

# 'Saucers' Spotted on Radar N

## Newsman, Plane Pilots All Saw Lights in Sky

### Air Force Checking Airport Operator's Report of Sighting

WASHINGTON—(P)—The Air force today investigated reports that several "flying saucers" had been spotted by radar virtually in its own back yard on the outskirts of the nation's capital.

Not only were unidentified objects seen on radar — indicating actual substance instead of mere light—but two airline pilots and a newsman saw eerie lights fitting the general description of flying saucers the same night.

Officials could not immediately agree on whether this was the first time radar has picked up flying saucers. Some said it was. All agreed it was unusual.

The objects also were different from the average reported saucer in that they traveled at a relatively slow speed, as well as later disclosing the customary burst that far outspeeds normal airplanes.

One thing was certain: A thorough investigation is being made by the Air Technical Intelligence center, Wright-Patterson Air force base, Dayton, Ohio, which has been set up to look into flying saucer reports.

#### Many Reports Come In

Such reports, officials had said earlier yesterday, are coming in faster than at any time since the initial flood in 1947. The current average is about 100 sightings a month.

The flying saucers over the capital were reported late Monday about 36 hours after the incident actually occurred.

This is the story as pieced together from Air force reports, persons involved, and other sources.

An operator at the Air Traffic Control center at Washington National airport, across the Potomac from the capital, spotted eight unidentified images on one of his radars—the area surveillance scope, with a range of possibly 70 miles.

The images were slow-moving, going probably 100 to 130 miles an hour. And they were flying in the vicinity of nearby Andrews Air force base.

The control center, operated by the Civil Aeronautics administration, notified the Air force and also asked planes in the air if they could see anything.

That was around midnight. Capt. S. C. (Casey) Pierman of Detroit, piloting Capital airlines flight 807, southbound from Na-

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Their loyalty was rewarded in the early hours today when the convention went on record by voice vote for a loyalty pledge by all delegates for the convention's candidate for the nomination.

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tional airport, soon reported seeing seven objects between Washington and Martinsburg, W. Va. He said they changed pace, sometimes moving at tremendous speed, at other times hanging almost motionless.

He was careful in his report, and later in an interview, not to identify the objects as flying saucers. He described them as "like falling stars without tails" but added:

"In my years of flying I've seen a lot of falling or shooting stars x x x but these were much faster. x x x They couldn't have been aircraft. They were moving too fast for that. They were about the same size as the brighter stars, and were much higher than our 6,000-foot altitude."

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# Investigation On in Secret After Chase Over Capital

**Radar Spots Blips  
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By Paul Sampson  
Post Reporter

Military secrecy veils an investigation of the mysterious, glowing aerial objects that showed up on radar screens in the Washington area Saturday night for the second consecutive week.

A jet pilot sent up by the Air Defense Command to investigate the objects reported he was unable to overtake glowing lights moving near Andrews Air Base.

The CAA reported the objects traveled at "predominantly lower levels"—about 1700 feet. July 19.

Air Force spokesmen said yesterday they could report only that an investigation was being made into the sighting of the objects on the radar screen in the CAA Air Route Traffic Control Center at Washington National Airport, and on two other radar screens. Methods of the investigation were classified as secret, a spokesman said.

"We have no evidence they are flying saucers; conversely we have no evidence they are not flying saucers. We don't know what they are," a spokesman added.

The same source reported an expert from the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, was here last week investigating the objects sighted July 19.

The expert has been identified as Capt. E. J. Ruppelt. Reached by telephone at his home in Dayton yesterday, Ruppelt said he could make no comment on his activity in Washington.

Capt. Ruppelt confirmed that he was in Washington last week, but said he had not come here to investigate the mysterious objects. He recalled he did make an investigation after hearing of the objects, but could not say what he investigated.

Another Air Force spokesman said here yesterday the Air Force is taking all steps necessary to evaluate the sightings.

"The intelligence people," this spokesman explained, "sent someone over to the control center at the time of the sightings, and did whatever necessary to make the proper evaluation."

Asked whether the radar equipment might have been malfunctioning, the spokesman said radar, like the compass, is not a perfect instrument and is subject to error. He thought, however, the investigation would be made by persons, acquainted with the problems of radar.

Two other radar screens in the area picked up the objects. An employee of the National Airport control tower said the radar scope there picked up very weak "blips" of the objects. The tower radar, however, is for short ranges and is not so powerful as that at the center. Radar at Andrews Air Force Base also registered the objects from about 8:30 p. m. until midnight. Andrews radar located them about seven miles south of the base.

A traffic control center spokesman said the nature of the sig-  
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nals on the radar screen ruled out any possibility they were from clouds or some other weather disturbance.

"The returns we received from the unidentified objects were similar and analagous to targets representing aircraft in flight," he said.

The objects, "flying saucers" or what have you, appeared on the radar scope at the airport center at 9:08 p. m. Varying from four to 12 in number, the objects were seen on the screen until 3 a. m., when they disappeared.

At 11:25 p. m., two F-94 jet fighters from the Air Defense Command squadron at New-castle, Del., capable of attaining 600-mile-per-hour speeds, took off to investigate the objects.

Airline, civil and military pilots described the objects as looking like the lighted end of a cigaret or a cluster of orange and red lights.

One jet pilot observed four lights in the vicinity of Andrews Air Force Base, but was not able to overtake them, and they disappeared in about two minutes.

The same pilot observed a steady white light 10 miles east of Mount Vernon at 11:49 p. m. The light, about five miles from him, faded in a minute. The lights also were observed in the Beltsville, Md., vicinity. At 1:40 a. m., two other F-94 jet fighters took off and scanned the area until 2:20 a. m. but did not make any sighting.

## Visible in Two Ways

Although unidentified objects have been picked up on radar before, the incidents of the last two Saturdays are believed to be the first time they have been spotted on radar—while visible to the human eye.

Besides the pilots who last Saturday saw the lights, a woman living on Mississippi ave. se. told The Post she saw a "very bright light" streaking across the sky toward Andrews Base about 11:45 p. m. Then a second object, with a tail like a comet, whizzed by, and a few seconds later, a third passed in a different direction toward Suitland, she said.

Radar operators plotted the speed of Saturday night's "visitors" at from 38 to 90 miles an hour, but one jet pilot reported faster speeds for the light he saw.

The jet pilot reported he had no apparent "closing speed" when he attempted to reach the lights he saw near Andrews. This means the lights were moving at least as fast as his top speed—a maximum of 600 miles per hour.

One person who saw the lights when they first appeared in this area did not see them last night. He is E. W. Chambers, an engineer at Radio Station WRC, who spotted the lights while working early the morning of July 20 at the station's Hyattsville tower.

Chambers said he was sorry he had seen the lights because he had been skeptical about "flying saucers" before. Now, he said, he sort of "wonders" and worries about the whole thing.

Leon Davidson, 804 South Irving st., Arlington, a chemical engineer who has made an exhaustive study of flying saucers as a hobby, said yesterday reports of saucers in the East have been relatively rare.

Davidson has studied the official Air Force report on the saucers, including some of the secret portions never made pub-

lic, and analyzed all the data in the report.

Davidson, whose study of saucers is impressively detailed and scientific, said he believes the lights are American "aviation products"—probably circular flying wings, using new-type jet engines that permit rapid acceleration and relatively low speeds. He believes they are either new fighters, guided missiles or piloted guided missiles.

He cited some of the recent jet fighters, including the Navy's new F-4-D, which has a radical bat wing, as examples of what he thinks the objects might resemble.

Davidson thinks the fact that the lights have been seen in this area indicates the authorities may be ready to disclose the new aircraft in the near future. Previously, most of the verified saucers were seen over sparsely inhabited areas, Davidson explained, and now, when they appear here, it may indicate that secrecy is not so important any more.

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## A. F. BAFFLED BY CAPITAL'S 'FLYING DISKS'

### Admits Failure Of 18-Month Probe

(This is the first of a series of three articles on the controversial subject of "flying saucers" and their investigation by the Air Force.)

BY RICHARD REILLY

What were the mysterious "unknown flying objects" that appeared over Washington in the early morning of July 20, 1952, and were sighted by air and ground observers and on three radar 'scopes?

After an exhaustive investigation, the Air Force admits—almost a year and a half later—that it still doesn't know.

It doesn't know either what the objects were that reappeared on the radar screens here on July 26, 1952.

On July 29, 1952, Gen. John A. Samford, head of Air Force intelligence, told a press conference here that both incidents were a result of tricks played on radar by temperature inversions. He said he was "satisfied in my own mind" that this was the explanation.

A newspaper account of the conference stated:

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A serious, deliberate man, Barnes' reputation for accuracy is described as "excellent" by both Air Force and civil aeronautics administration officials.

Harry Barnes flatly denies that the "targets" he and co-workers observed on radar that morning could have been caused by an inversion or any other weather condition of which they have knowledge.

Barnes has his own opinion as to what caused the sightings—what these unknown objects actually were. But he has never expressed it—because CAA officials won't let him.

He can, however, describe what transpired, and he gave a graphic account to the Times-Herald.

Barnes explained that a radar 'scope has a purplish streak called the "sweep" which revolves like a clock hand six times a minute. This corresponds with the rotation of a parabolic antenna located on a nearby hill. As the rotating beam sent out by the antenna strikes a solid object, it appears on the screen in the form of a "blip" or small white dot.

#### Aid In Plotting Course

The blips reappear every 10 seconds, and take several seconds to fade out. Thus, the object's course can be plotted and its speed determined.

The greater the speed of the object, Barnes pointed out, the greater the difficulty of knowing whether it is the same object—since the blips appear at widely-separated points on the 'scope. Unless the object's course is known, he added, it is difficult to determine if it is the same object that appears at these different spots on the 'scope.

"On that night," Barnes said, "the targets would appear and drift along from 60 to 150 miles per hour, and then give the impression of doing one of two things: (a) disappearing and then reappearing at a later time somewhere else on the screen, or (b) accelerating at such a terrific speed that they would give the appearance of having disappeared and reappeared at a wide distance on the 'scope."

Cause for disappearance of an object from the screen, he said, could be that it hit certain "blind" spots in the radar beam—in other words, went below or outside the beam.

Referring to the objects' bewildering performance on the radar 'scope, Barnes declared:

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"No inversion caused anything like we observed that night."

Referring to the other radar men who observed the strange blips—Edward Nugent, James Ritchey and James Copeiland—he continued:

#### Objects Had Substance

"We've talked about this often, and we've all agreed we never saw anything like it before. Inversion couldn't explain it. I had three qualified radar men with me. We know an inversion when we see it and think nothing of it. This was not an inversion."

In addition, Barnes said, the unknown objects "had substance—very definitely." At times, he said, they gave the impression of "hovering." They did this in the vicinity of the White House and the Capitol, he added.

Asked for his opinion as to what caused the unusual sightings, Barnes hesitated, then said:

"I do have an opinion on this, of course, but so far I have never expressed it. I am willing to do so if ordered by my superiors; so far I have not been. I was told it would not be wise for me to offer any opinion or theory."

When CAA officials were asked to give Barnes the necessary permission, they refused.

"We can't permit him to do that," a spokesman said. He said that this was for Barnes' own protection. "People would say he was seeing things," he explained.

An Air Force spokesman agreed that Barnes could not give an opinion "for his own protection." He said this was because his statement would be regarded as the CAA's position.

The strange aspect of the whole thing is this statement made by Barnes:

"They do not know what my opinion is—I have never expressed it."

(The second article will appear Sunday.)

#### Employees' Plaque

##### Given Store Owners

Mr. and Mrs. Max Pasternak, founders of a women's apparel store at 1219 Connecticut Ave. NW., were presented a 50th anniversary plaque by employees Thursday.

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The observation post is located high above Washington and near-by Virginia at 2405 Russell Rd., Alexandria.

Washington itself has no such observation post, altho District civil defense plans call for installation of one atop a building at Fortieth and Brandywine streets northwest in February.

The folks at N-J-54-B, who stuck by their posts over Christmas eve and Christmas day, are striving for a 24-hour-per-day, seven-day-per-week schedule.

#### Still Inadequate

But they're the first to admit their forces are far too inadequate now should radar defenses of the capital and northern Virginia fail at a crucial moment.

If enemy planes had succeeded in penetrating radar loopholes after 10 p.m. Friday, there would have been no one manning N-J-54-B.

The same situation persisted on Christmas eve, when Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hyde of 909 Beverly St., Alexandria, closed down the post at 10 p.m. after finishing their two-hour alert.

Walter E. Sanford, the energetic 30-year-old supervisor of Alexandria's ground observer corps post, thanks the stars he often watches for people like the Hydes.

#### Need of Members

The Hydes have been members of the Alexandria ground observer corps for 18 months, turning out for two hours each week to notify the air defense filter center at Baltimore of any "unreported" aircraft lurking in the airways over northern Virginia and Washington.

Sanford said the Alexandria GOC now boasts 50 members and needs more than three times this number to meet the request made by the Air Force in July 1952 for an observation post with a round-the-clock, daily operation.

What the GOC spotters are asked to do by the Air Force is to report every plane that passes the observation post which is not landing or taking off from one of the Washington area

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#### Mystery Object

Hyde, a statistician for the general accounting office, is still puzzled by an "unidentified object" which flew over the Alexandria observation post summer before last.

"Something came over about dusk—clack-clack, clack-clack," Hyde recalled, describing the sound. "It flew directly overhead and none of us could identify it. It looked like a huge bird, but what it was we never found out. Of course, we reported it."

Spotters who figure on volunteering for duty at the Alexandria observation post are in for a pleasant surprise.

Thru the efforts of Sanford, a native of Alexandria who lives at 22 Wyatt St., a two-story, electrically heated observation tower has been erected. Sanford prevailed upon the Alexandria Central Labor union to furnish the labor free.

The city of Alexandria pitched in with \$150, installed, and pays for the electric bill, while the Air Force provides the telephone thru which contact is made with the Baltimore filter center.

#### Boys' School Help

Probably most important of all is the fact that the St. Stephen's Episcopal school for boys provided space on its lofty grounds overlooking southern Washington and Alexandria for the tower.

Meanwhile, Col. John E. Fondahl, civil defense director for the District, and his deputy, H. B. Godwin, are studying the operations at the Alexandria observation post.

Like the folks at Alexandria's Nectar-Juliet-54-Black, District civil defense officials hope that Washington area citizens will lead off their New Year resolutions by heeding the ground observer corps slogan:

"Wake Up! Sign Up! Look Up!"



## Radar Sees More Objects

### Jet Pilots Chase Lights Near Washington but Make No Contact

Washington, D. C. (AP)—Radar—which normally doesn't show something that isn't there—has picked up "flying saucers" near the nation's capital for the second time within a week.

Jet fighter pilots searched the skies without directly contacting anything during the six hours that 4 to 12 unidentified objects in intermittently appeared on radar screens at Washington National airport and near-by Andrews air force base.

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#### Flash Seen at Jets

So far, it could be determined, this was the first time jets have been sent on the trail of such sky objects.

Officials at first avoided mentioning "flying saucers," just as they did when radar picked up seven or eight unidentified objects near Washington last Monday.

Later an air force spokesman said: "We have no evidence they are flying saucers; conversely, we have no evidence they are not flying saucers. We don't know what they are."

There was no agreement whether the recent reports were the first of such mystery objects appearing on radar. At least, officials agreed that they were unusual.

Radar normally does not register anything without substance—such as light. But it can pick up such things as a bird in flight or a cloud formation, and one expert said radar was not infallible.

#### Seen Near Airport

The air force reported that the latest unidentified objects appeared at 8:08 p.m. (eastern standard time) Saturday on the radar screen at the air route traffic control center operated by the civil aeronautics administration (CAA). Their position was estimated at 10 miles east of Mount Vernon, Va., which is near Washington National airport.

Word went to the air force, which sent up two jet fighter interceptor planes from a base at Newcastle, Del., some 90 miles from here.

When the planes appeared on the radarscope at approximately 10:25 p.m., the CAA tried without success to guide the planes into contact with the mystery objects. It was during this search that the pilot made his two sightings of lights.

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## 4 JETS PURSUE SKY PHANTOMS

### Chase 'Lights' Spotted by Radar Over Capital

Washington, July 27 (AP)—The air force said today four jet fighter planes had attempted to intercept unidentified objects in the sky over Washington last night and early today after mysterious movements had been spotted by radar, but no direct contact was made. The objects were detected by radar screens for six hours intermittently.

It was the second time within a week that similar sky phantoms had been screened by radar in the vicinity of the nation's capital.

The air force said that at 8:08 o'clock Chicago time last night the air route traffic control center, operated by the civil aeronautics administration, picked up by radar "between four and 12 unidentified objects over the Washington vicinity."

#### Sees Object but Can't Catch It

The CAA notified the air force and two jet fighter interceptor planes were sent up to make a check. The planes came from a base at Newcastle, Del., 90 miles from Washington.

The jets appeared on the CAA radarscope at 10:25 p.m. and were guided in on several of the phantom objects.

The air force said in its statement:

"One of the jet pilots reported sighting four lights in front approximately 10 miles and slightly above him but he reported he had no apparent closing speed. They disappeared before he could overtake them." Later the same pilot reported a steady light that disappeared in about a minute.

#### Something More Than Light

Sighting of the unidentified things in the sky by radar indicates something with substance was involved, not only light. It could, however, be small or large, as radar is capable of picking up a bird in flight. Radar also can detect such things as cloud formations. The pilots, however, could give no description of the shape or size of the objects.

The air route traffic control center made several further attempts thru its radar observation of the unidentified objects to guide the jets to a contact. It was unsuccessful, the air force said, until about 10:49 p.m. when the same pilot who reported the first visual contact again reported sighting

what he described as "a steady white light." The light disappeared within a matter of a minute, the air force said.

The CAA radar operator at the traffic control center at the Washington national airport calculated the object's position at approximately 10 miles east of Mount Vernon, Va., which is near the airport.

The pilot said this "light" was about five miles ahead of his aircraft.

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# Jets Take Off, Fail To Contact 'Flying Saucers'

## Air Force Doesn't Know What Was in Washington Skies

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Radar — which normally doesn't show something that isn't there — has picked up "flying saucers" near the nation's capital for the second time within a week.

Jet fighter pilots searched the skies without directly contacting anything during the six hours that four to 12 unidentified objects intermittently appeared on radar screens at Washington National airport and nearby Andrews Air force base.

One pilot said he saw four lights approximately 10 miles away and slightly above him but they disappeared before he could overtake them. Later, the same pilot said, he saw "a steady white light" five miles away that vanished in about a minute.

So far as could be determined, this was the first time jets have been sent on the trail of such sky ghosts.

### Won't Mention Saucers

Officials carefully avoided mentioning "flying saucers," just as they did when radar picked up seven or eight unidentified objects near Washington last Monday. But the Air force was expected to add the report to its long list of saucer sightings, which officials say are coming in faster than at any time since the initial flurry in 1947.

An Air force spokesman said all necessary steps were being taken to evaluate the newest phenomenon.

Later an Air force spokesman said:

"We have no evidence they are flying saucers; conversely we have no evidence they are not flying saucers. We don't know what they are."

There was no agreement whether the recent reports are the first of such mystery objects appearing on radar. At least, officials agreed they are unusual.

Radar normally does not register anything without substance — such as light. But it can pick up such things as a bird in flight or a cloud formation. And one expert said radar is not infallible.

The Air force reported that between four and 12 unidentified objects appeared at 7:08 p. m. (Green Bay time) Saturday night on the radar screen at the air route traffic control center operated by the Civil Aeronautics administration. Their position was estimated at 10 miles east of Mount Vernon, Va., which is near Washington National airport.

*Radar Again  
Spots Objects  
over Capitol*

# Flying 'Solids' Keep 10 Miles Ahead, Then 'Blink Out'

From Press Dispatches

WASHINGTON, July 27—Four, and possibly a dozen, mysterious objects were spotted over the nation's capital Sunday and eluded speedy Air Force jet fighter planes sent up to catch them.

The unsuccessful chase underscored the urgency of the Air Force's long probe of "flying saucer" reports.

The shimmering, blinking lights in the sky led Air Force F-94 jet plane pilots a wild chase early Sunday.

The Air Force said there were "from 12 to four" unidentified objects sighted during the weekend sky chase but that none of the jet pilots could get within a 10-mile range of the "steady white lights."

### SCREENED AS 'SOLIDS'

Radar screens at National Airport's air route traffic control center established the objects as "solids" rather than mere lights or reflections.

Radar operators said the objects caused "blips" on the screen similar to those of regular aircraft. However, the unknown sky phantoms were described as forming "no definite pattern."

One pilot said he saw four "steady white lights" about 10 miles away. They "blinked out" before he could catch up. Within a matter of minutes he saw another—or the same—white light about 10 miles east of Mt. Vernon. The light remained but a minute.

The on-again, off-again objects were tracked around a 30-mile radius of the capital.

Meanwhile, it was revealed that a plan has been drafted for quickly clearing U.S. skies of civil planes during any enemy air attack.

Other steps for lesser emergencies also were announced in a blueprint by the Defense and Commerce Departments and private flying groups.

### EMERGENCY RULES

The set of rules established in the air defense blueprint lists three conditions of military emergency: warning white, warning yellow and warning red.

A red warning means "air attack imminent." It calls for regional administrators of the Civil Aeronautics Administration in the Commerce Department to ground all flights except those approved by military commanders.

A white warning goes into effect automatically when a military emergency is declared, such as a state of war.

Warning yellow would be a condition when an attack is expected but not imminent.

### Fighters Sent Up

Word went to the Air force, which sent up two jet fighter interceptors from a base at Newcastle, Del., some 90 miles from Washington.

When the planes appeared on the radarscope at approximately 9:25 p. m., the CAA tried without success to guide the planes into contact with the objects.

The planes left for their base at 11:40 p. m. and the two other jets took over and stayed in the area until 12:20 a. m. without making contacts.

The pilot who spotted the lights said they "were really moving" — faster than 600 miles an hour. But radar operators at Andrews Air force base said they moved at a "slow rate of speed" — 38 to 90 miles per hour. This could mean the same pattern as last week's sightings — slow moving objects with bursts of speed.

One woman in Washington reported she saw "a very bright light" streak across the sky toward Andrews base at about 11:45 p. m. Later, she said, she saw an object with a tail like a comet whiz by and a few seconds later a third in another direction.



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# Air Force Jets Chase 'Saucers' Over D.C.

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# Jets on 24-Hour Alert As Radar Sights 'Saucers' Second Time in 8 Days

Washington, July 28—(INS-AP)—Jet fighters of the eastern interceptor command maintained a 24-hour alert today for "flying saucers" over the nation's capital.

The order was issued after radar operators at the air route traffic control center at National airport sighted the mysterious objects Saturday night—the second time in eight days.

Col. Jack C. West, commanding officer of the 142nd fighter interceptor squadron at Newcastle, Del., said the jets are ready to go into action "at a moment's notice."

The air force said two jets pursued "between four and 12" of the elusive objects Saturday night, but the pilots reported they were unable to get any closer than seven miles before the "saucers" disappeared.

Initial appearance of the objects was reported at 9:08 p.m. EDT Saturday. Two jets promptly soared into action and kept up the search until 12:15 a.m. EDT Sunday. Two others were sent up at 1:40 a.m. EDT and continued to scout the area until 2:20 a.m. EDT.

One pilot said he saw a "steady white light" about 10 miles east of Mount Vernon, Va. He said he was outdistanced when he sought to trail the object.

Confirmation of the "saucers" was made by radar operators at nearby Andrews air force base who reported "a long series of sightings off and on until midnight."

## 10 Seen Last Week

Last week, radar equipment at National airport picked up between seven and 10 of the flaming objects. Two airline pilots flying over Norfolk, Va., also saw the saucers which they said moved up and down and even hovered in the air.

A CAA spokesman said the objects sighted on radar indicated contact had been made with something solid rather than with lights.

The air force, meanwhile, is sending all pertinent information to its

clearing center on "saucer" reports at Wright Field, Dayton, O.

Radar normally does not register anything without substance such as light. But it can pick up such things as a bird in flight or a cloud formation. And one expert said radar is not infallible.

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# Radar 'Sees' More Objects

## Jet Pilots Chase Lights Near Washington but Make No Contact

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One pilot said that he saw four lights approximately 10 miles away and slightly above him but they disappeared before he could overtake them. Later, the same pilot said, he saw "a steady white light" five miles away that vanished in about a minute.

## First Use of Jets

So far as could be determined, this was the first time jets have been sent on the trail of such sky ghosts.

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Later an air force spokesman said: "We have no evidence they are flying saucers; conversely, we have no evidence they are not flying saucers. We don't know what they are."

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Radar normally does not register anything without substance—such as light. But it can pick up such things as a bird in flight or a cloud formation, and one expert said radar was not infallible.

## Seen Near Airport

The air force reported that the latest unidentified objects appeared at 8:08 p.m. (eastern standard time) Saturday on the radar screen at the air route traffic control center operated by the civil aeronautics administration (CAA). Their position was estimated at 10 miles east of Mount Vernon, Va., which is near Washington National airport.

Word went to the air force, which sent up two jet fighter interceptor planes from a base at Newcastle, Del., some 90 miles from here.

When the planes appeared on the radarscope at approximately 10:25 p.m., the CAA tried without success to guide the planes into contact with the mystery objects. It was during this search that the pilot made his two sightings of lights.

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(SAUCERS)

THE AIR FORCE IS CHECKING INTO REPORTS THAT FLYING SAUCERS, OR SOMETHING EQUALLY UNUSUAL, HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN PICKED UP BY RADAR.

THE RADAR STORY WAS ONLY MADE PUBLIC LATE YESTERDAY, ABOUT 36 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE. WHAT HAPPENED WAS THIS: AN OPERATOR AT THE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT SPOTTED EIGHT UNIDENTIFIED IMAGES ON ONE OF HIS RADARS--A SCOPE WITH A RANGE OF PERHAPS 70 MILES. THE IMAGES WERE SLOW-MOVING, PROBABLY NOT GOING MORE THAN 130 MILES AN HOUR. THE AIR FORCE WAS NOTIFIED, AND MESSAGES WENT OUT TO PLANES IN THE AIR TO SEE IF THE OBJECTS WHICH APPEARED IN THE RADAR SCOPE COULD BE FOUND BY THE PILOTS OF PLANES IN THE VICINITY. AND SOON THE PILOT OF AN AIRLINER, SOUTHBOUND FROM THE WASHINGTON AIRPORT, REPORTED SEEING SEVEN OBJECTS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA. THE PILOT SAID THE OBJECTS CHANGED PACE, SOMETIMES MOVING AT ENORMOUS SPEED, AND OTHER TIMES HANGING ALMOST MOTIONLESS IN THE AIR.

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS CANNOT AGREE WHETHER THIS IS THE FIRST TIME RADAR HAS PICKED UP SO-CALLED FLYING SAUCERS. BUT WHETHER THIS IS THE FIRST TIME OR NOT, THE APPEARANCE OF THE OBJECTS ON RADAR IS OF GREAT MOMENT. RADAR PICKS UP ONLY OBJECTS OF MATERIAL SUBSTANCE, NOT MERE MANIFESTATIONS OF LIGHT. SO APPARENTLY THOSE OBJECTS IN THE RADAR SCOPE, WHETHER FLYING SAUCERS OR SOMETHING ELSE, WERE REAL OBJECTS, NOT OPTICAL ILLUSIONS.

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## Jets Alerted to Pursue 'Saucers'; 'Objects' Sighted Over Tarrytown

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WASHINGTON, July 28 (UP)—The Air Defense Command alerted jet interceptor pilots today to take off instantly in pursuit of any "Flying Saucers" sighted anywhere in the country.

It acted after F-84 jets unsuccessfully chased "glowing white lights" seen in this area last Saturday night. Mysterious objects also had been spotted the previous Saturday.

The new batch of saucer reports included unexplained appearances on radar screens, but the Air Force remained skeptical. It said the reports had shown "no pattern which would indicate the objects are being controlled by a reasoning body."

Statements by eyewitnesses, including Air Force and commercial pilots, are being studied and evaluated here and at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Meanwhile, interceptor planes are ready to go aloft at any time.

"The Air Defense Command's mission is air defense of the United States and it is vitally interested in anything unidentified that flies in the air," a spokesman said.

The futile attempt to intercept the objects seen in this area over the week-end was undertaken by planes from Newcastle, Del., Air Force Base. The control tower at National Airport said as many as twelve strange "blips" of light appeared on its radarscope.

Saucer Stories have been pouring into the Air Force recently from all sections of the nation. The commanding officer of the Air Force Filter Center at South Bend, Ind., said today he had been spending "a couple of hours a day" studying such reports.

J. E. Lundy of Jacksonville, Fla., a National Airlines pilot, said he had seen mysterious amber-colored lights last Saturday and the night of July 10 near Washington. He

said he had been traveling at about 17,000 feet when he was directed to observe the phenomena by the airport radar operator here.

The Air Force said it had received more than 1,000 saucer reports in the last few years but "only a smaller percentage of those received from reliable sources remain unexplained." It said the unexplained ones could be "misinterpretations of various conventional objects, a mild form of hysteria, meteorological phenomena or hoaxes."

The new flurry, the Air Force said, is similar to reports in the past and indicates no "threat to the United States." But it said "each report is being given a most careful and complete analysis."

### 'Objects' Seen Over Tarrytown

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., July 28—Streaks of light, reportedly similar to those spotted over Washington twice within the last week, were sighted in the sky above this Hudson River village shortly before midnight last night. Eastern Air Defense Force officials are investigating.

The flashes were reported to the Defense Force Filter Center in White Plains by Joseph Pulsoni, post supervisor, and two ground force observers at a spotters' post atop an apartment house here. The report was relayed to an area radar station, according to Maj. F. B. Johnson, commanding the filter center.

### Cubans Also See 'Objects'

NUEVITAS, Cuba, July 28 (AP)—Four strange, luminous objects were reported over this north coast Cuban port yesterday. The objects moved in formation, at great speed. Hundreds of citizens reported seeing them.

## Jets Fail in Attempt to Intercept 'Objects' in Sky Over Washington

July 28/52

By The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, July 27—The Air Force said today that jet fighter planes had made an effort to intercept unknown objects in the sky over Washington last night after the objects had been spotted by radar, but that no direct contact had been made.

It was the second time within a week that unidentified objects had been observed in the vicinity of the nation's capital, but no planes were sent up on the previous occasion, last Monday.

The Air Force said that at 9:08 o'clock Eastern Daylight Time, last night the Air Route Traffic Control Center, operated by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, had picked up by radar "between four and twelve unidentified objects over the Washington vicinity."

The C. A. A. notified the Air Force and two jet fighter-interceptor planes were ordered up to make a check. These planes came from a base at Newcastle, Del., about ninety miles from Washington.

The jet pilots themselves appeared on the C. A. A. radarscope at 11:25 P. M. and were guided in on several of the unknown objects.

The Air Force said in its statement: "One of the jet pilots reported sighting four lights in front, approximately ten miles and slightly above him, but he reported he had no apparent closing [overtaking] speed. They disappeared

before he could overtake them." Later the same pilot reported a steady light that had disappeared in about a minute.

The sighting of the unidentified objects in the sky by radar indicated that something with substance was involved, not only light. It could, however, be small or large, as radar is capable of picking up a bird in flight. Radar, which detects objects by radio, can "pick up" such things as cloud formations.

The Air Route Traffic Control Center made several further attempts through its radar observation of the unidentified objects to guide the jets to a contact. The efforts were unsuccessful, the Air Force said, until about 11:49 P. M., when the same pilot who had reported the first visual contact again reported sighting what he described as "a steady white light." The light disappeared within a matter of one minute, the Air Force said.

The C. A. A. radar operator at the traffic control center, located at the Washington National Airport, calculated the unknown object's position at about ten miles east of Mount Vernon, Va., which is near the airport.

The pilot reported this "light" was about five miles ahead of his aircraft.

