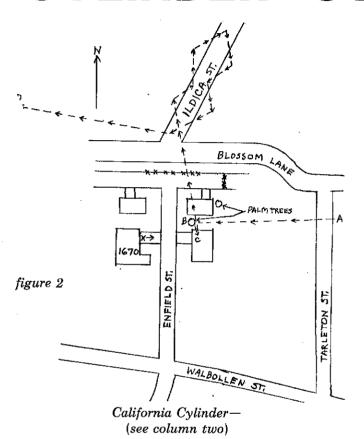
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"CYLINDER" OVER CALIFORNIA



OBJECTS OVER YAKIMA INDIAN RESERVATION

By W. J. Vogel, Field Investigator

On April 4, 1984, at approximately 10:00 p.m. B. C. and two other persons observed a large whitish ball coming out of a canyon behind the Herrara Ranch on U.S. Highway 97, which is about 12 miles south of Toppenish, Washington. The orb, while for the most part remaining a whitish color, would at times tend to go to an orangish shade. The object moved out of the canyon, moved back into the canyon out of sight and then once again reappeared and finally moved back into the canyon, out of sight, and did not reappear.

The canyon (a box canyon) is a little less than a quarter of a mile from the ranch residence from which observation was made. The object made no noise.

(see Yakima - page 2)

This sighting was the result of the witness, Rylan Tiano, (15) missing his school bus, and there was no one home to take him to school. At 9:40 a.m. on November 1, 1983 he was on the driveway in Spring Valley California and spotted a strange object toward the east at a distance of one to two city blocks and an elevation of 10° to 15°. The object was moving toward him with random erratic rotations and changes in position. He called his mother at work to describe it. Then she asked Rylan where it was then. He had put the phone down to go check, and found it directly above the closer palm tree (B in Fig. 2). His mother suggested he call 911 to report it. As he watched, the object moved to a point over the roof of the attached garage of the house across the street (C in Fig. 2). The object remained mostly vertical while over the garage. although once it tilted the "eye" (Fig. 3) down as though it were inspecting him more closely. It also made a series of step and pause rotations as though taking a series of panoramic pictures. The object was as close as 1½ feet above the garage roof. While over the garage. Rylan was able to compare the size of the object to measurable fixed objects, and determined that it had the form of a right circular cylinder five feet in diameter and 14 feet high. The only surface feature was an "eye" described later and shown in Fig.

From the point above the garage, the object moved northward and executed a double diamond pattern over Ilidica Street as shown approximately in Fig. 2, then moved very rapidly to the WNW and disappeared from view. As the object accelerated on its final leg, Rylan described a visual effect similar to the trailing smear of light seen on some TV programs when a bright light moves during a night scene. The motions of the UFO during the double diamond maneuver were also a complex combination of tumbling end-over-end, rotating about its axis, and deviations from a straight line of travel.

No sounds were heard, no visual or odorous emissions were detected, no occupants were observed, no radio was on to check for RF effects, no landing was observed even though the object was within three feet of the ground or the roof several times. The lights in the witness's house did go off once or twice, and an electric fan stopped.

SIZE

The size was compared with fixed objects while over the house across the street from the observer, resulting (see Cylinder - Page 2) THE A.P.R.O. BULLETIN
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Cylinder

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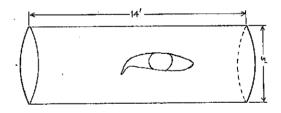


Figure 3

in a diameter of five feet and height of 14 feet in the form of a right circular cylinder. Both ends were flat.

VISUAL APPEARANCE

The only surface feature observed was the "eye" shown in Fig. 3. The color of the entire surface of the object was a very light pastel which the witness could not really identify, mentioning tan, cream, pink, and blue, almost suggesting that the color was not constant. The finish was definitely non-glossy. There was no change of color or texture within the outline of the "eye" to suggest that it may have been a window

of any kind. The outline of the "eye" was dark and purple.

MOTIONS

The motions of the object included simple rotation about its vertical axis, tilting of the axis, tumbling end-over-end, vertical and lateral motions, and simultaneous combinations of the above.

In moving from location B to C (Fig. 2) the object passed behind a power pole located at the curb.

Yakima

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While this light or one similar has been an on-going thing over the past 10 or 12 years, this is the first time it has been sighted in the last year or so. During the flap of 1972—1974 it was observed almost nightly by a number of people.

