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And another Texas paper, the Fort Worth Sunday News Texan (11/10) printed for the first time a photograph taken with a telephoto lens in September, 1956 by Officer William Van Dyke of the Idaho State Police, at Sevrall, Idaho (on the Utah border). It shows two distinct disc-shaped objects; and according to reports, they were taken over a spot where an automobile accident had taken place at the same time. The victims of the accident told State Police that they had been forced off the road by a "saucer." Their car was covered with a peculiar white substance, and an investigation was supposed to have been made. (We are checking this and hope to report more fully later.)

1956, Sept. 3-New Jersey-9pmEST-A huge, reddish-orange disk & a timy, white disc seen by four boys out to watch Mars with their Telescope. The timy disc moved steadily to the wast, where it grew very red before disappearing!. The large disc hovered over a Factory, 10 min. later... Then it flew swiftly south in a blaze of light!... (Thank RM)

Case 207, Irvington, N.J., Sept. 3, 1956—Said the Newark Star-Ledger: Thomas Gann, private pilot, and Joseph Malenowski, both employees of RCA, reported seeing two mysterious objects while driving. Said Gann, "We saw a Piper cub at about 3000 feet altitude, coming in for a landing. Then we noticed two shimmering discs, hovering about 4000 feet higher than the plane. After a moment, they both shot with incredible speed into space." 12

Case 208, Norwood, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1956—Eugene Kingman, flight radio operator in the Air Force during World War II, was coming down a ladder outside his home. Looking up he saw the sun and to his surprise, another object, colored orange which was stationary. Shortly, another object, bluish white came into view and passed near the orange object. With Kingman were two other observers, one a former skeptic of saucers. Together they watched the skies, then suddenly three more objects appeared all bluish white. These were joined in a triangular formation—the two in rear less intense in luminosity than the leader and according to Kingman, flew away from the motionless orange object, which was larger than the others. After innumerable minutes a stranger passed by and joined in watching the spectacle

and immediately pointed out two more luminous objects, looking like spinning balls. Said Kingman, the oddest feature about these two objects was the "streak of lightning" which seemed to connect them in their flight. The large orange object remained in view for about 20 minutes, during which time, no sound was heard.

1956, Sept. 3-Whenuapai, New Zealand-6:42pm-A glowing UFO with a white nose flashed across the sky as a Squadron-Leader was landing his Hastings-Aircraft. Another Pilot saw it, too!...

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The majority of Americans are no longer skeptical about UFO's. Not so observers on the other side of the world: The following reports reached us from New Zealand via John H. Andrews of Paradise, Pa. They aren't new; they occurred on September 4,

p.m. when Squadron-Lander K. B. Smith, commanding officer of No. 40 Squadron, was coming in to land at Hastings, near Auckland, N. Z. Squadron-Leader Smith, incidentally, was a member of the Queen's Flight during the Royal.

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said they saw an object with "about four windows in the side" traveling west across the harbor from Devonport. They said it was cigarshaped with blue flame shooting from the rear.

Other observers mostly agreed the object was flying very low—maybe only 500 to 1,000 feet high, had a white light in front and a reddish or pinkish or orangeish tail. Everyone agreed that it was flying straight and level.

One of the most detailed descriptions came from Bert Thomson, a farmer of Kaponga, near New Plymouth. Thomson estimated the object to be 70 feet long, 30 feet wide and to be flying at 300 to 400 m. p. h. at around 1,500 feet. He said it passed over his farm about 1:30 A. M., when he got up to administer to a sick animal. He heard a hissing sound, and saw a white light followed by a blue light.

As the noise and lights came closer, Thomson said, he was able to make out the outline of the object. He said it had a turretlike "glass" nose, from which the white light came, delta-like rounded wings, a larger glass turret on the middle of the main body, from which the blue light came, and a tapering tail that he could not see.

If Mr. Thomson's object was the same as that reported by Squadron-Leader K. B. Smith, then he had one of the closest views of a UFO ever reported. He could see no wheels or markings on the object and claims he has "two perfectly good eyes."

