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## Copter chased UFO at Loring base

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WASHINGTON — A former Bowdoin College student said Friday that he and another student observed a helicopter-like object hovering over the Brunswick Naval Air Station during the early morning hours in October, 1975, a period when similar unidentified flying objects were spotted and pursued by military personnel at Loring Air Force Base and several other installations across the country.

Robert Kinn, who is now employed as a para-legal aide in Washington, related the incident to a Washington Post reporter.

The Post on Thursday published excerpts from recently de-classified Air Force and Central Intelligence Agency documents describing the UFO incidents during a 24-day period in October and November of 1975.

According to personnel at Loring, a helicopter-like object hovered over the base's nuclear weapons storage facility for more than 90 minutes on the night of Oct. 27, 1975.

The vehicle was tracked by radar and returned to the same area twice more.

The object was pursued by a Maine Air National Guard helicopter carrying armed personnel, according to the documents.

Kinn, who was referred to the NEWS by a Post reporter, said that he was struck by the resemblance of the object he observed over the Brunswick station and the objects described in the Post story during that same period.

Kinn said that he and the other student saw the object.

"It came in very low, at tree-top level from the ocean. It was like a helicopter, but different ... more than twice the size of a normal helicopter. It had red lights and a white light. It could make 90-degree turns and fly very fast," he stated.

Kinn said "The base lighted up like a Christmas tree. There were trucks going every which way."

It stayed over the base for five or ten minutes, and then scooted over the Atlantic," he indicated.

"We thought it might have been a vertical take off plane. We could tell it was not a normal helicopter," he indicated.

Kinn said he expected to see an account of the incident in the next morning's newspaper and forgot about the sighting when there was none.

"Both of us associated the sighting with a UFO activity, the excitement on the base was way out of the usual," he explained.

Spokesmen for the Brunswick station said there have been no UFO sightings at the base during the past eight years.

They had two possible explanations for the incident.

"It could have been a small plane making an emergency landing. We get one or two of them every year. The plane comes in without radio ... and makes a couple of tight turns around the runway to let us know it wants to land," the duty officer explained.

Lt. John James, base information officer, said that Hawker-Sidley AV-8 Harrier vertical-takeoff aircraft sometimes land at the base.

"We have one of them up here each time we put on an air show," the base spokesman reported.

James said he would check the base records to determine if a civilian light plane, or a Harrier landed at Brunswick during the October period.

ENTERPRISE, Falmouth, MA - Feb. 20, 1979 CR: B. Greenwood

## Our Neighbors Report Flying Saucers

The Narragansett Times reports a rash of flying saucer sightings along the Rhode Island coastline. That's not very far away, as the flying saucer flies.

Thirty sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported along 30 miles of coast since the end of January. The reports have come from policemen, college students and others.

They have described a circular disc, illuminated by intense green, blue or white lights, and a tubular object, shaped something like a baseball bat, illuminated in three distinct sections.

A third of the sightings have been in daylight hours. Most accounts had the UFO's hovering over the water, generally between 200 and 800 feet, visible for several minutes at a time.

BREEZE, Johnstown, CO - Feb. 1, 1979

# UFO SIGHTING IS REPORTED OVER GW PLANT AND MILLIKEN

By CHRIS STOLLEY

Bob Roberts, a security guard at Great Western Sugar Co., Johnstown, was the first to spot the bright lights last Wednesday night.

Roberts, seeing something unusual in the position of the lights contacted his son, Bill Roberts. After contacting Bill, he contacted Trellis Mitchell, another employee of Great Western. Roberts also contacted Dick Wulf, an off-duty employee of Great Western.

Roberts gave the following report of what he saw:

"I was watching a television program that lasted from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the security shack. The program was 'The Chariot of the Gods.' After the program was over, I

walked outside, it was close to three minutes after nine. I saw a large round pulsating white light. I said to myself, 'Jesus Christ, what is that.' I thought it was a space craft or a UFO. It came from the north or northwest. It was brighter than a vapor light. As I watched it, it moved toward the nuclear plant going southeast. I called my son, Bill, on the phone to look. After I called him, I contacted Mr. Mitchell in the lab. The light moved to the entrance of the sugar factory. I watched. There were two lights, red and orange, diagonally across from each other. I called Dick Wulf. He lives south of Milliken. The diagonal lights went back into one. The light hesitated two or three minutes over

Milliken. The lights headed southeast again, east of the nuclear plant.

"The light was north of Denver. It slowly disappeared when it went southwest over the Rockies. It was fantastic and eerie in a way. It was three times the size of a train light and the two lights were about the size of a stop sign. It was in the locality for about 20 minutes."

Roberts estimated the light's speed at under 100 miles an hour. He said it was gliding in its direction and made no sound.

Trellis Mitchell, another observer of the lights said, "I saw two big bright lights above Milliken. Maybe it was an airplane, I don't know. I'm not really a believer in UFO's."

This is not the first strange light Roberts has seen. In 1954, while stationed at Lowry Air Force Base in Aurora, Roberts spotted a strange light. According to Roberts, three other people saw that light besides himself. Roberts was in the Air Force 21 years before retiring from the service, and said what he saw last Wednesday night was not a plane, helicopter, weather balloon or other familiar type of aircraft.

According to Roberts, at least five other people besides himself, saw the light Wednesday night over Milliken. They are Bill Roberts, Kim Christian-son, Mitchell, Wulf and Wade Reed, Great Western night watchman.

## Society Studies Sighting in Sky

LITTLE SILVER — The Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained is looking into reported sightings Saturday night of an unusual and silent aircraft over sections of Brick Township and Point Pleasant, society President Robert C. Warth said.

(The Press received several phone calls early this morning reporting a "strange orange object" in the sky over the same general area).

"Enough information was given to conclude that the craft that was seen was not conventional," Warth said last night, after talking with several persons who reported seeing the object.

It is unlikely the craft was an airplane or helicopter, said Warth, who characterized it as an "unidentified flying object."

"This object gave off no sound, hovered in some cases, and had a configuration entirely different than any aircraft that the public is familiar with," he said.

Warth described the object as lenticular in shape, like a double-convex lens. Witnesses said the craft was generally slow moving, at times hovering and flashing red or blue lights.

"There were indications that it was in the process of measuring or observing a particular area for reasons unknown to us," he added.

Referring to last Tuesday's earthquake, Warth said "it is observed that UFO's are seen prior to and after earthquake occurrences." There is no evidence, however, that the two phenomena are related, he said.

(Two women who would not identify themselves reported the latest sighting while they were driving home from work in Brick Township about 2 a.m. today, describing it as bright orange, in a fuzzy half circle with blue tints. They said it was the size of a Zeppelin and was just above the trees. They said they followed it toward the Lakewood airport but lost it when they were stopped by a train at a crossing. They added that it seemed to hover over a lake near the airport and over the airport itself).

The airport is unmanned but the runway lights are left on for emergency landings. Police had no reports of sightings in the area, but several other calls to The Press described the same type object.

# Strange, Silent Object Seen Flying, Hovering

Several residents in sections of Brick Township and Point Pleasant reported seeing an unusual and silent aircraft last night.

The craft was spotted by at least six persons between 6:30 and 8:10 p.m. over Beaver Dam Creek, Wilson Avenue, Littlehill Road in Point Pleasant and Cedarbridge Road in Brick Township.

Several tenants in the Plaza Terrace Apartment on Cedarbridge Road told police the craft "hovered" over the building's parking lot for several minutes at about 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Teresa Blair, who lives on Littlehill Road, said she saw the craft through her front window at about 6:55 p.m.

"It was fairly big, bigger than a small airplane and was all aglow with bluish lights. It was shaped like a football cut in half lengthwise. There was no noise," she said.

Mrs. Blair said she spotted it a second time shortly after 8 o'clock.

"This time the blue lights were off and red lights were flashing at the center and on the tail. It was skimming just about 20 feet over my house. It was again heading north, but then made a sudden move toward the east," she related.

Ed Longano, a Point Pleasant policeman, said he saw the craft flying over his house at about 8:15 p.m.

"It was heading north and the strange thing was there was no noise," he said.

Longano again sighted the strange-looking craft at 9:05 p.m. and he reported it was then further north and east from the point where he first saw it.

"This time I heard a noise, but it didn't seem right. It was a distant drone, like the sound of a jet flying way," he explained.

A spokesman at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station reported a helicopter based there was on routine flight over the ocean in the Point Pleasant area at the time of the sightings.

"It's a Navy helicopter and it's noisy. I'm sure people would not think it was unusual," said Petty Officer Mark Koecher.

On Jan. 3, a UFO was reported in Point Pleasant Beach by a Brick Township policeman. On Jan. 5, something was sighted over Barnegat Bay in Brick Township and was photographed with a Polaroid camera by a Point Pleasant boy. The photos showed a bright object, but did not provide a distinct shape to the craft.

# Others Saw 'UFO'; May Be Satellite

By BID WALL

"We saw it too, but didn't mention it to anyone. Then we saw the article in the Herald about somebody else who also saw it."

This was the report of four other persons, who, traveling in the same car Sunday night after their Sweetheart Banquet, also saw the UFO reported to the Herald Monday morning.

Bob Burger, with his wife, and Rev. Chester Smith and his

wife were returning from the banquet when Bob saw a larger than normal light floating through the air.

The foursome was traveling north on Milnwood Road when they saw the object moving southwesterly. "We saw it, like over the Rice area and it moved to the horizon, about where Winn Dixie is", said Bob Burger, noting, "I've never

seen anything like it. It was a bright white light, moving very slowly, and making no noise."

"It was larger than a star or an airplane's lights normally are, and was very visible. It looked like a parachute with a light on it and it moved from about where Rice is to about where Prospect is", said Rev. Smith, who is pastor of the Heritage Baptist Church in Farmville.