The two jets left the area at

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## JETS OVER CAPITAL PURSUE 'OBJECTS'

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1:40 this morning, but two additional jet aircraft were sent over and they stayed in the vicinity for forty minutes.

The Air Force said that no further contact, either visual or by radar, was made by the planes, although the "unknowns" were still apparent at 2:20 A. M. on the radarscope.

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THIS IS (-----) WITH THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE WIRES OF THE UNITED PRESS.

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THOSE MYSTIFYING OBJECTS CALLED FLYING SAUCERS HAVE TURNED UP OVER WASHINGTON AGAIN. THEY HAVE BEEN PICKED UP BY RADAR FOR THE SECOND DAY THIS WEEK. THIS TIME, THE MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS WERE AROUND FOR ABOUT SIX HOURS. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN AN ARC OVER THE CAPITAL AT ABOUT 100 TO 120 MILES AN HOUR. RECENT REPORTS OF THE DISCS, OR WHATEVER THEY MAY BE, HAVE SPURRED THE AIR FORCE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AND FIND OUT JUST WHAT'S GOING ON. THE AIR FORCE IS BRINGING IN PHYSICISTS TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER. BUT A PRELIMINARY OPINION FROM THE AIR FORCE IS THAT THEY ARE SIMPLY A PHYSICAL PHENOMENON.

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THE HIGHEST AIR FORCE OFFICER TO COMMENT SO FAR ON THE FLURRY OF FLYING SAUCER REPORTS SAYS HE HAS HIS OWN IDEA OF WHAT THEY ARE. MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN SAMFORD---AIR FORCE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE---SAYS HE THINKS THE UNEXPLAINED BLIPS OF LIGHT APPEARING ON RADARSCOPES AT NATIONAL AIRPORT IN WASHINGTON ARE THE RESULT OF "TEMPERATURE INVERSIONS". HE AND ANOTHER SPOKESMAN SAID THE RADAR DISTURBANCES COULD BE CAUSED BY SUDDEN CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE. IN A 90-MINUTE TALK WITH NEWSMEN, SAMFORD SAID MOST OF THE SAUCER REPORTS OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS TURNED OUT TO BE FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT, NOXES, METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENA AND ELECTRONICS. HE SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO PATTERN TO THE REPORTS AND AIR FORCE INVESTIGATORS HAVE FOUND NOTHING THAT MIGHT MENACE THE UNITED STATES.

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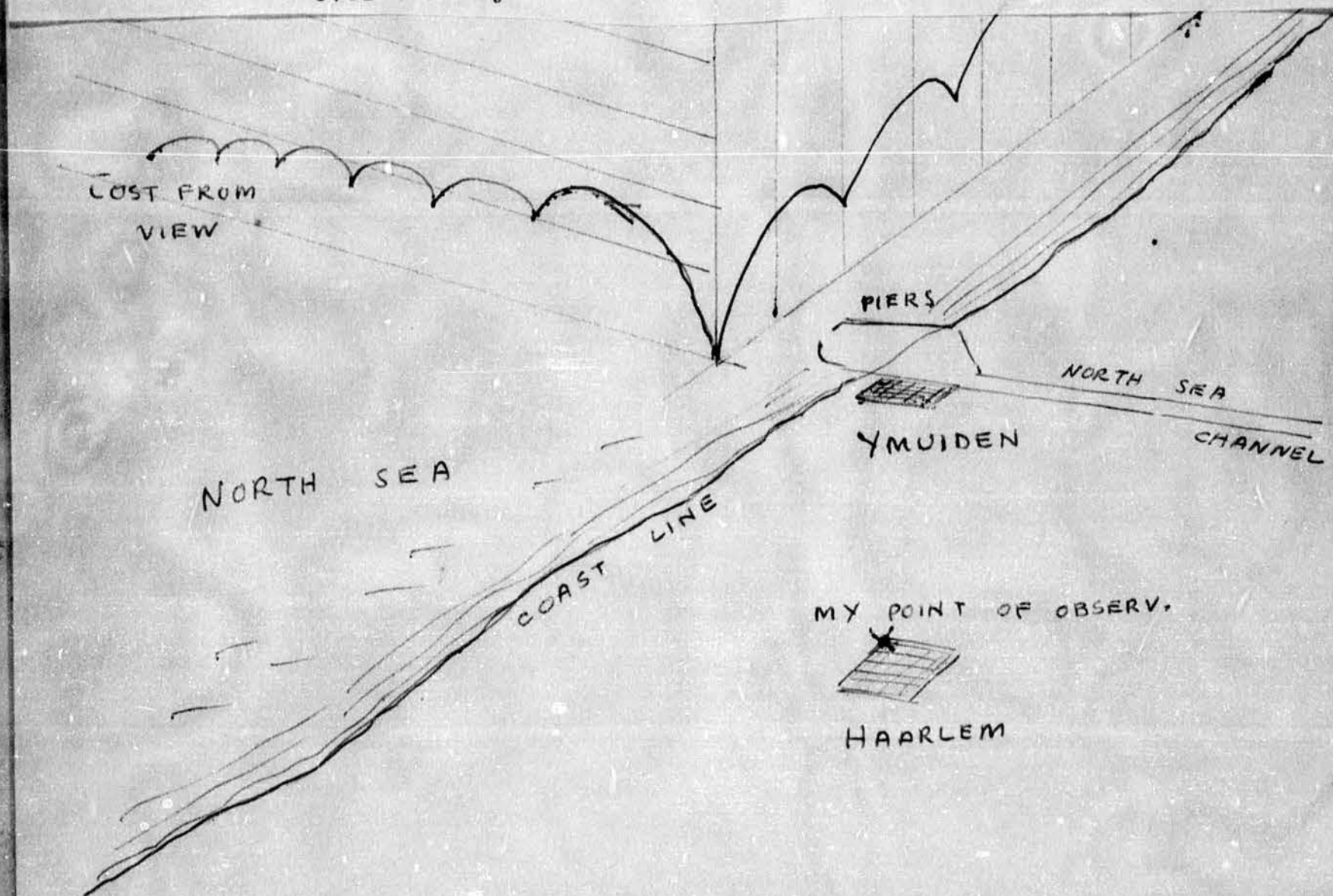
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The year 1952 was the year of maximum Ufo sightings over my country, particularly in July and August. During these two months there were numerous sightings, mostly in the Eastern and South part of the country. In Berg en Dal, a village near Nijmegen, the night porter of a hotel (according to the papers) woke the hotel guests to come out and have a look at Ufo's passing overhead; they did, and more than once that night.

In the city of Arnhem (newspaper articles) they were seen at day by many people in the streets.

Over the city of Delft, a bright light raced with enormous speed.

I saw, in August 1952, two flying saucers over ~~Netherlands~~ <sup>Holland</sup> Kerkrade, a small city in the Southernmost province of Limburg. They appeared about midnight; at about 9 p.m., there had been a moon eclipse. They stood still in the sky for some time, then zigzagged off over Germany at an enormous speed.



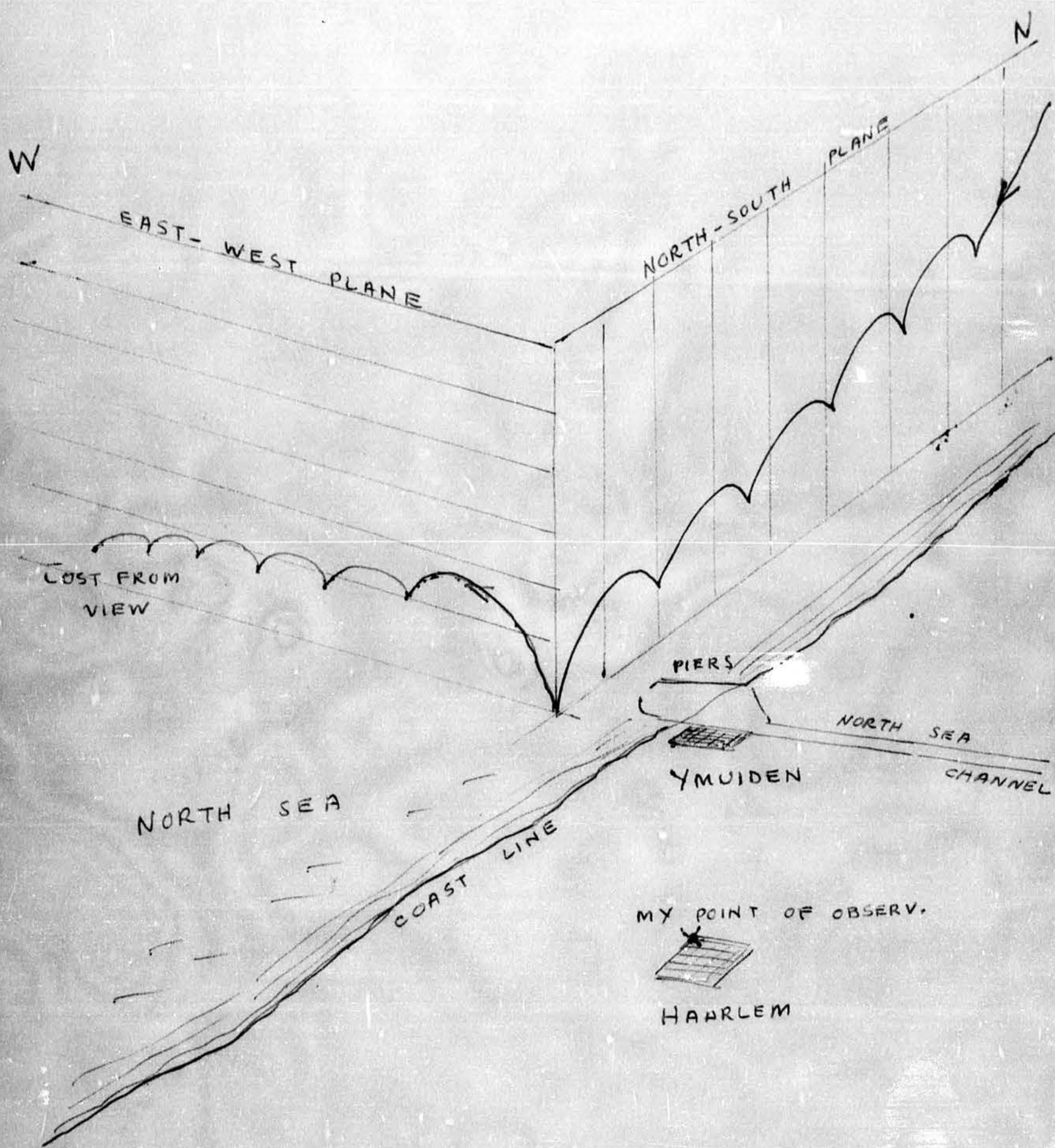
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**SKY FILLED WITH OBJECTS.**

What Hundreds See Jet Pilots  
Are Unable to Find.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 1.(AP)—  
Flotillas of mysterious bright,  
shiny objects were reported fly-  
ing high in the sky over South-  
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But jet pilots from Griffiss air  
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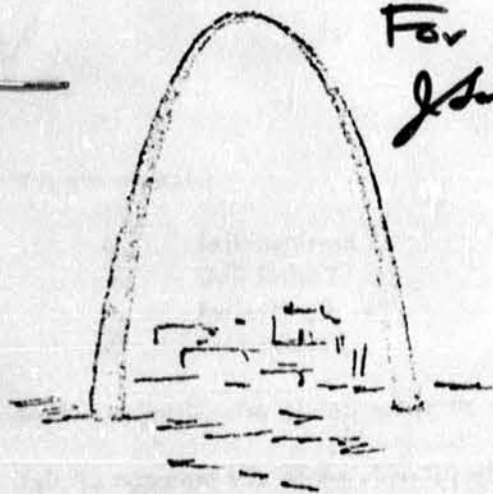
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2. Date of Observation *AUG OR SEPT. 1952*

Time *AM* PM Time Zone

3. Locality of Observation *APPROX. 40 MILES NORTH EAST OF SEOUL, KOREA*

4. How long did you see the object? Hours *2* Minutes — Seconds

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. *WEATHER - HOT, SKY - CLEAR (BRIGHT DAYLIGHT)*  
*THE OBJECT WAS IN A NORTHWEST DIRECTION FROM*

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?

8. Were there more than one object? *NO* If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary.

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? *YES*

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.

12. Did the object(s) —

(Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time? *YES*
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? *YES*
- c. Break up into parts or explode? *NO*
- d. Give off smoke? *NO*
- e. Leave any visible trail? *NO*
- f. Drop anything? *NO*
- g. Change brightness? *NO*
- h. Change shape? *NO*
- i. Change color? *NO*

13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.  
*NO*

14. Was there any wind? *YES* If so, please give direction and speed. *SOUTH APPROX. 25 MPH*

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpanes, storm window, screening, etc? *NO* What?

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? *NO* What kind? How loud?

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —

- a. Fuzzy or blurred.
- b. Like a bright star.
- c. Sharply outlined. *✓*

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18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting? ☒
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? YES

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

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|------------|---|---------------|
| a. Pinhead | d. Nickel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | g. Orange     |
| b. Pea     | e. Half dollar                                | h. Grapefruit |
| c. Dime    | f. Silver dollar                              | i. Larger     |

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? I THOUGHT I WAS WATCHING A NEWSPAPER BLOW IN THE WIND.
22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? NORTHEAST OF SEOUL, KOREA, CLEANING A .50 CAL MACHINE GUN
23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? SPED OFF AT TREMENDOUS SPEED, HEADING DUE WEST
24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. NONE

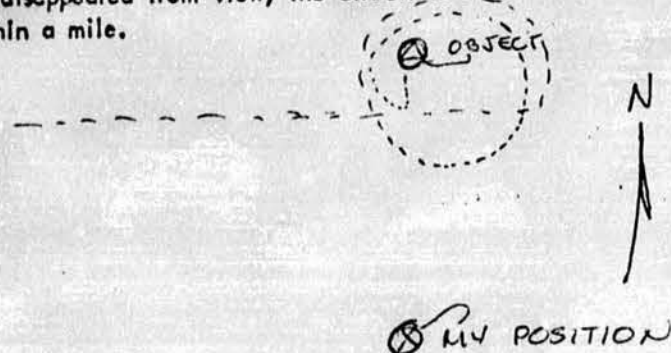
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. SIX OTHERS, I DO NOT KNOW THEIR PRESENT ADDRESSES

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area?

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.

32. NO  
Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place.

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully.

34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. ☒

Please keep my name confidential. ☐

35. Date of filling out this report: 5-3-68

Signature:

Eugene Zimmerman

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# UFO Report Form

## Aerial Phenomena Research Organization

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602 326-0059 or 602 793-1825  
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85716

Date: (APPROX AUG) 1952 Time: APPROX. 6:00PM Exact Location: APPROX. CORNER OF EAST/SOUTH 8TH & H STREET GAS CITY, INDIANA

Name, background and qualification of witness: CHARLES D. FLANNIGAN  
MR + MRS LLOYD SOUTH "H" ST. GAS CITY, INDIANA  
MRS JUNE HEATHCOTE SOUTH "C" ST GAS CITY, INDIANA

### ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:

Wind from the — at APPROX. S MPH. Temperature: APPROX. 80° Barometric Pressure: — Humidity: — Visibility: APPROX. 20 (Mi.)

Limiting Factors: (fog, haze, darkness, etc.)

NONE

Cloud Types (enumerate layers) Coverage of each (%):

1. NONE  
2. NONE  
3. NONE

LOCATION AND CONDITION OF:

Sun: 30° BRIGHT Moon: —  
Venus: — Jupiter: —  
Mars or other: NOT VISIBLE

Flight path of object (s), (Give degree of arc and elevation or background constellations where possible). Describe maneuvers if any.  
BOTH OBJECTS DEPARTED HOVERING POSITION 75° IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS

Physical description: (Color, shape, protrusions, shape, emitting or reflecting light, etc.)

SHINY NICKEL SILVER IN COLOR - APPROX 3 1/2' DISK, THICKNESS OF OUTER EDGES  
APPROX 1/2" TO 1" - NO PROTRUSIONS REMEMBERED  
APPROX 3 1/2' DIAMETER DISK, 1" THICK AROUND EDGES.

Physical References: (describe any noted relationship to fixed physical objects—mountains, telephone poles, buildings—from which angular data could be derived). NOTHING NOTED - THE SIGHTING WAS IN THE OPEN WITH NO PHYSICAL OBJECTS NEARBY EXCEPT THE HOUSE.

Duration of Incident: (Because many individuals are not expert at estimating time intervals, use this as a reference: "Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow, and everywhere that Mary went the lamb was sure to go," takes approximately 5 seconds to recite at normal speaking speed).

APPROX. 15 MIN. FROM SIGHTING FIRST DISK, UNTIL THEY BOTH FLEW AWAY.

Special Data: (Sound—formation if more than one object, etc.)

NO SOUND - ONE WAS IN PLACE WHEN FIRST DISCOVERED, THE OTHER JOINED APPROX. 5 MIN. LATER, THEN TEN MINUTES LATER THEY BOTH FLEW AWAY IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS.

General: Give narrative of incident including any reactions and/or interpretations of witness(es). Opposite side of this sheet may be used for narrative.

Instructions to Investigator: File separate report for each witness. Do not attempt to "smooth out" discrepancies between witnesses or put words in their mouths.

If space is not sufficient to include all details requested above, use reverse side of this sheet to complete.

Country <u>USA</u>	City <u>GAS CITY</u>	Year <u>1952</u>	Month <u>(APPROX) AUG</u>	Day <u>—</u>
	State <u>INDIANA</u>			



1.

JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> 1968

OBJECT(S) SIGHTED:

TWO METALLIC DISKS, SHINY NICKEL SILVER  
IN COLOR.

APPROXIMATE SIZE: 3½' DIAMETER, 1' THICK-  
NESS AROUND OUTER EDGES

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE FROM OBJECT(S):  
120' — OBJECTS WERE NEARLY  
MOTIONLESS FOR 15 MINUTES AT  
AN ANGLE OF 75° FROM OUR  
POSITION.

DATE: AUG - 1952

TIME: 6:00 PM

VISIBILITY: WAS EXCELLENT, JUST  
A BEAUTIFUL CLOUDLESS DAY.  
NOTHING BUT THOSE TWO UAC'S  
AND A BLUE SKY IN THE BACKGROUND.  
THE WINDS WERE ABOUT FIVE MPH.  
THE TERRAIN IN THIS AREA IS FLAT  
LAND FOR MILES AROUND.

LOCATION:

GAS CITY, INDIANA  
CORNER OF EAST/SOUTH 8<sup>TH</sup> + HST.  
SEE MAP ATTACHED -

U.S.A.

GAS CITY,  
INDIANA

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2.  
I HAD JUST ARRIVED AT MY FRIENDS HOUSE, THEY WERE SITTING IN THE YARD WHEN ONE OF US NOTICED A METALLIC DISK 120' ABOVE US AT  $75^{\circ}$ , AFTER OBSERVING THIS MOTIONLESS CRAFT FOR 3-5 MINUTES ANOTHER IDENTICAL LOOKING ONE ZOOMED IN FROM THE SAME ANGLE TO APPROX. 2' OF EACH OTHER. THEY WERE NOW SIDE BY SIDE WHICH THEY STAYED FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES. THE ONLY MOVEMENT DURING THIS TIME WAS A RAPID  $5^{\circ}$  TILTING ACTION FROM THE VERTICAL AXIS. THE CRAFTS WERE OBSERVED TO BE DOING THIS THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THERE STAY - AT NO TIME WAS THE ENTIRE UPPER SURFACE OF EITHER DISK VISABLE. THE BOTTOM SURFACE WAS FLAT, THE EDGES WERE ROUNDED. AND THE THICKNESS AROUND THE OUTER EDGES WAS APPROX. 1' FOOT.

THE CRAFTS SUDDENLY STOPPED AND ZOOMED OFF IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS ( $95^{\circ}$  TO THERE HOVERING POSITION) THE SPEED WAS TERRIFIC AND WITHIN SECONDS THEY WERE OUT OF SIGHT.



3. OPEN FARM LAND,  
ISOLATED FARMS FROM  
OUR SIGHTING TO  
UPLAND, IND-

BLIST

PRESIDENTIAL  
DISTRICT

HOWENS  
GLASS  
FACTORY

1952  
AUG-

CEMETERY

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

TOWNSBORO  
POP. 1500

35 MI. BUCKE HILL  
AFB PERU, IND.

HIGH  
SCHOOL

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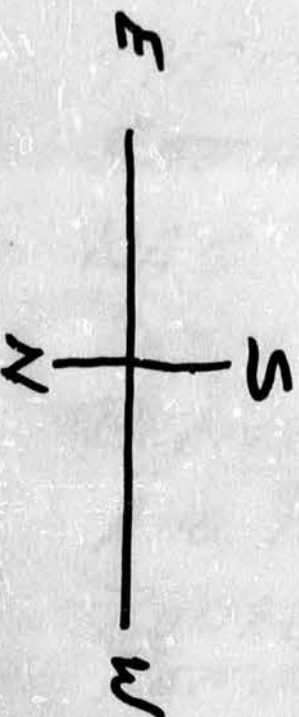
42.3 mi  
to Perry

KNOX  
GLASS  
FACTORY

5 MILES TO  
UPLAND, IND

Assembly  
District

3 mi to 5 mi to 300 200 100 50





4.

AFTER THE SIGHTING I REMEMBER  
DISCUSSING WITH THE OTHER  
THREE PEOPLE WHAT WE HAD  
SEEN. THE GENERAL OPINION  
WAS THAT THEY COULD HAVE  
BEEN A NEW TYPE AIR CRAFT  
BEING TESTED BY THE AIR FORCE,  
AND POSSIBLY FLOWN OUT OF  
BUNKER HILL AFB PERU, INDIANA -  
REMOTELY CONTROLLED?

HAD I TAKEN PICTURES OF  
THIS SIGHTING - WE WOULD HAVE  
THE BEST "CLOSE-RANGE" SHOT  
I HAVE EVER SEEN.

PLEASE WITHHOLD THE NAMES OF  
THE WITNESS(S), UNLESS PERMISSION  
IS OBTAINED FROM THEM.

PLEASE WITHHOLD MY NAME!



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1952 AUG  
SAUCERS GET AROUND  
JERUSALEM — AP — Israel  
got into the flying saucer act Wednesday. The Jerusalem Post reported that a resident of Haifa had spotted a bright green elliptical object with a broad, rapidly revolving belt around its middle flying through the sky.

Israel  
Jerusalem

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# Washington Post

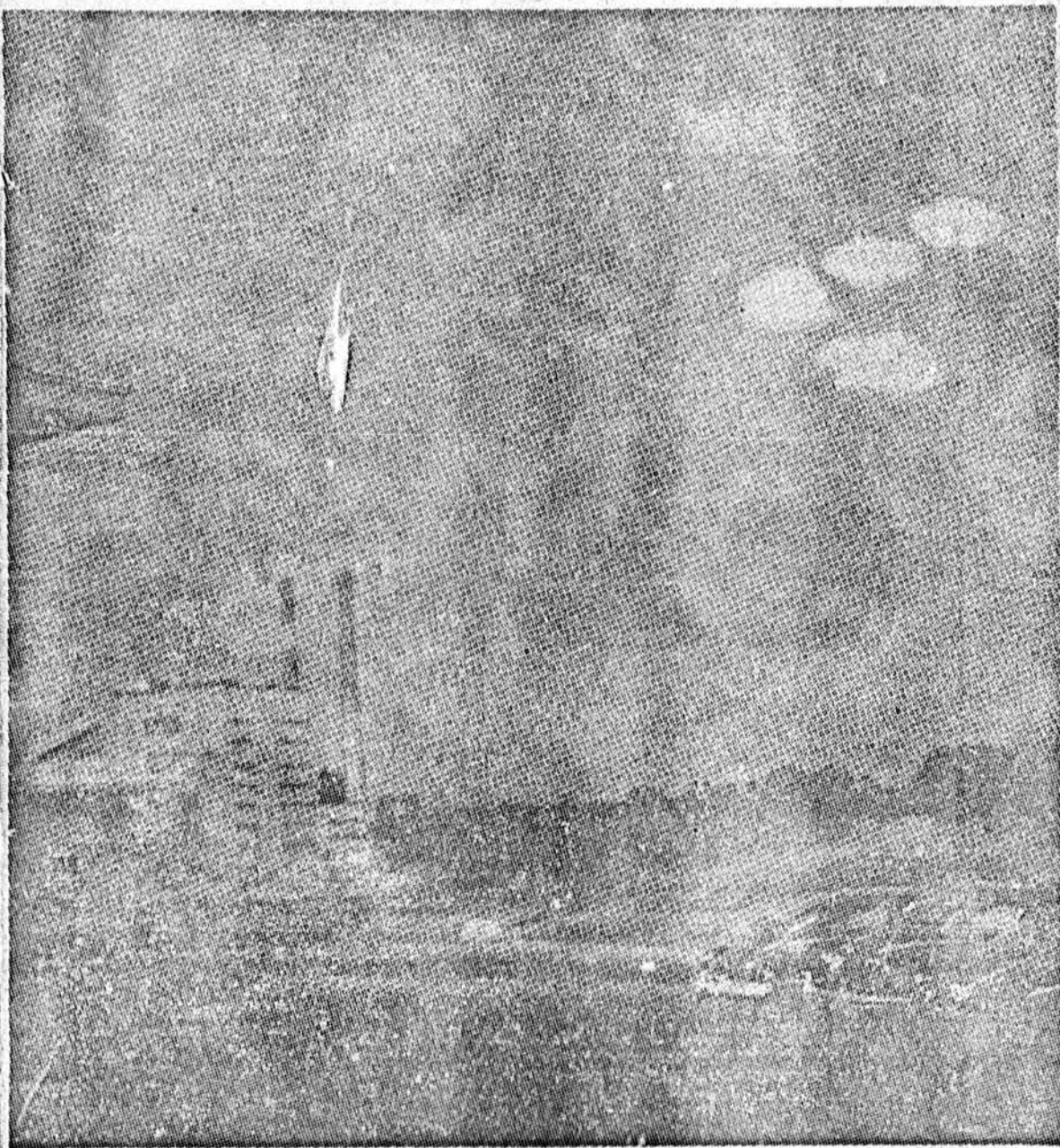
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GOP

What's the strength  
the Democrats  
as it compares  
of 1948? See to  
report in The V

AUGUST 2, 1952

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U. S. Coast Guard Official Photo

Coast Guard Photographer Shell E. Alpert, at the Salem, Mass., Air Station, made this photograph at 9:35 a. m. on July 16, through a window screen. He was in the photo laboratory when he noticed several brilliant lights in the sky. He called another Coast Guardsman, Thomas E. Flaherty, to see the

strange sight. The brilliant white of the lights had dimmed somewhat, but suddenly brightened again. Alpert grabbed his camera, clicked the shutter, and this is the result. The photograph was taken on super XX cut film with a 4/5 camera set at infinity, 1/50 of a second, at f4.7.

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THE WASHINGTON POST  
WASH, D.C. 8/2/52

KEN STEINMETZ





L.A. Mirror, August 1, 1952

(STORY, PAGE 3)

**'PHENOMENAL'**

## 'Shutterbug' Grabs Photo of 'Saucers'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—Coast Guard headquarters today made public a photograph of "unidentified aerial phenomena" taken by a 21-year-old Coast Guard photographer.

The photo clearly shows four round objects. Each appears to have two identical shafts of light

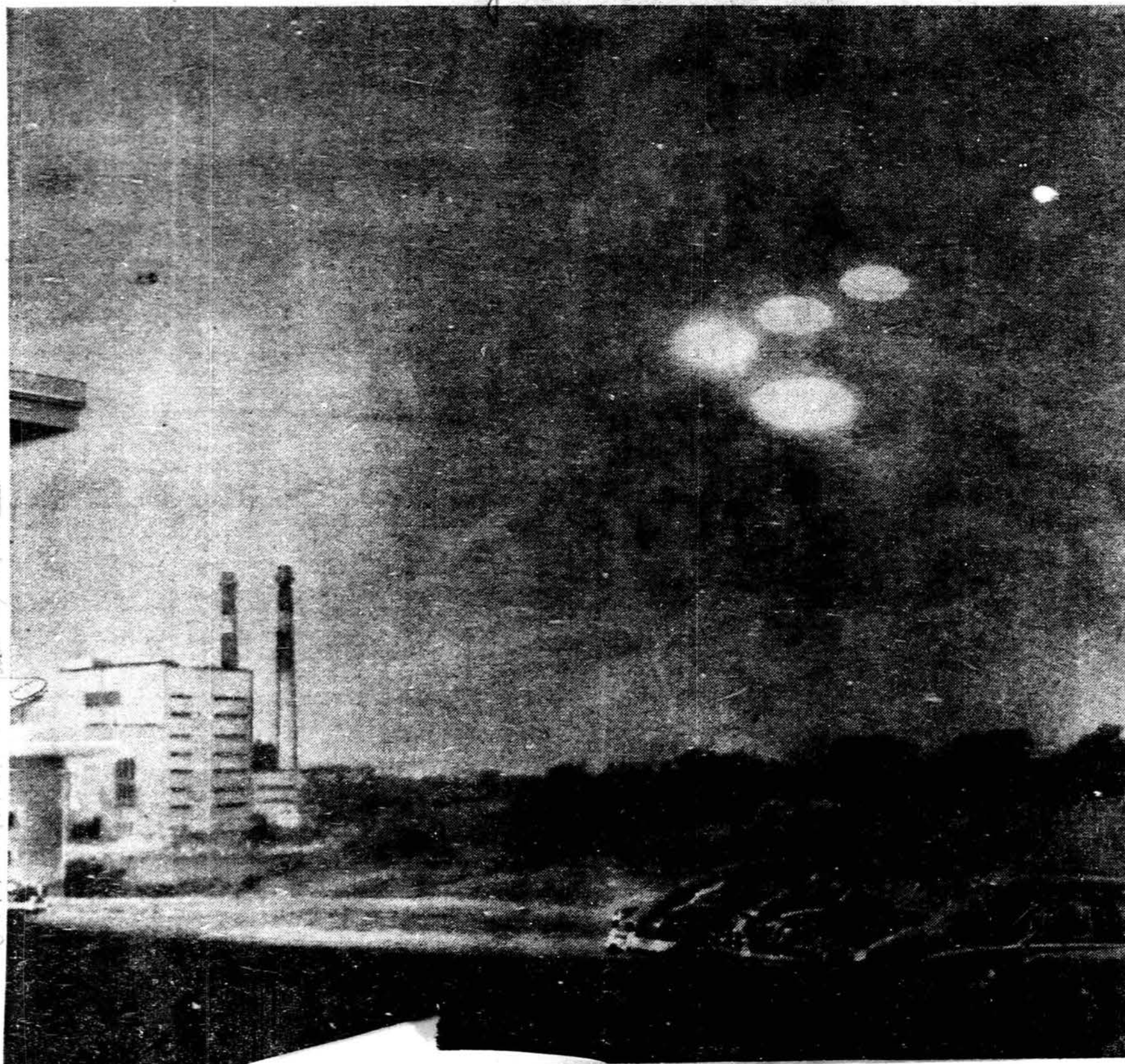
← extending across its center and protruding at the forward and rear ends. The lights are in a V formation.

The Coast Guard said it has no opinion as to the cause or source of the "objects" and was releasing the picture only because of the widespread public interest in aerial phenomena.

The picture was snapped by Shell R. Alpert, Salem, Mass., air station photographer.

The Coast Guard said Alpert sighted several brilliant white lights through the station's photo lab window at 9:35 a.m., July 16.

Alpert watched the lights, which "seemed to be wavering," for five or six seconds before attempting to photograph them. By the time he had focused his camera the lights were "considerably dimmed down."



L.A. Mirror, August 1, 1952



ROCKFORD MORNING  
JULY 16, 1952

## Two Veteran Airline Men See Saucers

MIAMI, Fla. (INS) — Two veteran airline pilots today insisted they "definitely saw" objects flying in formation about 1,000 miles an hour "operating under intelligent control."

