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## OBJECT OVER LOS ANGELES

by Barry E. Taff

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11:30 P.M. PST

West Los Angeles

On Sunday evening, April 19, 1981, I had just left my friend's apartment (Larry Brooks) on Jasmine in the city of Palms and headed south on Palms to the 7-11 store at Overland and Palms.

I purchased a small bite to eat at the 7-11 store and then headed northbound on Palms toward my home. I didn't notice anything unusual until I crossed under the Santa Monica Freeway bridge after which Palms turns into National Blvd.

It was now approximately 11:30 P.M. PST and I was just coming up the grade from the underpass. As I reached the crest of the grade which is approximately parallel with the 76 Union Gasoline station just to the right, I noticed something in the air slightly off the the right. I was now about even with the parking lot for Von's Market and the accompanying shopping center located there.

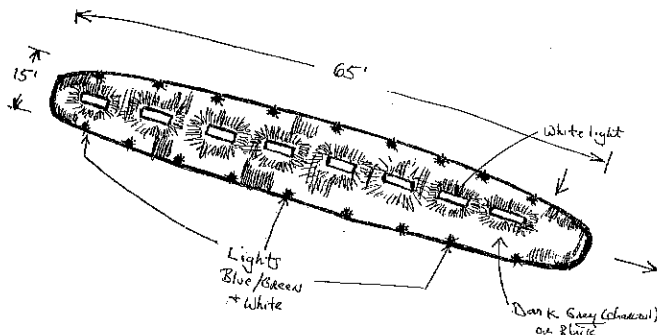
At first glance I thought I was observing either a low-flying, fixed-wing aircraft, or possibly a police helicopter which are quite common in that area during the late evening hours. After I ruled out those two possibilities based on my sighting, I then thought it might possibly be the Goodyear Blimp in distress, as it appeared to be quite low in altitude.

I would estimate that it was no higher than 500-600 feet. It was over the northeast leg of the shopping center, at a compass heading of 40 degrees.

After effectively eliminating all the aforementioned aircraft possibilities, I then pulled the car over and stopped, turning off the engine. I stepped out of the car and continued to observe the vehicle in the air.

The most apparent factor at this point was that there was absolutely no sound being generated by the object whatsoever. My eyeball estimate of the object's range is about 2,500 feet from my location as marked on the map. At that range I would expect to hear either engines or propeller blades from a fixed-wing aircraft or the rotor blades of a helicopter. Neither were heard. Nor was the sound of a jet engine or turbine.

What made me so sure I was not observing any type of conventional aircraft was its basic structural design—that of a flattened, elongated cigar, with no tail section or wings of any kind. It is hard to imagine an aircraft staying aloft without any type of horizontal or vertical stabilizer. Additionally, what appeared to be "running lights", were positioned along the top and



*Drawing of Los Angeles Sighting  
See Story at right.*

## UNEXPLAINED JET FAILURE

Because of past instances in which the engines of cars and aircraft have been interfered with in some manner during the presence of a UFO or UFOs, the following information is of interest:

A Thursday, July 9, 1981 Associated Press (AP) story out of Washington, D. C., described the failure of a four-engine "jumbo" jet. The aircraft, a Boeing 747, was an hour east of Honolulu, Hawaii on a flight from Newark, New Jersey, when all four engines failed. The aircraft dropped 13,000 feet from its cruising altitude of 39,000 feet before the engines began re-starting at 26,000 feet. Most of the passengers aboard the Sunday, July 5th flight were unaware of the problem.

The AP wire story said that a Boeing Company spokesman had told the service that the firm will cooperate with the National Transportation Safety Board's effort to determine why all four of the engines failed at once. Mr. James Boynton, of the Seattle, Washington Boeing headquarters, said that he, like the NTSB, had "no idea" what caused the problem, and couldn't recall any Boeing jumbo jets having similar engine problems in the past. (Editor's Note: It might be interesting to learn if there were any UFO sightings over or around the Hawaiian Islands at or near that date).

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bottom of the cigar shape which was viewed on edge. The colors of these running lights were a green/blue and white, alternating.

Another peculiar feature observed was that this long cigar-shaped object had what looked like windows or rectangular openings spaced equidistant from each other between the rows of running lights (see drawing). The "windows" or openings were emitting extremely bright white light.

The object itself appeared to be quite solid and its surface had a charcoal grey color and looked opaque. The object's attitude was slightly tilted toward the ground (see drawing) and it was moving very slowly.

It seemed to come out of the northeast, tilt down towards the ground, then turn away from my position to a point where I could no longer observe the lights of windows, only its backside which had no lights or windows. At that point, it appeared to begin moving back in a northeasternly direction and I lost sight of it.