"I've seen weather balloons and other things launched from Wallops Island and this did not look like those", he continued.

Rev. Smith went on to say, "But just because I've not seen anything like it, doesn't necessarily make it a UFO".

The original report of the sighting called the object "perfectly round, about 25 per cent the size of a full moon. It was all lit up, made no sound, and had no blinking lights".

"I didn't want to be identified as the person seeing the light," said L.D. Phaup, Jr., who lives along the Milnwood Road, "because, out of curiosity, I wanted to find out if anyone else had seen it."

Phaup offered this explanation for the sighting. "I think what we all saw was the sun's reflection from a satellite which, when reflected through the cloud cover that night, appeared to be an object moving through the sky."

"I got out my binoculars and looked at it and it was perfectly round and quite visible", noted Phaup, who continued, "If theory is correct, the angle of the sun's reflection off the satellite would have been visible only from the immediate area of Milnwood Road, where I saw it. Rev. Smith and Bob Burger were right in front of my house when they stopped to look at it. So far the theory is holding up," he surmised.

# UFO's: Still shrouded in mystery

by Fran Anderson  
Managing Editor

UFO's -- unidentified flying objects--are appearing to people all over the United States. And one finally visited South Brunswick. Maybe.

Whether a celestial object sighted by a Kendall Park family -- who do not want their names revealed--can be identified or not is as much a mystery as the UFO phenomena.

It all started Saturday night when three members of the family spotted what appeared to be three planes flying in formation. Interested, they watched the lights until they realized they were connected by a rough dome covering.

The object was moving slowly at tree-top level and appeared to land in a game preserve behind the Flagpost Inn. Curious, they called the police. The police were polite, but not too interested -- investigating UFO's isn't in their line of duty.

Calls to UFO tracking stations around the United States didn't elicit much response.

More than one person--or family--has to report a UFO before anyone is interested. And if anyone else in town saw something, they're keeping mum about it.

Which--according to the father of the family--should have been their course of action.

"We really saw something unusual, but no one takes us seriously. We're ordinary people, not publicity seekers. It wasn't a plane or conventional aircraft. I know what those look like."

His wife is also discouraged by the brush-offs they have received, but she would like to delve into the matter more. She wants to know if anyone else saw the object that night.

"This has taken over our lives. I can't sleep nights. It's discouraging that no one seems to believe us. I thought other people would see it too," she said.

They said the object had red, green, and blue lights.

As for a conventional explanation -- there may be one but no one is willing to discuss it.

Jim Fillow, an investigator for Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, (APRO) who was contacted by the Kendall Park family refused to be interviewed about his research.

He said his organization is a scientific bureau for investigation of UFO's and it is

privately organized and recognized by the government.

"I really don't want to talk," he said. "It's easier to investigate without a lot of publicity. There's possibly an explanation, but I don't want to go into it," Mr. Fillow said.

The Kendall Park family believes this approach is unfair. If there is an explanation, they would like to know what it is.

"If someone is playing around, people should know about it. I know I saw something, and I'd like to know what it was," the Kendall Park woman said.

"But people who see things like this don't want to stand up and be counted," she concluded. "After all, people are treating us like we're crazy."

Mr. Fillow suggested that if people see something in the sky, they should call the Federal Aviation Agency.

The Kendall Park family has a better idea. Unless you're willing to endure ridicule and skepticism, don't tell anyone. Just draw the curtains and forget about it--if you can.

# UFO sighted over Dixon?

Four Dixonites think they may have spotted a UFO around noon Monday.

Kevin Jacobs, John Pardi and Bill Wentworth were standing near the intersection of Cypress and Mayfair streets when Jacobs says he heard a plane overhead and saw the UFO.

Perhaps in a bit of hyperbole, Pardi says he could have shot it with a deer rifle. They describe the object as round and watched it through

binoculars for about 10 minutes as the object moved toward Travis AFB.

"It wasn't like a round balloon," Wentworth said. "It looked like something floating around. It was kind of strange." It wasn't propelled like conventional aircraft, he said.

They were joined by police officer Glen Russell as he came out of his house. Russell described the object as being "like a frisbee that was dropped and floating down." He said its color was blue and that it also was reflective like tin foil.

Wentworth said it at one time looked reflective on the outer portions and dark in the middle.

The four said they couldn't say how large the object was because of the distance.

Russell telephone Travis but was

told Air Force personnel had reported nothing although planes were in the air.

The Nut Tree Airport said it had no weather balloon in the air Monday.

Russell reported the sighting to the Phenomena Research National Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington.

Robert Gribble of the center told the Tribune their personnel would go through the regular process of trying to find additional witnesses. Russell's report will go in the active file for 30 days, he said.

It has a low priority, Gribble said. He said a high priority sighting would be one in which the UFO landed or there was some experience by witnesses with the UFO within several hundred feet.

# Auto damaged in mysterious Saturday crash

RIDGWAY (EC) -- Ridgway Borough police report that a Lancaster, N.Y. man escaped injury but his car was severely damaged in a mysterious accident on Boot Jack Hill Saturday.

Police said George Bungo, 54, of Lancaster was southbound on Route 219 traveling up the hill at 8:30 a.m. when he saw a large cloud of steam and smoke in front of him, apparently coming from another vehicle.

As the Bungo car entered the cloud, police said, it struck a large object, which continued on.

# Flood of local UFO sightings still unexplained

By JOHN SCHNEIDER  
Staff Writer



Dan Wright

There is, no doubt, a logical explanation for the strange reports of October, 1978. In the realm of unidentified flying objects, however, one person's logic is another's fantasy.

Fertile imaginations or visitors from another corner of the universe? It would be convenient to say that the truth lies somewhere in between. But when dealing with tales of shoebox-shaped aircraft, rotating discs and giant boomerangs in the sky, there doesn't seem to be much middle ground.

A FEW THINGS, however, are certain.

— Between Oct. 7 and Oct. 30, Lansing-area people, on at least 14 different occasions, saw — or, at least, claimed to have seen — unusual objects in the sky.

— The "sightings" involved 32 adults and children. Some called the police. Others reported their experiences to a private organization called the Mutual UFO Network.

— THE RADAR screens at Capital City Airport recorded nothing unusual streaked across the sky.

during the period and helicopters, as well as one oddly-shaped advertising plane, were known to be in this area at the time.

That, pretty much, is where the 'facts' end and the personal accounts begin.

At about 9:45 on the night of Saturday, Oct. 21, Roxy Ryder had just left the Michigan Theater in downtown Lansing.

ACCOMPANIED by her two children, 12 and 16, and two of their friends, the 35-year-old Lansing woman was driving south on Washington Avenue, approaching Mt. Hope, when one of the kids pointed out a mass of red and white lights which appeared to be hovering over the Dana Corp. building at 209 Mt. Hope.

Mrs. Ryder, a Michigan State University employee, pulled her car into a nearby parking lot, where she and the youngsters sat and watched what they later described as a rotating, rocking disc-shaped object illuminated by a ring of red lights, a large white light and a row of square yellow-white lights which resembled windows.

They claimed to have watched the object for several minutes before it streaked across the sky.

"I DON'T know what it was," Mrs. Ryder said this week. "All I know is that I saw something very weird."

That same night, about an hour earlier, a Lansing teenager and three of his friends were on Rockway Drive, near the Mt. Hope-Logan area, when they reportedly saw what appeared to be "an airplane with very short wings and a transparent bottom." The underside of the object, they said, was outlined by red and blue lights and on its top was a large white spotlight.

The boys claimed the object hovered overhead, a few hundred feet aloft, before it moved slowly out of sight.

THE NIGHT before that, 20-year-old Colleen Decker, was traveling west on Interstate-496, near Croyts Road, when she allegedly spotted a grouping of two red and two green lights in the sky, accompanied by "darting" red and green lights.

She said she reached her apartment in Grand Ledge and called her roommate outside to observe the continuing display. Miss Decker said that as she and her roommate watched, an object shaped like a boomerang and large as a house moved silently westward, accompanied by the red and green lights. The young woman, who works for a

Lansing law firm, said she was "scared" by what she saw. "I know it wasn't a helicopter," she said. "I guess it could have been a plane, but I don't think so. I don't know what it was — only that it looked really strange."

THESE ACCOUNTS and 11 others like them — including several reports of a flying hamburger-shaped object — found their way to Dan Wright, a 31-year-old Grand Ledge man who is the local tri-county section director for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), a private, non-profit international organization dedicated to investigation of aerial phenomena.

According to Wright, MUFON's 800 investigators — the great majority of whom are in the U.S. — fill the gap left by the government's decision to not pay serious attention to UFO reports. The group's five top chiefs draw part-time salaries, but the rest of the investigators work on a voluntary basis.

They are provided with an investigator's manual which, among other things, instructs them on how to tell the difference between an honest-to-goodness UFO and, say, a weather balloon or a satellite.

Wright said his first duty as a MUFON investigator was to visit local police departments, radio stations and other agencies that frequently receive UFO reports, "just to let them know I'm out here."

Lansing policemen, who contacted Wright in reference to some of the Oc-

tober reports, admit they have no place to go with UFO reports. "Since the government closed its investigation," said officer Dennis O'Brien, "we really have no place to report (UFO sightings)."

BUSINESS STARTED off slow for Wright. "Then came October," he said, "and all of a sudden I didn't have time for a private life."

Some of the October sighting reports were relayed to Wright by the police. Others came directly to him. He took a look at the weather plane that was in the area at the time and checked out the light configurations on local police and National Guard helicopters.

Of the 32 people involved in the 14 "sightings," Wright interviewed 25 of them and became convinced they were being honest about what they saw. "They were just ordinary people with extraordinary stories," he said.