Approximately a month ago, D.M., who lives just south of White Swan, WA, went out to his rural mailbox just before dawn to get his morning paper. As he was standing by the box, he observed a large triangle passing overhead. It was lighted completely around its perimeter with multicolored lights which burned steadily. He advised it was difficult for him to tell of its exact size since in the darkness its altitude was not easily determined. However, he felt that it was not much over 8,000 to 10,000 feet high. It made no noise and was in sight for several minutes as it was not moving as a very high rate of speed. He did not in any way think it was an airplane because of its shape, number of lights on the leading edges of all sides, and complete lack of any noise.

UFO OVERFLIGHT OF USSR

The New York Post for January 13, 1984 carried a small item which stated that Soviet scientist were reported to be puzzled by the flight of a mysterious bright object which flew at great speed but low altitude across the Ukraine and southern Russia in December. The article said the object gave the appearance of a bright sphere followed by seven small lights which, observers said, changed altitude and direction and were flying less than half a mile above the ground. The article was written in a humorous vein and no attribution was given.

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THE MART, TEXAS PHOTO ENLARGEMENT

Because of the interest expressed by the general membership, we present here a copy of an enlargement of the second Mart, Texas, photo taken on February 27, 1972 by Leslie Roll. Our Volume 31, Issue No. 12 presented the entire case with both photos, documented by C. W. Fitch. As the reader will note, the photo shows what appears to be the head and shoulders of the apparent occupant and part of what may be a control panel. To further clarify, this is one of the many photos pronounced to be a hoax by William Spaulding, State Director for MUFON, who claimed to have been an expert at computer enhancement of photographs. His claims relating to the authenticity of many of the photographs have been questioned and are no longer taken seriously.

Kenneth Arnold Dies

Kenneth Arnold, who made the term "flying saucer" a household word, died January 16, 1984, in a Bellevue, Washington hospital. He was 68.

Arnold first reported seeing nine pulsating objects traveling at high speed on June 24, 1947, when he was flying over the Cascade Mountains while searching for a lost Marine Corps transport plane. He said the objects traveled "like a saucer would if you tossed it across the water."

Following publicity from Arnold's experience, sightings of mysterious objects in the sky were reported throughout Washington and Oregon. From 1947 to 1948, Arnold said he received more than

10,000 letters from people all over the world. He wrote two books on his experiences, titled *The Coming of the Saucers* and *The Flying Saucer as I Saw It*.

A quote that Arnold often gave to those who badgered him with calls and visits was printed on a card: "A great man is the unbelieving man; he is without spiritual sight or hearing; his glory is understanding his own understanding.... why allow others to think for you? Stand on your own feet.... Who but the Creator could have created so great a man as the believer?"

Please Read Notices on Bulletin Cover!

THE BOVINE BIT

By Coral Lorenzen

On February 27, 1983, an item on the local all-news radio station (which is tuned in much of the day) caught our attention. Unfortunately we did not catch a lot of the cogent information as I was out of the room where the radio is located at the time, and am enlisting the aid of the membership to furnish any details which they have or might come to hand, and especially in the printed media.

The item alluded to the fact that the researchers (we believe in Texas) had found that cows are more satisfactory laboratory animals than mice, guinea pigs, hogs, cats or dogs, because they are genetically much more similar to humans.

This is another piece of the jigsaw. Whether governmental agents or UFOnauts, or both, the mutilators seem to be years ahead of us. I have always thought that, beginning with Villas Boas (1959 in Brazil) who claimed he was kidnapped by "space-suited men" and seduced by a beautiful, blond woman, and continuing with the Betty and Barney Hill case, in which human sperm and ova were taken from the abductees, the UFOnauts were carrying out their own genetic experiments. On the surface, it would seem that the experiment in cross-breeding the "aliens" (the woman in the AVB case) with humans was a failure but that a new method was instituted when the Hills were captured.

In mutilation cases, as we mentioned earlier in this article, mostly cattle are utilized. Of mutilated cattle, 99% are cows. The reason for this, of course is that most bulls are castrated and used only for beef cattle. Those bulls which have been taken and mutilated have been breeding stock, and in most cases, prized ones, at that, which is one good reason for the anger of the cattlemen at the apparent laxity of authorities in pinning down the culprits.

Will anyone who has further information on the news item mentioned above, please forward same to Headquarters as soon as possible?