Again, it is important to note that during this entire observational period, there was not any sound heard coming from the object. And inasmuch as it was a relatively late hour (11:30 P.M.), there were few if any cars on the street to distract me or drown out the

sound, if any.

My entire sighting lasted approximately 45 seconds and I did intend to pursue the object, but I could not drive the car and observe the object at the same time since I was alone, and there was no one present to assist me in navigation.

In conclusion, I'd estimate that the object's size was considerably larger than any helicopter that the police have flown locally (perhaps 65 feet in length), and was about 15 feet high. It could not have been a blimp as its shape was not consistent with that type of aircraft.

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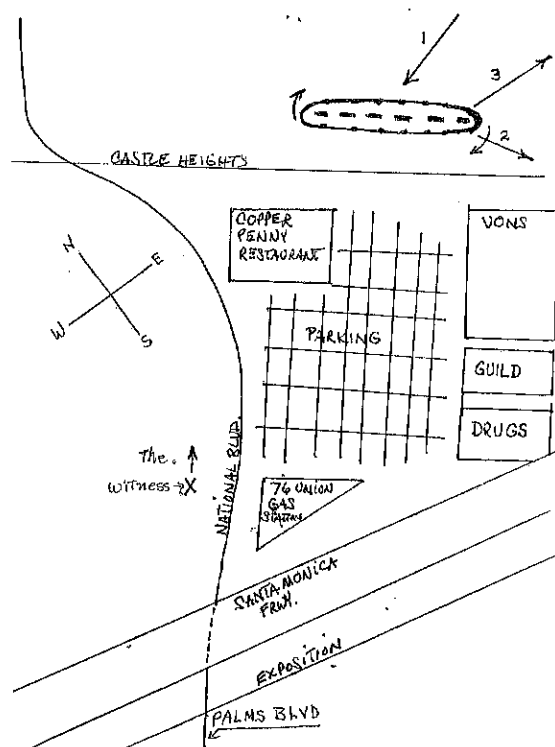


Diagram of sighting area.

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## BOOK REVIEW

### "UFOs: THE IMAGE HYPOTHESIS — CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF AN AUSTRALIAN KIND"

(A Reed Book written by Keith Basterfield, published in Australia, 111 pages, May, 1981, \$5.95)

One of Australia's leading UFO researchers has presented in the short book, the kernel of an idea that deserves wide attention and may provide insights into that mystery we call the UFO phenomenon. Keith Basterfield offers his theory, "The Image Hypothesis," as a possible explanation for much of the hitherto unexplained residue of UFO events that survives the gauntlet of critical investigators.

The author recounts his odyssey which led him to this position, in simple and straightforward terms.

The account is free of the sensationalism that has been a feature of much of the available UFO literature. His approach is in step with the critical winds of change that are now sweeping through UFO research at large.

Against a background of personal investigation and experiences, Keith Basterfield draws a picture of a subject fraught with observations of "UFOs." These are definitely explainable in conventional terms once commonsense investigations have been conducted by intelligent and critical investigators.

Keith Basterfield gives short shrift to a number of areas of UFO experience, including claims of "angel hair", photographs and radar evidence. According to the author, there is very little in "UFO 'nests' and all that."

However in his estimation, there is a residue of ostensibly unexplainable cases. The bizarre experiences of the Rye housewife on Mooraduc Road in Victoria and a mechanic's roadside encounter with a strange object resting on the ground near Murray Bridge in South Australia, are amongst the Australian cases described.

It is to these cases—the unexplained residue—that Keith Basterfield addresses his "image hypotheses". The Ivy Tanks case of September 6th, 1973 (pgs. 28-30), proved to be the initial stimulus for the author to consider this hypothesis. Its fascinating correspondences with the well defined characteristics of hypnopomic and hypnagogic imagery, caused him to consider whether other cases in Australia and indeed overseas, shared these similarities. Perhaps surprisingly a great many close encounter cases had features which suggested to the author that they were perhaps the result of imagery. A remarkable number of close encounter cases worldwide occur in the nocturnal interface of waking and sleep and therefore Keith Basterfield's theory may be of great utility in attempting to determine the objective reality of these experiences.

The author even offers a possible mechanism for UFO events that occur to people in an ostensibly awake state. Here he refers to "neural Discharges" that occurs generally during "paradoxical sleep." Deprivation effects, in certain studies, have lead to "neural discharges" and intense visual imagery or hallucinations during waking hours of certain subjects.

How legitimate are such psychological explanations? The author has only presented the theory in a tentative and initial form, therefore it is difficult to judge how comprehensive the theory is intended to be. Keith Basterfield appears to be suggesting that almost all residue cases may eventually be explained in these or more mundane terms.