CONSERVATIVELY, Wright concluded that the reports "raise a number of questions about the possibility of life beyond our world." Going out on a limb, he maintains that a "strong case (could be) made that, for a brief time last Autumn, the Lansing area, as well as Grand Rapids, Benton Harbor, Kalamazoo County, Ludington, and Green Bay, Wis. were visited by an exceptional force whose message or purpose is yet undetermined."

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They report the two objects would stay fairly close together with the object bearing the lights holding a steady position while the smaller object would dart off to the side or go up but always returning to the larger object.

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The Johnsons stated they did not feel the lights were that of a satellite as they had viewed satellites and the movement and lights were nothing like they had viewed before.

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Filberto Cardenas talks about his UFO experience while wife listens at his side

The Miami News - BILL RENKE

## UFO body snatchers took him for a ride, Hialeah man claims

DEBORAH GRAY and ARTHUR GOLDEN  
Miami News Reporters

A Hialeah businessman who says he was abducted by a UFO last month now claims he had another close encounter this week with the same creatures from the great beyond, who again revealed the secrets of the universe.

Investigators from two psychic organizations here say they believe him.

Filiberto Cardenas told a news conference last night that the secrets of the universe were handed to him when he was kidnaped by a flying saucer on Jan. 3.

Cardenas said the secrets were transmitted telepathically during the bizarre two-hour abduction by short, strange beings with red hair that looked like the plastic hair of doll wigs.

Last Monday night, Cardenas said, he was drawn to the same spot on Okeechobee Road where he had been whisked away by the space craft. He said the same UFO was there, and he again communicated with its occupants about the secrets of the future.

These secrets, the 46-year-old Cardenas said, cannot yet be revealed publicly.

Patricia Hayes, a psychic and founder of the Projects Possible in Miami, which investigates paranormal phenomena, said 30 clairvoyants and mystics from her organization had probed the case. She said they all reached the same conclusion.

"We believe that he was in contact with an alien energy vibrating faster than the normal rate," she said.

The psychic investigators, she said, tuned into Cardenas' mental wave lengths and complained of suffering some or all of the same discomforts Cardenas said he experienced after the abduction.

The discomforts included frequent urination, tremendous thirst, an odd taste in the mouth and an unusual body odor, she said.

Cardenas' account was also supported by hypnotherapist Jose Yedra and researchers from another Miami-based psychic group, the Investigation Center of Extraterrestrial Life.

After his abduction, Cardenas had said he could not remember anything about the two hours between his disappearance and discovery. But Yedra said he had re-

stored Cardenas' memory of the incident through a series of hypnotherapy sessions.

Allan Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., the nation's major center for extraterrestrial inquiries, said today that he had been in contact with the Investigation Center on the Cardenas case.

"We are very interested in learning more about it," he said.

Cardenas and three other people last month had been examining his 1970 Chevy on Okeechobee Road near Florida's Turnpike Extension when he was zapped by a red-violet light.

The next thing he could recall, he said, was that he was on the Tamiami Trail near 137th Avenue, 12 miles from where his car had stalled.

"I have been transformed completely," Cardenas says of the incident. "I don't work as hard as I used to. I feel I have to help people more. I think I always had that feeling, but I always wanted to do something else first — like finish my house."

"Now I don't. My family comes first. And I want to read every book I can about UFO's."

Members of the Investigation Center group said they are going to record some of the predictions Cardenas revealed during his hypnotic regression session. The predictions, which were tape recorded, will be stored in a bank vault and reopened many years in the future.

"Did not someone give you a spoon, or at least something material?" asked one skeptic from the audience. "This is not proof."

Well, claimed Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo, president of the Investigation Center, there is proof.

Two hours after Cardenas called him Tuesday morning about his latest adventure, he said, a member of their organization was contacted by people who said they saw a mother spaceship and several smaller ships hanging above the Miami International Airport.

Sanchez-Ocejo played back the accounts of the one woman and three male eyewitnesses on his tape recorder.

"Had you ever read about UFOs before all this happened?" asked the same skeptic from the crowd.

"I have read little pieces of the Bible — but of UFOs, I'm sorry. I never believed in it," Cardenas said.

## Startled Driver Reports UFO in Agawam

By JACK FLYNN

AGAWAM — Mary Roy couldn't identify the object that suddenly loomed over her car because it was shrouded in a haze of blinding white light. Neither could her 13-year-old

daughter Denise. Ray Korynski, 14, who were riding with Mrs. Roy on Randall Street But, the longer the object hovered over their car, the more certain the three terrified passengers became of one thing: This was an encounter that was too close for comfort.

Mrs. Roy said today the object she sighted on Randall Street Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. "had to be a UFO." At first, she said it appeared in a glowing sphere of light, hanging for several minutes over the residential street, and bathing the whole neighborhood in its powerful glow. Its exact size and shape, she said, were obscured by its brighter-than-technicolor luminescence.

DAILY NEWS, Russell, KS  
Feb. 23, 1979

## UFO Reported

An Unidentified Flying Object north of Russell shortly after midnight frightened two out-of-state motorists. Retired police officer Walter Bauer received the report at Keilee's Truck Stop at about 1 a.m. today from the motorists, who he said "were really shaken up."

The UFO, described as a bright white light, swooped low over their southbound car, then sped southward. The incident happened near the Waldo junction on US281 Highway, the unidentified motorists told Bauer.

The former officer reported the incident to police and, in turn, the happening was reported to the sheriff's office.

Police said that a check at the airport failed to turn up any report of an aircraft in the area.

No other details were available today.

KENTUCKY STANDARD, Bardstown, KY - Feb. 22, 1979

## UFO spotted near New Haven

Another UFO has been sighted! This one was at Lyons, a couple of miles from New Haven in LaRue County.

Carl Dawson, 86-year-old retired railroader, said he just happened to be looking out the back window of his home about nine o'clock at night when he saw an object, "round with a little tail, about a foot long, lit up all around" going over the top of the trees of a nearby wooded area.

It was moving eight to ten miles an hour, he said, heading southwest, and was eight to ten feet over the top of the

trees.

"I watched it three or four minutes before it got out of sight," he declared.

That was the night of Feb. 5.

Mr. Dawson is a retired L & N locomotive engineer, says he hasn't had a bad cold in 10 years. He credits his good health to "exercise and a little nip once in awhile."

He has been living in the same house at Lyons for 61 years. His wife died a few months ago. They had been married 63 years and seven months, he said.

# Kerman Fireball Sighting — A UFO?

By DARRELL MADDOX  
Bee Staff Writer

KERMAN — The cool, clear night was not only routine but rather slow for Kerman police officer Manuel Amparano, 33, who was on patrol. But it turned out to be far from routine and a night he will long remember.

Amparano was southbound on Del Norte Avenue when he saw what he thought was a large fire at tree-top level about a half-mile away.

Youths had been setting fires in palm trees and the officer decided to check it out before calling the fire department. But when he arrived at the intersection of Del Norte and California avenues he said he saw "a circular type thing, similar to a round fireball or a setting sun, about 100 to 150 feet off the ground."

The object was about 100 feet in front of the patrol car and Amparano decided to put his patrol's car spotlight on it. But before he could do so, it moved back and up at the same time, made a square turn and traveled in a southeasterly direction at a high rate of speed. He estimated it was about 25 by 50 feet in size.

Amparano does not call the object a UFO, but he declares, "I saw something."

His training and experience as a police officer resulted in his doing things that most persons would not do, such as looking at his wristwatch when he first saw the object. He recorded the time he had the object in view at four to five minutes. He also made a drawing of the object on a card, and that has become part of the official police report on the sighting which was recorded at 3:32 a.m. on May 13, 1978.

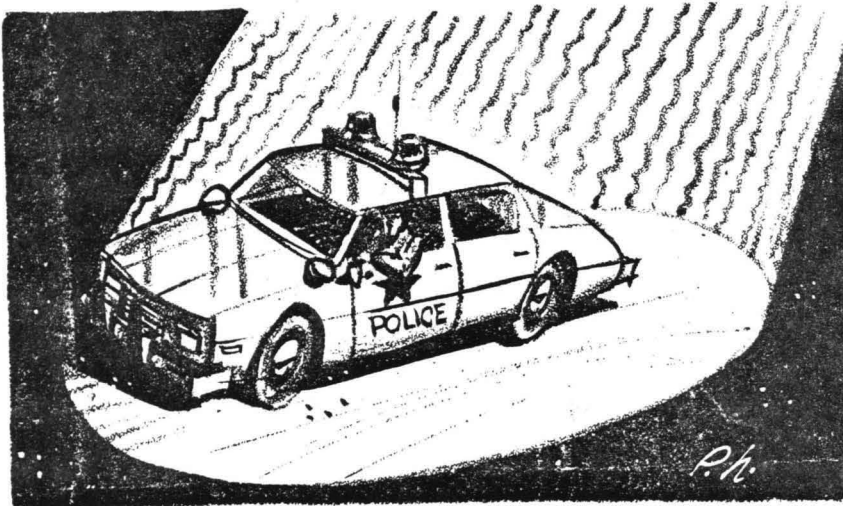
James Van Cleaf, who was police chief at the time and has since resigned, decided to withhold the details. But Amparano has now decided to tell about the sighting with the reluctant approval of a superior in the hopes the news media will quit bothering him.

The officer has been receiving requests for interviews from the news media throughout the world. If the requests do not cease, Amparano says a press conference might have to be called in the hopes that will satisfy and bring a halt to the inquiries.

Amparano said the fireball was not blinding and nothing could be distinguished in the object. Just prior to its moving away, a brilliant, bluish light beam came from the object at an angle that appeared to be towards his patrol car. The beam was similar to the flash from a camera flash bulb, Amparano said.