Whatever the object may have been, there was no doubt about its identity in the mind of R. A. Mc-Intosh, president of the Auckland Astronomical Society. You know what Mr. McIntosh said it was! He said it was "obviously a meteor."—Curtis Fuller

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5 September 1956 Stormont, North Ireland

1956, Sept. 5-Stormont, North Ireland-Evening-Irregularly-shaped UFO observed in a misty sky, by several. Moved fast AND slow, hovered over Parliment buildings for two hours. Man to first see it went outside to escape persistent barking of his dog! (Said to be a cloud by Meteorological Officials).

No Case (Information Only)

1956, Sept. 6-Mainz, Germany-10:34pm (Central European Time)-A Bell-shaped saucer seen crossing sky from Cassiopeia to Mars and there diminishing in size and vanishing! It glowed a dark-red, changing to orange. It was half the size of Mars. Viewed for about 50 seconds, by Herr & Frau Koenig...

7 September 1956 Burlington, Wisconsin

No Case (Information Only)

Case 211, Burlington, Wisc., Sept. 7, 1956—Several residents called the sheriff's office Friday afternoon after they saw a UFO traveling eastward at a high rate of speed. Coast Guard observers at the Wind Point Station also saw the object. They tentatively identified it as a weather balloon, but said they knew of no agencies in the area which launched such balloons.¹⁵

Case 212, Twin Falls, Idaho, Sept. 7, 1956—Said the Idaho Falls Post Register: "A Twin Falls attorney reported that a flying saucer swooped down on his ranch and apparently made off with a 400 pound steer. E. L. Rayburn reported this story to the sheriff's office: 'I was at my ranch about 40 miles south of here when I saw a

strange object about 200 feet in diameter flying overhead. It had a whirling effect on top and gave off an orange glow. It came in fast overhead and swooped to the ground near a spot where a 400-pound whitefaced steer was standing. Then the object sped off like a streak of light and the steer was gone.' Rayburn said two employes on the ranch, Joe and Dick Parker, also saw the object. He said no trace has been found of the steer." 16

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No Case (Information Only)

Case 213, Batavia, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1956—Driving over Highway 132 at 9:30 a.m., Mrs. Harold Thomas, watched a round, tailless, wingless object, its color a dull silver. She did not stop her car but had the impression that it was motionless. No sound was audible, save that of her car's engine.

Case 214, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1956—A steady orange light, "brighter than Arcturus" was seen by a lone observer at 9:40 p.m., traversing 90 degrees of sky in about a minute. It was traveling north parallel to the observer's horizon. No sound.

Ed: Cases 213 and 214 are interesting in respect to the International Flying Saucer Sighting Day program which set aside the dates, June 30 and Sept. 8 for special observation. All sightings will be correlated by the editors of the British magazine Flying Saucer Review. See letter by Derek Dempster, June 1956 Orbit.

9 September 1956 Cut Bank, Montana

No Case (Information Only)

Case 215, Cut Bank, Montana, Sept. 9, 1956—The Great Falls Tribune reported that a motorist, Don Le Grande, saw a "bright blue light which went straight up, then down, then circled toward Great Falls." He said it moved at "tremendous speed". The Helena Filter Center said a Malmstrom AFB jet was dispatched to the Cut Bank area to identify "mysterious objects" in the sky.17

Case 216, Florence, Ky, Sept. 9, 1956—Jack Juelg and two witnesses, while parked in a drive-in theatre, observed an "extremely bright light" following another light, the latter of which was quickly identified as an aircraft. Curious, the trio watched the strange light, and to their surprise, when the aircraft circled, the light followed—then with a burst of speed shot straight away and disappeared. Soon another plane, easily identified, came into view—but, to the astonishment of everyone, it was also being followed by the mysterious light! During this incident, the plane continued on a straight course, while the UFO, suddenly accelerating, cut off to the right. Then making a gradual circle, the unknown pursuer disappeared. Said Juelg, "The most unusual thing I've ever seen."