The flyers, W. B. Nash and W. H. Fortenberry of Pan American Airways, said they both saw the "things" at the same time during a New York to Miami hop with 10 passengers aboard.

They added what they saw probably were not piloted by humans from this earth, explaining:

### 150 Degree Turn

"No one here could take that centrifugal force. They made a 150-degree turn, almost instantaneously."

Nash, who has flown for PAA for 10 years, said the objects appeared as their DC-4 was flying over Newport News, Va., Monday night at an altitude of 8,000 feet.

He said six of the objects came toward them in clear skies from the southwest and passed beneath the airliner. He said: "As they neared us, they appeared to be solid bodies of light, a little more amber than automobile tail lights. They were brilliant — nothing fuzzy about them, and they glowed like hot coals."

### 100-Foot Diameter

The 35-year-old pilot estimated the objects were about 100 feet in diameter and 10 to 15 feet thick.

Nash said his passengers were sitting at the wrong angle to see the phenomenon. He said he would not have dared mention his observation if he had seen it alone. But he declared, indicating his copilot:

"We watched the whole thing together."

## Air Force Has More Reports Of 'Saucers'

WASHINGTON — (P) — The Air force followed a familiar routine today—sending through channels its latest flying saucer report.

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The Air force said it has made a preliminary report to the Air force's technical intelligence center at Dayton, Ohio, and that a complete written report is expected to follow.

Until this report is made, the Air force added, no evaluation can be made of this reported sighting.

Capt. E. J. Ruppelt of the Air Technical intelligence center at Wright-Patterson Air force base near Dayton, Ohio, said today 60 reports of flying saucers from throughout the nation have been channeled to the base.

Capt. Ruppelt, project officer for the Air force investigation of "unidentified aerial objects," said the reports were almost double the number received at this time last year.

Roy T. Ellis of Dayton reported seeing an object almost like an ice cream cone with an elliptical dark object in the center where the ice cream would rest in the cone.

Ellis, an amateur astronomer, said he was looking for comets Sunday night when he saw the object. He said it moved "very deliberately."

Col. Richard H. Magee, Dayton civil defense director, said "There is something flying around our skies and I wish I knew what it was."

Asked if flying saucers could be the reason for the "Skywatch operation," Col. Magee said no specific reason had been given, "but that could be the answer."

## Pilots Report Flying Discs Over Virginia

MIAMI, Fla. — (U.P.) — Two veteran airline pilots added to the flying saucer lore today accounts of seeing eight huge discs zip-ping in formation at supersonic speed near Norfolk, Va.

Pilots W. B. Nash, 35, and W. H. Fortenberry, 30, of Pan American Airways, said the "glowing, orange-red" saucers maneuvered too sharply for human endurance at a speed of "far above 1,000 miles per hour."

"Whoever was in those things," the pilots declared, "had capabilities far beyond our own. Those things absolutely did not contain any human beings as we know them."

Nash and Fortenberry said they were flying their DC-4 with 10 company officials aboard southward between Newport News, Va., and Norfolk Monday night when six of the saucers appeared 6,000 feet below them.

First they flew in an echelon formation—a diagonal straight line—at about 2,000 feet altitude, Nash said. As the DC-4 passed over them, he said, they turned sharply westward and were joined by two other discs. He said the eight "saucers" zoomed upward to an estimated 10,000 feet altitude.

Nash estimated they "watched the whole maneuver" for between 10 and 12 seconds before the glowing light "pulsated off" and the "things" disappeared into the sky.

## Latest Flying-Disk Report Sent Through Airforce Channels

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Tacoma Wash. News  
Tribune Aug. 15/1952

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1952

TNT 8/15/52  
**Objects in Sky  
Dip and Glide  
Like Feathers**

Perhaps this Friday, in this month of meteors, News Tribune readers would like to read about the strange celestial "thing" that James Goe and fellow Grahamites saw the other evening.

"I know what it is that some of these saucer-seers looked at one day. I've got one of them," Goe said.

"A group of us spotted something high in the sky the other evening," the Graham resident continued. "Diving, turning, flashing in the late sun, it looked like a strange craft at a height of maybe 15,000 feet. At times it appeared to be traveling 200 or 300 miles an hour, then it seemed to float, almost motionless. At that height we judged the object to be about five feet long.

"At first there was just one of the strange craft. Then another appeared, and another. We couldn't tell where they suddenly came from, but in a matter of seconds the sky was thick with them.

"Finally several of them started earthward and as they got closer they looked smaller and smaller.

"Know what those things were? Feathers. Yes sir, quill feathers from 2½ to 5 inches long. Don't know what kind of feathers they are. None of us ever saw any just like them before. But those 'planes' were just feathers."

Goe may send his souvenir feather to the University of Washington for identification.

*Feathers*

USA

*Wash.  
Tacoma*

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## Jet Flyers Seeking Saucers Report Seeing 'Swift Object'

By the Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 1.—Jet interceptor pilots reported to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base officials today that they saw an object in the sky which they didn't think was a light reflection.

It was the first time pilots checking on flying saucer reports here had made such a positive statement.

The two interceptors were sent up about 1:45 a.m. (EST), after the Air Force base had received five or six reports of "flying saucers."

They told officers they went up about 17,000 feet and for about 10 seconds watched a bright and red object which hovered above them. It then disappeared at "a high rate of speed."

"We deliberately maneuvered around to make sure it wasn't a light reflection. At first it appeared red and white and then white only," they said.

The Coast Guard contributed its bit to the "flying saucer" con-

troversy today by releasing a photograph of four bright objects taken in broad daylight.

The service made no attempt to define the objects. In fact, it appeared just as skeptical as the Air Force, which is studying the print, along with hundreds of other reports of aerial fantasia.

The picture was taken at 9:35 a.m. on July 16 by Coast Guardsman Shell R. Alpert, 21, who was cleaning a camera in the Salem (Mass.) Air Station photo laboratory.

Gazing out the window, he saw four bright lights in the sky. As he focused the camera, the lights wavered and died down. He ran to a nearby sick bay and returned with Thomas Flaherty, 26. The lights flashed again, and Seaman Alpert snapped them. Then they died out altogether.

The Coast Guard apparently was glad to forget the whole thing.

Incidentally, radar observers reported "all clear" over Washington last night.

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Dayton,  
Ohio

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THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH

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3/8/1952

Sydney ,Australia

The Tokio newspaper Yomiuri says that flying saucers appeared over Japanese territory for the first time last night.

Residents of the western suburbs of Tokio saw various lights moving in the sky.

One person described one light as "like a lump of the moon and travelling very fast."

Officials at the Central Weather Bureau reported that they saw strange lights which could not have been fireworks or shooting stars.

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Japan

TOKYO

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CASO Nº 2.- 10 de agosto de 1952.-

MELO.- 11 (ANI).- El señor Félix Altieri, Profesor de Cosmografía del Liceo Departamental, localizó en la tarde de ayer un extraño objeto volador. Manifestó que aproximadamente a la hora 16 y 15 avistó desde su domicilio, en esta ciudad, un disco volador, cosa que también pudieron observar sus familiares.-

Se trataba de un cuerpo brillante, de un diámetro aparente superior a tres veces el Planeta Venus. En el momento de su mayor brillo su forma daba la impresión de ser la de una elipsoide; se desplazaba sin ruido y sin dejar estela. Se hallaba a una altura de unos 40 grados sobre el horizonte y se movía regularmente en dirección suroeste, disminuyendo de tamaño a medida que se alejaba. La duración de la observación fué de unos dos minutos, hasta que el objeto se perdió a lo lejos.-

... two minutes until the object disappeared in the distance.

Argentina

Melo.  
Arg.

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Case No. 2 - 10 Aug 52 -

Melo. - 11 (ANI).- Sr. Felix Altieri, Proffessor of Cosmografia del Liceo Departmental, witnessed yesterday a strange flying object at approximately 16:15 hours from his home in this city. The object was also seen by his family and friends.

The object seen was a brilliant body, of an apparent diameter more than three times that of the planet Venus. At its clearest time it gave the impression of an elipsoid form. It moved without sound and without leaving a trail. It maintained an altitude of some 40 degrees above the horizon and was moving regularly in a southeasterly direction and diminishing in size. The duration of the observation was some two minutes untill the object disappeared in the distance.

Argentina

Melo.  
Arg.

52-8-2



Aug. 2 1957

Flying saucers were reported over Lancaster, Palmdale, <sup>and</sup> Oxnard California. The Pasadena Filter Center said it was receiving an average of about four calls a day on "unidentified flying objects." The Canadian destroyer Crusader reported seeing two flying saucers and tracking them on their radar on July 10. The Air Defense Command at Fort Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, admitted that it has planes ready <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ pilots never more than a few feet away to investigate any definite reports of flying objects within seconds of its report. (L.A. Mirror)

USA

Lancaster  
Palmdale  
Oxnard - Calif.

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873 - Papers in the Los Angeles area reported saucers were  
sighted over Lancaster, Palmdale, Lake Hughes, Burbank,  
Inglewood, [Los Alamos, Tokyo] <sup>Indio</sup> Huntington Park  
Highland Park, Laguna Beach, <sup>Truston</sup> Universal City, Imperial  
Valley [France, Italy, Iran] Washington D.C. [Formosa]  
Greenville, Ind.

Obviously it is not possible to give the details of each  
sighting, but by odds the most interesting report was that of  
Mrs. Adelaide Newinger, Laguna Beach ~~the~~ ground observer for  
Operation Skywatch.

.... I saw what at first appeared to be a mass of  
small stars in shape similar to that of a half  
of a watermelon coming toward me....



## SAW SAUCERS, SOUGHT SAME SANS SUCCESS

Marin and the Bay Area scored another first in the nation this weekend when, not one, but an entire squadron of "flying-saucer-like-objects" dropped from above the clouds and buzzed over the cities.

The round and glistening forms were seen in the haze to the west yesterday by Second Lt. Duane A. Swimley of Hamilton Air Force Base.

His excited report to officials at the base resulted in a four-jet-plane search of the blue skies over the bay and purported statements from radar installations about "unidentified objects."

Lt. Swimley explained he walked out of his home on the base about 4:30 p.m. and glanced up at the sky where he saw "flying saucer objects," about eight in number, sailing parallel to the coast.

The pilot estimated the forms were about 20,000 feet in the sky and their speed at more than 400 mph.

At first, he said, they flew in an irregular diamond-shaped formation but later switched to a single formation.

He described the objects as silver in color, round, and definitely with solid bodies.

Though four F-86 jets were dispatched to investigate they returned to the base without additional information.

Meanwhile the weather bureau at San Francisco said meteorological conditions were particularly favorable for "flying saucer" illusions yesterday.

Also, the Associated Press reported other unexplained reports were turned in by ground observers in Northern California during the weekend.

At 1:30 p.m. Sunday a "large, red-colored object that looked like a flare" was spotted at an estimated 3,500 feet over Sacramento.

Twenty minutes later a "large round object that emitted a white glow but no noise" was reported over Chico, 80 miles to the north.

SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA, MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1952

Independent-Journal.

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(WITH SECOND WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP)

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(IN THEIR OWN WORDS)

IN THEIR OWN WORDS. A ROUNDUP OF THE QUOTES OF THE WEEK, WITTY, WISE AND OTHER WISE, BY THE BIG AND LITTLE PEOPLE IN THE NEWS.

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CONFUSION WAS THE WATCHWORD DURING THIS WEEK.

ONE OF THE MANY WHO SPOTTED NOW-YOU-SEE-'EM-NOW-YOU-DON'T SAUCERS IN THE SKY WAS BEWILDERED. HE WAS NATIONAL AIRLINES PILOT, J. E. LUNDY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA. SAID HE OF HIS SAUCER:

"THE LIGHT WAS MUCH BRIGHTER AND WE BELIEVED WE WERE MUCH CLOSER. AT FIRST, IT SEEMED TO BE MOVING AT A SPEED OF LESS THAN 100 MILES AN HOUR. THEN IT SUDDENLY INCREASED TO WHAT SEEMED TO BE ABOUT THREE THOUSAND MILES AN HOUR AND CLIMBED OUT OF SIGHT."

SAID LUNDY OF HIS FRIENDS---"THEY THINK I'M CRAZY---THEY CALL ME THE FLYING SAUCER KID...BUT IT'S ALL TRUE."

FLA.

JACKSONVILLE

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# 'WHAT-IS-IT?' SEEN IN SKIES

Aug 4 1952

Light Is Off To D.C. As Mary-  
landers Argue Color, Size

Another "what-is-it what-was-it" flashed across the Maryland sky about nine o'clock last night, leaving a trail of jangled nerves and unanswered questions.

One viewer, in Pikesville, described it as "a yellow light the shape of a tear drop, with a broken tail behind it."

Two camp counselors at Arnold, who called in their report to the Navy in Washington, said the color was that of an acetylene torch.

"Red As Ball Of Fire"

Mrs. Myrtle Banelis, of the 1800 block North Bond street, said it was "a big round as a cup and as red as a ball of fire."

An observer in the Edmondson Village section said the light he saw was a solid object about the size of a pea. "It hovered in the sky for a split second and then took off west at an astounding speed," he said.

Another viewer estimated the speed at 1,800 miles an hour.

The camp counselors at Arnold—George H. Duncan, Jr. and John W. Yeager—said the "comet affair" went across the sky "in nothing flat."

Heads Toward D.C.

All agreed the "what-is-it" was heading toward Washington—which brought a measure of comfort to observers in Baltimore.

All answered very much like James Sawyer, of the 1800 block North Bond, when asked what the object was. Mr. Sawyer's answer was, "Honest to goodness, I just don't know."

In Washington, newspapers and television stations received calls from a number of persons who reported seeing a light shoot through the sky over the city.

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Maryland

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# Marylanders See 'Flying Whatnot' In Night Skies

In spite of positive denials by the Air Force and numerous scientists, flatly declaring "there are no such things as flying saucers," at least a dozen Marylanders saw some kind of "flying whatnot" in the skies on Sunday night.

Few of the observers, however, were at all positive that what they saw was a "saucer," and most of them agreed with a Baltimorean, who said:

"Gosh, I don't know what it was—I honestly don't."

First report of the "whizzing object, or light," in the sky came shortly after 9 P. M., and from then until nearly 11 P. M. the calls came thick and fast.

## 'SOMETHING STREAKING'

Miss Catherine Brewer, of Daniels, Md., which is about a mile north of Rockland, in Howard county, said she and other members of her family saw "something streaking through the sky" at 9 P. M.

A few minutes later Mrs. Connie Evans, 700 block West Saratoga street, saw a "round, white object, with a short tail, and moving very rapidly," coming from the northwest.

William Roper, 4100 block Mountwood road, saw something very similar—"some kind of light with a tail"—over Edmondson Village at just about the same time. He estimated it was about

2,000 feet high, said it was moving fast and traveling west.

## GIVES DESCRIPTION

Miss Ann Fuller, at Lakeland, Md., saw two similar lights and gave a description almost identical with the others, and, by that time, the "objects" which were distinguishable were accompanied by several others, the shape of which couldn't be made out.

Other reports came from Miss Dolores Odle, 4100 block Glenhut road; Richard Hughes, 4100 block Flowerton road; Mrs. Carolyn E. Mundt, 800 block West North avenue; Mrs. H. Conway, 1300 block Linden avenue; Chester Axt, 400 block Henry avenue, and John H. Webb, 1800 block Woodbourne avenue.

Mrs. Mundt said the "whatnot" was a "greenish light about the size of a pigeon—flying over the rooftops and not more than 100 feet away."

Mrs. Conway said it was "a yellow light with a silver edge—about the size of the moon—and flying over Arbutus." It just

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## A 'Thing' Over Mateo

Weather Bureau Says What Many  
Saw Was a Little Wet Cloud That ...

A large, tear-drop-shaped, bright red-green-blue-yellow-and-peach object flew out of a gray cloud over San Mateo at noon yesterday, southward, vanishing into more gray clouds over Palo Alto.

Alarmed citizens took a look and called police at Redwood City and Menlo Park. Alarmed police took a look and called the Sheriff's office. Alarmed Sheriff's office took a look and called the Weather Bureau. The bureau, not alarmed, said:

"We can't see it from here, but it sounds like a wet cloud whose water droplets are refracting sunlight the way rainbows do. Pretty, isn't it?"

And at Hamilton Air Force Base, five more "flying saucer" reports

came in yesterday.

The observers were airmen on duty at Mather and McClellan Air Force bases near Sacramento, the tower controller at Sacramento Airport, and civilians near Lakeport and at Healdsburg.

The descriptions of what they saw were similar:

"Shaped like a balloon—orange color . . . circular-shaped, somewhat like a cloud, orange color . . . trail-like object, color was reddish like a vapor trail when sunshine is shining on it . . ."

Air Force specialists in assaying flying saucer claims concluded all five had seen the same thing and that what they had seen probably was a flare fired from a plane.

HAFB- S.F.

Calif.

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## Reports Continue of 'Flying Saucers'

By the Associated Press

An Albuquerque (N. M.) newspapermen saw at least 10 flying saucers "going like a bat out of hell" Tuesday night, about three hours after another was reported sighted over Tucumcari near the Texas line.

Doyle Kline of the Albuquerque Tribune said he sighted the objects from his front porch at 9:30 p.m.

The Hot Springs (Ark.) Sentinel-Star said that six residents of this resort city reported that they saw a "flying saucer." The newspaper said the six people telephoned its office within two minutes to report the fiery objects.

Thirty minutes later three persons reported an object with a greenish light in the sky south of St. Louis.



'Appropriate authorities notified'

## Brilliant flash seen in sky over H-plant near Augusta

A "shapeless incandescent flash of light" appeared over the Atomic Energy commission's billion-dollar H-plant early yesterday and AEC officials said "appropriate authorities have been notified."

The brilliant flash was seen by "many persons," gathered in safety meetings throughout the various work areas in the project.

While the majority of those calling The Chronicle seemed to follow the "flash" theory, at least one man said that he distinctly saw a "silvery blue" object sweep from east to west "and then disappear."

This informant said the object was obviously mechanical for "I saw a puff of smoke behind it". He added that it was in sight at least 10 seconds.

First report was made by an official of the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours and company, who requested that his name not be used. He told The Chronicle that the flash had been observed at 7:30 a. m. and "looked to me like a huge bulb in a flash camera." He added that many persons exclaimed at the same time that they had observed the unusual sight.

Later in the day, an official of

the AEC, who also said he preferred to remain anonymous, reported that he had investigated the incident but had no logical explanation. He added that the security section of the project had conducted an investigation.

"You may say," he told The Chronicle, "that appropriate authorities have been notified."

The Du Pont official, asked if the "flash" could, have been the sun's rays on a jet plane, replied: "We don't discuss jet planes down here."

The AEC announced some months ago that jets from Hunter Air Base in Savannah were patrolling the H-Plant area.

Boy sees "strange thing"

Meantime, 13-year-old Pete Robinson, who resides with his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Robinson, in the Sweetwater section of Edgefield county approximately 25 miles northwest of Augusta, reported he observed an unusual occurrence at about 9 a. m.

He said he was pulling weeds with other children when he saw what appeared to be a "long silver thing" high in the sky. He said he called to the others to "look", but before they could see what he indicated, the "thing seemed to lose its tail and fall to pieces".

The "flash" over the AEC plant also was said to have been northwest of the project area. The AEC official said only one person would hazard a guess as to the height and that was "about a mile high".

The H-Plant is approximately 20 miles due east of Augusta.

Georgia

A. B. Plant  
Augusta

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Aug 6. <sup>52</sup> - A "fleet" of objects slowly moving over Washington —  
were seen on radar screens again on this date. Air Force  
spokesmen at the Pentagon noted that the radar sightings  
coincided with a thunderstorm and stated that they  
believed the sightings were caused by weather phenomena.

(LA Minor)

Jet fighters were sent up from Newcastle, Del., but observed  
nothing unusual.



## No Hostile Aircraft, Saucers Are Sighted Yet by Observers

ROCKFORD MORNING STAR AUG 10 1952

The civil defense ground observer corps started its fourth week today in the continuous, round-the-clock watch for enemy planes.

So far, no enemy planes have been sighted, nor have the local observers seen any flying saucers from their post atop the city hall, S. 1st and Walnut sts.

However, one observer witnessed a strange sight in the dark sky Friday night. A brilliant light hovered for a few seconds in the sky over downtown Rockford, and then rapidly moved upward out of sight.

"It was gone before I could get my binoculars to my eyes," the observer said. He reported the incident to the Chicago air filter center.

A few faithful observers who do

their best to maintain the long and constant watch said today they know some citizens scoff at their activities, claiming them to be a ridiculous waste of time.

"Nothing can change the negative attitude of the scoffers; except a good scare," said one observer. "Maybe, I won't see enemy planes or flying saucers today or tomorrow, but I'm training myself for jobs we all may have to do sooner than we think."

Meanwhile, five women have volunteered as daytime observers and were scheduled to begin training today. Novice Observer Mrs. Bart Frary, of Spring Creek rd., became a professional this morning when she sighted a multi-engine plane and reported it to Chicago.

Citizens, both men and women, young and old, who want to join the observer corps may call Morris Catron, 922 N. Hoxman st., or John Gregory, civil defense office third floor, city hall.

Gregory, civil defense executive director, said the Winnebago county civil defense organization continues to be one of the most energetic and enthusiastic civil defense organizations in the midwest. Public interest has focused the discontinuation of continuous watches in a great number of other counties.

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**Hundreds See Saucers  
Speed Over Madrid**

MADRID, Spain, Aug. 8—(U.P.)—Three "flying saucers" were reported to have appeared over Madrid last night, travelling at high speed.

Several hundred residents telephoned newspaper offices to report the round, shiny objects which they said left vapor trails in the sky.

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Daily Kennebec Journal - Augusta, Maine .. August 7, 1952

BELFAST MAN SEES 'EM

Belfast, Aug. 6 - (AP) - A Belfast man said he saw two "flying saucers" streaking through the sky today.

"They looked like giant flapjacks right out of the frying pan," said William C. Stover.

Stover said he was standing on a hill near his home when the disc-shaped objects appeared and then disappeared from view in a few moments. "I couldn't tell how high they were flying," he said, "but they were flying much faster than any airplane I ever saw."

USA

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**Ad Infinitum - Flying  
Saucer Sighted Here**

A Rockford couple early today added chapter 99 to the flying saucer report.

Mrs. Helen Heuer, 1508 Meadow court, said she and her husband, Roman, sighted the saucer over their home at 12:15 a.m.

"It was round, full of yellowish light, and seemed to be moving from north to south," Mrs. Heuer said.

The woman said the object disappeared in about five minutes.

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CASO Nº 1.- 9 de agosto de 1952.- DEP. DE CERRO LARGO.-

MELO.- 10 (ANI).- Cinco responsables vecinos domiciliados en la Primera Sección Rural del Departamento, afirman haber observado anoche desde las 20 horas, por un lapso de 10 minutos, un extraño cuerpo luminoso desplazándose en el espacio.-

Los testigos son los Sres. Manlio Zamora, Gualberto García, Pedro García, Sra. Gregoria Novo de García y Sta. Iris García.-

Expresan unánimemente las citadas personas, que luego de oír un ruido extraño, salieron al patio de su domicilio común, pudiendo observar en el espacio un cuerpo luminoso de forma circular, rodeado de luces y con un tamaño aparente similar al del sol. En su trayecto dejaba una estela color plata que luego se transformó en diversos colores al desaparecer el objeto en el horizonte.-

Argentina

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Case No. 1 - 9 Aug 52 - Dep. De Cerro Largo, Arg.

Melo.- 10 (ANI).- ~~Three~~<sup>5</sup> responsible neighbors living in the primary rural section of the Department, affirmed having observed last night from 20:00 hours for a period of 10 minutes, a strange luminous body moving in space.

The witnesses were Mr. Manlio Zamorra, Gualberto Garcia, Pedro Garcia, Mrs. Gregoria Novo de Garcia and Mrs. Iris Garcia.

They unanimously agreed that after hearing a strange sound they went out on the patio of their commun domicile where they could observe in the sky a luminous body of circular form, ringed with lights and having an apparent size similar to the Sun. The object was leaving a silvery trail that later changes to various colors before disappearing with the object toward the horizon.

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## MUNSON SIGHTING (Rockford)

Mon nite Aug 11 P.B. and myself personally interviewed Mr. Roy Munson at his house in Rockford. Munson has a pleasing personality and from his manner I would say he did not withhold a thing. In fact he told us that he was telling us more than he had told any others. Length of interview was from 8:15 to 11:50 PM. I consider this the most accurately described and authentically corroborated sighting of a mass flight yet reported.

Mr. Munson's family were present thru most of the interview. This is his story:

"Sunday evening about 5:15 (Aug 10) I went out into my back yard. I was not feeling too well at the time and thought to lie awhile in my hammock which is set up in the shade of a small tool shed. As I relaxed in the hammock and gazed idly up into the clear sky I thought 'what a perfect day for a plane ride'.. then, as I remembered the recent splurge of Saucers in the news I thought 'or for seeing Saucers.'

"I had been lying there for perhaps five minutes and the thought of Saucers had just entered my mind when my attention was attracted by a bright spot just over the roof of the shed. The setting sun, from my position, was below the roof.

"Rising over the roof of the shed was what at first thought resembled a dandelion top.. brilliantly white. For a moment I was almost petrified at the sight as the thought flashed to me that I was seeing one of the Saucers. It was moving fast and I followed its course across the sky. As it vanished over the eastern horizon I unconsciously gazed back to the spot from where it had first appeared., and was astounded to see another just rising from behind the shed roof. This one followed exactly the same course as the first. When it had vanished, another appeared. I yelled for my boys, one age 8, the other age 14, to come and see the Saucers.

We watched a dozen or so of the skimming objects, one of the boys remarking they appeared just as a 4th of July Roman Candle. As soon as one would disappear another would come in its place. All followed the same course.

From the time of each appearance over the low roof until the object vanished over the eastern horizon would be about 5 or 6 seconds. The time taken to sweep from the western point to the eastern horizon was 5 or 6 seconds also. Every so often there would be a short pause of activity. I am a pilot and have a CAP license and am not subject to halucination; I would say they were anywhere from 3 or 4 miles up to infinity. The thought struck me that they appeared as if flying on a beam or an orbit.

When first seen they reflected the sun with a white brilliance, then as they reached the zenith they gradually lost the reflection and appeared a darker color. The structure was definitely metallic and rigid. They were circular and appeared to be shaped as a flat, round-topped mushroom. There was no color other than the white, metallic sheen. No lights, trail or noise.

I was hesitant at first to report the things as I reported one I saw last March and was ridiculed for the effort; however I sent my son Bart into the house to notify the CAA at Rockford Airport. The things were still coming. The CAA thanked my son and said they would report it.

At this time I looked around to see if any of my neighbors were seeing the things too. The family across the street were just coming to the curb with some company. I pointed out the Saucers to them. A short time later another group of neighbors joined us to watch the phenomena. There were at least 16 persons observing the Saucer flight.

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When I had counted some 20 of the things I decided to check with the CAA myself as I realized now that here was something unusual. I called the Airport and told them what was going on.. they immediately opened contact with O'Hare Field in Chicago and said for me to stand by the phone.

A short time later they called to say two interceptor jets were arriving and for me to guide them. I posted Bart at the phone and went out into the yard.

The two jets arrived and I shouted directions to Bart and he relayed the message thru the phone, which was in turn radioed to the jets.

The objects were so much faster than the jets that we were unable to colimate for interception. By the time we got the jets in position the Saucer would be gone then the jets would overshoot and have to swing around.

All this lasted from 5:20 to 7:30 PM. By this time I had counted 54 Saucers. Then a bank of clouds appeared and we were forced to abandon the project.

A short time later I was called by the CAA official who said he had a list of questions required by the Army. Here are some of the Questions:

- 1: How fast were they flying. Answer: I told them by my figures the objects were travelling at least 2000 MPH as they were at least 4 times faster than the 600 MPH jets.
- 2: How high were they? Answer: I told them anywhere from 3 miles to inf.
- 3: How big were they? Answer: I said I have no idea.
- 4: (this was stressed) Do any of them show any BLUE trail or tail?  
Answer: I told them there was no color of any kind except when they passed to the east there appeared to be a transparent envelope as if the air was compressed about them or some kind of a field. Otherwise they were bright white metal.

I asked the official if my speech were being recorded as I could hear a slight beep occasionally. The man said "probably" and I had the impression from further talk that the line was open clear to the Pentagon.

Later that evening I was questioned by a New York Astronomical Society. During the evening I was also interviewed by reporters from Rockford papers and the sheriff. At 3:30 AM I was awakened by a Chicago Tribune reporter on the phone. Since then the phone has rang constantly.

Early the next morning the story was broadcast from Rockford WROK, and a family called up to say the Saucers had been observed at Harvard Ill. at the same time as our sighting. Harvard is 45 miles east of Rockford. Then I received a call from another family who had watched the Saucers from 5:10 to 7:30. As I had counted 54 objects this would indicate there were many more.

I will make one positive statement from which I will not retreat: I did see and count 54 three-dimensional objects flying at speeds of at least 2000 MPH from west to east. These appeared one at a time at 5 or 6 second intervals and flew from the western horizon to the eastern horizon, time of flight 5 to 6 seconds. Every few minutes there would be a short lull as if the things came in batches. My sighting was from 5:20 to 7:30 PM. "

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Some discussion followed the above recital, during which we asked his opinion as to their origin. He was reluctant at first to discuss this angle but finally said after thinking it over he had come to the conclusion that they were not made by any earth agency.

I mentioned APRO membership but he was too busy to look it over; P.B. will follow this up in a day or so when things cool down.

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## 54 'Flying Saucers' Here Were Not Falling Stars

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"We considered the possibility of falling stars or meteors," Munson said. "But I've never heard of anyone seeing a falling star in the broad daylight."

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According to a United Press report from New York, Robert R. Coles, an astronomer, said there would be plenty of flying lights in the sky for several nights this week. He said they would come from "exhaust streams" of a comet that hasn't been seen since 1862, and probably won't be seen until 1992, although it will drop its "falling cards" on schedule each year.

Munson said he was positive the objects he saw couldn't be a part of this group of falling stars, because he watched them come up out of the horizon in the west, across the sky, and fade into the east.

"When they were caught in the

sun's rays you could see a definite reflection on the object, as the sun reflects on the metallic surface of an airplane," he added.

"As they disappeared in the east they grew darker. But you could tell by the reflection of the sun that they were definitely solid objects."

According to Munson, a group of individuals in Harvard also saw the objects in the sky just a few minutes after they were seen here.

"I also saw the meteor reported by Earl Whitney, a Byron barber," Munson said. "And there was absolutely no resemblance between it and the objects that I saw earlier."

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Munson reported that profound interest shown in the report by the CAA and the air force made him all the more certain the objects were not "falling stars." He said the air force called him seven times in the matter of an hour, and that representatives of the CAA are scheduled to interview him today.

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# Flying Saucers Seen by Italians

ROME (AP)—Italy got into the flying saucer act Monday night. Leghorn Airport employees said they saw an object flash out of the stratosphere, stop for about 20 seconds, then disappear. 9-12-51

Italy

Rome

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**Japanese Dentist Tells  
About Flying Saucers**

TOKYO—(AP)—A dentist in Beppu, Kyushu, reported last night he saw two bright circular objects sail through the sky from northeast to southwest and from east to west.

The dentist said the objects moved much faster than an airplane but that he felt they were not shooting stars.

Several other ~~dentists~~ reported seeing aerial lights. *Aug. 11 '52*

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# SAUCERS' SIGHTED

## Train

### Speedy Jets Are Alerted In Vain Hunt

Fifty-four "flying saucers" were sighted streaking across the sky Sunday evening by at least 14 persons.

Two U. S. air force F-86 Sabre jet interceptors based at O'Hare International airport near Chicago came here seeking the strange objects, but the pilots didn't see them.

