before anything worse could happen". He got it and altered his course. This time the UFO didn't follow the maneuver. Ayub reported its position the last time he saw it.

Another Varig airliner, traveling from Rio to Porto Alegre, was at that moment nearing the area. Commander Edu Michel, the pilot, got Ayub's report and altered course to look for the unknown craft. He sighted it a few minutes later. It was going swiftly out to sea. He was so impressed that he decided it was better to land at once at Sao Paulo airport —as Ayub had done.

Two Air Force officers—a few minutes later—saw the same UFO. They were flying toward Sao Paulo in a N. A. interceptor. They saw it near Santa Cruz, between Sao Paulo and Rio. It was out over the Atlantic Ocean, moving fast. It quickly vanished into the night . . .

When the first plane landed at Congonhas Airport, Sao Paulo, a badly shaken crew was interviewed for three hours by AF Intelligence officers. Half an hour later came the second airliner. The last to arrive was the N. A. fighter. From the reports, it was clear that all the observers had sighted the same object.

Commander Ayub added that he couldn't judge the size and speed of the UFO, not knowing how far away it was. However, to follow a DC-3 maneuvering ceaselessly all around it and staying close all the time takes a mighty speedy craft. It had too much of a definitely circular shape, but he couldn't tell if the "fireball" was a light on the object, or if the whole UFO had been glowing—because of its extreme brightness. The outlines of the alien craft couldn't be seen behind the glare. Ayub concluded the written report of the incident, requested by the Air Force, stating the following:

"I think it impossible to mistake 'that' for any known man-made machine or device. It was not a jet plane, or aircraft. It was not a balloon. It was not a secret weapon (we have none like it). Nor was it a meteorite, a reflection or a mirage—because none of these things can fly at more than 200 Km/hour, following an airplane and maneuvering around it. I think it was an alien craft. one of the so-called 'flying saucers'."

Next day, the UFO story hit the headlines. The Air Force got a flood of queries from the press, as soon as they heard about the sighting. But the reporters were unceremoniously put off—the Air Force wasn't divulging any more information about the incident. A security lid came down tight around it. The incident had been thoroughly investigated and the conclusion still was: UNKNOWN. It seemed just too fantastic and it was better to keep silent . . .

INCIDENT 5. In the night of November 4, 1954, a resident of Pontal, Sao Paulo, was fishing in the Parde river, near the town. He was a laborer named Jose Alves. He was in a deserted place. The night was dark and silent, and a slight breeze was blowing from the east. Suddenly, he saw a strange craft glowing in the sky. It closed in quietly, the glow growing steadily in size . . . It was coming down from a westerly direction—and seemed to be "wobbling in mid-air" as it came slowly toward the ground, very near the spot he was placed.

Jose Alves froze where he was, getting the feeling he was in danger. He knew at once that the weird machine was unlike anything he ever had seen. And he wanted to run away.

Before he had a chance to run the "thing" was landing—so near he could have touched it if he had walked a few steps forward. It hovered about six feet above the ground—stopped in mid-air, motionless. It looked like something made of silvery metal and shaped like "two washbowls placed on top of each other". It appeared to be about 10 to 15 feet in size. Then, he saw three little men coming out of it. They were about 3 feet tall and had a dark brown skin. They were, those strange creatures, dressed in white clothes and had tightly fitting skull-caps on their heads. They left through what seemed to be a window at the side of the airship, and jumped to the ground.

Terror struck Jose Alves, terror so paralyzing he felt he couldn't move. "DEVILS", he thought, "NO MAN LOOKS LIKE THAT". He felt dazed; his feet didn't seem to be touching the ground, but he knew they were, for finally he realized he was backing out, slowly dragging them backward, while his eyes kept on the dwarfish figures.

The little men, however didn't suspect that somebody watched them. They were busy. They collected samples of grass, herbs and leaves of trees; and one of them filled a shiny metal tube with water from the nearby river. Then, they jumped back into the machine, which took off vertically. As before no sound was heard as the eerie craft rose swiftly out of sight.

"When Jose Alves told us that fantas-

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tic story he was in a highly nervous state but not drunk, nor out of his mind", the residents of Pontal who had heard his report, told the press. It became apparent that he was a quiet man, living for his work and his family. He never had heard anything about flying saucers and even refused to discuss the possibility. When pressed for an opinion as to what he thought about the craft and its strange little men, he said: "What it was I don't know, but I know I saw it. Everybody laughs at me but I saw what I saw." And so ended another "space-creature story" few people would believe—except those who heard it firsthand — a story that will be discounted and forgotten by all but the few who know better.

(Editor's Note: This incident took place at the same approximate time as the "little men" incidents in Venezuela in 1954.)

In general, I don't pay much attention to the reports that involve saucer crews. Most of these tales are clearly a lot of nonsense concocted up by hoaxers, screwballs and saucer-cultists. Why have I included this one? For just one reason. Before 1954, there had been little similarity between any of the "space-creature" stories so far published; they were such obvious fakes that they were not worth considering. Since that year, however, a disturbing resemblance between some of the new "saucer-crew tales" became apparent. This residue showing common characteristics still is not large enough, in my opinion, to be accepted as evidence. But these reports have cropped up year after year since that year. The report of Jose Alves is a good model of the kind. Five more like it were recorded in my country in the same period (November - December, 1954). Dozens like it had been reported in Argentina, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Italy, France, Australia, etc. The last one has been put on the wires just now by the F. P. It happened on the night of May 10, 1957, at Beaucourt-sur-Ancre, a small village in northern France. An alien craft hovered in mid-air near the ground; four little men dressed in white clothes; a silent and swift take-off; five witnesses. And the police who examined the spot—finding two parallel marks on the ground and some black smears of a plastic substance, recently solidified. Did you hear of it ?

So that's where we stand. I have shown you three incidents dealing with aerial objects which cannot be explained by present science as natural phenomena—but solely as artificial devices, controlled and operated by an intelligence. No power plant known or projected on this planet can account for the performances of these devices, you know.

The fourth incident deals with what appears to be PHYSICAL EVIDENCE of the existence of UAOs. To realize the importance of this fact, you only need to remember what Capt. E. J. Ruppelt once said: (True, 34:134 May), 1954): . . . may bring you to the possibility that the saucers are craft from outer space. As staggering as the implications may be, to my mind this is the most acceptable theory—if the saucers exist. There is no other alternative".

The last incident of this series . . . Well, you don't believe it. It seems just too fantastic. I agree. But . . . who knows?

I said before I didn't know the real beginning of this UAO story—nor the end. But who knows? That's the riddle. Somewhere in the skies are those who know. Answers may come to us in a generation — OR TOMORROW .

Sleep well, friend.

REPORT FROM VENEZUELA

Horacio Gonzales, one of our Venezuelan representatives, had quite a few items in a recent letter, some of which are offered here:

"An interview of Capt. Matthew Van Winkle, pilot of the PAA airliner which avoided collision with a UAO on 9 March between New York and Puerto Rico, disclosed that Van Winkle had not disclosed all information to the press, and that the object was *not* a ball of light, but rather a flattened sphere, which shed greenish white luminosity and maneuvered above the plane for a few minutes after the near collision. The fusilage of the craft was cracked and the electronic instruments were out of order after the encounter.;

On the 23rd of March Luis Petrieira, an agriculturist of Puertot Escondido in the Maracaibo district, in company with others, saw an object plunge into the lake flying low in its vicinity.; The Prefect of the Bolivar District and other functionaries were notified, and all planes accounted for; The area where the object entered the water was dragged, but nothing was found. The witnesses still maintain, however, that a flying object did dive into Lake Maracaibo.

On the 8th of April *thousands* of people saw a luminous budy which flew over the coast from Northwest to Southeast over Catia la Mar. The time was around 9 p. m. and the object travelled at a very high rate of speed. The object flew in a horizontal trajectory, had a yellowish color and afterwards DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, one of which turned red. Length of sightings: only a few seconds. (See Holloman AFB sighting in January issue APRO Bulletin—Page 5, Column 1.)

On the same night, reports coming from Coro state that more than five hundred people witnessed the passage of an oval, luminous object over the City. It apparently passed over Maracaibo, crossed the Paraguana Isthmus, Coro, Puerto Cabello, to reach Catia la Mar and covered the distance in less than half an hour. Witnesses said the object travelled from west to east and was first seen around 9 p. m. above Roosevelt Avenue in Coro. The audience at a drive-in theater saw the object, which flew over the dunes at great speed. Simultaneously, it was reported over the Coro-La Vela highway by Mr. Jesus Zavala, Air port chief for the district. On that same night observers in Los Teques saw luminous objects passing over the city of San Pedro de los Altos. The objects flew at great speed, were discoid in form and were entirely luminous.

News reports coming from Barquisimeto also stated that on the night of 8 April numerous individuals saw a luminous body, oval in shape, which flew over the Urdaneta District. This report receives confirmation by numerous travellers from Carora and Trujillo who reported seeing "an oval object wrapped in flame" which was playing around at incredible speed between Barquisimeto and Trujillo. Object also was seen by residents of Aguada Grande, Baragua, and Urucure. On the following day, 9 April, hundreds of students, coming out of school, congregated in the Bolivar Square to watch a luminous discoid object which maneuvered over the city. About half an hour after the passage of this object, a violent current of air was felt all over the area. It slammed windows and doors and tore off galvanized rooftops, and shredded huge trees of their leaves.

On the 12th of April, Lt. Col. Carlos Rincon Calcano, (Ret.) Consul for Venezeulea in Aruba, said that thousands observed the maneuvers of a strange object over that island. At times the object seemed to be suspended in mid-air. On the same day, persons traveling from El Tigre to Puerto la Cruz, saw a strange rotating apparatus shooting rays of light towards the earth, maneuver over the highway and shoot off towards the south.

On Saturday, 13th of April, residents of Guayamural, on Ocumere del Tuy, were frightenend out of their wits when they saw a strange apparatus descending vertically from the sky. Object was described as having a width of about 10 feet and about six feet thick. It made no noise and descended to a height of about 100 feet from the ground; it also produced a terrible whirlwind of air which made trees swirl and sway. It shot back up into the sky at a fantastic speed and out of sight.

New Saucer Group In Japan

A letter from Yusuke Matsumura of the Japanese Flying Saucer Research Group requesting sample copies of the Bulletin reveals the existence of a new UFO group which is badly needed in that part of the world. Despite having members in the Orient, it is not easy to obtain sightings from that area as our members there are English speaking and reading and Japanese and Chinese local papers are printed in the native characters. This new group will be an avenue to better and more detailed reports from the Orient. If the Japanese group's directors prove to be as meticulous in their investigations and reporting as they are in every other endeavor we should expect some really good reporting from that quarter.

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REPLY REF._____

February 8, 1957.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemem:

I am enclosing herewith a bulletin received at this office on February 5, 1957, for your evaluation.

Assuring you of our complete cooperation at all times, I am

Sincerely,

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Aerial Phenomena Research Group

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Bob Gribble
Executive Director

Dear Sir:

Several reports of unidentified flying objects seen over cities in your section of the country ~~since~~ on 12-18-56 have recently arrived at our office. We would appreciate names and addresses of witnesses reporting unidentified flying objects or other aerial phenomenon to your office during this period. All names and addresses will be held strictly confidential, to be used only when contacting the witness for information regarding their experience.

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We are a national organization whose objectives are to investigate and determine the nature of unidentified flying objects and related phenomena. Any information you can give us pertaining to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely yours

Bob Gribble
Director of Investigations

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects - Reporting of
JOHN I. WITMER, Rural Delivery Route #1
Columbia, Pennsylvania
SPECIAL INQUIRY

28 FEB 1957

TO: Commander
2855th Air Base Wing
ATTN: BB
Olmsted Air Force Base, Pa,

1. Attached for your information is a copy of a letter dated 13 February 1957, written by JOHN I. WITMER, Rural Delivery Route #1, Columbia, Pennsylvania, concerning Unidentified Flying Objects.

2. With the submission of this letter, no further action is contemplated by this District Office, and this matter is considered CLOSED in the files of this District Office.

David E. Bales

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by JOHN I. WITMER, RD #1, Columbia
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DAVID E. BALES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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cc: Dir OSI (w/o Incl) (AFCSI-6D INV 24-185-463)

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects - Reporting of JOHN I. WITMER, Rural Delivery Route #1, Columbia, Pennsylvania
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
14th OSI District (IG)
Lowry Air Force Base
Colorado

1. Attached for information and necessary action is a letter on Unidentified Flying Object, dated 13 February 1957, by JOHN I. WITMER.

2. Request that a copy of attached letter be furnished the appropriate representative of the Commander, Air Defense Command.

3. District Office Nr 3 by carbon copy of this letter is furnished two copies of cited letter and requested to make distribution to the Air Force Base located nearest the alleged sighting.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

E. T. Mueller Maj. USAF

GENE P. MORITZ, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
Counterintelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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WITMER, dtd 13 Feb 57

cc: District Commander
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Feb. 13, 1957
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To: U.S. Air Force

From: John I. Witmer

Subject: UFO Report

Dear Sirs:

I am 19 years old and live, about 10 miles from the city of Lancaster in Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania. I work as a labrotory technecian for the Armstrong Cork Co. at their Research and Development Center three miles from Lancaster on the Lincoln Highway West.

On the morning of Feb. 11 as I was driving along route 230, traveling east directly toward Lancaster and about six miles from the city, I saw a brightly shining object in the sky over Lancaster. I could not distinguish it's shape but immediately supposed it to be an air plane. Interested by the way the sunlight was so brilliantly reflected from the aircraft, I continued to watch it for approximately half a mile. Relative to my speed and direction of travel, 50 mph and due east, the object or aircraft did not appear to move at all, but was apparently hovering over the city. I watched the object until I had to avert by vision to make a right angle turn to the right onto the Centerville Road at Centerville. After I had made the turn I looked for the object at the point I had last seen it but it was nowhere in sight.

The time was between 7:50 and 7:55 A.M. The sky was perfectly clear, no clouds, mist, or haze whatsoever. The sun was low in the sky in an approximate E by SE direction relative to me at the time of sighting. Estimated height- 1000 to 2000 feet. The object appeared to be about the size of a normal two engine, propeller driven aircraft, but, as I said, I could not discern a distinct shape. There was no apparent motion or signs of motion such as a vapor trail or a scintilliating effect of the reflected sunlight.

I am reporting this incident for two chief reasons. 1. The object's lack of motion and 2. The objects sudden disappearence, from my vision at least, when I made the right hand turn.

I am sure it was not a celestial body because of the sun's brightness. There were no intervening buildings or trees and my windshield was clean. If it was a conventional aircraft, it's disappearence might be explained by my right turn which changed the angle of reflection of the sunlight. How this 'change of angle of reflection' could have caused such an effect, I do not know.

I am taking the time to make this report only because I know the Air Force accepts such reports and is interested in sightings of UFOs. I expect no reply to this report but in case there is need for more detailed information, you have my address.

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Respectfully,
John I. Witmer
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Katherine D. Uehling 86 Park Avenue Passaic, New Jersey

Door Sirs
Gentlemen
Dated

December 11, 1956

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Army Intelligence
Washington, D. C.

~~X~~ Uehling, Katherine D

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Gentlemen:

For the past two weeks, I have noticed a very bright object in the southeast portion of the sky. To the casual observer, it would appear to be a very brilliant and large star. However, it is situated lower than the other stars and, by looking at it for a period of five minutes or more, it moves perceptibly. Its position about 9:30 p.m. is approximately SE 130, and by 10:00 p.m. it has moved to about SE 140 or 145 traveling slightly upward. It then appears to stay in that position because

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in the morning it is in the same position until dawn starts to break. It then starts moving away and, from its location of SE 140 or 145, it moves to SE 150 or 155 and finally gets smaller.

I called up the Hayden Planetarium and spoke to a Dr. Rice. He told me that, from my description, it was neither a star nor a planet. He said that if it were a star it would set in the southwest.

I have also observed, at long spaced intervals, a little red and green coming from it, but most of the time it is a brilliant white. It is not an airplane. When I first saw it, I thought perhaps it might be a small light on a dirigible, but, when dawn breaks, I can see no dirigible or balloon.

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Since 1957 is the Geophysical Year, it may have something to do with that. However, I am reporting this matter to you in the hopes that you will be able to give me some information. I realize that secret information is withheld, but a word from you informing me That you know about it would suffice.

Respectfully,

Katherine D. Uehling

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To: Mail & Records Branch

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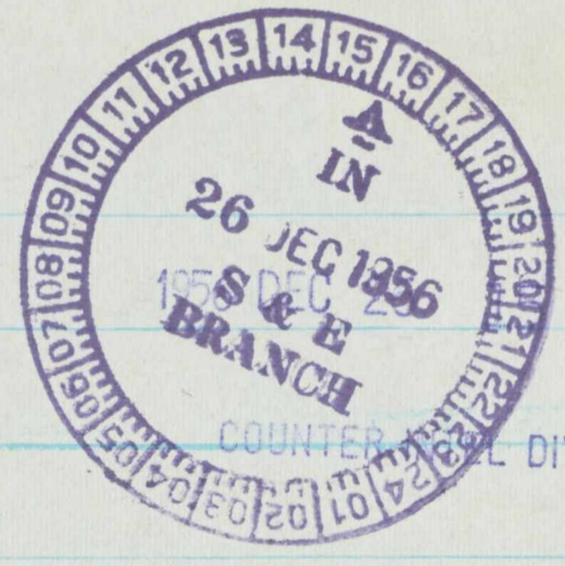

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17 JUN 1957

SUBJECT: National Investigations
Committee on Aerial Phenomena
Washington, D. C.

TO: Air Force Plant Representative
Hughes Aircraft Company
Security Division
Florence Avenue and Teale Street
Culver City, California

1. Reference letter your office pertaining to SUBJECT above, dated 13 May 1957.

2. On 23 May 1957 the files of the FBI, Los Angeles, failed to reveal any information pertaining to SUBJECT organization.

3. Files of this office were negative pertaining to SUBJECT.

4. In view of the fact that organization's letter did not appear to solicit information of any kind from Hughes Aircraft Company and contained primarily information of an advertising nature extolling the merits of a magazine and bulletins they contemplate forwarding to possible subscribers, this office contemplates no further action and this matter is closed.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

FRED T. RAGSDALE
Chief, Counterintelligence Division

cc: Dir OSI w/1 Incl re
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FOOLESVILLE, MARYLAND

Dear friend:

Your interest in our investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects (flying saucers) is greatly appreciated. Since 1950 the Air Force has kept thousands of authenti UFO reports from the public. While we believe we know their reasons, we are convinced that Americans have a right to the truth. To that end, NICAP has set up a nationwide network—soon to be worldwide—for reporting UFO sightings and hidden developments.

All this information — uncensored — will be revealed to NICAP members in a monthly magazine and in confidential bulletins. The magazine will include dramatic, authentic sightings by veteran pilots and other competent witnesses; behind-the-scene stories of the Air Force secret investigation; proof of the censorship which has muzzled hundreds of pilots; the pro's and con's of the question, "Is there life on Mars?"; and special articles on the UFO problem and our own space-travel plans.

In addition, NICAP will hold public hearings on claims of contacts with specimen—to expose hoaxes and also to ferret out the facts. All this will be covered in the monthly magazine, with many other features, such as—a serialized history of UFO's with new sidelights on famous sightings; frank answers to readers' questions; and a monthly department in which I shall reveal some "inside stories" I have learned in the last two years.

As an Associate Member of NICAP—for an annual fee of $7.50—you will receive the monthly magazine and the special bulletins. You will also be privileged to join a NICAP club in your area and become part of our large reporting network. Most important of all, you will be playing a vital role—not only in aiding to end the censorship—but in helping to find all the answers to the UFO mystery.

To become a NICAP member, merely forward your $7.50 membership fee to

NICAP
1536 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

We hope you will join us in this factual yet fascinating work.

Sincerely yours,

Donald E. Keyhoe

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Donald E. Keyhoe, Major USMC (Ret.)
Director of NICAP

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Missile Expert Misquoted?

Adm. Fahrney Quits Saucer Probers

Rear Admiral D. S. Fahrney, retired Navy guided millile expert, has resigned as chairman of the board of a private committee set up to probe the mystery of "unidentified flying objects."

He asked the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, of which UFO crusader Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe is director, to discontinue using his name.

Maj. Keyhoe said Admiral Fahrney was misquoted by newspapers, TV and radio last January as saying flatly that the objects were interplanetary space ships.

"Actually," Maj. Keyhoe wrote, "he said 'reliable evidence indicated . . . objects under intelligent control.' He insisted, and the Board and I fully agreed, that even the most reliable evidence had to be fully explored and evaluated."

NO REFLECTION

Admiral Fahrney wrote the committee: "Illness in my family and previous commitments on which I depend for my livelihood force me to take this step. This should not, in any way, reflect upon NICAP or its scientific purposes and investigations to the end that fact or fallacy can be established on the subject of visitors from outer space."

He is secretary of the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia and still a Navy historian on guided missiles.

He resigned Jan. 23. The announcement was to be held up until the group picked a successor, but this week Admiral Fahrney wrote the group to stop using his name, and it made the resignation public.

Maj. Keyhoe said the committee "kept getting requests" for Admiral Fahrney's UFO statement, "and this led to more misquotations."

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'Project Skylight'

New Group Setting Sights on Saucers

By JIM G. LUCAS Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

The brass plate at 1536 Connecticut-av nw reads "National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena." Inside they refer to it as Project Skylight.

T. Townsend Brown of Leesburg, Va., who runs it, identified himself as executive vice chairman pro tempore. He formerly was a consulting physicist for the Clevite-Brush Electronics Co. of Cleveland, O.

"I wince whenever anybody refers to "flying saucers", he says. "But, actually, that's what we're after. We want to know whether they exist. If they do, we want to know what they are. And we think it's high time."

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WILL ELECT BOARD

National Investigations Committee—that's how they answed the phone—is just now forming. On Nov. 1 it meets to elect a nine-man board of governors.

Mr. Brown says he is representing a group of approximately 15 "scientists, educators and church leaders" interested in saucers. He expects to be around until Nov. 15, when he goes back to London as research director for Whitehall-Rand. He's also a consulting physicist in Paris for a French aircraft company. But the saucers?

"I frankly don't know," he says. "They may or may not exist. And that seems to be the general feeling of all our people. But ~~we want~~ to know."

FACT-FINDING BODY

The National Investigations Committee, Mr. Brown says, will be a "privately supported fact-finding body serving the national public interest." It has applied to the Treasury for tax-exempt status.

Mr. Brown has written several hundred public figures seeking their opinion on what he terms "a subject of inevitable concern in every major phase of human welfare."

One of Mr Brown's letters went to Larry Cates, Washington representative of the Airline Pilots Association. Cates says airline pilots turn in reports of saucer sightings almost nightly.

AIRPORT OFFICIALS TOO

Mr. Brown says he's talked to officials at National Airport here in Washington—where radar sightings have been made—"and they are as interested in getting the facts as we are."

In his prospectus, he suggests a "considerable amount of effort will have to be directed toward general promotion and fund-raising." As his goal, Mr. Brown talks about the day "we'll have money in the bank —$2,000,000 or $3,000,000.

Memberships come high. A founder's endowment costs $1000; a sustaining membership, $500. Delegates are admitted for $100. Regular memberships sell for $15 and associate memberships, $7.50. The committee hopes to publish a magazine to be known as "Space Flight."

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
19th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

19D OSI 24-0

12 July 1956

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, Utah General Depot, 24 June 1956

TO: Director
Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. The report of the Installation Intelligence Officer concerning an unidentified flying object seen in the vicinity of the Utah General Depot on 24 June 1956, is forwarded for your information.

2. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

ERNEST J. BOUCHER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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UTAH GENERAL DEPOT, U. S. ARMY
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25 June 1956

SUBJECT: Domestic Security

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Headquarters Sixth Army
Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.
ATTN: AMGBI-I-3

1. Reference is made to classified letter AMGBI-I-3, 350.09, 11 May 1956, subject as above.

2. Installation Intelligence Officer received telephone call from Mrs. Hudgins (wife of Executive Officer, Utah General Depot) at 1340 hours, 24 June 1956, stating that she had seen a huge, round, silver colored object flying through the air at a very fast speed making a 45 degree turn while revolving in a circular motion. Mrs. Hudgins stated in her opinion object remained in her view for a period of approximately two (2) minutes and then disappeared in the vicinity of the Promontory Mountains located to the Northwest of Utah General Depot.

3. Intelligence Officer notified the following immediately and was informed that no prior reports had been received:

a. Resident Agent, 115th CIC Detachment, Region IV.

b. Field Officer of the Day, Hill Air Force Base, Major Carl.

c. Duty Officer, Naval Supply Depot, Clearfield Utah, CWO Dittamore.

d. Officer of the Day, Captain Donahue, this depot.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

R. S. CHAPLIN
Major, MPC
Installation Intelligence Officer

Copy furnished:
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22 MAY 1956

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Flying Saucers

TO: District Commander
14th OSI District (IG)
Lowry Air Force Base
Colorado

1. Attached for your information and further transmittal to Headquarters Air Defense Command are letters received from Mr. DAVID CHRENKA (DOB: 14 April 1887), 2932 Walton Road, St. Johns, Missouri.

2. Mr. CHRENKA was interviewed by OSI agents and he furnished a photostatic copy of a letter received from his niece, IDA KOVACS, Budapest XI Ker, Lasadi W 22, Hungary. This letter, according to CHRENKA, is freely translated in part as follows:

> "The so-called flying saucer also through several weeks kept the people in nervous state. These very fast speeding flyers, kept scientific group very busy and shall keep them busy. Uncle Dan (CHRENKA), I'm sure you heard already from the papers 12000 kilometers per hour was estimated on those flyers."

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

GENE P. MORITZ, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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1. Ltr by CHRENKA to FBI (in dup)
2. Ltr by CHRENKA to War Dept (in dup)
3. Photostat of ltr fr IDA KOVACS (in dup)

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AFCSI-6D/Maj Arentson/z/8896/18 May 56

AFCSI-6D INV 24-185

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: District Commander
14th OSI District (IG)
Lowry Air Force Base
Colorado

1. Attached for your information and further dissemination to Headquarters Air Defense Command are two reports received from the Department of the Army and a letter from the FBI concerning unidentified flying objects.

2. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Gene P. Moritz

GENE P. MORITZ, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

3 Incls
1. Summary of Info, G-2, Hq 1st Army, dtd 24 Feb 56 (in dup)
2. Ltr, Hq Arm Combat Tng Ctr, to CG, 6th Army, dtd 27 Feb 56 (in dup)
3. Ltr fm FBI, dtd 13 Mar 56 (in dup)

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SUBJECT: (UNCLASSIFIED)
SIGHTING OF OBJECT RESEMBLING FLYING SAUCER ON
6 APRIL 1956 NEAR HENDERSON, NORTH CAROLINA

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent AFB
Colorado Springs Colorado

1. Transmitted herewith for the information of your command is one (1) photostatic copy of letter report dated 17 April 1956 from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington regarding the above captioned matter.

2. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 30c AFR 205-1.

3. Attention is invited to the fact that the information contained in the inclosure is derived from sources other than Department of the Air Force. Dissemination of the information contained therein will not be made outside Department of the Air Force channels without prior approval from the Office of Special Investigations, IG.

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WALLACE B. SCHOLES
Lt Colonel USAF
District Commander

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Sighting of Object Resembling Flying Saucer on April 6, 1956, near Henderson, North Carolina

TO: District Commander
14th OSI District (IG)
Lowry Air Force Base
Colorado

1. Attached for your information and further transmittal to Headquarters Air Defense Command are two copies of a letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 16 April 1956, subject as above.

2. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

GENE P. MORITZ, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

7 May 1956
AFCSI-9B/Capt Brown/mcm/4907

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, COUNTER INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object

1. At approximately 0100, 5 May 1956, a telephone call was received by the undersigned, while performing duty as Staff Duty Officer, from A. R. Jones, FBI Duty Agent, relating the following information:

The FBI had received a call from a Thomas Gamble, 102 Center, Oxford, Pennsylvania, to report the sighting of a bright light about 2,000 feet in the air traveling toward Baltimore. The light when sighted was above Oxford and was reported as being a solid bright yellow light visable from all directions which at one point was twice as bright and twice as big as an automobile headlight. It made no noise and traveled faster than an automobile even though an attempt to follow it was made at 80 miles per hour. He further stated that two bar room companions, a Mr. Pew and Mr. Dixon, had also observed the object.

2. Lt. Colonel Moritz, Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch, Counter Intelligence Division, was contacted at 0730, 5 May 1956, by the undersigned and given the above information. He instructed to retain the information and report it by memorandum 7 May 1956.

3. At approximately 1400, 5 May 1956, the undersigned was again contacted, this time by FBI Agent J. H. Glasscock, to report that the name and address of the individual reporting the incident was erroneous. This individual had called back to state that his name and address was actually Billy Thomas Gambill, 419 South Broad Street, Kenneth Square, Pennsylvania. AKA THOMAS/GAMBLE

EARL C. BROWN, Capt, USAF
Analysis Branch, Plans & Policy Division

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

22 March 1956

INV 24-185 file AFCSI-6D/Major Stahl/mh/Code 151/X-8873

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, COUNTER INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

SUBJECT: Associated Press Release 21 March 1956; RE: Ten Cent Saucer Inquiry

Lt Colonel Frank Newlon, SAFIS, telephonically advised on this date that the information furnished his office by the Office of Special Investigations, along with Mrs. KITNER's letter, was sent to the Air Force Press Release Desk as an interesting tidbit for the Press. Colonel Newlon checked with the Press desk and determined that nothing in writing was given to the Press, but that the Air Force representative orally furnished the information to an AP Reporter. No mention was made to the AP Reporter of the FBI's interest or activity in the matter. The possibility exists that he was able to see the correspondence on the desk of the Air Force ~~Reporter~~ representative, and note that the FBI initially received the letters and ~~they~~ referred it to the Department of the Air Force. SAFIS sent Mrs. KITNER a recent unclassified release on the general subject of "Flying Saucers."

for John Justus Jr Major USAF
GENE P. MORITZ, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
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THE WASHINGTON EVENING STAR
21 March 1956

'Confidential Files' Gets 10-Cent 'Saucer' Inquiry

By the Associated Press

If you want information on flying saucers, don't address your request to "Confidential Files, Washington, D. C."

Takes too long. And besides you may be investigated by the FBI.

A woman out in Los Angeles (name withheld by various Government agencies) dashed off a note on January 15. It said:

"Confidential Files
"Wash., D. C.

Dear Sirs—Please send me a bulletin of flying saucers, or the address where I can get information about them. I am inclosing 10 cents.

"Thanks."

Seemed like a simple, direct approach—except for the address.

The post office, casting about for some Federal agency that might have confidential files, sent it to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The FBI, never one to pass out military secrets, made discreet inquiries.

Then the FBI forwarded the letter to the Air Force, advising that nothing derogatory or indicative of subversion could be found in the woman's activities.

So the Air Force reached into its nonclassified files and plucked out the latest summary on the number of sightings of UFO (unidentified flying objects), together with an explanation of why people think they see flying saucers—or what it is they see which the Air Force can or can't explain.

The lady's 10 cents was taped to the summary and both were mailed to her address in Los Angeles.

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19 MAR 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION,
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES, SAFS

SUBJECT: Request for Bulletin on "Flying Saucers"
SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. The attached letter was received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No reply has been made to the writer by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Directorate of Special Investigations.

2. The files of the Directorate of Special Investigations contain no information pertaining to Mrs. ESTHER A. KITNER.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

16/3/56

1 Incl
Ltr fr Mrs. Kitner,
dtd 15 Jan 56,
w/envelope

GEORGE W. McCORKLE, Major, USAF
Assistant Executive
Directorate of Special Investigations
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Lt Col Moritz
Capt Howell
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

23 FEB 1956

12D 49-0

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
DANIEL CHRENKA (DOB 14 Apr 1887)
2932 Walton Road
St. Johns, Missouri
Civilian

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. On 2 February 1956, Special Agent CARL R. O'CONNOR, St. Louis Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, turned over to Special Agent JOSEPH G. EXLER, this District Office, two (2) letters from SUBJECT; one (1) addressed to the FBI and one (1) to the War Department. These letters are attached as Inclosures Nr. 1 and 2.

2. Upon being contacted, CHRENKA furnished photostatic copy of letter received from his niece, IDA KOVACS, Budapest XI Ker, Lasadi W 22, Hungary. This letter, according to CHRENKA, is freely translated in part as follows:

"The so-called flying saucer also through several weeks kept the people in nervous state. These very fast speeding flyers, kept scientific group very busy and shall keep them busy. Uncle Dan (CHRENKA), I'm sure you heard already from the papers 12000 kilometers per hour was estimated on those flyers."

3. The above information has not been evaluated.

4. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

Lloyd C. Dean
LLOYD C. DEAN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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1. Ltr by CHRENKA to FBI
2. Ltr by CHRENKA to War Dep't
3. Photostat of ltr fr IDA KOVACS

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To the E/B

Dear Sir, Enclosed letter is a
Sole given to distroy flying rocket
Projecting By the Russian goverment.
Controled By Light wave

Please forward to the right depart.

If References Required
Ed. Coldbreiber.
chief of police
Charles. Stephen city Hall St John.
Comendor in chief au police
3519 Connor Ave St John

I remain your truly
Corp. Daniel Phenko
aux police -
2932 Walton Rd
St John 21 - me

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War department.

Dear Sir.

I am informed that is the Russian government experimenting by "- Light wave controlled flying rocket.

Pleare allow to suguest that- if it is true - placing 50-100 miles of the shore some floating object with power- full search Light- and when the rocket reported by radoir - put the search light in 60° or 45 angle to the direction where the rocket is coming. to the light wave make it dive and the war head explode.

I am. member of Am. police. to whe hanne some bad news

Ince #2

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about our safety

I am working on theory of that
flying object in course could be reversed
to go back where they come from.

I remain yours truly

Daniel Chrenka

2932 Walton Rd

St John - 21 - Mo

Ps.

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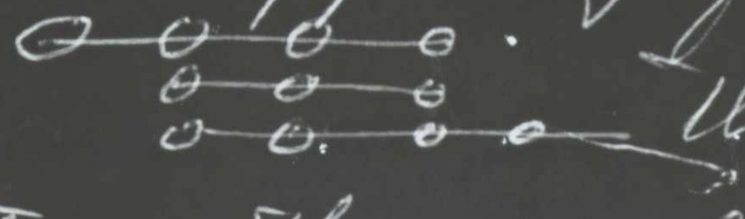
west on that day  this due qu-
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Drágga jó Damibácsi és Mindnyájan!

Nem tudom előzőleg küldött levelem megérkezik e, Kívánunk a jó Damibácsiéknak sok-sok örömet a szép karácsonyi ünnepekre és boldog új esztendőt. Itt a karácsonyra most készülnek a gyermekek. Rengeteg játék van a kirakatokban és szép színes fényűzés. A rengeteg népet a kirakatokat nézi, és gyönyörködik. Ki mint a karácsonyt itt Pesten Fínód Káboly tá időnáli

töltjük az ünnepeket. December 20 tól. Január 17 ig szünet lesz a gyermekeknek, de nekünk lesz osztásunk van akkor éppen a piros betüs napok a szünet napok. Halottak napján voltam lent Gádoros-on, egy napra utaztam le, vittem virágot nagyapa sírjára. Damibácsi olyan keveset ír, hogy van-nak? szaporodott e a család? Egészségesek e Mindnyájan? Annuska sokat penzed a Sátára, hacsak most egy hétre vidéki munkát küldtek végezni. csak az ünnepekre 24 estére jön haza. Itt most vendégjárás van egy nagy német cirkusz az "Astor" vadállatokkal, artistákkal. Ki is megnézzük az iskolás gyermekekkel. Azt mondják nagyszerü-en játszanak! De ugyneverett "csemlék" ó több héten át izgalomba tartották az emberoket. Ezek a szörnyen ráguldó égi jelenések a tudósok szerint szerencsét szerencsétlenséget szerencsétlenséget szerencsétlenséget

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Daniel Chrenka
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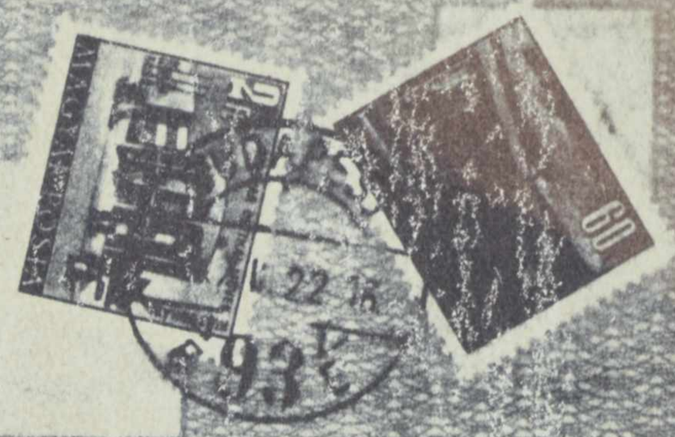

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, ~~G-2~~, INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ACSI-SPD-S

29 February 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Department of the Air Force

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

The attached Summary of Information pertaining to an unidentified flying object is furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

Thomas F. Guidera

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SOI dated 24 Feb 56
fr G2, First Army

M. A. QUINTO
Colonel, GS
Chief, Security Division

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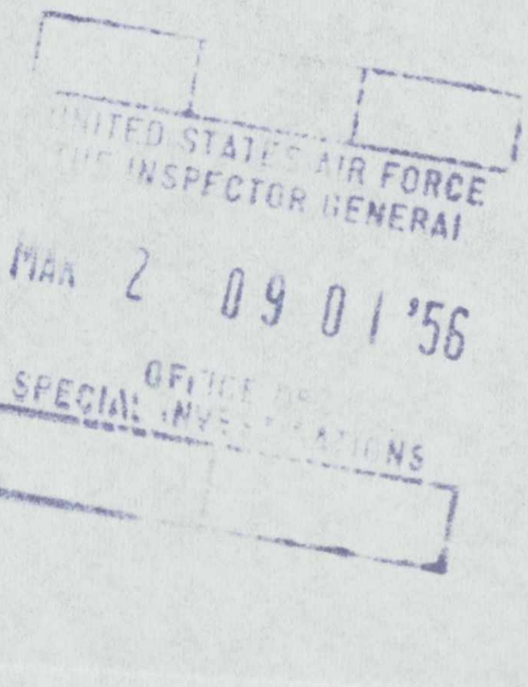

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

(SR 380-320-10)

DATE 24 Feb 56

PREPARING OFFICE Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intel, Hq First Army, Governors Island, New York 4, New York AHFKB-OD

SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Object

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:		OF INFORMATION:	
COMPLETELY RELIABLE	A	CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES	1
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FAIRLY RELIABLE	C	POSSIBLY TRUE	3
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE	D	DOUBTFULLY TRUE	4
UNRELIABLE	E	IMPROBABLE	5
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN	F	TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED	6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The following report was received at 2018 hours, 23 February 56, by the First Army Staff Duty Officer, ~~by~~ from an individual identifying himself as Bill BANCKERT or BORCHARDT, of the NY Journal American.

1. A Sgt George PIERCE, further identifying data unknown, but believed to be a member of the U.S.Army, was walking a dog near his mother's residence on Moffet Ave., in Bklyn, NY at approximately 2000 hours, 23 Feb 56. Sgt PIERCE was on leave at the time.