I have no doubts that some cases are amenable to such mechanisms, particularly when we enter the murky realm of "abduction", "time-loss" and "interrupted journey" experiences. However some aspects of the UFO phenomenon, as we presently

understand it, are more difficult to dispose of.

"Physical traces" related to UFO events are a case in point. Keith Basterfield considers only the famous Tully case (SEE my article in Ronald Story's massive book, "The Encyclopedia of UFOs", to be published in Australia by New English Library, during June, 1981 — highly recommended) as about the only physical trace event of any merit.

While I share some common ground with the author's hypothesis, I must consider his position on physical traces in particular as an oversimplification. There are quite a number of impressive physical trace events (eg. Socorro, 1964 — See Ray Stanford's book, "Socorro Saucer in a Pentagon Pantry" (aka "Socorro Saucer") and "The Encyclopedia of UFOs" article.)

The Boyup Brook case (pg. 41) is used by the author to support his psychological mechanism for "car stop"/"car control" cases, however it should be appreciated that the driver's watch also stopped for 5 minutes — a period of time consistent with the witness' impression of the duration of the "car-control" incident. Therefore the "time-gap" experience — a psychologically understood mechanism — seems out of place. Also "EM" cases (or "car effect" cases) with more than one witness seem to rule out the "psychological" cause. The BUFORA Vehicle Interference Project compiled by Geoffrey Falla and Edited by C.F. Lockwood & A.R. Pace (1979) lists many two witnessed "EM" events amongst the some 420 cases in total.

The lack of cases, particularly overseas events, illustrating each part in the development of the theory, is a weakness, but one, I understand, due to the publishers cutting back on the overall length of the original manuscript. A more critical listing of "Close Encounters" which excludes references to cases such as "1954, Berri, SA: 'A 2 Metre long, scaly creature was reportedly observed up a tree...'"; 1969, Goolmanger Creek, NSW, "Children discover a 'nest'.", etc should have been undertaken. These latter events hardly qualify. On pg. 50 Ted Bloecher should read as Ted Phillips.

The author has not pursued the idea that ultimately the "image hypothesis" is a testable hypothesis and therefore it may well be a "scientific" one, if we view it from a classical falsification stance. The hypnagogic state can be studied in the laboratory with some success, so much so, that Charles T. Tart in his pioneer work, "Altered States of Consciousness" (1969, 1972), was able to say, "It is a straightforward step from the Bertini et. al. research to attempt to control the hypnagogic state itself and explore the possible use of such control." (See "Some Preliminary Observations with an Experimental Procedure for the Study of Hypnagogic and related phenomena" by M. Bertini, Helen B. Lewis and Herman A. Witkin; condensed from *Archivio di Psicologia Neurologia e Psichiatria*, 1964, Vol. 6, 493-534; pgs. 95-114 in

'ASC' (1972)).

Keith Basterfield's exposition of his imagery theory, potentially has wide utility in explaining some UFO close encounters. I requires more detailed qualification and development beyond its current narrow horizon. However, as an idea expressed as a non-rigid working hypothesis, the concept deserves the thorough and thoughtful consideration of a wide researcher-orientated audience.

The author's conclusion that "the truth (about UFOs) may lie in understanding more about ourselves and (our) beliefs, than in the stars" could be right. An answer will require much more research and open minded debate along these other lines. The author and indeed this reviewer would find such tasks a most worthy endeavour.

Bill Chalker

APRO Representative, Australia

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## LANDED UFO SEEN; MISSING LATER

*OREGON May 29, 1981 — Newport...* Police Chief Larry Spencer said a citizen reported an object along the beach north of the Yaquina Bay jetty around 2:30 a.m. The object was described as 20 feet by 5 feet long and it "glowed" when kicked.

Two officers subsequently arrived at the scene and could not identify the object, but reported no "glowing" from it. They could not determine whether the object was metal or wood. When an officer later returned to investigate the object in daylight, it was gone.

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## NEW BULLETIN FEATURE

*Astronomical Data*, prepared for the *Bulletin* by Field Investigator Lee Emery, is a new regular feature. We urge *all field investigators* especially, and members as well, to study the information contained therein and familiarize themselves with it so that should a local sighting appear to be astronomical in nature, they can easily identify the natural astronomical phenomenon in a short time.

APRO Headquarters, at this writing, is thoroughly investigating a "ball of fire" case over the Tucson area which, whether identified as a bolide or a UFO, will be described in a future issue. Data such as that provided by Mr. Emery's column is invaluable in evaluating such "border-line" reports.