BOOK REVIEW

"The Evidence for Alien Abductions", John Rimmer The Aquarian Press, 1984. Wellingborough, Northampshire, England, £ 2.50.

This is another of a long series of books which shows no new evidence, presents distortions or errors of fact taken from old reports, and in the long run, it would have been better had the time not been wasted in writing it.

As regards errors, etc. the Travis Walton account well illustrates the point. The first so-called hypnotherapist had little experience and few credentials. Henaturally slanted his questions toward the line he himself was able to accept. The second one was experienced enough to draw out the whole story, which six of the seven witnesses confirmed in all possible details, through polygraph tests. Attempts by the author to cloud the credibility of the story further by mentioning Walton's earlier and minor brushes with the law and his mother's Indian ancestry only serve to highlight the author's personal bias.

The title of the book is "The Evidence for Alien Abductions". One might reasonably expect to find some material leading toward that end. Instead, the author, Mr. Rimmer, reveals his true prejudice in the paragraph at the bottom of page 152: "All these conditions lead me to conclude that the abduction experience is almost totally psychological in origin, and individual cases can be explained without recourse to extraterrestrial intervention." So, just which side of the fence is this so-called specialist on?

Robert Marsland 19 April, 1984 (Editor's note: Skeptic Rimmer, like his American counterparts, has not interviewed the principals in the cases he cites, nor visited the areas involved, and therefore, like Klass, Oberg, et al, appears to be merely demonstrating his ignorance of the facts as well as his personal obsessions.)

Letters

Check enclosed for renewing membership plus \$5.00 for the pot. The bulletin's GREAT and I find it very informative as there are so few factual sources

Sincerely, Carol Reom, MEMBER

UFO HOTLINE REPORTS

By Bob Gribble

The following is a flash report of incidents received at the National UFO Reporting Center, Seattle, Washington. All names of witnesses are on file at the Center.

February 9, 1984 —9:15 p.m.—Barre, Vermont: Three observers watched a white glow move across a clear sky at a fairly slow speed. Suddenly the glow made a 90° turn, changed color from white to blue, instantly increased speed and moved out of sight. They watched the glow for about two minutes.

February 19, 1984—3:30 a.m. Everett, Washington: While driving near the Boeing 747 airliner plant, the

witness observed a silvery-green, egg-shaped object moving toward his car from a wooded area. Described as being a little bit bigger than a softball and a little bit smaller than a soccer ball, the object bounced from one side of the roadway to the opposite side in front of the car. The object passed over the front fender of the car and then moved out of sight after being observed for four to six seconds.

February 23, 1984—10:00 p.m.—Whitmore Lake, Michigan: A huge circular object with white lights covering the underside passed directly over a car at a very low altitude. The only occupant of the car described the object as being wider than the roadway and giving off a humming sound. After observing the object for about seven minutes the witness said it moved out of sight.

March 11, 1984—12:04 a.m.—Wolcott, Connecticut: A mother and daughter — looking out the family room window — observed a big cylinderical-shaped object about seven feet from the ground and four feet from the window. The object remained in the same spot for about seven minutes, then moved away. No sound was heard.

March 25, 1984—8:55 p.m.—Santa Monica, California: A motorist reported that a bright ball of red light — about ten inches in diameter — maneuvered around her car with a bouncing motion. The ball, moving at about head leavel, approached to within one foot of the car and illuminated the hood and windows. No sound was heard and the duration of the incident was about one minute.

March 28, 1984—8:00 p.m.—West Nottingham, New Hampshire: What appeared to be a triangular-shaped object passed over a car at an altitude of about 50 feet. The object had two bright lights like car headlights and gave off no sound.

ASTRONOMICAL DATA

By Lee Emery

The purpose of this column is to give observers a general idea of the location of significant stars and planets in the night sky. It is applicable in most areas of the U.S.A., Canada, Europe, Central Asia and Japan. All times are approximate and may vary up to 30 minutes either way, depending on the observer's location relative to the local time meridian. In addition, add one hour for the beginning of the month, and subtract one hour for the end of the month. All times are given in Standard Time.

MAY 1984

PROMINENT PLANETS: Mars can be seen fairly low in the southeastern sky soon after sunset. It moves

across the south before setting in the WSW in the early morning hours before sunrise.

Jupiter rises in the ESE about 11:00 p.m. It remains low in the sky as it moves across the southern sky towards the west. It is very low in the WSW before sunrise.