2. Sgt PIERCE heard a noise as from an airplane in trouble and, upon looking up, saw a round, big, blue fluorescent lighted object in the sky, which went in the direction of Idlewild Airport, circled the airport, and then left in the direction of lower New York. Sgt PIERCE described this object as a flying saucer.

3. The caller described Sgt PIERCE as apparently rational and sober and added that the Sgt was due to go overseas in the near future.

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THE ARMORED COMBAT TRAINING CENTER
Camp Irwin, California

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TO: Commanding General
Sixth Army
Presidio of San Francisco
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ATTN: AC of S, G-2

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6. All sources of information are considered reliable. The following maps were used:

a. 1:50,000 sheets RED PASS LAKE 2754 IV - TIEFORT MT 2654 I, AMS Series V795.

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20 Jan 56
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FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE:

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M. A. QUINTO
Colonel, GS
Chief, Security Division

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January 9, 1956
Argas, Indiana

Dear Sir:

I am writing you on an inquiry of your data on flying saucers or blimps.

Around this neighborhood I have seen strange objects that looked like these saucers or blimps. They appeared to be traveling west or in that general direction. This object looked big in the moon light, then there appeared to be two more that appeared from some place. They made no sound and have read or purple lights on them.

I have seen them at various intervals and would like to know if there is any way you can get a radar fix on them in this locality. We are located here about 30 miles from the Peru Airforce base. Thank you very much and please write me back.

Sincerely Yours,

/s/ Donovan L. Hanes

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AFCSI-6D 24-185

16 February 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

1. At 0905 hours this date the undersigned was notified by Major WILLIAM MANN that he had just received a telephone call from a Captain BROCHETT, Navy, at Taylor Model Basin, Extension 158488, which reflected that BROCHETT witnessed a flying phenomenon.

2. At 0910 hours, Captain DENNIS J. DELIA, DO #4, was notified of the above and instructed to check BROCHETT's story. DELIA was contacted in the absence of Colonel HURST and Captain DEAGAN.

Gene P. Moritz

GENE P. MORITZ
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
Counter Intelligence Division
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AFCSI-6D/Mr O'Donnell/ler/Code 151 Ext 8896/13 July 55

20 JUL 1955

Mr. Carroll F. Wilke
R.R. No. 1, Box 142
Arlington Heights
Illinois

Dear Mr. Wilke:

Your letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated June 10, 1955, has been referred to this office by that Agency.

Attached in answer to your request are the newspaper clippings you furnished with your letter.

Your action in providing this information is appreciated.

Sincerely,

GJK 20/7/55 signature in AFCSI3A recommended by AFCSI-6

GEORGE T. KOCH, Jr., Major, USAF
Assistant Executive
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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1. Newspaper Clipping, "Rode 8,000 M.P.H., he says"
2. Clipping from Chicago American dtd 1 Feb 55
3. Postal Card addressed to Carol Wilke

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14 July 55

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28 MAY 1955

AFCSI-6D INV-24-185-434

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Memorandum

TO: District Commander
14th OSI District (IG)
Lowry Air Force Base
Denver, Colorado

Attached for transmittal to Air Defense Command for information are copies of a G-2, USArmy memorandum dated 15 April 1955.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

E. T. Murtha

1 Incl (in dup)
G-2 Memo dtd 15 Apr 55

E. T. MURTHA
Major, USAF
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Mr O'Donnell O'Donnell 23 May 55

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FILE NO.	SUBJECT
G2-SPR	Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (U)

TO AFCSI FROM G2 DATE 27 April 1955 COMMENT NO. 1

Major Heaven/53715/gec

Forwarded for information and action deemed appropriate.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2:

1 Incl
cc 4A ltr 15Apr55

M. A. QUINTO, Colonel, GS
Chief, Security Division

2 Col GS

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Office of the AC of S, G2

AKADB-O 000.9

15 APR 1955

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (U)

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Extracts from Summary of Information, Region III, 112th CIC Detachment, El Paso, Texas, dated 9 April 1955, and the San Antonio Express, dated 7 April 1955, are forwarded herewith for your information.

2. Summary of Information, Region III, 112th CIC Detachment, dated 9 April 1955, is as follows:

"On 8 April 1955, reports indicate that the 'storm' of unknown flying objects that have rained on southern New Mexico and the El Paso, Texas, area began on 1 April 1955 and ended on 5 April 1955. One witness described the object as 'a bright streak with three red streaks behind it.' According to Army and Air Force spokesmen, none of the occurences could be attributed to artillery fire, rockets, guided missiles or other military activities.

Source: 'El Paso Herald-Post', 8 April 1955. (F-6)

(RC Comment: The office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, was unable to furnish any additional information.)"

3. The San Antonio Express, 7 April 1955, carried a United Press dispatch, datelined Albuquerque, New Mexico, 6 April 1955, reported that a "third mysterious fireball" seen in southeastern New Mexico on that date was described by a scientist of the University of New Mexico's Institute of Meteorites as probably not a meteorite. It was said that searchers could find no fragments of the object. Another "object", reportedly seen to have "apparently crashed and exploded" near Lordsburg, New Mexico, the date before, had disappeared "amid a glow of intense white heat." Still another report was of a "green fireball" allegedly seen in New Mexico on 5 April 1955, "seen as far north as Albuquerque, 200 miles away." The UP source added that there were "unconfirmed" reports of a fourth fireball noted the day before near Lordsburg. (C-6)

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4. Any additional information relative subject matter will be forwarded your office upon receipt.

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Reports

TO: District Commander
14th OSI District (IG)
Lowry Air Force Base
Denver, Colorado

Attached for transmittal to Commander, Air Defense Command are copies of US Army, G-2 documents concerning Unidentified Airborne Object over Holston Ordnance Works.

No further action is being taken concerning this matter.

E. T. Murtha Maj. USAF

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E. T. MURTHA
Asst Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

(SR 380-320-10)

DATE: 4 Mar 55

PREPARING OFFICE: Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Hq Third Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AIRBORNE OBJECT OVER HOLSTON ORDNANCE WORKS

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION AJACI-2.3 0008

1. On 9 February 1955, several persons observed an unidentified airborne object in the vicinity of the Igloo area. This object was first sighted at 1757 hours and was last seen at 1835 hours as it disappeared over the horizon.

2. Statements obtained from eight persons viewing the object yielded the following description:

The object was silver colored moving rapidly in a north-westerly direction and emitting a red, fire-like trail behind.

3. A map inclosed by Holston Ordnance Works reveals that the observers were located in five widely separated areas of the Ordnance depot and at varying distances from the object.

4. It is further revealed that statements obtained from the persons viewing the object were highly similar, all agreeing with the discription given in paragraph two.

5. The radar station at Holston Ordnance Works reported no unidentified aircraft or other airborne object in the vicinity.

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EXHIBIT I - Map of Holston Ordnance Works showing relative positions of persons viewing airborne object.

EXHIBIT II -Memorandum containing statements by observers of airborne object.

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MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. W. H. Zugschwerdt DATE February 10, 1955

SUBJECT Unidentified Object Observed in Vicinity of Igloo Area

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An unidentified airborne object was observed in the vicinity of the Igloo Area by several persons on February 9, 1955. This object was first observed at 5:57 p.m. and was last seen as it disappeared over the horizon at 6:35 p.m.

Upon receipt of notification of the incident, I went to Guard Headquarters to make an investigation and obtain additional information. After arriving at Guard Headquarters, the incident was reported to the Plant Manager and the Executive Officer. A call was then placed to the Knoxville Filter Center of The Ground Observer Corps to report the unidentified aircraft. The man on duty at the filter center stated that he would inquire of the radar station at Lake City if any unidentified aircraft had been reported in this area and that if there had been such a report, he would notify us. No further report was received from the filter center.

The Troop Lieutenant obtained signed statements from a number of persons who saw the aircraft. Following are copies of the statements:

Statement No. 1:

Trooper Dana L. Fields and Trooper Hugh W. Morelock, on patrol duty on Road 1923, noticed an object in the sky over the Igloo Area. We stopped at Building H-4, got out and watched the object. It was, or looked to be, a silver color, disk shaped, and did linger in one place and was spinning. All of a sudden, it dropped straight down out of sight, leaving a trail of fire behind. This was at 1803 hours; at this time I notified Headquarters.

Signed: Dana L. Fields
Hugh W. Morelock

Statement No. 2:

Lieutenant C. F. Davidson received a call over the radio from Patrol 155, H. W. Morelock and D. L. Fields, reporting they had located an object in the sky over the east side of Igloo Area. I, with Sergeant Street, proceeded down Road 1909 contacting Patrol 155 at intersection of Roads 1909-1923. They explained the location and movement of the object. They stated they had watched it for several minutes to make sure they were seeing something. I proceeded through 504 area to the west side, followed by Lieutenant Fox and Fireman Whittemore. We took our stand on the high point. Whittemore first noticed a light silver object in the far northwest. I also could see it. Fox had a pair of binoculars. We three could detect the object moving into the sunset, from right slightly to left, for a period of about ten minutes, then seemed to disappear over the horizon. At that distance, it looked long.

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Signed: C. F. Davidson
R. J. Fox
L. Whittemore

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Statement No. 3:

Statement by George Vass, driver for Mason-Dixon. Home address: 3624 Bristol Highway, Kingsport Tennessee, Phone, Circle 6-2620.

I was at Building 204, check point at Area B, in the presence of Arthur Garland, truck driver, and Moore, HDC guard. I heard calls over the radio concerning an object in the sky. We located the object in a western direction and the sunset. It was at a great distance, appeared to be light in color and seemed to throw out a light trail, red trail like fire; disappeared over the horizon in about ten minutes.

Signed: George A. Vass
Arthur L. Garland
Fred B. Moore

Statement No. 4:

Statement by Sergeant H. R. Street and Trooper Nelson Jennings:

After I heard over the radio that Patrol 155 had spotted an object in the sky, I proceeded to the Igloo Area and joined Trooper Jennings on Patrol 120. We were at Igloo 43 and did spot a silver object in the far west, plainly visible and moving into the sunset, the sunset being deep orange and the object light in appearance; silver colored. The object disappeared over the horizon, west, southwest.

Signed: H. R. Street
Nelson Jennings

Statement No. 5:

Statement by Joe R. Greer, HDC Safety Department:

I first saw object over east side of K-area at approximately 1805. This object appeared to be round in shape, about 15 or 20 feet in diameter and was virtually standing still except for a vibrating motion. I was on Road 1931 near firing range when I first located object. I then lost sight of it and a short time later saw it moving at fast rate of speed in a NW direction from 1926-W. This time it appeared to be longer and slimmer with either a vapor or fire trail.

Signed: Joe R. Greer

Attached is a map on which are plotted the locations of the persons who made the above statements at the time they saw the object and also the locations where they estimated the object to be at that particular time.

John W. Stiles

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SUBJECT: Letter from RALPH H. SHERMAN re Flying Saucers
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
14th OSI District (IG)
Lowry Air Force Base
Denver, Colorado

Attached for dissemination to the Commander, Air Defense Command are two (2) copies of a letter from RALPH H. SHERMAN which was referred to this office by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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Ltr fr Ralph H. Sherman
dtd 24 Feb 54

GENE P. MORITZ
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
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217 Central St.
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Feb. 24, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of
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RALPH H SHERMAN SR.

Dear Sir,

I know that you must certainly be one of the busiest men in our government these days, but what I am putting in this letter may have a very important bearing on the solution of one of the greatest mysteries that this world has ever known and could be quite an important factor. So if you will please bear with a little explanation of how I arrived at this angle of the mystery, you will perhaps understand why I considered it worth speaking to you about.

I have been very much interested in the U. F. O's. ever since the reports of sighting started to pour in. I also

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read Frank Scully's story about them and after having written a story myself as to what I thought they could be and how they could affect us, I was loaned a story by some friends. This was written by Major Donald Kehoe. Then last Feb. the 8th, while driving for a doctor here in town, just by chance and while waiting for him to come out of a house, I saw a group of the saucers in the north and in a clear, blue, sunlit sky. Then even more unexpectedly, about a half hour later, I saw two. These two were much nearer and I could see their shape. While finishing the story by Major Kehoe, I started taking down notes as I read the story and wrote out remarks on different parts of the book. That is how I happened to think of the particular angle which I will

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relate to you.

Also I wish that you would please send me the complete address of the saucer investigating committee which I understand, is under the air force.

This is what I wrote.

In Major Keyhoe's book, page 164 in the last two paragraphs. They would not nescessarily have to withstand the extreme limiting forces. If what I think could be worked out, a type of space ship such as the saucers could because of their design, be equiped to counter g forces when sudden acceleration or deceleration is desired.

Pa. 178 beginning with middle of page.

Does not the report on this cigar shaped U. F. O. indicate that the exaust trail, because of the color of the fiery gases, could have been made by some aircraft using a fuel similar or like what our jet planes use?

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and if so, wouldn't this fact indicate the nescessity of using the oxygen of our atmosphere? If this is all so, does this not indicate too, that these cigar shaped rockets are made right here on earth by a foreign power and that they could have perfected some kind of electro-magnetically operated and radio controled saucers equiped to scan our defenses or drop germs and other deadly vermine on us from time to time? Then at their chosen time they could attack us. How about the white insects smaller than mosquitos that fell with or soon after a snow storm in Canton Mass. This was in a newspaper within the last two or three weeks and stated that a farmer scooped them up by the hundreds in jars and sent them some where for analysis.

Getting back to the cigar shaped U. F. O's; the scientists say that there is

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no air far above the earth or in space, so how about fuel and air mixture?

Consider and analize carefully the color of the exaust flame left by these strange craft. Also I beleive that there has been a report that sometimes black smoke has been seen trailing in their wake.

Recently, I heard that a certain foreign power was braging that they were way ahead of us in guided missiles.

I hope that my effort in writing this letter has not been a waste of time.

Most Sincerely,
Ralph F. Sherman Sr.

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Michael W. Kruvant
764 Scotland Road
South Orange, N.J.

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February 22, 1955

Department Of Intellegence
Pentagon Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Allow me to introduce myself; I am Michael Kruvant of 764 Scotland Road, South Orange, New Jersey, and am a "Flying Saucer" privite investigator. I am doing some seriously confidential research on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. I know you have a major hand in the research of this phenomena.

I would appreciate any assistance in this quest to find the truth in this mystery. I allready have a considerable amount of knowledge on this subject.

I hope you can give me some assistance.
Any data that you convey to me will be considered highly confidential.

Trusting I will hear from you in the very near future,

Very Truly Yours,

Michael W. Kruvant

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LEVY

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS over Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, and particularly Sylacauga, Alabama, 30 November 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Colonel Atchley, Commander, DO #8 telephonically briefed you regarding this matter on 1 December 1954. You will recall that during 30 November 1954 the Air Force, local officials and newspapers received numerous and varied reports of some type of explosion and/or light flashes and falling objects - believed in most cases to involve aircraft - were visible from points in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. Of particular interest was a stone-like object approximately 6" or 7" in diameter that, following a reported air explosion, fell through the roof of a residence at Sylacauga, Alabama, slightly injuring a Mrs. Hewlett Hodges, the occupant.

2. A report of investigation dated 8 December 1954 has been received from DO #8 reflecting in essence:

a. The object was recovered by personnel of 3800th Air Base Wing, Maxwell Field, Alabama and in compliance with AFR 200-2 turned over to a team of AISS, Dobbins AFB, Marietta, Georgia which had assigned personnel to investigate abovementioned incidents. It has been forwarded to ATIC Wright-Patterson AFB for analysis. Local information disclosed only that it was "either a stone meteorite or an earthly peridotite" (Dr. Frederick Morris, Arctic, Desert and Tropic Information Center) and as a sulphide meteorite (George Swindle, U. S. Geological Survey in local press). It is not radioactive.

b. A check with the Air Force and commercial air line facilities in area indicates aircraft were not involved in these incidents.

c. Local press reports indicate high public interest, and that injured woman's husband had instituted legal action to recover the object.

d. In view of this, the Commander, Maxwell Air Force Base requested Headquarters, 4602nd AISS at Ent AFB, Colorado to contact the Mayor of Sylacauga regarding the necessity of the Air Force examining the object.

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Air Technical Intelligence Center
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ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Reference is made to our letter of 11 August 1954, subject and file as above.

2. Transmitted herewith for your information are two (2) copies of FBI Memorandum, undated, concerning above captioned individual.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
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SUBJECT: Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects,
LEONARD H. STRINGFIELD, Director, 7017 Britton Avenue,
Cincinnati 27, Ohio
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Attached for transmittal to ATIC is a copy of an FBI memorandum dated 22 November 1954 with inclosure.

2. Files of this Directorate contain no information as to the SUBJECT.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

E. T. Murtha

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E. T. MURTHA
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Report of Unidentified Object
Made by the Erie Ordnance Depot,
La Carne, Ohio

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TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) photostatic copy of Report of Investigation by Special Agent RICHARD W. SHIMER, Cleveland Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, file 62-1204, dated 4 November 1954, concerning subject matter.

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KENNETH L. BLACKSTONE
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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cc: Dir OSI (AFCSI-6D 24-185-413)
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SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS - SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

Attached for your information and dissemination to the Air Technical Intelligence Center are two (2) copies of an undated memorandum from the FBI concerning flying saucers.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

E. T. Murtha

E. T. MURTHA
Major, USAF
Asst Chief, Sabotage & Espionage Branch
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SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Object Made by the Erie Ordnance Depot, La Carne, Ohio
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

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SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS - SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Attached for transmission to the Air Technical Intelligence Center is a copy of a letter from the FBI dated 9 December 1954 concerning the above subject.

2. No information pertaining to the "Aerial Phenomena Investigator" or HAROLD MATTAN was located in the files of this office.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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From 5th District OSI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

5D 24-21-163

10 January 1955

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
FLYING SAUCERS
Inquiry by HAROLD HATTAN for Information
Regarding the Sighting of Flying Saucers

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATIN: ATIAA-2C

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KENNETH L. BLACKSTONE
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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-158

29 November 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object Recovered
at RAF Station Mildenhall, England
26 April 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 9 November 1954, file AFCSI-6D 24-185, concerning subject matter.

2. Referenced letter requested that the inclosures thereto be transmitted to Air Materiel Command; however, personnel of the Provost Marshal's Office, Headquarters AMC, advised that they have no use for information of this type and would merely transmit it to the Air Technical Intelligence Center. In view of this, the inclosures to referenced letter were transmitted directly to ATIC as is customary.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Comdr, ATIC

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Kilkale Bridge
Glengarriff Co Cork
October 27, 1954

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing two articles for your attention. By a strange coincidence I read these two papers at the same time and then I suddenly remembered that when I was back "home" that the boys carried many stories of "Flying Saucers" being seen in Oregon and Washington. It suddenly entered my mind that maybe there is a connection between

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"Flying Saucers" (?) and shattered "Thunderbirds"

He do use water to wash all kinds of glass. I just couldn't ignore the thought so I'm passing it along for what it's worth.

With every kind wish to you Mr Hoover for your wonderful work.

Respectfully yours

(Mrs) Helen L. Sullivan

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Po Villagers See 'Saucer' Landing

ROVIGO, Italy, Oct. 16 (UP)—A shallow 20-foot crater and a scorched grove of popular trees in the marshlands of the Po river convinced the villagers of nearby Po Di Gnocca today that they really had seen a flying saucer.

Police said several score of the villagers watched the "saucer" go through its paces. They said the silver disc approached at great speed and then landed gently in the marshes a few miles away. After a short pause it rose perpendicularly into the air and sped away towards the east, they said.

Excited villages who rushed to the spot where the disc appeared to land found the 20-foot crater and the scorched popolar trees.

The "landing" was the most sensational of a new wave of flying saucer reports which is mystifying Italy. Reports of "discs" and "cigars" came from all over the peninsula despite Air Ministry assurances that no such objects have been registered on the ministry's radar network.

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ROME DAILY AMERICAN Tuesday, September 28, 1954

Windshield 'Cancer' Epidemic Moving To Northern Italy

Mysterious windshield explosions in Italy have followed a "hurricane path" of shattering glass across the land—and yesterday appeared heading north. A United Press survey shows that since its first startling appearance in north Piedmont last June, the unexplainable car-windshield explosion have moved to Rome and then started north again with the last case being noted one week ago at Modena, on the southern edge of the Po River valley.

In its wake the mystery has left sources of stunned motorists, many cut by glass, describing the phenomenon to puzzled authorities.

They were driving along, sober folk with nothing unusual visible before them, when suddenly—crash!

The "exploded" windshield splinters into a thousand pieces crashing into their laps and often cutting the hands and face. More than once a serious crackup has been narrowly averted.

What causes it? No one seems to know. Italians call it "cancer of the windshield." In its course across Italy, the "disease," which first appeared to strike American motorists in northwest U.S., has spread from automobiles to include streetcars and houses.

It has occurred by day and night and seems unrelated to weather, speed or age of vehicle.

Following its June appearance in the Italian Piedmont, where it struck four cars in an area of a hundred miles, the epidemic moved east and south, hit Rome a week later. The phenomenon then moved north, blasting the front glass of a big red tourist bus in Genoa.

Latest case, still further north, was the literal explosion of the windshield glass of Dr. Martino Farinetti at Modena. Dr. Farinetti, en route to a clinic, was cut in the face and momentarily lost control of the car. Attemping to brake to a stop, he spun around and nearly went over in a ditch.

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200 Washington Street
Marietta, Ohio
October 2, 1955

To: President Eisenhower and/or Vice President Nixon

J. Edgar Hoover, Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Director, Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force

Hugh Odishaw, Executive Secretary, National Academy of Sciences

Senator Matthew M. Neely, U. S. Senate

Senator John W. Bricker, U. S. Senate

Gentlemen:

I am sincere when I say I want to go to the Moon.

There are no thoughts of reward -- ever since I got out of 3-cornered pants, Dad counseled and taught me to appreciate astronomy and the great, big Universe.

I have common sense enough to realize that if I am to compete with such a renowned person as Dr. Von Braun, I must have backing. I'm just a prospective member for the Sons of the American Revolution and Colonial Wars, just an average citizen trying to read and keep up with the Nuclear Age.

You can depend on me keeping my big, cotton-picking mouth shut on statements to press, TV, or radio. Let me be the Garbo of Outer Space.

More power to the education of the public....nothing interests people like "people". Since I have progressed through evolution somewhat over the mice, rats, monkeys, and baboons, I can understand this -- anyhow, in a space ship I could do a little more than scratch myself and play with my tail.

Sincerely,

Nick

Nick Riggs

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WHY I WANT TO BE THE FIRST SPACE MAN TO AIM FOR THE MOON

LOVE FOR THE UNITED
STATE OF AMERICA (ain't that enough?)

I'd guess the real test of a man's character is when he will step forward, without thought of self, false fame, or covetousness, and say to his country's officials: "Here is my life. Use it for the good of the United States of America". Even though it might be a one-way ticket straight to Hades, I am not afraid of man or beast. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. I so love the good U. S. A. that I hand over my life -- no holds barred.

THE FRONTIER

The veil is about to be drawn back. One of these days the space ship will be loaded at the dock, and the skipper will grab his charts under his arm and yell, "Anchors Aweight, Mates." Columbus could not see his distant shores, but when the 20th Century Santa Maria raises her sails, the far away land will be fully and magnificently in view.

THE REWARD

Just to plant the flag of the United States and claim the Moon in the name of my country, with a prayer of thanks to our Creator who would make all of this possible, is enough for me. We are unshackling ourselves and embarking upon the course God had in mind for us all along. Vast mineral riches no doubt existing on the Moon, minerals we need, would eventually repay the expenses. I believe tears would splash in my blasted space helmet if I could accomplish this.

THE BELIEF IN ALMIGHTY GOD
AND OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

How much do we really know about the true interpretation of the Bible -- how far down through the ages do the predictions go? It all adds up to the Revelation of how great our God really is, and for me the Bible and the existence of Jesus Christ are enhanced. What did Nostradamus and Mother Shipton really mean? After a lifetime of study in astronomy, in which my faith was surely tested, my love for God and Christ has only multiplied.

THE IDEAL EXISTENCE

When an obscure private citizen and the officials of his country live as we do in understanding and friendship, then the ultimate has been reached. Plato and the other philosophers could have orated for day in their togas over such a situation.

THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

When I think of my friends, Lt. Colonel Dick Lassiter, Colonel Henry Amen, and Brig. General Tom D'Arcy, that is enough for me. What ambassadors of good will!

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ATTITUDE TOWARD
PUBLIC RELATIONS

I believe that public relationship pertaining to press, radio, and TV should be left to the men who make such work their profession. Garbo left this in the hands of her studio, revealing her to be the brainiest of all stars. Silence is golden, especially when you don't know how facts can be screwed up.

MY PERSONAL OPINION
OF DR. VON BRAUN

He is remarkable, but he appears to be a self-styled prophet of Outer Space. He is in all the books, all the articles, rightly so, but lots of times there by his own interviews.

He is photogenic - Collier's article on him, with a picture of him in his skin-diving outfit, proved this. But I have two legs, also.

Legs would not appear so "sexy" in the inflated, gingerbread man outfits.

THE AGREEMENT

After public reaction last Monday when my name was injected into what would have been a cold, scientific news item about the Earth Satellite over the TV station in Huntington, W. Va., I can see what interests people -- people. Especially a bachelor with a reasonable amount of friends. Use me to "humanize" Outer Space, if you want to. People overwhelmed me with their interest -- and they are extremely well read, or getting that way.

Nick

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200 Washington St.
Marietta, Ohio
October 5, 1955

To: President Eisenhower and/or Vice President Nixon
J. Edgar Hoover, Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Officer In Charge, Special Investigations, Department
Of The Air Force

Subject: OBJECT FROM OUTERSPACE

1. An almost oval mass of metal or metallic substance, about the size of a baseball.

2. Arrival from outer space: Night of September 17, 1955.

3. Place of contact: Near Elizabeth, Wood County, West Virginia.

4. Location of fall: Front yard of a farmer.

5. Description of contact: Left hole two and one-half feet deep, size to seven inches across. Scorched the grass near the mouth of the hole. Was dug out with post hole digger.

6. Characteristics of metallic substance: About two inches in diameter; resisted sawing or filing; apparently would not break from the pounding of normal tools by the farmer.

7. Comments: I am on the trail of the object; the farmer brought it to a friend of mine who lives in Parkersburg, W. Va. I am making every effort to obtain the metallic substance in order to send it to the Officer in Charge, Office of Special Investigations, The Dept. Of The Air Force, for official examination and analysis.

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200 Washington Street
Marietta, Ohio
September 28, 1955

To: President Eisenhower and/or Vice President Nixon;
J. Edgar Hoover, Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation;
Director, Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force;
Hugh Odishaw, Executive Secretary, National Academy of Sciences;
Senator Matthew M. Neely;
Senator John W. Bricker.

Subject: Analysis of First Injection of an Earthman's Name into News Release on Earth Satellite

1. Monday Noon, September 26, 1955 - TV Station, Huntington, W. Va., Announcer, Nick Basso, mentioned that I, and two friends, Marvin Hand and Charles Miracle, all employees of Electro Metallurgical Company, Marietta, Ohio, had applied for the first trip to the Moon; and would not be able to be on the first Earth Satellite due ~~x~~ to its carrying only scientific instruments.

2. This particular TV station covers a good portion of the Ohio Valley. Mention of my name caught the ears of people who knew me, and their interest in the Earth Satellite grew instantly until they remembered the announcement word for word.

3. By evening, my phone at 200 Washington Street rang until I had to leave the house -- all about the same TV announcement; plus rumors it had been repeated on radio broadcasts.

4. Interest in this plant at Electro Metallurgical Company has picked up; employees are starting to read books relating to space travel.

5. The City Library frequently advertises new book arrivals on space travel.

6. Public interest in Government officials and in Senators Neely and Bricker, among those I have talked to, shows a genuine appreciation for what is being done toward achieving space travel.

7. The General Public has found a release from their "war nerves" - this is the final impression from my analysis.

8. More power to the human side of the news; I'll keep my promise of no interviews to Press, Radio, TV; everything will emanate from official Government sources as far as I am concerned.

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Marietta, Ohio
August 28, 1955

To: President Eisenhower

J. Edgar Hoover
Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Director
Office of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to telegram dated today, August 28, relative to second photograph turning up in today's papers as identical to photograph used in published article I have in my possession.

The original photograph was published on Page 11, Vol. 1, No. 17, October 1954 issue of DARE, published monthly by Fiction Publications, Inc., 80 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., under their policy of publishing factual articles on unusual subjects which they claim should be brought to the attention of the American public. On Page 11 is a photograph of a man wearing a space suit, with this inscription: "Above: Photo found in Martian's pocket, wearing space-suit for space travel."

Enclosed is the exact reappearance of this photograph. It is found on Page 19m, The Gazette's Magazine Section, August 28, 1955, published by the Charleston Gazette, Charleston, West Virginia. This inscription appears beneath the published photograph: "SPACE SUITS generally are expected to fall into something like this Navy high-altitude flying suit, which was designed to withstand pressures at 70,000 feet. However, some scientists insist that men out in space will have to remain inside rigid chambers and do everything by remote control."

They are positively the <u>same man</u> and <u>space suit</u> in the <u>same pose</u>.

This is No. 2 of reappearances I have spotted. No. 1 was the photo of William X. Tornbush of Paris, France, reported in November 1954.

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This all adds up to the fact that I must have a photographic memory.

Through Senator Matthew M. Neely I offered my life to the United States to be used in the cause of scientific development in relation to the Earth satellite.

Since I may have more intelligence than the mice, rats, monkeys and babboons, I could be of some use as a volunteer into outer space when you want to send some Earthman rocketing toward the Moon.

Sincerely,

Nick Riggs

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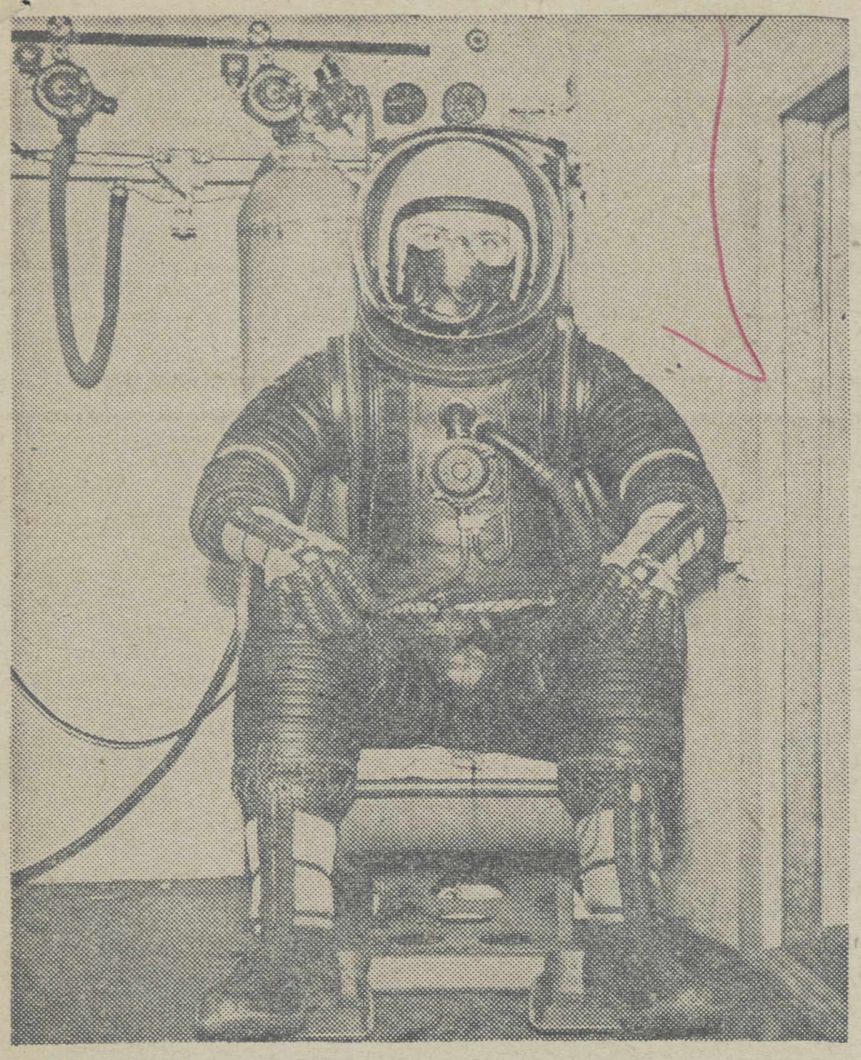

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Space Satellites

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ment bolted together within a steel-girder framework.

It is likely that no more than a half-dozen men will be accommodated with equipment to conduct an initial survey of the moon, paving the way for later and more elaborately equipped and staffed expeditions.

* * *

WHEN THE FIRST men descend from their space ship to the surface of the Moon, they will be faced with two weeks of life on a dishearteningly inhospitable, strange, lifeless, and even terrifying world.

To avoid the tremendous heat on the surface during the two-week "Moon-day" period, the space ship will probably land in the "night" half of the satellite. Even under these conditions there will be considerable illumination across the rocky world, a garish green-tinted light reflected from the distant earth.

Because no atmospheric dust, air, or water vapor exists to refract and distort light waves, the magnificent panorama of space with uncounted stars gleaming in a jet-black sky will always be visible to the spacemen.

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A SEARING BALL of flame in the sky, the Sun constantly throws out flaming streamers of fire for many thousands of miles from its surface.

A layer of dust, composed of pumice covers most of the Moon surface. Present investigation supports the claim that this pumice layer is on the average a quarter of an inch deep; some scientists, however, insist that the covering may be several inches in thickness.

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THERE WILL be no sound on this airless, barren world, no covering of soil and plant life, no streams or lakes. The endless panorama will be one of crater walls, jagged mountain peaks, hills, and repeated crevasses.

Thousands of meteorites, the majority microscopic in size, shower down incessantly upon the surface. The larger ones throw up spurts of pumice in a fine spray; an occasional shower sends a concentration of particles crashing silently across the plain.

The scientific expedition will utilize the space ship as its base of operations. Since its meteor bumper is as effective as that surrounding the satellite in space, the men are protected against all fast-moving particles of normal and expected size. The chances for collision with a meteor which could wreck the space ship are as remote on the Moon as in the satellite orbit.

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THE TENACIOUS popular belief that the Moon is a dead, changeless world is giving way to a new concept of conditions. Where once the best scientific opinion held that the Moon was absolutely unchanging in its surface features, today this belief is seriously questioned.

For all practical purposes, it is true, the Moon is barren and dead. But in the strictest sense of the word, as latest scientific investigation appears to reveal, there is change on the Moon surface, and even the possibility of atmosphere and plant life.

Telescopic studies conducted in recent years reveal unexplained radial bands appearing in a dozen or more craters which hint at a very low order of vegetation. It is intriguing to imagine the possibility that some form of tenacious plant life has managed to exist on the surface of a world so hostile to existence.

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THEORETICALLY the Moon should be totally airless. If there were any atmosphere on the Moon, we might determine its existence not through direct observation but by watching the passage of the Moon in its orbit directly before a star. If an atmosphere existed, the star would momentarily flicker before disappearing beyond the lunar curve. Instead, it snaps out of sight instantly, indicating that the Moon is airless. The "test," unfortunately, is not a final one.

Unless the spacesuited explorers exercise constant vigilance, death can come easily and suddenly on the Moon. A spacesuit torn by a jagged piece of rock will cause an agonizing explosive decompression. Unwary passage over thin-crusted, deep crevasses can mean death.

Permanent research and industrial installations may follow the landing of the first expeditionary ships on the Moon.

There is reason to believe that the Moon may become the key to man's ultimate conquest of the entire solar system. It is anticipated that permanent lunar installations will undertake scientific and technological studies to accelerate that consequent.

(Next Sunday: Mercury, "the innermost world" in space.)

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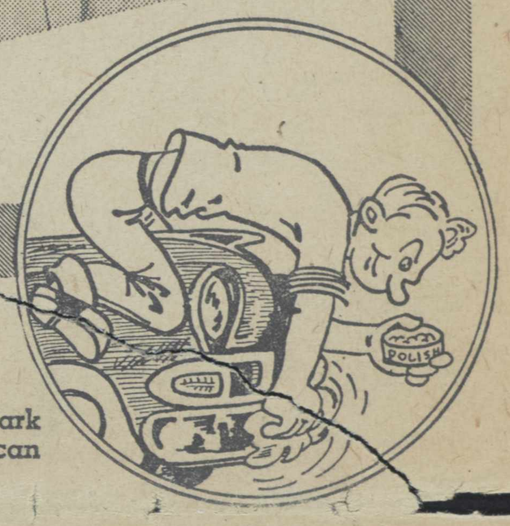

Tom Mayne greets a customer, Mrs. I. L. Hark of 4001 Noyes Ave., and tells her when she can expect her car.

This once-jobless teen-ager is setting a 'shining' example of how to make money

By Lewis Abbott

(Staff Writer for The Gazette)

SUMMER jobs were hard to find this year.

Just ask any teen-ager who tried for one.

But at least one Charleston youth, Tom Mayne, 17-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Mayne, wouldn't let lack of regular employment stop him.

He made his own Summer job.

A member of the Charleston High School Band, Tom needed spending money for the musician's two trips to Atlantic City, N. J., not to mention "date" money for the Summer months.

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THE MOUNTAIN Lion Band played at the Lions International convention at the New Jersey resort early in the Summer, and was invited back to lead the Miss America Beauty Pageant parade.

Bandsmen's "expenses" for the trips—transportation, room and a $3 a day allowance for food— are paid.

But these "expenses" don't include a milkshake after a hot, dusty parade, money for souvenirs for the folks or girl back home or any of the other not so little costs of living in a resort community.

Casting about for a way to make the pin money essential to a teenager, Tom decided to capitalize on his "years of experience" caring for the family cars.

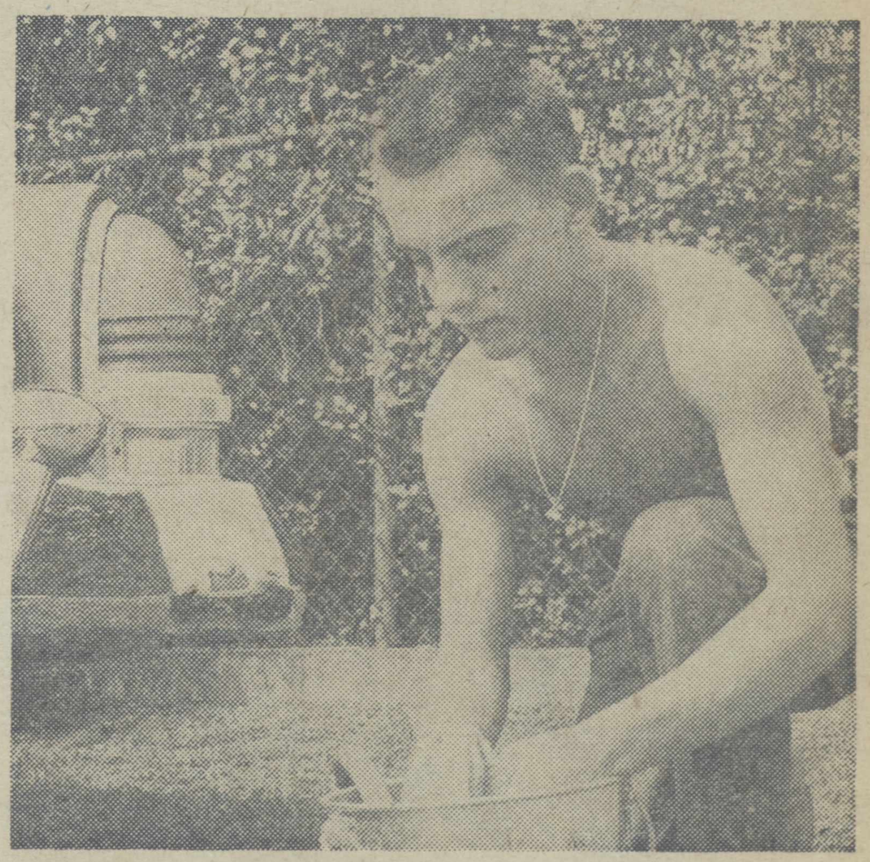
He already knew the best materials and most efficient methods of removing road grime and making the paint glisten.