A decision faced Amparano after the object disappeared. He drove to a parking lot at highways 145 and 180 where he stopped to figure out what he should do. While he was there, Phil Mahler, an independent Fresno Bee newspaper deliverer, pulled alongside and volunteered the information that while he was delivering a newspaper at Whitesbridge Road and Grantland Avenue, he saw a reddish ball in the sky.

"It made me feel good that someone else saw something," Amparano said. That was the deciding factor for the officer to report what he saw. Amparano said Mahler declared he would tell anyone about it that asked him.



Bee Cartoon by Perry Huffman

Amparano returned to the police station, where he got off duty at 8 a.m., and telephoned the Air National Guard, weather bureau and a radar station at the Fresno Air Terminal. He was told radar scopes showed nothing in the area and the weather station said no weather balloons had been launched. The National Guard said there were no airplanes in the area.

He also called a phenomenon Research Center in Seattle, Wash., and reported the sighting. The center mailed him a form which he filled out and returned. He later received a letter from the center which stated a Fresno astronomer also reported seeing a reddish ball go down close to the ground west of Fresno about the same time Amparano reported his sighting.

At about the same time as Amparano's sighting, the North Central Fire District received a call of a fire at Trinity Road and Shaw Avenue north of Kerman. Fire trucks responded from Kerman and Biola but no fire was found. Amparano said he checked a map and the fire was reported on a line with the direction he saw the reddish ball travel.

Two other Kerman officers, A.J. Buinyton and Bob Muller, had gotten off duty earlier and went to Madera for breakfast. They returned to the station while Amparano was on the telephone to the Fresno Air Terminal and asked what had happened. Amparano's face and neck appeared burned although Amparano was unaware of it. The two officers took Amparano into a bathroom where he saw the condition in a mirror. His chest was burned through his shirt.

They went to the cotton field where Amparano said he had seen the object hovering. The officers spent about two hours searching the area. Amparano said the object apparently did not set down because no scorched area or other evidence could be found.

Amparano got off duty at 6 a.m. but it was 8 a.m. by the time he arrived home and told his wife, Barbara, what happened. Amparano said he was feeling uncomfortable because of his burns and went to bed, although he could not stand to have the covers on him. His wife said his body twitched while he slept.

He awoke about 5 p.m. and still had a burning sensation and discomfort. He went to the emergency room at the Fresno Community Hospital where his condition was reported as burns from an unknown source. He had never had high blood pressure before but it was about 150 over 90 and is still high.

Amparano later went to a private doctor who said it appeared he suffered from a high intensity fluorescent pipe light or a gamma ray. The effects lasted five days.

There was a "leak" at the hospital and word of his condition reached the news media, Amparano said. He declares he thought if he did not talk about the incident, the commotion would die down. But that has not happened. Telephone calls have continued to be received from newspapers, magazines and television stations throughout the world.

European news media say his sighting is similar to some in Europe, Amparano said. He said Van Cleaf and a detective later investigated and came up with 14 witnesses to the sighting.

Amparano said he has never claimed the object was an aircraft of any type, only that he saw something and it as not supposed to be there. "There was something there but I don't know if it was a UFO," Amparano said.

Thursday was Amparano's 33rd birthday. He was born in Clovis and attended Clovis High School, but joined the marines in his junior year and served four years. He graduated from the Modesto City College Police Academy in 1974.

Prior to joining the Kerman Police Department, he served nine months as an officer with the Orange Cove Police Department and previously was a reserve officer with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department.

He now serves as the Kerman Police Department's school resource officer. He has been with the department since 1974.

He said his wife has mixed feelings about his commenting on his experience, but he feels people should know about it as long as they are serious.

ERA, Bradford, PA - March 24, 1979 CR: J. Jeffers

## Residents see 2 very bright objects in sky

Two residents of West Washington Street reported seeing two very bright objects in the sky over that area at about 8 p.m. Thursday.

According to Joan Jeffers, an investigator with the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, the two persons telephoned her at 8:05 p.m. while they were still watching the objects.

Ms. Jeffers said the witnesses described what

they saw as two very bright, pulsating, oval-shaped lights that seemed to be hovering over a hill north of Pleasant Street and Jackson Avenue.

She said the two objects were oval on the vertical axis and were about half the size of the full moon.

They seemed to be side by side and at one point they appeared to move closer together and then apart again, she said.

Ms. Jeffers said the witnesses reported the objects suddenly streaked off in a northeasterly direction and disappeared behind the mountain.

Ms. Jeffers said she checked with the Federal Aviation

Administration at the Bradford Regional Airport and found there were no aircraft in the air at the time of the sighting.

She said she would like to hear from anyone else who saw anything unusual in the sky in that area Friday night or at about the same time Monday.

Ms. Jeffers said she had a sighting reported in the Interstate Parkway area of a white object with a series of white and red lights on Monday as well as a sighting in the Derrick City area and near Olean, N.Y.

Ms. Jeffers can be reached at her Maplewood Avenue residence.

ERA, Bradford, PA - March 22, 1979

## Another UFO reported seen on Derrick Rd.

Area residents have had their eyes on the sky again and the fourth unidentified flying object reported this month was seen near Derrick Road, according to Joan Jeffers of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

The object, sighted about 8:05 p.m. Tuesday, was described by the woman who saw it as "a bright white disc, traveling east at tree top level."

Ms. Jeffers, a field investigator for the center, said the object was reportedly moving slowly and went in the direction of Duke Center.

The Federal Aviation Administration, stationed in Bradford, said there were no planes in the area at the time, according to Ms. Jeffers.

She added weather phenomenon of any type do not appear to be factors, but possibilities of other identified flying objects have to be checked out.

CR: J. Jeffers

# Pixley man sights UFO

BY GEORGE MARTZEN -- "It was just a light," said Steve Jennings, speaking of the unidentified flying object he sighted over Pixley Tuesday evening, Feb. 12.

Jennings had just been leaving his home when he observed the object in the overcast 5:30 p.m. sky.

Stopping on Park Avenue next to the El Serape, he noticed the UFO in the general direction of Pixley Park, hovering at about 1,000 feet.

He also noted that the object began moving in a southeasterly direction and climbing at a rate he estimated to be about 300 miles per hour.

A private pilot himself, Jennings noted there were quite a few low flying aircraft that night because of the overcast. There were no stars.

About 15 minutes after the first sighting, Jennings observed another, or the same object on the west side of the freeway. He said that both sightings appeared to lean toward the freeway at a 20 to 30 degree angle.

Jennings wasn't the only to see the mysterious object. Vickie Merritt, Pixley,

said she was driving with a couple friends when she saw it over the park; "it stayed, I guess about 30 minutes over the park area," she said, mentioning that it was "just a really bright light."

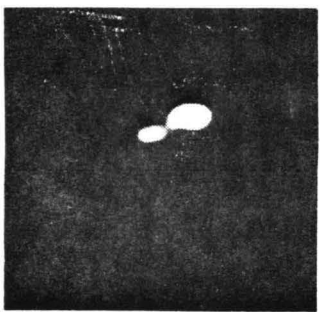
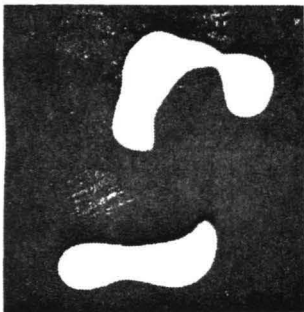
Jennings who shoots a lot of slide pictures and carries his camera with him in his pickup, was fortunate enough to get several pictures of the light.

Although at first appearing to be only a single light, closer observation of the slide shows four circles of light, two larger than others grouped in a line.

Both Jennings and Miss Merritt observed the intensity of the light to undulate - to increase and decrease in brightness.

Personally, Jennings had little to say in conjecture about the object, except that it was unidentified and flying. He said he was aware of theories on the matter of UFO's, such as creatures from other planets or beings living in the earth emerging from the mysterious Bermuda Triangle.

However, he considered his knowledge on the matter too limited to speculate further.



SLIDE PICTURE OF UFO SIGHTING over Pixley provided the impression of electrical discharge between two or more points, or possibly single points of light travelling at high speeds.

DAILY HERALD, Biloxi-Gulfport, MS - March 15, 1979  
CR: D. Titler

## Motorists watch UFO in Hancock

Mild pandemonium was reported Tuesday night along Highway 607 in Hancock County after three motorists reported sighting an unidentified flying object as it appeared to travel at a slow rate of speed directly over and along high tension power lines.

Besides the excitement of motorists stopping to get a closer look, one car jammed on its breaks and almost ran

off the road, according to reports.

Names of the viewers were not learned, but one was a truck driver, the other automobile motorists.

According to one of the witnesses, the object consisted of a large round orange glow surrounded by small green flashing lights similar to a police car's blue flashing lights.

Some motorists who viewed it through the trees said it was trav-

eling well above tree-top level. They were able to keep track of it for as long as five minutes.

The sightings occurred about 7:30 p.m. and were pinpointed near the electric switching station about 500 yards south of the intersection of Interstate 10 and Highway 607.

In a related story, a similar sighting was reported by a Harrison County sheriff's deputy Wednesday night near Wortham Road.

# Is Spaceman Buried In Small Texas Town?

New York Times News Service

AURORA, Tex. — If the little man from outer space hadn't died when his cigar-shaped spaceship plowed into Judge J.S. Proctor's window on April 19, 1897, this would be like any other rural community left to wither when the railroad went elsewhere just after the turn of the century.

In fact, that's exactly what most of its residents would like it to remain — a quiet farming and ranching community of 273 persons, a dot on the more intricate state maps, an obscure community 45 miles northwest of Dallas in a county where the biggest town has 3,750 residents and the biggest event is the annual Chisholm Trail Days each June.

Instead, much to the exasperation of many of its residents, Aurora, has become a shrine to watchers of unidentified flying objects, the scene of periodic attempts to dig up the remains of what is reputed to be the only being from outer space said to be buried on Earth.