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## UFO REPORTS INCREASING IN CHINA

"UFO sightings reached a new peak in China in 1980," China UFO Research Organization (CURO) chairman Cha Leping said recently in the central China city of Wuhan, as he looked at the 77 reports of UFOs from January through November, 1980. CURO was officially formed in May, 1980 from an informal liaison center at Wuhan University which has recorded 208 sightings over the last few years.

Some of the sightings reported to CURO in 1980 make incredible reading. A group of machinery workers were on a night fishing expedition on October 5th when a small, cone-shaped object appeared about 3 a.m. The object was bright red at the center and blue-green at the edges and emitted intense heat as it flew overhead with a whistling sound.

On November 5th, two textile workers spotted a dish-like object emitting a green light and flying on an irregular course. It disappeared, reappeared, then disappeared again as it veered from east to west.

Less than a week later, on November 11, three students at Wuhan University spotted a dish-shaped object around 10 p.m. The object had two yellow lights and two dazzling white lights and was in view for about 15 minutes.

Perhaps the most solid proof of the presence of UFOs over China is the picture taken by two students of the Beijing Mining Institute on August 24th. An object emitting a white light emerged from behind a mountain and made irregular, silent movements as the students watched for about a half an hour. Their photograph was carried in the Beijing Evening News.

### POSSIBLE LINK WITH VALENTICH CASE

The CURO file seems to show a strong link between sightings in China and sightings in other parts of the world. On October 23, 1978, a group of Chinese Air Force pilots spotted a massive luminous object in the sky. There is an apparent link between this UFO and the one reported to have knocked down an Australian plane on October 21st. Cha Leping, the CURO chairman, said, "There seems to be some link between the UFO the Australian pilot saw and the one that appeared over Gansu province two days later. The descriptions tally — very large, rectangular and emitting a strong light."

CURO is now a member of the Chinese Society for the Study of the Future, set up to research into unexplained phenomena. It has branches and 400 members throughout China.

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# ASTRONOMICAL DATA

by Lee Emery

The following information applies to those areas with a latitude of 40 degrees north. However, since there are only slight differences for observers a few degrees north or south of this point, it can also apply to most of the U.S., Canada, Europe, Central Asia, and Japan.

The rising and setting times of the stars are calculated for the middle of each month. Subtract one hour for the end of the month, and add one hour for the beginning of the month. All times given are approximate, and may vary up to 30 minutes either way, depending on the observer's location in relation to his local time zone.

*November 15 to November 30, 1981*

**Prominent Planets:** *Venus* appears in the SSW sky at sunset about 35 degrees above the horizon. It can easily be spotted because it is by far the most dominant object in the sky at that time. It is even bright enough to be seen while the sky is still light. *Venus* sets in the WSW about 2 hours after sunset.

*Saturn* and *Jupiter* can be seen in the early morning sky, rising at about 4:30 AM in the ESE. *Jupiter* appears as the brightest object in the sky at this time with *Saturn* just above and to the right of *Jupiter* and about half as bright. By sunrise, these two planets are about 30 degrees above the SE horizon.

*Mars* is also found in the early morning sky, rising in the ESE at about 1:30 AM. It is easily recognizable by its dull reddish glint. By sunrise, *Mars* is located about 75 degrees above the SE horizon.

**Brightest Stars:** *Vega* (.04 magnitude) can be seen after sunset about 80 degrees above the western horizon (almost overhead). It moves towards the NW before setting in the NNW at about 11:30 PM.

*Capella* (.08 magnitude) appears just above the NE horizon at sunset and by 1 AM is found almost directly overhead. By sunrise it moves to a position approx. 30° above the NW horizon.

*Sirius* (-1.46 magnitude) is the brightest star in the sky and rises in the SE at about 10 PM. It moves to a point 30 degrees above the southern horizon by 3 AM and by sunrise is about 20 degrees above the SW horizon.

[See next column]

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See Dues Renewal Information on Bulletin Cover and  
**RENEW NOW**

**Meteor Showers:** The *Leonid* shower peaks on Nov. 17th and is best seen in the early morning hours in North America. However, the presence of the moon may seriously limit the viewing.

**Moon Phases:** Full moon—Nov. 11  
Last quarter—Nov. 18  
New moon—Nov. 26

*December 1981*

Star positions are basically the same as in November except that the rising and setting times are about 1 hour earlier in the first half of the month and 2 hours earlier in the second half of the month.

**Prominent Planets:** *Jupiter*, *Saturn*, and *Mars* will all rise about 1½ hours earlier than they did in Nov. slightly more towards the SE. *Venus* will appear to be a little higher in the sky at sunset, but will still set about 2 hours after the sun goes down.