So, he approached friends and neighbors and was quickly in business.

With the help of his brother, 13-year-old Bill, he says he can clean and wax a car in less than six hours, although he likes to take about eight hours for each job.

A licensed driver, he picks up his customers' cars and takes them to the rear of his home at 3909 Noyes Ave., then returns it sparkling bright the same day.

Tom furnishes all materials, and charges $10 for a stem to stern, inside-and-out wax job.



Ingredients of a good car shine job, Tom says, is soap, water, polish — and plenty of elbow grease.

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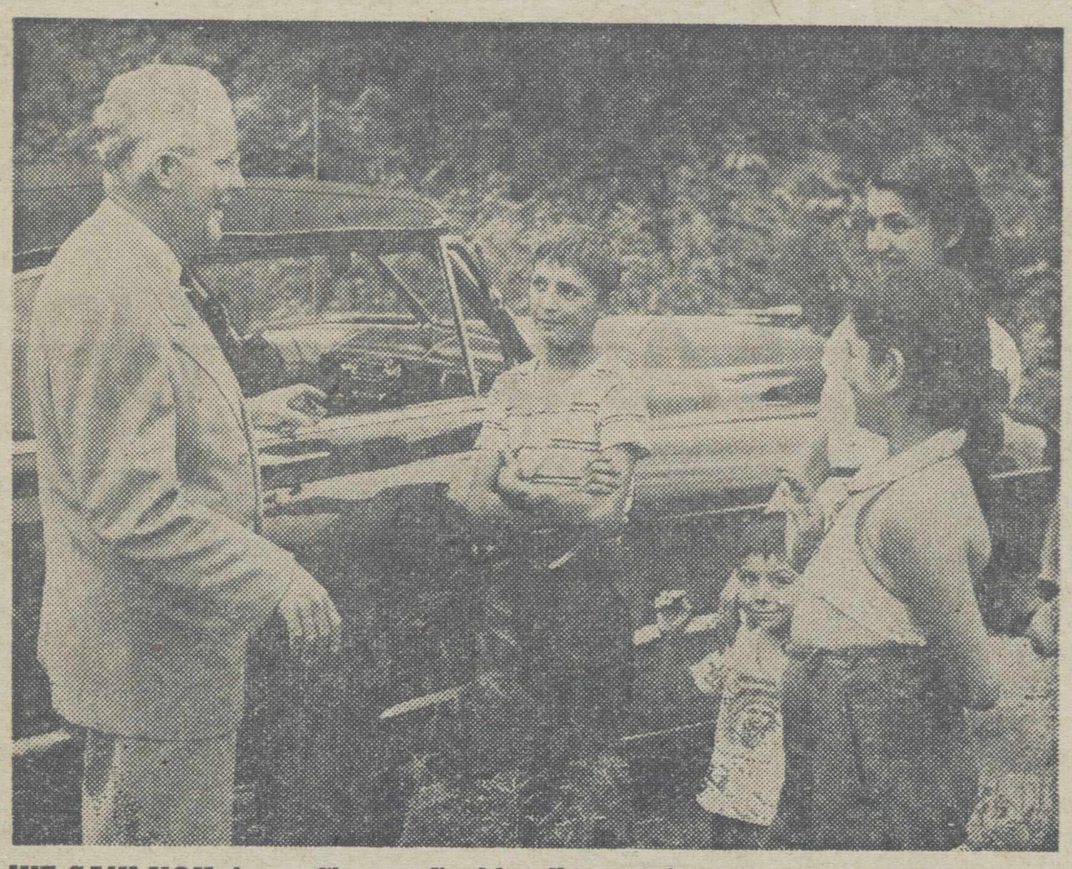

WE SAW YOU there, Chester Gould, talking to four of your little Dick Tracy fans on your recent visit to Charleston. Gould, creator of the popular Gazette comic strip, was one of the judges at the 22nd North-South game here.

A Bear's a Bear

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Dave explained indulgently, "After all, it's the kid's first bear."

Pete did not see fit to remind anyone that he had yet to get his first bear. He was glad no one reminded him. So the four of them had to spend their time figuring ways and means of salvaging the kid's bear, and no one else had a chance to hunt.

And now it was over again—and this was absolutely the last time!

Pete's mind was not entirely on his driving just then, but he considered himself, a careful driver, and after all he was "practically crawling". Suddenly, his car struck something with a jarring thud and swung dangerously sidewise on the narrow road. Pete instinctively did the right things—he'd always wondered if he would in an emergency — and brought the car safely to a stop. He sat for a moment breathing heavily.

What in Heaven's name could he have hit! The headlights showed nothing. It couldn't have been a rock or a log —it wasn't the right thud. It had been something big — something that gave a little — something living. Pete began to shiver.

He must have struck a person!

He couldn't hear anything, but the rain and the wind and a rushing stream nearby would drown out most noises, he thought. The darkness pressed down upon him — he felt as if he were choking. The victim must be dead! He saw himself convicted of manslaughter — behind bars — and for a moment the unreasoning panic that makes a driver hit and run washed over him. But "it" might even now be lying direcly under his wheels—he'd have to see.

Gritting his teeth and holding himself rigid to control the trembling, he stumbled out and started around the car. He didn't have to go far. "It" was hot under the wheels; "it was at the edge of the road lurching drunkenly about on all fours; low growls were coming from a dark moving mass of fur.

"Good Lord!" breathed Pete, stopping dead in his tracks. "It's a bear! I've hit a bear! Oh no! It can't be!" Weak from shock and relief, he felt a crazy desire to sit down in the road and laugh and bawl at the same time.

How ironic could a situation get anyway?

Common sense took over. He made a couple of quick steps backward, grabbed his gun from the car, and quickly put the animal out of its misery. He stood over it for a moment, scarcely able to believe the size of it — this must be the grandfather of all bears.

"I've got it!" he exulted.

The sound of his own voice coming out of the night startled him. "I've got my bear at last! My hunch was right." He chuckled a little. After all, a hunch didn't have to specify just how a fellow was going to get a bear, did it? One weapon was as good as another, wasn't it. He looked with some dismay at the battered front of the weapon in question. The main thing now was to see if the car would run so he could get help to bring in the kill. All he could do was climb in and try. When the motor sprang into life in a reassuring fashion, he was tickled silly. It was entirely beside the point that it would probably cost a good $600 to put the car back in shape. He was going to have his bearskin rug.

That's all that mattered.

Books

By Mary Chilton Chapman

(Staff Writer for The Gazette)

Martinet's Portrait

"FATHER SETS THE PACE" by Gontran de Poncins, Doubleday, ($3.75).

Father in this case was a martinet of a Frenchman around whom, in his own opinion at least, the entire world revolved. He regarded himself as a wit and a master of the epigram, but apparently was devoid of any real sense of humor.

Luckily, he married great wealth, for his tastes were expensive and he gratified his tastes constantly. He railed at his wife, who, faced with her husband's excesses, became ever more frugal and unwilling to buy even the necessities.

Father was a dandy. His morning toilette was a prolonged operation, requiring the services of a trained valet. His clothes occupied many closets and one table in the hall was given over exclusively to his gloves and hats.

To Father, the war was an inconvenience which prevented him from buying his favorite hair cream and forced him to eat inferior food with tarnished silverware. The author, Father's son, has obviously tried to present a sympathetic portrait of him. But through it all, Father shows up as an unbearably self-centered boor, unconcerned and uncaring for the rights or wishes of others.

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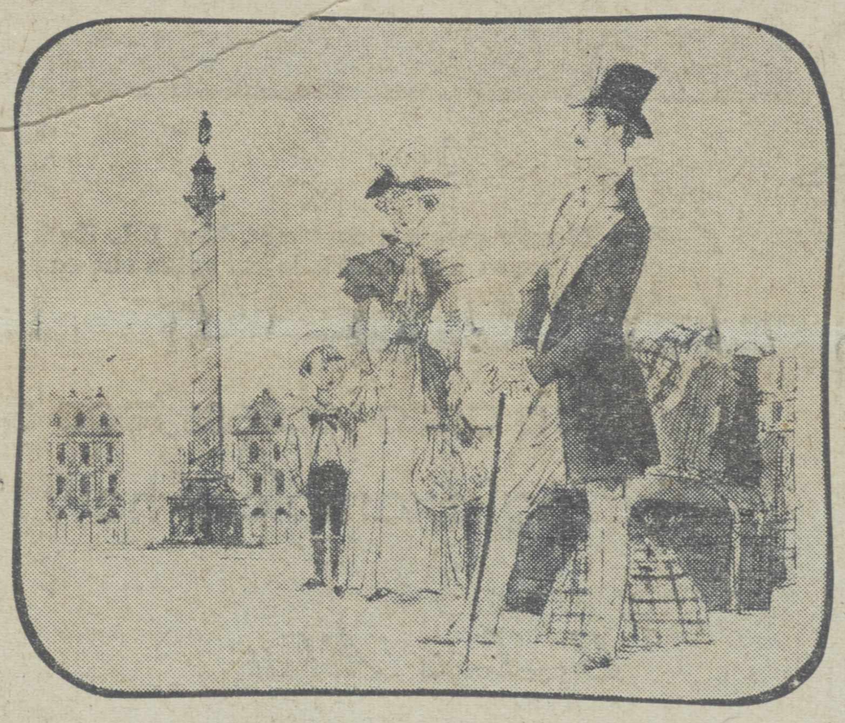
The Yard's Big Chief

"GIDEON'S DAY" by J. J. Marric, Harper, ($2.75).

As senior superintendent of Scotland Yard, George Gideon's day could be expected to be full of a number of things. The author has cleverly blended a wealth of detail about modern police methods into his novel along with a plot dealing with a policeman who wasn't above accepting small remunerations from the criminal element.

Gideon is a well defined character but the rest of the cast in this book never seem to come to life, which doesn't actually make too much difference, since Gideon is the book.

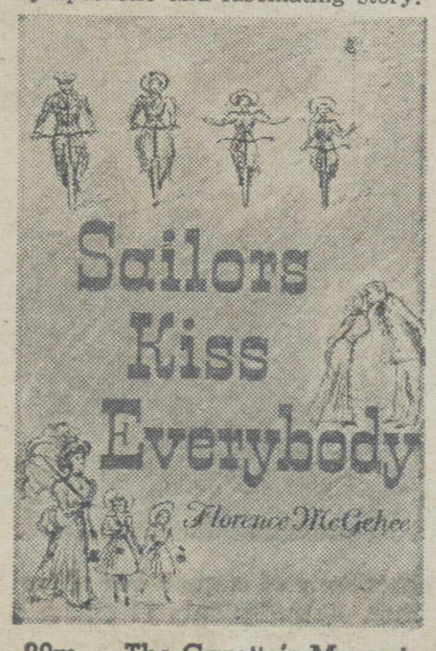


Grandmother's Nonsense

"SAILORS KISS EVERYBODY" by Florence McGehee, Macmillan, ($3.50).

The principal character in this bit of nonsense is the author's grandmother, a sterling woman who fully expected company at every meal, but picked up everyone present after dinner and made them accompany her to the mission where she played the piano for lost souls.

Florence McGehee's first book, an account of her experiences as an attendance officer for the California school system, was a sympathetic and fascinating story.



Mantids, Birds and 'Sich-Like'

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passed a copperhead snake. In a few moments, the snake bit both mother and daughter.

This incident struck a chord in a bad memory and we found printed verification of this tendency on the part of snakes to permit the first one or two persons to pass and strike those who follow.

It was in the book "Snake-Hunters' Holiday," by William Bridges and Dr. Raymond L. Ditmars, published by D. Appleton-Century Co., in New York, in 1935. Bridges quotes Prof. Urich, famous Trinidad naturalist, to the effect that this is about what happens in the case of the average poisonous snake:

The first person to pass attracts the reptile's attention. Then a second person passes and, by this time, the snake either is frightened or angry. He may strike then, but he certainly will when the third or fourth in line moves along.

It would appear that, in snake country, the man at the head of the line probably is in the least danger of snakebite.

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SPEAKING OF SNAKES, there's a startling article "How Does it Feel to Die" in the September issue of Argosy magazine. It concerns a man who regularly handles poison snakes ranging from king cobras through our native American snakes for the extraction of venom. The venom is employed in medical experiments.

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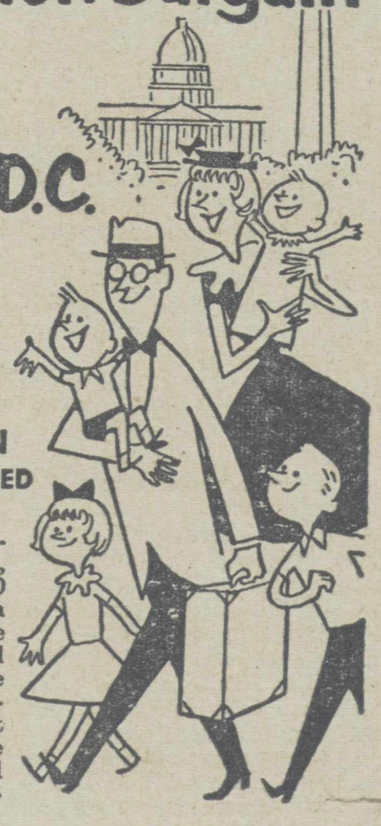

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ROMANTIC OLD MEXICO is brought to life along Los Angeles' picturesque Olvera Street, where you can get anything from a spicy enchilada to a gaudy serape.

Los Angeles

By Dave Phillips

LOS ANGELES—Probably nowhere is the sightseer's paradox more apparent than in this spreading city of Southern California: the average visitor sees more here in a few days than the native does in a lifetime.

Five will get you ten that unless he's playing host, the Angeleno has never seen the marble showmanship of Forest Lawn Cemetery, wondered at the Griffith Park observatory star shows, breathed the quaint Old Mexico atmosphere of Olvera Street, been bewildered by the busy inside of a teelvision studio, savored the varied picken's at Farmers' Market. He is not amazed at a geranium-covered lawn or an orange tree in his back yard and wouldn't walk across the street to see a movie star.

There's no satisfactory explanation for his gross disinterest in his hometown and it doesn't do any good to lure him with the honest statement that he's missing out on the fun. With tourists it's a different story.

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ACCORDING to Don Thomas of the Southern California All-Year Club, visitors are mainly interested in two things: the ocean and movie—more lately, television—stars. Man-made attractions, like those listed above, plus Knott's Berry Farm, Hollywood Bowl, a fine museum, Marineland Aquarium and the new Disneyland are all fascinating and should be seen on a Southern California vacation but by and large run second.

The yen for a taste of real salt water is strong in the guest and whether he wants to explore the undersides of the great rollers or just take of his shoes and wade at the broad Pacific's edge miles of ocean sands are easily reached.

Every seaside sight and activity extends from Malibu's movie star beach houses, Santa Monica's "Muscle Beach" and deep sea fishing, Ocean Park's amusement pier, Hermosa Beach's aquarium, Redondo Beach's moonstones, Palos Verdes skin diving, San Pedro's view of the busy harbor to Long Beach's Rainbow pier and Alamito Bay's seal herds. Off-shore, 26 miles by steamer, lies mountainous Catalina Island with its village, Avalon, and its famous glass bottomed boat for viewing marine life.

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THE MAGIC NAME by far, however, is Hollywood and its breath of glamour. Even the hardest-bitten can't deny a little thrill when he picks a movie star out of a crowd.

Unfortunately, it isn't easy to get into those exciting places, the studios, where you'll see them at work unless you know someone who knows someone. There is one bus tour that runs through one of the lots but passengers must stay aboard.

Radio and television stations, on the other hand, never remove the welcome mat, and big-name stars are appearing daily. It's a good idea, though, to write the stations well ahead of time for free tickets.

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YOU CAN SEE the stars at play at night spots on the Sunset Blvd. "Strip" but it will cost; try dropping into the Brown Derby for a sandwich, or better yet, a malt at lunch counters near the radio and TV studios where personalities go for a coffee break.

There are various tours for movie stars' homes out Beverly Hills way but the best bet is to write to the All-Year Club of Southern California, 629 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, for its excellent free map which not only locates some 70 stars' dwellings but also points out all the other fascinating places in the locale.

There is no one season for seeing Los Angeles—things are buzzing the year around the weather cooperates 90 per cent of the time.

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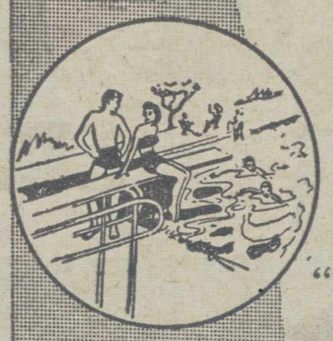

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Don't Let DEATH Into Your Car

When you're tempted to pick up that thumber, consider the awful fate of kindly Frank Bowen

Story by
James A. Haught

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Bob Bartlett

NEXT TIME you pass up [illegible] hitchhikers along [illegible] Blvd., don't feel [illegible] about not giving them a lift—you may be saving yourself from a knife in the ribs.

Although most of the "thumbers" probably are the innocent students or servicemen they appear to be, a few of them may be hitch-hike-robbers.

And that can be fatal.

Take, for instance, the case of Frank Bowen of Lens Creek.

Bowen was a good-natured mechanic who ran a service station on top of Lens Creek Mountain.

One day he was driving to Charleston and stopped near Marmet to pick up three hitch-hikers—two men and a woman. The three said their auto had run out of gas and would Bowen please give them a lift into Kanawha City.

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THE AMIABLE mechanic didn't notice that one of the men slid into the back seat directly behind him or that the stranger had a suspicious bulge in his pocket.

A few miles further down U. S. 119, the man in the back seat pulled out a gun and shot Bowen through the back of the head, killing him outright.

The trio—who happened to be police fugitives from Maryland—then dumped their host's body into the back seat and headed on toward Charleston, apparently intending to get rid of the corpse and steal the car.

MOST HITCH-HIKERS are high school and college boys (above), servicemen, or persons who can ill afford bus fare (top photo). A few, however, are criminals who'd think nothing of attacking a good Samaritan.

TRUCK DRIVER on his way after delivering a new vehicle? Probably, — but what if he weren't?

And they might have gotten away with it if they hadn't driven too fast through Kanawha City.

A motorcycle policeman stopped them for speeding and spotted the body in the back seat. One of the men tried to draw a gun, but the officer covered them with his own weapon, disarmed them, and took them to jail.

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THE TWO MEN were convicted for murder and executed. The woman was sent back to Maryland to face other charges.

This case, although several years old, is a dramatic example of what can happen when a friendly motorist takes strangers into his car. And similar crimes have been repeated hundreds of times across the country.

In a midwestern state, a young traveling salesman was stabbed 14 times and his body shoved into a roadside trash dump by a hitch-hiker he had picked up.

In a New England community, a college student tried desperately to grab a gun which a thumber pulled on him, only to be killed by a shot from another pistol which the rider had in another pocket.

And in Norfolk, Va., police arrested two sailors who admitted they devoted their shore leaves to hitching rides and robbing those who picked them up.

Numerous cases such as these have led a total of 32 states—including West Virginia—to pass laws against hitch-hiking.

The West Virginia state code specifies that no person "shall stand in any part of the roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any vehicle."

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BUT THE LAW is loosely enforced. Every day you can see a dozen thumbers standing along Kanawha Blvd., or Sissonville Rd., or Tyler Mountain Rd.

Why isn't the law enforced? Probably because road-patroling police realize that most of the hitch-hikers are just youths who can ill afford to ride a bus.

Capt. J. B. Jack, head of state police Company "B," replied when asked about enforcement:

"We've never had a strict policy about thumbers. The laws against them aren't enforced tightly in other areas, so we have been lenient with them, too."

He added that there "haven't been many cases" of hitch-hiker crimes in the Charleston area.

But the possibility remains that there are a few thugs and robbers among the youths who stand along the roads with their thumbs out.

And apparently the only way motorists can be sure of not falling victim to them is to adopt a policy of "if you don't know them, don't pick them up."

That makes it difficult for students heading for college and servicemen coming home on leave, but it may save some driver from the fate of Frank Bowen.

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Hidden House

By Anne Howard

(The Gazette Garden Editor)

FALL IS THE time to set out trees and shrubs, so in looking around now and deciding what you want to do.

Has the foundation planting of your house become ragged, leggy or overgrown so that the house is half hidden? If so, its time for a change.

T. D. Gray, extension landscape architect at West Virginia University, says there's little use to attempt to correct conditions by pruning if the plantings consist of the all too familiar hemlock, yew, American arborvitae, pines and similar trees. Many of these plants do not have regenerative buds on old wood. It is best to pull out the overgrown plants and replace them with shrubs that will not grow too tall.

Dr. Gray says the same may be said of many of the tall, vigorous deciduous shrubs such as forsythia, lilac, weigela, honeysuckle, mock orange and others. Unless they are kept pruned carefully, they will grow to be shrubs ten to fourteen feet tall — to shroud your house. These shrubs will regenerate and may be cut to the ground. However, unless careful pruning is done, they soon will produce the same unwanted conditions again.

Are there shrubs that will not overgrow the house? Yes, there are — or they may be kept within bounds with an annual pruning program.

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AMONG THE EVERGREENS of the broadleaf type Dr. Gray recommends the Asiatic hollies — convex-leaf, round-leaf and other forms. These shrubs have black berries instead of the red berries of our native holly. Other broadleaf evergreens include the Oregon grape, Abelia, boxwood and firethorn.

Among the needle-type evergreens are the dwarf Mugho pine, dwarf junipers (J. chinensis glauca, J. c. hetzi, J. c. plumosa, Andorra juniper and others), dwarf Norway spruce and similar forms and, particularly, the yews—all of which may be pruned and readily kept within bounds.

There is a wide assortment of low-growing shrubs among the deciduous materials.

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THE LITTERBUG seems to have become a rather unpopular individual, and rightly so. Some states have passed laws regarding trash disposal along highways. One anti-dumping law carries a fine of up to $500 for anyone caught dumping a sizable amount of trash or litter. Some states, of course, have such laws but do not enforce them.

Let's hope that garbage disposal along the highways in West Virginia will become more and more unpopular.

Recently in Huntington the local automobile association distributed "litterbags" to motorists in that area. Some 5,000 of these bags have been distributed in the Parkersburg area and it is hoped that more and more will be distributed throughout the Mountain State.

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THE FARM WOMEN'S CLUBS and Garden Clubs of Upshur County are making it uneasy for litterbugs of Upshur as well as visitors thereto.

The clubs purchased 5,000 bags on which is printed "Don't Be A Litterbug". The bags are being distributed through service stations. The stations cooperate by giving bags to tourists and regular customers. Each person is politely requested to place all trash in the litterbag, to take it home and dispose of it, or to return it to the service station for disposal.

So far not a single bag has been seen discarded along the highways. The Upshur County farm women had a tour to Charleston this Summer and 30 litterbags were placed in the three buses. When the buses returned to Buckhannon the bags were filled. We'll bet the bus company has never seen cleaner buses after a trip than those three.

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ENJOYMENT of home-grown vegetables depends a great deal upon the home gardener's understanding of when to harvest for top quality. Some examples hardly need be pointed out. All gardeners know that spinach will become tough and bitter if allowed to grow too long, and the same holds for most lettuce varieties. On New Zealand spinach only, the young leaves of the tips of the old leaves are used.

Swiss Chard should be picked when less than a foot high and should be kept low by using the tender, young leaves for the table and throwing away the remaining leaves when they become too old.

String beans are at their best when they snap readily and have soft, pliable tips. Lima beans are choice if picked while still nice and green. The condition of the pod can be determined by pressing it between the thumb and fingers. If it feels spongy, you can be sure that the beans are fully grown and ready for the table. When the pods begin to turn yellow, it is too late!

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KOHLRABI becomes woody and unpalatable when it gets too large. So do turnips. Carrots and beets have higher sugar content when they reach full maturity, but they require more cooking.

Cabbage of the earlier varieties can be used when three-quarters headed.

Summer squashes should be picked before the shell hardens. Marrow squash are at their best when two-thirds grown, but need not be discarded when old because many make good pies. Don't let Zucchini type squash grow larger than 8 to 10 inches.

The time to gather sweet corn is just after the silk begins to darken. It is still sweet and tender at this stage, but in only a day or two can become tough and starchy.

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If you're a furniture-moving addict, this tip saves a lot of sweat and strain when moving heavy pieces like refrigerators, stoves, etc. Sprinkle a little water on the floor and add a broadcast handful of soap powder. Moving weighty pieces over such a surface requires only a little shove.

—Mrs. G. J. Simmons, Alloy

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Eggplant—and Other Greenery—Easy to Grow

I start plants this way, and find it works fine. During the fall and winter, place seeds into the sections of molded fiber egg carton, one seed to a section. By spring the seeds have a good start and the carton makes for easy transplanting. —Mrs. Grover D. Roy, 902 Overlook Way.

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Linoleum Needn't Be Thrown Away

Don't throw away that linoleum just because it's developed some small holes. You can patch them like this: Fill in hole with finely-ground cork, mixed with liquid glue. Sand the dried mixture down to the level of the rug with emery paper, then paint patch to match rug.

—Bernice Irvin, Box 57, Alloy

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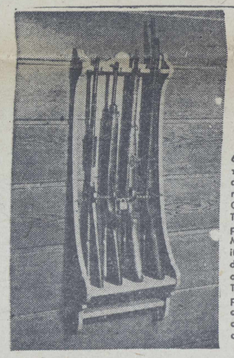

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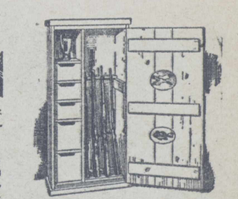

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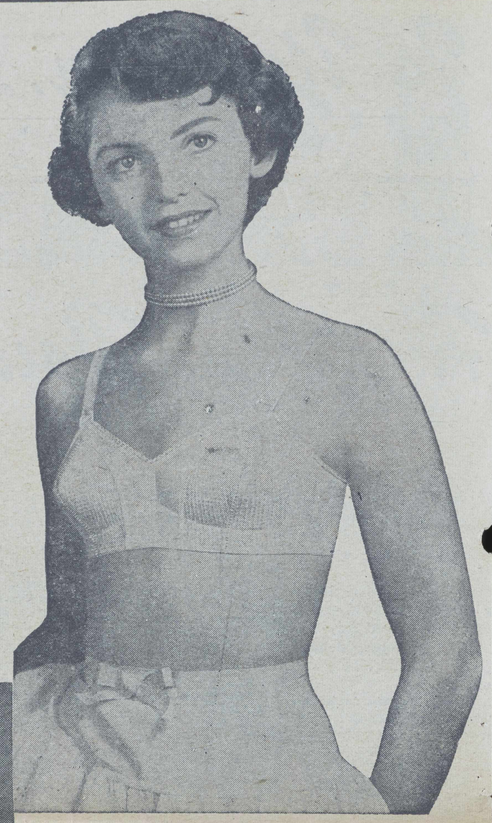

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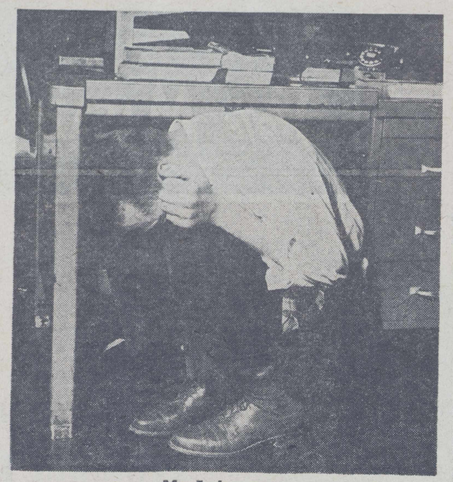
L. T. Anderson---In Reverse

August Was a Newsy Month



Mr. Anderson

IF YOU haven't added to your store of knowledge this month, why you just haven't been reading the newspapers.

This August has been particularly fruitful, and, among other things, has provided some stimulating conversation in living rooms, supermarkets, offices and barrooms.

In the matter of crime, or rather non-crime, detection, Charleston policemen proved graphically this month that the driver of a car can't push a companion from a moving car and still retain control of the vehicle.

This is startling news, of course, to all of us who, when caught driving alone in a rainstorm, have had to lean to the right and crank down the window on the other side while watching the big truck up ahead.

On Aug. 18, a man insisted that his wife watch him take a lie detector test to prove he hadn't been unfaithful to her.

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IT WAS A rewarding month in international relations, too. For instance, it was gratifying to learn from an Associated Press sportswriter that American athletes are better than Russian athletes because the American athletes are "free."

Me, I've always said that one Good American Boy can lick 10 of them foreigners, but never as forcefully as Sportswriter Will Grimsley put his proposition to the Charleston Rotary Club on Aug. 12.

Mr. Grimsley wasn't the only man to comment on foreign affairs this month. Maj.-Gen. Charles R. Fox, the state adjutant general and Old China Hand, told the Kiwanians how we could lick hell out of the Chinese Reds, implying that it could be done without endangering the life of a single American Boy.

Since I'm still technically of draft age, I hadn't been entertaining any notion of whipping the Chinese Reds, even though according to Mr. Grimsley's interesting theory I'd be a better soldier because I'm free. But if they have to be whipped—and a lot of people say that's a fact—I'm mighty happy to know Gen. Fox won't need me or any of the Kiwanians.

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ANOTHER AUGUST Rotary speaker, DeLoss Walker of Chicago, faced up squarely to both foreign and domestic trouble by declaring in a handbill that he would tear the veil from THE GRAVEST CRISIS IN OUR HISTORY and adding that YOU CAN PREVENT THIS TRAGIC DANGER. YOU can prevent this tragic danger, it turned out, by supporting the Bricker Amendment.

In the realm of metaphysics this month, a British clergyman said an atomic war would be good for our souls, and an Illinois pastor, speaking at a church anniversary celebration here, stated that he had bawled, slobbered and blubbered his way to Salvation.

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A MR. CARL CAHILL, a Norfolk, Va., newspaper reporter who used to work for the Raleigh Register, wrote a letter in which he said West Virginians are boobs. So, needled into activity, a number of West Virginians wrote agonized, angry replies to Mr. Cahill who undoubtedly chuckled to see his opinions confirmed. The Kanawha Valley Leader condemned him in a Page One editorial and a Raleigh Register columnist said he was a lousy reporter.

And on Aug. 13, the South football team clobbered the North team, 40-2, indicating that any red blooded Southern boy can whip eleven of them Northerners, except in the case of a civil war, of course.

Magazine Workshop

OUR cover girls this week are, of course, the winning "Miss Pigtails" and a sweeter trio would be hard to find.

Trying to be absolutely fair in this contest posed some unexpected problems.

For example, we broke the age groups down into equal parts: 1 to 5, 6 to 10, and 11 to 15. That seemed fair enough but was it? The winner in the first group was Lynn Ossick, 5, who had 21 inch pigtails. The winner in the second group was Karen Copher, 9, whose pigtails are 33 inches long. Group three was won by Kathleen Peery, who also has 33 inch pigtails.

But, what if the longest pigtails in group three had been, say, 25 inches, and some other little girl in group two had been the owner of a 30 inch set? Since Karen's are 33 inches, the girl with 30 inches could have been beaten out—although hers were longer than someone who might have won in another group!

It worried us for a time. Finally, we decided that if it happened, we'd pay the girl with 30 inch pigtails too. Fortunately it didn't happen. Our three little winners had comfortable margins over the nearest contestant in their age groups and no one in group one could have won in group two, nor could anyone in group two have won in group three.

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FOUND a note on our desk the other day from Staff Artist Paul Crabtree, who has been working on an unusual circus feature we've got upcoming for you. It read:

"This week's Magazine closes out the Miss Pigtails contest. Next week we're going to present a circus feature.

"That's how it goes in the newspaper business: Hair today, clown tomorrow."

Ouch!

(Someone's going to HAVE to have a talk with that boy!)

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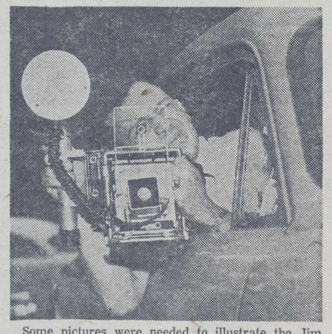
A COUPLE of months ago, (June 19, to be exact) we promised to publish the pictures of some of our staff photographers, who take hundreds of pictures of other people each week, but never get their own pictures in the paper.

Well, apparently photographers are the shyest persons in the world, because our boys keep "forgetting" to get in front of their own cameras.

This week we caught one of them off guard. No matter what else it might look like, THIS is Bob Bartlett.



Some pictures were needed to illustrate the Jim Haught story on hitch-hikers (see Page 22m), and Bob was assigned to the job.

It turned out to be a tougher assignment than it appeared. Although none of the numerous thumbers lining the highways around Charleston appeared to be the murderous type referred to in the story, they didn't seem over-anxious to have their picture taken.

Bartlett, a youngish shutter-bug whose enthusiasm outweighs his lack of experience, solved the problem by hanging out the window of a car and shooting the pictures as the car passed the hopeful thumbers.

And he didn't even give any of them a ride.

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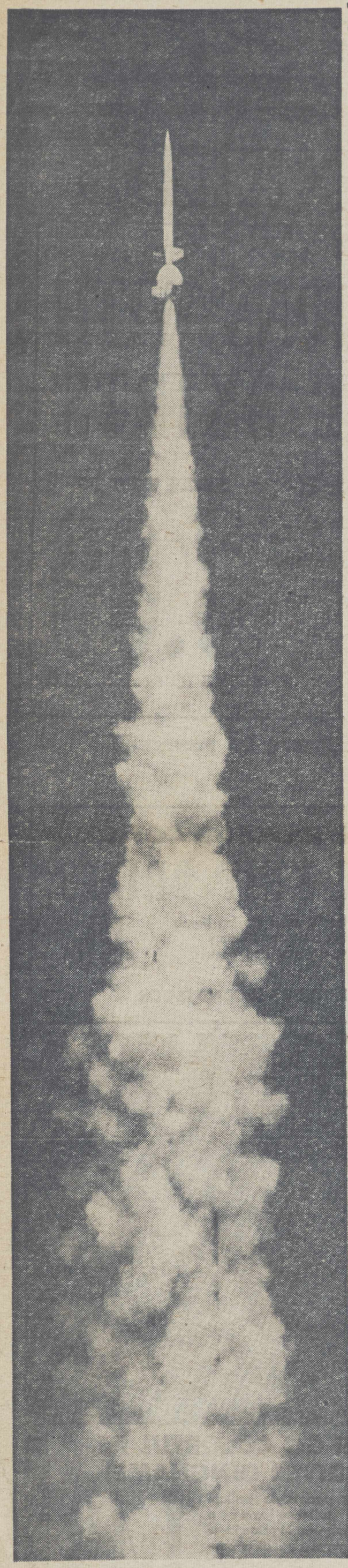

EXPERIMENTAL ROCKETS already are being sent up from Earth. This is an Aerobee Sounding Rocket which went 100 miles up. It is 20 feet long and is a two-stage liquid-repellant type. (UP Photo)

The Coming Conquest Of Space, Part 2

Space Satellites and the Moon

By Martin Caidin

IT IS OBVIOUS that the establishment of stations in space must antedate the actual exploration of the Moon.

Space satellites require multistage vehicles to transport men and equipment to the desired orbit and velocity above the earth; these space ships will represent, over a period of years, hundreds of thousands of tons of supplies and propellants, and billions of dollars.

For the initial plunge into space, then, we may employ a scaled-down, multistage space ship accommodating two or three men. It will orbit about the earth at a height of several hundred miles, with a velocity of more than 16,000 miles per hour, for a period of several days. A venture of this nature answers the demands and remains within the capabilities of the rocket industry.

The model space ship will be a smaller replica of the giants to be built later.

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BEFORE THE ENTIRE three-stage ship hurtles into space, extensive glide and power tests will be carried out. When these flights have supplied the desired data, the fuel tanks will be filled and the space ship will be borne aloft by a bomber to a height of about 40,000 feet.

Sealed in the pressurized cabin, the three crew members will wait for their ship to be dropped. Seconds later, plummeting down and forward in a high-speed glide, the pilot will energize the single powerful rocket motor, pulling the ship into an almost vertical climb.

For the next few seconds the space ship will behave like an airplane, which for all practical purposes it is. The delta-wing shape will shudder and rumble momentarily as the great power of the rocket motor boosts it past the speed of sound.

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NOSE POINTED straight up, the ship will hurtle into the upper atmosphere at a speed of several thousand miles per hour.

Inside, the three-man crew will be pressed into their acceleration couches under the force of the climb. But only for a little while; soon the pilot throttles back the motor and eases the space ship into a more gradual climb. The motor is silent as the space ship coasts along on its momentum in a giant arc.

For several minutes the men will be almost weightless.

Before long the ship strikes the upper atmosphere, heating up as it plummets through the resisting air. Gradually and easily, the pilot returns his craft to earth.

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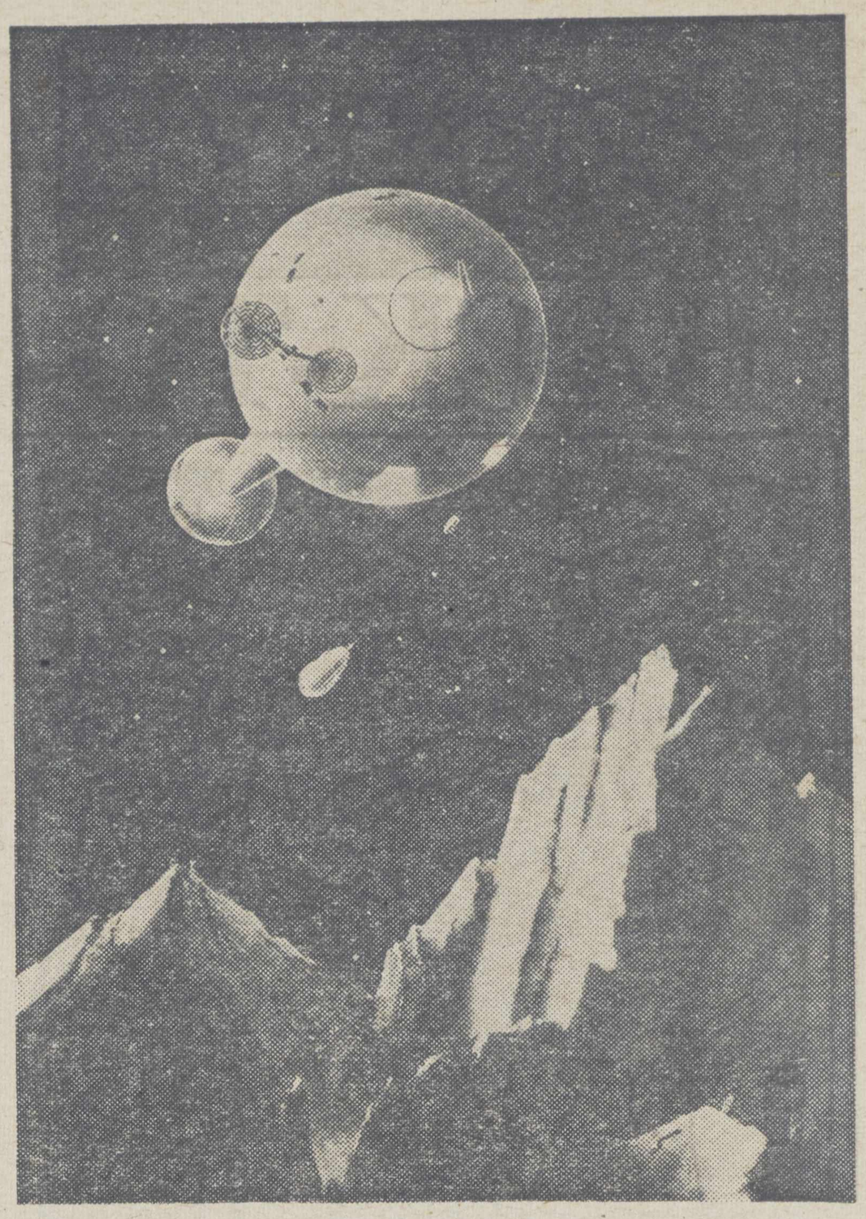
SEVERAL FLIGHTS of this nature will be followed by powered take-offs from the ground. In all, several hundred test flights, including drops and power take-offs, will be made to prove the ship.