The report of the sightings may be the most detailed yet and probably more of the objects were seen consecutively than ever before anywhere in the nation.

#### Sighted in Evening

Roy E. Munson, 1231 Wilbergen drive, Rockford, businessman and a veteran of 20 years as a private pilot, sighted the first of the saucers.

#### SIGHTS REPORTED

Earl Whitney, a Byron barber, reported seeing a meteor hurtling across the northern skies Sunday about midnight. Whitney said the object he saw "gave off a bluish light," and definitely was not a flying saucer.

At 5:38 p.m., as he lay in a hammock in his back yard, looking into the clear sky.

At first, Munson said, he wasn't sure that he was seeing the objects that so many have reported seeing throughout the nation since the spring of 1947.

The flying saucer mystery has been the subject of much detailed investigation recently, but it remains a mystery, as far as the general public is concerned.

#### Called Neighbors

Munson summoned his family of three others after sighting the first of the objects. Within a few minutes, another appeared. Across the street, at the Eugene Leander home, there was a picnic in progress, and soon, 10 to 11 other persons joined in the almost fantastic sightings.

Munson called the CAA operator at Greater Rockford airport, who relayed the Rockford man's

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## Jets Chase 54 Flying Discs

### Two Sabre Pilots Fail To Sight Objects

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report to the air force base near Chicago.

Two of the top air force jet planes, capable of 670 mile-an-hour flight, took off and the pilots started to hunt for the strange objects.

The two swept-wing fighters circled Rockford at an altitude of about 2,000 feet several times. Radio contact with Greater Rockford airport was established and during part of the time Munson was connected to the CAA office by telephone while the operator relayed his information to the jet pilots.

#### Disappear from View

Munson said the two jets appeared just as the last of 54 objects disappeared from view. By the radio-telephone relay, Munson directed the jet pilots to the area where he had seen the queer discs.

Lt. Robert Jordan, O'Hare military public information officer, verified the reports today. He said that the two pilots were here for 20 minutes or more, but sighted no saucers or other strange objects. The pilots filed reports after returning to their base late Sunday evening.

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He described the objects as being surrounded by a haze that prevented seeing detailed outlines. The objects appeared rather dark on their approach, and then became brilliant as they neared and passed overhead. Disappearing, they again looked darker.

Of the 54 objects, 36 appeared larger than the others and moved faster. Fifty followed the straight west-to-east path out of sight. Three, according to Munson, deviated from the path to the north. One deviated to the south.

"The entire sighting almost defies description," Munson related. "We were in a good position to see, staying in the shade looking up into the clear sky. All of us saw the same thing. Through low-power binoculars, the objects appeared to take on a toadstool shape, but without the thick stem."

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Lieutenant Jordan, the air base spokesman, said the planes are fully armed and are the same as are now being used in Korea.

The planes were not here giving a demonstration, as some thought, and it wasn't a home town boy giving his family a thrill, as others thought.

The two pilots were about their deadly serious business of hunting strange, unidentified objects. "That is why we are here," Jordan said. The planes were of the 4706th air force defense wing.

It could not be recalled today when, if ever, anyone ever reported a sighting of such duration, in such detail and of so many "flying saucers."



CASO Nº 3.- 11 de agosto de 1952.- CONCHILLAS.- DEP.DE COLONIA.-

Los Sres. R.Grandich, P.Nemmer, Magrini, Lacaba, Gremasco y Touriño observaron durante unos 4 minutos, un objeto de forma de disco, luminoso, muy brillante, que variaba de color desde el verde azulado al rojizo claro; giraba a gran altura y luego ascendió a gran velocidad.-

Sin duda hubo muchos testigos más ya que prácticamente toda la población de la localidad comentó el suceso.-

CONCHILLAS  
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Case No. 3 - 11 Aug 52 - Conchillas, Dep. De Colonia, Arg.

Mr. R. Grandich, P. Nemmer, Magrini, Lacaba, Gremasco and Tourino observed for some four minutes a very brilliant luminous, disc shaped object that varied in color from bluish-green to redish. It was seen rotating at great height and later ascended and disappeared at great velocity. Without doubt there were many other witnesses because practically the whole population of the locality was commenting on the event.

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Trail, BC  
1200 Bay Ave.  
Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 1958

Holoman Air Development Centre  
New Mexico  
U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:-

You will note the picture attached hereto cut from the Wednesday Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 1958 issue of the ~~Los~~ Nelson Daily News, Nelson, BC.

By reason for writing to you is that it has been my privilege to see 5 objects in the sky which may be described as 'flying saucers', but I would not describe them as such, they occurred when I was living at Castlegar, 20 miles north of Trail.

The dates and times were as follows:-

Sunday, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, 1950 at 6 P.M.  
Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1951 at 4.30 P.M.  
Sunday Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1952 at 6.30 P.M.  
Friday Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 1952 at 4 P.M.  
Monday Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1952 at 9.30 A.M.

I had an office at Castlegar during those times.

1<sup>st</sup> - A friend had a couple of minutes before let me out of his new car, he had taken me for a drive, I saw a man coming up the street, I waited for him, when an object a little larger than the planes that service the Castlegar Air-port was approaching from the south-west to the North-east, it was flying in a downward direction at a tremendous speed, if it had not lifted one wing, it would have hit a tall poplar tree on the south bank of the Arrow Lakes. I ran fast across the road, expecting to hear it crash across the water in a field, before I got there it had started upward in a north



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westerly direction and in 10 seconds or less  
it was out of sight; it was a beautiful object  
pure white and that was the first one. I ever  
saw, no sound came from it, it was only 150 yards away.

The second one was a brownish color, evidently  
of rough construction, about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times as large  
as the first one,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles north is a mountain  
3300 ft high from the ground,  <sup>$1\frac{1}{4}$  miles distant</sup> it was sailing along  
about the same speed as our aeroplanes, travelling  
from west to east in a slightly downward direction  
and I expected it would crash into the mountain  
instead it went up that mountain over a bare  
spot as quickly as I could raise my arm.  
with its wings spread the same, no sound  
came from it.

The third one was I am sure about 180 ft long,  
140 ft wide and 100 ft deep, it was of rough  
construction, a bluish color, and it was  
travelling in the same path as the second one,  
only it revolved from left to right, went up  
over that mountain over the same bare spot  
in the twinkling of an eye, there was no sound  
came from it, but there was a sound like the  
rushing of a heavy wind coming right at me.  
I had told my landlord Axel Pellerin about  
them, he said to his wife. I guess the old  
man in the basement is getting a little  
queer, his wife replied, if he said he saw  
them, I am sure he did.

The fourth one was an object just as  
large as the 3<sup>rd</sup> one, it was travelling from  
west to east at about 7000 ft high. it was  
pure white and was steadily revolving from  
left to right rather slowly, a man from  
Red Deer, Alberta, visiting his brother, the  
local real estate agent was with me at  
that time, there were flashes when the  
sun struck it of a large glare, we saw  
it for a full minute before it went  
out of sight.



-The fifth and last one I saw, was  
on the following Monday morning, the previous  
Friday night I had business in Trail, when  
I came back the next morning, a thief or  
thieves had broken into my suite through  
the basement window, had stolen all my  
groceries, ties, socks etc, and as I was  
leaving for a month's holidays to the Coast  
I needed to buy some socks, ties, handkerchiefs  
etc so I went to Bert Martin's clothing store  
for that purpose, an old timer in Castlegar  
a Mr A G Webster was there too, Mr Martin  
said, I hear you and the real estate man's  
brother saw a flying saucer last Friday.  
he said, I guess you were both drunk  
I said you are wrong there, I have not had  
a drink for 2 months or more, well he  
said, I do not believe a word you both say,  
Mr Webster spoke up, he said, Bert Martin,  
that is no way to speak to a cash customer  
he gave you over \$5<sup>00</sup>, you can think what  
you like, you do not need to be insulting,  
if Mr Helms says he saw it, I sure believe  
him for I have done lots of business with  
him and I always found him truthful.  
I explained to them about the second one  
going over the bare spot on the mountain,  
Martin said, show Mr Webster and me it,  
so I took them out and showed it to them.  
just then a lady called to Martin, she  
wanted something out of his store, he had  
no more than got inside, and I had my left  
arm raised and was talking to Mr Webster,  
when he jumped about 2 ft high and  
pointed to one coming westerly and it started  
to revolve from left to right, it went up the  
mountain in less than a second and was  
almost on its back when it went out of sight.  
Mr Webster took me with him, we went into  
Martin's store and he demanded that Martin  
apologize to me which he did.



I only saw the 5 objects myself, but my  
next door neighbor, <sup>Mrs. Raeph Kerr</sup> on Monday morning  
Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, 1952 was short some supplies for  
her washing and went to the back of the  
grocery store, got them, she came out the  
front door and as she got to the road, she  
saw one flying towards her and it too  
revolved <sup>rapidly</sup> and went over the same bare spot  
on the mountain, she tried to stop a  
truck driver that was then coming over  
the CPR bridge, he called to her he was  
in a hurry.

A little while before that <sup>morning</sup> Mr. Nixon and  
his wife, storekeeper and post-master at  
Blueterry Creek <sup>5 miles south of Castlegar</sup> were servicing two cars with  
gas, there were 4 men in 1 car and 5 in the  
other, they all saw this object and they  
all signed a letter to that effect, also  
when the Nelson Daily News came out the  
next morning, in it was a signed letter  
from a Nelson man that he had spent  
his week-end with his married daughter  
in Trail, when at Blueterry Creek to see  
this object travelling along the mountain  
at the east side of the Columbia River, he  
said he drove his car 60 miles an hour  
to Castlegar just in time to see it revolve  
fast and go over the bare spot on the  
mountain, This one, for my first and  
last one were all three about the same  
size and pure white.

~~When~~ On Sunday Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, 1952 I  
received my Vancouver Daily Province of the  
previous day, I was reading an interesting  
story in a True Detective magazine, my  
landlord asked if he might borrow my  
paper for a little while, I said most  
certainly, take it with you, he came back  
with the paper an hour later, he said



look here, in it was an article written by  
a German writer, Waldemar Beck, in which  
he wrote that an object of this kind  
200 ft long, 150 ft wide and 120 ft deep  
came down in Norway. He gave a full  
description of it, how it was constructed  
of materials lighter and stronger than any  
we have, it moved at tremendous speed  
when ascending from left to ~~the~~ right  
it had 48 jets mounted on its rim,  
inside there were Russian markings  
and it was flown by remote control,  
no one was on it. Mr Bellison tendered  
me his most abject apology for telling  
his wife I was getting a little queer.  
He told me, you must certainly have  
seen it to have described it as you did.

I have seen several news items since I  
saw my first one, but while I have  
always written as I have written here, I  
have never yet received an answer.

I would appreciate a reply from you  
when you have time to reply.

Would you be kind enough to send  
this letter back to me and greatly oblige.

I hope I have not wearied you

Yours sincerely,

W. Bellison

A Notary Public in and for the  
Province of British Columbia

P.S. On none of them was there any evidence  
of a cork-pit for a pilot or any windows  
showing - they were all shaped as I saw them  
like this  
any noise



none of them made  
except the No 3 and  
that was the sound of  
a wind.



Winnipeg, Man. August 13, 1952:

Winnipeg was visited by a formation of mysterious lights during the late evening hours and the Dominion Weather Office and city radio stations received many phone calls from the residents. The strange lights passed over the city 3 times. There was no explanation. The nearest thunderstorm was 200 miles east.

Source: THE MONTREAL STAR, August 15, 1952.

*L. G. Mittra*

*Winnipeg*

*52-8-12*

*Canada*



CHICAGO  
DAILY  
NEWS  
AUG 13  
**Israeli Spot  
Green 'Saucer'**

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel got into the flying-saucer act Wednesday.

The Jerusalem Post reported a resident of Haifa had spotted a bright green elliptical object with a broad, rapidly revolving belt around its middle flying through the sky.

Israel

Haifa

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### Flying Saucer Sighting Lags in Rockford Area

Lull in observance of mysterious "flying saucers" was indicated today in the Rockford area. Although a total of 54 was reported seen Sunday night, the civil aeronautics administration office reported only three telephone calls were received Tuesday night from sky watchers who claimed to have sighted the strange objects.

All said they saw a round object traveling west. It has been officially reported a shower of meteorites is covering some sections of the midwest. These meteorites show curved tails whereas the three telephone callers Tuesday night all declared the "things" they visioned in the sky had straight tails. All of the reports were made between 9 and 10 o'clock and one of the observers said the edges of the "saucer" were luminous.

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Rockford  
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CASO Nº 4.- 13 de agosto de 1952.- MALDONADO.- DEP.DE MALDONADO

El Sr. C.Domínguez pudo observar a la hora 19 y 35 un objeto luminoso, muy brillante, de color rojizo similar a la llama de un soplete de soldadura autógena, que permaneció por espacio de un minuto balanceándose en el aire, para de pronto tomar velocidad y desaparecer.

La tarde era clara y había nubes bajas. El objeto se trasladaba de norte a sur, no dejaba estela, ni se oyó ruido alguno. Súbitamente aceleró su marcha, ascendiendo rápidamente; atravesó las nubes y desapareciendo.-

Hubo otros testigos, entre ellos los Sres. Hugo Nieves, Carlos Zeballos, Víctor Krunschinsky, Héctor Urbin, Sra.Casas de Nieves,etc.

Todos ellos coincidieron en los detalles aportados por el Sr.Domínguez.-

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Tales son los casos correspondientes al año 1952.-

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Case No. 4 - 13 Aug 52 - Maldonado, Dep. de Maldonada, Arg.

Mr C. Dominguez observed at 19:35 hours a very brilliant, luminous, reddish colored object shaped like a soldier's soup

The evening was clear with low scattered clouds. The object crossed from north to south, leaving no trail and no noise. As it rose it accelerated rapidly, crossed the clouds and disappeared.

There were many other witnesses, among whom were Mr. Hugo Nieves, Carlos Zeballos, Victor Krunschinsky, Hector Urbin, Sra. Casas de Nieves, etc.,. All of these witnesses concurred in the details stated by Mr. Dominguez.

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plate, that remained balancing itself in the air for approximately one minute before accelerating to great velocity and disappearing.

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Stanley W. T. Thompson, a captain in the Air Force Reserve, reported seeing three elements of three lights each in formation pass over Tucson at great speed.

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Tucson  
Arizona 52-8-14



The Alliston Herald - August 28, 1952 (Alliston, Ontario)  
FIXING CONES CHEAPER BY DOZEN?

FLYING SAUCERS: Why, they are things of the East! At least, if what two Allistonians saw on Tuesday is any indication. These two youngsters, together with several bystanders were at Everett at the time and report having seen silver and black cone-shaped object, which, for about twenty minutes kept ascending and descending.

Last week several persons reported having seen about a dozen of these objects above Everett.

Of course, we can't vouch for the "cone" story but we are sure the young men in question were quite sober at the time. Perhaps if they had seen the same thing at Loreto it would have been a different story.....

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THE EVENING SUN, BALTIMORE, MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1952

## Toast Of The Town

By Ed Sullivan

[Ed Sullivan is on vacation. Walter's column will appear in this space until he returns.]

New York. FLYING saucers, or reasonable facsimiles thereof, were sighted today last week soaring high over Long Island sound, about 40 miles south of New York city, apparently heading South.

One was viewed before sun-down, gave off a dimmed silvery gleam, sailing almost exactly with the report of a missile shot down by the late Air Force Captain Thomas Howard (as printed before). The second, seen around midnight, had a fiery orange glow. Neither object revealed the familiar blinking red and green lights of a plane, nor did they give sound of engines. As they passed, at least two witnesses reported the speed was slower than that of a jet and faster than that of a helicopter or a blimp.

Two witnesses, however, three

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## Marines Spot 'Saucer' Far Behind Red Lines

WITH U.S. 1ST MARINE DIVISION, Korea—(AP)—A marine infantry patrol probing deep into Communist territory several miles east of Bunker Hill reported seeing a saucer-like object in the sky.

The marines said the object was "east of the moon" at about 10,000 feet. It hung there for a few minutes, then moved sharply. When it veered again the patrol lost sight of it.

All members of the patrol verified the sighting except one man.

They said the object was round and very thin. It had a light color but was not shiny.

Korea

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# **BOGOTANS SURE THEY SPOTTED FLYING SAUCER**

BOGOTA, Colombia, Aug. 17  
[Reuters]—Hundreds of persons  
agreed today they saw a "flying  
saucer" disappearing behind the  
hills two miles north of Bogota  
last evening.

Descriptions were all similar—  
an oval shaped object of great  
brilliance—emitting tail smoke  
and flying at tremendous speed at  
about 6,000 feet.

In Venezuela, "flying saucers"  
were being sighted by hundreds of  
persons last week. The Venezuelan  
air force said they were jet planes.

*Bogota*

*Columbia*

*52-8-16-D*



### Claim Newest Saucer Is Green and Orange

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (INS)—Residents of Springfield today were discussing a variation of the "flying saucer" stories—this time it was a green ball with an orange tail.

The switchboard of the Springfield Journal-Register was swamped with phone calls last night from people reporting they had seen the object buzzing over the city.

ROCKFORD MORNING STAR

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## REPORTS GROW

# More Join As Sighters Of Saucers

By FRANK K. TOLBERT

Air travelers and ground watchers were seeing "flying saucers" this week in glassy Texas skies.

And Tom Ashley of Dallas, a nationally known aviation writer, came up Wednesday with at least a partial explanation of these aerial apparitions.

"What some of these folks are seeing," said Ashley, "are the parasite jet fighters which are attached to B-28 bombers like flies on a dog. They are for these little oddly shaped jets to peel off and protect the mother craft when enemy fighters attack."

Ashley, managing editor of Flight Magazine, said he figures these little parasite jets are being used in all parts problems over Texas and giving rise to a lot of misinterpretation.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parks saw a "saucer-like object" only it was no bird, they said, in the vapor trails of eight B-28 bombers.

Parks is a captain for Col. D. Harold Myers' private air force based at Southwest Airfield.

He and Group of 1944 Wythe Drive, near Love Field, says he "saw" a "saucer-like object" moving steadily upward and downward until it disappeared. Then a second and smaller object followed the same flight path. He described them as black in color and without wings.

Ray Hickory of 100 West Washington Drive, a former air force man, said he and four others were on his front lawn Tuesday night when they spotted something that looked like a shining star with no tail. He said it was 40,000 to 50,000 feet high and "traveling at a tremendous rate of speed." He said he and the others watched through binoculars as the object went due south. Then it came back over them and turned east and disappeared, he said.

A California pilot, Robert H. Hamilton, reported seeing another weird flying object over West Texas skies. He said it would "hover and then jump about two miles high and then hover again." Hamilton was bound for Dallas. His prop disintegrated fifteen miles from Love Field, and Hamilton glided in on the hot July thermals for a safe landing. Wednesday he still hadn't figured what caused the stout prop — his light plane to disintegrate.

at 710 Main. AUG. 17 1952

## Mysterious Circle Of Light Seen By Boy

A mysterious circle of light traveling at a fantastic rate of speed over Nash was observed at 10 p.m. Friday by Danny Bookout, 13.

Bookout described the lighted circle as having a dark outer rim and a very bright light in the center.

He said the light passed from the north to the southeast, traveling at a great speed. He was positive he didn't observe a shooting star.

Bookout gave his address as Route 6, Box 194, Texarkana, Texas.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO NEWS

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 1952

### 3 San Mateo Men Tell Of Bright Lights in Sky Traveling Fast

Three San Mateo County residents today are telling friends about the "things" they saw in the sky last night.

Russ Sloan, of Pacific Manor on the Coast, phoned the county sheriff's office at 10 p. m. that he spotted two "bright, creamy pink" lights traveling side-by-side at terrific speed.

Charles Thompson, the sheriff's assistant, who lives at 1111 S. Elgin, told Sloan and two other men that they had seen "bright, bluish white" lights headed southeast "very fast" at 10:15 p. m. while waiting for a Redwood City stop light to change.

The last two men, who were living in the area, were

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Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

August 22, 1952

The following is an account of a saucer sighting made at the township of Claybanks, August 22nd at 3:15 p. m. Claybanks is located about 3 miles south of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

At the above time, farmers Charles Helmholtz, 70, and Chase Schuyler, 53, both of Claybanks, were working out in the yard near Helmholtz's barn, when Schuyler, happened to look up spotted an object going through the sky. Schuyler shouted and ran to Helmholtz who looked up and saw the thing. Both men described the object as looking like a parachute, round on top and flat on the bottom, and as it flew, it reflected the rays of the sun. They also said the thing was silver-colored and was traveling from s.s.e. to to e. n. e. The object took a straight path, as nearly as they could discern, and the size was comparable to a half dollar piece held at arm's length. From the time Schuyler first spotted the object until it disappeared from sight, the interval was between 20 and 25 seconds, during which the thing passed through an arc of about 60 degrees. They said it made no noise, and left no trail. It was also observed by Bob Smith, 12, also of route 5, Sturgeon Bay. Mr. Helmholtz, a former Great Lakes sailor, said it was neither jet, plane, balloon, meteor, hallucination, mirage, reflection or the usual attempts to explain away such objects. Both men said they thought they must be some kind of interplanetary vehicle.

About 20 minutes before the object passed over, a large plane went over the area proceeding in a north to south direction.

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*Claybanks, Wisc.*

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St. Bay Aug. 22 - '52

Farmer Charles  
Helmholz (70) 3:15 - ~~out~~ in  
good eyes yard  
shoveling grain  
familiar with aircraft - ~~jets~~

Thurs.  
Aug. 22

Farmer (58)  
Chase Schuyler -

Saw plane 20 minutes <sup>going</sup> before.  
big plane - saw in S.S.E. going  
N.E.E.

Called L. Helmholz & Smith (12) Rte 5  
looked like big disc - going against  
wind - no noise

reflected sun - in sight - 15 seconds

Clear view nearly straight  
path.  
moved thru 60° in 15 seconds / 20 seconds



## Strange Light Reappears After Jets Fail To Intercept Over Illinois

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Chicago, Aug. 23 (AP)—Two air force jet fighters, directed by ground observers, chased a yellowish light in the sky last night but reported that it blinked out when they started closing in on it.

Air force officers in the Chicago filter center said the blink-out of the light over near-by Elgin, Ill., was reported simultaneously at 11:48 P.M. last night by the pilots and by D. C. Scott, Elgin, supervisor of the center's ground observers in the Elgin area.

Elgin is some 40 miles northwest of Chicago.

Ground observers said that when the planes gave up the chase the light reappeared and ascended rapidly in the night sky.

A few minutes later, another observation post 20 miles north and west of Elgin reported spotting a brightly glowing object. Observers said it hovered for a short time and then disappeared.

The jet fighters were sent out

from O'Hare Field, northwest of Chicago.

The filter center co-ordinates reports of ground observers.

### Mock Attack On Border

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Aug. 23 (AP)—Mythical bombers strike at the United States-Canada border here today in the two countries' first joint civil defense test.

The maneuver provides the first tryout of an agreement among United States and Canadian newspapers and radio stations to join hands in keeping the public posted on "war" developments.

The attack schedule called for a mock atom bomb to be dropped along the heavily industrialized border. The expected "toll": 16,000 dead, 18,000 injured and 5,000 homeless.

The all-clear a half hour later was to send Canadian police and firemen racing across Rainbow Bridge to aid rescue work.

Only the radio phase was to be

covered in the first test of the newspaper-radio agreement.

Two radio stations here and one in Niagara Falls, Ont., become part of the civil defense setup and broadcast attack bulletins, warnings, and post-bombing instructions to the public.

WHLD and WJLL, Niagara Falls (N.Y.) stations, were to be in constant touch with a station across the river.

In theory, a bomb dropped on this city's center would knock out the plant of the Niagara Falls Gazette. Under the joint plan, the Evening Review of Niagara Falls, Ont., would take over to publish news of the attack in the stricken area. However, both newspapers planned to publish as usual today.

If both newspapers were destroyed, the Lockport Union Sun & Journal or the Evening News of the Tonawandas would provide coverage. Surviving newspapers would pool staffs and facilities.

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Sat. - 10:15 a.m. <sup>Aug. 23</sup>  
oval - loud noise - gas  
could hardly keep track  
very high. Shiny sil -  
very. Circled - headed  
back S.W. - in sight  
one minute

Mr. Joseph Cornette,  
Jim Waerfel, Richard &  
Don Cornette, Claybanks

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Claybanks

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8-24-52 Chicago Herald American

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Scott said the Thursday appearance was "typical" with the light first showing in the sky northwest of Elgin at 10:10 p. m. He added:

"It appeared first at about 2,000 feet, flying straight. At times it rose with a great burst of speed, then it would appear to hover."

Scott said the mysterious object was a "yellowish white light five times brighter than a star and about the size of an orange."

### ROSE 5,000 FEET

Several times, he said, it appeared to rise 5,000 feet within three minutes. Scott added:

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"He ~~reappeared~~ at 2,000, this time turning off his running lights. Just as he got over the mark, the thing blinked out."

At this point in the chase, Scott said, the pilot was forced to return to O'Hare because his fuel was running out.

The "saucer" reappeared for a short time six minutes later, Scott said, apparently at about 25,000 feet in the southeast sky.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO NEWS

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## 2 Saucers Reported Around S. F. Airport

Former Air Force Mechanic (Now  
A Lecturer) Says Speed Terrific

A 38-year-old former Air Force B-29 test mechanic and scientific lecturer said today he saw two silver-gray objects flying erratically over San Francisco Airport "at terrific speeds."

Robert C. Gardner, of 1850 Washington-st., said he and his wife both observed the objects at 5:30 p. m. yesterday and he was convinced they were "not of the earth."

Gardner, who said he was with the Air Force in the Pacific during World War II, said the objects looked like "cross-sections of a cone clipped off at both ends."

"They were silver-gray in color and appeared to have a diameter of about 150 to 200 feet each," he said.

"Both of them flew at an altitude of about 12,000 feet," Gardner said. "And I'd estimate they were going at least 1,000 miles an hour."

Scientists point out that it is impossible for a single observer to correctly estimate the size, height, and speed of an unfamiliar object. A fairly small object traveling slowly near at hand can

easily be confused for a large object traveling very fast far off.)

Gardner, who said he makes his living as a professional lecturer and speaks mostly on scientific subjects, said one of the objects remained in view only for about 10 seconds and then zoomed crazily off in a southeast direction.

"The other one hovered overhead for at least 60 seconds like a helicopter and then it took off in the same general direction," he said.

S.F.

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THE MONTREAL STAR, THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1962

### 'Saucer' Reported In Ontario Field

WINDSOR, Ont., Aug. 23—(C. P.)—Gabriel Durocher said he saw a luminous disc-shaped object 30 feet in diameter in a field south of here early today.

"It was sort of blue all over and glowed like phosphorus."

He ran to within 30 feet of the object and "started yelling at it," he said.

"Then I saw these sparks come out of one part of the sides. They were blue and yellow and red. The

saucer started spinning and there was a sort of blue mist formed under it and went straight up and away."

The Windsor Daily Star received four telephone calls from residents who said they spied "something" hovering over the area where Gabriel said he saw his "object."

Canada

Windsor  
Ontario

52-8-28



Aug. 30-52 Fred G. Nedr. - member  
(62) 1447-D Sharnford St  
Santa Monica, Calif

On Saturday 30 August 1952 I had two sightings of Flying Saucers. About 7.30 I was watching the setting sun playing in a strip of clouds over the coast north of Santa Monica. Right over the coast line were 3 connected holes in the clouds. In the middle hole a bright rectangular object appeared. A few seconds later a second joined it. Then others appeared in the second hole to the left. Then more appeared to the right. Then one of the first took off in a straight line, almost straight away. Disappeared in 3 seconds and reappeared the same way about ten seconds later. Then about 7-8 formed a diamond formation with a larger one in the center. Then some started to blink out and re-appear at other locations. Evidently moving so fast as to become invisible in transit. Then they all disappeared in a few seconds. Total time about 5-7 minutes. What makes them distinctive and distinguishes them from clouds and other "natural" phenomena were the following factors. 1) their rectangularity. 2) all maintaining the same level of orientation. 3) the way one took off in a straight line and came back, going at least 3 000 MPH without visible acceleration or deceleration. 4) their uniformly brilliance and color, that of most highly polished metal. 5) If anything normally material like bits of dense clouds, they would have been shadow-black as they were between observer and Sun. But they were brighter than the thin sunlit clouds. And their uniform brightness.

At night, 11.30 PM, whilst going home, observed one beneath the Moon, about 3 dms below, stationary. Observation about 3 minutes. In the time it took to go in and grab the field glasses the disk was gone, leaving a faint vapor trail going up left at  $40^\circ$ .

A neighbor saw one for about two hours at night whilst in her country home. It too appeared underneath the Moon. Swung in a pendulum action and took sudden leaps hither and yon. But she says that in her case the corners were broken or rounded. As she had less light interference and otherwise is a very shrewd technically trained observer, she may be right. Mine were too far away for such detailed observation. Another acquaintance reports a glowing object about the same time going out to sea, trailing smoke and issuing sparks. My belief that she saw a meteorite.

That all the se appearances are quite close to the Point Mugu guided missile center may be accidental. Anyhow, I will keep my eyes peeled and camera loaded. That afternoon my film was shot on beautiful cloud effects.

USA

Calif  
Sta Monica

Cylinder  
52-8-30



1. Date object was observed AUG. 30, 1952 2. Time of day (or night) 7:30 PM  
Still daylight
3. Place from which you observed object Danville Lake, Maine
4. How was object observed (naked eye, binoculars, etc.)? Naked eye
5. What were you doing when object was first observed? Taking a walk
6. What attracted your attention to object? Flash of light which immediately disappeared.
7. Path of object:
- a. Direction from which object appeared (degrees or direction) From west
  - b. Direction in which object disappeared (degrees or direction) North east
  - c. Elevation object appeared (degrees above horizon) Approx. 60° (estimated)
  - d. Elevation object disappeared (degrees above horizon) Over 90° (estimated)
  - e. Shape of flight-path of object (was it straight and level, arched, etc.) Object described on arc toward the earth & then ascended.
  - f. How did object disappear (did it grow dimmer, go out suddenly, etc.?) Disappeared gradually out of range of vision
8. Length of time object was observed At least 5 minutes probably longer  
we had no watch with us.
9. Description of object:
- a. How many objects were seen? 1
  - b. Apparent size of object? Large, well defined mass - no idea of size
  - c. Apparent speed of object? Moved slowly - seemed slower than usual aircraft.
  - d. Apparent altitude of object? No way of estimating.
  - e. Shape of object? Resembled ~~fly~~ frying pan with rotating handle
  - f. Did object perform any maneuvers? If so, please describe No maneuvers
  - g. Did object make any sound? If so, please describe No sound was heard.
  - h. Were any "tails" or "trails" seen? No
  - j. Would those who saw object please use separate sheets to draw individual sketch? (see enclosed originals)
10. What type of day was it? Hazy? Clear? Describe Clear
11. Clouds?-- Yes
- a. Were any clouds in sky as time of observation? Yes
  - b. If clouds, how much of sky was covered? (Scattered clouds? Overcast?) Scattered
  - c. Did object pass over, below or near any clouds? Appeared first out of cloud - otherwise did not interfere with observation
- (OVER)



12. What is your occupation? Physician

13. If any details which have not been touched upon above, would you please add below?

NAME:

James T. Anderson M.D.

ADDRESS:

Windham Center, Conn

DATE (Above signature)

Dear Mr. Baller,

The enclosed, I believe, you will find to be self-explanatory. They are ~~the~~ original copies of the original pictures and written descriptions of an "object" that my wife, three children and myself saw at about 7:30 PM on August 30, 1952. This was observed at Damariscotta Lake, about 10 miles from Damariscotta, Maine.

I would like to add that when we first saw this object we agreed not to discuss what we saw until the enclosed drawings were made and our own descriptions written. Pictures were drawn by my wife, son, age 8 years, and daughters aged 5 and 3 years, as well as myself. Descriptions, of course were written only by my wife and myself.