**Meteor Showers:** The *Geminids* peak on Dec. 14th between midnight and 5 AM in North America. Once again, viewing will be limited because of the moon. The *Ursids*, which peak on Dec. 22nd, promises to be a good shower with the best viewing in Eastern N. America about 5 AM.

**Moon Phases:** First quarter—Dec. 4  
Full moon—Dec. 11  
Last quarter—Dec. 18  
New moon—Dec. 26

*January 1982*

**Prominent Planets:** *Venus* appears as a bright point at sunset about 20 degrees above the SW horizon. It sets about 1 hour after sunset in the WSW.

*Jupiter* rises about 2 AM in the ESE and at sunrise is located about 40 degrees above the southern horizon.

*Saturn* rises just before midnight in the east and at sunrise is located about 45 degrees above the SW horizon.

*Mars* rises about 11 PM in the east (dull reddish in color) and at sunrise is about 60 degrees above the SW horizon.

**Brightest Stars:** *Capella* can be seen about 40 degrees above the NE horizon at sunset. By 9 PM, it is almost directly overhead and it sets just before sunrise in the NNW.

*Vega* is located about 30 degrees above the NW horizon at sunset and sets about 7:30 in the NNW.

*Sirius* rises about 6 PM in the ESE and by 9 PM is located about 30 degrees above the SSE horizon. It maintains a low altitude until setting in the SW about 5:30 AM.

*Arcturus* (-.06 magnitude) rises in the east about

midnight and by sunrise is about 80 degrees above the southern horizon.

*Moon Phases:* First quarter—Jan. 2  
Full moon—Jan. 9  
Last quarter—Jan. 17  
New Moon—Jan. 25

NOTE: When observing the sky, one should be aware of the so-called "scintillation effect." Atmospheric turbulence causes some stars (esp. those near the horizon) to twinkle, often in brilliant shades of red and green.

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*Michael D. Swords, Ph.D*

## NEW CONSULTANT

Shown above is Dr. Michael D. Swords, Associate Professor of Natural Science at Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, Michigan, who has consented to become a member of APRO's Consulting Staff.

Dr. Swords attended the University of Notre Dame where he received his B.S. in Chemistry in 1962, Iowa State University from 1963 to 1965 where he received his M.S. in Biochemistry, with minors in organic chemistry, history and philosophy of science. In 1965 he entered Iowa State University where he entered the M.A. program in History of Science (no official degree). In 1972 he received his PhD in History of Science and Technology from Case Western Reserve University. His minor studies at that establishment were History of Chemistry and British Intellectual History.

Dr. Swords has served the teaching profession at Iowa State University and Case Western Reserve as well as Western Michigan University where he received

the Teaching Excellence Award for 1977-1978.

During his teaching career, he has found that some of the prominent topics chosen by students for research are Ancient Astronauts, the Bermuda Triangle, Atlantis, ESP (extra-sensory perception), Out-of-Body experiences, Astrology, Faith-Healing, Psychokinesis, Apparitions, and, of course, UFOs.

As a part of the Department of General Studies Science at Western Michigan University, Dr. Swords has, among many other subjects taught Science and Parascience, about which he writes the following: "The task of the individual student is to select one topic, or a portion of one, research it (usually purely via literature), present their analysis of the validity of the various claims in two classroom presentations, and write up the entirety of their work in an extensive (usually 40+ pages) research report. It is vital for them to have access to a variety of reference materials, preferably of heterogeneous viewpoints if possible..

Dr. Swords is eminently qualified to participate in the study of UFOs, both through his education and teaching experience. We on the APRO staff are hopeful that he will find APRO and the *Bulletin* a useful tool in the future.

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## LETTERS

Dear EDITOR:

Twice as much has been written about the "interpretation" and misinterpretation of the Laws which make up our legal system, and of the circumvention, abortion and adulteration of the original intent of the law-maker in his presentation of any law in question as it was first presented.

Tons of material have been written about the "interpretation" of the Bible and other works of religious foundation.

Have you ever considered it a point of wonderment as to the ease with which the human psyche is influenced by the permeated society throughout the centuries? Or the hatred engendered by nothing more than propaganda during a period of military confrontation? Or even by commercial advertising we allow to influence our daily lives? Word-of-mouth seems to have an instantaneous and devastating effect on even the most wary. There is little to be done to defend one's self against it, and it attacks us in a continual barrage from the day we're born to the day we die. It bogs down even such basic questions as the difference in right and wrong to such an extent that original thought is quite frequently completely lost.

In the matter of Unidentified Flying Objects, I find it disconcerting to realize that people are so easily convinced that what they hear is the fact-of-the-matter, and that what they see with their own eyes—is not.

Yours,

Robert C. Salisbury, Jr.