Finally, the great day for the flight into space will arrive. Less than an hour after the five first-stage rocket motors wash the launching pit with flame, the final stage will be orbiting about the earth, several hundred miles in space, its crew of three experiencing for the first time in history the incredible sensations of sustained weightlessness, seeing in all their glory the heavens, and below them the shimmering, massive globe which is their planet.



WHAT THE FIRST space conquerors find on the Moon no one quite knows, but it seems certain that they will come upon a dishearteningly inhospitable, strange, lifeless and even terrifying world.

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FOR SEVERAL days these three men will remain in space. An entire world will hang breathlessly on every word radioed back to earth. Reports on their reactions to prolonged weightlessness, and their eating, sleeping and living habits in space, will be snatched up eagerly by scientists on the ground hundreds of miles below.

Thousands of feet of movie film will be taken of the Earth, Sun, Moon, and stars. Movie cameras in the ship will record the reactions of the first men in space; tape recorders will faithfully capture their conversation for scientists to study and the world to read and listen to. Spacesuits will be tested, pressurization equipment and procedures experimented with, in space.

These men will carry out the most fascinating experiment the world has ever known. When they return to earth, the first step in the actual conquest of space will have been completed.

Rocket engineers usually assume that development of chemical fuels and the space ship are the major factors hindering space travel. Actually one of the major stumbling blocks is the spacesuit.

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IN FEBRUARY of 1953 the United States Navy announced the development of a revolutionary high-altitude pressure suit for pilots, successfully tested at altitudes of 70,000 f et. At this height a man would die within a few seconds if not protected by either a pressurized cabin or the new suit.

The suit was developed under the direction of Captain James Sullivan of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, at a cost of nearly a quarter of a million dollars. Many details of the revolutionary garment have been withheld for security reasons.

The wearer is afforded complete mobility through semirigid accordion pleats which allow movement of such important body joints as the knees, elbows, and shoulders. Ingenious wrist joints permit rotation of the hands. The headpiece is permanently attached at the shoulders. Although the head is totally enclosed within the transparent helmet, an oxygen mask fastened securely to the face provides breathable air for the occupant.

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TO CLAIM that this suit will protect a man on the moon, because of vacuum conditions is to assert a half-truth. A spacesuit must be far more than merely a high-altitude pressure suit. The Navy suit, undoubtedly capable of meeting every requirement for extreme-altitude aircraft, certainly is no substitute for a spacesuit.

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IT MUST totally enclose the wearer and must within itself provide all the necessities for survival without dependence on any outside source. It must be entirely self-sufficient with regard to air. The suit must be provided with temperature control capable of meeting the extremes encountered in space. The problem of stabilizing internal suit temperature, regardless of surrounding temperatures, may find its solution in a double wall separated by a cellular material which offers high resistance to the passage of heat.

Whatever safeguards may be devised, accidents in space are inevitable. Most predictions of space travel disregard the fatality and accident factor which will certainly accompany our struggle of danger beyond those few already described, just as it is not practicable to predict all dangerous situations.

For example, a man forced to abandon his space ship several hundred or several thousand miles above the earth, even if alive and well within a spacesuit, could survive only briefly. Falling to earth from this height through the outer belt of the atmosphere, he would be subjected to a deceleration of 300 Gs upon striking the top of the atmosphere! The shock of such deceleration is more than sufficient to kill him.

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EVEN IF HE could miraculously avoid this fate, his falling speed would be sufficient, due to friction with the atmopshere, to burn him to ashes.

The first space ship to effect a surface descent to the moon will in all probability remain there for no more than two weeks.

The space ship, much like its survey vehicle predecessor, will appear to be a haphazard mass of fuel tanks, motors, girders, pressurized chamber, and other equip-

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To: President Eisenhower

J. Edgar Hoover
Chief
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Director
Office of Special Investigations
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The Pentagon

Gentlemen:

The four of us can take the attached hardboiled story of the "saucers" as it actually happened to me.

All I can say is, help me to pull a "Garbo" with the press -- so far, so good -- not one chirp or hint has appeared, far as I can find out in papers and magazines.

I think a good citizen should also use what brains he has toward helping his country and particularly the Department of the Air Force. I hope I shall always remain in that category.

You gentlemen have permission to reproduce all or any part of my story where it will serve the purposes of the United States Government. I hope some of it will be useful, and that I may continue to serve my country in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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FIRST SIGHTING OF DISK

OCTOBER 1929

My father, the late George Peabody Riggs, and I had just prior to this time relocated the lost Indian lead mine of folklore, legend, and pioneer tales, and I, having just passed my 18th birthday on the preceding August 31st, had begun teaching the Wolf Run School, Union District, Pleasants County, West Virginia.

On this particular fall day in 1929, I left my boarding quarters at the home of Rymer Davis (now deceased), situated on Middle Island Creek adjoining the Riggs Farm, belonging to my father, just as the Sun had set, intent on looking for some geology specimens and perhaps prospect a little, in an area of anticlines and synclines.

I had proceeded slowly up the creek road and had reached the Riggs Farm just below the swining bridge crossing Middle Island Creek.

For some reason, I turned and glanced down the creek.

Out of the sky above, almost directly above Devil Tea Table Rocks, some 1/2-mile below me on the opposite side of the creek, a flaming disk descended earthward and approached the end of the hill on which Devel Tea Table Rocks are situated. Coming down midway of the height of the hill, the disk followed a perfectly horizontal course along the hill toward me, at a speed I would estimate to be 10 miles more or less per hour. Its course as it sped toward me on the opposite side of the creek was perfectly horizontal, and I marvelled at its levity over such rock- and brush-bound hillside. The disk did not touch anything on the hillside, appearing to sail through the air some 10 feet from the side of the hill.

I meanwhile backed up against the incline back of the creek road and stood there, watching the disk approach. My attire consisted of rough ~~prospecting~~ trousers and shoes, and sweatshirt.

The disk approached my position, and directly opposite me in a perfectly aligned horizontal position to my body it suspended in mid-air, never moving. I never took my eyes off the disk, as I stood there, defying it and studying the strange intruder.

No other human being was in sight; dusk fell; I backed further against the bank and sat down, with my hands across my knees. There was no sensible point in running from the disk, since I reasoned that I was defenseless and alone, having not even a geologist's tool to defend myself with. The disk then took on a brilliant, blue-white diamond glow. My observation of it placed the size to be somewhat that of an ordinary wash-tub, the type used

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in that era of 1929.

A period of at least 30 to 45 minutes passed, during which I rose at intervals and stretched my legs, sat down again, et cetera. Never once did my eyes leave the flaming disk. I could make out its circular formation, but within it I could not discern a thing, it being of such dazzling brilliance. The flow of intense light within it never ceased, and it never moved from its suspended position in mid-air opposite me.

After 30 minutes of more had passed, I prayed to God that the disk would not approach any nearer, would not come across Middle Island Creek toward my face. I prayed so hard mentally that sweat ran from my forehead.

It had become quite dusky by now in the vicinity, and suddenly the disk began moving backward on the course in which it had approached me. Following the same horizontal course, down the creek it went, and at a speed of about 10 miles per hour. The disk approached Devil Tea Table Rocks. Then, in a tremendous burst of speed it shot skyward, and I followed it with my eyes until it disappeared from sight. It did not take a perfectly diagonal course when it shot upward, but somewhat at an angle.

I returned to the Rymer Davis home, saying nothing about the incident.

When I returned to St. Marys, W. Va., the following Friday evening to spend the weekend, I reported to my father in his crime identification laboratory. I asked him, what kind of remotely controlled observational disk was the United States Government using, and we agreed that my country would not take advantage of me in that manner, and that what I had seen had best be kept secret. I remembered so well what he had told me when I was a child studying astronomy with him, using our telescope: "Nick, we aren't the only peas in the pod, and they will either get to us first or we will reach them first." Dad and I shared the secret. Since he had prepared me mentally for such an occurence from childhood, acquainting me with a good background in astronomy and crime investigation, I am able to observe and report intelligently the absolutely cold facts about what has happened to me.

Dad and I discussed the remotely controlled disk many times. It was our opinion that the disk would contain a camera, which flashed my body and face on a sort of television screen in a space ship nearby. What embarrasses me even today is ~~to conjecture~~ whether my body was projected sans clothing in order that the invader could study the ~~anatomy~~ of an earthman at a proximity, and for a period of 30 to 45 minutes. I can only presume that every part of my body was photographed and the photographs enlarged, particularly the facial characteristics -- maybe the rest?? Helplessly, perhaps. I became the earthman model for study of the invasion of planet Earth.

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TELESCOPIC SIGHTING

SEPTEMBER 1948

On the particular evening, about 8:00 p. m., I was using my telescope in the backyard of my home in Ajo, Pima County, Arizona.

The telescope was trained on what took to be Venus, the evening star, because this star in questions was the brightest in the sky that night. I had enlarged the focusing on this particular star when, over to the far right a circular object entered the area between this star and planet Earth. It moved slowly in a horizontal path, and I was able to observe its movements for what I would consider approximately two minutes. Its speed never varied, and I watched it until it disappeared on the lefthand side of my sighting.

I had previously noted in newspapers that Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, the discoverer of planet Pluto was at that time visiting the observatory at Flagstaff, Arizona, so I immediately telephoned him, telling him as completely as I could what I had just sighted and the direction it was moving in, stating that the object had passed between the brightest evening star and planet Earth. He was very much interested in what I had to report, and thanked me for my interest and thoughtfulness in calling this to his attention.

I wrote to the University of Arizona, and to President Truman, telling him as best I could the details of the sighting.

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INCIDENT ON THE TRAIN

SEPTEMBER 1949

There follows an incident that makes you wonder who the man was - was he one of us, or had some invader from another planet, with two arms, actually succeeded in landing on planet Earth!

Around the first of September 1949, I transferred to the Golden State Limited at Kansas City, Missouri, enroute to Ajo, Arizona, from St. Marys, West Virginia, where I had spent the most of a 2-week vacation with my brother, Chief of Police George E. Riggs.

I went into the dining car for dinner that evening, after we had pulled out of Kansas City, and since there was a smaller table for two along the side of the diner, sat down alone. I had just had time to place my order for dinner when a gentleman entered the dining car, came up to my table, and asked if I cared if he ate with me. I informed him that I did not mind at all, and he joined me for dinner. He was 6 feet or more in height, well dressed, well groomed, with rather blondish hair, and looked to be 30 to 35 years of age. He was athletically built and appeared to be in top physical condition.

When he saw what I had ordered, he informed the waiter that he would have a duplicate of the same course. I lit a cigar when I received my coffee, but he declined to smoke one, saying that he neither smoke nor drank.

Instantly you would take him to be either a college instructor or scientist, maybe both, from his bearing and his voice, which was resonant and with a slight foreign accent, which I would judge to be Norwegian or Swedish.

He somehow brought up the discussion of unidentified flying objects, and I told him about the sighting I had made the year before, and about the many articles I had read about them, particularly the incident at Bisbee and Douglas, Arizona, where townspeople perhaps by the hundreds had watched a formation of flying objects. After dinner, during which he informed me that I was a very intelligent man, he bluntly asked me if I would like to see blueprints of the so-called flying saucers, and I told him I would be very much interested in looking at them. He invited me to his compartment, and during the course of the evening, some four or five hours, he went over a complete stack of blueprints of the flying saucer. When I say a "stack", I mean that these blueprints covered the complete construction of the object, and so complex that I exclaimed to him that I could not possibly understand them, since I hadn't even been in an ordinary air-plane! He told me that the object he was describing to me was not so complex at all, and went into complete details as to its construction. Although I tried to understand him, yet it

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was so overwhelming that if my life depended on it I could not touch but lightly upon the instructions he gave me that night. I do remember that the blueprints had no identification marks on them.

As he sat beside me, explaining the blueprints to me, I thought that he was possibly a flyer with the U. S. Air Force; that was the mental impression I received from him, although he did not come right out and inform me that he was with the U. S. Air Force. There was something about his hands that I thought just a little different from mine, and I seemed to notice that on his fingernails I could not notice his having the "half moon" which we have on our fingernails. This frightened me a little at the time.

During the evening, he asked me if I could guess what his actual age was. I said I thought he was around 28 or maybe a little more, and as I remember, he said he was around 49 or 50 years of age. But, I exclaimed, "How about gray hair?" He informed me that his hair was still its original shade, no dye. I asked him how he kept such a trim physique, and he stripped to the waist, showing a torso and two arms of a man in his twenties! He then instructed me in proper diet and exercise for keeping trim, which was quite understandable. He required no glasses. In other words, here was a man in top physical condition, around 50 years of age, looking like a man of 30.

In speaking of the speed of flying saucers, he said they were capable of any speed and that he could land one on a "dime". One part of his instruction stands out -- that the outer rim of the saucer moves opposite to the inner part, keeping the pilot motionless in his compartment. He told me about the "sink" part underneath the saucer, where its own power was generated when necessary. Refrigeration inside the compartment was covered; in fact, he told me about the complete construction and flying procedures. While at the time I could vaguely understand, yet the subjects were of such far advanced scope that I could never remember a fraction of his instructions. As I told him, I might be an intelligent man, which I try to be, but that what he was telling me was way, way over my poor head. But for hours he tried to explain the structure and flight of the craft.

He discussed his philosophy of clean living and relgion, and then went into the construction of the atomic bomb which had been exploded in New Mexico. He told me that the one exploded in New Mexico had not been the first, that a small one about the ~~size~~ of a pinhead had previously been set off somewhere in the ~~Northwest~~, I think he ~~said the State~~ of Washington, at one of the universities, ~~and that this~~ pinhead explosion almost burned through the glass walls, ~~several~~ feet thick, which enclosed the miniature atom bomb.

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As for power behind the saucer, besides the self-generator, he said it drew on magnetic forces from a planet, and said something about synclines and anticlines being in the complex setup. In other words, I was a willing listener, but having all this thrown at me in one lessonnwas some experienco!

He took my name and address, and the information that I worked at the open pit copper mine owned by Phelps Dodge Corporation at Ajo, Arizona. He jotted down my brother George's name and the St. Marys, W. Va., address, which I call "home".

About prospecting, he showed me an instrument which he said caught radiations from all the minerals in the earth, and which could be caught from the air while in flight. I asked him, for Pete's sake to come out to Arizona and help me prospect, and he said he would come out to see me, probably the following year, 1950.

At Phoenix I embarked from the train. He said he would write, and that next year he would surely be out and help me really prospect with the instrument he had. I never did hear from him, except for a mysterious Christmas card in 1950, showing a man standing underneath a statue of Jesus Christ in a bombed-out church. The card was mailed from Denver, Colorado.

When I arrived at Ajo, Arizona, I told my mother about the scientist and flyer I had met on the train, and how far advanced the flyers in the U. S. Air Force had become.

Then slowly, it began sinking in; after a year or two I wondered IF the flyers in the U. S. Air Force were flying saucers??

In the course of events, I met Colonel Henry Amen, C. O. at Luke Field; Brig. General Tom D'Arcy, C. O. at Williams Field; who visited me at Ajo, Arizona. Previously at Tucson, Arizona, my buddy had been Lt. Colonel Dick Lassiter of Davis-Monthan Field, the old "Swoosh" pilot. These three men, all good friends of mine, flew conventional aircraft. I said nothing to them. Col. Amen showed me his jet plane, and we taxied it on the runway. Three of my best friends, all highly qualified pilots, flaying ordinary aircraft. Just who the hell was the guy on the train?? Talk about mystery! And I used to think Dad's murder mysteries were hard babies to deal with!!

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» Frank Hines, formerly a mechanic at Desert Center Garage, claims that on the night of June 14, 1952, as he was driving a tow truck along Highway 60-70, a saucer spotted him, swooped down from the skies, and hovered over his truck for two miles before it flew off.

Swooping out of the night sky, the huge ➧ disk hovered over his truck for two miles.

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How to Stay Married...

If you want a divorceless marriage, read this article carefully, clip it out, and forget you ever saw it.

WHEN A MAN loses the knack of staying single he might as well make up his mind to stay married. Bachelorhood, once lost, can no more be reattained than can a lovely rosebud be reattached to its stem.

And there are good reasons for staying married:

(a) If you get divorced, public pressure, plus a dearth of the single pals with whom you used to make the rounds, will force you into marrying again.

(b) If you remarry, you'll have to get accustomed to the whole thing again, this time with an entirely different woman.

(c) If you take a second wife, you'll be paying alimony to the first one.

So, now that you're in this thing clear up to the mortgage on your new ranch-type abode, here are a few suggestions on how to stay married and not add to your marital troubles by becoming single again.

Make it clear other women find you attractive: If other women don't, this can be somewhat difficult. It is always good to have other women turn around and look at you as you

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When out with your wife, make other women turn as you pass.

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THE ARIZONA INCIDENT

SEPTEMBER 1950

As was our evening custom, my mother, Mrs. Samantha Riggs and I started out from Ajo, Arizona, at dusk for our regular drive from Ajo out the road towards Gila Bend. It was one of those typical Arizona evenings, with clear sky and a slight, hottish breeze as we passed along the highway skirting Crater Range, a few miles out of Ajo, in my new 1950 Chevrolet Powerglide, which I had purchased in July of that year.

Just out of Crater Range, I noticed that no traffic was discernible on the highway. This was quite unusual, since I generally bumped into someone coming or going on the stretch. Suddenly, something swooped down over my car with a deep, heavy hum similar to a dynamo, and from the tremendous depth of the hum we were quite aware that whatever was hovering over us was just a few feet from the top of the car!

Since I had a seemingly noiseless motor in the car, the hum was all the more apparent, and the throbbing persisted. I continued to drive with one hand, and got down over the steering wheel and tried to listen in the direction of my own motor to see if something hellishly wrong had come over my motor. Checking in that direction, I could easily detect that the damn humming was coming from right overhead! Well, I thought to myself, I'll try to step on the gas and get away from it. As I increased my speed, so did the object overhead. When I dipped into a inclination, the deep huming desisted just a little, and then, WHAM, it met me when I leveled off again. Talk about being in the middle of a powerhouse - I had it!

Where we had previously had a breeze going through the car, be it ever so warm, there now was nothing but a vacuum of absolute stillness. I continued to drive, and looking down the far stretches of the highway there was absolutely no one; I glanced in the rear view mirror and there was nobody! Dusk fell rapidly. The deep hum was continually over the top of the car.

I tried to speak to my mother, but had no vocal chord control. I glanced at her, and our eyes held the fear that gripped our very souls, out there alone on the Arizona desert, afraid to drive off the highway to stop for fear of meeting the horrible powerhouse above us. Luckily, through will power, I was able to continue driving without crashing the car, and edged nearer and nearer to the Air Base at Gila Bend.

For an agonizing 30 or 40 miles I drove with that deep, throbbing hum of a powerhouse directly over me until I reached the entrance of the Air Base, when the humming suddenly rose in the air above me and left us completely. We waited in the entrance driveway of the Air Base until two

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cars approached on their way to Ajo, and I got between them and continued that way until we reached Ajo, darn glad to have the company.

Mother had been feeling as well as could be expected when we started our evening drive. But when we reached our home, she complained of a tightness in her chest which persisted the duration of the evening. We retired, and about 1:30 a. m. I was wakened by her difficulty in breathing and rushed to her room, where I found her semi-conscious. I called Dr. Nelson at the Phelps Dodge Hospital, and when he arrived we carried her to his car and took her to the hospital. At about 3:00 a. m. she nearly died, but rallied from medication. Pneumonia followed, and apparently she was improving within a 3-week hospitalization, enough that I made plans to take her home the following week, when she suffered collapse of both kidneys the night of October 18 and died at 5:00 p. m. that day. Her medical records are in the hospital files.

As far as I can tell, fright was the only injury which Mother and I suffered from.

One wonders what would have been our fate if we had pulled off to the side of the road during the flight? The persistency of the chase gives rise to speculation whether this was an attempted kidnapping, perhaps forcing me to drive off to the side of the road through curiosity to see what was hovering so closely to the top of my car?

Anyway, there definitely was something hovering over the top of my car, and I'm darned glad we didn't stop, but everlasting sorrowful that Mother had to be a casualty.

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Nick Riggs

SIGHTING OF REMOTELY
CONTROLLED DIS...

MAY 27, 19..

I had been visiting my brother, Chief of Police George E. Riggs, at St. Marys, West Virginia, 18 miles up the Ohio River from Marietta, Ohio. He drove me to the Ohio side of the Ohio River at 10:15 p. m., where I waited to catch a southbound Greyhound bus for Marietta, due to arrive at the point where I was waiting at 10:40 p. m. My brother returned to St. Marys.

At 10:35 p. m. I was looking out across the Ohio River towards St. Marys, West Virginia, on the opposite side, when a brilliant object suddenly flocked on in the sky ~~direly in~~ directly front of me, immediately across the Ohio River. It appeared to be the size of a washtub at its hovering point 30 to 50 feet above a clump of trees on Middle Island, at the lower point of the island, approximately 200 feet up-river from the bridge abutment on Middle Island. It was of welding torch brightness with white, diamond-like brilliance, round in size, remaining absolutely stationary for three minutes. I lit a match, checked my wristwatch when it first appeared, and then lit another match when it blinked off just a few seconds before a southbound car on the Ohio side, Route 7, made its appearance around a bend about 1/8-mile north of my standing point.

The disk emitted a pure, radiated light exactly like I have noticed coming from the Evening Star on a summer night. I say unhesitatingly that this object was the most beautiful sight I have ever beheld...like an enormous diamond. It appeared to be approximately the same size as the disk that accosted me back in the Fall of 1929 on Middle Island Creek, Pleasants County, West Virginia.

The sky was hazy-cloudy; no moon visible; no stars discernible. There were no headlights or traffic in any form visible during the hovering period, and I could not detect any other person in the immediate vicinity.

My reaction was that of absolutely no fear.

----- COINCIDENCE?? -----

A five-place Cessna carrying pilot Peter Budavich, Dormont, Pa., and passenger, Don F. D'Ivernois, Mt. Lebanon, Pa., crashed in a ravine 6 miles south of Richwood, West Virginia. They were reported missing Wednesday evening, May 26, 1954, since it was reported over Pulaski, Virginia. The search was directed from Pittsburgh by Air Force Captain J. C. Miller of the 46th Air Rescue Squadron, Westover Field, Mass.

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SIGHTING

MONDAY NIGHT, MAY 31, 1954

While I was walking across the bridge at St. Marys, West Virginia, to the Ohio side of the Ohio River, to catch the 10:40 p. m. bus for Marietta, Ohio, I spotted a silvery object about 100 feet above me, hovering halfway out over the Ohio River; it lit up dimly for a second or two when I glanced upward, and then disappeared.

----- COINCIDENCE?? -----

This canary squawked to the Press:

"THOSE 'SAUCERS' ARE ON THE PROWL AGAIN, TWO RESIDENTS REPORT"

"Those "saucers" seem to be on the prowl again -- and not the kind the little wife tosses at her hubby during a love spat either.

"The latest report comes from Frank McCauley, 1313 Ramsey St., and his daughter, Carolyn McCauley, who has been observing the sky for a number of years, states what he saw last night was "very interesting" to say the least. He was watching the Big Dipper through binoculars about 11:20 when he first noticed the strange object. It was stationary and looked like the planet Mars in color and size.

"Then it began to move across the sky from northwest to northeast, following the direct curve of the earth in what appeared to be a "guided" path. It made the complete arc of the horizon giving off a yellowish and orchidish glow.

"McCauley reported the incident to the local Civil Aeronautics Administration office at Wood County Airport, and it had no report of a plane in the vicinity. The U. S. Air Force base at Dayton, O., had no solution either.

"Shooting star -- no. They only last a few seconds. McCauley and his daughter saw this strange object for 90 seconds -- by the watch."

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Nick Riggs

FIELD GLASS SIGHTING

JUNE 10, 1954

On this particular evening, after 10:00 p. m., I was alone on the bank of the Muskingum River at Marietta, Ohio, observing the stars with my high-powered German field artillery binoculars. I had been studying the surface of the Moon and had started to move my binoculars to the left of the darkened lefthand side of the Moon when I suddenly saw approaching me a silvery flying object with a conical tower. The object came close enough that I could see port holes in the side facing me, then it took a backward motion more in the form af a circle to the left, and disappeared from my view.

I thought, My God, I hope it comes back, and immediately focused my binoculars to the right in almost the identical spot where I first saw the object, and this same flying object or a twin reappeared, approached me until I could study its port holes -- this time I really got scared -- then followed the same pattern of disappearance.

~~Flight of the flying object consumed what I would judge to be about~~ one or two minutes, as the area covered to the left of the Moon was almost across the visible sky before it disappeared from my view.

Observation was perfect; port holes were perfectly aligned. Entire flying ship appeared to be of a silvery metal.

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This canary chirped to the Press:

Sighting which later appeared in print, "They Tailed Me From Outer Space", by Captain James Howard, British Oversea Airways Corp., February 1955 issue of "Stag" magazine, published by Official Magazine Corp., 655 Madison Avenue, New York 21, N. Y.

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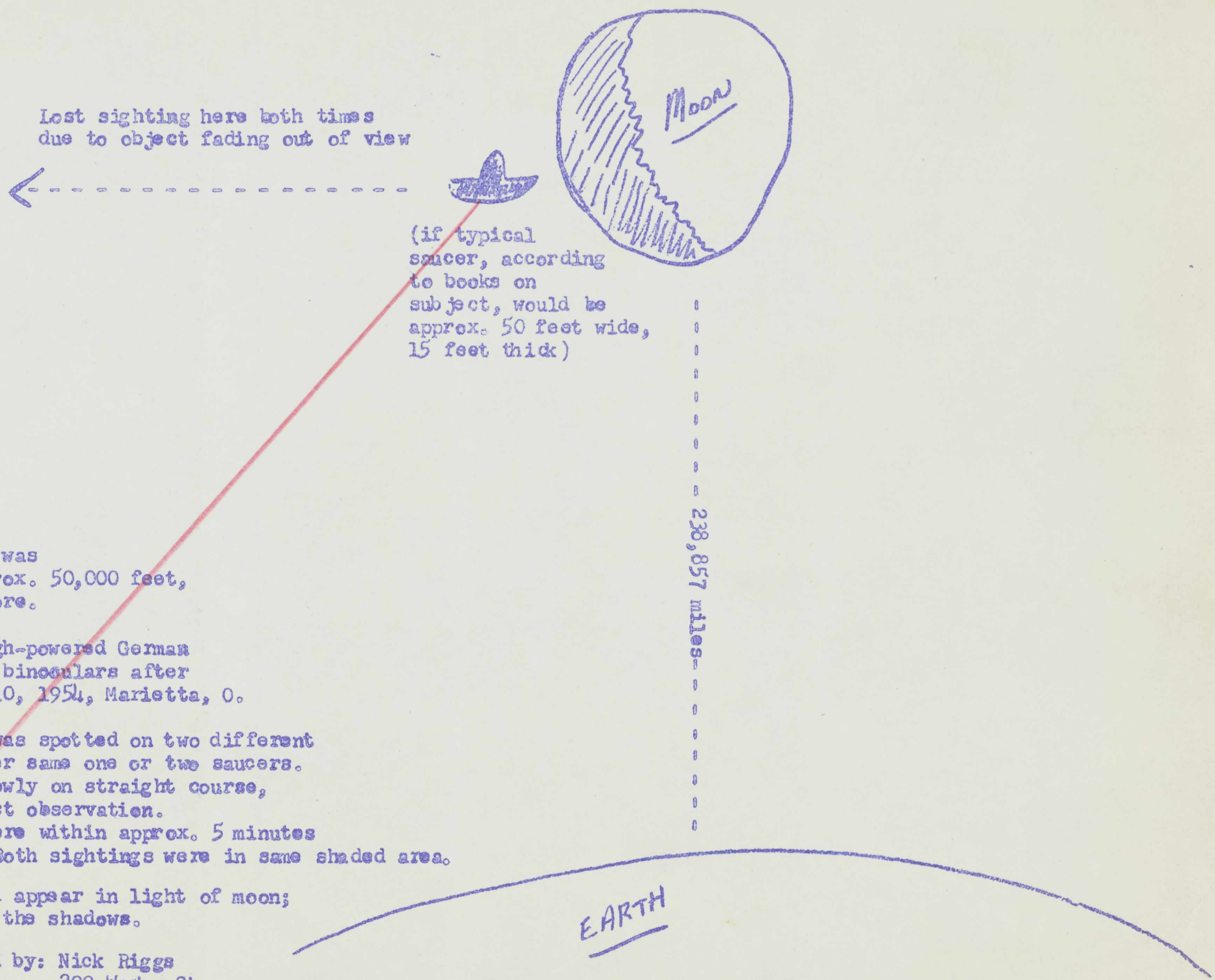

Distance saucer was
from earth: approx. 50,000 feet,
possibly much more.

Spotted with high-powered German
field artillery binoculars after
10 p. m., June 10, 1954, Marietta, O.

Notes: Saucer was spotted on two different
occasions; either same one or two saucers.
Saucer moved slowly on straight course,
affording perfect observation.
Two spottings were within approx. 5 minutes
of each other. Both sightings were in same shaded area.

Saucer never did appear in light of moon;
was entirely in the shadows.

Sighted by: Nick Riggs
200 Wash. St.
Marietta, Ohio

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THE SAGA OF "BILLY THE KID"

1954 STYLE

Gentlemen, this is the most interesting part to date:

There appeared on the newsstands in October 1954 a magazine containing an article by Gus Fredericks, with a photograph alleged to be that of an invader from planet Mars, so I memorized the facial characteristics. Dad years ago had instructed me in the study of faces while he was a murder investigator.

In November 1954 while looking over magazines in a rack at a drugstore in Parkersburg, West Virginia, one evening, I opened a particular magazine at an exact page on which a photograph of a man's face caught my eye -- the exact face which appeared in the October 1954 publication.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover; President Eisenhower; and the Director, Office of Special Investigations, The Inspector General, Dept. of the Air Force, The Pentagon; all know of this incident. Mr. Hoover and the Director, Office of Special Investigations, have seen the two photographs side by side.

Don't ask me how I could turn open a magazine I had never seen before and find exactly what I had been looking for -- talk about mystery -- Dad's murder cases never approached the experiences I have recorded for you.

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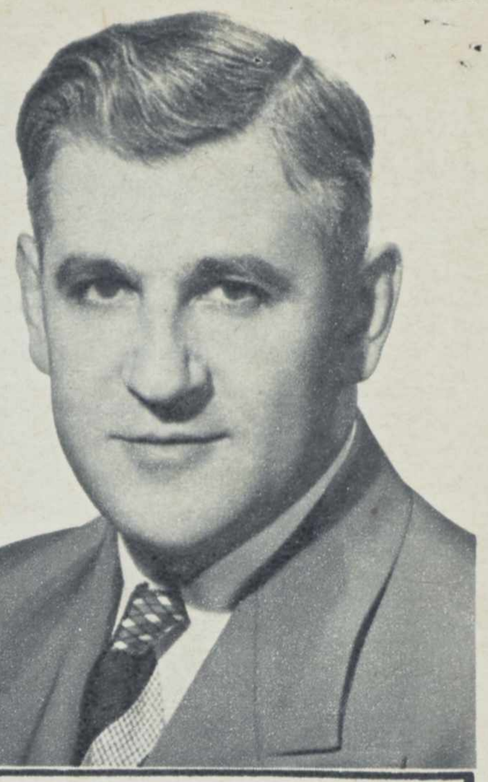

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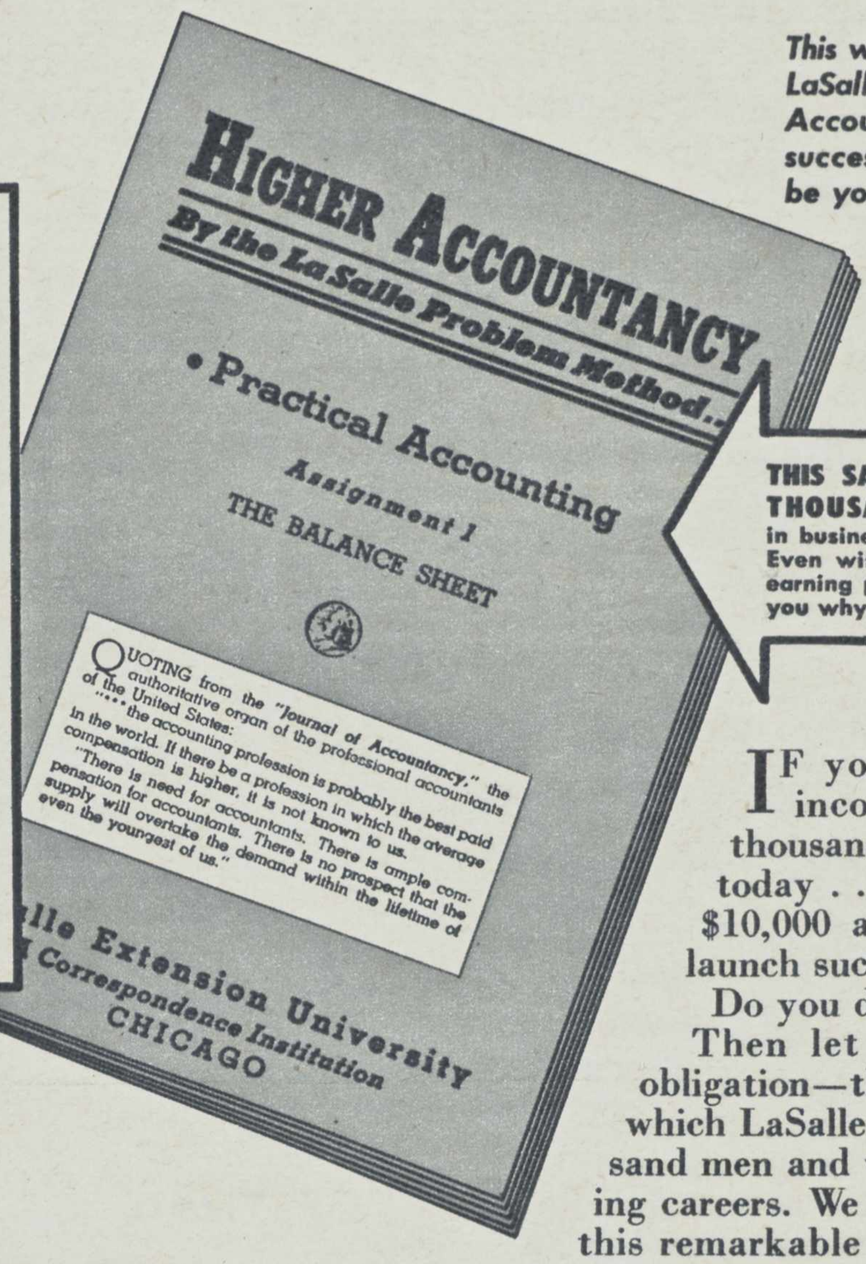

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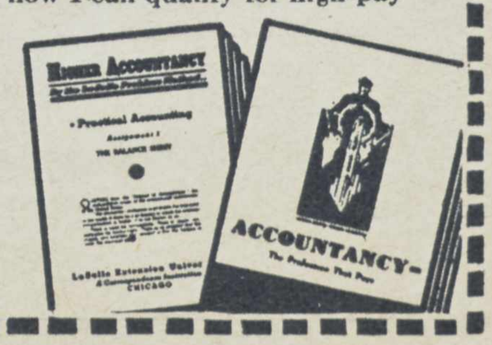

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It was a good nine feet tall, and in the general shape of a man. It had a head and shoulders and a fat, bloated body below.

THE WEST VIRGINIA MONSTER

By GEORGE SNITOWSKY as told to PAUL LIEB
President, Flying Saucer Research Institute

EDITOR'S NOTE: In more than two years of checking and rechecking reports of rocket ships and fantastic beings from outer space, the Flying Saucer Research Institute has accumulated enough material to fill many volumes. Unlike many of these accounts, which collapse under scrutiny, the Sutton, West Virginia, story seems only to gather credence. For one thing, there is concrete evidence that there really was someone—or something in the hills. Second, it was reported by reliable, reputable individuals, strangers to each other, on several different occasions. Mr. George Snitowsky is one of these. His experience with the "thing" follows.

▶ About eight P.M. on the 13th of September, 1952, I was on the road with my wife and 18-month-old son, when my car suddenly went dead. We were driving back home to Queens, New York, after a three-week visit with my brother-in-law in Cincinnati, Ohio. According to the map we were in Braxton County, West Virginia—somewhere in the area around Frametown and Sutton. Since it was a long trip and we weren't in any hurry, we had been traveling off the highways, taking in some of the small towns. I hit the starter but the battery was dead. I couldn't understand it; it was a relatively new battery and there had been no indication that it was running down.

A faintly sickening odor, somewhat like a mixture of ether and burnt sulphur, trailed into the car. The baby, sleeping in the backseat crib, suddenly began wailing and coughing. My first thought was that something in the car was burning and I got out fast and raised the hood. There was nothing I could find wrong and I spent about 10 or 15 back-breaking minutes trying to get the car to start. The odor seemed to be getting stronger and I got inside the car and closed all the windows. The baby wouldn't stop crying and my wife was nervous. (*Continued on page* 78)

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The West Virginia Monster

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"Probably a sulphur plant burning off waste," I commented, trying to ease her mind. "The wind ought to carry it off."

It was fairly dark and I didn't want to leave Edith and the baby on the deserted road and walk into the nearest town, which was Frametown, about 12 miles away. I thought we could relax and either wait for another car to give us a hand or sweat it out until morning.