They are submitted for what they are worth and if we can add anything further by way of answering questions that might occur to you please send them along.

Sincerely,

James T. Anderson  
JAMES T. ANDERSON, M.D.



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ON AUGUST 30 AT 830 AM TWO CENTRAL NEBR MEN WERE TRAVELING ON A COUNTRY ROAD 7 MILES EAST OF KEARNEY NEBRASKA. THE TWO MEN, LOUIE CAGLER AND NELSON MURMAN SAW A ROUND DISC SHAPED CRAFT HANGING LOW OVER THE PLATTE RIVER. THEY SAID IT WAS ABOUT 25 FEET IN DIAMETER VERY BRIGHT SILVERY IN COLOR. THEY STOPPED THEIR CAR AND GOT OUT TO SEE THE STRANGE OBJECT BETTER AFTER GETTING OUT OF THEIR CAR THEY COULD SEE

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REAPPEARANCE BUT NOTHING OCCURED. THE TWO MEN SAID THEY  
WERE APPROXIMATELY ONE QUARTER OF A MILE FROM THE STRANGE  
CRAFT AND WERE VERY POSITIVE IN THE DESCRIPTION AND IN THE  
FACT THAT IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN AN OPTICAL ILLUSION.

JACK LEWIS CHIEF ENGR KFGW

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31 Aug 1952

MILWAUKEE---A MYSTERIOUS VARIED-COLORED OBJECT WAS SEEN FLATING IN THE SKY OVER A MILWAUKEE SUBURB LAT NIGHT BY CITY OF GLENDALE POLICE AND FIREMEN.

A WEATHER BALLOON WAS RELEASED ABUT THE SAME TIME THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED, BUT A WEATHER BUREAU SPOKESMAN SAYS HE DOUBTS THAT THE BALLOON AND THE OBJECT WERE THE SAME.

FIRE CAPTAIN BERNARD GOECK SAID THE OBJECT HE SAW "WAVERED IN ONE LOCATION , BUT NOT STEADY, WITH VARIED-COLORED LIGHTS THAT KEPT GOING ON AND OFF."

GOECK, POLICE SERGEANT RUDY MESSER AND OTHER POLICE AND FIREMEN WATCHED THE OBJECT FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF BETWEEN 9:30 AND 11:00 LAST NIGHT. THEY WERE FIRST NOTIFIED BY A CIVIL DEFENSE BLOCK WARDEN WHO SPOTTED IT.

MESSER, WHO WATCHED THE OBJECT WITH BINOCULARS, SAID IT WAS "DISC-SHAPED" AND THAT RED, GREEN, BLUE, YELLOW AND WHITE LIGHTS KEPT FLASHING. NEITHER GOECK OR MESSER COULD ESTIMATE ITS SIZE OR ALTITUDE.

GOECK SAID, "WE SAW IT FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES TO AN HOUR IN ONE LOCATION. IT MOVED FARTHER NORTHWEST, STOOD STATIONARY FOR 15 OR 20 MINUTES AND DISAPPEARED BEHIND A TREE TO THE NORTHWEST."

HE SAYS, "PERSONALLY I DON'T BELIEVE IT WAS A FLYING SAUCER."

A WEATHER MAN AT MITCHELL FIELD--- ALEX KISH---SAID THE WEATHER BALLLOON RELEASED AT NINE LAST NIGHT WAS BLOWN NORTH AND EAST BY A SOUTH SOUTHWEST WIND, THEN MOVED FARTHER EAST OUT OVER LAKE MICHIGAN BEFORE DISAPPEARING AT ABOUT 19-THOUSAND FEET. THE BALLOONS ARE TRACKED TO GIVE DATA ON WINDS.

KISH SAID SUCH BALLOONS USUALLY DISAPEAR WITHIN 20 OR 30 MINUTES.

WHEN ASKED IF HE THOUGHT THE BALLOON AND THE OBJECT WERE THE SAME, KISH ANSWERED, "NEGATIVE."

AT LEAST THREE CALLS WERE RECEIVED BY GLENDALE AUTHORITIES, AND ONE CALL BY WAUWATOSA POLCIE REPORTING THE OBJECT.

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Milwaukee  
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52-8-31



UFO Report Form

*Aerial Phenomena Research Organization*

3910 EAST KLEINDALE ROAD  
602 326-0059 or 602 793-1825  
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85716

Date: LATE<sup>OR</sup> EARLY AUG - OR Time: NOON - 1952 Exact Location: 1 MILE SW. MUNGER, MICH.

Name, background and qualification of witness: CAROLYN HOWEY 1085 FINN RD.  
MUNGER, MICH. HOUSEWIFE

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:

Wind from the \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ MPH. Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ Barometric Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_ Humidity: \_\_\_\_\_ Visibility: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mi.)

Limiting Factors: (fog, haze, darkness, etc.)

Cloud Types (enumerate layers) Coverage of each (%):			LOCATION AND CONDITION OF:	
1. _____	1. _____		Sun _____	Moon _____
2. _____	2. _____		Venus _____	Jupiter _____
3. _____	3. _____		Mars or other: _____	

Flight path of object (s). (Give degree of arc and elevation or background constellations where possible). Describe maneuvers if any.

HUNG SUSPENDED THEN DIRECT ASCENT

Physical description: (Color, shape, protrusions, shape, emitting or reflecting light, etc.) SAUCER SHAPED - ALUMINUM APPEARANCE

Size: (relate to apparent size of full moon or coin held at arm's length).

Physical References: (describe any noted relationship to fixed physical objects—mountains, telephone poles, buildings—from which angular data could be derived).

Duration of Incident: (Because many individuals are not expert at estimating time intervals, use this as a reference: "Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow, and everywhere that Mary went the lamb was sure to go," takes approximately 5 seconds to recite at normal speaking speed). APPROX 5 MINUTES SUSPENSION - THEN DIRECT CLIMB

Special Data: (Sound—formation if more than one object, etc.)

NONE

General: Give narrative of incident including any reactions and/or interpretations of witness(es). Opposite side of this sheet may be used for narrative.

2<sup>nd</sup> WITNESS WAS NOT IMPRESSED AS HE REMARKED THAT HE HAD SEEN OTHERS BEFORE IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Instructions to Investigator: File separate report for each witness. Do not attempt to "smooth out" discrepancies between witnesses or put words in their mouths.

If space is not sufficient to include all details requested above, use reverse side of this sheet to complete.

Country <u>BAY</u>	City <u>MUNGER</u>	Year <u>1952</u>	Month <u>Aug</u>	Day <u>8</u>
	State <u>MICHIGAN</u>			



—1-15-67

In the fall of (1952) I was attending college at Auburn, Alabama. After a Saturday afternoon <sup>home</sup> football game I was walking back to the dormitory and noticed a bright light very high in the sky, at least several miles I guess. It didn't seem to be moving at all. After getting back to the campus (dormitory) I and numerous other students looked up at the stationary light. One boy came out with a pair of binoculars. I rested the binoculars on another boy's back and looked up at the light. Through the binoculars it could be determined that the source of light was not a

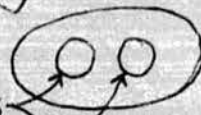
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single light, but 2 lights in an ellipse shaped object. It reminded me of an egg with 2 yolks, the egg having been broken open and lying on a flat surface. This seemed quite unusual as did the fact that the object seemed to maintain a fixed position for the better part of a half hour or longer -- I stopped watching it and went inside so I don't know how long it stayed there. After an hour or 2 I went back outside to see if it was still there, but it was not. The time of the sighting was not noted, but the shadows were getting long. The approximate resemblance was as shown

to the right. If you <sup>LIGHTS</sup>  have record of anyone else having reported this same object I would appreciate hearing of it.

OVER

Ramon M. Mabriel

USF

Ala.  
Cuburn

1952 - fall



(Diameter of the light seen with naked eye)  
The size as related to a coin  
held at arms length would have  
been more nearly the thickness of  
a nickel. The color is a little difficult  
to define. It seemed sort of translucent  
as seen against a cloudless sky, or the  
color that a translucent object would be  
against the sky.

USF

Ala.  
Auburn

1952 - fall



WASH  
The Hamilton  
Spectator  
August 6, 1952

### Army Planes Fail To Intercept Flying Saucers

Washington, Aug. 6 (AP) — The heaviest concentration of unidentified objects yet observed in the skies here — a veritable fleet of "flying saucers" — moved across radar screens early today.

A spokesman at Andrews Air Force Base said the hrips were observed late last night, and that early today they were still moving slowly and steadily across the screens.

Planes were directed to intercept the objects, but reported they were unable to see anything.

Radar operators said the objects were moving at about 60 miles an hour from west to east.

USA

WASHINGTON  
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DESVERGERS CASE, AUG 19, '52

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Schenectady Gazette  
Schenectady New York  
August 27, 1952

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## Saw Saucer, Stays Silent

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Aug. 27 (AP)—A scoutmaster who says he intends to make some money selling his story of being attacked by a flying object refused any further interviews today.

The scoutmaster, D. S. "Sonny" Desvergers, conceded he was free to talk about what happened the night of Aug. 19 insofar as military

authorities are concerned. But he kept mum.

Earlier, the hardware salesman had said a strange object hovered over his head in the woods and fired a "ball of fire" which knocked him out for a few minutes.

"I've had a couple of offers from magazines," he said today, "and feel I can make a little money out of this. That's why I want to keep quiet."

Desvergers said questions should be referred to Art Kiel, a local press agent who's representing him. Kiel wouldn't talk.

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West Palm Beach,  
Florida

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Sunday, August 24, 1952

*Milwaukee Journal*

## 'Saucer' Repels Scoutmaster Using His Trusty Flashlight

West Palm Beach, Fla. —(AP)—A night when he stopped to investigate the lights in near-by woods. He said when he flashed his light on the object he was blasted by the ball of fire and overcome.

Deputy Sheriff Mott N. Partin, summoned by the scouts, said the hair was singed off Desvergers' arms and three tiny holes were burned in his cap. He also said he found evidence of scorched grass.

One of the scouts, Charles Stevens, said the group saw a "big, glowing white light come down out of the sky" and "there were about six reddish lights around it when it neared the ground."

David Rowan, another scout, said that soon after Desvergers entered the woods, something "went off and showered sparks all over the area like a roman candle."

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## Details of Man's Encounter With Strange Object Told

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Aug. 23 (AP)—A deputy sheriff and two Boy Scouts today added details to a scoutmaster's story of his encounter with a strange object in a rural wooded area Tuesday night.

They told of scorched grass, strange lights and showers of sparks in the area where D. S. Desvergers said he was "blasted by a ball of fire" from the object when he investigated flashes of light near a country road.

Desvergers, 30, hardware salesman and former Marine, said he was questioned last night at the West Palm Beach International Airport by officers from Washington whom he refused to identify.

The scoutmaster has described the object he encountered as shaped "like half a rubber ball," about three feet thick at the edges and high enough at the center for men to stand erect inside.

He told a Palm Beach reporter today that he knows what the object was, but added "it's better for me not to go any further for the public good because it might cause ... panic."

Desvergers reported he was taking three scouts home Tuesday night when he stopped to investigate the lights in nearby woods. He said when he flashed his light on the object, he was blasted by

the ball of fire and overcome.

Deputy Sheriff Mott N. Partin, summoned by the scouts, said the hair was singed off Desvergers' arms and three tiny holes were burned in his cap. He also said he found evidence of scorched grass where the scoutmaster said he encountered the object.

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In Washington, an Air Force spokesman said an officer was sent to check on the incident.

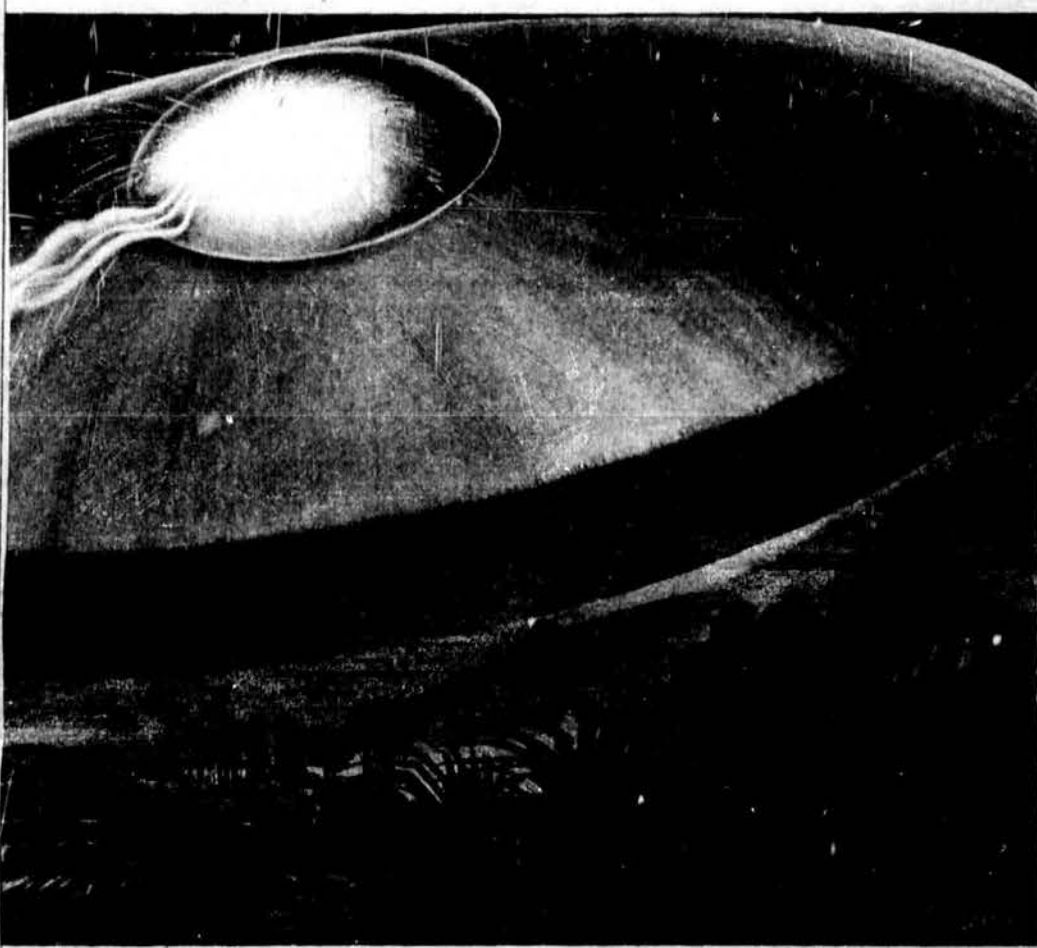
He said the officer flew from Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, O. The center has the responsibility of analyzing the reports of unusual aerial objects.

The Air Force spokesman said "we cannot tell yet just what it was there." He added:

"We spoke to the man, but we had nothing up to now upon which to base a conclusion."

"We are going to continue to check up and to get all the facts together."

*The State, Columbia, S.C., Aug. 24, 1952.*



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*Army Weekly Apr. 19 53*

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by Marta Robinet

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ing home when it had happened. After that, Partin promised, he'd drive me over and let me have a look at the spot off Military Trail where DesVergers had stumbled on the saucer.

"Was the grass in the woods really scorched?" I asked.

"Lady, I only know what I saw," Partin said. "It was burned in patchy areas."

And the burns on DesVergers' arms? The hair had been singed off and the skin was red. That much he could vouch for, Partin said.

We drove to the shower door factory where DesVergers was sales manager. He came forward to meet us, a tall, slim man with a boyishly earnest face and a clean, scrubbed look. He and Partin pumped hands.

I was introduced. DesVergers hardly looked old enough to have served as a Marine in the last war. He wore a wedding band on his left hand. I'd heard there was a year-old son.

I told him I wouldn't detain him then, but would like to interview him at his home that evening. He complied cordially, but suddenly the boyish look was gone. A grim, unhappy expression took its place, as if my request had resurrected memories forcibly buried. Haltingly, still trying to be pleasant, he explained that he didn't want to bring his family into this again. He said there'd been "...well, social changes," and I realized with a pang of pity that a certain amount of ridicule and perhaps ostracism would be bound to follow in the wake of such an experience.

"I wish it had never (Continued on page 6)



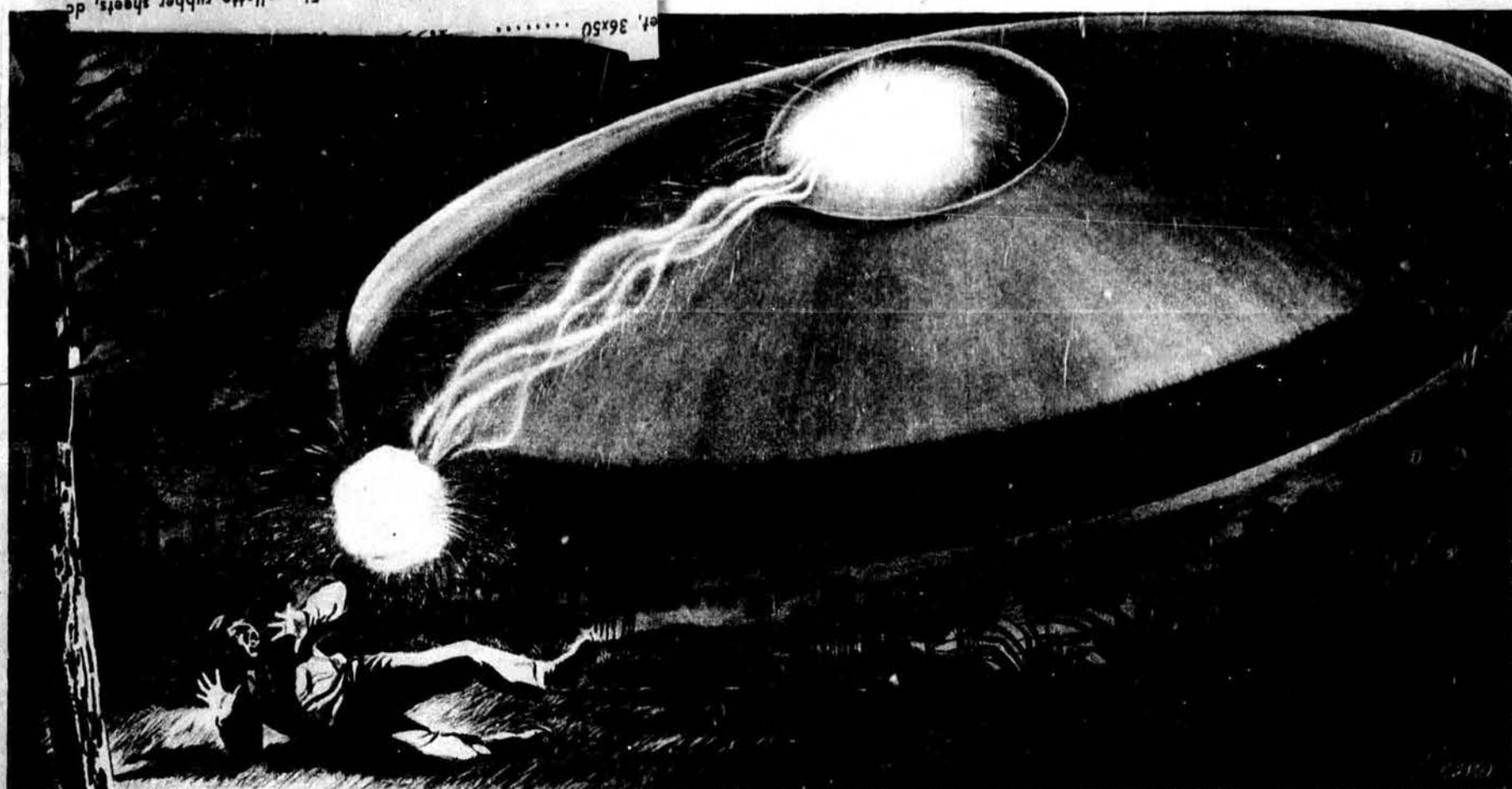
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And the burns on DesVergers' arms? The hair had been singed off and the skin was red. That much he could vouch for, Partin said.

We drove to the shower door factory where DesVergers was sales manager. He came forward to meet us, a tall, slim man with a boyishly earnest face and a clean, scrubbed look. He and Partin pumped hands.

I was introduced. DesVergers hardly looked old enough to have served as a Marine in the last war. He wore a wedding band on his left hand. I'd heard there was a year-old son.

I told him I wouldn't detain him then, but would like to interview him at his home that evening. He complied cordially, but suddenly the boyish look was gone. A grim, unhappy expression took its place, as if my request had resurrected memories forcibly buried. Haltingly, still trying to be pleasant, he explained that he didn't want to bring his family into this again. He said there'd been "...well, social changes," and I realized with a pang of pity that a certain amount of ridicule and perhaps ostracism would be bound to follow in the wake of such an experience.

"I wish it had never (Continued on page 6)





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Bobby Ruffing and two other Boy Scouts saw the same lights as DesVergers. Bobby, who says, "I wish it had never happened," reluctantly shows Deputy Sheriff Mott Partin the size of the lights. There were about six, strung out.

happened," he said solemnly. "I like my job. I have six mouths to feed." Six? That surprised me. I asked him, "How come so many?"

His eyes crinkled. He ticked off the list on his fingers. "Me, my wife, boy, dog, bird, goldfish."

when the thing shot at him there were sparks." We came into the town of Boynton, turned into a homey residential street and stopped again. We spoke to Mrs. Ruffing first, explaining why I was there. A quiet-spoken, attractive woman with a

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We laughed. Then Partin asked, "Did you ever get your cap back from Washington?"

Sonny appeared startled to have this mentioned in front of me.

Partin said, "This will interest you. His cap was burned. They sent it away for analysis."

Sonny said no, he hadn't gotten it back yet. We set the time for the interview and left.

"Those people who scoff should have seen the cap," Partin said, when we were under way again. "It was a yachting cap. The hole in the bill hadn't burned through, but two in the cloth had. He said that

sincere, level glance, she was frankly hesitant as she peered out at us from behind her screen door.

"Bobby has been in bed with the flu," she explained, then added: "I'll see if he wants to talk."

She reappeared and led us into a room charming with bright chintzes. Bobby was on a davenport, under covers.

"He's an intelligent lad," Partin had told me before we arrived. "He's older than the other two Scouts. I was particularly impressed with the way he gave me his story that night."

Bobby's reticence to discuss the affair was marked. He kept looking toward his mother.

"Sonny had been in the habit of bringing Bobby home after Scout meeting," she began for him. "When Bobby didn't get home that night, we were terribly worried. It didn't help much when we got the call that they were at the sheriff's office."

"Why don't you want to talk about it?" I asked.

He looked straight at me. "I've been teased at school," he said simply. He studied his hands. "I wish it had never happened," he said, word for word Sonny's statement.

They'd been driving down Military Trail toward Boynton, he said, when Sonny first saw the lights. There were six or so of them, strung in a level row, like the windows of an airliner, and they

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plunged right into the woods. Sonny thought it was a plane crashing. Excited, they talked of investigating the strange sight.

A quarter of a mile further on, Bobby saw the lights again. Now they seemed to be right in the tree tops, back about where they'd first been spotted. Sonny turned around and went back a quarter of a mile.

He got out his lantern, pocket flash and machete for hacking through the underbrush.

"If you don't hear from me in 10 minutes, go back up the road to that house and call the sheriff's office," he told the three Scouts. Then he plunged down the road embankment and off into the woods, his lantern bobbing between the trees.

When he failed to return, Bobby and the other two boys ran to the house and called the sheriff's office. Partin, who was cruising nearby, was contacted by radio and reached the scene about half an hour after Sonny's departure. While he was trying to get a story from the boys, Sonny suddenly appeared at the bottom of the embankment.

He was white-faced and shaking and kept repeating: "I'm coming, here I am!" His lantern was gone, but he still had his machete.

"He was a sorry sight," Partin put in. "He was talking a blue streak but he didn't make any

sense. I backed away from him. That machete . . ."

Mrs. Ruffing said she'd seen Sonny's singed arms. He'd come down the next evening to apologize for making Bobby late. She'd seen a seeping blister near his watchband and he had mentioned a tingling feeling in his arms.

We said good-by to the Ruffings and drove back down Military Trail. We stopped, just before sunset, where Sonny had stopped that night. We went through the woods—those lonely, dismal palmetto thickets—to the clearing where Sonny had known terror. I saw where his lantern had been found, where his elbows had made an imprint when he fell to the ground and where the burned patches had been.

It was good to leave that grim place. Three hours later, I sat with Sonny DesVergers in his



Photographs by Angela Coleman

DesVergers, in the clearing where he encountered the gray disc, tries to reconstruct for Deputy Partin the size of the strange object. He also showed Partin patches of burned grass in the area to substantiate part of his amazing story.

neat living room. His little son was in bed. His wife and dog were absent. I studied his honest face. Here was a man reluctant to relive an unpleasant experience, yet determined not to run from it. He warned me (Continued on page 20)

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in advance that there were some details he would withhold. "I'm not here to challenge," I said. "Just tell me your story."

He had run into the woods with his lantern and machete, he said, leaving the boys by the car. He looked up at the stars for his bearings.

"I went about 200 yards," he said. "In Florida there are apt to be swampy areas and quicksand. When thick palmetto growth stops abruptly you can step into anything. When I realized I was in a clearing, I kept my eyes on the ground. I walked about 20 feet into the clearing and stopped."

He stopped talking and looked at me. "It was a funny thing. I had the feeling I wasn't alone. Nothing to account for it. Just a feeling. And suddenly the atmosphere was insufferably hot."

"I looked up at the stars. Darned funny... it was black up there. There were no stars. I shone my lantern upward. About four feet above my head there was a dirtyish gray metal surface. It couldn't have been more than a few seconds I stood looking, but it was all so clear. I remember noticing that the metal's grain ran north to south and there were no seams."

"You'd walked in under it?" I asked.

"I could have touched it with the machete. My whole body tightened up with fear. I remember thinking, 'Get out of here!' I must have been very close to the outer rim of the thing because, when I hurriedly backed off, I was in the open and the thing seemed to be backing off from me at the same time. Like it was taken by surprise. I could see the silhouette against the sky... dome-shaped with a flat bottom, about 30 feet across. There were no lights. The rim began to tilt up."

He stopped again, groping for some way to go on.

I remembered the original story. "Did you see someone?" I asked.

He thought about that. "Yes," he said, at last.

A living creature? He nodded slowly.

Would he describe what it looked like? No, he said emphatically, that was one of the things he wouldn't tell me. People would think... well, he'd just rather not.

"I saw it when an opening suddenly appeared in the dome," he said. "It was like a hatch that flew open. And at the same time that I saw it, a ball of fire drifted toward me from the opening. It's hard to describe... it was a kind of misty fire that gave off sparks. It seemed to float toward me and envelop me and a stench filled my nostrils and throat. I threw



DesVergers—"I thought I was dead. I couldn't even feel the ground. My whole body was numb."

my arms up over my face. Then I staggered and fell and everything went black."

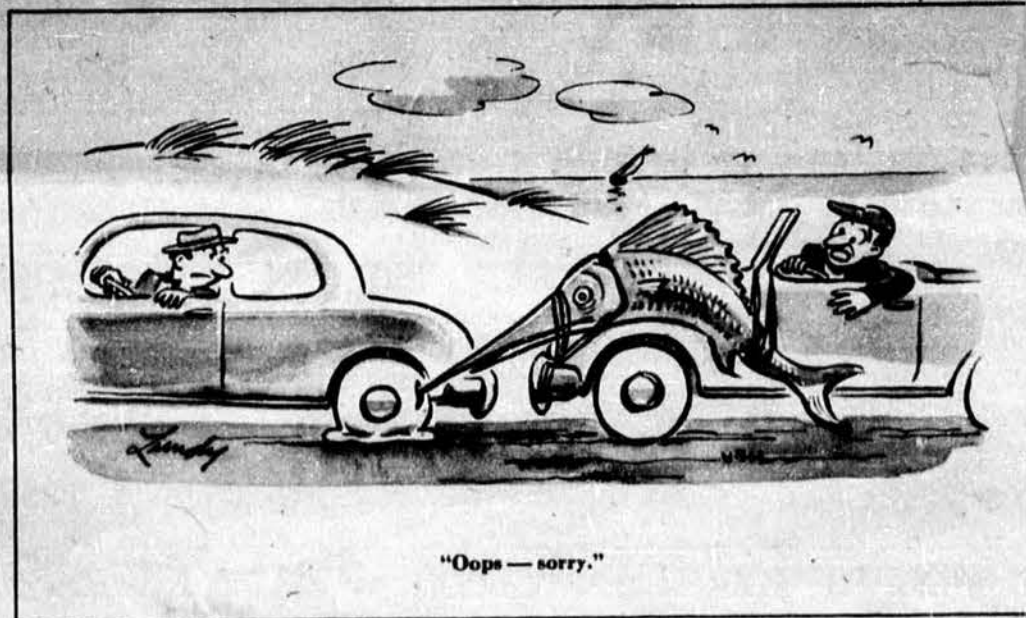
When he came to, the thing was gone. Just black stillness. He was dazed and his arms hurt and his throat was raw.

"I was afraid I was dead," he told me. "Really," he emphasized, as if fearful I would not believe him, "I thought I was dead. I didn't seem to be walking on ground. I couldn't even feel the ground. My whole body was numb. All I could think of was the kids, waiting for me out by the car. I ran into the woods, feeling my way in the darkness. I made it to the car. I don't remember what I said. Afterwards they told me I still had my machete. Everything was kind of hazy."

He sat there, his story ended. I made some small talk about the bird and the goldfish. I wanted to leave, so Sonny's wife (who had left us alone during our interview) could come home and they could turn out the lights and go to bed and forget once more. And though he said nothing, I could feel his yearning to be believed, his desperate, unspoken plea for my faith.

I shook his hand and thanked him and went out. The stars were bright and symbolic of all the mystery of the future. I thought of Sonny DesVergers' story, and what Bobby Ruffing had said, and the supporting testimony of Mott Partin. I thanked God that I was not a judge and jury charged with ruling on whether the scoutmaster did or did not actually come face to face with a flying saucer. I had only to set the facts down, as I have done here.

But I will tell you this: I have complete faith in the integrity of all three—DesVergers, Bobby and Partin.



"Oops — sorry."

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West Palm Beach,  
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# Tableware Glass Engraving

♦ BEAUTIFUL ♦ DECORATIVE ♦ NEVER BEFORE IN PRODUCTION

89 Park Street  
Carbondale, Pennsylvania

Carbondale, Penna.,  
December II, 1958.

ART GESSLER  
President

A.P.R.O.  
Recording Secretary;

As in " FATE," Jan., '59.

With this true message, and sketch  
of us seeing an U F O in the Fall of 1952.

Fate mag, had my explanation re -  
garding this sighting, shortly afterwards.

Two other men, also looked through  
my field glass to see it, but did not know what it could  
be, as it was stationary when I located it, meaning  
that the time we could see it stationary, was judged  
to be ten minutes; how long it was stationary in the  
sky, before I located it, I do not know.

Two years before, I saw quite a few  
trails, criss - crossed above this Lackawanna Valley,  
the same as I saw in Fall of 1952, but I did not trace  
them in the sky at that earlier date.

In the evening twilight, which was  
silvery dark grey, neither of us three men, could see  
a body of anykind attached to these two colored, ( dark  
yellow, and bluish white resembling grey.  
This object, sped away faster than I've ever seen an  
aeroplane travel in the upper air. - the colored lights,  
was all we could see, they were shaped as widest at the  
bottom, to a point at the top; - the two colors were  
as a short spurt of an upside down roman candle would  
appear, but from twilight in the evening, the were not  
bright.

That they are actual, is a fact.

PA.

Carbondale

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I do not expect to be a member of your club. financially, my only income is a small D. A. Vet., monthly pension, which doesn't permit it.