## PRESS REPORTS

*By Joe and Doris Graziano*

*February 14, 1981, Greensburg, PENNSYLVANIA—* A 17-year-old woman was babysitting at a neighbor's house when she walked into an enclosed front porch to look out a window around 1:45 a.m. She glanced toward the sky and observed an object with three white lights, forming the points of an equilateral triangle, hovering silently at housetop level 50 feet away.

The light closest to the witness was much brighter than the rear ones, and just above it was a transparent window. To the left and right of the front pane, separated by thin metallic-like partitions, were two windows that wrapped around the sides of the craft. A very dull white light, similar to a flashlight beam, slowly dropped from the bottom until it reached the street.

The woman could see two humanoid creatures through the front window of the craft. They were described as having "very large heads, oriental-like eyes, gill-like ears and two holes instead of a nose." One creature appeared to be sitting and the other standing behind an instrument panel. The panel was white and the entire scene appeared to be illuminated by a white light.

The seated creature operated several controls resembling slide potentiometers and the panel also contained groups of black and grayish-black circular controls. The other humanoid was visible from the waist up and was not wearing a shirt. It had a long, thin neck, broad shoulders, smooth white skin and normal-looking arms, and stared at the witness with pupil-less white eyes.

The witness watched for about 15 minutes, then went back into the living room. The television set suddenly emitted a buzzing noise and went black. Simultaneously, the only light in the living room went out. Becoming apprehensive, the witness hurried into the kitchen and telephoned her parents. When her father arrived at 2:50 a.m. the object was no longer there.

*April 16, 1981, FAIRCHANCE—* Mrs. Linda Baker left a meeting around 9:30 p.m. when, "Out of nowhere came this white light in the sky. It came on and shut off. It came on and shut off again. The third time it came on, it came with these colored lights — blue, red and green — all around it."

After she arrived home, Mrs. Baker was joined by 14 friends and neighbors who stood outside and watched the show. Mrs. Anna Marie Garlett said, "The red, blue and green ones would flash like a neon light and stop. Then, a minute or two later, it started again. But the white one was constant."

Fairchance police officer Jack Flowers said the lights would travel in a southwest direction and then stay in position for a while. After hovering in one place for 10 to 15 minutes, they would continue the journey.

The strange phenomena was witnessed by a total of approximately 20 people, and lasted about two hours. No sounds were detected by the witnesses. Area airports could not account for the lights.

*April 16, 1981, HERSHEY—* Two women were driving along Sandhill Road about 10:30 p.m. when they saw something very large hovering just above the trees ahead of them. They pulled to the side of the road for a better look and thought it was a helicopter, then realized that there was no sound from the craft.

The object was described as "twice the size of a house, with numerous brightly-colored lights and antennae-like projections covering most of the craft's surface." It moved away at great speed, but sideways rather than in the manner of a conventional aircraft.

*May 4, 1981, DANVILLE—* Shiny little white particles that seemed to be falling from the sky were seen by several people between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. They were described as "hundreds of fuzzies" and looked "like falling cobwebs" according to two of the witnesses.

William F. Hummer said he and about six of his neighbors witnessed the objects. He and two of the neighbors said it appeared the the silk-like particles were being shot from saucer-shaped crafts in front of the sun.

Hummer said the craft seemed to have round domes on top and it looked like they were exploding or "hatching" in front of the sun and releasing the smaller particles. The particles seemed to disintegrate as they fell to the ground.

*April 15, 1981, Mount Sunapee, ILLINOIS —* Eugene Fucci was driving on I-89 shortly before 7:30 p.m. when he noticed "two huge bright stars" to the east. When he first noticed the lights, they were stationary, but then "one of the stars seemed to fall several miles straight down" and began moving on a westward path.

As it approached, the light took on the appearance of a huge metal triangle with several red lights on the side and a very bright, high-intensity white light on the leading edge. Fucci said the object looked similar to "five B-52s on a low-altitude flight, flying in a staggered V-formation." The object was flying very low and passed over his car as it continued west.

Several residents in Windsor and Barnard also reported sighting the object around 7:30 p.m. Linda Kingsbury and Lucde Slothower said they saw a large metallic triangle in the sky as they were leaving a supermarket at about 7:25 p.m. It, too, first looked like two bright lights, but as it passed overhead the women saw the V-shape and a gridwork illuminated with lights.



*April 24, 1981, Traverse City MICHIGAN*—A woman and her 15-year-old daughter were driving up Five Mile Road just before midnight when they spotted a pair of bright lights off to their left, just above the hills. They kept driving up the road when the lights appeared again — this time on their right and moving rapidly toward them. She stopped the car and the lights stopped too.

Behind the lights they could see a pair of bat-like wings curving away on either side, covered with dozens of red, green and white lights. Though the windows of the car were rolled down, they could hear no sounds from the object.