12 September 1956 Aburiri, New Zealand

1956, Sept. 12-Aburiri, New Zealand-Three UFOs high in the sky. First Object was slow, small & white, and hovered occasionally. 1/2 hour after first Object was sighted, 2 more discs were seen by several. speeding southward!... (Monitered Renow!)

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On Sept. 37, Justin Hammond, Publisher of the Corona Duily elebendent sent CRIFO a letter confirming the blasts. It reads in art as foilows: "Dean Strawn was in the office today to ask if had carried any publicity in the paper regarding some blasts we heard in this vicinity secently. . . One of our reporters table inquiries to the Minnesota Mining Co., south of Corona to nd but if there had been mining blast out there. The answer was exactive. Cails to the beeal police also failed to provide any exanation. Finally it was decided, on the basis I believe of a call someone else whom I could not identify, that the explosions had can caused by socie blests. Since sonic blasts occur in this neighround frequently we did not consider it to be of unusual news he and did not carry any story on it. However, three blasts in en quick succession is a type of noise I do not usually associate in some biasts. The employees bere in the office were aware of explosions also and felt the job that it caused We also re-

Case 218, Elsinore, and Corona, California, Sept. 12, 55—Dean Strawn, of Corona, is a trained observer and in investigator. He flew five years in fighters and scout

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We resume quoting from Strawn's letter: "I called Mr. Lewis and arranged to see him right away. We had a very interesting challed the saw a saucer about the size of a close formation of elegal B-29's and it sort of walkowed down the valley with one side light and cigar-snaped while the other had many spots that glistened light metal. As you may notice our times are within 10 minutes of

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Richard Hall writes: About 9:55 p.m., Jim Kincaid saw three motionless lights as bright as Mars from a parked car. Elevation about 30°, below and to the left of the moon in the southwest. Observed for about a minute-objects did not move, but 'twinkled'. At about 10 p.m. while driving away, Jim heard newscast that hundreds of calls had come in about objects above downtown building. He returned to his original parking place and the objects he had seen were gone."

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15	Altus, Oklahoma (CASE MISSING)	Multi	Insufficient Data
17	New Castle, Delaware		Aircraft
17	Bloomfield, Crane, Vincennes, India		Aircraft
1.7	Pucolo, Colorado		Aircraft
1.9	East Rochester, New Hampshire	Civilian	Insufficient Data
20	Ashford, Kent, England		Aircraft
50	Iong Island, New York		Aircraft
20	Brooklyn, New York		Es.13.00n
50	Alteny, New York		Insufficient Data
50	35N 131.15W (Facific)		Aircraft
20-21	Brooklyn, New York	Multi	Palloon
21	Ellwood, Pennsylvania	F.IOTT CT	Insufficient Data
22	St Petersburg, Florida	Multi	Insufficient Data
55	San Antonio, Texas		Insufficient Data
2.3	Freeport, Michigan		Astro (VENUS)
21.	Dayton, Ohio		Astro (STAR)
5,4	Ft Collins, Colorado		Aircraft
51+	Fueblo, Colorado	PHYS S)	Other (RAYON RESIDUE)
25	Cincinnati, Ohio		Insufficient Data
25	Cumberland, Virginia		Aircraft
26	Taft, California	Civilian	Insufficient Deta
2.6	Hanover, Kansas (CASE MISSING)	CTATTENT	. Insufficient Data
26	Brooks AFB, Texas		Aircraft
26	Craig, Colorado		Astro (METEOR)
27	Colorado Springs, Colorado	MULTUL	Aircraft
27	Hancock, Maine		Astro (CAPELLA)
23	Hamilton, Ohio		Balloon
28	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma		Insufficient Data
5.3	West Palm Beach, Florida		Insufficient Data
53	ME Prescott, Arizona		Insufficient Data
	Whitewater, Wisconsin		Astro (MARS)
30	Dallas, Pennsylvania		ASULU (L

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