However, if I find any more U.F.O., in the sky, I'll tell you about it. ( This is from Northeastern Penna., Carbondale, Penna., where Anthracite " Hard " coal was mined and placed on the market, 1829.) Also, this " Gravity Railroad, purchased a steam locomotive that was made in Stourbridge England , and shipped to this Co., Tried out at Honesdale Penna., but the " rails " that were then used, were " squared hardwood timbers," that on the top edge, they placed strap - iron;- over creek beds and curves, these wooden rails spread or broke; - these rails were set on crass ties timbers, too, but 8 to 10 feet apart. The test proved a failure, and this locomotive, with nameplate on its boiler, was called the STOREBRIDGE LION. This was the first steam locomotive to operate in the U. S. of A.

Until the year, 1929, it rusted continually on Railroad grounds at Honesdale Penna., that year, was Honesdale's Cenennial; Floats and Parades that week, with Storebridge as a float in the parade line up.

Since that year, what was still viewable of this locomotive, was sent to be a pioneer relic, to the Smithsonian Museum, Washington, D. C.. where you can see it, when on your vacation time tour.- The Carbondale's Gravity R.R., later name, is THE DELAWARE & HUDSON R. R., Terminals, Montreal, Canada,- Wilkes - Barre, Penna.

Best wishes,  
ARTHUR GESSLER,

*Arthur Gessler,*

President.

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North  
River  
Back



evening twilight  
(dark silver grey.)  
no sunlight glow.

These sky trails  
lasted for at least  
1/2 hour.  
criss-crossed  
as sketched.

(personal guest.)  
10 miles  
(with 2 other neighbors.)

faint  
two color  
lights.  
No body could  
be seen.

South.

West.

2,000 ft.  
above sea level  
Appalachian Mountain Range  
= North-South-  
valley.

These 2 color  
lights were stationary  
when I first located them.  
Continued that way  
for 10 mi., then went  
west-very fast,  
beyond mtn top

East.

Seen,  
Oct, 1952.

Carbondale, Pa.,  
15,000 pop.

Delaware & Hudson  
Railroad. (Montreal Can.)  
to Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
(36 mi. S. of  
C'dale, Pa.)

Lackawanna  
River runs  
North South-  
this way.

foot hills

service  
pole,  
electric.

field glass

Residences  
West Carbondale, Pa.

dist.  
1/4 mi.  
on main st.

300 ft higher  
than main st.

eastern Valley  
slopes for two miles,  
to top of eastern range.

my home.

S. ← 28 mi. S. of C'dale - enters Susquehanna River  
N. (North-East, branch.)

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Hawthorne, Calif.

April 4, 1963

Aerial Phenomena Research Organization

Enclosed is my application for membership  
and a check for the first year dues.

The enclosed clipping is from the  
Inglewood Daily News and may be of interest  
to you.

The only unusual phenomena I have  
personally observed was an emerald green  
fireball in the fall of 1952. As closely as  
I can remember details were as follows.

Place - 10 miles west of Alliance, Ohio

Time - Just after sunset before stars had  
appeared.

Position in sky - Appeared approx.  $45^{\circ}$  El. in  
S.S.W., course approx. vertical, disappeared  
approx.  $10^{\circ}$  El. without exploding or disintegrating.  
Traversed this course in 2 to 3 seconds.

Brightness - Apparently 2 to 3 times that of Venus  
at that time of day.

Ohio  
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Although I considered this unusual I did not consider it unnatural and did not report it. The same object was observed by a number of people and was written up in the "Canton Repository." It matched the descriptions I later read of the green fireballs observed over New Mexico by Lincoln La Paz.

Very truly yours,  
Thos. F. Anderson



CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE  
Tuesday, September 2, 1952  
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### Japs See Flying Saucer Like Huge Tennis Ball

KYOTO, Japan, Sept. 1 [Reuters]—Firemen in this southern city said today that they saw a flying saucer pass over Kyoto after midnight at a tremendous speed. It was "like a huge tennis ball and giving a bluish white glow."

BULGARS CUT PRICES  
SOFIA, Sept. 1 (AP)—Bulgaria

## NEW REPORTS OF SAUCERS

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apparently gliding. The object they said.

The saucer apparently had a dome-like structure on top, Mc-Lendon and Muse said, and they estimated it to be about 30 to 40 feet long and 20 feet wide.

Lieutenant Robinson quoted the two sergeants as saying they decided to stop and when they did, the saucer veered sharply toward them, streaking across the road about 200 feet in front of the car and disappearing in a "split second."

They said they then drove to Douglass and stopped at a cafe, where they heard an unidentified man say he had seen a flaming object streak across the sky.

The airmen said light emanated from portholes in the object's dome and that orange-colored flames and sparks steamed behind it for a distance of possibly 10 to 15 feet.

They said no wings or power source was visible and that the ship made no noise.

The site of the reported sighting is only two air miles from Wichita Air Force Base for jet aircraft.

Lieutenant Robinson said Mc-Lendon was senior motion picture projectionist on the base and Muse was classification assignment clerk.

F. A. Dunstan, Pittsburg, Kan., carpenter, reported that Monday night at 8:05 p. m., while sitting on his back porch, he saw a saucer-like object crossing the sky at an estimated altitude of five miles and five miles away. He said it was traveling about 2,000 miles an hour.

He said he called his wife and that she also saw the object. Mrs. Dunstan ran into the house to get a pair of binoculars but the object was out of sight before she could focus the glasses. Dunstan said the object definitely was not a plane or balloon.

However, Wallace J. Loy, Pittsburg certified public accountant, and Goerg McClasky, Pittsburg, both reported seeing a large, four-motored plane pass overhead in the same time as Dunstan's sighting.

Lew Martin, news editor of radio station KOAM in Pittsburg, said Monday night that they had heard nothing from the army or air force concerning the Squire sighting. At least no open investigation has been conducted, he said.

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**Tennis Ball Disc**  
**Sighted in Japan**

1952  
Kyoto, Sept. 1.—(AP)—  
Four men at four  
different places in this southern  
Kyoto area reported sighting a  
tennis ball type of flying saucer  
early today. Kyoto News  
Agency reported.  
Kyoto is 240 air miles south of  
Tokyo.

Japan

Kyoto

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DAILY TELEGRAPH, Sydney, Australia

September 1, 1952

THREE PEOPLE SEE "SAUCER" OVER SYDNEY

Two young women and a man said they saw a flying saucer over Sydney last night.

All three said the saucer travelled over the city in a southerly direction. The young women are Miss Joan Harrison, 21, shop assistant, of Bligh Street, Epping, and Miss Marlene Johnson, 19, receptionist of Clarence Road, Rose Bay.

They were standing together on the steps of Mark Foy's, Liverpool Street. Miss Harrison said: "It was a long oval thing, sort of flat, and it had a glow about it. It made no noise, and passed over Foy's in a southerly direction about 9.50 p.m. It was ~~very~~ not very high - about as high as the A.W.A. tower.

Miss Johnson said: "It ~~was~~ had an oval shape and glowed yellow-green with mauve tints. We watched it for perhaps five seconds before it disappeared behind the buildings. A lot of people in the streets must have seen it."

The man, Mr. Herbert Barker, accountant, of Holdsworth Avenue, Elizabeth Bay, said he saw the object about 9.25 p.m. He said: "I was driving my car along Elizabeth Bay Road when I saw this oval shape - a yellow glow with purple edges and a dark centre. It seemed about 10 feet across. It was travelling south. I watched it fly toward the sea and out of sight."

L. G. Mitris

Australia

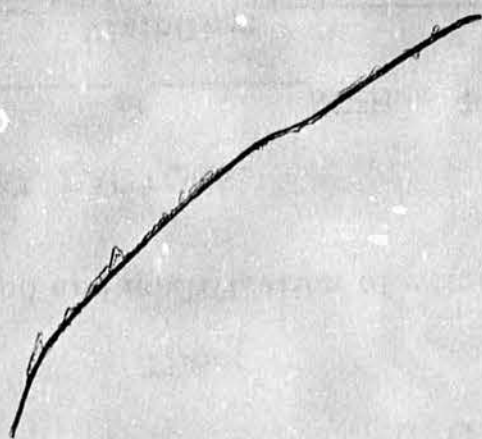
Sydney

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Sept. 1 - Four women in Kyoto, Japan, ~~57~~  
reported seeing an object "like ~~base~~ tennis  
ball and giving off a bluish white glow"  
fly over the city just after midnight,  
disappearing to the southeast.

Miami Daily News



Japan

Kyoto

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Sept. 3<sup>52</sup> - Bob Zeigler, Chief of the C.A.A.  
Administration News at O'Hare International  
Airport, Chicago, Illinois, reported that  
between midnight and 7 AM September 2  
his radar crews observed a reflection from  
some unexplained object. At 6:30 AM  
two jet pilots, Capt. William M. Maitland  
and Lt. Berah L. Danjill, were ordered into

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Illinois

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Roy Maypole on Station KTTV interviewed three airline captains who had seen strange objects.

Captain Carpenter, American Airlines, reported seeing three or four moving lights over Denver.

Captain Fox, Western Airlines, told of seeing a Flying Delta Wing near Salt Lake City.

Mr. LeVeau (?), of Pan American, stated that a Captain de Pineda had reported seeing a shimmering object about the size of a time over Mexico City. World War II planes were sent up to investigate, but it was too high for them to reach it.

It was announced that 3 rangers in Yosemite saw a piece of metal 6" x 1/8" by 1/10,000" fall from a flying saucer and recovered it. This was being sent in to Maypole.

Messrs. Reidel and Heard asked a few questions.

Captain Carpenter said the Air Force had allocated \$1,500,000 to investigate flying saucers.

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Denver  
Colorado

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Sept. 5 - <sup>SV</sup> About 8pm an object appeared  
near Denver, Colo. It "remained visible  
about half an hour while it darted,  
twisted and turned, occasionally slowing  
to near motionlessness, then moving ...  
with unbelievable rapidity."

Denver Post

Denver  
Colorado

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USA



**USE TO BE DUBIOUS**

## San Anselmans Sight Saucer, Now Convinced

Two residents of San Anselmo, who never before had seen a flying saucer and were a bit dubious, are now convinced such a thing exists. They saw one Saturday over Butterfield road.

Milton Helmer of 9 Carlson avenue was working in his back yard Saturday afternoon about 2:25 when he heard a jet plane flying over. He looked up and watched the jet disappear to the west, and then all of a sudden he noticed "a silvery, oval-shaped object" standing stationary high in the sky directly above the Butterfield road area.

"The sun was shining on the object," said Helmer. "It had no wing, no sound, and no vapor. It suddenly took off in a northerly direction and disappeared in about 40 seconds, getting whiter and dimmer the farther it got."

### NEIGHBOR CONFIRMS

In the meantime he had called his neighbor, Peter Bann, 12 Carlson avenue, to confirm what he saw. Bann was working in his yard.

Bann said that when he arrived the "silver-white object was starting out slowly in a north northerly direction." As he watched "it gained tremendous speed and was gone in about 30 seconds."

Bann said he was convinced that it was not an airplane nor a balloon of any kind. "There was no sound, no wings, and no vapor trails," Bann declared. "It traveled in a sort of curve toward a north northerly direction."

### SEEMED LARGE

Bann estimated it might have been about four miles away and seemed to be a fairly large object.

Helmer said he could not estimate how high it was or how big it was except that it seemed "fairly large." He said he is convinced that it was none of the conventional type

aircraft or balloon that he has heard of and concluded that it must be one of the flying saucers other people have reported seeing.

### SEEN JULY 15, TOO

This isn't the first time a flying saucer has been reported over San Anselmo. On July 15, it was learned today, two young San Anselmo campers, 15 and 14 years of age, saw a bright yellow object zoom across the midnight sky and come to a dead stop over the grassy knoll in the Morningdale court section of San Anselmo.

When it stopped in the sky, the youths said the object sent out luminous shooting objects in all directions. "Then it backed up in a U-direction and shot off in a south-west direction. Afterwards, they said, two jets circled the area and flew off in another direction."

## Saucers? Just Fear Psychosis, Say Reds

**MOSCOW (AP)** — A leading Soviet astronomer says flying saucers are an optical illusion growing out of post-war psychosis.

The statement was made by Prof. Boris Kukarkin — Russian delegate attending the eighth World Astronomical Congress here — in an interview published in the Red newspaper *Izvestia*.

Kukarkin declared the psychosis "is encouraged by those interested in war."

No flying saucers have ever been seen over Russia, he added.

SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA.

Independent Journal, Monday, Sept. 8, 1952

USA

SAN ANSELMO  
CALIFORNIA

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Sept. 7 - R. Lewis, of Belmore, Australia,  
reported seeing a flying saucer maneuver  
over Belmore. It gave off "a bright,  
bluish-green light."

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Australia

Belmore

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the previous week 52  
Sept. 8 - According to Time, the Wichita Beacon reported that  
near Pittsburg, Kansas, Bill Squire saw a machine  
about 75' long hovering 10' above the ground, which  
looked like two large platters cupped together and  
ringed with small propellers. Squires claimed he walked  
to within 100' feet of the machine, saw bluish lights  
and human-like figures thru the portholes. The  
machine then rose straight up at great speed and  
disappeared.

Pittsburg  
Kansas

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MILWAUKEE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
2971 So. 52nd Street  
Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin

October 10, 1952

Dick Richardson, Rt. 1, Walkerville, Michigan  
Mrs. Clair M. Brown, 62 Corriane SW, Grand Rapids 7, Michigan  
Mrs. H. L. Jones, 605 Adams Street, Portage, Wisconsin  
✓ W. Earl Gross, Rt. 1, Rockford, Michigan  
Carol Lorenzen, Box 358 Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

Dear Friends:

We have had a large number of contributors giving us data on the fireball of September 15. The persons being addressed in this letter gave us some information which is considered quite unusual, perhaps different from the usual run of fireball stories. May I quote from the letters for the benefit of the contributors to familiarize them with what each saw.

Quoting Mrs. Brown: "A few nights later about September 15, Earnest Smith came over and wanted us to come out and see the flying saucers. Several of them appeared, one after another, from the east above the trees, and disappeared towards the north and the next night there were a few more, but since have not seen them." *Clair M. Brown - 62 Corriane SW - Grand Rapids 7, Mich.*

Mrs. Jones: "The first night we saw this 'star' was Saturday night about 10:20 P.M., the 13th of September. My husband saw it appear from the east where it was sort of cloudy and lightning. This very bright star would appear and when it shone bright it moved in the same pattern every time. It dropped fast and then slowly moved back into place, making sort of a circle. Then it would grow slowly dimmer and finally disappear behind a cloud, we thought, then maybe five or ten minutes, maybe longer, it would start shining again, repeat its movement and grow dim. Sometimes it stayed bright for a longer time than others. Maybe because of the clouds. While it was bright it was nearly always moving. It did not move in the sky more than what appeared to be about six feet looking from the ground. It moved to a downward eastward slant, but came back to its original position later. We watched it until 11:30 P.M. that night. The next night it was also there, only no clouds. We did not associate any sound with this at all. We told two other families the night we saw it and they saw it also so we knew we weren't seeing things." *H.L. - 605 Adams St. - Portage*

Mr. Gross: "I would like to report what my family and some of my neighbors have seen in the sky. I don't know whether this could be called a fireball or not, but it looks to us like a large star. Now this star or whatever it is would drop, then raise, and then go around in circles and then it would shoot out of sight. It would come back into view and do the same things all over again. Now we have seen this twice. On September 13 and again on October 4. The neighbor just north of us saw it again on October 5 and again on October 6. This is a little to the northwest of us and that certainly would be in the direction you gave." *Rte. 1 - Rockford, Mich.*

Dick Richardson says: "In the eastern sky September 15, 8:50 CST I saw what appeared to be a large star very low in the east for a star. I was just about to look at it through a cheap telescope when it 'drifted' down about '3 yards' and disappeared. Then about a minute after I again saw it come to view somewhat high. This occurred about three times altogether, each time higher. When it went down it also went to the right, sort of a glide, as it appeared before it got to the horizon like it was going around in an outward circle. When I looked at

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SAUCER REPORTED NEAR MAINBRACE.

Copenhagen, Denmark. Sept. 16 (UP)

Lt. Cmdr. Schmidt Jensen said yesterday that he and crew members of the Danish destroyer Willemoes spotted a "flying body" travelling at terrific speed over the southern end of the Baltic Sea 50 miles from a Russian guided missile base.

The Willemoes, participating in Operation Mainbrace, was north of the Island of Bornholm when the object was sighted. Jensen, second in command of the destroyer, said the object came out of the south and disappeared to the north.

Jensen said the body flew silently at a very high altitude and was followed by three glowing streams of red and white. The Danish officer said he was sure it was not a shooting star, but added:

"I am sorry I cannot give any acceptable explanation."

The area where the object was sighted is about 50 miles northeast of the German Island of Ruegen where the Russians are reported to be using German war-time proving grounds for rockets and guided missiles.

Source: THE MONTREAL STAR, Tuesday, September 16, 1952.

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L. Q. McIntire

Op. "Mainbrace"  
Baltic Sea —

52-9-15-4



— A new report came from North Bay, Ontario. THE DAILY NUGGET, Sept. 15, 1952: N.B. Flyer Chases "Saucer" 25 minutes.- Another flying saucer has been seen near North Bay. Lynton Blow, veteran pilot of Lakeland Airways, North Bay and Richard Scott, a North Bay photographer, spotted the "saucer" Sunday while on a flight to the Mattawa district. They kept it under observation for approximately 25 minutes. Blow described it as a "golden bronze ball"; Scott said it resembled a light ball.

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When Blow attempted to dive on the object from a height of about 1500 feet, it disappeared in a split second. Their last recollection was of a sudden silvery spark-then blankness. On the return flight they followed their previous course, but failed to spot the object.

Blow said that at times the object was only 500 feet from the ground and appeared to be controlled by some intelligence, since at one time it followed the curves and twists of the highway for several miles.

Scott had a camera along, but did not take a picture. Their plane could not close the distance to a point where a negative would show anything tangible.

Back in North Bay, they reported the object to the RCAF authorities. Blow estimated the size about 30 feet across.

He theorized that it disappeared through tremendous acceleration when he started to close in on it in his Cub aircraft. Prior to that, it had been moving at relatively low speed. -----

Canada

North Bay  
Ontario

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MILWAUKEE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
2971 So. 52nd Street  
Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin

October 10, 1952

Carol Lorenzen, Box 358, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin  
Russell Stephenson, Box 61, Williams Iowa  
Mrs. Martin M. Hanson, Box 40, Vincent, Iowa

Dear Friends:

1952  
These reports on flying saucers sometimes are difficult to establish as being distinct or different from those of the fireballs which we have been investigating. Here are two letters which sound very much alike and describe an object which certainly does not sound like a fireball to me. The letters come from two communities about 15 miles apart in northwestern Iowa.

Mr. Stephenson writes "I am one of three who seen something we would like explained. I served 3 1/2 years in the US Navy as a Chief Quartermaster during World War II and have a working knowledge of astronomy. I will relate exactly what we seen and the circumstances. Russell - Box 61 - Williams, Ia.

"At approximately 8:15 P.M. Monday evening September 15 at Webster City, Iowa, I happened to be visiting at 1544 Division Street in Webster City, which adjoins the Carrol Drive-In Theatre on the west outskirts of Webster City. We were glancing at the picture screen approximately a city block away, when we noticed in the northwest at an altitude of approximately 20 to 30° what we first believed to be the lights of a passenger plane, moving on a course of due south, as we watched, this string of lights passed due west of us and on to the south where the lights disappeared at an angle approximately to 45° south of our latitude, and first appeared at 45° north of our latitude. We observed it for approximately 90° of arc at altitude of 20 to 30°. It appeared as a string of lights about 20 in number evenly spaced and each maintaining their distance, very much like two coaches of a passenger train at night with lights on, moving on a perfectly level flight at a speed much in excess of aircraft at a distance where aircraft windows could be seen. (Seen for approximately 10 seconds) There was no noise, the sky was clear, there was no thickness to the object, brilliantly visible but no sign of vapor or smoke. No lights disappeared while at right angles to us. We would appreciate any information."

Mrs. Hanson writes: "I will try to tell you what I saw on September 15. It was before 9:00 o'clock P.M. It was a very pretty night, there were so many stars shining so I stepped outside of my kitchen door and was looking at the stars when I discovered a big bright light coming from the West. I couldn't make out what it could be. I knew it wasn't an airplane and I couldn't hear any noise from it so I just stood and watched it. All at once it flattened out and opened up and three big blue stars came out all in a row. Then they turned south upwards and disappeared into the clouds and that was all, so I don't know if it is the same as the others saw or not."

Martin M. Box 40  
Vincent, Ia.

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Webster City

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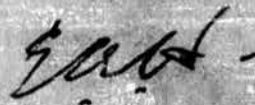
it through the telescope it looked just like a star. It wasn't magnified. The last time it stopped it was quite high ' 1/8 mile', it stayed there and it is still there just like a star. It dims out quite often. I am sure it is the same object I saw northeast by east." *Rte. 1 - Bakersville, Mich.*

I am addressing this letter to each of you with a specific request that you answer a few simple questions which will help all of us to clarify what you did see. First of all, was the object described a sharp pin point of light just like a star? Many times we get reports of bright objects in the sky. These are often called flying saucers but when carefully analyzed turn out to be nothing more than a bright searchlight being used as an advertising stunt or for a fair, circus, the opening of a new store, or some other special event. Again, was this light you described a pin point like a star or was it a diffused surface like a search light playing on the high clouds. As a comparison, take a look at the eastern horizon at about 9:00 o'clock any evening at this time of the year where you will see the planet Jupiter arising. Could it be possible that some of you mistook the object you described for Jupiter?

A reply to the above questions is urgently requested to help us solve some of the riddles that come to our attention.

Thank you for your fine cooperation in telling about this object. We hope you will find time to send an immediate reply giving even more information than you did in your first letters.

Yours sincerely,

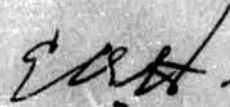


Edward A. Maltbush, Director  
NAS Observatory



It is quite apparent that these two persons saw the same object, whatever it was. I would be interested to know if others in this area saw this same object. We do get some very unusual reports which we sometimes classify as flying saucers, yet it is easy for an untrained observer to misjudge what he sees. Mr. Stephenson seems to have sufficient background to be certain of what he describes. Professor Wylie has received hundreds of letters on a fireball which went across Iowa and the Dakotas last week. I am asking him to look for other letters which describe this same object and if I receive further reports I will write again.

Sincerely yours,



Edward A. Halbach, Director  
MAS Observatory



Sturgeon Bay, Wis.  
September 16, 1952

At 2 a. m., September 16th, (Tuesday) 1952, Mr. Martin Larson, of Idlewild, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, woke from his sleep and happened to look out a window facing north and saw a very brilliant, round light which showed the various colors of the prism at different times. Convinced that he was seeing something unusual, he went outside and continued to watch for a few minutes until he was sure the thing was moving, then called a neighbor, Mr. Elmer Loux, a tourist from somewhere in Illinois. Loux watched a while, then went back to bed. However, Mr. Larson continued to watch the object until three o'clock. During the course of the hour between 2 and 3 a. m., the object, which Mr. Larson said looked to be about like a 3-in. diameter object held at arm's length, and further compared the size of the thing to a fencepost nearby, about a rod from where he was standing. (This is almost verbatim as he told his story, as the 3-in. dia. and the comparison with the fencepost don't jibe.) Larson said the appearance of the thing was like a round-cut diamond reflecting light, and it twinkled a lot.

The object, sighted at 2 a. m. was about 25 degrees high in the north, and traveled in a straight line from west to east about halfway between Polaris and the horizon. The dimensions of the fencepost in question was about 3 and 1/2 to 4 inches in diameter. Larson was emphatic in stating it was not a star. His nephew, Ronald Larson, is interested in astronomy, and is the young man who sighted the great fire-ball maneuvering in the vicinity of Sturgeon Bay in 1947. Mr. Martin Larson knows more than the average person about astronomy.

CORAL LORBEREN

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Sturgeon Bay  
Wis

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Sept. 18<sup>52</sup> - Mrs. Charlotte Schully and  
Mrs. Edward Isaac, of Philadelphia, reported  
seeing a "soap bowl" appearing to be "made  
of aluminum" & flying over Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Inquirer

Philadelphia  
Pa

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Sept. 20 - a strange "white light" ~~was~~  
was reported to have been sighted over  
Helena, Bozeman and Butte, Montana,  
~~the~~ late on the night of Sept. 19. 52  
L.A. News

Helena  
Bozeman  
Butte MONTANA

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Sept. 20<sup>52</sup> - Ten officers and men of a R.A.F. plane saw a circular airborn object appear five miles behind a Meteor fighter flying at 15,000 feet. When the Meteor turned back towards its base the object appeared to follow. It then suddenly accelerated at incredible speed in a westerly direction. The incident lasted 15 to 20 seconds. An R.A.F. spokesman would say



Sept. 20 - Three Danish Air Force Officers 52  
saw "a glowing disc-shaped object" over  
Karum Airfield.

Karum Airfield  
Denmark?

52-9-20



CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE  
**Briton Sees 4 Saucers**  
**Flying at the Same Time**  
LONDON, Sept. 22 [Reuters]—  
"Flying saucers" were reported  
from two points in southern Eng-  
land today. A Margate man told  
policemen he saw four saucers  
scudding across the sky last night  
some distance at sea. Another man  
said he saw a saucer like an "il-  
luminated dinner plate."

England

Margate

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Sept. 22 - Flying saucers were reportedly  
seen over Denver, Colo.; Yuma, Ariz.  
Pueblo, Colo.; Lafayette, Calif.

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Denver, Colo.  
Yuma, Ariz.  
Pueblo, Colo.  
Lafayette, Calif.

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Sept. 22 - Flying saucers shaped like 52  
headlights appeared over Fairfax County, Va.  
They were bright enough to light up the  
sky and the ground, and were accompanied  
by a vile odor. The at times the saucers  
approached to within 1,000 feet of the ground,  
then streaked up into the clouds again.  
Inhabitants of Centerville, Va., were

Fairfax County  
Virginia

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USA



Sept. 24 - Five observers at Fillmore,<sup>52</sup>  
N. Y., reported that a red or orange ball  
appeared about 8 p.m. Tuesday. It began  
to change shape and finally assumed the  
shape of a half moon. As the object appeared  
to get very close to the observers, another  
lighted object came down from the sky, met

Fillmore  
N. Y.

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USA



Sept. 25. Fifteen to 20 cigar-shaped 54/  
objects flying in V formations were reported  
to the Santa Ana Calif., Defense Filter  
Center by ground observers at Newport  
Harbor, Mrs. J.S. Whyte and Mrs. Karl S.  
Arlater. The first formation passed at  
2:35 am and the second at 4:07 am.  
Mrs. Whyte stated that a similar formation

Newport Harbor  
~~Santa Ana~~  
Calif. Wise.

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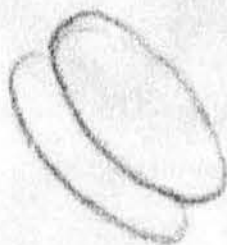


Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

The following is an account of two 'saucer' sightings in the near vicinity September 26, 1952

At 3 p. m. on the afternoon of September 26, 1952, Mr. Joseph Reed, a workman working at the feed mill at Abrams, Wisconsin watched a bomber fly over the area, traveling south. Seconds later his attention was attracted by what he described as a 'bluish-green round object traveling north, at what he estimated as about 2,000 feet altitude. His estimation of the height of the bomber was about 5,000 feet. He said the thing made no noise, left no trail, and seemed to be swirling about as it traveled. The object was seen by several other workmen, and was in sight about 10 seconds. He said the thing traveled at a terrific rate of speed, in a straight course.

At 1:30 p. m. on the afternoon of September 26, 1952, Miss Donna Eisemann, schoolteacher at the Bungalow school on Highway 96 near Denmark, Wisconsin saw what appeared to be two flying discs flying in tight formation at a very low rate of speed. At the same time a small plane was in the sky and traveling southwest and very high. Miss Eisemann said the two objects together were comparable to the size of a half-dollar held at arm's length. The objects were silver in color, and traveled very slowly--- in sight a couple of minutes after the plane faded out. She said she was watching them closely, then suddenly they just weren't there. They made no noise, left no trail and seemed to be at a much lower altitude than the plane. They did not appear to have any protuberances of any kind. The objects' course was horizontal and they traveled southwest at a steady speed. Elevation 70-75 degrees at time of sighting, and the objects were in sight about 3 to 5 minutes. Three of Miss Eisemann's students in the physical Ed class she was conducting also saw the object. The following is a sketch as miss Eisemann drew it, showing approximate shape and travel formation of the two objects. She said they definitely 'overlapped'.



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Sept 26 - A flying saucer "bigger than  
an airplane" hung over Mobridge, S.D., 52  
for several minutes, and then disappeared  
to the southeast in four or five seconds.  
It was seen by eight observers.

Sioux City Journal

Mobridge  
S. Dak.

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Sept. 27 - Danny Luna and three companions  
told Colorado Springs, Colo., police that about 52  
20 miles east of Colorado Springs on U.S.  
highway 85-87, a mysterious object  
swooped down to within 500 feet of the  
highway, scattered sparks like a rocket,  
and then took off in the direction of Pueblo, Colo.  
Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegram

USA

Colorado Springs  
Colorado

52-9-27



# 'Ball of Fire' Is Seen Near Mount Horeb

Mount Horeb, Wis. - (UP) - A Mount Horeb farmer has reported seeing a "ball of fire" fall from the sky into a hill northwest of here. Gust Haugland said he and his wife saw the object Saturday night.

They said the object was a "large, red fiery ball" which turned blue when it fell into the hills. Haugland said the ball "looked like fireworks, only it was going down instead of up."

The Trux field control tower near Madison said a Northwest Airlines plane flying from Minneapolis also spotted a shooting object in the Mount Horeb area.

PHIL. JOURNAL

mt Horeb

Wisc.

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Sept. 29 - Reports poured into Stockholm of  
"an object described variously as a jetall,  
a flying saucer or a flying cigar" which flew  
across ~~Northern~~ <sup>Northern</sup> Germany, Denmark and  
southern Sweden the previous night. \*The  
following day Stockholm papers carried accounts  
and pictures of an "Invasion of Flying Saucers"  
in southern Sweden. 52

N. Germany  
S. Sweden  
Denmark

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The account — is on the back of  
page 2 + continues to the back of page 3. 8-12-66

Dear DeEtta, Roy & Keds;  
FRANK CLARK

We were so glad to hear and D. Etta's letter was her usual good style. I sure wish I could type again. I dread sending my scrawl. But my numb hand and arm seem better. so here goes. We have just taken a flying trip to see Dori Maro sister. She lost her husband last month. We also had planned to see Eugene & the wife and did not see them. We never saw their place before. But we learned at Eugene's that your folks had probably passed us going west. Our road in front of our house 3 miles to river bridge was torn up. They flax to oil it. We had another one rain and your folks were scared out but stopped to see Charles & Gans and new baby, in Salina: then went on to Greensburg to see David & Clea. We are sorry we missed them. Monday we had a bad experience. We have

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SOCIAL WORKER IN MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS.

If there is any other information that I could supply you with, please let me know. I think the year of the sighting is questionable--whether 1951 or 1952. My uncle seemed fairly consistent as to the time of the year, however,--within a few weeks span. My uncle is now in his early sixties or late fifties.

Sincerely,

DeEtta Cunningham  
DeEtta Cunningham

\* The brothers served in the military, my own father in both World Wars.