They watched the object for about 5 minutes, then began driving up the hill again. The object moved toward them, swooped in front of the car and headed suddenly northward toward the bay. As it passed the daughter caught a glimpse of the underside and could see dozens of bright-colored lights and a pair of what looked like large hatchway doors.

*May 12, 1981, Tewksbury, NEW JERSEY*—Pat and Earl Richards and their two sons, Earl, Jr., 28, and Wayne, 22, were attracted to lights outside their home at about 9:30 p.m. after their electricity dimmed and the TV set went off. The sons looked overhead and saw dozens of green, blue and red lights which appeared to hover around a huge airborne vehicle, itself covered with hundreds of lights.

The big object was described as larger than 4 or 5 Boeing 747 planes put together, and was an elongated shape with an outline of wings. All four family members watched the object glide overhead without making a sound. They estimated it to be going very slowly — about the same speed as a plane is going when it is ready to land.

As the object passed, lights in the neighborhood flickered and some houses had their electricity go off for as much as 2 hours. Repair crews from the Jersey Central Power and Light Company said a transformer had burnt out for no apparent reason.

*May 13, 1981, Texomaland, TEXAS*—Jim Shelton had just finished watching TV around 12:30 a.m. when he noticed a bright light outside the window. He raised the window for a better look and saw a long, cigar-shaped object flying over the pasture.

Shelton said the object had lit portholes, green and yellow pulsating lights and fire streaming in sparks from the rear. He heard absolutely no sound and estimated that he watched the 20 foot long object for about five seconds. He called for his wife to look at it, but when he turned back to the window it was gone.

Karen Robinson was enroute home from her job shortly after midnight when she apparently saw the same object moving in a straight line across the sky. She said it looked like fireworks trailing behind a falling star.

Linda and Mike Tingle were also driving home from work about the same time when Linda noticed a glowing ball that streaked downward. She said it was flashing a light green color, then turned to light yellow

before disappearing. Mike couldn't see anything because he was driving, but did notice the sky light up.

*Date Unknown, Waukesha, WISCONSIN*—Very early in the morning, a couple camping in their van were awakened by an intense light. One of the locked van doors suddenly opened and their dog was "sucked out" of the vehicle.

The couple looked out a window and saw a circular craft about 60 feet in diameter. About 20 men, each about 6 feet tall and muscular, came out of the craft. One of them had a completely white German Shepherd on a leash. None of the men spoke.

Then four little creatures, each about 4 feet tall, emerged from the craft and "acted like kids, climbing trees and jumping around." The husband went to awaken another couple in a nearby tent, but the craft and its occupants had vanished.

*OREGON July 26, 1981 — Portland...*A report of a "boom" and some smoke in northwest Portland at 1:18 p.m. triggered a fruitless air and ground search for a crashed aircraft. The Portland Police Bureau dispatched 5 cars to the vicinity and officers struggled through the rugged terrain in search of an airplane that wasn't there. For about 2 hours, 3 helicopters and 2 planes searched the area without success.

A 230,000 volt power line kicked out of operation at 1:15 p.m., three minutes before the plane crash was reported. The line went back into operation by itself at 5:11 p.m. PGE spokesman Steve Loy said the line was patrolled and nothing was found to suggest why it went out.

*CHINA July 24, 1981 — Tibet...*A bright object which appeared to be about the size of a table tennis ball, surrounded by a ring of blue-white light of variable brightness, moved from east to west at an estimated speed of 120 kilometers per minute for 7 minutes. As it moved, the center of the object brightened and began rotating in the opposite direction to the movements of its surrounding rings, which began to dim and widen at the same time.

Six rings were observed during the first 3 to 4 minutes and the outer-most ring grew to between 20 and 30 meters in diameter. As the center dimmed, the rings faded, but then the brightness of the ring of blue-white light around the object increased. The object emitted no sound.

*ENGLAND April 26, 1981 — Lancashire...*Mrs. Karen Speers and her husband, Jim, were driving along London Road in Stretton around 12:30 a.m. when they noticed a "brilliant star." They stopped the car and watched the airborne "visitor" hovering over homes in the area for about 2 minutes.

The object was described as triangular in shape and about the size of a two-seater aircraft. It made the sound of "a machine" and hovered at a height of about 60 feet. Mrs. Speers said she could see lights inside. The object shot off suddenly at a rapid speed over Appleton Park, coming even closer to the ground. A number of other motorists had also stopped to watch the strange object.