It was then the dazzling flash of light flooded the car with a wavering, unsteady beam. Edith and I looked out and the light seemed to be coming from the woods bordering the road. A strange thing about it was that, although the light was a soft, violet hue, kind of diffused, it was blinding to the eyes. I turned open the dust-clouded window for a clearer look and the stink pumped in at us in a nauseating wave. I wound the window back up—fast. I felt the gall rise inside my stomach, and Edith began gagging. I didn't know what the hell was going on! But it was worse for the baby. He was choking and screaming. We doubled one of Edith's fine silk hankies and tied it lightly over the child's nose and mouth.

I stepped out of the car quickly and slammed the door shut. Edith called after me, but I waved to quiet her. I had to find out what was happening. But the smell almost stopped me before I'd taken 20 steps. It curdled my insides and I doubled over against a tree and threw up all over the place.

The roadside dropped into a valley, and when I looked down between the trees, I was able to make out the outline of some kind of a luminescent spheroid. It was like a frosted street lamp a couple of hundred times enlarged. It wasn't solidly implanted upon the ground though. Instead, it seemed to float on one end, moving slightly back and forth.

I've always considered myself a very level-headed person, but the first thought that came to my mind was all the current talk and articles about flying saucers and other objects of mysterious origin. I never believed any of it—and even while I was looking at the sphere, I still felt there had to be some logical explanation. The object was 200 or 300 feet away, behind a few trees, and I started to move in closer, fighting back the nausea. About halfway to it a hot, tingling sensation struck at my body. It was the same feeling you get when your leg falls asleep, only this was all over me.

I still couldn't make out any details, mechanical or otherwise, on the surface of the object. I'd advanced about a dozen or more steps when thousands of the needle-like vibrations irritated my skin like a low-grade electric shock, and I jerked away and began stumbling back to the car.

My legs were numb and they collapsed under me several times. I staggered up to the trees bordering the road and I leaned against one to catch my breath.

Then a piercing scream from Edith made my blood run cold. I made a wild rush for the car and I saw her white face jutting out of the window.

"Edith—for God's sake—what's the matter?" I shouted.

Her lips moved and her eyes were wide and staring at something beyond me.

I turned around, and when I saw it—I sagged against the car. The figure was standing immobile, on the fringe of the road about 30 feet off to my right. It was a good eight or nine feet tall and in the general shape of a man, with a head and shoulders and a bloated body. It was sharply silhouetted against the light beam from the spheroid and I couldn't make out any of its features.

I fumbled with the handle of the car door, climbed inside the car and slammed the door. There were some cooking utensils in the glove compartment and I grabbed for a knife and gripped it in my shaking hand. I slid down the seat and crouched on the floor, pulling Edith and the baby down beside me. The baby was still crying.

"Try to quiet him! Muffle his mouth—!" I said to my wife. She was whimpering in sheer terror.

We remained huddled up on the floor for several minutes. My chest was hammering like a sledge. I poked my head up slightly, and got a closeup of whatever it was out there. Reaching across the windshield from above, a long, spindly arm was forked into two soft ends. It seemed to be examining the surface of the car. If I ever prayed in my life, I was praying then.

Then, a few seconds after, without making any hostile or aggressive moves toward us, the creature started back toward the woods. It wasn't walking and I could not make out anything that might be called legs. The lower torso was a single solid mass that seemed to glide across the uneven road surface.

The smell was as sickening as before, but to tell the truth I was hardly aware of it then. I was too scared. The figure vanished among the trees and I waited another several minutes before I even dared breathe. Then I drew Edith and the baby up from the floor.

My wife became hysterical and I put the baby in the car crib and tried to calm her.

Then my eye caught sight of the ascending iridescent globe over the trees and I watched it, my eyes glued to it in terrible fascination. I almost forgot Edith.

It rose slowly and made intermittent stops, hanging in mid-air for a split second before continuing upward. And then, at about 3,000 feet I guess, it swung back and forth like a pendulum gathering momentum. Suddenly it swooped up in an elliptical arc and with a dazzling trail of light, shot completely out of sight!

I don't know what made me try to get the car started again, but when I worked the starter, it caught without any trouble. I had to steady my hand on the wheel

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By the time we pulled into Oaxaca that afternoon we were running second to Ray Crawford, the well heeled market owner from Alhambra, California, in his Lincoln. That wasn't bad. Crawford, who eventually won first place, posted a time of 3 hours, 59 minutes and 47 seconds. Vuky and I were just a minute behind.

When we checked our time against Crawford's, Vuky snorted. "The hell with it," he said. "We're even with him. We changed four tires on our pit stop. He only changed two. We'll catch him tomorrow."

We figured on being a little more careful too. Twice that day we took turns so fast that we went end for end down the wet road. Both times we wound up facing the wrong direcion and had to drive back up the road until we could find a place wide enough to turn around without causing a road block.

We gunned out at 6:15 the next morning. The rain had stopped and a minute after Crawford took off we followed him. Billy was out to catch him and no mistake. But Crawford stayed ahead and out of sight. This wasn't too hard. There were plenty of turns on this leg and it was easy to always be around the next bend in the road.

Then Vuky spotted Crawford. He picked him up in the mountains ahead. His red Lincoln was like a flag you wave at a bull. He started going harder and harder. "Hey, Hoot," he snapped. "There's the big red one. Let's get him, OK?"

I WAS all for it. I had a mortgage to pay off and prize money helps. But skidding around those curves soon gets your nerves to jumping like fleas. We screamed out of one tight one after the other.

After an hour of peeling our tires we still hadn't caught Ray, but we were closing in on him. "We're going, eh, Hoot?" cried Vuky.

We twisted down out of a low range of mountains and were going flat out along a five-mile straightaway. Our big, finely tuned yellow Lincoln sponsored by Hilton Motors in LA was really pushing. The road was narrow and a hill rose up on either side of us. It was like riding down a chute to hell.

I glanced down at the roller map spread across my lap. Then I flipped an eye at the speedometer. It was enough to make you wonder about your future. It was bouncing at the 125 mark. "This next turn's a tough one," I called out. "Start getting off of it."

Maybe it was too late. I don't know. This was the turn I told you about in the beginning. We slid into it and couldn't come out. It was then the heavy car twirled around in a dizzy arc and shot off the cliff like a rocket.

My eyes were closed. I held my breath for a century. The car stayed up in the air. Then it came down. Metal screamed against rock. Glass shattered. It was up in the sky again. I was hanging upside down. It hit again. You could feel the body tear as it ripped loose from the frame. My body snapped against the harness as we went up one more time. It cracked down again. It rolled, crashing into rocks. Then it was upright and it stopped. Once more and I thought my head would cave in with the car. We didn't know it but we straddled a 20 foot hole.

Then there was a strange quiet. I opened my eyes. We were in a cloud of dust. My body felt OK. There was a pin prick of blood on my thumb. I looked at Billy. He was bent over the wheel. He started moving. My door had kicked off on the way down. A big hole yawned up at me. "Don't get out Billy," I mumbled. "We've still got a long ways to go."

Vuky groaned. "Is the sonofabitch going to start jumpin' again?"

We didn't take any chances. We crawled out on his side where there was some solid looking ground. Billy walked slowly over and sat on a rock. He held his left arm and looked pale. "One more bounce," he said nodding down the hill, "and they'd have never found the car."

Mexicans started coming out of the brush. Just like the year before. And one of them had a jug of tequila. After a slug or two of that stuff my nerves stopped jumping. I guess it deadens them.

I walked over to Vuky. He was just sitting there holding his arm and frowning. He didn't know it but he had a broken neck he was going to be a long time getting over. But he wasn't thinking about himself. He knew winning dough meant a lot to me. He looked half apologetic. "You know, Hoot," he said. "I don't mind not winning for myself. But I know you could have used it."

He was right, I could have used it. But even if you lose, you can't help but feel good about a guy who puts it to you that way. Vuky has picked up a reputation as being on the tough side, but square. If all guys were that tough, this world would be a pretty good place.

Next year? It's going to be different. Vuky and I will win in a walk. ***

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as we took off down the road. Edith and I didn't say a thing until we came to an all-night diner on the road with several trailer trucks parked outside. We wondered how to tell the people inside; whether they'd even believe us.

Then we decided to keep quiet about the whole thing. It was something neither of us felt we could talk about then. We didn't want to be regarded as another couple of crackpots—as most of the people who had previously reported sighting saucers and mysterious floating objects are regarded. All we wanted to do was to get home quickly. We were both shaken up too badly.

We stopped at a motel later that night and in the morning when we climbed into the car, I noticed something odd. Along the hood, where the creature had examined the car, a dark discoloration was browned into the paint as though the metal had been singed.

The outline was fork-shaped. ***

AUTHOR'S NOTE

The Sutton Story broke that same morning, September 14, 1952, shortly after the Snitowskys awakened, but the Snitowskys didn't break it. They still hadn't told anyone.

It was a Mrs. Kathleen May of nearby Flatwoods, West Virginia, who related the details later, on the UP and AP news wires. In the company of six boys, one a 17-year-old National Guardsman, she climbed a hill near Sutton to check the claim of her two young sons who said, "We saw a flying saucer."

According to Mrs. May and the others, they came upon a "monster 10 feet tall with a bright green body and a blood-red face." It moved toward them with a "sliding, floating" motion. On a nation-wide hookup, Mrs. May told a television audience that the monster "looked worse than Frankenstein and it couldn't have been human." All of the witnesses mentioned a noxious odor on the scene that brought on violent choking spasms and vomiting.

The first outsider on the scene was A. Lee Stewart, Jr., co-editor of the Braxton *Democrat*. He knelt close to the ground and smelled the sickening odor described by the others. Mr. Stewart, a former Air Force member who is familiar with chemical warfare gases, said he had never smelled that type before. He also found "skid marks" where the monster supposedly had been standing.

I found these skid marks myself when I flew to the scene three days later. Also, there were burnt and broken branches where the flying object carrying the creature had allegedly landed.

Other nearby Braxton County residents reported sighting a "bright orange object something like a big ball," and not long after, people in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland described strange objects in the sky.

Mr. Snitowsky's story came to light a little later, and is one of the many sides to this story which we have been checking since it happened, without finding any weak spots.

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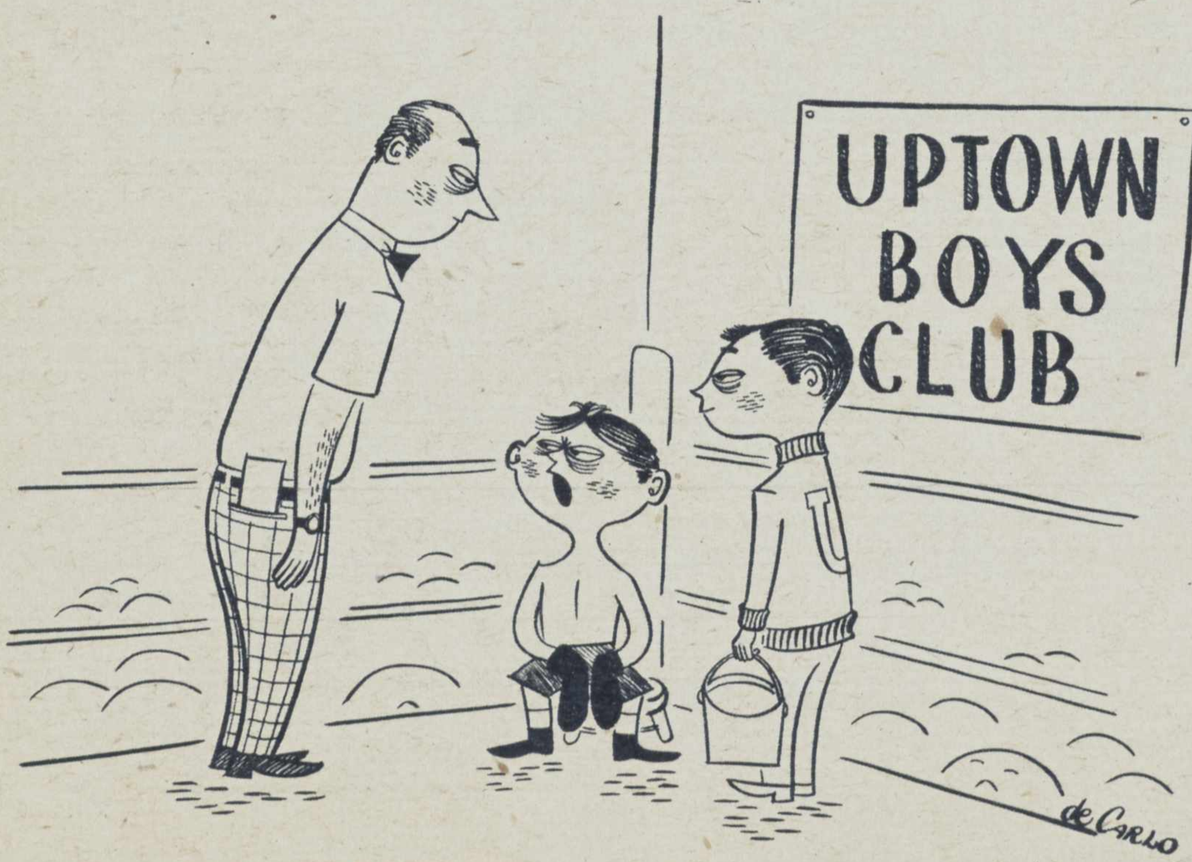
They say there is a logical explanation someplace for the saucer stories. We agree, and when they find it, we hope they also find an explanation for the fork-shaped brown stain on Mr. Snitowsky's car.

—Paul Lieb



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MALE CALL

VIBRANT VIKING

To the Editor:

I am a great admirer and avid reader of MALE, like most other servicemen all over the world. In your March issue of MALE, I just couldn't help admiring your picture story of Anita Ekberg. The photos of Jackie Walker in the December issue was great, but Anita Ekberg was terrific. All I can say further is that it would be a wonderful idea to feature more shots of Anita.

S/Sgt. William Thomas
Fuchu, Japan

. . . after gazing fondly at the pictures of Anita Ekberg and reading her statement, "A girl should always be feminine, even when she's alone," frankly, I'm at a loss to know why she should ever have to be alone.

Vern Wenger
Seattle, Washington

• Sorry we couldn't print all the comments we received on the Anita Ekberg story, but we picked out two we thought typical. To everybody else who wrote in we say thanks, because such comments help us pick the subjects you like for MALE. While we're on the topic, see page 28 for more of the same.

TRIVIA DEPT.

To the Editor:

On page 13 of the story, *Bordellos of the Barbary Coast*, in the April MALE, you said July 15, 1850 was on a Sunday. You're wrong. It was Monday.

R. A. Gauldin
Enid, Oklahoma

• Reader Gauldin is correct. Our faces are red for allowing such an error to slip by, but we must explain that our editor-in-chief, the only man on our staff who can remember back that far, was absent on the day proofs were being read.

SENATOR'S SLIP

To the Editor:

In your story, *The Man Who Came Alone*, by Senator Richard L. Neuberger in the February issue of MALE, if the events took place 50 winters before the war as the Eskimo says, the arrest would have been made not In the name of the King, but in the name of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria.

Whose memory has lapsed, the Eskimo's or that of the junior senator from Oregon? It was a good story though. I hope he writes as well for the Congressional Record.

Wesley L. Williams
Santa Rosa, California

• Senator Neuberger replies: You are right. I should have said "in the name of the Queen" because Victoria was ruling the British Empire 50 years before World War II. Thank you very much for catching me up on this particular point.

I am very pleased that you thought it was a good story. I trust that my writing for the Congressional Record does measure up as well—the hope which you expressed in your letter.

HOUSE TAKES ALL

To the Editor.

In writing about blackjack, Martin Goodman in the April MALE writes:

"On the last deal, I drew to a 15 and hit a six. She turned up a trey-deuce, next card was a four; another four and an eight and I was out."

The player couldn't possibly be out as such a hand would be a standoff. Both dealer and player had 21. Nobody wins. In Las Vegas, Mr. Goodman would be in error.

C. Ward McClarran
Buffalo, N. Y.

• Very true. In most legitimate houses in Las Vegas, Mr. Goodman would be in error. This was a little joint in Louisana, however, where a sucker never got an even break—and the house won all the standoffs.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJ[redacted] CASE HISTORY

MARIETTA TIMES, Marietta, Ohio, 11/3/54: "STRANGE AIRCRAFT LEAVES TRAIL OF 'ANGEL'S HAIR'". MARYSVILLE, OHIO (AP). "Mysterious, long strands of fiber were picked from bushes and trees here by two teachers who said the 3-mile trail was left by a 'cigar-shaped' aircraft. They said their hands temporarily turned green after touching the strands.

"Their story about the strange aircraft, also reported seen by 60 children here, was similar to reports in California, France and New Guinea in the past two years.

"The teachers, Rodney Warrick and Mrs. George Dittmar, said the substance "looked to be like asbestos and felt like asbestos." They said it was so "tough that it could hardly be broken."

"They said the craft hovered over the Jeroms Elementary School and then flashed off, leaving the trail of 'angel's hair.'

Warrick said, "No one was frightened and the children considered it quite a lark."

"They said the fiber disappeared within a minute after being touched and turned their hands green. Mrs. Dittmar said the color was rinsed off without soap. Warrick said the green disappeared without rinsing in about a half hour."

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217 W. 7th St.
Marysville, O.
Nov. 8, 1954

Mr. Nick Riggs
200 Wash. St.
Marietta, Ohio

Dear Mr. Riggs:

I shall respect your request and not mention your name.

I will write you an account of what I witnessed:

On Oct. 22nd a little past three p. m. Mr. Warrick called me to the upstairs fire escape of our school building. He told me to look in the air and tell him what I thought. The air as high and as far as I could see was filled with the most beautiful soft white looking tufts (much resembling tufts of cotton) slowly floating to the ground. It was doubly beautiful and impressive since it was one of those beautiful warm Fall days, and the whole sky was clear and blue.

As I watched this spectacle, Mr. Warrick told me how the children (who had been allowed out to play at that time as a special reward) called him to come out on the fire escape quickly.

This he did, he said just in time to see a very bright silvery cigar-shaped object, at which they were pointing. He said for what seemed to be a split second it looked as if it hung still, high above and then took off at a tremendous speed out of sight over the top of the school house. The children told us that for a second as they gazed, it seemed to blind them, just before it took off. Mr. Warrick said, almost at once as it took off, these white tufts began coming down.

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(Mrs. George Dittmar)

We watched this strange sight most of the time from then on until shortly before 4:00 p. m. when we began dismissing school.

While we were on the fire escape some of the children brought us pieces to look at. As it floated closer to the ground we saw most of these tufts had long fibers of different lengths, very much as if someone had pushed some of the material so that it bunched toward the center or one end, leaving a tail of fibers attached to it.

We handled this material, it was very fine and soft to touch. It did not stick to our hands, but when we held two ends and pulled, it stretched, and where it stretched it had a shiny appearance. The part we held between our fingers very quickly seemed to just go to nothing. However we could roll it between our fingers & thumb and it would roll into a very, very tiny ball.

In a short while our hands were stained a bright green. I soon washed my hands & the stain quickly rinsed off. Mr. Warrick said he was leaving it on his hands to see what might happen. A little later he said his hands became clammy and finally the color disappeared of its own accord.

When we left the school at 4:00 p. m. strands were clinging to the grass, flag pole, and cars (it had ceased coming down by this time.)

We were really impressed as we drove along the road from our school to the Columbus road, a distance of three miles. The telephone wires were completely woven shut, as if hands had carefully spread it evenly. The telephone wires were completely fastened across the road to the electric line on the other side, so that it was like a canopy across this country road for the entire three miles.

Reaching the Columbus road we saw some clinging to the wires, but it was either much scarcer here or else the sun now being behind us and no longer shining through the misty net, made it less evident.

Days later a few people admitted, very much unconcerned, they had seen some clinging to their clothes lines, but everyone I heard even speak about it in any way said it was cob-webs due to Indian Summer. I know no cob-webs could possibly cover the wires so completely in the space of less than an hour. Anyway I never saw such white cob-webs.

I really expected someone from the Jerome district to have reported this, but closely examining our local paper the next day, I couldn't find a single statement on this subject.

On Sat. evening I ventured to tell a close friend of mine and she told me she had just read an article in Pageant magazine about this same thing. After reading that article I was convinced I should report this - not knowing whom to contact - I related this experience to the editor of our paper. On Mon. Oct. 25th Mr. Warrick was also interviewed and that evening the article appeared in our local paper.

The editor told me if I could find any trace of the material I should bring him some.

On Mon. morning there wasn't the slightest trace of any evidence of Friday's strange experience. One of my pupils casually told me during that day that a little of that stuff had stayed on a protected screen in one of their windows. I told her if it was still there when she got home, she should get me some, by using sticks & not touching it and seal it tightly in a jar. The next morning

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(Mrs. George Dittmar)

she brought me some wound on tooth picks & tightly sealed in a glass jar. This I sent to our editor telling him I couldn't vouch this was the same material (since I couldn't handle it) but it looked like it. He said he was sending it (without opening) to the Air Force.

For about ten days nothing more seemed to be said about our experience.

Then on the evening of Nov. 2nd a lady called me and told me she had just heard the account over two Columbus news broadcasts that evening. One came later over T. V. The following day Mr. Warrick was called at intervals all forenoon and he even made a recording by phone for one of the broadcasting stations in Columbus. This he was told would eventually be sent to the Pentagon.

Since then we have both received phone calls, letters and personal interviewers, including an officer from Intelligence Dept., Wright Field, Dayton.

This concludes all the information I can give you. I hope it is not too disappointing in its limitations.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. George Dittmar
217 W. 7th St.
Marysville, Ohio

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Reference is made to our letter of 9 November 1954, subject and file as above.

2. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) photostatic copy of FBI memorandum dated 22 November 1954, with inclosure, concerning subject matter.

3. By letter dated 7 January 1955, the Directorate of Special Investigations advised that their files contained no information relative to subject individual.

4. Attention is invited to the fact that the information contained herein has been derived from sources other than the Department of the Air Force. Dissemination of the information contained herein will not be made outside Department of the Air Force channels without prior approval of the Office of Special Investigations, IG.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
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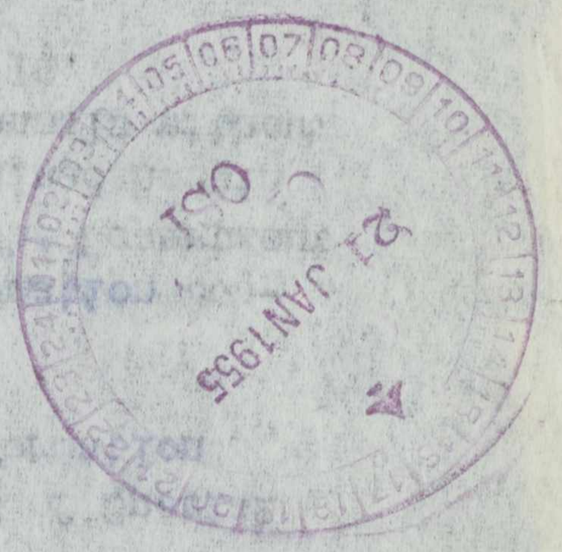

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TO: Commander
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ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is carbon copy of letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 2 November 1954, concerning subject matter.

2. No further action is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations in this matter unless specifically requested by your command.

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 5f, AFR 205-1, dated 24 July 1953, which states that classified security information originating in an agency outside the Department of Defense will not be disseminated outside the Department of Defense without prior consent of the originating agency.

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Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects

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Reply to above address or P.O. Box 1855

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EXCLUSIVE: PRIVATE TALK WITH LT. COLONEL JOHN O'MARA, DEPUTY COMMANDER, INTELLIGENCE, CONFIRMS THE EXISTENCE OF "FLYING SAUCERS" -- TRUTH MAY BE BARED SOON AS "TECHNICAL DATA" REACHES THE AIR FORCE. AIR FORCE PLANS COOPERATION WITH PUBLIC.

The greatest story involving Earth and Space may soon be told. The "silence" group -- that official fear-faction of the Air force -- who for years fought to keep the truth from the public has now lost its anaconda-hold on accumulative evidence. Stimulated by recent events, the triumphant fearless-faction of the Air Force will take the benighted public into confidence. As Col. O'Mara intimated: we want to cooperate and dispense with the misconception that "flying saucers" do not exist. Here is the essence of Col. O'Mara's statements, 9/21/54:

Flying saucers "do exist" the Colonel told me, and he added, in effect, past contradictions were unfortunate. At this point I asked the Colonel if there were two breakdowns of saucers . . . the interplanetary device and the secret American missile. I was first corrected on the term "missile", then the Colonel said he believed there were "three breakdowns" -- the third, "natural phenomena." By such an admission, we therefore have these three breakdowns . . . 1) the controlled "saucer" from outer space. . . 2) a secret American saucer-like device and 3) unexplained natural phenomena.

When I tried for a committal statement on the interplanetary "saucer" I was, as expected, rebuffed, but was told that in their research they were "gradually getting more data." Then for corroboration, I asked if all the saucers seen by Americans were American devices and to this the Colonel replied: "Definitely not! Something does exist," he said, which, of course, is diametric to all A. F. statements following Major Keyhoe's book. In this respect, the Colonel intimated that the A. F. plans to cooperate with the public . . . and a statement will be forthcoming from the Defense Dept. which will explain some of the past contradictions and release the details behind many of the sightings. When I asked, again, about the 700 sightings a week, he told me that this would be covered in the A. F. release.

Col. O'Mara and I discussed many sensative issues. Although he spoke guardedly, the Colonel was wonderfully cooperative, and I could well appreciate his position in relation to official security. When, for instance, I asked about the Earth Satellites, and the theory indicating they were "rocks" (see page 3) he replied that he has not received word they were "rocks." He said the scientist in White Sands "are still working very hard and have lots of things to work on." When I asked about the silent Mars Committee he explained that the astronomers have not issued a report because "they are in disagreement" as to what they found.

In my 26 minute talk with the Colonel we also discussed saucer hostility, mysterious plane crashes, the Atlantic problem, and, whether or not the CRIFO Newsletter was slanted in the right direction. Re: the latter, the Colonel said, in effect, that it (the Newsletter) was in the right direction . . .

Editor's Note: Our Newsletter, due to above information, was revamped the last minute. What was the first page is now the second, et al.

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SAUCERS HARASS EARTH; FEAR OF WORLD PANIC FORCES INTERNATIONAL CENSORSHIP: Behind the Mask of Comedy is tragedy -- the tragedy of censorship; on stage is the "Flying Saucer" whose misfortune of name has held it ludicrously before the public eye since Ken Arnold announced "nine saucer-like things" flying near Mt. Ranier in 1947.

"Saucers" in their true dimension are less ludicrous to world governments. Working in cooperative secrecy they have enforced a bowstring-tight conspiracy of censorship. A recent example is found in this writer's correspondence with the Chilean Naval Mission in Washington, D. C. To quote their reply of December 23, 1953:

"We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter . . . regarding the photographs showing UFO's in formational flight, which you mention were taken by Captain Orrego of the Chilean Navy near Antarctica in 1948.

'Regarding this matter we wish to inform you that recently we received a communication from Capt. Orrego stating that he had not seen any UFO's over the Antarctica in 1948, therefore, the photographs requested by you do not exist. . . ."

(Signed) Harold Nagel, Captain
Chief of the Chilean Naval Mission.

Going back into old files I find that Capt. Augusto Orrego said:"During the bright antarctic night we saw flying saucers, one above the other, turning at tremendous speeds. We have photographs to prove what we saw."

And now, the proof of Chilean contradiction, thus international censorship. Here I refer to Major Keyhoe's recent book. He says: "Later, when I requested copies from the Chilean Embassy in Washington I was told that the pictures (Captain Orrego's) were classified."

Editor: For the pictures to be classified they first had to exist. Why, during December, did they fail to exist? Does this tie in with the U.S. Air Force's sudden security ruling, which I learned by letter from ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, dated Dec. 17, 1953. They said, in part: "In reference to your letter, the ATIC has been directed to make all information on Project Blue Book available to the Dept. of Defense for release from that point only . . . ."

What happened in those yestermonth skies? Why do our Air Force and Central Intelligence bend over backwards to circumvent the truth about flying saucers? Why do foreign governments self-contradict themselves? Are they hiding super-saucer missiles of their own . . . or, are they all just being cooperative to conceal some great American weapon? Hardly!

The answer is in the skies today . . . right this minute! Fresh reports come to my desk daily. They come from competent and honest people. While these reports are being written other vehicles are crossing the barriers of space and time to "violate" earth's international boundaries . . . to harass the paths of airlines, and with increasing frequency, to come closer to terra firma. Here, they hover over roof tops, "buzz" automobiles and peer into house windows. Some cause destruction, even death. Are these the behind-the-scenes reasons for censorship?

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THE EARTH SATELLITE ENIGMA -- ARE THEY MOSCOW'S ... METEORIC OR MARTIAN? Statements conflict, as usual. I first reported these two mysterious earth satellites in my April Newsletter ... then again, following Lt. Col. O'Mara's admission to me, June 8, that a govt. project was tracking the objects but that the evidence was conflicting.

I heard nothing more until Aug. 3 when Edward W. Hermann, special agent for McGraw-Hill Publications, told me Dave Anderton, Engineering Editor of Aviation Week, had received a report from Dr. Lincoln La Paz regarding the satellites, and, that it would "appear in detail in a coming issue." In that a correspondent friend, Ted Bloecher of New York, tells me he tried dozens of newstands for the magazine, but to no avail (indicating a sudden scarcity) I will quote the August 23, 1954 issue of Aviation Week:

"Pentagon scare over the observance of two previously unobserved satellites orbiting the earth had dissipated with the identification of the objects as natural, not artificial satellites. Dr. Lincoln La Paz ... headed the identification project. One satellite is orbiting about 400 miles out while the other track is 600 miles from the earth. Pentagon thought the Russians had beaten the U.S. to space operations."

Now, the rest of the story, thanks to Ted Bloecher. Says Ted: "Being of a nature that is naturally suspicious of anything printed, I wrote Dr. La Paz and requested that he verify this release. I received an answer yesterday. (Sept. 8). In his letter, Dr. La Paz regrets 'that Aviation Week's misleading satellite story has received such widespread and uncritical publicity.' Enclosed also was the letter he (La Paz) had written to A. P. Strangely enough, the papers were content with carrying the false report, for I've seen no mention of Dr. La Paz's correction on this report."
Following is copy of letter, in part, by Dr. La Paz, to the Associated Press:

"Scientifically and militarily, the search for nearby satellites of the earth is one of the most important on which mankind has ever embarked. It is therefore unfortunate, although not surprising, that false rumors are bound to be circulated in regard to the nature and results of this search.

"As regards the Aviation Week story on the satellite search, summarized in the A.P. release shown me, it is false in every particular insofar as reference to me is concerned.... No one representing Aviation Week has questioned me concerning any possible connection I may have with the satellite search program, and no one whatever has been authorized to credit me with the activities attributed to me in the Aviation Week story."

(Signed) Lincoln La Paz
Director Institute of Meteoritics

Your letters and clippings are greatly appreciated; each is carefully read and filed. Since the April Newsletter, more than 8000 letters have crossed my desk -- a tremendous load for just two people. My wife, Dell, handles all administrative details, subscriptions, mailing, etc., while I direct the research and prepare the Newsletter. We are both grateful for your kind letters and your enduring patience. KEEP THE MAIL COMING, but we're afraid to commit ourselves on a reply. The Newsletter is published first Friday of the month. Subscription $2.00 a year, starting with June 1954 issue. Six month subscriptions starting in April terminate with Oct. issue. Mark RENEWAL clearly with remittance. Back copies of April, May, June issues available at 25¢ each. Foreign subscriptions (except Canada) are $2.60 regular first class mail. Air Mail add 50¢ extra per issue of Newsletter.

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LOGAN, UTAH JOLTED BY VIOLENT EXPLOSION AND GAPING CRATER FOLLOWING MYSTERIOUS "STREAK OF LIGHT" IN SKY: First guess -- a meteorite, but as the evidence was assembled by foremost authorities, the theory dissipated. Here's the story, thanks to the help of Mrs. John German of Woodscross, Utah who probed the Salt Lake Tribune files for the early facts -- before SILENCE!

On May 7, 1954 the Tribune reported: "A 'conventional meteorite fall' did not produce the crater found west of here Sunday, and probing operations at the scene have been discontinued, geologists said. In a 73-word statement, 3 scientists gave reasons why they ended their investigation, but it contained no opinion on who or what made the hole, or how it was made.

"The statement, signed by J. Stewart Williams, professor of geology, Utah State Agricultural College, Lincoln La Paz, director, Institute of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico and Clyde T. Hardy, USAC geology professor read:

'In the region extending from Clarkston south to Paradise, exhaustive interrogation of numerous persons who saw or heard the explosive phenomenon at midnight on May 1 has been carried out. The testimony thus obtained and material evidence recovered as a result of subsurface investigations at the site of the explosion west of Logan have disclosed that the crater was not produced by a conventional meteorite fall. For these reasons, operations have been discontinued!"

And from the Tribune, May 5: "Dr. Lincoln La Paz spent his first full day here, working with Dr. J. Stewart Williams and Dr. Clyde T. Hardy. On his arrival here Monday night, Dr. La Paz said the hole must have been made by a 'whopper' if it contains a meteorite. They decided to place a frame around the crater and cover it with wire mesh. Workers will stand on movable planks and probe with a pipe. In this way they will know they have probed every place possible under the mesh.

" 'My recommendation is that we excavate until we find what made the hole,' said Dr. La Paz, who is credited with recovering the world's largest aerolite, weighing more than one ton."

The incident occurred on May 1 bringing "500 phone calls" to the Logan City Police Dept. Residents reported their houses "shaken" and TV viewers said their reception was disturbed. A check made later with Hill Air Force Base and Salt Lake City indicated no planes in the area for several hours. A war veteran described the 16 ft. wide and 6 ft. deep hole as looking like a "bomb crater." Sod was found scattered in all directions for more than 100 yards.

On Aug. 31, '54, I wrote Dr. Clyde T. Hardy, geologist who worked on the project, asking if any substantial evidence as to its (the explosion's) source had been uncovered. Following is Dr. Hardy's reply of Sept. 11, 1954:

"Reference is made to your letter of Aug. 31 re. the explosion and crater west of Logan. Although a fireball was reported by several people previous to the ground explosion, I am personally convinced that they were confused. One especially competent observer describes a ground flash only and he was favorably situated to see all aspects of the occurrence."

(Signed) Clyde T. Hardy
Assoc. Prof., Dept. Geology

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JET "EXPLODES" CHASING UFO NEAR UTICA, N. Y.: The gamy but saucer-phobic press tried pitting wits with its readership. They handed the unsuspecting reader a front page story without the facts, then (see July 3 New York Times) presented the facts in a separate story buried in the back pages. Reason: They feared public reaction to saucer tragedy, viz: Capt. Mantell. But, wits didn't pit right with Ted Bloecher and others such as Lester S. Parker of Topeka, Kansas. They correlated the loose ends:

Let's review one "end" -- the front page story: A jet fighter returning from a "scramble" to investigate an "unidentified aircraft", plunged into tiny Walesville eleven miles southwest of Utica, about 12:30 P.M., July 2, 1954. The plane crashed into an auto and two buildings killing four persons.

The Air Force in Washington announced the F-94-C Starfire had been sent up on "an active air defense intercept mission." According to the U.P. release of July 3, "Air Force spokesmen said the cockpit of the plane ... became unbearably hot during the flight and that the pilot ordered his radar observer to bail out ... then bailed out himself at 7000 ft."

According to the A.P. release in New York Times July 3, "The air base (Griffis AFB) said, 'that fuel in the burning plane apparently had exploded when the jet crashed.' They said it had not been determined whether an explosion occurred while the jet was in the air."

"Later," according to A.P., "an AF spokesman in Washington said the intercepted plane was one that had failed to file a flight plan with C.A.A. or, one that drifted off its announced flight path."

The U.P. and A.P. stories of disaster were essentially true, but because of the "disaster" angle they designated the pursued object as a "plane" rather than a UFO. Ted Bloecher, who did some checking, told me that his friend, Ed Wilkenson, listened to a broadcast which described the incident, thus: "The jet had successfully contacted the UFO but still could not identify it."

But Ted Bloecher's real find was in the small item buried in the New York Times' (July 3) back pages. It reads:

"A silvery, balloon-like object floating high over the Utica area sent residents rushing to their telephones to make inquiries of newspapers, police and radio stations.

"The Utica Press estimated that more than 1000 calls about the object jammed its switchboard between 6 and 10:00 P.M. It was reported sighted by residents in a twenty-five mile radius extending from Rome on the west to Frankfort, east of Utica.

"Col. Milton F. Summerfelt commandant of the Air Force Depot at Rome said the object appeared to be a plastic balloon about 40 ft. long and partially deflated. He theorized that it was making a gradual descent and said that if it still were in the area tomorrow morning a plane would be sent to investigate.

"A Mohawk Airlines pilot estimated the altitude of the object at about 20,000 ft. He said he saw a light apparently shining from it."

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A WORD FROM "SILENCED" BUT NOT FORGOTTEN FRANK EDWARDS: Many hundreds of letters have been received asking for "inside"details behind Frank Edwards' dismissal from radio. Many have voiced their anger and, many like Shirley Watson of Vienna, Va., have vociferated their feelings to Mr. Meany, AFL President. CRIFO owes a lot to Frank Edwards, so I wrote Frank recently and asked him for a statement. Here is Frank's reply of August 26, 1954 in part:

"The facts are that for a long time I had been fighting the encroachment of censorship imposed by Meany. The final straw came when on Aug. 2nd this year he sent me a memorandum imposing conditions which my attorneys regard as a violation of my contract . . . and conditions under which I could no longer continue to produce the same type of broadcast which had built my program to one of the top three . . . according to AFL statements.

"Meany's Aug. 2 memo notified me that the AFL censor would tell me what items MUST be carried. Still disguised as an 'editor' the censor would inspect the scripts and stand by to see that I carried the material as directed.

"Am glad that I was able to be of assistance to you in the dissemination of the material in which we both, along with millions of others, are so deeply interested." Best wishes,(Signed) Frank Edwards

Readers will be interested to know that Frank Edwards has written an article entitled "SPIES IN THE SKIES?" which is to appear in the Nov. issue of Real magazine. Says Frank: "It deals with some of the little known aspects of the greatest news story of our times." DON'T MISS IT!

MYSTERY METAL IGNITES ROAD: Woodside, California officials and residents were baffled by a shower of white-hot metal pellets, Aug. 27, 1954. The furore was triggered when a woman motorist saw a "circle of fire" along Pertola Road. Later firemen found scores of small pieces of flaming metal burning the pavement over an area about 70 by 250 feet. The blacktop bubbled where the metal burned into it and grass fires were started where the metal burned along the shoulders of the highway. A resident, Ignacio Miramontes, reported hearing a loud explosion about 4:15 P.M., but saw nothing.

According to U.P. release, "Metallurgists and AF officials offered no solution for the white-hot pellets. "San Mateo officials reported the pellets ranging in size from a dime to a 50 cent piece, and according to Woodside Fire Chief, John Volpaino, the metal shower burned holes in the road surface a quarter of an inch deep. "I just can't figure it out," he said. "It has me completely mystified." Deputy Sheriff Robert Benassini said the metal scraps had irregular marking and appeared to have come from a "cylindrical object."

An Air Force spokesman advanced the theory, the metal came from jet plane exhaust pipes which reach extreme temperatures in flight. However, a check with air bases disclosed no military jets were in the bay area Friday. (Thanks to Perry G. Powers of Duarte and an unnamed informant who sent in the story from San Fransisco Call Bulletin.)