A. S. A.

Chicago  
Illinois

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a niece (Dai Mae) we sent to school at Ada, she  
married a rich boy who got M.D. and is in bad  
shape. They have 2 boys and the sweetest little  
girl 7. We had to take another road home as our  
road is torn up. As we came thru of Culver  
the highway patrol had their lights on in town  
so we slowed to see what was the matter and  
they were looking for me our black kiefer had  
got out on the street and a car had broken her  
hip. So I got our renter and a neighbor we  
shot her and then her took her home and butchered  
her. Hauled the meat to Tescoth (2 miles west)  
to Cool and age. So we will have nice tender  
young beef. 75<sup>00</sup> worth any way. We will  
lose some where she was hurt. Our freezers  
are near full of lamb. But we will squeeze  
her meat in some too.

yes it is a shame you couldn't have



had a little time <sup>here</sup>. Dou Mae is a wonderful  
cook. Had planned a turkey dinner and a  
lamb chop barbecue for you folks instead  
of just ice-milk & lemon-ade. I know the  
kids would have loved a lamb roast. it is so  
tender and juicy. But I hope I am here on  
the next time - even tho the kids will be bigger.  
I love all little children. I'd have loved to get  
acquainted with them. Kids usually like me to  
I am worn out from the trip. It is the first time  
I have taken in 4 years. I wasn't sure I could do  
it but feel so much better on the new heart  
medicine: "Quinidine". I still hurt bad but  
don't feel like I <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ about to die - all the time.

A neighbour across the street took care of our  
stock and Shawn. He was overjoyed to see us  
He & I herded the sheep on the lawn last night for



2 hours. He loves to work: and is so proud, when he helps.

Did you see the meteor display Wed. night?

It was beautiful; the best I've ever seen. Yes!

Uncle Fred Raring & I saw something. I don't

know what. It was in late Sept 1952 near (about 40 miles South west of Chicago) We <sup>met</sup> ~~met~~ <sup>met</sup> from of us

was saw anything like it before. It was about

5:30 or 6:00 o'clock A.M. nearly dark yet. about

1 mile away. Domed shaped or (inverted saucer)

Silver color bright lights. It is hard to judge

size that far away but I'd guess it was 25 ft to

50 feet across or in diameter. I am sure it wasn't

a balloon. No balloon could move that fast. It would

hover awhile in one place then move like lightning

to another about 150 or 200 feet above the ground.

We watched it almost  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour. Besides the silver

glow it had red lights. It came nearer us than



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went up high. Hovered there an instant and  
disappeared into the sky above us. I have  
not said too much about it because most people  
look at you like you're a nut. I have never  
seen anything like that before or since. The  
Shillings Air-base bombing range is just south of  
the farm here. We see lights in the sky at night  
sometimes but this wasn't like that. It wasn't  
just a light; and was closer than that. Also  
bigger. <sup>Weather was clear - no clouds</sup> like that. Clearly defined. We  
both saw the same thing. We were cold sober, I  
don't drink. No air-craft I've ever seen before could  
duplicate the maneuvers it did. I don't know  
what it was. I am not a nut about U.F.O.s either  
I know nothing about them, only this. We did see  
something very unusual. Uncle Fred Karig was  
74 years old and a sober man even tho he was sick at  
the time. I am not concerned with proving anything



or convincing anyone but I know myself. !!!

My that was an awful rain you had. Our rain was gentle and about 1". Wish you could have seen it here now - so green and lovely. It was just plain nasty while you were here. We never seen worse drought & heat. This A.M. it looks like it might rain again. Wish I had my turnip seed in the ground. We have such lovely tomatoes, egg plant, peppers and <sup>must</sup> ~~egg~~ melon and water-melon that are ripe and juicy. Wish you could have enjoyed it with us.

I am not an expert on economics. It does sound shaky but they (Johnson & Congress) are trying to hold the line. The farmers & business men have it much better than under Ike. That was awful. 2 more years of Ike would have ruined the business & farmers. I was raised a republican but the Democrats get things done I'll take the latter.



My upper spine hurts so bad I can hardly  
write or think. So will quit for a time and take it.  
Feel a little better. 250 watt heat lamp - 2 hot pads  
for 1½ hrs. It is so cool its hard to sweat: and I must.

It is to bad you cant build on your lot. It sounds  
good to me. It is a very high time to build. I dont  
think the work men do a very good job either.

The house Charles & June bought is fair. I could be  
better. I think Roy is a jewel with the kids. We both  
like Roy. He is a good ~~son~~ and father.

Sunday at the ~~house~~ we got for you folks  
Donaghe's family & Charles were here. It was  
a 10½ lb hen turkey and was lovely we had cranberry  
jelly, washed potatoes, sugar dressing, hot rolls & apple  
black berry jelly, stuffed celery with cheese and  
a fruit salad. I still wish you'd have had some  
id have liked to see how kids eat. I think Roy  
Ben and Jimmy & I could eat ½ a turkey.

It is nice you could get into the mountains and  
the L. tons are the most beautiful. I've been there before  
and man made improvements were there. I am



Not able to finish this for today's post. We are very  
glad to be home again. I couldn't sleep on that bed at  
Dor's Mae's sisters. I can't see how she does. I wasn't  
able to get a good cup of coffee anywhere. Her food  
was very good. She teaches 3rd grade at Harveyville  
in a lovely new school. Eugene gave us some  
apples and Dor's Mae has made some lovely sauce.  
She adds onion to her sauce also and herbs. It gives it a  
lift. We will have some squash puddings & pies soon.  
Kids love them. The time keeps off the cucumber beetle  
but the big beetles will kill the whole vine at the root.  
They look like this ~~one~~ grey black in color about  
that size or bigger. They eat on squash mostly.

I had better get this mailed before I mess it  
up, so had to send. We did enjoy your visit and  
we love to get your letters. We don't have any "dill  
mines" but I need to cut suberb and fresh tomatoes  
cucumbers peppers and eggplant. Write when  
you can. Give all the kids a kiss for each of  
us.

Love Uncle Frank &

Aunt Dor's Mae



58 Awapuhi Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
September 28, 1966

APRO  
3910 East Kleindale Road  
Tucson, Arizona 85716

Dear Mrs. Lorenzen:

I am enclosing the information about the UFO sighting of my uncle. It is fairly expensive to have copies made of the pages so I am sending you the original letter. If it would ever be convenient for you to return the letter, I would appreciate it.

My uncle, Frank Clark, answered some questions I asked about his sighting and I typed up the replies from later letters for convenience's sake. I am not bothering to send all the pages since it is so bulky and the main part of the sighting is in the first letter.

You may write to him for confirmation if you like. He lives in Culver, Kansas (simply address Rural Route 1).

My uncle is retired now although he does a little farming. He used to own and operate a Gambles Store (a fire destroyed it a few years back). Both his father and his grandfather were doctors. (His own father had to give up the practice of medicine due to failing eyesight.) He was one of five children and they were all raised on a farm after his father began to go partly blind. He was crippled in the leg after a hunting accident and still has to have periodic operations on the injured area. (I think this must have kept him out of the military service). One of his brothers owns and operates a Gambles Store in Greensburg, Kansas. Another brother is retired (he used to work for the Kansas Power and Light Company--as an auditor, I believe). My own father is his other brother and is a sociology professor at the U. of Kansas. Their sister has been a school teacher (elementary level) and is now a social worker in Minneapolis, Kansas.

If there is any other information that I could supply you with, please let me know. I think the year of the sighting is questionable--whether 1951 or 1952. My uncle seemed fairly consistent as to the time of the year, however,--within a few weeks span. My uncle is now in his early sixties or late fifties.

Sincerely,

*DeEtta Cunningham*  
DeEtta Cunningham

\* The brothers served in the military, my own father in both World Wars.  
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was president of the Marshall student body in 1965-66. He was shot in the neck and head and, according to a physician, was virtually unconscious.

Mr. Goodman is employed by Sears, Roebuck & Co. at Arlington and was here to visit his mother, Mrs. Ernest Goodman, 802 Lincoln Place, who is ill in the Chesapeake & Ohio

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#### Legislative Correspondent

CHARLESTON — A budget of \$6,138,239 for Marshall University for 1967-68 was tentatively agreed on Monday night by the State Board of Public Works and Senate and House conferees.

This represents a \$138,000 increase over the figure recommended by the Board of

ning of the legislature.

In addition another \$10 for Marshall in funds in hands of the State Sir Fund Commission is included in the state budget, which Marshall can use to buy and-or equipment, to match federal funds to prove existing facilities.

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## Famous UFO Incident In Braxton County, W. Va.

# 'Monster' Landed 13 Years Ago

This is the third in a series of articles appearing in The Herald-Advertiser and The Herald-Dispatch on unidentified flying objects. Hupco Reporter Ron Hite has researched hundreds of reports of UFOs in the Tri-State and interviewed Air Force officials at Dayton.

By RON HITE

Perhaps the most astonishing case on record concerning "flying saucers" in West Virginia occurred in September of 1953 in a small community called Flat Woods in Braxton County north of Charleston.

Witnesses to the event described what was later termed the "Braxton County

monster." The "monster" was supposed to have been almost 12 feet tall, with red glowing eyes, and with the ability to float through the air.

Near dusk on a warm September day, a group of youngsters were playing football in a field at the bottom of a small valley in the village of Flat Woods which is ringed by blue-green mountains.

One of the youngsters suddenly looked into the sky and said "What on earth is that?" The others also looked to see a pear-shaped object coming from behind a hill just north of the village. The object was glowing red and at times went from red to bright orange.

The object was moving blunt end first and traveled through the village just over the heads of the startled youngsters. The thing just managed to top the mountain on the other side of the valley and then appeared to go down in an area where there were a cluster of houses.

The youngsters said the object seemed to pause at the tip of the ridge and then instead of falling swiftly, slowly sank below the ridgeline.

They said the object appeared to be as large as a house and they could see lights pulsing from the object coming from behind the hill.

Other curious spectators went onto the front porches of their homes as the young-

sters raced up the hill between the houses to get a better look at the bright glow. "It's a flying saucer," called one of the smaller boys.

Darkness was about to overtake the valley, so some of the older townfolk grabbed flashlights and started climbing the hill behind the youngsters. The strange glow was coming from a field several hundred yards away from the houses.

A group of about 15 persons gathered near the top of the hill. Among them was a little five-year-old boy and a collie dog. It was some of the statements from the small boy that later offered some of the

most convincing evidence of the existence of the object.

The glowing thing had landed blunt end down and the gathering ran to within about 30-feet of the object. They later said the object was in an upright position, but made no noise and was glowing from a cherry red to a bright orange.

Near the object was a thick mist which seemed to cling to the side of the hill. The collie dog ran into the path of mist and immediately began to howl as if injured. It darted out of the mist and ran down the hill toward the village. The dog was later found to

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## Marks On The Ground And Bits Of Plastic-Like

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have become violently ill and died.

All of the people on the hillside later described a terrible odor much like the smell of hot molten metal.

Suddenly, one of the youngsters with a flashlight pointed to a tree near where the object was resting. Underneath the first branch of the tree, which was about 12-feet from the ground, was a creature suspended in the air.

The witnesses said it had

the appearance of a very heavy-set man wearing some kind of suit which in later drawings appeared to be much like that of a modern diving suit. Grass and weeds covered an area in front of the creature.

They thought it was a large racoon at first glance because they saw what they believed to be two eyes. The eyes were described as being pale blue and closely set and appeared like very dim flashlight beams.

The beams were coming

from an oval-shaped window on the front of the suit and were turning slightly from right to left as if they were searching the horizon.

The witnesses later said from the hill where the creature stood, one could see light beacons in the distance for several miles and the people said it seemed as if the creature were looking for its companions.

A flashlight was pointed at the creature and it turned its beam-like eyes toward the small gathering, then started

to drift through the air in a half circle moving toward the "saucer" nearby.

The suit was described as being an aluminum grey in color. When the creature began to move the people watching were frightened and an 18-year-old youth dropped his flashlight. When the youth reached to retrieve the light, he accidentally came in contact with the misty gas substance.

Soon afterward, the youth became violently ill and there were fears for his life.

## Like Substance Only Traces Mysterious Visitors Left

A farmer who was in a field about three miles away from the hill where the object landed, said he had witnessed the landing through binoculars and said that the object continued to pulse for some 15 minutes but that finally the light went out.

A posse armed with shotguns went back to the spot where the object landed but there was nothing there.

Following the incident, reporters, photographers and investigators from as far as New York converged on the

small town and the "monster" sighting was publicized in all parts of the country.

After a check was made with persons from surrounding communities it was determined that not one object, but at least six objects had been sighted.

An investigation revealed that the first object was lost from view shortly after it first appeared. The second object was said to have been the one which landed near the village of Flat Woods and a third object crashed into

the side of a hill where investigators said some "peculiar stuff" was later found.

The fourth object could have crashed near a small farm some distance away from Flat Woods and the fifth was said to have blown up in the sky.

In the area where the second craft landed in Flat Woods, it was found that the object had left a circular depression in the ground which observers said "could only have been caused by a very heavy object."

The crash site was along a mountainside. At the top of the mountain was a small swamp with skid marks and two hoof-shaped depressions.

Beyond the depressions were several small pieces of a white plastic-like material scattered over the ground.

Other evidence indicated that something had landed in the area. A tall tree nearby had the entire top knocked off it.

With the investigating team which were sent into the Flat Woods area were sev-

eral chemists from Charleston chemical firms.

The strange-looking white pieces of plastic-like substance were analyzed, but the exact composition of the substance could not be determined.

Although the incident occurred more than 10-years ago, it is still talked about among believers of UFO's and some say that the objects, with their unearthly crews, may invade the small mountain village again.



and was awarded the silver star posthumously for gallantry.  
John became the sole surviving son.

—Journal Staff

## MIL. JOURNAL - Sept. 15 - 52 A Fire Breathing Monster Terrorizes Saucer Hunters

Sutton, W. Va.—(U.P.)—Eyewitness accounts of a tall, glowing monster with a blood red face skulking in the hills divided Braxton county Monday into two camps—believers and skeptics.

Seven persons said that they saw the unearthly being, described as "worse than Frankenstein," in the hills above Flatwood, W. Va., Friday night.

State police and a number of residents hooted at the reports as a product of mass hysteria. Police said the eyewitnesses' guess as to the monster's height varied from 7 to 17 feet.

The excitement began when the two young sons of Mrs. Kathryn May said they saw a "flying saucer" land on C. B. Fisher's farm near here.

### Climbed A Top Hill

Mrs. May, national guardsman Gene Lemon and five boys climbed a hill on the Fisher farm to look for the "saucer."

Mrs. May said a "fire breathing monster, 10 feet tall with a bright

green body and a blood red face," bounced and floated toward them.

Lemon, 17, said he thought he saw a 'possum or a coon until he put his flashlight on "the thing." It was then that he saw the monster with the blushing face and green body "that seemed to glow."

Mrs. May said Lemon stared and then screamed as the monster duckwalked toward them. All of them fled, occasionally looking over their shoulders.

### "Overpowering Odor"

The monster, Mrs. May said, had an overpowering metallic odor that nauseated them. She said that they vomited for several hours.

A. Lee Stewart, co-publisher of the Braxton County Democrat, received the first report from Mrs. May. The newspaperman organized an armed posse and went to the scene.

"The odor was still there," Stewart said. "It was sort of warm and sickening. And there were two places about six to eight feet in diameter where the brush was trampled down."

Authorities said they believed the "flying saucer" which Mrs. May's sons saw was a meteorite.

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THE ENTIRE PARTY SAID THEY HAD A GOOD LOOK AT THE THING. AND THEY DESCRIBED IT AS ABOUT 10 FEET HIGH, WITH A BLOOD-RED FACE AND BULGING EYES...A GREENISH, GLOWING BODY ABOUT FOUR FEET WIDE...AND THEY SAID IT GAVE OFF A SICKENING METALLIC ODOR. WHEN IT STARTED TOWARD THEM WITH A FLOATING, BOUNCING MOTION, THEY TOOK TO THEIR HEELS.

POLICE LAUGH OFF THE STORY AS A CASE OF MASS HYSTERIA, BUT OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS WHO WENT TO THE SCENE SAID THE SICKENING ODOR STILL WAS PRESENT. THEY FOUND NO TRACE OF THE THING ITSELF.

THE CO-PUBLISHER OF THE "BRAXTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT," A. LEE STEWART, WHO WENT TO THE SPOT WITH A POSSE ARMED WITH SHOTGUNS, SAID HE COULD SMELL THE METALLIC ODOR AND THAT THERE WERE "HEAT WAVES" IN THE AIR. SAID STEWART---

"THOSE PEOPLE WERE THE MOST SCARED PEOPLE I'VE EVER SEEN... PEOPLE DON'T MAKE UP THAT KIND OF A STORY THAT QUICKLY."

SAID MRS. MAY---"IT LOOKED WORSE THAN FRANKENSTEIN."

RESIDENTS OF WEST VIRGINIA, PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO AND VIRGINIA HAD REPORTED SEEING BRIGHT LIGHTS IN THE SKIES ON FRIDAY NIGHT. POLICE SAID THE BRIGHT LIGHTS WERE METEORS.

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WEST VIRGINIA AUTHORITIES ARE DIGGING INTO A "MAN-FROM-SPACE"  
MYSTERY...

SEVEN PEOPLE SAY THEY SAW A MONSTER ON A HILL-STOP NEAR THE  
TOWN OF SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA...AND THEY GIVE A MORE-OR-LESS DETAILED  
DESCRIPTION OF THE THING.

THE GROUP---ONE WOMAN AND SIX YOUTHS---WAS CLIMBING A WOODED HILL  
BEHIND THE TOWN WHEN ONE OF THEM---17-YEAR-OLD GENE LEMON---FLASHED A  
LIGHT ON SOMETHING IN THE UNDERBRUSH...THEN THE PARTY RAN SCREAMING  
DOWN THE HILL. THEY HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR FLYING SAUCERS.

ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP SAY THE THING WAS SHAPED LIKE A  
10-FOOT-TALL MAN, WITH GLOWING EYES, A BLOOD-RED FACE AND A GREENISH  
BODY, AND IT GAVE OFF A SICKENING METALLIC ODOR.

SEARCHERS WHO GRABBED SHOTGUNS AND FOLLOWED YOUNG LEMON BACK TO THE  
SPOT FAILED TO FIND THE MONSTER---BUT THEY SAY THE SICKENING ODOR STILL  
HUNG OVER THE AREA.

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IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A COW. . . A METEOR . . . OR "MASS HYSTERIA."  
BUT WHATEVER IT WAS, SOMETHING SCARED THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF SIX BOYS  
AND A WOMAN NEAR SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

THEY WERE TRAMPING UP A WOODED HILLSIDE, LOOKING FOR A FLYING SAUCER,  
WHEN ONE OF THE BOYS---17-YEAR-OLD GENE LEMON---SAW SOMETHING MOVE. HE  
TURNED HIS FLASHLIGHT ON THE THING.

THE WOMAN IN THE GROUP---MRS. KATHLEEN MAY---SAYS THIS IS WHAT THEY  
ALL SAW:

"A FIRE-BREATHING MONSTER, 10 FEET TALL, WITH A BRIGHT GREEN BODY AND  
A BLOOD-RED FACE."

IT MOVED TOWARD THEM, MRS. MAY SAYS, WITH A "BOUNCING, FLOATING  
MOTION" EXUDING A SICKENING METALLIC ODOR. THE FLYING SAUCER SEARCHERS  
FLED.

A NEWSPAPERMAN WHO INVESTIGATED THE MATTER SAYS: "OF COURSE, A COW  
COULD HAVE BEEN THERE, BUT I DON'T KNOW."

POLICE DISMISS THE BUSINESS AS "MASS HYSTERIA."

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## 52 The Thing, 10 Feet Tall, Terrifies Party of 7

Sutton, W. Va., Sept. 14 (U.P.).—A housewife swore today that she and six boys saw "an evil-smelling fire-breathing monster, 10 feet tall, with a bright green body and blood-red face" on a hillside near here.

Mrs. Kathleen May of Pleasanton, scared and sick from her experience, said she and the boys, including a 17-year-old National Guardsman, made the find Friday night while investigating reports that a flying saucer had landed.

She said she and Gene Lemon, the guardsman, her sons, Eddie, 13, and Fred, 12, and Neil Nunley, 14, Ronnie Shaver, 10, and Tommy Hyer, also 10, all went to the hill-top on the C. B. Fisher farm near here Friday night.

Lemon, who was leading the party, said he saw something move in a tree, and when he shone a flashlight on it saw the 10-foot "thing" with the flushed face and

green body that "seemed to glow."

Mrs. May said Lemon screamed in terror and fell backward as the monster duckwalked toward them and the whole party turned and ran. She said the monster emitted an overpowering odor that so shocked them they vomited for hours afterward.

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## STRANGE HAPPENINGS

Five youngsters stopped their play to watch a strange spectacle in the sky over Flatwoods, W. Va., on a warm September evening in 1952.

Outlined against the sky over the nearby mountains was a disc-shaped object which was spurring sparks.

They realized that this was some sort of emer-

gency and they scattered to their respective homes to report. Eddie May, 13, and his brother Fred, 12, told their mother they had seen a flying saucer.

Mrs. May was skeptical, but the skepticism disappeared when she stepped outside. There, dimly visible several hundred yards away near the top of the hill, was a slowly pulsating red light.

Mrs. May sent the boys to the home of Gene Lemon, 17, a member of the National Guard.

Armed with only a flashlight, Lemon led the party up the hill. In addition to Mrs. May and her sons, the group also included 14-year-old Neil Nunley, and a pair of 10-year-olds who had also seen the object land, Ronnie Shaver and Tommy Hyer.

Lemon and the Nunley boy were about 50 feet ahead of the others as they hurried up the hillside.

As they got closer they detected a pungent, irritating odor. Near the top of the hill, they spotted a glowing red object about 25 feet in diameter and perhaps 6 feet high.

The entire group saw this strange glowing thing on the ground about 75 feet away and, for a moment, none of the group noticed another object, hardly 20 feet away, among the bushes.

The dog that had accompanied the party growled and bristled and the entire group turned to see what was wrong. Lemon flashed his light to

the bushes. Mrs. May screamed.

Whatever it was, it was alive . . . and it was a giant by human standards. The flashlight showed the head and shoulders of a creature slightly less than 10 feet tall. It appeared to be wearing a helmet of some sort, projecting from a dark blue-green or greenish-gray body which reflected the flashlight beams like rubberized silk.

The most awesome part of the scene was the thing's face . . . almost round and blood red . . . with two greenish-orange eyes.

The thing moved. It didn't walk . . . it seemed to slide. There was a hissing sound, and a powerful odor.

Lemon's dog fled. Lemon dropped his flashlight. The entire party of seven panicked and ran. Once safely away, they phoned the sheriff at nearby Sutton.

Someone notified Lee Stewart, Jr., editor of the Braxton newspaper. He reached Flatwoods about 30 minutes later and found Mrs. May hysterical, and the boys in a state of shock.

Finally, Gene Lemon led another armed party back to the hilltop. The strange, sickening odor was still there, but the monster and the huge pulsating red object were gone.

Not without a trace, however. For in the soil where the horrible thing had stood, the search party found unexplained skid marks — which may have been the only trace of the Flatwoods monster.

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**SPACE MONSTER:** Gene Lemon (left) and Kathleen May hold artist's sketch of space creature they claim they saw.

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## THE MONSTER and the SAUCER

*By Gray Barker*

The huge shape with the weirdly glowing eyes was seen by seven witnesses. Was it an alien life form?



ON September 12, 1952, the nation's wire services crackled with news of a 10-foot, red-faced monster, which sprayed a foul, sickening gas and frightened seven Flatwoods, W. Va., residents into panic.

"It looked worse than Frankenstein," Mrs. Kathleen May, one of a party who climbed a hill to investigate a flying saucer sighting, told reporters.

Shortly afterward I went to Flatwoods, a small town of 300, and spent three days subjecting these seven people, and other residents of the area, to rigorous questioning. If this story were true, I felt it deserved factual reporting; if it were a hoax I wished to explode it.

The stories I obtained from the seven different persons who had been present were heard sepa-

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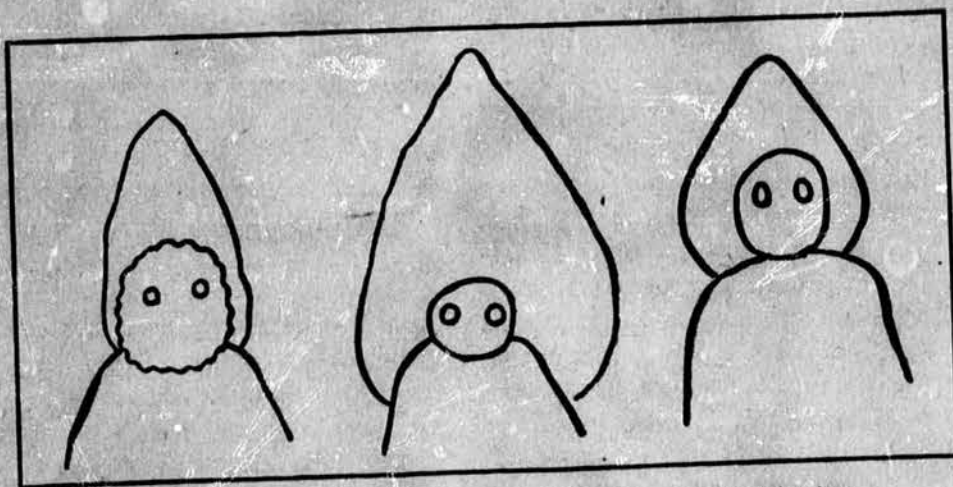
These persons saw a weird man-like shape on the exact spot where they are standing. Left to right: (rear) Mrs. Kathleen May, Neil Nunley, Gene Lemon, (front) Eddie May, Fred May, Ronnie Shaver, and Tommy Hyer.



ately. Although their accounts did not reach the terrifying proportions originally reported, and some of them had taken on color through retellings and leading

questions, their stories agreed, except in very minor details. And try as I might, I could not break these stories down.

On that terrifying night reports



Three of the boys present at the sighting made these three different drawings of the monster's upper portions. The drawings differ in minor details but show a basic similarity. All depict the monster's face as being round, with two eye-like openings, while the head has a pointed, hood-like shape around it.



of strange lights and objects in the skies were prevalent from Ohio eastward to Washington, D. C., and from Virginia northward to Pennsylvania. About seven o'clock, just as it had become dark, Mrs. May, a beautician, was told by her two small sons, Eddie 13, and Fred 12, that they had seen a "flying saucer" land on a hilltop above their house. The two May children had been at a nearby playground with Gene Lemon 17, Neil Nunley 14, Ronnie Shaver 10, and Tommy Hyer, also 10.

The "saucer" which the children described to me, "looked like a silver dollar rushing through the sky," spouting an exhaust which looked like red balls of fire. It came southwestward across the sky and, directly over the hilltop, paused, seemed to hover, and descended out of view on the other side.

The group ran to Mrs. May's home, at the base of the hill, and the two May children told their mother about the object. She insisted it was "just their imaginations," until she looked upward and saw a strange red glow. Gene Lemon found a flashlight and led the party up the hill after Mrs. May agreed to accompany them.

Although not definitely timed, not more than a half-hour could have elapsed from the time of the sighting and the moment Lemon screamed with terror and fell

backward, and the party fled from the sight before them.

I am now listening to tape-recorded interviews, correlating details, and sifting out those which do not exactly agree or might be colored by the horror and excitement of the moment.

The story told with least emotion is that of Neil Nunley, and the exact words I will quote will be his. Nunley impressed me as being a very level-headed and unimaginative youngster. He was very definite on what he saw and what he did not see.

He and Lemon were ahead of the others. Before them, up a roadway leading to the hilltop, they could see a reddish light pulsating from dim to bright. As they approached they encountered a mist which resembled fog but which carried a pungent, irritating odor. It seemed to become denser as they walked farther.

As they went over the hilltop, through a gateway, they saw a globular object down over the hill to their right, about 50 feet away.

"It was just a big ball of fire," Nunley explained, and it would grow dimmer and brighter at regular intervals. He could not estimate the exact size, but others in the party said it was "big as a house."

Because their attentions were on the globe they did not notice a huge figure standing to their left,



near the hilltop, until they were about 15 feet from it. Seeing two glowing green spots, which he thought were animal eyes, Lemon turned his flashlight in that direction.

Towering above them was a man-like shape. Its face was round, and blood-red. Around the face was a pointed hood-like shape, dark in appearance. In the "face" were two eye-like openings from which "greenish-orange" beams projected over their heads. The body, illuminated by the flashlight from the head downward to the waist, appeared dark and colorless to Nunley, although some others said it was green. Mrs. May said she saw clothing-like folds around the figure. Descriptions from the waist down are vague; most of the seven said this part of the figure was not under view.

Not all agreed that the "monster" had arms. Mrs. May described it with terrible claws. Some said they just didn't see any. Not all agreed on the height of the figure, but according to their descriptions it couldn't have been more than 10 feet tall. It was said to have stood under an overhanging limb which is about 15 feet from the ground, and it didn't reach to this limb.

A powerful odor, described by all as sickening and irritating to the nostrils, pervaded the scene. Some had originally said it

smelled like burning metal or burning sulphur, but under questioning none of the seven could remember anything in their experiences resembling the odor.

Others in the party reported a sound, coming either from the figure or the globular object, described as something between a hiss and a high-pitched squeal. They could also hear a thumping or throbbing noise.

The figure was observed for a very short while, a matter of seconds, because of the terror they experienced. It was impossible to ascertain the exact length of time it was viewed; most of the stories varied slightly. But all agreed with Nunley it was "a very short time. We just got a good look at it and left."

The figure was moving toward them but inscribing an arc, which, after viewing the scene, I estimate would lead the entity down the hillside to the globular object.

I questioned Nunley at length about the means of locomotion employed by the figure. I asked him to re-enact the scene and walk about, imitating it.

"I couldn't move as it did. It just moved. It didn't walk. It moved evenly; it didn't jump."

He could still view the figure after Lemon screamed and dropped the flashlight. The globular shape, he explained, emitted enough light to make the figure visible.



Two of the party, Mrs. May and Lemon, said they did not see the globe. They were the worst frightened, however, and their entire attention may have been centered on the figure. The Nunley boy was very definite about the globe, though; he said the reason they got so close to the monster before seeing it was because they were looking at the globe.

They had taken a dog with them, and Nunley said it howled and ran away and was found at the house with "its tail tucked between its legs."

At the house they telephoned the nearby town of Sutton, the Braxton County seat, for law officials but were told that Sheriff Robert Carr and his deputy were near Frametown, another small town about 17 miles southward, investigating the report of a plane crash. About an hour later they returned to Sutton, heard of the Flatwoods incident, and rushed to the scene. They climbed the hill, investigated, but saw, heard and smelled nothing.

I questioned A. Lee Stewart, Jr., of the *Braxton Democrat*, who arrived shortly before the sheriff, and found some members of the party receiving first aid. Others were too terrified to talk coherently. He finally was able to persuade Lemon to accompany him to the hilltop.

No signs of the figure or globe

were visible, but bending close to the ground he could smell the strange odor, which he also described as sickening and irritating. He said he had smelled gases used in warfare, while in the Air Force, but had encountered nothing similar.

At seven o'clock the next morning he returned and found "skid marks" in the tall grass, leading from the spot where the figure was seen to where the globe was reported. The earth was not disturbed, but small stones had been tossed aside.

I have been over the site carefully. I saw marks and a huge area of grass trampled down, but multitudes have visited and walked over the location. I believe Stewart's observations are accurate, however. I could see no trace of the oil reported to have been present on the ground and to have saturated the weeds with an odd, gummy deposit; but there had been a rain. Some said samples of the deposit were being analyzed but I could not track down the information.

Although Flatwoods residents shake their heads and discredit the story, attributing the phenomena to anything from a buck deer with white breast to the dome of the State House, allegedly stolen and flown to Washington by the party in power, there have arisen dozens of variations, each more hair-raising than the one before.



I ran down a number of rumors. I drove 50 miles to interview a man who had claimed to be present when a space ship had taken off from the hill. He told me he had not seen this occur, but had been present shortly after the incident and seen an object in the air. It was round, with a flat top, orange in color. Streams of fire, like jets, were projecting downward from the apex. He agreed to meet me that evening, drive to Flatwoods with me and point out the exact spot over which the object had circled and then flew southwestward. He did not keep the appointment.