Notes on the undated sighting at Waukesha, Wis., in the APRO Bulletin 29:9 p. 8:

This was from the Waukesha (Wis.) Freeman of June 2, 1981, via the UFO Newsclipping Service no. 143, June 1981, p. 7. The article was about researcher and lecturer Lee Jewell of Wauwatosa, Wis.. Richard Heiden joined Lee in his living room on Sept. 27, 1977, to interview witness Nancy. The co-witness was her boyfriend Jim. The sighting took place on Oct. 14, 1973, in the Phantom Lakes area, which is outside of Mukwonago, at the southern edge of Waukesha County. Lee was a die-hard member of NICAP, remaining a member through its long period of decline until its eventual demise. He died on Nov. 9, 1991.

*Richard Heiden*

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## A PROGRESS REPORT AND PERSONAL NOTE

Since Issues 7 and 8 of Volume 29 of the Bulletin were mailed, considerable progress has been made at APRO Headquarters. Little by little, the everyday files are undergoing a re-vamping in order to accommodate them in much less space than was available at the office. A new Board of Directors has been installed (more about them in a future issue) and currently Headquarters is working on local and state promotion to increase APRO's monetary assets and coverage of reports.

At this writing we are just now winding up investigations of local reports which started on the 28th of September (the day before the Lorenzens' 38th wedding anniversary) and culminated on the 5th of October. More about that in a future issue.

We are still expanding steadily on an international level. The paperback books written by the Lorenzens and published in the 1960s and 1970s are still being read and are largely responsible for our strength outside the United States. It seems that UFO books are scarce as the proverbial hens' teeth in other countries, and each volume is treasured. The Lorenzen books were published in Italy, Greece and Japan where APRO has a large following.

Here at 'home' (Tucson) we're all busy. Time which would otherwise have been allotted to APRO had to be diverted when son Larry and his wife Jan became the parents of Richard Joseph, a strapping 9 lb., 7 oz. baby boy on September 24. The Lorenzens waited anxiously at the hospital along with Jan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Butler, while Jan underwent an emergency caesarean section. Jim and Coral have been trying to 'help out' as much as possible since. Also, there is the emotional factor - everyone wants to spend time with their grandchildren, and the Lorenzens are no exception.

Because of the many letters asking about Coral's health since the advent of the broken neck in October of 1980, the following will enlighten and reduce the number of letters which need to be written, and thus the postage and the time:

Coral was not in a body cast. Although her neck had been broken for 24 hours before she consented to treatment (she thought it was a sprain), she was put into a 'halo' frame. It consists of a 'halo' of metal which encircles the head. Bolts are then screwed from the halo into the skull. Rods from the halo reach down and are

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connected to a rigid plastic and metal vest which completely encases the torso. She could not see anything above or below the view from her glasses. She suffered no neurological damage but had to wear the 'frame' for 8 weeks, and after that wore a high, rigid, styrofoam collar which reached from just below the lower lip to the collar bone, and from the base of the skull in back to the shoulder blades, for six weeks.

All in all, there was considerable pain, a lot of despondency, but she mainly chafed at the confinement and lack of mobility. She is just now beginning to answer many of the letters from members, but at the same time must deal with the day-to-day business of APRO. One of the holes made by the bolts has continued to be inflamed and apparently is responsible for frequent headaches. We hope that the members will take this into consideration when writing.

If you feel badly about not having received a letter, consider the fact that during that time her only contact with her brothers and sisters was an occasional telephone call. Although they wrote often, she could not respond because of the difficulty of doing anything that required reading (she wears tri-focal glasses which compounded the problem).

But, despite the problems, things are beginning to smooth out. Headquarters would like to solicit a bit more patience. And thank you all so much for your kindness and consideration during the past year, which has been difficult, to say the least.

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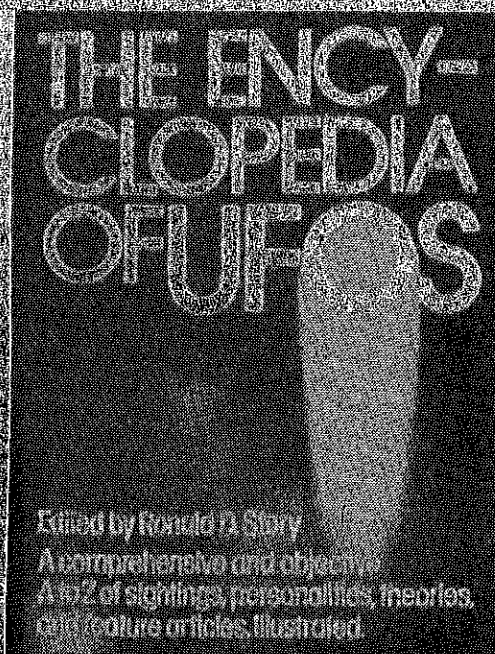
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