THE "SPLOTCHED PAINT MYSTERY": On the same date in Little Hollywood, in a community in the valley by the bay just north of San Fransisco County line, residents were baffled by a "splotched paint mystery"! About half of the approximate 300 homes in the area were affected. One white stucco house turned pink, a gray house splotched, a green house came out looking like a "marble cake." None of the residents had an explanation.

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THE CINCINNATI PAINT INCIDENT -- A PARALLEL PHENOMENON?

Residents in Cincinnati, Sept. 11, '54 had similar experiences. One Albert Allgeyer came home from work to find the bright yellow trim on his two-story house stained to a "washed-out brown, almost black color." The stains wouldn't rub off, without taking the hard top coat of paint, too. It looked like someone had used a blow-torch, and in some places the stains appeared in dirty brown rivulets. Allgeyer was certain that the stains weren't there the night before. So was Howard May, neighbor, who received similar treatment. His house is trimmed in yellow too, as is another house across the street where stains appeared.

On Sept. 22, I talked with Allgeyer again and learned that the Kettering Lab at University of Cincinnati had taken air samples as well as specimens of the affected paint. A Dr. Hughes explained that the mystery was caused by the chemical reaction of hydrogen sulphide which could attack the lead in certain paints. The Lab averred that the chemical probably emanated from the Millcreek Valley which runs near Allgeyer's home, and which has since affected other homes in the area. Although a Proctor and Gamble doctor who examined Allgeyer told him that the chemical mentioned is not injurious to people, Allgeyer, five days after the incident complained of extreme swelling of both hands and eye lids. Described as some kind of allergy -- not hives, they offered no explanation.

Editor's Note: Remembering other ubiquitous mysteries, viz., pitted windshields, metallic pellets, curious ash deposits, I referred to a recent article written by Edward S. Schultz, of Buffalo, N.Y. entitled, "The Growing Windshield Damage Phenomenon," which appeared in B.S.R.A.'s May-June, 1954 issue of Round Robin. In this, Schultz offers plausible and provocative theory ... and the possible answer to these phenomena. Write Meade Layne, Director, 3524 Adams Ave., San Diego 16, California.

CASE FILE REVIEW: Space does not permit the use of all the excellent material received. Sightings in the U.S., Europe and Australia are continuing and will be used in forthcoming issues of the Newsletter.

C-22, Rockford, Ill...9/5/54) As they had done on many occasions, amateur astronomers, Peter Bartkus and Theodore McColm, were watching the moon through a telescope. Between the hours of 10:35 and 11:15 P.M., Bartkus writes: "I observed the most unusual phenomena I have ever had the experience of witnessing." Bartkus continues: "The moon was observed through my 6" cassigranian reflector telescope using a secondary mirror. The total focal length for this setup is over 100", and with the use of 150 and 200 power occulars we got tremendous power with the least loss of light. The moon was in the first quarter and its diameter was 29 feet, 30 inches. We saw a spherical object ascending from the northern section off Mare Humboldtianum area. It was not glowing or brilliant, but seemed more like a dull reflected light of a planet. Its size we estimated at about the diameter of craters Pitiscus or Vlaco. At the time it disappeared at 11:15, it had travelled more than the 29' 30" of arc in about 40 minutes. We checked out the possibility of atmospheric diffraction in the sky or the scope by traversing the scope, and by changing the occulars. The object must have been a powered body because as the moon was descending at 1081 mph, the object was ascending and not following a true orbit. It was definitely in space, and in the same field as the moon, or near the moon."

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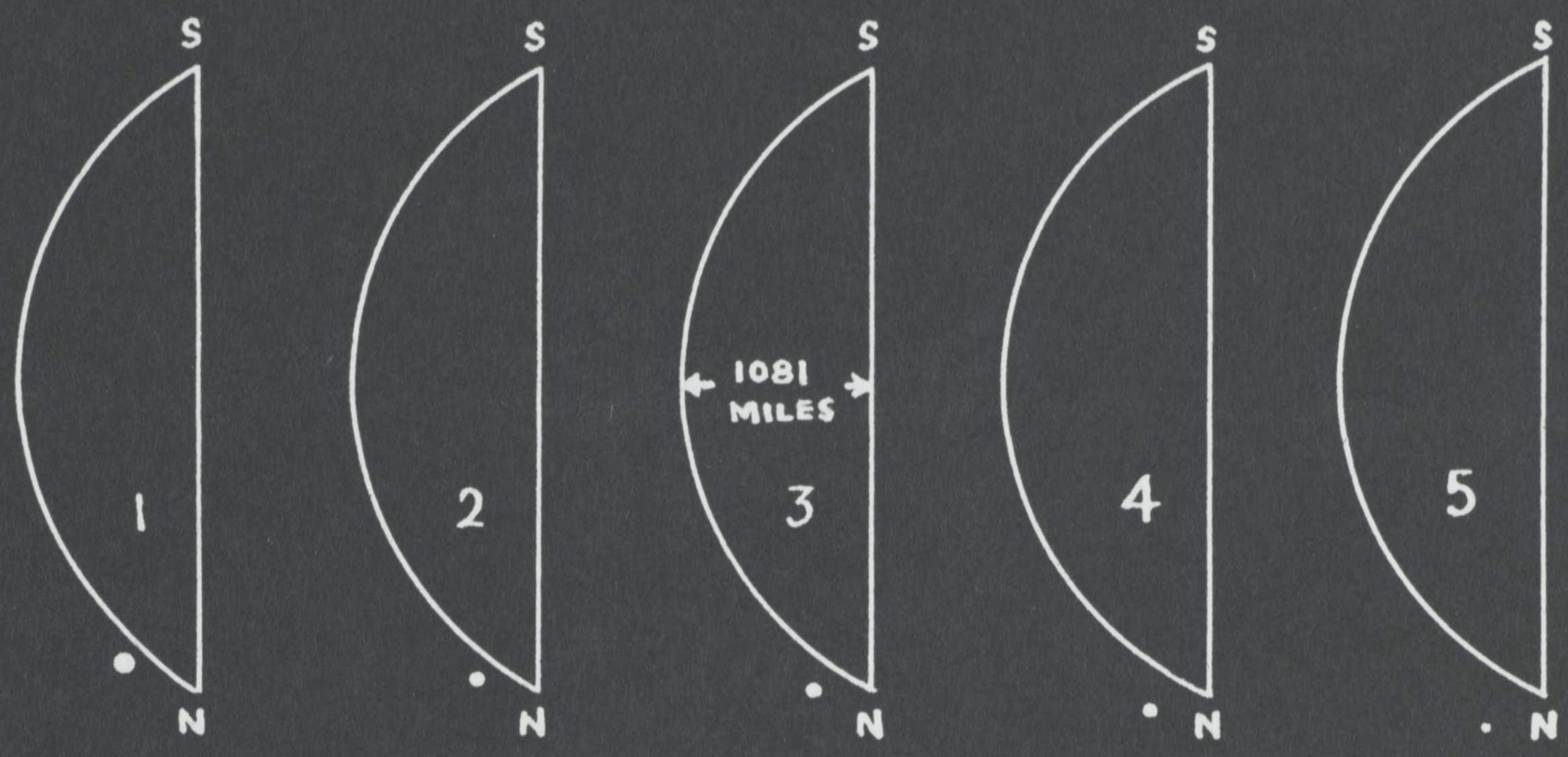
The drawings below are Theodore McColm's. They illustrate the object's size and movement at 4 minute intervals in relation to the moon. McColm, through calculus, estimated the object to be 12,500 ft. in diameter.



Editor's Note: This incident and Case 14 transcends any notion that "saucer" vehicles are confined to earth's atmosphere, therefore U.S. or Russian origin. Unless these governments are secretly conducting interplanetary travel, Cases 14 and 22 and myriads of others, add another positive link to the hypothesis that "saucers" are extra-terrestrial and are using the moon as a hopping-off point.

C-23, Rome, Italy ... 9/18/54) A.P. Wire: Startled Romans who saw a strange cigar-shaped object streaking over the capital flooded newspaper offices with calls. Radar operators also reported picking up the missile on instruments. Technicians at Ciampino Airfield described the "half-cigar" as plummeting toward earth for more than 1000 ft., then rising at tremendous speed before vanishing. (Thanks to George Popowitch, Barberton, Ohio.)

An INS release by eyewitness Michael Chinigo states: "What attracted my attention was the strange sound as it passed overhead. It was like thunder with a staccato effect ... a series of explosions that grew louder as the object got closer. This was followed by a dead silence as the thing stopped, or appeared to, at a height of about 6000 ft. Suddenly it shot upward and left an exhaust trail of milky white smoke. It went straight up into the sky. The Defense Dept. described it as a 'clipped cone' with a smaller surface on the bottom, or as two semi-circular disks, one bigger than the other, with a bigger one on top. To me it seemed like an inverted sawed-off cone. What was strange was the object's ability to 'park' in mid-air for several minutes. The radar station at Rome which picked up the 'cigar' or 'cone' said it registered for 3½ minutes." (Thanks to Warren Morse, Palo Alto, Calif.)

Editor's Note: Significant here is the AP and INS release. First they break us the news on the Labrador sighting in July, then silence, then the Norwegian space man story in August, now Italy. Foreign sightings all -- a subtle preparation.

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"Saucers" No Myth, Says Researcher

Flying saucers are not a myth.

At least, this is the studied conviction of Leonard H. Stringfield, director of civilian research, Interplanetary Flying Objects, 7017 Britton Avenue, a former Air Force intelligence officer.

In a newsletter to be issued Friday by the research bureau, Stringfield reported results of a 26-minute interview on flying saucers with Lt. Col. John O'Mara, deputy commander, Air Force intelligence, Wright Field.

He wrote that Col. O'Mara "intimated" that the Air Force wants to "dispense with the misconception that 'flying saucers' do not exist."

STRINGFIELD REPORTED: "Flying saucers do exist," the colonel told me, and he added . . . (that) past contradictions were unfortunate.

"I asked the colonel if there were two breakdowns of saucers . . . the interplanetary device and the secret American missile. I was first corrected on the term 'missile,' then the colonel said he believed there were 'three breakdowns'—the third, 'natural phenomena.'

"By such an admission," Stringfield wrote, "we therefore have these three breakdowns:

"1. The controlled 'saucer' from outer space.

"2. A secret American saucer-like device.

"3. Unexplained natural phenomena."

Stringfield continued that when he asked the officer for a definite statement on saucers from outer space he was rebuffed, but was told that Air Force research was "gradually getting more data."

WHEN ASKED if all saucers seen by Americans—700 a week—were U. S. aircraft, Lt. Col. O'Mara replied, "Definitely not! Something does exist."

The Air Force officer further "intimated," according to Stringfield, that an official statement will soon be issued by the Defense Department "which will explain some of the past contradictions and release the details behind many (flying saucer) sightings."

"I can pretty well declare from evidence in my files," Stringfield told the TIMES-STAR, "that some flying saucers definitely come from outer space."

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See 'Em?---Saucers Cover City

Several Disc Objects Reported Over Cincinnati; Little Men Leave Craft in Germany, Says Here

Mysterious aircraft . . . "orange-red colored, silent, disc-shaped and 60 feet in diameter," were reported hovering 300 feet over Cincinnati Monday.

This was the fifth report within a week of similar objects seen around the city, always traveling in sets of three.

A similar wave of flying saucer reports has cropped up in five other parts of the world, including Germany, Belgium, Egypt, Argetina, Lebanon and the French Cameroons.

LATEST DISCS cited here were Monday at 5 a. m. by WLW announcer Keith Wildeson.

He reported the incident to Leonard H. Stringfield, 7017 Britton Avenue, Madison Place, director of civilian research, interplanetary flying objects. He said the current reports "seem to indicate a pattern" in the flight of the saucers.

One of Stringfield's neighbors, John H. Sundstrom, 7010 Britton Avenue, spotted a formation of three discs Sunday at 5 p. m.

STRINGFIELD SAID Cincinnati is supposed to be a megnetic fault line and that perhaps the saucers come here to recharge.

In Muenster, Germany, 42-year-old movie projectionist Franz Hoge told the news agency DPA that he saw a "flying saucer" land in a field and peculiarly shaped creatures get out.

Hoge said he noticed a bright blue light and thought at first it came from a crashed airplane. On closer examination, he declared, he discovered a "cigar-shaped" craft hovering about six feet above the ground and giving off a brilliant blue radiance which nearly blinded him.

Then, the movie projectionist added, "he suddenly sighted four creatures about three and one-half feet in height. He said they had "thick-set bodies, oversized heads and delicate legs" and wore rubber-like clothing.

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AFCSI-6D 24-185

SUBJECT: (Confidential) Unidentified Aerial Object Recovered at RAF Station Mildenhall, England, 26 April 1954 SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Ohio

1. Request that the attached photographs and a photostat copy of the letter from OSI USAFE, dated 27 May 1954, be transmitted to Air Materiel Command for their information.

2. The files of this office contain no additional information concerning this matter. Such additional information as may be received from USAFE will be forwarded.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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GENE P. MORITZ
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
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The Inspector General

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1 DEC 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio

Attached for transmission to the Air Technical Intelligence Center is a copy of an ONI report, dated 13 October 1954, concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Gene P Moritz 29/11/54

GENE P. MORITZ
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
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OPNAV FORM 3820-2 (REV. 6-53)

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DATE OF REPORT
13 October 1954

FROM	SOURCE	EVALUATION	REQUEST NO.
Commander Iceland Defense Force	466th CIC Detachment		

SUBJECT
Unidentified Flying Object

BRIEF (FOR REPORTS OF MORE THAN PAGE, ENTER CAREFUL SUMMARY)

Encl: 466th S/I dated 11 October 1954 concerning above listed subject

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded herewith for information and action as deemed appropriate.

2. Due to the uncertainty as to what was actually seen and the doubt as to the present location, it is recommended that no further action be taken to locate this unidentified object.

Prepared and forwarded,

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E. L. WORTMAN
Commander, USN

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(SR 380-320-10)

IDFJ2-5410

DATE: 11 Oct 1954

PREPARING OFFICE: 468th CIC Detachment, APO 81, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. On 1 September 1954, information was received by this command to the effect that an unidentified flying object had been sighted at approximately 2030 hours, 24 August 1954, in the vicinity of Egilsstadir by an individual at Hjardarbol, a farm located near the junction of the Lagarfljot and Jokuls Rivers, in Northeastern Iceland.

2. The eyewitness, who was located approximately 3000 feet from the line of flight of the object, described it as being approximately the length of a man's arm (2 to 2½ feet long), approximately 4 to 5 inches in diameter, cylindrical in shape and dark gray in color. The object, emitting a loud whizzing sound, reportedly crossed the sky from the Northwest and travelled a level course to the Southeast at a rapid rate of speed. The object continued its level flight for some time and then lost speed and fell into a sand-bar in the Lagarfljot River (65°04'N-14°50'W).

3. The farmer who had witnessed the unidentified object did not mark the impact area until 30 August. Between the time of the sighting and the marking, the Lagarfljot River had risen twice and washed over the sand-bar where the object reportedly landed, altering the size and shape of the sand-bar.

4. After several unsuccessful attempts to reach the location of the sighting, a Defense Force investigating team arrived at the referenced area on 11 September 1954. The reported area of impact, approximately 250 feet by 250 feet, was searched with Mine Detector Set SCR-625 but with negative results. The Detector Set is so constructed as to be effective for only a depth of from 18 to 22 inches. Much of the area was under water at the time of the search, and the soil, lava-sand, is of such consistency as to render any results obtained with the Detector Set erratic at best.

5. Investigation of the reputation of the eyewitness and those individuals reported as having heard the sound disclosed that these persons are considered to be reliable and are of good reputation in the community.

6. Among the possible identities of the reported object are a bird such as the loon, whose flight pattern resembles that described by the eyewitness, a meteor or the tip-tank of an aircraft. There were no Defense Force aircraft in the vicinity of the referenced area during the reported time of sighting.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

CONCLUSION: It is the opinion of this command that some object, nature unknown, did land in the vicinity of the referenced area. Because of the constant downstream motion of the river bottom and the condition of the impact area, shifting lava-sand and water, two possibilities present themselves. The entire area could be dug up in an effort to locate the object, but this method, after consideration, was disregarded because of the great expense involved. On the other hand, it is believed that the most practical method of determining the nature of the unidentified object is a device which can detect the presence of foreign substances 5 to 6 feet below the surface. Such a device is not available in this command, nor is there one on requisition. Due to the aforementioned condition of the impact area and the river bottom, it is recommended that such a device be furnished this command as soon as possible, if it is felt necessary to locate and identify the object.

Incls: To CINCLANT only:
1 USAF Pilotage Chart indicating area of impact
1 Blow-up of above chart
1 UFOB Beach Sector Report
1 Photograph of impact area
1 Photograph taken of impact area from house over which object was sighted
1 Photograph of Mine Detector Set SCR-625 engaged in search of impact area
1 Close-up photograph of Mine Detector Set SCR-625 and its operator

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8 SEP 1954

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Flying Saucers
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Attached for transmission to the Air Technical Intelligence Center is a copy of an FBI letter dated 9 August 1954 concerning the above subject.

2. The files of this office contain no additional information concerning Mrs. FRANCES SWAN or WILBER B. SMITH.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

for E. J. Moritz Maj. USAF
GENE P. MORITZ
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SUBJECT: TRUMAN BETHURUM
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TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information are two (2) photostatic copies of a memorandum containing information received from Mr. THOMAS EICKHOFF by the Cincinnati Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which was received by this District Office on 27 July 1954.

2. Your attention is particularly invited to paragraph three (3), page three (3), and paragraph three (3), page five (5), of attached inclosure in which reference is made to Air Force military personnel stationed locally.

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 5f, AFR 205-1, dated 24 July 1953, which states that classified security information originating in an agency outside the Department of Defense will not be disseminated outside the Department of Defense without prior consent of the originating agency.

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District Commander

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14 September 1954

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers;
Mrs. FRANCES SWAN,
South Berwick, Maine
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
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ATTN: ATIAA-2C

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1. Transmitted herewith for your information is carbon copy of letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 9 August 1954, concerning subject matter.

2. No further action is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations in this matter unless specifically requested by your command.

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 5f, AFR 205-1, dated 24 July 1953, which states that classified security information originating in an agency outside the Department of Defense will not be disseminated outside the Department of Defense without prior consent of the originating agency.

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LETTER FROM GARY Paul KREIDER
280 N. 11th Street, NEWARK, Ohio
dtd 10 JUNE 1953 re Sighting a
floating, glowing object in the
sky at Buckeye Lake, Licking County,
Ohio at 9:27 E.S.T on 10 June 1953.

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U. F.O. Investigators
U.S. Air Force
Pentagon Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear sirs:

On the evening of June 10, 1953 On the east side of Buckeye Lake, Licking County, Ohio, I and three others observed for approximately three minutes a floating, glowing object in the sky. When we lost track of the object, I found the time to be 9:27 E. S. T.

It seemed to be directly above the nearby trees and moving in an eliptical path at a speed of about 10 miles a n hour. However after a time, it turned towards the clouds and vanished into them proving that it must have been higher than we thought.

The light seemed to be a strong glow in the middle of the object, then no light, then a light which seemed to be in an elipse, probaly around the edge.

At the time it was hot and humid and a thunder storm was approaching. The area of view was away from any bright city lights.

Speaking for myself I can say that I had not had any intoxicants for at least 24 hours before the sighting.

Reading several of the books of U.F.O., II learned to report all sightings at once.

By the way the thing seemed to be the size of a hubcap.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Paul Kreider

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE
Inspector General
Office of Special Investigations

APO 57, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

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27 MAY 1954

SUBJECT: (Confidential) Unidentified Aerial Object Recovered at RAF Station Mildenhall, England, 26 April 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. The following information and attached photographs are being forwarded to your office for any action deemed necessary.

2. On 26 April 1954 Captain LAWRENCE M. THOMPSON, 18295A, Assistant Provost Marshal, 3910th Air Base Group, RAF Station Mildenhall, APO 127, US Air Force, advised United Kingdom District OSI that Special Agents WILLIAM J. SCARBOROUGH and WILLIAM E. WAERS, UK District, that a spherical object had been recovered adjacent to the Base and was being retained at Base Operations. An initial inquiry at Base Operations revealed the object to be a hollow aluminum sphere, approximately sixteen inches (16") in diameter, and weighing approximately six (6) ounces. Attached to the sphere was a coarse piece of fabric approximately five feet by five feet (5' x 5') which was suspended by pieces of binders twine to the object. Pieces of a ruptured balloon were attached to the fabric. No identifying markings were noted on the sphere other than the word "HARMLESS" printed in yellow grease pencil on the side. The trademark "Made in England" appeared on a portion of the balloon. The object was first seen at approximately 1600 hours on 26 April 1954 floating to earth. It landed in a tree close to the base in the area of Air Installations Section. Captain THOMPSON made several telephone calls throughout the United Kingdom in an attempt to have the object identified. Special Agent SCARBOROUGH made a telephone call to Special Investigations Branch, Royal Air Force, RAF Station Duxford, Cambridgeshire, at which time he spoke to the Duty Officer concerning the object. The Duty Officer assured Special Agent SCARBOROUGH that the object

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did not come from RAF Station Duxford but that he would make further inquiries in an attempt to determine the origin of the object. The Duty Officer agreed to notify this office in the event it was determined where the object came from. Several people contacted expressed the opinion that the object had been used for tracking purposes by a radar station.

3. No investigation concerning this matter was requested by the Commander, 3910th Air Base Group, RAF Station Mildenhall.

4. The above information has also been furnished the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, USAFE.

FOR THE CHIEF:

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1. Photo of Object
2. Photo of Object

WILLIAM G. SPROULL
Major USAF
Executive, Special Investigations
Inspector General, USAFE

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects, Vicinity, Nouasseur Air Depot, French Morocco, 1900-2200 hours, 5 March 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
5th OSI District, IG
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio

Attached for transmittal to Air Technical Intelligence Center is a photostat copy of OSI North Africa District report, dated 15 March 1954, concerning Unidentified Flying Objects.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Gene P. Moritz

GENE P. MORITZ
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: District Commander
5th OSI District, IG
Wright-Patterson AFB
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Attached for transmittal to Air Technical Intelligence Center is a photostat copy of letter from DO #23, dated 30 April 1954, concerning Unidentified Flying Objects.

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TO AFCIS FROM G2 DATE 19 May 1954 COMMENT NO. 1
Capt Phillips/53715/mjl

Transmitted herewith, for your information and action deemed appropriate, is a copy of a letter from Headquarters, Second Army, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, subject as above, dated 4 May 1954, with 5 inclosures.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Illuminated Aerial Object,
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, Intelligence
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Collection and Dissemination Division

The attached inclosures regarding the above Subject is forwarded for your information.

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(SR 380-320-10)

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

Strange Object Sighted Over Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

2. DATE SUBMITTED
30 April 1954

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

1. The following information was received in this office at approximately 0845 hours, 30 April 1954.

2. At 2223 hours, 29 April 1954, the Fort Meade Duty Officer, Col. Miller, E. E. AG Section, had a call from Mr. Gajewski, Anthony Marion, Second Army Radio Station, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, who reported that he and two (2) of his co-workers, Cpl. Flath, Arnold W. and PFC Hough, Doyle Eldon, working with him at the Second Army Radio Station, saw an orange light moving across the sky above the post.

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3. Source: Captain Hunt, Operations Division, G2, Headquarters Second Army.

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On 30 April 1954, Gajewski, Anthony Marion, 2216 Gough Street, Baltimore, 31, Maryland, Supervisor Radio Operator at the Second Army Radio Station, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, stated that he along with two coworkers, PFC Hough and Cpl Flath, sighted a strangely lit object in the sky above the Second Army Radio Station.

Where seen: Above the Second Army Radio Station, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

By Whom: Gajewski, Anthony Marion, Cpl. Flath and PFC Hough.

Time: 2211 hours, 29 April 1954.

How long sighted: Seven (7) minutes.

Direction of flight: Southwest to Northeast.

Altitude: Could not be determined.

Size: Three or four times the size of a large star.

Color: Yellow-orange, the color of the sun; round in shape.

General Description: Object rose out of the sky from the Southwest at an undetermined speed. The light emitted by the object was blinking on and off as the object moved across the sky in a straight path. When it got above the Second Army Radio Station it stopped and stayed there for a few minutes and continued blinking. Then the object stopped blinking and started to disappear by going straight up and becoming smaller in size. After about Thirty seconds of this the object was out of sight.

Under what conditions: Clear, starlit night.

Other relevant data: Mr. Gajewski saw an object in the sky about one year ago acting in the exact manner and except for being bluish-white in color, the object had the same physical characteristics. The object seen one year ago stayed in sight for about thirty minutes.

Witnesses: Cpl. Flath and PFC Hough

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AGENT'S NOTES: Mr. Gajewski wears glasses. He is trained to be able to judge time intervals without the aid of a time measuring instrument.

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On 30 April 1954, Hough, Doyle Eldon, PFC, RA 16 269 203, 2000th ASU, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Second Army, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, stated that he along with two co-workers, Cpl Flath, of the same unit as Hough, and Mr. Gajewski, Radio Operator at the Second Army Radio Station, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, sighted a strange, lit, unidentified object moving across the sky above the Second Army Radio Station, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland where he and Flath are also radio operators.

Where seen: Above the Second Army Radio Station, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

By Whom: Hough, Doyle Eldon and co-workers Flath and Mr. Gajewski.

Time: Between 2130 and 2230 hours, 29 April 1954.

How long sighted: Seven (7) minutes.

Direction of Flight: South to North

Altitude: About height of the flight of an average airplane.

Size: Twice the size of an average star and triangular in shape.

Color: Bright orange.

General Description: Object would revolve staying in one place then it would move over to another place in the sky and hover there for a short period of time, always constantly revolving. While doing this the orange light emitted by the object was blinking on and off. The light would stay on for about twenty seconds and stay off for about twenty seconds. After about five minutes of this the object started to disappear by moving upward in the sky and appearing smaller and smaller as it disappeared. This lasted for about two minutes, during which time the blinking stopped. Then the object was out of sight.

Under what conditions seen: Clear, starlit night.

Other relevant data: None.

Witnesses: Cpl Flath and Mr. Gajewski.

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Where seen: Above the Second Army Radio Station, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

By Whom: Flath, Arnold William and co-workers Hough and Mr. Gajewski.

Time: About 2210 hours, 29 April 1954.

How long sighted: Seven (7) minutes.

Direction of flight: Southwest to Northeast.

Altitude: Not able to be determined.

Size: Two to three times as big as a large star and round in shape.

Color: Reddish-yellow.

General Description: Object rose out of the Southwest and revolving it moved across the sky in a zig zag pattern, always moving forward and stopping intermittenly. The light emitted by the object would become very bright and then get dimmer but never completely go out. When the object got above the Radio Station it hovered there for a few minutes and then started to disappear by rising straight and becoming smaller in size. After about fifteen seconds the object was out of sight.

Under what conditions: Clear, starlit night.

Other relevant data: None.

Witnesses: PFC Hough and Mr. Gajewski.

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Unidentified Illuminated Aerial Object,
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

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DISCUSSION: At approximately 2210, 29 April 1954 an unidentified illuminated aerial object was observed above the Second Army Radio Station, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland by radio operators who were on duty at the time. The object was visible for approximately seven (7) minutes as it moved across the sky. It then ascended in a vertical direction and disappeared out of sight. (B-2)

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY INVOLVED: There is no evidence of subversive activity.

EFFECT ON MILITARY: None indicated at this time.

CONCLUSIONS: There is no further information available on the unidentified illuminated aerial object at this time except more detailed information which can be found in the attached Agent Reports.

ACTION TAKEN: G-2, Department of the Army and the Eastern Air Defense Force Command have been notified.

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

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25 June 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects,
Vicinity Nouasseur Air Depot,
French Morocco, 1900-2200 hours,
5 March 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

24-185-399

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) photostatic copy of report of investigation, of Special Agent FRANCIS J. MOUSSEAU, North African District (Nounasseur Detachment), dated 15 March 1954, concerning the above subject matter. The above report was furnished this District Office by the Directorate of Special Investigations.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-16

DATE MAR 15 1954 /jtc

REPORT MADE BY
FRANCIS J. MOUSSEAU, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
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Spot Report, Nouasseur Det, NAD, OSI 3-1, dtd 061238Z

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by the District Commander, North Africa District OSI, APO 118, USAF. At 2230 hours, 5 March 1954, Captain THEODORE A. BORST, Hqs., 316th Air Division (Defense), advised that Radar Control Site #1 had reported unidentified aerial objects flying in vicinity of Nouasseur Air Depot. Investigation reflected that objects reported by Radar Site #1 believed to be due to "atmospheric phenomena". Targets reported by Nouasseur GCA identified to be known, permanent targets. Investigation reflected that during evening, 5 March 1954, pilots from three (3) of five (5) aircraft were flying in immediate area of Nouasseur Air Depot and reported observing one (1) or two (2) white lights approaching their flight path at approximately same altitude while flying on down-wind leg. Lights reported to be: (1) Landing light, (2) Two- (2-) ship formation--possibly jets. Light appeared "amber" to one (1) Navigator. All observations made while under GCA control, immediately prior to turning on base leg; altitude 1500-2000 feet. A fourth aircraft verified previously reported unidentified object as C-47. A fifth aircraft conducted search of area with negative results. Weather at Nouasseur during reported observations--dark, no moon; clear, no precipitation, visibility 6-7 miles, dark, moonless night. Visual search of area by Control Tower Operator during period of reported sightings made with negative results.

Attention is invited to Paragraph 11 AFR 205-6.
Unauthorized disclosure of investigative information
will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated by the District Commander, North Africa District OSI, APO 118, USAF, predicated upon information received from Captain THEODORE A. BORST, AO 2099505, Headquarters, 316th Air Division (Defense), APO 118, USAF, who, at 2230 hours, 5 March 1954, telephonically advised North Africa District Headquarters that Radar Control Site #1 had reported unidentified objects/aircraft flying in the vicinity of Nouasseur Air Depot.

2. Special Agents DANIEL E. WELCH, DALE W. DAWSON, and WILLIAM T. BRUNETTE assisted in this investigation.

AT NOUASSEUR AIR DEPOT, FRENCH MOROCCO, APO 30, USAF

3. At 2310 hours, 5 March 1954, 1st Lieutenant HARRY J. SAVOY, AO 1851093, Aircraft Controller, 736th AC&W Squadron, on duty at Radar Control Site #1, telephonically advised Special Agent WELCH that the Nouasseur Control Tower Operator had advised him that Air Force aircraft flying in the local area were reporting unidentified objects/aircraft in vicinity of Nouasseur Air Depot. SAVOY further advised that the high radar scope reflected a target at 10,000 feet, twelve (12) miles South of the field. However, he explained that this target which appeared to be moving very slowly and which disappeared and reappeared on the scope, could possibly be a cloud. SAVOY added that search with low scope met with negative results due to "ground clutter". SAVOY added that he had reported that information to the Duty Officer at the 316th Air Division (Defense), Captain T. A. BORST. SAVOY stated further that he would continue to monitor area.

4. At 2340 hours, 5 March 1954, S/Sgt WAYNE E. BRADSHAW, AF 38463522, 736th AC&W Squadron, on duty as Aircraft Dispatcher, Base Operations, Nouasseur Air Depot, advised S/A WELCH that the following Air Force aircraft had been flying in the local area of Nouasseur Air Depot that evening:

a. Locally based aircraft:

KC-97, #6537, Pilot: G. E. BROWN, 301st
KC-97, #6529, Pilot: R. R. ZADNIK, 301st
C-47, #2844, Pilot: T. R. MC CANN, 7210th

b. Transient aircraft:

C-54, #2684, Pilot: POND, Home Station: Kelly AFB, Texas
C-47, #5289, Pilot: MCBRIDE, Home Station: Sidi Slimane Air Base, French Morocco

BRADSHAW added that all the above listed aircraft had landed at Nouasseur prior to 2203 hours with the exception of C-47, #5289. This

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aircraft, BRADSHAW continued, on a cross-country flight from Sidi Slimane Air Base, had returned to that base.

BRADSHAW obtained and furnished a copy of the Control Tower Log which reflected the following:

"DAILY REPORT OF CONTROLLER: 5 Mar 54

MATCH SUPERVISION
A/2C Geo Van Dyke VE On: 1720

1720 On Dty, bred, eqpt ck nrml, Ben CK R5S5, GCA still off air, qdt

1800 Ben Ck R5S5, GCA on air

1918 AF 6537 (301st ARS) reports unidentified A/C or objects making passes at him. KC 97's position was 1500 ft, 5-8 mi SW of station.

1938 AF 6529 (301st ARS) reports likewise; Unid targets were on West Heading approx 1500 ft, 6-8 mi, S of Sta. . . no incident.

1949 AF 6529 rpts again; target was 5 mi SW of station Approx 1500 ft. Appeared to be two or three a/c; one passed under and one passed over 6529; he was unable to ident type, etc. but believes them to be conventional type A/C....ATC says no A/C rprtd here, GCA nor Randall can pick up anything on scopes.

2000 Ben Ck B5S5

2010 Talked with pilot of AF 5289, C-47 (Sidi Slimane); says he saw targets about same locale as 97's but there was no incident; says the targets apprd to be approx 500 ft abv, to him looked like one big A/C... still nothing on scopes & RIEN FM ATC... Also...about 1945-50 an A/C AF 2844 (Nouasseur) broke traffic to look for objects but could see nothing all A/C mentioned were on GCA appr at the time.

2155 AF 2684 C-54 (MATS) on GCA rptd similar circumstance..a bright light similar to A/C lndg lt at same alt as A/C; came to within two miles of A/C and then either shut off or went behind cloud... WX carrying clear skies; came on again and started to sink to grnd then apprd up again and lit and then A/C lost sight of it.

2223 Randall Ctl says they have target at about 10,000 ft on hdng of 180 FM their station and about 25 miles out. Target appears stationary. GCA can see nothing. Checking with ATC.

2243 Randall now rpts tgts at 10,000 ft, 12-14 mi South

2305 Randall now rpts tgts at 15,000 ft, 15 mi south, brng 185 degs

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2310 GCA rpts 3 trgts, smaller than a C-47 trgt, NW of station, 3-4 mi, alt 2,000 on track of 240 degs

2315 GCA has two more trgts now same locale on hdng of 255 degs, all moving very slowly

2324 Randall has two trgts, 2 miles apart, brng 180 degs, 22 naut miles, 10,000 ft, Trgts vary alternately in intensity, one bright and one weak, not very large

0035 Randall spotted target 25 miles North of station.

0012 (Late Entry/VE) 3 targets sighted duration 15 minutes pos. As 2324Z. "

BRADSHAW could add no further information pertinent to this inquiry.

5. At 0015 hours, 6 March 1954, Captain WILLIAM M. POND, AO 452101, Aircraft Commander, C-54 #2684, advised S/A WELCH that at approximately 2150 hours while flying at 2000 feet indicated altitude under Nouasseur GCA control, on down-wind leg heading 170°, he observed a white light, which he thought to be the landing light of another aircraft, to the left of his course at approximately the same altitude and heading in a Westerly direction, that is, on a collision course. As he proceeded on the down-wind leg, POND continued, the light appeared to turn and head directly towards his aircraft. At this moment, POND went on, he called GCA and requested to know whether or not another aircraft was in the area. GCA replied that they had received similar reports during evening and that the GCA scope did not reflect other aircraft in the area. Upon completion of turn on base leg, POND stated, the light disappeared for approximately 10-15 seconds. When it was apparent again, POND continued, it appeared to be hovering and it remained "on" until completion of turn onto final approach, at which time it disappeared behind his aircraft. POND stated that he could furnish no additional identifying data other than that reflected above.

POND's co-pilot, Lieutenant I. W. GILCHRIST, AO 3022878, reiterated the same facts. The navigator, Captain JAMES F. PULLEN, AO 724070, while agreeing with POND's and GILCHRIST's statements, added that the light appeared to him to be an "amber" color. POND volunteered that he had eleven (11) years experience as pilot and that he has never had a similar experience to report.

6. At 0030 hours, 6 March 1954, BRADSHAW (previously identified) advised S/A WELCH that report from Sidi Slimane Air Operations reflected only one (1) aircraft, a C-47 #5289, on Round Robin cross-country flight to Nouasseur Air Depot. All other flights from that base during evening of 5 March 1954, were local B-26 flights which remained in the immediate area of Sidi Slimane.

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7. On 6 March 1954, A/2C GEORGE D. VAN DYKE, AF 11235276, 1975-1 AACS Detachment, on duty at Nouasseur Control Tower from 1700 hours to 2400 hours, 5 March 1954, furnished the writer with a copy of the "Daily Report of Controller". This report is reflected in Paragraph 4 of this report.

VAN DYKE stated that while receiving the reports indicating unidentified aircraft or objects in the area of Nouasseur Air Depot, he visually searched the area in which the objects were reported to be. In each case, VAN DYKE continued, he would have the reporting aircraft in sight but all other observations were negative. VAN DYKE added that weather conditions were as follows: Dark, no moon; Clear, no precipitation; Visibility approximately six (6) to seven (7) miles. Runway in use was Number 35.

VAN DYKE further stated that USAF Air Traffic Control at Camp Cazes had reported no scheduled aircraft due in area. VAN DYKE could add no further pertinent information.

8. On 6 March 1954, 1st Lieutenant W. D. KEMMITZER, AO 2081709, 29-8 Weather Squadron, Weather Forecaster, advised the writer that at 2130 hours, 5 March 1954, the weather station released a white weather balloon. This balloon, KEMMITZER stated, had a very bright white light attached to it, which burns for approximately one (1) hour. The balloon, KEMMITZER went on, usually bursts at an altitude of ten (10) to twelve (12) thousand feet. However, he added, at night they have been known to reach an altitude of twenty (20) thousand feet, depending on atmospheric conditions.

KEMMITZER verified weather conditions during evening of 5 March 1954 as stated by VAN DYKE, reference Paragraph 7, this report.

(AGENT'S NOTE: First sighting of unidentified object was at 1915 hours, 5 March 1954.)

9. On 6 March 1954, Major THOMAS R. MC CANN, AO 798533, Wing Administrative Inspector, Southern Air Materiel Area, APO 30, USAF, pilot on AF C-47 #2844, advised the writer that he and Major CECIL E. FIELDER, AO 749219, Southern Air Materiel Area, upon hearing reports of unidentified aircraft/objects South-West of station, flew into that area and conducted a thorough visual search. MC CANN stated that this search met with negative results. Weather conditions were described by MC CANN as reported in Paragraph 7, this report.

10. On 6 March 1954, A/2C JOSEPH E. CROSSMAN, AF 12381667, 1975-1 AACS Detachment, GCA (Ground Control Approach) Controller, on duty at GCA unit from 1700 hours, 5 March to 0800 hours, 6 March 1954, interviewed by S/A DAWSON, corroborated information reflected in Control Tower Log (Ref Par 4, this report). CROSSMAN added that the GCA ten

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(10) mile search scope indicated that sightings, which were reported to be in the SouthWest area, were made at approximate time subject aircraft were preparing to turn onto base leg. CROSSMAN continued that search of area with ten (10) and thirty (30) mile scopes failed to detect reported objects. The scopes, he went on, cover from zero (0) feet to four (4) thousand feet altitude.