Numerous people in a 20-mile radius saw illuminated objects in the sky at the same time. I could have spent a month interviewing all of such viewers. The objects were described mainly as round, red or orange in color, and spouting fire.

These objects were reported flying in various directions, although the progress of some of them could be charted. It is evident that either they saw different objects, or one object was making a circuit of the area.

Mayor J. Holt Byrne of Sutton, also editor of his *Braxton Central*, put the inevitable question to me.

"Well, what do *you* think it was?"


Sitting in his newspaper office, surrounded by the hustle and bustle of a busy small town, I should have liked to say, "The misinterpretation of natural phenomena."

In my belief, I told him, the account fits perfectly with others of flying saucers or similar craft.

I believe that such a vehicle landed on the hillside, either from necessity or to make observations.

The monster could have been a robot from the globular ship, or some entity inside a suit which would adapt the wearer to Earth's atmosphere. When the flashlight was shone upon it, that stimulus then would start the creature on its way back to the ship. Or perhaps it did not see nor take notice of the seven odd bipeds that had come to view it and, had they waited, might have completed its progress to the ship and left.

But that is speculation. What I do know is that when you talk to seven people with honesty and fear in their eyes you know in your heart when they are telling the truth. These people did see *something*. And whatever they saw was very much like what they described.





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A formation of flying saucers was reported to the LA FRONTIERE (local French newspaper) on October 10th, 1952 around noon over the phone by Mr. L. Martin, grocer, living on the corner of Bagshaw and Latulipe Streets. (The store is located on a hill and is one of the highest places in the town). Mr. Martin said that there were 5 or 6 saucers flying in formation over the city. A reporter went out on the street but could not see anything in the sky. It was a cloudless day and very clear. The newspaper thought that the saucers could be lost behind the smoke of the Noranda Mine chimnies. The next day a reporter met Mr. Martin who told the story to him.

"I was in my store when my young son, 13 years old, ran in the store and said that there are strange things going on in the sky. I went outside and saw 5 or 6 discs that looked like real saucers. They were flat, were spinning and reflected the sun's rays like a mirror. The reflection hurt our eyes. The saucers were travelling very high and fast. One of Mr. Martin's clerks Mr. Fournel witnessed the sighting and was sure that the objects were saucers."

Source: LA FRONTIERE October 14, 1952 Rouyn, Quebec

I have the clipping in my files. The translation was done by a friend of mine, as my own French is not very good.

Nov. 18, 1952

L. S. T.



SAUCER SIGHTING  
OCT. 10, 1952

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis,  
1305 South State St  
Belvidere, Ills.

Interviewed: A.R. Jaffray

"We were driving to Wheaton Thursday evening about 7:15. Mrs. Davis happened to look out her window and suddenly saw a brilliant disc glowing with a bright golden color appear in the darkened sky. It was about 20 degrees above the horizon. It moved with a bobbing motion, like a cork on rough water, from south, where it first appeared, to west. As it moved we could see it was dish shaped. Then in a moment it very suddenly vanished and we could see nothing except the ordinary stars. It was much larger than any star. We did not see any vapor trail or other color than the brilliant golden glow.

In about fifteen minutes we turned onto a road running North. Mr. Davis glanced out of his window and saw the golden dish-shaped object again, this time appearing in the west and travelling North. After a few seconds of the bobbing motion it again vanished. We didn't see it again."

Local Family  
Sights Saucers

There is no skepticism in the Ed Davis family, 1305 South State street, about "flying saucers."

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were forced to agree that seeing is believing after they witnessed a bright object in the sky Thursday evening fitting descriptions of one of those celestial mysteries.

The couple made the observation while enroute to Chicago at about 7:15 p.m. on highway 20, some 25 miles east of Belvidere. Mrs. Davis said she saw the phenomenon as she glanced to the south. The object, she said was exceptionally bright. Its dish-like size and zig-zag pattern of motion distinguished it from a star, she explained.

The local residents testified to two appearances of the flying saucer. Mrs. Davis was the only person to see the object the first time it appeared. Shortly after the brilliant spectacle vanished, it reappeared when it was observed by her husband and daughter, Mrs. Gladys Kolb, 416 South State street.

It hung at a low level for about a minute before dropping out of sight again, they said.

HOSPITALS

*Belvidere, Ill*

*USA*

*52-10-10*



CHICAGO SUN-TIMES  
OCT 20-52

## Fiery 'Cartwheels' Reported In Korea

TOKYO (AP)—Pacific Stars and Stripes reported Sunday that U.S. troops saw a half-dozen mysterious, spark-throwing "cartwheels" over the western Korean front Friday night.

Stars and Stripes said it had no information on whether the wheels, appearing for 15 minutes about 10:30 p.m., were over Allied lines. They were described as 18 inches in diameter, moving in a 15-foot circle.

Tokyo

Japan

52-10-18



The GAZETTE - October 24, 1952 (Montreal)

ITALIAN CLAIMS FLYING SAUCER PHOTO SNAPPED.

Milan, Oct. 23 (Reuters) - A 29-year-old Italian draftsman Gian Pietro Monguzzi, told Italian reporters today he had photographed a flying saucer and its pilot.

He claimed the saucer landed on a glacier in the Italian Alps some two months ago. Monguzzi said he was climbing with his wife at the time in the Bernina Alpine group.

"The flying saucer touched for a few minutes and a figure of human shape wearing a sort of diving suit got out, and walked around the saucer as inspecting it," Monguzzi said.

"The figure then reentered the saucer and it took off without a sound at breath-taking speed. It disappeared in the direction of Switzerland." Monguzzi said he has already sold his photographs to a French magazine.

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52-10-23

Milan

Italy



SYDNEY MORNING HERALD October 26, 1952 (Australia)

THREE S/A REPORTS OF SAUCERS.

Adelaide, Sunday-

"Flying Saucers" were reported last night in three different places in South Australia.

The government astronomer, Mr. Dodwell, said that the object was probably a large meteor.

Three persons travelling in a car near Freeling saw an object about the size of a dinner plate travelling from south to north at terrific speed about 11 p.m.

The object changed color from red to green and appeared to be spinning. It was visible for several seconds.

Ball of light.

A Gilberton woman, Mrs. E. C. Rix, of Edwin Terrace, reported that she saw a ball of light above the St. Peters or Norwood district about 11.15 p.m. It was electric blue in color and seemed to be travelling very slowly and at a low altitude.

A Camden man reported that a pale blue, round object flew directly over him from south to north.

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*S. Australia*

52-10-26



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The Montreal Star - October 28, 1952

16 Flying Saucers Spotted in France

Gaillac, France Oct. 28 (Reuters) - This south of France village claimed something of a flying saucer record today.

More than 100 residents saw 16 saucers flying in formation around a larger "flying cigar" yesterday.

The saucers were "circular with a raised part in the center, giving out a bluish glow from the edges as they revolved."

The "flying cigar" in the middle of the formation "gave off whitish filaments like glass wool"

One report said the "glass wool" floated down on to tree tops but disintegrated before it could be taken to a laboratory for analysis.

The report said the saucers approached from the southeast, cruised over Gaillac, 30 miles northeast of Toulouse, for about 10 minutes and disappeared in single file towards the northwest.

Gaillac

France

52-10-27



The Montreal Star - Tuesday, October 28, 1952

All Flat and Shiny      FLYING SAUCERS "APPEAR" AGAIN.

Flying saucers are back, claims a Rosemount resident. He called the Star today to report seeing five of them at 7.45 a.m. on his way to work. All flat and shiny, they were. Just like jet planes. He said they were going from northwest to southeast and not making a sound.

"Could they have been a jet formation?" he was asked.

"Well, I don't know" he said "They were about 10 000 or 15 000 feet high".

"How accurate are you at judging the height?" he was asked. "Have you ever flown?"

"No, but I can judge height" he answered. "I had a brother-in-law in the Air Force."

St. Hubert reported that none of its aircraft were up at that time. Planes may have been airborne from Ottawa, but this could not be immediately checked.

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Rosemount 52-10-28

Canada



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REPORT OF SIGHTING

A copy of this report will be forwarded to:

THE AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH ORGANISATION  
3910 EAST KLEINDALE ROAD  
TUCSON, ARIZONA  
U.S.A.

Kindly answer all questions relevant to your case, if you are not sure of certain details PLEASE DO NOT GUESS. This is most important. Any questions not relevant, kindly state NONE. ~~The reversal of each sheet may be used as an extension of your answer, if required.~~

Do you have any objections to your name being used in publication in connection with this sighting. .... NONE .....

USUAL SIGNATURE

DATE

... J. H. Smith: .....

... 23rd November 1969 ..

Thank you

Please forward the completed report to:-

Mr. David G. Guyatt  
31 Karen Close  
Benfleet, Essex.

Telephone enquiries:- 01-606-8810 (Between 9.30-5.30)

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SECTION 1 - General

- A) Full name and address:- DEMUTH. MRS. JOAN ANNETTE  
6. TUSHMERE CRESCENT  
LONDON ROAD - CRAWLEY. SUSSEX.
- B) Telephone number:- WORKING HOURS ONLY:- CRAWLEY 27755
- C) Age:- 56
- D) Occupation:- CLERK.
- E) Have you any academic or technical qualifications (if so state same):  
FLUENT FRENCH.
- F) State name and address of any other witness/s:-  
NAME/ADDRESS OF PERSON I WAS WITH ARE  
NOW FORGOTTEN.
- G) State exact location of sighting:-  
SOUTH PARK, LINCOLN, Lincs.
- H) Time of sighting:-  
ABOUT 10 PM.
- I) Date of sighting:-  
SOME TIME OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER 1952.
- J) Did you report this experience to any Government authority  
(please state which authority):-  
NO
- K) Did you received a reply from any Government authority (Please state  
which authority and answer)  
NO
- L) What was your reaction during and after sighting (Please give full  
account of actions and thoughts):-  
"DURING" I WAS EXCITED & MYSTIFIED - I HAVE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE -  
"AFTER" I HAVE BEEN TERRIBLY FRUSTRATED BECAUSE I FEEL NO  
ONE BELIEVES WHAT I SAW WAS WHAT I KNOW IT WAS.

SECTION 2 - Environmental Factors (Weather conditions)

- MOST PERFECT CLEAR MOONLIGHT NIGHT - WITHOUT WIND -
- A) General state of weather  
SEE ABOVE
- B) Thickness of clouds (and amount of clouds):-  
NIL
- C) Were many stars visible (Very many, many, few, none) please state which:-  
MANY
- D) Approximate temperature:-
- E) Wind speed (if possible):-
- F) Did your sighting occur during the following elements (Bright daylight  
dull daylight, daylight, twilight, darkness)  
DARKNESS

SECTION 3 - Physical account

- A) Did you observe the object through (other than your own eyes)  
telescope etc.:-  
NO
- B) If seen through scope, please state make, and magnification:-



SECTION 3 - Continued

- c) Were you in any type of building or vehicle during sighting  
NO  
(Please give details)
- d) How many objects did you observe (If more than one state formation):-  
ONE
- e) How long were the objects visible (approx):-  
ABOUT 3 MINUTES
- f) Which direction did they come from:-
- g) Which direction did they disappear from view:-
- h) At what height were they first seen:-  
ABOUT 100 FT.
- i) If they were moving please estimate speed  
ROUGH ESTIMATE - 50 MILES PER HOUR
- j) How large do you estimate the object to have been (also state distance of U.F.O.)  
ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE ALBERT HALL  
BUT THIS IS A RATHER VAGUE COMPARISON
- k) Did the object at any time do any of the following (Please give full account)

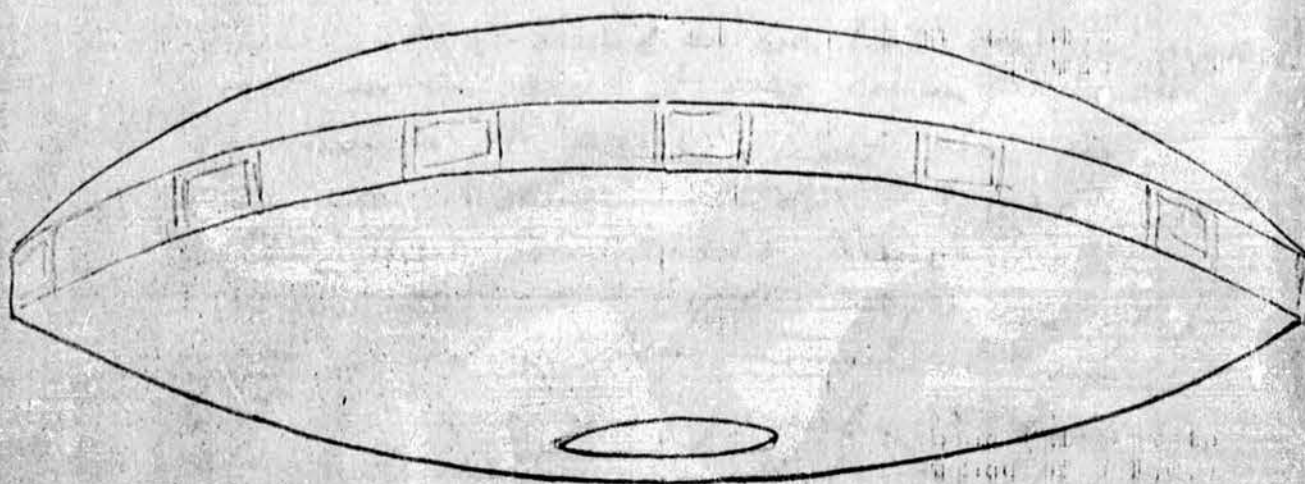
1. \* Rotate IT APPEARED TO DO THIS
  2. Spin
  3. Hover
  4. Descend
  5. Emit smoke, vapour, flame
  6. Change shape
  7. Brighten
  8. Dull
  9. Change colour - state sequence & brightness
  10. Emit noise
  11. Pulsate
  12. Sudden bursts of speed
  13. Erratic movements
  14. Any other IT WAS PERFECTLY SILENT & SEEMED TO GLIDE. THERE WERE SHADOWS MOVING ABOUT WITHIN.
- 1) Describe the shape of the object:- QUITE ROUND & LIKE 2 INVERTED SAUCERS
1. Did it seem solid:- YES
  2. Did it seem cloud-like:- NO
  3. Were any protrusions visible (if so give description)
  4. If the object descended did it at all brighten and to what extent:- NO
  5. Were the edges of the object sharply outlined/blurred  
NO
- m) Please state any other relevant details:-

\* There appeared to be figures moving about inside, but this could have been giving the illusion of rotation.  
There was an orange light underneath right in the centre

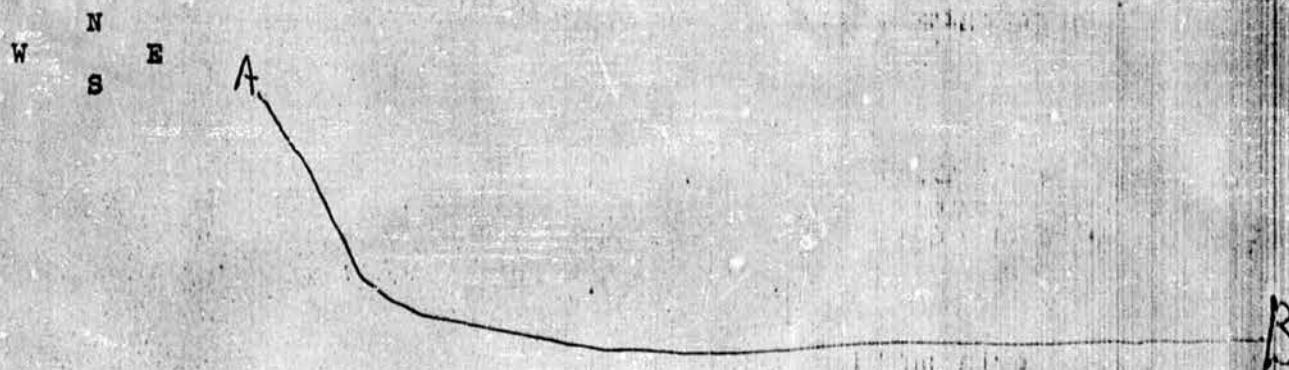


SECTION /3- Continued

- N) Please draw a diagram of the object indicating size, colour, protrusions etc:-



- O) Please draw a diagram to indicate the course of the object showing any change in direction. (put A at the beginning and B at the termination)





SECTION 3 - Continued

P) Please give full account of sighting from beginning to end in your own words:-

I was with a friend & we both saw an orange light in the sky. It was coming in our direction - It passed right over us - there was not a sound. It appeared to rotate but this could have been an illusion caused by the reflection of the moon. There was movement inside but it was not possible to ~~make~~<sup>give</sup> a clear definition of what was causing it. It then proceeded on its way & vanished completely.



NOVEMBER 1952



3. Nov. 1952 between Uniontown Pa. and Cameron W.Va. around 2 A.M. I was driving down a valley. Up ahead there was what I at first thought was the light from 2 windows of a house. As I got nearer and saw that I would pass under it, I saw that it was some enormous dark object around 2000 ft elevation. What looked like a human figure moved past one of the windows, which were square one above the another making a total of four panes, as I passed under the object, it vanished. The figure would have had to be several times as large as a human.

Arlo G. Connor  
Uniontown,  
Pa.

USA

Btwn  
Uniontown, Pa. +  
Cameron, W. Va.

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Tacoma Wash. (paper unknown) Nov. 2, 1952

NOV 2 1952 *ledger*

## **"Saucers" Seen Again In Our Sky**

Flying "saucers" were back in the news—and the sky—Saturday evening.

Between 5 p. m. and 5:45 p. m. nearly a score of people called the police station and The News Tribune to say they had seen "red fire" in the sky. The reports came from widely separated points. One woman said it looks to her like a "snake of fire" which suddenly appeared in the sky and just as suddenly disappeared.

A weather bureau meteorologist said what had been seen was most likely a fire on the ground refracted from a layer of warm air sandwiched between layers of much colder air.

"We have a perfect inversion tonight," he said. "It would just be starting about 5 o'clock."

USA

Wash.  
Tacoma

52-11-1



The evening of November 5, 1952 I happened to be looking out an upstairs window of my home at the beauty of the night, when I saw a reddish object that looked like a star in the eastern sky. (It however was too small and too near to be a star.) The object blinked and blinked and then all of a sudden flared a dull red ! The object then turned amber in color and did some more blinking. It did not move otherwise.

Time: 9:30---9:45 P.M.

Second showing-----same evening

The amber object was still there half an hour later and still blinking brightly when it suddenly flared amber in color. The flares seemed to point to the west. The sky conditions: clear.

Time: 10:30 P.M.

Miss Mary C. Kimball,  
Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

USA

Dover-Foxcroft  
Maine

52-11-5



The following is an account of the object seen over Algoma, Wisconsin on November 11, Tuesday.

Mrs. Wallace Zastrow of Algoma had driven into town to pick up her husband after work. She parked her car, got out, and happening to glance at the sky she saw the following described object: A round, white, glowing object with a pointed, glowing tail. She was looking north at the time and it appeared directly in front of her and at a 50 degree angle with the horizon. It was going East, quite fast. Mrs. Zastrow said there were a few clouds in the sky, but not in the part of the sky where she saw the object. It left no trail and made no noise. The object was keeping a straight course, and when about northeast of her, it made a slow, easy turn and headed directly North. Her view of the object when it turned North disclosed that it was perfectly round. Mrs. Zastrow compared it's size to that of a quarter held at arm's length, and said it seemed as though it was slightly larger than that, even. The time of the sighting was 4:45 p. m. and a protractor and a yardstick were used in computing the angle of the object in relation to the ground.

Coral E. Lorenzen  
APRO  
Box 398  
Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Jan. 20 - Red,  
gr. & white  
lights over Cuivre  
Is. N. of Japan  
Chased by A-F  
planes - disk in  
them burst & speed  
Reports corroborated  
by people in vicinity  
of area.  
Went in  
Jan. 11. I  
Siberia

ALGOMA WISC

52-1-2011

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Jean Vierra  
9712 Culver Blvd.  
Culver City, Calif.

UFO Report Form

Aerial Phenomena Research Organization

3910 EAST KLEINDALE ROAD  
602 326-0059 or 602 793-1825  
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85716

Date: 1952

Time: about 4 p.m.

Exact Location:

LOT #2 MGM Culver City Cal.  
LOT #1 MGM

Name, background and qualification of witness:

A. Jean Vierra, Secretary (trained in TV + theater directing at Pasadena Playhouse. attended Mills College Oakland Calif. & Pomona Junior College & Fresno State)  
B. Others = Musical Assistants at MGM, Music Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:

Wind from the \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ MPH. Temperature: mild Barometric Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_ Humidity: \_\_\_\_\_ Visibility: clear (Mi.)

Limiting Factors: (fog, haze, darkness, etc.) for me = distance.

Cloud Types (enumerate layers) Coverage of each (%):

1. none that obscured 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION AND CONDITION OF:

Sun in West Moon \_\_\_\_\_  
Venus daytime Jupiter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mars or other: \_\_\_\_\_

Flight path of object (s). (Give degree of arc and elevation or background constellations where possible). Describe maneuvers if any.

B. Directly overhead. Came down ~~to~~ over group. Rose + shot off West. Movie taken of it.  
A. It was high + travelling West directly away from me - no maneuvers.

Physical description: (Color, shape, protrusions, shape, emitting or reflecting light, etc.)

B. "Flying saucer" A. As far away as the eye could see clearly, + reflecting sunlight.

Size: (relate to apparent size of full moon or coin held at arm's length) #2 A. I saw a pin head reduce to pinpoint  
B. I got no description from observers on Lot #2

Physical References: (describe any noted relationship to fixed physical objects—mountains, telephone poles, buildings—from which angular data could be derived).

A. Too high + far away

B. Good observation, possible movies taken

Duration of Incident: (Because many individuals are not expert at estimating time intervals, use this as a reference: "Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow, and everywhere that Mary went the lamb was sure to go," takes approximately 5 seconds to recite at normal speaking speed).

B. At least 5 minutes overhead; in sight 15.

A. at least 3 minutes. I kept my eyes on it + others joined us +

Special Data: (Sound—formation if more than one object, etc.) stood around chatting.

one - no sound mentioned

General: Give narrative of incident including any reactions and/or interpretations of witness(es). Opposite side of this sheet may be used for narrative.

A. I'm guessing at the day because it is so seldom a movie crew works Saturdays, especially Sat. afternoons. However, we work + party + feast the day before Thanksgiving and if there is a picture to be "wrapped up" the crew come in on overtime Friday and the offices are sparsely staffed with volunteers to service them. My boss + I were nearly alone in our building and it was to be a long day. Two or 3 people from our Department were with a crew outdoors on Lot #2 and we could not go home until they returned, about 6 p.m. When one of those we were waiting for came running into the building + grabbing up his belongings + messages,

Instructions to Investigator: File separate report for each witness. Do not attempt to "smooth out" discrepancies between witnesses or put words in their mouths.

If space is not sufficient to include all details requested above, use reverse side of this sheet to complete.

Country Los Angeles	City Culver City	Year 1952	Month Nov.	Day day after Thanksgiving
	State California			

CALIFORNIA

CULVER CITY,

52-11-24



I glanced at the clock (was it 3:30 pm, 4 or 4:30?) and blurted, hopefully, "Are you finished already? Have they wrapped up for the day so soon?" He was nearly out the door, his coat over his arm but he stopped to answer, "No. We didn't finish. But we're through for the day! A flying saucer came down over us. Come here, you can see it!" We ran into the street and he pointed West about 70° ahead and I could clearly see a silver disk the size of a pin head. Johnny Green's Executive Secretary, David Olson, strolled out of his bungalow - "What are you two looking at?" a secretary from one of our bungalows came by & I also pointed it out to her. Perhaps a wardrobe lady. I remember about 4 or 5 of us. In the meantime, I had heard the full story.

B When rehearsals have been completed & camera, light & sound are satisfied with their positions, they call "quiet" "Ready to roll" and if the action takes place outside, all the crew scan the sky. "Hold it! There's one over there!" pointing to an airplane - probably a Piper Cub - soon the noise begins & they wait until it has gone. On Lot #2, near to International Airport, the delays caused by the noise of aircraft can be measured in "man hours per film"! Especially since a movie lot is a target for every sightseer in the sky!

So, this afternoon, when the crew was ready to roll & the cameras were loaded, the crew scanned the sky - and one of them shouted "Overhead! Hold it." They looked up & saw a flying saucer above them. It came directly down, as if to observe the action. The cameraman turned his camera upward & shot his film. The UFO elevated & sped off to the West & one music assistant left immediately for Lot 1, anxious to get home & tell his wife. It was still visible when he arrived, & whether he ran, took the studio shuttle bus or had his own car (and had it parked down the street) I don't know. He might have taken off in fright - at any time after its first appearance and caught the shuttle bus. His scramble into the music building was not distended & gasping as a runner would be, but he definitely had lost his poise. Before he left for home, another music assistant came up to report that the Air Force had been called & everyone on Lot 2 was to meet with the AF representative in the auditorium on Monday at 2 pm.

That was all. I pestered all next week to find out if the film developed and was brushed off. Finally, the last man, above, said, "Jan, forget it. We've been told not to discuss it. This is national security." (I can't remember who, but think it was Jeff [unclear])



1952

# FLYING BOOT SEEN IN ALTA.

The Montreal Star November 29, 1952

Edmonton, Alberta, Nov. 29 - (CP)

And now it is the flying boot!

A report of a strange airborne object-which hovered motionless at 2000 feet for about seven minutes before disappearing in seconds - has captured the imagination of residents of FAIRVIEW, Alta., 365 miles northwest of Edmonton.

The report came from Fred Clarke of Foothills Tank and Pipeline Co. who claims he and his wife and their granddaughter saw the craft while out on an afternoon drive. He related the following to Don Boyce, editor of the Fairview Weekly Post:

"Believing it to be a helicopter we stopped to watch it, only to find that it was not a helicopter. The craft was shaped like a boot and shone very brightly in the sun. We were looking at it from a distance of

possibly half a mile.

Then we drove about one-quarter mile to where we could see the strange craft from a different angle. From this point we could see circular-shaped discs protruding from the main point of the craft on an arm that appeared to be no more than a couple of feet long.

The craft had no propeller or jets of any kind visible. The shiny body appeared to be a mass of contouring curves. It had remained perfectly stationary despite a strong west wind for 6 or 7 minutes.

It started off without a sound and disappeared over the horizon within a time of 15 seconds. It moved fast, if not faster than any jet plane I have ever seen."

Canada

Edmonton  
Alberta

52-11-29



1952  
DECEMBER



ROBERT S. OLIVER  
2/16/67

## Report of Sightings - p1.

1. In Dec ~~1952~~ 1952 while at Cornell Univ. in Ithaca, New York, I saw a white disc move quickly in a straight line between two clouds. It was above the clouds and visible as it moved from directly overhead to about  $80^{\circ}$  elevation in a NNW direction. It appeared to be about half the diameter of a full moon high in the sky. Time - about 11:30 PM. I have forgotten the precise date.



MONTREAL GAZETTE Dec.5,1952

CITY FOLK SPY "FLYING SAUCERS" IN SKIES ABOVE VICTORIA BRIDGE.

A Montrealer thought he saw four Flying saucers scudding across Montreal skies yesterday afternoon. He phoned The Gazette to report them and to find out if anyone else had seen them too.

They did.

W.F. Garnahm, of 5260 Clanranald Ave., said he was approaching Central Station at 3.45 p.m. when he saw 2 boys looking at the sky.

"I stopped to look too," he said "and four shining objects flashed in and out of the sight as they turned in the sunlight.

I have had 6000 flying hours and I am sure they were not planes. If they were Sabre jets they would have been at 5000 feet. If North Stars, at 8000 feet. And they took ~~xxxxx~~ tight turns; a Sabre's turning arc is a mile.

They flew along side one another but occasionally one would dart ahead of the others at a terrific speed."

Garnahm said he watched the phenomenon for about six minutes. They were south of Central Station, about over Victoria Bridge, he said.

Mrs. Donald MacCallum was shopping with her seven-year-old son, when they saw about five objects which "simply weren't airplanes".

She described them as very bright ~~xx~~ circular objects with "rings around them". She said they were not going very fast but clouds interfered with her vision. She said a large number of school children at the intersection of Sherbrooke and Clarke saw them too.

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Canada

Montreal

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Dec. 8 - p.m. 1952

Veteran airline pilot flying cargo plane had company of 6 bright white lights, one rapidly blinking red light followed him into O'Hare field at Chicago. "Never saw anything like it before."

TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 7-0100

1952

Jan. 26. WAIT, CHICAGO, said weird lights seen in sky over & near Grand Rapids, Michigan. Residents called police, C.D. One man chased light with car, saw it fall to earth ~~out of line of his vision~~ beyond horizon.

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CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE Wednesday, December 10, 1952  
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# **FLYING LIGHTS 'SEEN' BY PLANE ELUDE RADAR**

None of the electronic or visual aviation observer posts in the Chicago area reported seeing anything unusual in the skies Monday night but the flight crew of a frigate plane approaching O'Hare International airport called by radio to say they were watching "a group of lights flying alongside" their craft. The radio report was made at 9:15 p. m., when the frigate was flying at 2,500 feet 35 miles southwest of O'Hare field.

The civil aeronautics administration traffic control crew at O'Hare passed the report to the air force filter center in the Science museum and also to the

Midway airport control tower at 55th st. and Cicero av. Midway controllers said they had no aircraft in the vicinity where the frigate was flying and no unusual planes or formations of planes showed on the Midway radar. A similar "nothing unusual seen" came from the nearest air force defense radar center which was alerted at the time.

None of the ground observer posts in any of the city's western suburbs reported seeing any unusual lights.

## **British Queen Receives NATO's Sea Commander**

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Queen Elizabeth today received in audience at Buckingham palace Adm. Lynde McCormick, commander of NATO naval forces.

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## NIMRODS BEHOLD FLYING SAUCER NEAR RATTLER

Describe Celestial Phenomenon as "Luminous;" Take Issue With Scientist

Hunters Norman Thomas, of Nichols street (in no way connected with the perennial Socialist presidential candidate of the same name) and Edward Kline, of Landisville, Pa., have come forward with the statement that they too, have witnessed a performance staged by a "flying saucer" while gunning for deer in Rattler Mine district on December 17, 1952. Both are ready to take their affidavits in verification.

Said Thomas, "... We saw an object flying through the air about 75 feet from the ground which looked to be in the neighborhood of 12 inches in diameter. Shaped like a half-saucer, with straight trailing edge, it gave off an illuminated light." According to Norman the "object" made no sound and couldn't have been a reflection for the day was overcast and lowering. It was finally lost in the tree tops.

Scientist Peek-Peek's Saucers  
Commenting on Flying Saucers in a recent issue of "Science" magazine, Dr. Edgar F. Mauer, of Los Angeles, says they are spots before the eyes, induced by nearsightedness, upset stomach or migraine headaches, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington, D. C.

Nimrod Thomas takes direct issue with the worthy doctor on this statement. He says his stomach functions perfectly, he never had a migraine headache and he knows he has perfect vision for the optometrist told him so after a recent examination. Moreover, he said that his companion, Kline, on that memorable day, gave no outward indication that he was suffering from any of these ailments the learned doctor enumerates—so what?

What adds verity to the Thomas-Kline statement is the fact that an "object" of similar form was seen by three reliable witnesses a couple of weeks ago at Thumtontown corners, which as the crow flies, is only a few miles from the Rattler Mines, and brings it pretty close to home. (Following the statement of Messrs. Thomas and Kline and the offer to make an affidavit, we feel justified in throwing our support into their side of the scale, the good doctor's diagnosis to the contrary, notwithstanding.—Ed.)

Pa.  
Landisville

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