Saturn is found low in the SE after sunset. It also moves fairly low across the southern sky before setting in the west about 4:00 a.m.

BRIGHTEST STARS

9:00 p.m.: Vega is 30° above the east
Antares is 20° above the ESE
Arcturus is 70° above the east
Capella is 25° above the NNW
Procyon is 20° above the west

11 p.m.: Vega is 45° above the east
Antares is 25° above the south
Arcturus is 75° above the south
Capella is setting in the north

1:00 a.m.: Vega is 70° above the east
Antares is 30° above the south
Arcturus is 60° above the west

3:00 a.m.: Vega is directly overhead

Antares is 25° above the SSW

Arcturus is 35° above the west

5:00 a.m.: Vega is 65° above the west
Arcturus is low in the west
Capella is low in the NNE
Antares is low in the WSW

METEOR SHOWERS: The ETA Aquarids appear on May 4th.

JUNE 1984

PROMINENT PLANETS: Venus rises in the east about 5:00 a.m. At sunset, Mars is about 30° above the SE. It moves across the southern sky towards the west before setting in the west about 3:00 a.m.

Saturn follows a path similar to that of Mars.

Jupiter rises in the SE about 9:00 p.m. It moves across the southern sky before setting in the SW about 5:00 a.m.

BRIGHTEST STARS: Star positions are unchanged except times are roughly one hour earlier in the first part of the month and two hours earlier in the last part of the month.

METEOR SHOWERS: There are no major showers this month.

JULY 1984

PROMINENT PLANETS: Venus rises in the east about 5:00 a.m.

Mars is found about 30° above the south after sunset. It sets in the west about 1:00 a.m.

Saturn follows a similar path to Mars, setting just before Mars does in the west.

Jupiter rises in the SE about 7:00 p.m., moves across the south towards the west, setting in the SW about 3:00 a.m.

BRIGHTEST STARS:

9:00 p.m.: Vega is 70° above the east

Antares is 30° above the south

Arcturus is 60° above the west

11 p.m.: Vega is directly overhead

Antares is 25° above the SSW

Arctures is 35° above the west

1:00 a.m.: Vega is 65° above the west

Arcturus is low in the west

Capella is low in the NNE

Antares is tow in the WSW

3:00 a.m.: Vega is 45° above the west Capella is 30° above the NE Aldebaran is low in the east

5:00 a.m.: Vega is 30° above the WNW

Capella is 45° above the NE

Adebaran is 40° above the east

The Orion Constellation has just risen in the east

METEOR SHOWERS: The Delta Aquarids arrive on about July 29th. The Capricornids arrive a couple of days later.

UNSOLVED AUSTRALIAN SIGHTINGS

Western Australians have reported more than 1,000 UFO sightings in the past six years. Most of these have been accounted for but some, despite thorough investigation, cannot be explained. Following are some which have baffled the authorities.

It was just after 3 a.m. on March 28, 1982, when Francis Collins was roused by her terrified friend, Maggie Yeend, who was at the wheel of her van gaping at a bright object in the sky immediately in front of them. It glowed an orange-red color and looked semi-circular in shape. Although the women heard no sound, the object appeared to be moving at the same speed as the van.

Maggie pressed harder on the accelerator, but found that the van would not go faster than 80 km/h. It was normally capable of doing up to 110 km/h. A truck approached and the object emitted some kind of spray or mist from the back and sped away. It returned soon after the truck had gone and followed the women the entire way to Esperance.

On reaching the town the women drove to the home

of an off-duty policeman and reported the incident. Constable I. Gordon went outside with the women and watched a stationary bright object that shortly disappeared. Two kangaroo shooters, a truck driver and other motorists also said they saw the mystery craft near Esperance that day.

Four circular imprints, 1.3 m in diameter and 8.5 m apart in the shape of a square, were discovered in June 1980, by a farmer while plowing a field at Ogilvy. After a neighbor said he had seen a "rising light" in the field two weeks earlier, the farmer contacted authorities. Geologists tested the ground and determined that a weight in excess of 75 tons would have been needed to make each imprint.

The first and only report by a Western Australian who claims to have met an alien was made in May, 1979, by a Collgordie farmer. The man claimed a person in a strange suit confronted him in his farm house shortly after he noticed two rocket-shaped craft on a nearby paddock. He said the being spoke to him in a strange tongue, then English, while his watchdog cowered in the corner.