CROSSMAN further advised that the targets, reported by GCA as reflected on the Control Tower Log, were permanent, known targets (buildings). Weather conditions, CROSSMAN added, were as follows: Clear--no clouds or haze; Visibility--6 miles. Runway utilized was Number 35. CROSSMAN could add no further pertinent information.

11. On 8 March 1954, Captain ROBERT R. ZADNIK, AO 678110; Lieutenant PAUL R. FISHER, AO 2223179; and Lieutenant GEORGE A. KERR, AO 2228400; pilots, 301st Air Refueling Squadron, 301st Bomb Wing, crew of AF KC-97 #6529, during evening of 5 March 1954, furnished the writer with the following information concerning their observations: While under GCA control, on down-wind leg, at 1500 feet, heading 180°, they observed a white light at approximately the same altitude and to the left of their course. The light appeared to be moving in a Westerly direction and crossed their flight path. As the light crossed their flight path, they stated, the one (1) light became two (2) lights. They reported the incident to GCA and completed landing. No further observations made.

The above Crew stated that they believed the lights to be jet aircraft in formation flight. However, they could not furnish any identifying data as to size, shape, speed, etc.. No aircraft running lights were noted.

AT SIDI SLIMANE AIR BASE, FRENCH MOROCCO, APO 117, USAF

12. On 8 March 1954, Captain WILLIAM T. MCBRIDE, AO 823907, 3906th Air Base Group, APO 117, USAF, Pilot of USAF C-47 #5289, 5 March 1954, advised S/A BRUNETTE that the unidentified object he had reported to Nouasseur Tower had been subsequently identified as USAF C-47 #2844. MCBRIDE stated that no other observations were made.

AT NOUASSEUR AIR DEPOT, FRENCH MOROCCO, APO 30, USAF

13. On 9 March 1954, Captain G. E. BROWN, AO 764200; 1st Lieutenant L. B. GORDON, AO 2223842; and 1st Lieutenant J. P. GLOVER, AO 3021699; Pilots, 301st Air Refueling Squadron, 301st Bomb Wing, Crew of AF KC-97, #6537, during evening of 5 March 1954, furnished the writer with the following information concerning their observations: Their first sighting of unidentified object(s) was made at approximately 1915 hours while under GCA control, on down-wind leg, altitude 1500 feet, on heading 180°.

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They stated that at this time, they observed two (2) white lights to the right of their course at approximately the same altitude. Though they could only see the lights, they believed them to be two (2) aircraft in formation as one (1) light was slightly lower than the other. The above Crew further stated that they turned away from the lights due to the fact that the lights appeared to have been approaching their aircraft on a collision course. Landing was made without further incident or observation. They stayed in the traffic pattern and completed one (1) additional takeoff and landing without any other observations. However, following the subsequent takeoff, and again, while on down-wind leg, same altitude and heading, they observed two (2) white lights approaching them from 180°, and on a collision course. They immediately made a 360° turn. While in the turn, they observed one (1) aircraft with running lights approximately two (2) miles West of the station at approximately the same altitude. They completed two (2) additional landings with no further observations.

Neither BROWN nor his Crew could furnish any identifying data as to size, shape, speed, etc., of alleged aircraft/object.

14. On 9 March 1954, 1st Lieutenant HARRY J. SAVOY advised the writer that targets/objects which had been reported at "10,000 feet, twelve (12) miles South of the station" during evening of 5 March 1954, were non-existant. SAVOY explained that on 6 March 1954, the targets, as reported during the previous evening, continued to remain stationary on Radar Scope on a bearing of 185°. Visual check of area, SAVOY continued, reflected no such target. SAVOY added that occasionally an "atmospheric phenomena" is responsible for this type of target appearing on the Radar Scope. SAVOY could add no further pertinent information.

15. Major CHESTER F. KOEZON, AO 1011165, Base Intelligence Officer, Southern Air Materiel Area, APO 30, USAF, was kept orally advised at all times of the above reported events as they occurred.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

A security guard at Watertown Arsenal, Massachusetts reported as follows:

"At 0231 hours, 23 April 1954, I saw an unknown object flying at a terrific rate of speed from north to south direction over the Arsenal toward Brighton, Mass. The object appeared to be flying at the same height the commercial planes do when they fly in this vicinity. It looked like a bright silver dollar and had a tail light, blue, about three feet long. It appeared to be sputtering. I was looking in the general direction of Brighton when I saw it go out of sight. In a few moments it was coming back very much slower than when it went over the Arsenal. It then took a sharp cut and went towards Watertown, Mass. I called (John Francis Catalfamo, Guard at Arsenal) who was at the South Gate and asked him if he saw anything. He said he saw something fly over the River Road (River Road is a road that is parallel to Watertown Arsenal from a northeast direction to a southwest direction). I know it was no star or meteor because once they fall they do not come back from the same direction or cut on a sharp angle as this object did when it came back. About six months ago I saw the same object flying from south to north directly over the Arsenal and called Shea (Ambrose Francis Shea, Guard at Arsenal) who at the time was at the South Gate. I told him about it but he said he did not see anything so I forgot about the matter."

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TO: Director, Special Investigations
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1. Reference is made to our letter dated 8 March 1954, subject and file number as above, and your letter AFCSI-4C 34-5-NO, subject as above, dated 19 March 1954.

2. Transmitted herewith are Reports of Investigation listed in above referenced letter as inclosures fifty-two (52), fifty-three (53), and fifty-four (54).

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. NACSI 49-19 | DATE

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ALFRED W. BECKERLEG, S/A

REPORT MADE AT

DO #1, Pepperrell AFB

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3, 4, 5, 6 March 1953

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

DO #1, Pepperrell AFB, APO 862, c/o PM, NY, NY

STATUS

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TITLE

Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Pepperrell AFB on 26 February 1953

CHARACTER

POSITIVE INTELLIGENCE

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Disclosure of the nature, sources, or even the existence of such investigative information to persons named in the report or to other persons not authorized to such information may be made only when necessary authorized by the Director of Special Investigations, NEAC, or higher authority. Unauthorized disclosure of such information will be considered a violation of AFR 205-1.

Investigation requested by Director, Special Investigations, Northeast Air Command. Unidentified object observed over Pepperrell AFB on 26 February 1953 by three persons. Interviews of witnesses indicated conflicting stories as to size, time sighted and color. All agreed object was similar to a flare.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation requested by Director of Special Investigations, NEAC, Pepperrell AFB, and predicated upon information furnished by Director of Intelligence, NEAC, that an unidentified object had been observed traveling downward at a very fast speed over the White Hills Area, Pepperrell AFB, on 26 February 1953.

AT PEPPERRELL AFB

2. On 3 March 1953, LEROY SYLVESTER, A/2C, AF 14412153, 6600th Air Police Sq., Pepperrell AFB, was interviewed and stated the following: that on 26 February 1953, he was assigned for duty as base patrol on the 1600-2400 hrs shift; that while traveling up Snelling Road towards the NCO Club in Air Police Vehicle, at approximately 2100 hours, he observed a flying object traveling downward and disappearing in back of small arms range; that this object was in his vision only a few seconds; that the weather was clear, below freezing, stars and full moon were visible; that there was no wind; that the object was similar to a flare; and that it was falling fast and left no visible smoke or vapor trails. SYLVESTER furnished the following description of object: Color - dark green in middle, turning to bright green toward circumference; Shape - round; Size - approximately size of full moon.

3. On 4 March 1953, DANIEL ORLOWSKI, A/1C, AF 13147308, 6600th Air Police Sq., Pepperrell AFB, was interviewed and stated the following: that at approximately 2100 hours, 26 February 1953, while stationed as a Sentry, Post #9, Logy Bay Gate, White Hills, Pepperrell AFB, he sighted an object traveling downwards at a slight angle which disappeared in back of hills on a line with Post #9 and slightly left of fuel dump storage area; that he had this object in view for approximately 15 seconds; that there was no noise or vapor trails visible; that the object appeared to be traveling too slow to be a falling star and appeared to be similar to a flare; and that the weather was clear and visibility good. ORLOWSKI furnished the following description: Size - similar to a flare; Color - bright bluish green; Shape - round with red flaming tail.

4. On 5 March 1953, ROBERT E. FANCHER, Major, USAF, 10507A, Commanding Officer, 6622nd Air Transport Sq., Pepperrell AFB, was interviewed and stated the following; that at approximately 1925 hours, 26 February 1953, while driving toward the main gate on The Boulevarde, approximately 150 yards from the gate, he observed for approximately one half to one second a greenish round object which appeared to be a flare; that this object was traveling in a northeasterly direction and appeared to burn out, rather than disappear, in back of hill where small arms range is located on Pepperrell AFB; that it was the approximate size of a small illuminated light bulb; that the weather was clear, stars were visible, but he did not recall if the moon was out; and that there was no ground haze or overcast. FANCHER further stated that at the time of this incident, he checked his wrist watch for the correct time and that he also asked the Air Policemen on duty at the Main Gate if they observed this object but was informed by the Air Policemen that they had not observed it.

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5. All logical investigative leads having been developed and reported, this case is considered closed in the files of this office.

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Request that copies of the attached information pertinent to unidentified flying objects be transmitted to Air Technical Intelligence Center.

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1. Cy of letter fr DO #21, dtd 11 Feb 54 to Com, 405th Fighter Bomber Wing, Langley AFB
2. Extract from OSI, Hq USAFE Summary of Positive Intell Activities for Month of Jan 54, dtd 18 Feb 54

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object
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TO: Commander
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1. Captain JAMES A. GREEN, 13754A, 56th Air Transport Squadron, Kelly AF Base, Texas, Aircraft Commander of C-97 Aircraft #48401, reported a visual sighting of an unidentified flying object at 2215 hours, EST, 0315 hours Zenal time, on 10 December 1953.

GREEN related that the object appeared at the eleven (11) o'clock position at an altitude of approximately 18,000 feet, that it passed in front of him in level flight and disappeared abruptly at one (1) o'clock after remaining visible for approximately two (2) seconds.

GREEN described the object as oblong in shape, forty (40) feet in length, and of undeterminable color. He stated that flame was emitting from the tail, was unaware of any sound, and observed that the apparent exhaust resembled that of the tail pipe after-burner flame of an F-94 aircraft.

At the time of instant sighting, GREEN was flying at an altitude of 15,000 feet, true airspeed 235 knots an hour, on a compass heading of 070°, thirty (30) miles northeast of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which placed him over the general area of Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania. At the time the weather was clear, visibility unrestricted, and the moon was not in sight but stars were visible.

In reply to the Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania ground radio, GREEN described what he had seen and while so doing heard a Trans-World Airline pilot, name unknown, corroborate substantially GREEN's description. The unknown TWA pilot alleged that an American Airlines pilot in the area had also seen the flying object and had furnished a similar description.

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The TWA pilot advised further that he had last seen the object proceeding straight up at an estimated speed in excess of 2,000 miles per hour. GREEN furnished the following list of personnel aboard his aircraft at the time of sighting as corroborating witnesses:

EARNEST M. AMERINE, 1st Lt, AO 1908851, pilot
CLARENCE H. WILLIAMS, Captain, AO 2080835, navigator
(FNU) MITCHELL, Captain, (SNU), passenger
LAWRENCE E. BECKER, M Sgt, AF 19179290, flight engineer

2. The above information is submitted to confirm the reported sighting of Captain GREEN, who was interviewed 11 December 1953, at the office of Captain DONALD ALLEN, Air Intelligence Officer, your command.

THOMAS J. GRANT
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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THRU: Commanding General
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1. Reference: Section VIII, paragraph 73b, AR 380-5.

2. The following report of unidentified objects by Norman H. Brown, Acting Chief, Review and Analysis Section, AEC, has been received from the Senior Instructor, USAR Instructor Group, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and is transmitted herewith in accordance with directive cited in paragraph 1, above:

"At approximately 3:00 P. M. on July 19, 1953, an F-86 aircraft was observed flying over the Oak Ridge residential area, making circles at what appeared to the writer to be approximately 2,500 or 3,500 feet. The F-86 flew over the area in this manner for approximately ten or fifteen minutes. The writer, together with his wife, observed the aircraft through a pair of six power field glasses. After the aircraft flew in what appeared to be the direction of Knoxville, Tennessee, a black object moved out of a high white cloud, directly over the area the F-86 had been flying. This object appeared to be approximately 12,000 to 15,000 feet high. The object began to travel, at a tremendous speed, in a large circle. This action on the part of the unknown object continued for at least five minutes. During the circle of this object, it appeared at times to be in the shape of a cigar and at other times round.

"This object was extremely black in color, having an appearance of a deep black metal exterior with a fine gloss. It did not leave a vapor trail or were there any lights of shine noticed. No sound was heard. The object flew east at a tremendous speed for what appeared to be approximately three miles where it stopped. The objects was then joined by two more of these same objects. A formation similar to a spread "V" was formed and the objects, at a tremendous speed flew in an eastward direction."

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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters Third Army,
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TO: The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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DATE 16 FEB 1953

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Unidentified Flying Object NR
Sighted near Volcano Fuego
90° 50' west longitude, 14°
25' north latitude Guatemala, CA.
17 January 1953

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

NONE THIS IS AN INITIAL REPORT

SYNOPSIS

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JOHN TOWNSEND SACKETT, U. S. Citizen resident in Guatemala, observed brilliant greenish gold oblate object approximately twice the size of DC-3 aircraft proceeding in Northwesterly direction in horizontal flight at estimated altitude of 6,500 feet at estimated speed of 400 miles per hour. Object almost stopped flight and then rose vertically 1,500 feet. Hovered for approximately 2 seconds, then immediately resumed horizontal flight at new altitude in same direction and speed. Object lost to view because of intervening terrain.

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Unidentified Flying Object 24-322

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. Mr. J. T. SACKETT, telephonically contacted this office on 4 February 1953 to report that he had observed a "flying saucer" in Guatemala, Central America, and desired to turn over his notes concerning the incident.

2. On 5 February 1953, the writer interviewed Mr. JOHN TOWNSEND SACKETT in Room 2618 of the Savoy Plaza Hotel, Fifth avenue and 58th Street. Mr. SACKETT identified himself by U. S. passport #452 issued at the U. S. Embassy in Guatemala, and by numerous cards. SACKETT further advised that he was a zoologist interested in Natural History, who had been in Guatemala, on and off, since 1934. In addition to his primary vocation of Zoology, SACKETT is a business representative of various U. S. concerns, of which he identified the National Floor Covering Company of Atlanta, Georgia. SACKETT averred that he was well-known in Guatemala as Dr. J. TOWNSEND SACKETT, both by the natives and members of the U. S. Embassy and military attaches. SACKETT had returned to the United States to aid his mother who was ill. A letter addressed to Mrs. LEEONARD M. THOMAS was observed on the writing table of Room 2618. There also was a wardrobe trunk in that room with the initials MGT. SACKETT informed the writer that this room 2618 was the one occupied by his mother.

SACKETT then furnished the writer with a sketch of the incident, which he had drawn approximately 30 minutes after observing the flying object and with his notes concerning this episode likewise recorded at that time. Photostatic copies of the sketch are attached hereto as Inclosure #1. SACKETT's original notes and sketch are retained in the files of this office. SACKETT was shown a road map of Guatemala on which he identified his position at the time he observed the incident as being on Route 3, approximately 8-10 kilometers southwestward from Guatemala City. Approximately 90° 38' west longitude and 14° 30' north latitude. SACKETT at that time 1555 hours Central Standard Time or 2155Z Saturday, 17 January 1953 was on board the 330 bus from Guatemala City to Amatitlan, and had just entered the rapidly descending portion of Route 3 which was beginning to be very winding. SACKETT observed the flying object through an open window of the bus, silhouetted against the side of Volcano Fuego, approximately 90° 50' west longitude and 14° 25' north latitude. SACKETT advised that he, in navy parlance, was at that time just coming "abeam" of Volcano Fuego. The object he estimated to be at a distance of about 18 Kilometers, and at the estimated altitude of 6,500 feet - about 2,000 feet above his altitude. Its apparent direction of flight was north-westerly. A photostatic copy of this map with the two locations identified is attached hereto as Inclosure #2. The original map is retained in this office. SACKETT furnished the following description of the flying object.

SHAPE - It was considered oblate, with its vertical axis one-half the length of the horizonal axis. The outline of the object was bluntly curved and no flattened surfaces were observed. SACKETT stated that the object appeared absolutely symmetrical and reminded him somewhat of a Goodyear blimp without the aft elevators or rudders. SACKETT upon query could not advise if the object had depth, since from the distance at which he observed the object it seemed to have merely two dimensional characteristics.

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SIZE - SACKETT stated that the object appeared to be approximately the size of a DC-3 aircraft. He based this estimate upon a field expedient, withwhich he was thoroughly conversant, of observing the object through a formed operature obtained by clenching his right hand into a loose fist. SACKETT then showed the writer this field expedient and the writer observed the aperture formed by SACKETT's little finger to be approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in diameter.

COLOR - The object was colored a brilliant greenish gold of which the golden color was predominate, possibly due, according to SACKETT, to the bright sunlight.

NUMBER - Only one object was observed by SACKETT.

AERODYNAMIC FEATURES: None other than SACKETT's observation that the object reminded him of a Goodyear blimp.

TRAIL OR EXHAUST - None observed - SACKETT advised that he was familiar with "con" trails and wing tip streamers, but had not observed anything with relation to this flying object.

PROPULSION SYSTEM - None observed

SPEED - Horizontal speed estimated by SACKETT to be approximately 400 miles per hour. About twice the speed of a DC-3 aircraft. SACKETT advised that he had at other times observed a DC-3 aircraft in that vicinity and travelling in the same direction so that he utilized that aircraft's characteristics as a criterion.

SOUND - None pertinent to flying object heard, possibly because of extremely noisy bus that SACKETT was riding in.

MANEUVERS - SACKETT first observed the flying object while it was travelling horizontally at approximately 6,500 feet altitude, traveling in a northwesterly direction. After 10 to 15 seconds observation the flying object came to almost an abrupt stop and than instantaneously rose vertically approximately 1,500 feet. At this point the flying object paused and apparently remained stationary for approximately 2 seconds. The flying object then almost instantaneously resumed its original speed and direction of flight at this new altitude of 8,000 feet approximately. SACKETT showed the writer his wrist watch which was of a 1/5 second stop watch type and advised that he had immediately timed the length of his observation by that watch.

MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE - SACKETT lost observation of the flying object due to the elevation of a range of intervening mountains and also due to his descent in the bus on route 3 from his original observation altitude of 4,500 feet.

OTHER PERTINENT OR UNSUAL FEATURES - SACKETT stated that the usual daily plume of steam rising from volcano Fuego was not changed by the appearance of the flying object. This plume of steam according to SACKETT's sketch and observation apparently rises in about a 45° degree slope in a southeasterly direction.

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LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED - A total of 22 seconds. Approximately 15 seconds on original flight level, 2 seconds hovering time, and 5 seconds on second flight level.

MANNER OF OBSERVATION - Visual

WEATHER AND WINDS DRAFT - Bright Sunlight, no haze, visibility unlimited - no clouds - sky bright blue - weather cold.

ACTIVITY RESPONSIBLE - SACKETT could not advise of any activity or meteorological condition which could account for the sighting - SACKETT did volunteer that there was a colony of Americans at ANTIGUA and that they might have observed the incident.

WITNESSES - SACKETT stated that although the bus in which he was riding was full of passengers, 24 with a driver and conductor, that they were indigenous persons they would not have observed the flying object nor if they had seen it, would they recall it. However, there was one passenger who had seen the object. She was Miss ELVIRA GOYZUETA, V. of Pasaje Rubio #118 Guatemala, C.A. She advised SACKETT that she saw the "gold thing" for about 4-5 seconds.

AIR TRAFFIC - At the time of the sighting there was no air traffic other than the flying object observed by SACKETT. He did advise that on other occasions he had seen DC-3's of AVIA TECA, the government domestic airline, flying in that area.

In conclusion SACKETT stated that he had not previously told anyone of this incident; that he expected to return to Guatemala in approximately 2 weeks, that is, if his mother's health so permitted. If he were to be contacted in Guatemala, he could be reached through his Post Office Box, APARTADO #59, since he was not sure of his new address.

INCLOSURES

HEADQUARTERS, OSI, WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Sketch showing observer's location and object seen (in sextuplet)
2. Portion of road map of Guatemala showing observer's location and Volcano Fuego -scale 1: 1,000,000 (in sextuplet)

CG, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON, AFB, OHIO

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2. Portion of road map of Guatemala showing observer's location and Volcano Fuego - scale: 1: 1,000,000

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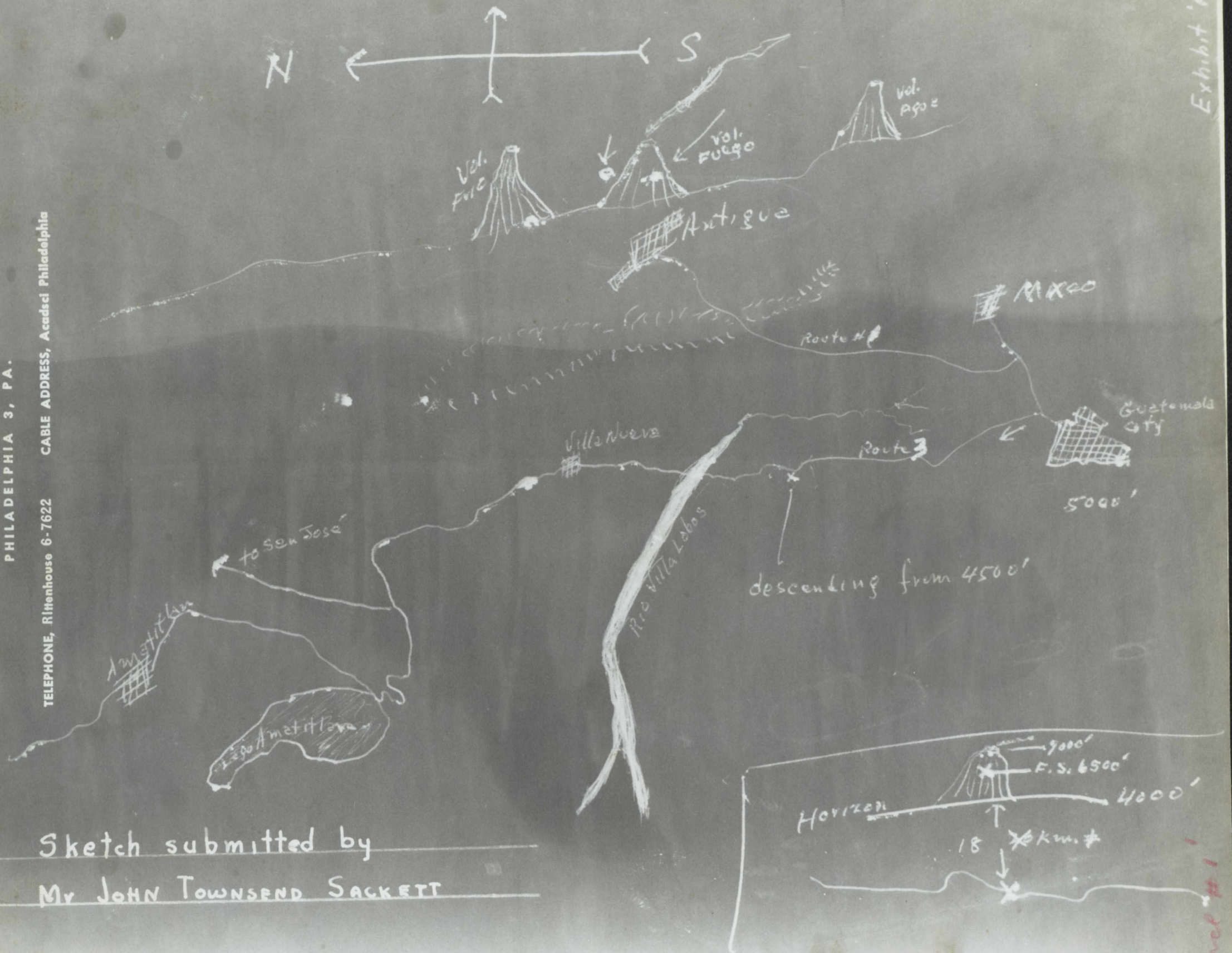

Exhibit 'A'

Sketch submitted by
Mr JOHN TOWNSEND SACKETT

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Mapa de LA REPUBLICA DE GUATEMALA

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CARRETERA INTERAMERICANA — **OTRAS CARRETERAS Y CAMINOS**

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- [1] Rutas Nacionales
- (4) Rutas Departamentales
- • 18 • Distancias aproximadas en kilómetros
- Carreteras principales indicadas en rojo
- Ferrocarriles
- 882 Elevaciones en metros
- Límite Internacional
- Límite Departamental
- Capital Nacional
- Capital Departamental

Población aproximada de pueblos y ciudades

- Más de 10.000
- 5.000 a 10.000
- 2.000 a 5.000
- 500 a 2.000
- Menos de 500

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Observer's position

Volcano Fuego

Base geográfica tomada de "Map of Hispanic America", 1:1.000.000, publicado por la American Geographical Society de Nueva York.

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THE WASHINGTON POST
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SPECIAL INQUIRY
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Washington, North Carolina
o/a 11 February 1953

Fast Rising 'Object' Seen By a Pilot

CHERRY POINT, N. C., Feb. 11 (AP).—The Marine air station here announced today that a jet pilot spotted an "unidentified object" flying over an area northwest of here, but was outdistanced when he gave chase at a speed of more than 500 miles an hour.

A Marine spokesman said First Lieut. Ed Balocco, 24, of Antioch, Calif., looked for the object at the request of the Norfolk, Va., Naval Air Station which received calls from local residents.

Balocco searched along the Virginia-North Carolina border without success. But over Washington, N. C., he spotted an object that looked like an airplane with red lights but rose 10,000 feet "in a matter of seconds." Balocco said it was "the color of white heat and was throwing out a glow."

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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

File No: 24-8-0

23 January 1953

SUBJECT: "SUGGESTS FIREBALLS ARE RED MISSILES"

TO: Directorate of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Inclosed for your information is a newspaper clipping captioned "Suggests Fireballs Are Red Missiles" which appeared in the Albuquerque Tribune on 22 January 1953.

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"Suggests Fireballs Are Red Missiles"

Albuquerque Tribune, 22 January 1953

Suggests Fireballs Are Red Missiles

By SANKY TRIMBLE
Assocated Press State Editor

A fireball expert said today Russia may be scouting the United States and other parts of the world with strange new guided missiles.

Dr. Lincoln La Paz said a good many shreds of evidence point to green fireballs sighted throughout the world as being a type of missile—possibly of Soivet make.

La Paz is head of the University of New Mexico Institute of Meteoritics. He formerly was technical director of the 2nd Air Force operations and analysis section. He has studied the fireball phenomena for years.

Cites Red Reaction

"Violent" Russian efforts, he observed, to defend against threats of reconnaissance in the Baltic and above northern Japan make it obvious the Reds are testing some secret weapon in those areas.

The green fireballs have been sighted in the Baltic, northern Japan and the southwestern part of the United States.

La Paz, in an interview, said he does not rule out the possibility that the ones sighted in the Southwest could be Russian reconnaissance missiles.

In a vigorous pronouncement of his theories, La Paz, who participated in the nation's investigation into Japanese balloons in the Northwest during the last war, pleaded that the fireballs should not be laughed off as ordinary meteoric fireballs."

He said there have been several attempts to do just that.

"Let's not kid ourselves," La Paz said.

Traces Fireball Reports

The scientist traced reports of fireballs in the Baltic skies back to 1946, shortly after the Russians took over the German rocket bases in that area. He noted that a U.S. plane was shot down in the vicinity.

Commenting on strange sights in the skies over northern Japan —just miles away from Russian territory—he said that events of the past few days, including Red China's admission she shot down a B-29 "prove the Russians are willing to risk turning a cold war into a hot one to prevent reconnasiances."

He said he is on record that the fireballs might be "an unconventional type of meteor fall." But he added that repeated, extensive and thorough searches for remains of the fireballs in the Southwest have met with no success.

"We must logically assume," he said, "that if these are guided missiles, at least some of them may have the Hammer and Sickle on them and not the Stars and Stripes."

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THE WASHINGTON POST
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The SANTA FE NEW MEXICAN
Newspaper in possession of information concerning guided missles and rockets.

~~Paper Reports~~ Vast Strides in U. S. Missiles

SANTA FE, N. M., Jan. 8 (AP).—The Santa Fe New Mexican said today it has learned of fantastic strides in guided missiles and rockets which may explain, in part, reported sightings of strange objects in the skies.

The paper reported it has learned of "unbelievable" advancements in guided missiles and high speed, high altitude rockets in experiments centering in New Mexico.

The wraps may be removed from some aspects of the program at a special demonstration tentatively scheduled for White Sands Proving Grounds in southern New Mexico within a few months, the paper reported.

The New Mexican said "the most logical conclusion" is that guided missiles experts have succeeded "in developing unmanned craft capable of maneuverability, range and speeds heretofore undreamed of except in comic strips."

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THE WASHINGTON POST
7 January 1953

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT,
Dallas Texas, 6 Jan. 1953

Elongated Object Hangs in Dallas Sky

DALLAS, Jan. 6 (AP).—A brilliantly colored object, described by some observers as having swept-back wings, hung in the sky northeast of Dallas for several hours early today, then vanished.

Watchers at the Civil Aeronautics Administration control tower at Dallas' Love Field, a weather bureau observer and police and fire dispatchers reported seeing the "elongated" object and said it gave off brilliant "orange, red, green and bluish-white colors."

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Mr. Leland V. Boardman
Special Agent-in-Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

RE: Unidentified Flying
Objects (FLYOBRPT)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Dear Mr. Boardman:

On 22 December 1952, a person who refused to identify himself, telephonically advised this office that one, BOB DUBICK, 446 West 23rd Street, New York, New York, had built a small model flying saucer and was observed flying it upon the roof of his (DUBICK's) apartment house, approximately one (1) week ago. This unidentified person stated that if a search warrant was obtained for DUBICK's apartment, it would be found "very interesting". NR

The above is forwarded for your information. No action is contemplated by this District Office.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK P. DUNNINGTON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Hq OSI

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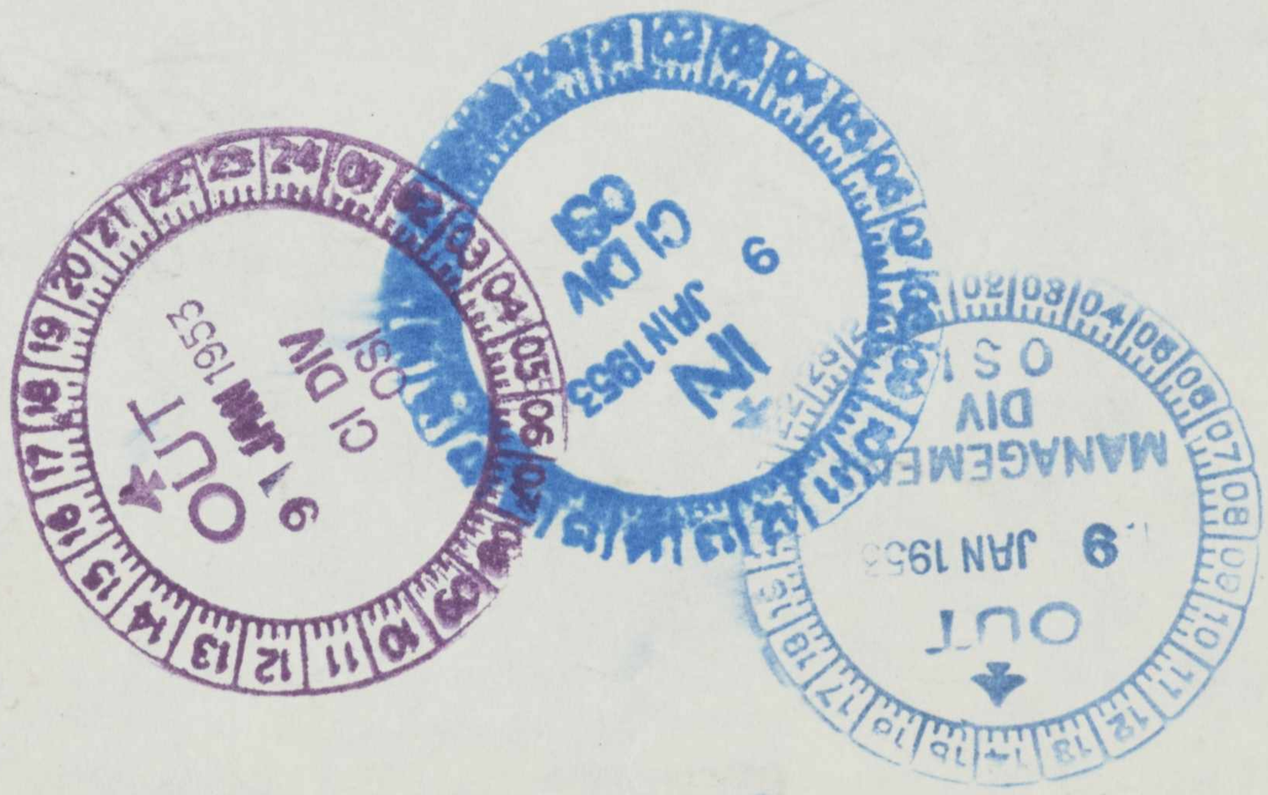

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Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

Capt Brown/fjm/AFCSI-6
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Forwarded herewith for your information are two (2) copies of a CIC Summary of Information, dated 12 November 1952, concerning the sighting of unidentified flying objects over Auburn, Alabama on 8 November 1952.

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Summary of Info dtd 12 Nov 52

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage & Espionage Branch

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SUBJECT: Flying Saucers Between Auburn, Ala., and Columbus, Ga.

TOPIC 21

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. There is forwarded herewith copy of Summary of Information Columbus 5275, dated 12 November 1952, subject as above, with copy of Exhibit No. 1.

2. Copy of subject report with original exhibit has been forwarded to the Director of Intelligence at Robins Air Force Base.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G2

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a/s

ROLAND R. HATFIELD
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Chief, Adm Div, G2

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

(SR 380-320-10)

DATE: 12 Nov 1952

PREPARING OFFICE: Columbus Field Office, Region V, 111th CIC Detachment, Columbus, Georgia.