H.R. Idell, the town's marshal and attendant at Bonnie Oates's Arco station, right in front of the bluff where the little man supposedly fell to Earth, says he's not sure if the story is true but his wife's grandmother used to say she heard the crash.

"Me, I'd like to see what's down in there," he says.

Such remarks are enough to send many residents into fits of profound depression. Members of the local cemetery association have spent evenings camped out at the site to prevent the body from being exhumed. The association has been threatened with suits and subjected to verbal abuse. And members are unanimous in saying there was no spaceman, there was no space-

ship. Judge Proctor didn't even have a window, they say, and there's only a ludicrous hoax kept alive in UFO newsletters and newspaper reports.

"It's not true," said one member, who asked not to be identified.

"It's all nonsense. We'd appreciate it if people would just let it drop. I wasn't here at the time, but I've got some common sense, and I know none of those stories ever jibed."

Aurora was saved from anonymity by one S.E. Hayden, a local cotton-buyer and correspondent for Dallas and Fort Worth newspapers, who wrote the newspaper stories solemnly describing the crash that allegedly dismembered the pilot and destroyed the judge's window, watering through and flower garden.

"However," Hayden reported, "enough remains were picked up to determine it was not an inhabitant of this world. The men of the community gathered it up, and it was given a Christian burial in the Aurora cemetery."

Except for an Oklahoma City researcher of unidentified flying objects who contended that he had proof the story was true, proponents of exhumation say there was a nationwide UFO craze in April 1897, marked by dozens of obviously spurious sightings. But this is the only place where a being is supposed to be buried, and efforts should be made to find out if it's true, they say.

A spokesperson for Project Starlight International in Austin, which wants the body exhumed, says, "If it's not a human body, then we have the first remains of an extraterrestrial being. If it is, then we can once and for all say it's a bunch of baloney."

CR: F. Kron

ERA, Bradford, PA - March 13, 1979 CR: J. Jeffers

## Unidentified object seen near Eldred by two men

By ERIC PADDOCK  
Era Staff Writer

ELDRED — Two Port Allegany men reported seeing two unidentified flying objects Monday evening while traveling near Eldred.

Joan Jeffers, an area observer for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Study, said the Gregory Elliott, 19, of Port Allegany and a 16-year-old companion were driving home from Olean, N.Y. about three miles north of Eldred about 8:20 p.m. when they saw two bright red lights flying over the roadway in front of them.

They said the lights appeared to be about 150 feet above the ground and about 100 feet apart and were traveling at about the same speed and direction as the car, 50 miles per hour.

The two said the lights ap-

peared to be connected because of their actions.

In the course of following the object, Ms. Jeffers said, the pair reported that 10 deer ran across the road as if they were being chased.

Elliott then stopped the car and he and his companion got out to see if they could hear anything.

They ran to a nearby house and when a man came to the door they asked him to come outside to see the object, which had appeared to land about 100 yards from the house behind some trees.

Ms. Jeffers said at this time, "We don't know whether it was on the ground or not."

Lights seemed to flash across the front of it while it was either low or on the ground and it appeared to be a round object with a dome on top.

After the man went back in the house, the travelers said, they saw another object a hilltop nearby. The second object was bright gold and triangular shaped, about half the size of the moon.

It had a fuzzy outline and even though the two were frightened they got back in their car to see if they could

maneuver for a better look at the triangular object.

As they were traveling down a road in the direction of the triangular object, they said, it would move very fast and then stop and hover, repeating that pattern several times.

When they stopped at another house to get another person to confirm their sighting the objects had gone.

All this took about 20 minutes, Ms. Jeffers said. She said after receiving the report she called the airport and found that no aircraft were in the area in the vicinity of the sighting at that time of night.

Ms. Jeffers also reported that visibility was very good and the two "made some very good observations for kids who had no training."

By the time The Era went to press this morning, Ms. Jeffers said she had not checked with the other sources, but noted she would call the National Center for UFO Studies to report the sighting.

She also noted that she will try to visit the site of the possible landing today.

# National UFO researcher to probe area sightings

By DOROTHY LEWIS  
Staff Writer

A national UFO research group is investigating the late-February sightings of a saucer-shaped spaceship above the Twin Cities.

Alan Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., called the sightings "very intriguing, indeed," and said today he will investigate it further.

HENDRY SAID he has talked to two persons who saw the huge object in the skies over the metropolitan area on the evening of Feb. 26. "And I understand there is at least one more person who witnessed it," he said.

LEE HOFF, 1801 Stillwater Road, called the Dispatch the next day to report sighting the giant-sized UFO at 11:30 p.m. in the vicinity of Military Road and Highway 19, Cottage Grove. He said he watched it for about 4½ minutes until it disappeared in a southerly direction.

Rose Marie Julig, 4340 Benjamin St. NE., Columbia Heights, after seeing the story in the paper, reported that she and a friend, Suzanne Arent, McGregor, Minn., both observed the UFO from the Julig home for about 25 minutes, beginning about 10:20 p.m.

JULIG DESCRIBED it as "huge ... larger than a jet plane," with two extremely strong lights at the front that looked like a single light until the craft was close.

She and Arent watched it as it approached from the south. "It hovered over the house about 20 feet up for about 1 or 1½ minutes. It was disc-shaped, with a flat, solid gray metallic surface and a grooved understructure where access doors could be located," she recalled. She said it was traveling north. "It was silent, but when I opened the door and looked out, I could hear a humming sound."

"IT SEEMED AS if it wanted to be seen, it was traveling so slowly," she said.

Her description closely matched that of Hoff, except that he viewed it at an altitude of about 250 feet, and for only about 4½ minutes. Hendry said the fact that three or more persons saw the object makes it far more credible. "And by description, it couldn't very well be a man-made or caused phenomenon," he said.

HENDRY SAID he plans to contact authorities here to determine if anything unusual appeared on radar that night. But by its low altitude described by witnesses, it was probably below the radar scope, he added.

"And it would have been hard to detect because of the normal ground clutter," he said.

GERALD LINTON, assistant chief of the control tower at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, said nothing unusual was reported or seen on radar Feb. 26. And a spokesman for the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., said he had no reports of the sighting.

Hendry, nevertheless, is enthusiastic. He said he would be happy to hear from any other person who saw the UFO in the metropolitan area. The center's number is 312-491-6666.

THE CENTER is headed by J. Allen Hynek, who directed scientific investigations for Operation Bluebook, the government's UFO bureau which closed in 1969.

Hendry said the center receives three or four calls a day on UFO sightings. "The majority fall through. But those which are confirmed by more than one witness, as this one was, are rare," he explained.

"Yes," he said, "I would call it extremely interesting."

TELEGRAPH, North Platte, NE  
March 3, 1979

## Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's ...

Whatever it was that Bob Shirley saw early Friday morning, it certainly kept him from dozing off at the wheel as he drove from Maywood to North Platte to begin his mail route.

Shirley, who lives at Maywood, had just left home and was heading north up US-83 about 5:15 a.m. when, about a mile north of the Maywood junction, he saw a bright flashing blue light in the distance toward the northwest. Every time the light flashed, there was static on his car radio.

As the object drew closer in the west, the flash "looked like a blue dome," he said.

Shirley pulled over to the shoulder to watch it and the car's engine died, although he said he did not know if the speeding object had any connection with making the engine quit.

"It couldn't have been a plane. It was moving too fast," he feels. "I didn't hear any sound whatever, but I didn't get out of the car," he added.

As the object sped south into the distance "it looked like a streak or streamer came down from it," he said.

An official at the FAA flight service station in North Platte said the station had no reports of any planes in the area, although low-flying military fighters frequently fly down the route. A plane's collision avoidance strobe light may have been the light seen by Shirley, he said.

DISPATCH, St. Paul, MN - March 1, 1979

## SHE WAS 'PROBED'

# Alien encounter leaves woman 'contaminated'

By JIM BROEDE  
Staff Writer

On a bitter cold night, a car moved along a remote country road near East Bethel in Anoka County.

The driver, a housewife, had traveled the route innumerable times before. She was alone.

Suddenly, lights appeared on the horizon. At first, the woman thought nothing of it. But the lights came closer, too close to ignore.



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SHE DESCRIBED them as three "glowing orbs," 18 inches long, about three to five feet apart. But they seemed to have no distinct shape or form. They settled in just over the car's hood, she said.

By now, the frightened woman's foot pressed hard on the gas pedal. The car picked up speed — 60, 70, 80, 90 miles an hour. The lights kept pace.

But just ahead, a welcome sight. Another car approaching.

That's when the glowing orbs disappeared, more quickly than they had appeared, the woman said.

When she arrived at her destination, a girl friend's home, she scurried in, terrified.

FINALLY, she regained composure. But the thought of the experience gnawed at her mind. She couldn't forget, not even at a laugh-filled card party later that night.

Hours later, she looked at her watch. It was about 11:30 p.m. She planned on being home before midnight. Goodbye, she said. And off she went, on the 15-minute drive home, again over the same country road.

She arrived at home, walked in, peeked into the bedrooms. Her three children were asleep. So was her husband.

She sat down on her bed and glanced at the clock. It was 1 a.m.

That's strange, she told herself. It seemed as though she had lost an hour. But too tired to think about it, she crawled under the covers and dozed off.

IT WAS A disturbed sleep. She awakened with a feeling of "total repugnance."

She nudged her husband. Then came a strange request. Please draw some bath water, she said. She told of a compulsion to bathe, to cleanse herself.

Later, she took another bath, scrubbing herself until the skin turned red.

Days passed. Almost a week. But she couldn't rid herself of the feeling — a feeling of contamination.

She went to her doctor for an examination. There's nothing wrong, he said.