COMPUTER PROGRESS



To bring members up to date on the progress being made at Headquarters in our computer department: Work on programming office proceedures goes forward. We are very grateful to high school student Debbie Palumbo, who has spent much of her spare time entering APRO's mailing addresses, which has been a long and arduous process. Debbie is shown above with friend Michael Landon.

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SIGNS OF PANIC

By Robert F. Creegan, Ph.D.

Recently I was looking over some correspondence with official and amateur agencies in various countries, and some of it is a bit puzzling to this day. For example, the spokesman for a section of The British Ministry of Defense wrote as follows (among other points): "I am glad that the information we gave you in June proved interesting."

The puzzle is that to the best of my recollection, officials gave me no information, and certainly not blueprints of UFOs. Nor did I give them any technical information. For one thing, I had none to give. Perhaps there is an explanation of their impression that I had received interesting information from them, though it is logically tricky.

They gave informtation about their reasons for giving no other information. One reason was that the British have a rule against early release of case materials. The other reason is a bit more interesting. It was made evident to me that the British at that time (1970s) desired to please the U.S. establishment. And it was strongly hinted that U.S. officials seemed rather excitable about UFO problems and were making frantic efforts to suppress public interest. That, then, was the "interesting information". After a genial conversation on general topics, it was indicated that a panicky U. S. attitude was the reason for British silence. While friendly towards qualified academic researchers, the Ministry had to appease the American military-industrial complex and so could not assist one in a search for truth.

I could confirm this conclusion by reference to several other contacts on three continents, but shall not attempt to do so in the present short piece. I will at this time mention only one other puzzling experience but may release more at a later date.

In 1978 I was invited to give a talk on UFO Problems to an Institute of Metallurgical Engineering in California (Silicon Valley). I was quite amazed at this invitation and even more so when it became clear that I was to talk with many of the leaders in high technology development. Why were they concerned with UFO Problems? Once again, an element of panic was involved, but disguised at the time.

One of the leaders, an inventor in semi-conductor technology and tremendously wealthy, was speaking in an (apparently) humorous way when he observed in a public address that UFOs relate to anomalous errors in computer functions. A little thought concerning alleged EM effects, however, adds a note of seriousness. Micro-chips are increasingly vulnerable to very small changes in electrical fields and to influx of radiation which also has electronic effects. There are

problems of shielding and stabilizing the communication. And there are fairly challenging UFO reports which suggest the induction of "glitches" by the proximity of anomalous sources, and even the shutting down of weapons systems, traffic control systems, etc.

To conclude at a more philosophical level, one must observe that for the public this age of panic, as I call our times, relates to the peril of nuclear destruction and loss of liveable environment. Leaders of "the power complex" have a different kind of dread. They fear a loss of control over machines, weapons and people. UFOs alarm the establishment because. whatever theory is correct, a major loss of control is apprehended, associated with reports of objects which affect mechanisms of control and which deeply puzzle and confuse both the public and many of its would-be leaders, From London to Palo Alto, I have registered many signs appearing to indicate that the present is, indeed, the dawn of an age of panic. Free and universal access to even more puzzling truths is one thing needed, if people are ever again to live undismayed.

ENGLISH 'FLAP' continues

What may be the heaviest concentration of activity in recent UFO history continued throughout last summer and well into winter in England. Sightings have poured in from all over the country, with the Suffolk area being especially active.

One of the most spectacular incidents occurred on August 12, 1983, when 77 year old Alfred Burtoo reportedly boarded a landed UFO. He was fishing on a bank of Basingtoke Canal when the object landed nearby. Four foot tall occupants emerged from the craft and stood under amber-colored light, but was soon told to leave because he was too old and infirm for their purpose. Burtoo said the beings were dressed in pale green suits with dark visors concealing their faces. Local investigators said they believe Burtoo's story.

Most of the sightings were of unusual lights, such as the one in Throop on September 21st. Nathan Sinclaire and Sue Smith were driving when they spotted an object with orange and green lights flashing around a cylindrical rim. Along with a passer-by, they stopped and watched the object for 20 minutes.

The unusual lights were spotted throughout October in Farnborough, Normandy, Salerno Crescent and Blackpole. In Blackpole, four witnesses watched a triangular-shaped object which was much louder and faster than an airplane. On the underside was one large light surrounded by several smaller ones.