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS BETWEEN AUBURN, ALABAMA, AND COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Columbus 5275

1. On 12 November 1952, Franklin R. Brickles, Lt. Col., Assistant Executive Officer in Charge of Officer Candidate Evaluation, 1st Officer Candidate Regiment, The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, was contacted with regard to the sighting of "Flying Saucers" in the vicinity of Auburn, Alabama, on 8 November 1952. (B-2)

2. Lt. Col. Brickles, Hugh H. Bickerstaff, M. D., Guy J. Dillard, M. D., and Col. Brickles' Father-in-law, all of Columbus, Georgia, were returning from a football game in Auburn, Alabama, at approximately 1700 hours, on 8 November 1952. When they were about four (4) to five (5) miles east of Auburn they began to notice people along the road gazing into the sky. They stopped their vehicle to ascertain the cause of the interest. A large object which appeared to be a source of light was hovering over them at an altitude of approximately five (5) to six (6) miles. Lt. Col. Brickles and Dr. Dillard looked at the object through binoculars owned by Dr. Dillard. These binoculars were approximately ten (10) power. (B-2)

3. The object appeared to be oval or spherical in shape. It was considerably higher than any of the clouds in the sky. Col. Brickles would not venture a guess as to its size other than to state that it was very large. He stated that it might have even been out of the earth's atmosphere. It did not appear to be an astronomical phenomenon because of its regularity in shape. It was circular. The outer edge of the object appeared to be translucent, and emitted a green light. The largest mass in the center was of a dull, shadowy appearance, with slightly lighter spots thereon. There were two large lights affixed in the exact center which emitted a bright white light. The light definitely came from within the object, and could not have been reflected light from the sun. The light was steady and clear. The green hue along the edge of the object was also from within, since any reflected light would not have been that color, and any haze or fringe would not have been as regularly shaped. Col. Brickles stated that the object appeared to be composed of metal. This object remained in a fixed position for a period of thirty (30) minutes or longer. Col. Brickles remained only long enough to view it carefully through the binoculars, leaving before it had disappeared. (B-6)

4. Col. Brickles felt that the object was what is commonly referred to as a "Flying Saucer". Because of the apparent metallic construction and the regularity in form, he thought it to be a man-operated space vehicle. The self-emanating light indicated a controlled electrical system. Through binoculars it was evident that the two lights in the center of the "Saucer" were similar to head lights, and he felt that they were probably used for that purpose. (B-6)

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5. A check of A-2, Lawson Field, and OSI, Lawson Field, revealed that they knew nothing of the incident other than what appeared in local newspapers. The local newspaper account was given by Dr. Bickerstaff on 7 November 1952. A report was submitted by Col. Brickles to AC of S, G-2, The Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia, on this date. (A-2)

6. Col. Brickles noticed an airplane hovering in the vicinity of the "Saucer", and assumed it to be an Official Air Force Plane. No confirmation of the existence of such a plane at this location could be obtained from Lawson Field. (B-2)

7. Based on Lt. Col. Brickles' description of the "Flying Saucer", an approximate diagram is submitted as an Exhibit. (B-6)

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1 Exhibit follows:
1. Diagram

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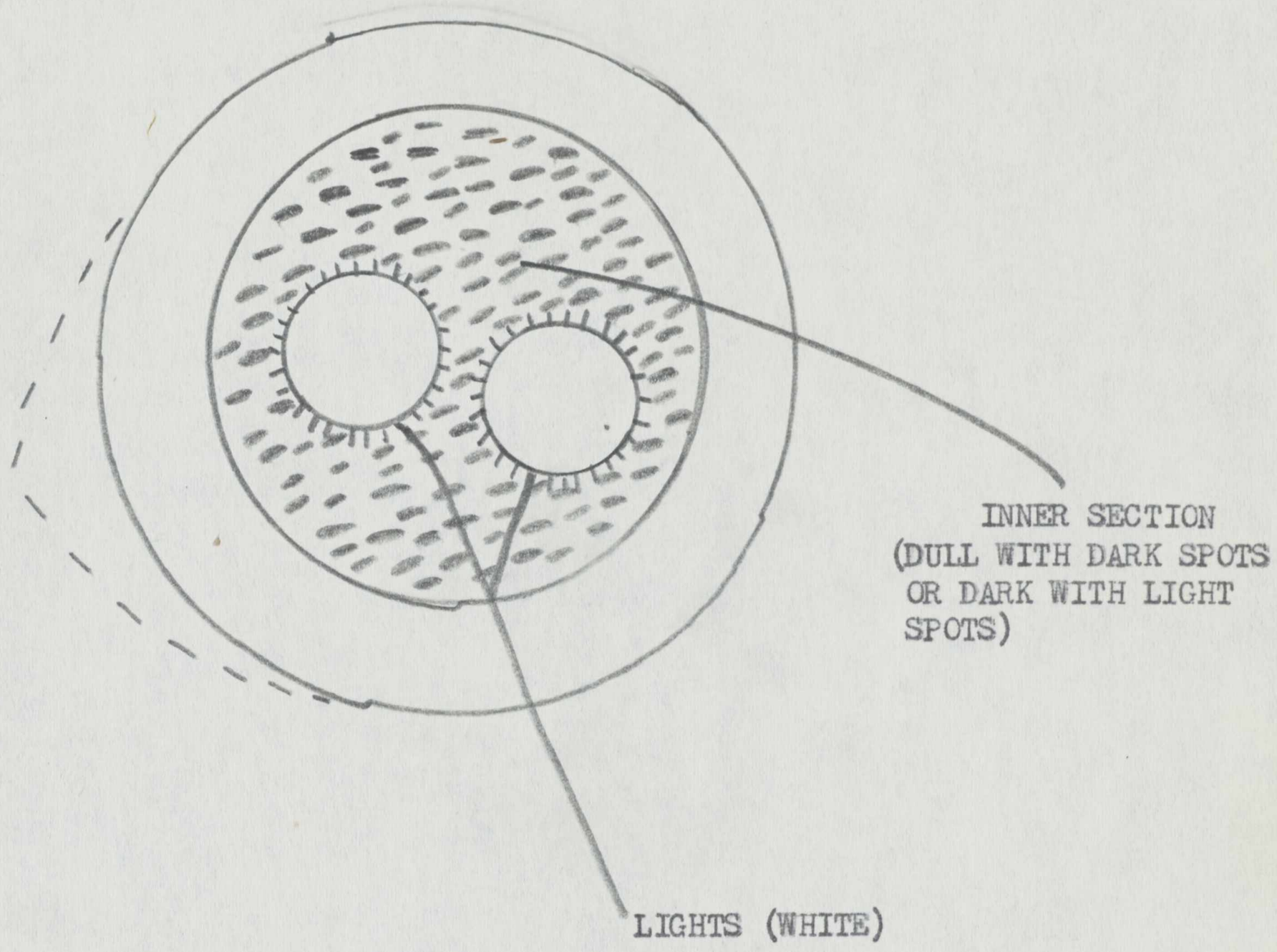

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TO: Counter Intelligence Division
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COMMENT NO. 1

FROM: Topical Division
Deputy Director for Estimates, D/I, DCS/O

Maj Fournet/dbv/75990

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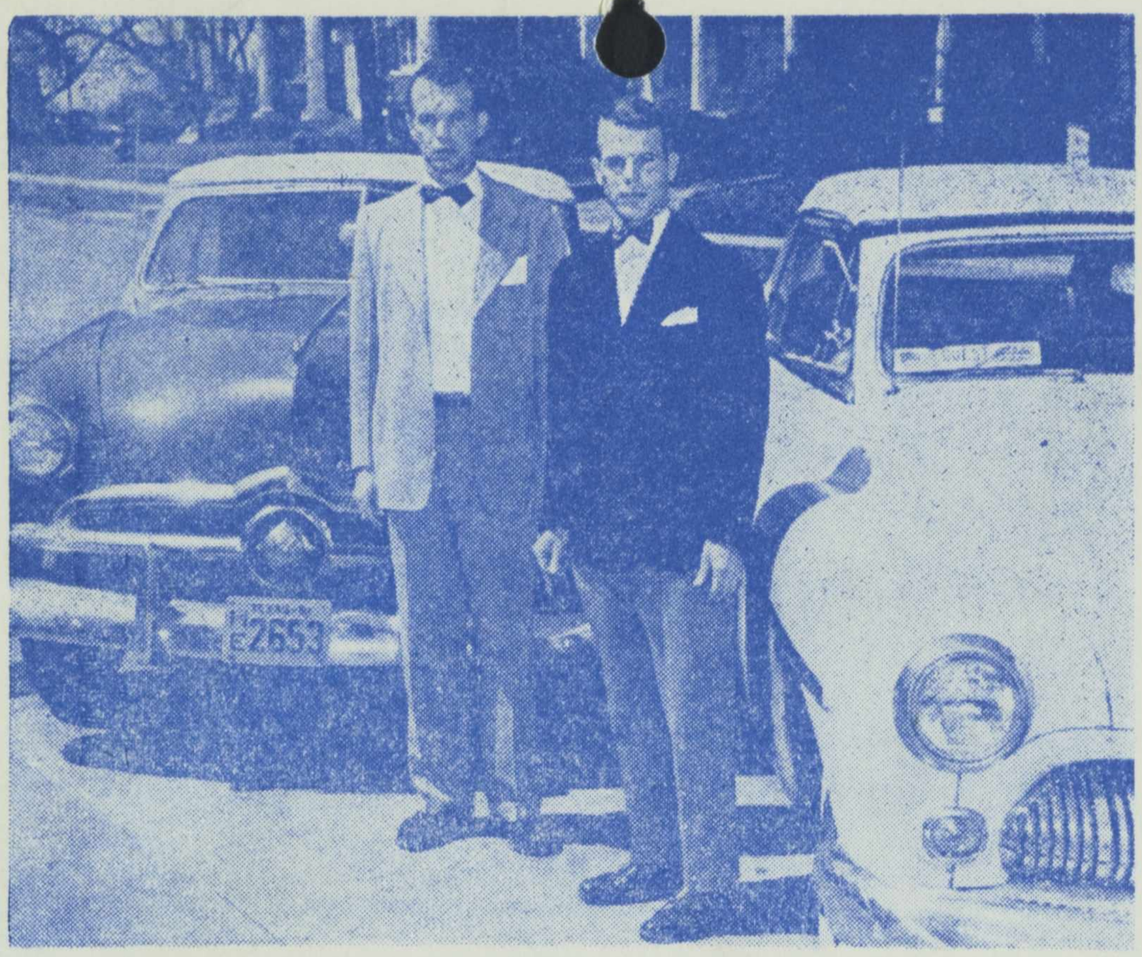

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Investigator for flying objects
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Gentlemen:

I imagine you must be getting thousands of letters concerning objects in the sky but I feel it is my duty as a citizen to inform you that my wife Ruth and I saw a fascinating sight which is as follows:

We were driving to Shreveport on Saturday October 11th, 1952 and about a half-mile out of Marshall, Tex. at 4:15 P.M. we saw three round, circular, shiny objects in the sky traveling at a high rate of speed. Two of these objects disappeared almost immediately but the third continued to be visible for approximately fifteen minutes until it also disappeared from view as it climbed higher into the sky.

Kindest personal regards,

Walter Wrobleski

~~WALTER WROBLESKI~~
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Subject is Navy Commander, Dave Lott, former Deputy Commanding Officer, Armed Forces Radio Service, Hollywood. Request you advise by return TOX if any contact with Dave Lott by personnel your District, particularly in regard to unconventional aircraft. If so furnish details with special emphasis on anything which might have transpired to create antagonistic attitude on the part of Dave Lott. No report no investigation presently desired.

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Gil:

Thought you might want to put this in your file on Flying Saucers as the local item is probably more detailed than any which may appear in Washn.

Regards

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Prosecutor and FBI Hunting 'Saucer Scientist' in Fraud

By AL NAKKULA and LEE TRAINOR
Rocky Mountain News Writers

Federal authorities yesterday joined local officers in a search for Silas M. Newton, Denver's "flying saucer" man, and a partner, both charged in an alleged $50,000 swindle.

FBI agents were seeking Newton and a Phoenix, Ariz., man after U. S. District Attorney Charles S. Vigil filed federal charges against them.

Federal authorities jumped in right behind District Attorney Bert M. Keating, who earlier filed confidence game charges against Newton, a Denver oil promoter, and Leo A. GeBauer, a Phoenix radio parts merchant.

$50,000 SWINDLE CHARGED

Mr. Keating charged that Newton and GeBauer had swindled Herman A. Flader, owner of the Stayput Clamp and Coupling Co., 3975 York st., out of $50,000.

The swindle allegedly involved oil well exploration tests using electronic "doodlebugs," one of which was represented as costing $800,000.

Mr. Keating said examination of similar machines—war surplus items—showed their worth to be about $3.50.

But no sooner had the Denver district attorney filed his charges than Mr. Vigil stepped in with new charges—charges that sent FBI agents out in search of the pair.

In a complaint filed with U. S. Commissioner Harold Oakes, Mr. Vigil charged Newton and GeBauer with knowingly transporting across state lines monies or securities which were gained by fraud.

Newton's business associates shocked by charges. See story on Page 8.

$10,000 BOND URGED

Commissioner Oakes immediately signed warrants calling for the arrest of Newton and GeBauer. Mr. Vigil recommended they be placed under $10,000 bond each when arrested.

Such was the one-two punch against the man who made national headlines about "flying saucers from Venus."

Newton is the so-called "Mr. X" who broke his flying saucer story in a sensational lecture March 8, 1950, at Denver University.

He told students that three flying saucers, apparently from Venus, had been captured by U. S. military authorities. Found in these "saucers" were the bodies of 34 "little men," he said.

Newton said he was led to the saucers indirectly through research in magnetic oil detection.

INVESTED IN OIL

It was this same "magnetic oil detection," however, that led to the rapid-fire filing of charges by both state and federal officials yesterday.

Assistant District Attorney Max Melville examines the Army Signal Corps surplus radio transmitter frequency changers which Herman A. Flader, wealthy Denver industrialist, claims were sold to him for $32,000 by Silas Newton, Denver oilman, and Leo A. GeBauer, Phoenix radio parts dealer, in an alleged oil swindle. The surplus radio devices retail for $3.50 each in Army surplus stores.

—Rocky Mountain News Photo by Bill Peery.

Mr. Keating said that Flader, in addition to the $50,000, invested some $250,000 in oil fields surveyed by Newton-GeBauer instruments.

Mr. Flader told Mr. Keating he paid the $50,000 for a 12½ percent interest in an oil lease near Mohave, Calif., late in 1949.

The well was drilled, he said, but was converted into a water well in December, 1949—while he continued to pay installments on the $50,000.

Newton is president of the Newton Oil Co. of Denver. GeBauer heads the Western Radio and Engineering Co. in Phoenix.

The checks and money paid by Mr. Flader to Newton and GeBauer were the basis for the federal charges, too.

Mr. Vigil said both men are charged with transporting $39,500 in these checks across state lines. In addition to these charges, both also are charged with conspiracy.

If convicted on both counts, Newton and GeBauer would be liable to a $20,000 fine or 20 years in prison, or both.

Authorities late last night still were trying to locate both men.

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Silas Newton

Herman A. Flader

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1. Transmitted herewith for your information is a copy of a letter from one Johnnie L. Last, dated 24 September 1952, concerning an "Aerial Phenomena Research Organization".

2. No investigative action is contemplated by this office in regard to this matter.

1 Incl
Ltr fr J. Last dtd 24 Sep 52

LUCIUS L. FREE
Lt. Colonel, USAF
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September 24, 1952
936 Kellogg Street
Green Bay, Wis.

Headquarters Military Intelligence
Washington D. C.

SEP 24 1952

To whom it may concern.

Dear Sir,

I would appreciate it very much, if you could arrange a verbal contact with me from your Headquarters, or possibly one of its' branches, regarding a matter that has arisen concerning the so-called "Saucers." I have a problem to present. I will not make any attempt to go into any detail in this communication to you. I will, however, give information regarding myself, and also a brief sketch as to the reason for this communication, in short, which follows:

I am Johnnie L. Last, my permanent address is 936 Kellogg Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin. I am employed as a truck operator for a local firm here. My telephone number is; Howard 1471-W. In brief, it is impossible for me to properly arrange a meeting other than through this communication. Expenses would not permit me to complete neccessary action, as well as the time that might be involved, therefore, I ask, if you can conveniently arrange a private investigation regarding the following matter, which I feel is important towards proper protection of our Democracy, I am sure it would be for the benefit of many. I can be contacted by arrangement any evening after 6:30 p.m., or anytime Saturdays and Sundays.

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The matter, which I feel concerned about, is this: On June 7, 1952, I joined an organization, namely, Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, the reason for my doing this was that I like research regarding aerial flight, and also that I am extremely interested in the "Phenomenal Saucers." Since joining at the date mentioned, I have come across, what I feel, conflicting procedure, and information, which I feel should be investigated. I say this from this standpoint, that I do not want to be a member, should investigation prove this organization to be Un-American in its' activities, or in any other manner. I have information in my own files, that I should like to have officially checked. Then upon advice from your Headquarters, or its' representative, I will act accordingly.

Please Protect This Communication. Thanking you kindly,
I am,

Johnnie L. Last NR.

Johnnie L. Last
936 Kellogg Street
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THE WASHINGTON POST
18 October 1952

ITEM OF GENERAL INTEREST

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

When It Bursts

'Ball of Fire' Jolts Dixie Residents

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 17 (AP). A huge ball of fire streaked through predawn skies over several Southern States today and disintegrated with a thunderous roar.

The blast and a "strange" wind caused by the object shook buildings slightly in Natchez and Summit, Miss.; Shreveport, and Baton Rouge, La., and Mobile, Ala.

Thousands of residents from Alabama to Texas reported seeing the brilliant fire ball which authorities said was a meteor. Some said it was a "round ball about the size of the moon." Others said it was as big as a house. A few saw it only as a flash. It was described variously as being white, blue, green and orange.

Witnesses said the meteor exploded at about 5:10 a. m. (EST), filling the eastern sky with thousands of flaming fragments. Some said the explosion occurred at an altitude of 300 feet. Others said it was three miles in the air.

The phenomenon was "probably caused by a meteorite" with "explosive tendencies," said Dr. Joseph F. Thompson, associate professor of astronomy and mathematics at Tulane University.

Five airplane pilots, from Tennessee to Texas, reported seeing the object. But they said it "seemed slower than any meteor we have ever seen."

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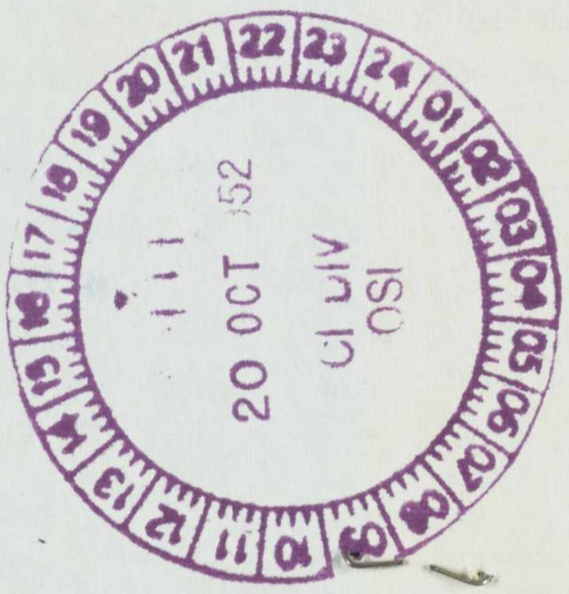

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTN: Mr. N. W. Philcox, Liaison Agent

RE: Investigation of Possible Unidentified Flying Object

Dear Sir:

On the morning of 2 September 1952, an unusual circle was found marked on the lawn of Mr. Charles Walter Storm, 102 North Garfield Street, Arlington, Virginia. Due to the unexplainable nature of this circle, Mr. Storm was of the opinion that it might bear some relation to the USAF investigation of unidentified flying objects.

The circle was eighteen (18) feet in diameter and the band of the circle approximately six (6) inches wide. The deposit was grayish in color and appeared as fine globules on the grass. Soil and grass samples were obtained from the circle and from the center of the area within the circle, and specimens of three (3) types of fertilizer stored nearby were also obtained. These specimens are being transmitted to your laboratory under separate cover with a copy of this letter.

It is requested that a laboratory examination be conducted for the purpose of determining, if possible, whether the substance found around the circle is the same as the fertilizer samples submitted.

It is further requested that if the substance comprising the circle is not the same as the fertilizer samples that an examination be made to determine, if possible, its origin and composition. For your information there is inclosed a copy of a memorandum prepared by the Directorate of Intelligence, this Department, concerning the incident. There is no objection to the destruction of these samples in the execution of the requested examination.

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RE: Investigation of Possible Unidentified Flying Object; cont'd

These specimens have not been submitted to any other laboratory.

Sincerely,

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

2 Incls
1. Summary of Circumstances re Investigation of Unidentified Flying Object w/3 incls
2. Box containing specimens (under separate cover)

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SUMMARY OF CIRCUMSTANCES: INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT - ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA
1-2 September 1952

1. At 1600 hours on 3 Sep 52, the Directorate of Intelligence, Hq USAF received a telephone call from Mr. Walter Storm, 227 18th Street, SE, Washington, D. C. (phone LI 31298) that an unusualcircle was found marked on the lawn of his father, Mr. Charles Walter Storm, on the morning of 2 Sep 52 and that he believed it might bear some relation to the USAF investigation of unidentified flying objects.

2. Major Fournet, of the D/I, called on the elder Mr. Storm at his residence (102 North Garfield Street, Arlington, Va., phone: CH 8508) during the evening of 3 Sep 52.

3. The following was found on Mr. Storm's rear lawn (refer to sketch in Incl 2):

a. A circle 18 feet in diameter and nearly perfectly formed was marked on the lawn by a deposit of some unknown gray substance which was adhering to the grass in clusters of fine globules.

b. The band of the circle (around the periphery) was an average of approximately 6 inches wide.

c. The deposits in the band were less pronounced and sometimes absent for short distances where depressions or uneveness in the ground surface occurred.

d. A small evergreen bush was located at a point about 40 inches inside the circle and did not appear to have been disturbed in any way nor were any deposits present on or around it.

e. A clothes line frame located on a central pole overhung the circle somewhat and had been in place (approximately as shown in Incl 2) on the night in question.

f. An antenna wire about 40 feet above the ground overhung the circle, exact amount undetermined.

g. No other vegetation in the area contained any deposits or marks (small trees were present, as close as 6 or 8 feet from the circle).

h. Three types of fertilizer were stored in covered drums near the garage about 15 feet away from the circle.

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4. Mr. and Mrs. Storm were interviewed and offered the following information:

a. Mr. Storm cut the grass in the area in question around 1800-1900 hours on 1 Sep 52. The clippings were left where they fell.

b. At 2300 hours on 1 Sep 52, Mr. Storm put his dog in the basement for the night. (Note: the dog barks at anyone who comes into the yard, and, until that time, had not sounded off).

c. (As related to Mr. Storm later by Mrs. Whitehurst, a neighbor immediately in the rear of the Storm residence and adjacent to the lawn in question.) Mrs. Whitehurst was awakened at about 0400 hours on 2 Sep 52 by barking of dog "which seemed to be in distress". She looked out of a window in the rear of her house but failed to see anything (it was a rather dark night).

d. Upon going out to his car at 0730 hours 2 Sep 52, Mr. Storm noticed the circle and walked over to examine it. He describes it as having at that time a brown, oily-sandy appearance with what seemed to be a very fine granular structure (as though a fine sand mixed with light oil had been spread to form this ring). He rubbed some of the substance between his fingers and found it faintly gritty and definitely oily. Mrs. Storm corroborates this description.

e. During mid-afternoon of 2 Sep 52 Mrs. Storm reexamined the ring and found that the color had changed to grayish-blue, and it no longer appeared to be oily. However it still felt oily but no longer felt gritty. She detected no odor upon smelling it.

f. Upon returning from work at 1700 hours 2 Sep 52, Mr. Storm again examined it with his wife. He describes the color as purplish-gray; Mrs. Storm describes the color as bluish gray. Both agree that the substance had begun to form small, closely-packed globules on the blades of grass and that it had begun to "crystallize". Mr. Storm states that it then felt slick (like graphite) when rubbed between the fingers; Mrs. Storm describes it as a powdery feel.

(NOTE: There had been no rain since before the evening of 1 Sep 52, and there was a hot sun all day on 2 Sep 52. However, there was a heavy rainfall during the night of 2/3 Sep 52).

g. During the morning of 3 Sep 52, Mr. Storm reexamined it and "was surprised to find it there after so much rain". He describes its appearance as darker (a slate gray) and still formed in globules on the grass blades. It still felt about like graphite, perhaps a bit "thinner" than the preceding evening. (Mrs. Storm removed Sample E that morning).

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5. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehurst were not at home and, therefore, were not interviewed.

6. Samples of grass, leaves and soil, and of three types of fertilizer stored nearby were removed for analysis (see Incls 3 and 4).

7. Mr. and Mrs. Storm were very cooperative and appeared to be completely sincere. They stated that they have not recently evinced much interest in the subject of undidentified flying objects nor had they discussed the subject within anyoune, thereby eliminating any obvious motive for a practical joke.

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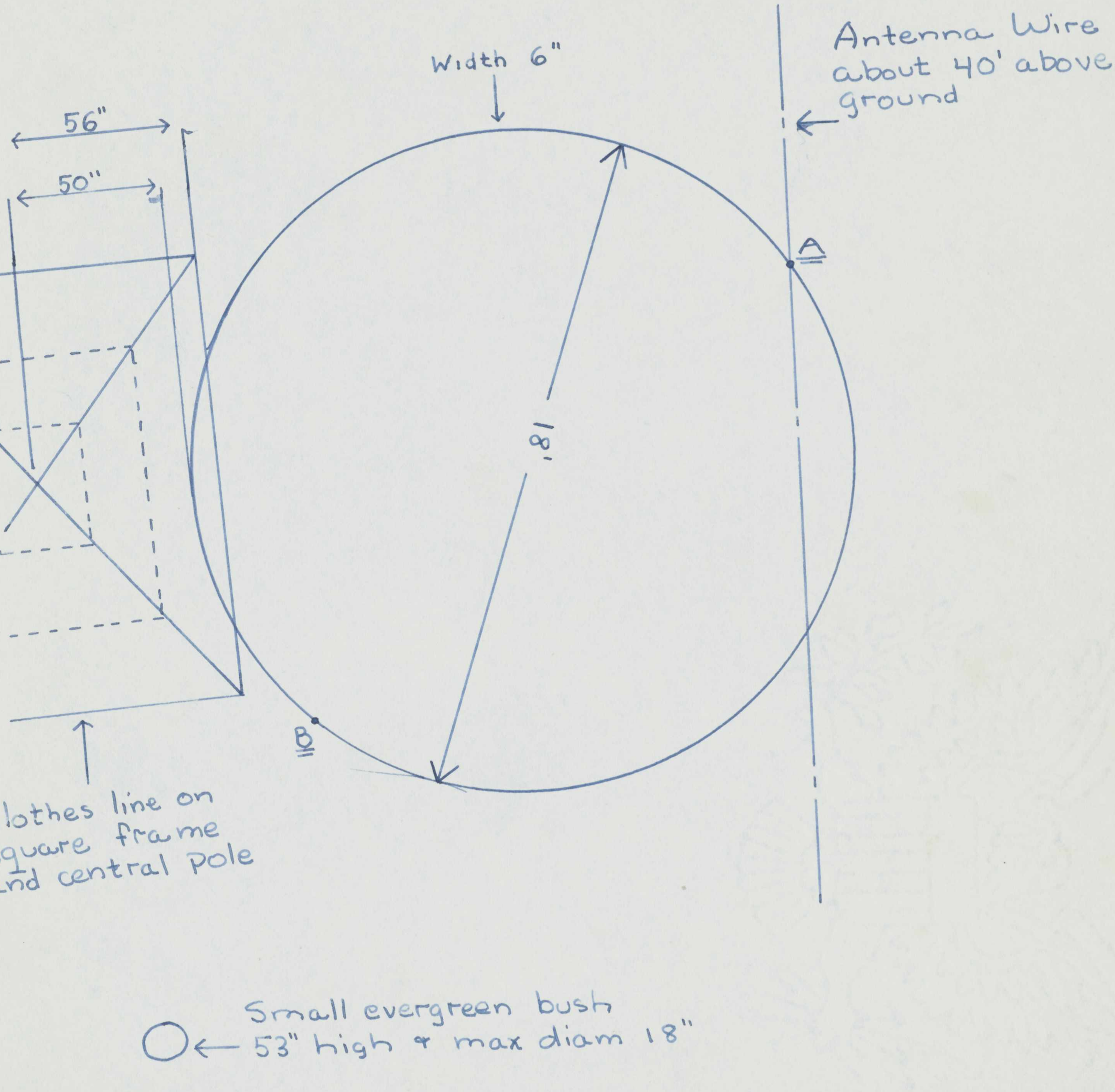

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In compliance with request contained in par 1, comment 1, samples submitted by you have been analyzed by the FBI Laboratory. Results of this analysis are contained in the attached FBI Lab Report No. PC-33951 DE, dated 6 October 1952, which may be retained by your office.

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5. FBI Lab rpt 6 Oct 52

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1. It is requested that the samples submitted herewith as Exhibits A thru I be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for lab analysis since they may have a possible relation to unidentified flying objects. These samples were removed from the yard of Mr. Charles Walter Storm residing at 102 North Garfield Street, Arlington, Va.

2. The circumstances surrounding the incident to which these samples pertain are outlined in Inclosures 1 and 2.

3. Inclosure 3 gives significant data about each sample. Exhibits G, H and I are submitted for comparison with A thru F because of the possibility that this incident represents a prank of some sort involving the use of one or more of these materials.

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1. Summary of circumstances
2. Sketch of Area relating to 1
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4. Exhibits A thru I (samples)

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DIRECTORATE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

September 30, 1952

Mr. Peter N. Price
270 East Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Dear Mr. Price:

This is to acknowledge your letter of September 8, 1952 which was forwarded to me from Detroit.

I have checked with representatives of the Directorate of Intelligence, which is the Air Force agency responsible for analyzing these reports, and was informed that they have been in contact with you in regard to this matter. I trust they were able to provide you with the information in which you were interested.

Please accept my appreciation for your desire to be of assistance to the Air Force in connection with these incidents.

Sincerely,

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R. S. RIFE
Lt Colonel, USAF
Assistant Executive, Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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15 September 1952

Lt Col R. S. Rife
Asst. Executive, Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

/Price, Peter P.

Re: Flying Saucers

Dear Col Rife:

The attached letter, addressed to your attention, was opened in this office because the personal nature of it was not indicated on the envelope.

Thought you might want to give it to the CI Division for their information and answer. If not, what kind of answer should I give him?

I have checked our 32-0 files and definitely established that we have nothing on this man.

Sincerely,

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ALFRED J. FOX
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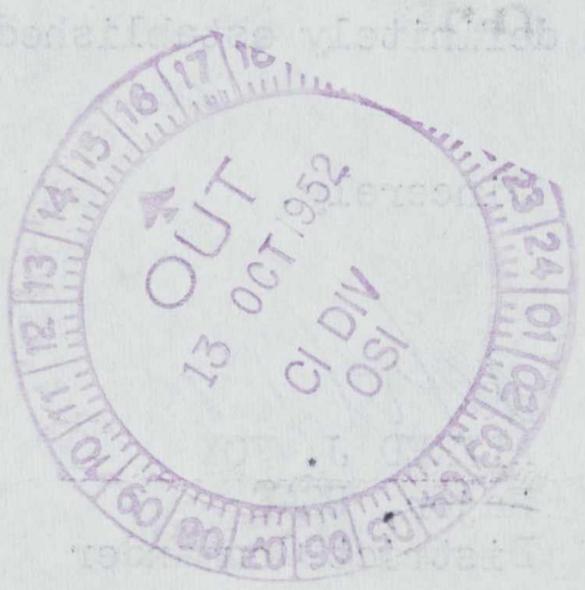

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United States Airforce Intelligence
Detroit, Michigan

Attention: Colonel Rife

Col. Rife:

A group of us have established a local organization for gathering information about and studying data covering so-called 'Flying Saucers'. We hope to establish a system for coordinating activities of numerous presently isolated civilian groups having the same purposes.

I informed the local field office of the F.B.I. and it was suggested by them that I get in touch with you. I was given to understand that you frequently visited this city and that you would contact me on one of these visits, if so requested. I would appreciate your contacting me at the above address and phone number the next time you are here, because we wish to keep our work within legal bounds and we feel that our program could, if properly carried out, contribute substantial aid to the Airforce.

Sincerely,

Peter P. Price

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Forwarded herewith for your information is a copy of a letter from the University of Pennsylvania Observatory, dated 26 August 1952, concerning the above subject.

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THE WASHINGTON POST
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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Balls of Fire Spotted in Sky By Virginia Family and Police

A Centreville, Va., family saw several mysterious balls of fire over Fairfax County early yesterday and the phenomenon was seen by county police who made an official report.

Mrs. Stella Hazelwood said she saw the objects, variously colored orange, red and blue and about the size of an automobile headlight, bouncing in the cloudy sky above her home shortly before 1 a. m. yesterday.

Her husband, F. L. Hazelwood, and two daughters, Marie, 15, and Dorothy, 18, saw the spectacle, too. Mrs. Hazelwood called police.

Pvt. Julian Burke was dispatched, and radioed his verification. Sergt. John A. Wahl, head of the midnight shift, went to the Hazelwood home and saw the objects.

Burke reported the objects were the size of 12-quart buckets and appeared to be 2000 feet high. He saw four. Mrs. Hazelwood saw six or seven.

Wahl said one of the objects hovered in the sky for a few moments, then rose rapidly into the sky, trailing a blue flame.

Police said one of the objects shot off in the direction of Washington.

Police officially reported the incident to National Airport at 1:15 a. m. but no "blips" were spotted on radar.

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THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS 19 September 1952

(Headline)"YOU CAN'T GET ONE OUT AT NIGHT BY HISSEIF"

By EVERT CLARK

FLAT WOODS, W. Va., Sept. 19—It has been seven days since the strange, flaming object flashed across the skies and left the monster in its wake.

Days pass quickly. But the nights are long. The woods and hills are black and threatening. A lot of the folks in this farming town of 200 won't go out alone after dark.

The fear—or the caution—set in right after the trip up Fisher's Hill—the same night the green fire ball slashed high across five Eastern states on a path that might have carried it directly over this town.

FEAR ON FISHER'S HILL

Other people, in the other states, thought the fireball could be a meteor. But those who saw the monster—and the silvery object in which he crashed—know what they saw, and to them it was no meteorite that fell on Fisher's Hill.

Gene Lemon, a 17-year-old farm boy, was one of the first to see it. He was playing football at the schoolhouse. This is the story he tells:

"Well, the little May's boy was standing on the top of an old Dutch oven down there where they throw away things, and he said, 'Look, boys—there's a flying saucer.'

"It just looked like sheets of flame, like the top of a washtub—kind of silver like. We all saw it, all but the Martin boy way down in the field, he didn't see it.

"It looked like it landed right thar up on the hill on Bailey Fisher's farm. I said, 'Let's go up.' Some of 'em wasn't going, but the May's boys went in the house and threw down the football and told Mrs. (Kathleen) May, and she said, 'Boys, you're crazy.'

ORANGE LIGHT

"We said no we wasn't. Finally she went with us. When we got outside the house we could see it lit up the trees a little bit. It was just orange looking—the light."

Fisher's Hill rises some 400 feet above the surrounding ground. Pastureland, mostly field. An old wagon path runs near a small patch of woods on top.

"By the time we got up there, there wasn't no light at all," Gene said. "We just ran into this here mist. It wasn't like any regular mist, just a funny looking mist. Burnt you up.

"It burnt your nose and eyes and throat. I've smelt a lot of things but I never smelt any thing like that there.

"Then we saw these eyes, I said it could be a possum. But I never thought you could see possums' eyes at night unless you shined a light at 'em.

"I was the one with the flashlight so I shined it and then we seen this here—just flared up in front of us, and I fell back.

"It had a . . . I can't hardly say what kind of a head it had . . . just red looking, and its arms were just green. It was in the neighborhood from 8 to 10 feet tall.

"It was 5 to 8 feet from us and just seemed to be floating toward us. Nobody said anything. Everybody ran."

Mrs. May is a 32-year-old beautician.

This is her story:

She said her boys, Eddie, 13, and Freddie, 12, told her the flying object looked "like a silver mirror about the size of a washtub, with a tail of fire behind it."

"They could hear it fizzing," she said. "It tilted up as it started to land. I told them, 'Boys, you're crazy,' but they said, no, it was a flying saucer and they were agoin' to go.

A SKIRT NOW

"You could see the trees just plain as day. We were about half-way when we hit this real warm mist and it smelled. Burned your nostrils.

"Well, on the top we saw these eyes, about is big as 50-cent pieces and about a foot apart and orangish-red, like a 'possum in a tree.

"The very minute that flashlight hit it it flared up, 10-feet tall, every bit of it, green, with a green skirt four feet across the bottom, a big flared skirt, all part of its body, and its face a big red moon, just looked like pure blood to me, that's the only thing I could say.

"It had clay-looking arms, and a black object extended out from its shoulders and behind its head like a shield, you know, and the shield was coal black and shaped almost like an ace of spades.

"It wasn't more than 5 feet, bouncing in our direction and making a sizzling noise. It was just beyond my judgment to know what it was.

LIGHTED INSIDE

"I didn't see a nose or eyes or ears or nothing, just the face and the eyes—orange, with greenish pupils. It was like it had a great big light bulb inside. It just lighted up from all inside."

Mrs. May and her two boys and Gene and the three other boys who had come along ran terrified down

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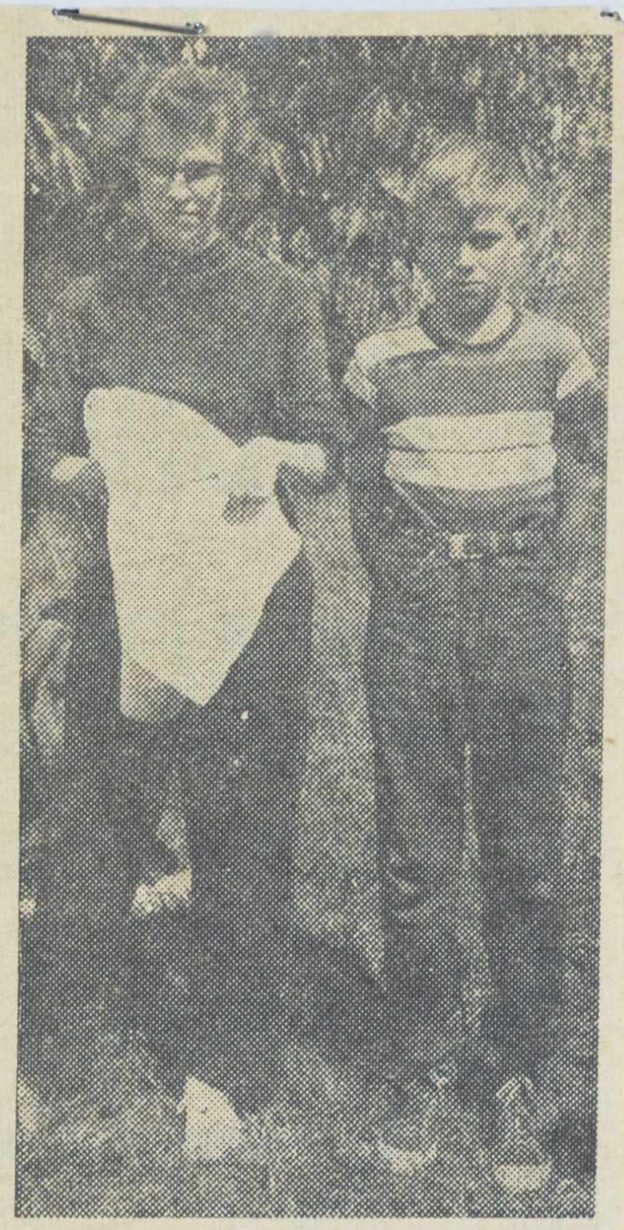

Mrs. Kathleen May, 32, beautician of Flat Woods, W. Va., points to the strange grease spot she got on her uniform the night she climbed Fisher's Hill to hunt the Green Monster. Her son, Eddie, 13, is with her.

the hill and went to their separate homes.

In no time at all the word had spread to A. Lee (Ace) Stewart Jr., editor of the weekly Braxton Democrat in Sutton, six miles to the south.

Within an hour he had talked Gene into going back up the hill with him to have another look.

"I had to keep my hand on his shoulder," Mr. Stewart said. "He just shook and shook like he was scared to death."

FOUND SKID MARKS

Mr. Stewart found no monster, but he found the evil smell all right. He said he could not recall smelling anything like it before.

"There were two sort of skid marks, about 8 or 10 feet apart and a foot or a little more wide, running 10 yards or so down a steep slope from the wagon path," he said.

"The grass there is about waist high, and in these tracks it was pushed right down to the ground. At the end of them there was an area about 10 feet wide that was trampled down."

State police weren't in, and the sheriff was asked to investigate.

SHERIFF STOPPED

"Well—the sheriff never did get up there," Mr. Stewart said. "He went up part way and turned around and came back. I wouldn't want to say why.

"The state police went up there Wednesday. They got back from a shooting match or something and went up to see.

"I questioned each one of these people away from the others, and tried to mess up the stories, and checked every angle, and they all tell the same story."

"All I can say is, they certainly saw something." He has had 70 or 80 out-of-town calls since that night, he said—all from what he now calls "monster hunters"—mostly newspapers and radio stations.

Gene was asked if any of the boys who saw the monster are still worried about it.

"Well, sir, you can't get one of 'em out of the house at night by hisself, and I know a lot of others like that," he said. "I won't go myself."

CAME AWAY FAST

Editor Bob Earl and Advertising Manager Creel Cornwell of the weekly Democrat in Weston, 40 miles to the north, did some investigating, too.

"Mrs. May told me she jumped a gate coming down that hill," Mr. Cornwell said, "and I estimated it was three feet high. As soon as she cleared it the boy who fainted, or was overcome with the gas, or fell back or whatever, passed her.

"One of the boys practically went into hysterics, and I understand they were all pretty shaken up."

Mr. Cornwell found what is left of the skidmarks, and the strange gray grease-like substance which Mrs. May got on her beautician's uniform.

"At this fence were what looked like footprints on one side, and on the other—two gray areas on otherwise green foliage. Two spots, turned gray, not burned, spots about a foot or foot and a half in diameter and about three feet apart.

LIKE GREASE

"There is a small plant sort of like plantain that is native to West Virginia, and most of the gray seemed to be on these. We found some of this—chemical, or whatever—almost like a crankcase grease.

"I got some on my pants. We were just calling them 'interplanetary grease marks,' and I don't know whether to have the plants cleaned or not now."

He also found a small piece of rusted cast iron which had a smear of the gray substance on it.

"It had discolored the metal—the rust was gone where the grease was," Mr. Cornwell said. "I understand someone took some of the grease to be analyzed, a Mr. Cutlip, but I don't know where he lives."

MORE 'THINGS'

Just as Mr. Earl and Mr. Cornwell were leaving Flat Woods a little girl brought them a slip of paper on which a man had sketched four tear-shaped objects, one behind the other.

"She said he said he saw them in the sky about the time the fireball and the 'saucer' went over," Mr. Cornwell said, "but we didn't get to talk to him. We were in a hurry to catch a train."

Gene is a private in National Guard Co. G, 150th Infantry, at nearby Gassaway. His captain, Dale Leavitt, said Gene has "a good record and is thoroly honest, as far as I know."

"I talked to every one of them, looked over the hill Sunday, checked to see if there had been any horses or cows in the pasture that night, and so on," the captain said. "There weren't. Their stories are all identical.

AFRAID TO GO OUT

"They are scared. That boy hasn't been out of the house by himself at night since then. They are serious about it.

"I saw some of the grass, and I got the odor—like burning celluloid. The grease is like a graphite grease, and they say there is an oil grass in West Virginia, but I never saw anything like this before."

Fear was not the only thing the monster brought to Flat Woods. Fame came, too.

Mrs. May has had "more than a hundred" phone calls from "all over the United States." Several radio and television stations have made tape recordings.

But the big night comes tonight—exactly a week from the evening of the day it happened.

Mrs. May and Gene and Editor Stewart have gone to New York to get set to tell the nation the story of the green-bodied monster on the television program, "We, the People." It can be heard here tonight at 8:30 over WNBW.

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