BUT SHE HADN'T told anyone of the recurring dreams: being physically examined by a "being" or a "creature." She became obsessed by it.

Finally, she went to a friend, a university professor. She told him everything — about the glowing orbs, the time loss, the feeling of repugnance, the dreams.

The professor contacted the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University.

Brad Ayers, an investigator of unexplained phenomena, including unidentified flying objects, interviewed the woman.

HE ALSO DROVE the woman's car over the country road, time and time again.

"I was looking," he said, "for a simple explanation for the glowing orbs. Maybe a reflection — dashboard lights on the windshield. But I'm convinced we aren't dealing with something that simple."

Ayers called for psychiatric examination, including hypnotic regression: inducement of a state that helps the conscious mind draw things out of the subconscious.

"Under hypnotic regression," Ayers said, "the woman told of encountering the glowing orbs again on her way home. She recalled being lifted out of the car by an alien entity and being taken into a room or a craft. Her clothing was removed. She was probed by a needle."

"THEN SHE FOUND herself back in the car, driving home.

"It's all on tape. I have listened to the anguished voice many times."

That was four years ago.

"The woman has changed," Ayers said. "She has adjusted. But there was a time when her marriage nearly fell apart. Her husband tried to make her believe that this had never happened, when, in fact, she felt it had happened."

Did it happen?

"SOME DAY, we may know," Ayers said. "Others have had similar experiences. But no matter whether it's real or imaginary phenomena, it has lasting psychological impact. It changes lives. It changed her life."

How?

"Well, for one thing, it modified her world view," Ayers said. "She's more tolerant. She used to be judgmental, especially in her concept of right and wrong. She has cast off prejudices. She opens her mind to people, to philosophies, to religions."

As for the woman's husband, Ayers said: "He has turned 180 degrees, too. He's convinced that his wife underwent a very strained and traumatic experience. He's willing to accept something that's unexplained."

DERRICK, Oil City, PA  
Feb. 13, 1979

## 3 Report UFO Near Grandview

Three young men reported seeing an unidentified flying object shortly before 8 pm Sunday near Grandview Health Care on Grandview Road.

Brian Rosenkranz, Blaze Gabreski and Kim Boyle of Hasson Heights described the object as "mostly orange with a red at the front with green and red flashing lights."

They said it had a rudder on top with a hook that spun counterclockwise. It appeared to hover over the three briefly and minutes later dropped a red, brick-shaped object.

"In a matter of seconds the UFO became very bright and quickly disappeared," they said.

REGIONAL WEEKLY NEWS,  
Hanovers, NJ - March  
21, 1979

UFO SIGHTING — East Hanover police received a call on March 15 from a Fairview Drive resident who claimed to have seen an unidentified flying object hovering near a house there. The caller and another witness described the UFO as a round silver object with red, yellow and green lights. Police reported the incident to UFO Central.

# UFO investigator pleased with reports of sightings

By HENRY WELLES  
Staff Writer

Local UFO investigator Wayne LaPorte is pleased with the recent number of UFO sightings in the area, and more importantly, that people are willing to talk about what they've seen.

At least half a dozen people have contacted LaPorte within the past few days reporting to have seen UFOs. One of those was county resident Steve Morton, who claims to have seen one on Friday night while driving along the Corinth Church Road with his family.

The Enquirer-Journal has learned that two other groups of county residents also saw a similar object in the sky on Friday night.

"The interesting thing here," LaPorte said, "is that most good UFO sightings are isolated. Here we have several people together who claim to have seen a UFO. Also, it is rare to have more than one good sighting of a UFO in so short a time."

LaPorte estimates that only one out of 20 people who see UFOs report them. "Very few people want to talk," he said. "Fortunately, there are some who will come forward to tell about their experiences, and that's the only way we learn about it. You normally get a lot of kidding."

## UFO SEEN

Steve Morton, the county building inspector, and his family were returning from a basketball game at Western Union Elementary School when they saw something strange in the sky.

"It looked like a big airliner ready to crash," Morton said. "It was

hovering 200 feet above the road. There were several bright lights on one end and a red light on top of it and a red light on the other end."

The UFO, which Morton described as having an oval shape, moved from left to right across the road and hovered over a field. Morton stopped the car, but he and his passengers heard no noise. He estimated the object to be 60 feet long.

He said the UFO was moving south at 5-10 mph, before it picked up speed and left the area while Morton was trying to catch up with it. Morton estimated that he and his family were within a quarter mile of the UFO.

"It didn't really bother us," he said. "At the time it seemed natural to try to catch up with it." The sighting, which occurred around 9, lasted about 5 minutes, he said.

Morton said he now believes in UFOs, but he added that "if it had been me by myself, I'd never have said anything about it." He feels his family's presence bolstered his credibility.

"I've always thought there was something out there," he said.

## ANOTHER SIGHTING

At almost exactly the same time, Lisa Secrest, a student at Sun Valley High School, saw a UFO similar to what Morton described as she drove west on U.S. 74 near the Kendrick brick plant.

"There were three or four white lights in the front and a big red light on the back," she said. "We turned off the radio and we couldn't hear anything, even with the windows down."

Ms. Secrest said she and two friends who were riding with her observed the UFO for approximate-

ly 5-10 minutes until they reached the intersection of U.S. 74 and the Unionville-Indian Trail Road. She said the UFO was moving slowly south when she last saw it.

"I told them (her passengers) it was a UFO but they didn't believe me," Ms. Secrest said. She said she believes in UFOs.

"I've always wanted to see one," she said. "I believed in them before this. I'm not sure what it was though."

## OFF WAXHAW ROAD

Loretta Browning saw what she first thought was a blimp on Friday evening as she looked out of the den of her house off Waxhaw Road.

"It was about a quarter of a mile away, near the woods, just above the treeline," she said. "There were lights on it and it was moving slowly south."

Ms. Browning said she watched the UFO for approximately 30 seconds, thinking it was a blimp.

Her opinion changed, she said, when she learned there were no blimps in the area. "It wasn't a plane, and I know now it wasn't a blimp," she said. "Now I don't know what it was."

LaPorte, an industrial engineer who lives in Matthews, says he will check the reports to see if they can be explained. Between 80 and 90 percent of all reports are explainable, he says.

People may have mistaken an advertising plane that often flies in this area for a UFO, he said. But he hasn't yet been able to verify the plane's presence in Union County last Friday night.

ENQUIRER-JOURNAL, Monroe, NC - March 13, 1979

An employee of the Jackson County Service Center of the Coca-Cola Company, north of Ocean Springs, has joined the growing list of people who saw an unidentified flying object pass over the western portion of the county Wednesday night.

En route home to North Biliotti about 10:40 p.m., the man, who also wished to remain unidentified, said the large white glow, with an orange tint to its rear, moved at tree top level within a mile of his automobile as he drove west on Interstate 10.

At times the glaring light seemed to hover and stop near power lines in the area south of the highway, then picked up tremendous speed as it moved across the road and off to the northeast," he said.

He said it lighted up the area as it passed over. He said traffic on the road was slight at the time but a tractor-trailer truck was moving immediately ahead of him. He said he wanted to stop and get a closer look at the object, but he was leery of what it would do next.

## UFO sighted north of Ocean Springs

DAILY HERALD, Biloxi-Gulfport, MS - March 16, 1979 CR: D. Tittler

# UFO 'scare' launches search

By TINA NISWONGER  
Staff Writer

LOST HILLS — "It scared me half to death," said Chris Altman of the 1977 sighting of a UFO which is still very much a part of his life here.

"At first I thought it was a crop duster. The lights went down near an orange grove about one mile away. I drove around a corner and saw this thing — a large dome-shaped object about 60 feet across," he said.

The Lost Hills resident of five years was working nights as a security guard for Bellgrade Farms at the time.

"It scared me half to death," he said. "It was a year before I got to the point where I could talk about it."

Since that time, Altman has been working with the Mutual UFO Network, a worldwide organization determined to gather and provide information on legitimate sightings.

"I just want to be part of solving the mysteries of UFOs," he said.

Altman's sighting occurred several miles from here, about 9:30 p.m. "The door was open and I saw four figures — three of men and one obviously a woman. They were stealing oranges."

"Some people think I'm crazy," said the young man, now a civil maintenance worker for the state. "But most of the details came out of hypnosis and sodium pentothal."

"For a few seconds I sat there. I was thinking 'they are stealing oranges,' but then the woman spoke to me," he said.

"They told me our government had a crashed vehicle, but would never understand the propulsion or defense mechanisms, then she asked me if I was afraid," he said of the incident which he said gave him nightmares for almost a year.

"I told her I didn't understand, then she pointed at the gun I was wearing and told me they didn't mean to harm me."

Altman said the beings were human-like.

"They were of medium build and had gold-colored jumpsuits on with attached caps," he said.

The encounter lasted about 20 minutes, Altman explained.

"I drove the car up on a hill and just sat there the rest of night. I smoked about four packs of cigarettes," he said, "trying to rationalize what I had seen as something I could relate to."

The bearded security guard quit his job with Bellgrade Farms two weeks later.

Since that time, Altman said, he has received warnings from the U.S. Air Force not to discuss the incident.

"I have been told not to talk about it, but the more pressure I get the more I am going to fight back," he said. "The Air Force has jumped all over me more than once."

Altman said he was told it was a breach of military security to probe into UFO sightings.

"I have been told that there is a building at Edwards Air Force Base that houses a crashed UFO. The building has an electric fence and guard dogs around it and they don't deny it. They just won't admit it either," he said. "They are not ready to say 'yes, UFOs do exist.'"

Following his encounter in 1977, Altman, who said he had no previous interest in UFOs, began reading about the subject and writing letters to UFO organizations.

He became involved with MUFON and now spends an average of five hours per night, at a cost of about \$50 per month, investigating reported UFO sightings in the Kern County area.