The sightings continued through November, and in early December several children and two mothers in Filleigh watched an object which moved at tremendous speed and made a whizzing sound. Its lights changed from red to orange to blue, followed by a white explosion of light. The objects moved in half-loops and sightings were made by other witnesses the following morning.

On January 14 and 16, 1984, several different witnesses sighted a triangular-shaped object in Surrey. It appeared as a speeding red light, larger than an aircraft, which hovered, disappeared and returned two minutes later.

Strange lights have also been seen in Maidstone, Kent, Christchurch and West Bletchley. Recently, Armed Forces Minister John Bradley admitted receiving reports of 1,400 "unexplained incidents" since 1980.

PRESS REPORTS

by Doris and Joe Graziano

CANADA - August 1, 1983 - Cap-Rouge, Quebec - A former Canadian Air Force pilot saw what he called an "egg", which was silver in color and flying at an altitude of about 8,000 feet. He saw the object at about 8 p.m. when his attention was attracted to a flash in the sky.

The object was travelling from the west to east at moderate speed and reflected the sunlight brilliantly. There was no sound, visible trail, no wings and no rudder, and the object was "as big as a Zepplin."

ARGENTINA - August 7, 1983 - Winifreda - The Buenos Aires newspaper La Reforma reported the possible abduction of a farm worker by aliens. Mr. Julio Platner was opening the ranch gate of the farm when he was blinded by a bright white light.

When he awoke he was lying on an open "operating table" with four beings around him. He asked them where he was and what they wanted, but no sound came out of his mouth. Nevertheless, they seemed to understand and answered him mentally saying, "Don't be afraid. We would not harm you. What you are experiencing now has happened to thousands of people before. You can reveal it if you wish. Some will believe you and others will not."

One of the beings, a woman, put her hand on his wrist, but he did not feel it. The they put some sort of tube on his left arm and took some blood, without using a needle. When Platner tried to reach one of the beings or stand up, he struck something like glass, "as if I were inside a glass tube."

After 15 or 20 minutes Platner was ordered to stand

up, which he did without touching any glass. At the same moment "the four beings disappeared and I found myself sitting inside my van on a mule track towards Villa Marisal."

He described the beings as human-shaped with close fitting uniforms or skins, all in one piece including face and head, like rubber. The head was hairless, short nose, small mouth and ears flat against the side of the head. The eyes were circular, without eyelashes, and bulging out of the face with a small protuberance in the middle. They were 1.65 to 1.70 meters tall, three of them men and the other a woman.

The "room" where Platner was examined had a spherical shape about three meters in diameter. The walls were soft, of a "beige" color, without windows or sources of light, but well lit. There were no signs or symbols, only the "operating table" and some kind of closed glass "bookcase" which glowed.

SOUTH AFRICA - August 9, 1983 - Cape Town - Several people reported seeing unusual configurations of lights in the sky between 7 and 7:30 p.m. Mrs. J. Lasker said she and her husband were driving about 7:15 when they saw a bright white light come down fast and disappear behind some trees. About a minute later it shot up again, this time with two red lights and disappeared very quickly into the sky.

Mrs. M. Knott said she and her husband were driving at 7:20 p.m. when they saw a cluster of about ten flickering bright whitish lights in the sky. They parked at Sunrise Beach and watched the lights, which remained stationary until 7:45 when they disappeared. Other people at the beach were also watching the spectacle.

Mr. S. Giles said he and his girlfriend also saw a cluster of flickering white lights that were very close together and lasted for about 30 seconds before vanishing at about 7:10 p.m. He was sure they were not aircraft lights, and spokesmen for the Ysterplaat AFB and Court Helicopters said they had no flights in the area at the time.

PENNSYLVANIA - August 30, 1983 - Derry - A man reported spotting a series of bright lights about 40 feet above his vehicle at 11:55 p.m. He said the lights were on a round, battleship gray object which emitted a high-pitched sound.

The man tried to flee several times, but the object kept moving to the front of his vehicle. He finally managed to escape, but the object continued to follow his vehicle. He said the bottom appeared to have a door in the center with amber-colored lights around the perimeter.

This was the latest in a series of similar sightings in the western Pennsylvania area this summer. A great many of the sightings have been in the Latrobe-Derry area, particularly near the sewage plant and the Teledyne Vasco area.

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