"I've tried to get police agencies to help because people call them when they see a UFO, but have gotten no cooperation," he said. "I've been refused appointments with both the Bakersfield police chief and the Kern County sheriff."

Altman, who wants people contacting law enforcement agencies about UFOs to be referred to him, said, "I feel like I'm beating my brains out. I can't get any cooperation in this county. I just want to be part of solving the mystery and would like to be able to work with the police and county sheriffs."

"It takes a lot of work to investigate and I rely heavily on people. I have heard some crazy stories in some crazy places, but I always check into the story."

Altman said he has a 2½-month list of people to contact concerning sightings and even needs additional volunteers to help with the work.

"I'm just trying to explain a phenomenon that has been seen by 20 million people in this country alone and has been around for literally thousands of years."

People may contact Altman at 797-2443, P.O. Box 587, Lost Hills 93249.

CALIFORNIAN, Bakersfield, CA - March 15, 1979

## Did the UFO carry small space child?

JIMMIE BELL  
Herald Staff Writer

Minutes after reports began circulating last Wednesday of an unidentified flying object hovering over the North Biloxi area, a resident of Biloxi River Estates said he was awakened by a bright light near his trailer.

V.B. Phelps, 587 Dallas St., says he thought it was a neighbor turning on a light about 10:30 p.m. "so I went back to sleep."

Next morning, Phelps was clearing his backyard to burn overgrown weeds when he found a footprint that puzzled him. It looked like a baby's print with four spreading claws instead of toes.

The five-inch footprint, clearly defined in drying mud, was the only one in the vicinity. Nearby he also found what he surmised to be a tiny handprint.

He said there were no children in the area nor had any been there to his knowledge with feet and hands that size.

"I've been a woodsman all my life and never have I seen anything that resembles the footprint," said Phelps.

"I thought nothing about the light until I heard about the UFO sightings," Phelps said. "But I then recalled the bright light came from the rear of my residence, and no one lives in that direction."

Phelps said he was not aware of the reports of a UFO in North Biloxi and Hancock County until a couple of days later or he would have investigated the strange brilliance.

His son, Wallace Phelps, on a visit from Sequatchie, Tenn., found numerous holes in the ground near the footprint and the location of the bright light indicating metal rods may have been shoved into the ground to a depth of about six to eight inches. All the holes were straight and dug in at angles pointing to an undefined center.

The younger Phelps shoveled up the footprint for safekeeping and hopes to have a cast made to preserve it.

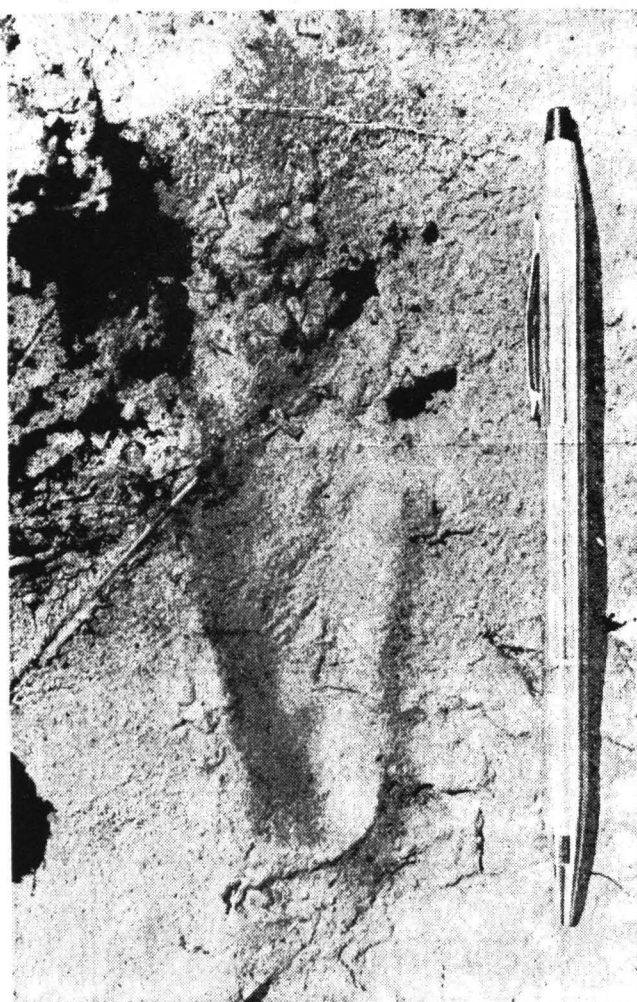


Photo by Chief Photographer Vernon Matthews

## 'Littlefoot' from outer space

W.B. Phelps of Biloxi River Estates was puzzled by a strange little footprint bearing what seems to be four claws, which he discovered in his yard last Thursday. Webb wonders if the 5-inch footprint has any connection with a UFO reported on the Gulf Coast last Wednesday night. He said there were no children in the area with so small a foot. In the photograph, the main part of the print was enhanced with an airbrush to show its outline.

## Science Watch

### Report on U.F.O.'s

Several leading investigators of unidentified flying objects reported yesterday that last December's sightings of U.F.O.'s over New Zealand provided the strongest example to date of an episode that could not be explained by conventional means. The investigators examined film made during airplane flights and interviewed radar operators and persons who said they had seen the objects.

Most of the observations were of a light that seemed to move in erratic ways, in some cases at a time when ground-based or aircraft radar also detected unidentified targets.

The assessment was reported at a news conference in the Essex House presided over by Jack Acuff, president of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Dr. Bruce S. Maccabee, a civilian specialist in optics for the Navy and a committee investigator, told of interviewing witnesses.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who heads the Center for U.F.O. Studies in Illinois and was formerly adviser to the Air Force on such sightings, said some 19 scientists had examined the evidence, and none were able to come up with conventional explanations.

A film of the object was made by a crew led by a Melbourne, Australia, television reporter who was vacationing in New Zealand. In some respects it resembled a bright planet whose image is continuously distorted and colored by atmospheric effects. Dr. Maccabee, however, said Venus had been below the horizon at the time and Jupiter in a different part of the sky.

The first sighting was by an airline pilot Dec. 21, when air-traffic controllers were recording unidentified radar targets. On Dec. 30 the television crew described similar observations on flights from Wellington to Christchurch and back, during which they made their film.

### FILLSPACE FIDDLINGS

The special issue mentioned in the February (#115) issue of UFONS will be produced in a limited quantity. It will be approximately 50 pages in length and will consist largely of 1978 reports, as well as additional material on the January 1979 flap. It is hoped to have this issue available by mid-May. The cost will be \$8.00 (third class mail). \$1.00 extra for first class mail.

ARIZONA DAILY STAR, Tucson, AZ - March 20, 1979 CR: J. Brill

## Boy, hypnotist relive 'thing'-from-sky saga

By ELIZABETH MAGGIO  
The Arizona Daily Star

Ten-year-old Warren Weisman drew deep, peaceful breaths as he answered the therapist's questions with monotone replies.

It was the second time the youngster had been hypnotized in an attempt to find out what really happened to him the morning of Feb. 17.

The therapist believes that Warren isn't lying about what took place, but a local investigation agency is closing its books on the case because of too many loose ends and nowhere to go for the answers.

In his initial account, Warren said he was delivering papers on the city's north side when he saw something bright, like a falling star, crash about a block away, hitting the rear of a car and knocking down a mailbox on a post.

While Warren examined the still-smoking, rock-like object, a brown car pulled up next to him. A man in a brown suit got out and told him to deliver the rest of his papers. A Pima County Sheriff's Department car also pulled up.

Warren said he was scared and went home to tell his parents. The three of them got back to the site about 20 minutes later only to find the object and smashed car gone and all evidence of the crash cleaned

up as if the area had been gone over by a street sweeper.

Only the knocked-down mailbox and a wheel that Warren thought flew off the car when the object hit remained. A foot-deep hole in the dirt had been filled in.

Three other people, adults in different parts of the area, also saw something bright fall from the sky that morning.

Military and law enforcement officials said they knew nothing about the event. A University of Arizona astronomer said it was almost impossible for it to have been a meteorite.

Because of the mysterious nature of the event, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization began an investigation. Founded in 1952, the Tucson-based agency is known worldwide for its investigations of unidentified-flying-object reports.

APRO decided to look into Warren's story because of the possibility that it might be a UFO event, said an investigator who asked that his name not be used.

He said his investigation has reached a dead end.

"We do not believe that the event is connected with a UFO as conventionally understood (contacts by extraterrestrial

life)," he said, adding that unless new information is turned up, the case will be closed.

He said his feeling is that Warren may have witnessed a drug drop or something military re-entering the atmosphere off course and that he doesn't expect to get official confirmation in either case.

Almost certainly Warren was telling the truth, said the therapist who hypnotized him twice at the request of APRO.

"I don't think he lied about anything. I think what he said is worth checking out," said the therapist who asked not to be identified.

"He was really reliving it, but I don't know how much is real and how much is fantasy. These are mixed up in the subconscious mind and it is almost impossible to separate them."

The therapist pointed out that Warren initially described the object as being larger than when he saw it in the trance, suggesting some fantasy-like exaggeration.

Warren recalled the license plate number of the missing, damaged car. "The fact that he could see a number at all is pretty valid," said the therapist.

The following are some of the many confusing, unanswered details of Warren's experience:

- The white Volkswagen Warren initially said was damaged by the falling ob-

ject and then disappeared was light yellow with a black top in the trance. There are no missing or stolen car reports matching either description and no record of such a damaged vehicle being sold to a Tucson wrecking company.

- The car's license plate number recalled by Warren while in a trance is being checked. It has one number too many and its colors (orange background with black letters) do not coincide with New Jersey plates. Warren said the plate had "Garden State" on it.

- Warren first described the object as about the size of a microwave oven and that it looked like a partly shiny rock with lava-like holes. Under hypnosis he added that the object hummed, was black with red lines, had little green crystals in the holes, and produced some kind of a force field that pushed his hand away when he tried to touch it.

- The youngster reported seeing a 7-Up truck following the sheriff's car away from the scene. The truck was riding "low" in the back, Warren recalled. A 7-Up official said that the company did not make any deliveries that morning.

- An APRO-requested radiation check of the area revealed that one side of the mailbox pole and a four-foot circle under the pole had a radiation level more than five times the level at other spots on the block. The radiation level is not considered high enough to be dangerous.

# UFO sighting breaks monotony of routine night patrol

A Harrison County patrolman managed to break the monotony of routine night patrol Wednesday night, when he answered a report from a woman that she had seen an unidentified flying object and arrived in time to see it himself.

Bill Collins, patrolman for Beat 2, received a report from the sheriff's department shortly before 10 p.m. that a woman on Highway 67 had reported seeing a UFO.

Collins, who was traveling along Wortham Road at the time of the report, said he didn't put too much faith in the report at first.

"I didn't really think anyone had seen a UFO. That's usually the case," he said.

But Collins got the surprise of his life when what he described as an intense white light with an orange tinge crossed the road ahead of him in a north to south direction. He said the object was spherical and that it was moving at a high rate of speed, traveling just above the tree line.

"I was a little scared," Collins said, "I'd never seen anything like it before and I was amazed at the speed."

When Collins turned off Wortham onto Highway 67, he spotted the thing again, this time moving across the highway from south to north and disappearing behind the trees.

"Look," Collins explained to a reporter, "I'm 31 years old. I'm not a drinking man, and I'm damned sure not crazy. I saw it. I don't know what it was, but it wasn't any airplane."

The woman reporting the UFO, Ruth Barber, who Collins said resides at the old Woodlawn Farms on Highway 67, told Collins that she had returned home that night and saw a large light in her yard, moving erratically. She said the shape seemed to hover a few inches above the ground.

Collins said he made a search of the area. However, the Forestry Service had burned off her fields earlier that day, and it was impossible to determine anything.

Collins said he called the airport, but said the tower reported seeing nothing on its radar.

CR: D. Titler

# No UFO evidence found; 2 others report sightings

No physical evidence of an unidentified flying object sighted Monday, March 12, near Eldred has been found, but two other sightings were reported that same night, according to an area UFO investigator.

Joan Jeffers, a field researcher with the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Study, said the area where two Port Allegney men saw the object, had a large enough clearing that it could have come close to the ground.

The two men reportedly saw a dome-shaped object with two flashing red lights.

A resident from the Eldred area said he saw a yellow light moving towards Eldred just after the two men alerted him of what they saw, according to Ms. Jeffers. A second object had also been spotted that night and was described as "bright gold and triangular shaped."

The resident also reported television interference at the time of the sighting, Ms. Jeffers said.

Later Ms. Jeffers got a report of a St. Marys couple, wishing to remain anonymous, who had a sighting similar to the first one in Eldred, about five minutes before the object had been seen in Eldred.

"It sounds as if it may have been the same object," Ms. Jeffers said.

The couple described it as having a "bubble on top and a bubble on the bottom with red

lights, working in unison, on either side."

The object was traveling north as the couple was returning to their home in St. Marys and seemed to be following the road way, Ms. Jeffers said.

At first they couple thought it was an airplane, but it was flying so low (about 200 feet off the ground) and did not make any noise, that they discredited that theory.

Ms. Jeffers reported a check with the Bradford Regional Airport told her that the only aircraft in the area March 12 was traveling west.

Also about the same time the object with the red flashing lights was sighted, three youngsters in Bradford reported they saw a bright red light flying over the School Street Junior High School, about 200 feet above the ground.

Ms. Jeffers remarked the children's parents did not believe them, but called her after reading The Era's account of the Eldred sighting.

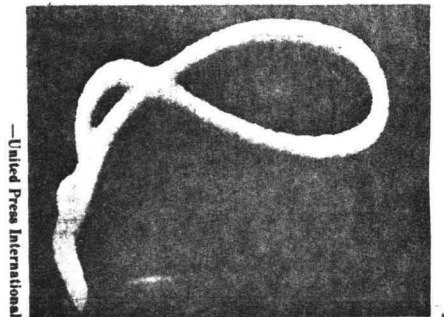
This object was "bigger than a small house and diamond shaped," Ms. Jeffers said. It flew diagonally in a northerly direction.

The UFO investigator ruled out the object being stars or planets because it was seen below the horizon.

She is continuing an investigation into the latest set of reports.

## Star trekkers?

This single frame of 16mm film shows the path of an unidentified flying object in just one twentieth of a second. It is an alien craft? Two of America's top UFO experts have ruled out just about any other possibility.



—United Press International

CR: N. Short

# 2 area pilots share skies with 'UFO'

Two St. Louis-area pilots followed a brightly lit UFO for about 110 miles from Pittsburgh to Cleveland before the object blinked out like a light bulb, they said.

It was about 10:45 p.m. March 24 when Hal Sperling, a pilot flying for Festus Flying Service Inc., and his co-pilot, Paul Lewis, saw a bright star-like object directly in front of them after they'd taken off from a Pittsburgh airport to return to St. Louis, they said.

**THE TWO WERE FLYING** an unloaded twin-engine Cessna 404 Titan cargo plane at about 225 miles per hour when the object appeared "at 12 o'clock," directly in front of them, they said.

"At first I thought it was a star, but it moved, and then I thought perhaps it was an airplane," Sperling said.

"I contacted the Cleveland Air Traffic Control Center to see if they had anything on their radar at 12 o'clock and they replied 'negative, nothing on our radar,'" the commercial pilot said.

**SPERLING SAID** the Cessna was on autopilot on a bearing of 273 degrees and the UFO appeared to be about 50 miles ahead and moving west at about the same speed as the airplane.

He said the object appeared to be flying at about 14,000 feet, or about 2,000 feet above the Cessna.

"The object started moving and the light alternated from red to green to a bright white light. There didn't seem to be any pattern to the

alternation of colors," he said.

"**AT ONE POINT** it moved vertically up or down 20 degrees in pitch in either direction," Sperling said. "It also moved horizontally back and forth from an 11 o'clock position to a 1 o'clock position. The movement was erratic and sporadic."

Sperling, a veteran of 15 years as a pilot, said he checked his instruments to make sure the plane was stable, "and yet the object continued to move."

In the meantime, he said, he requested Cleveland to contact Pittsburgh to see if the object appeared on their extended radar. Again, the answer was no, he said.

**JUST EAST OF** Columbus, the light "just blinked off, disappeared," Sperling said.

The conversation between Sperling and the Cleveland control center was recorded on tape.

"I just looked at Paul and said, 'Do you see what I see? Are we running low on oxygen? What is it?'" Sperling said.

"I've always been skeptical of things like UFOs because they just seemed phony. I know I saw something. I don't know what it was and as I told Cleveland, 'I don't know what this is so I guess I'll have to call it a UFO,'" the Mehlville pilot said.

Sperling said neither he nor Lewis was frightened at any time, and he said that whatever it was they saw appeared to be under intelligent control.

"We have something here that no one has been able to come up with an explanation for," Dr. Hynek told reporters.

A professor emeritus of Northwestern University, Dr. Hynek formed the Center for UFO Studies after the U.S. Air Force ended its own research, called Project Blue Book, in early 1969.

Among them is astronomer Dr. Allan Hynek, who headed the scientific team conducting U.S. Air Force studies of UFOs.

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# Experts verify UFO sighting

By Joy Elliott  
Reuters News Service

He said the center's computerized data bank listed 76,000 sightings reported from 138 countries, but many of the reports were anecdotal and would not stand up to close examination.

Photographers who submitted previous films usually did not have witnesses who had seen the making of them, leaving open the possibility of a hoax, he said.

The Australian film of the unexpected object was made last December 30 by cameraman David Crockett who was hired by reporter Quentin Fogarty of Melbourne's Channel 9.

Together with Mrs. Crockett, who acted as sound engineer, a pilot and a co-pilot, they flew between Wellington and Christ Church merely to make background footage for a news broadcast on a December 21 sighting by Captain Vern Powell.

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## Doctor 'paced' by UFO

EVENING POST, Port Elizabeth, South Africa - Feb. 3, 1979 CR: J. Brill

By KEITH ROSS  
A Port Elizabeth doctor this week told of how he was paced by an unidentified flying object for about an hour, while he was driving between Cookhouse and Paterson.

He is convinced that the object, which moved with phenomenal speed, was not of terrestrial origin. The object was seen by Dr I. R. Lang when he was returning from a visit to Upington.

"I saw the object just after I passed Cookhouse," he said. "It was about 3am and the moon was full.

"On my left — the opposite side of the road to the moon — I saw a bright silver object above a hill about two or three kilometres away.

"It was spherical in shape and looked about half the size of the moon."

Dr Lang said he took little notice of the object at first, believing there was some simple explanation for its presence.

"But when I had travelled a bit further, I saw that it had moved on its axis and it looked saucer shaped," he said.

"And it now seemed non-reflective. It had changed from a brilliant silver to a bright grey."

He drove on, frequently glancing at the object.

"A little later I found it had receded some considerable distance into space," he said. "It was still big, but it was less than half its previous size."

"And it had assumed the shape of a teardrop, the bottom of which was strangely jagged."

The object kept pace with Dr Lang for about an hour. Then, near Paterson, it disappeared.

## Close encounter for villagers?

Craghead could have had a close encounter on Friday when a large shining object was spotted over the village by five women on their way to work.

"It was 7.35 a.m. and we were standing at the bus stop at the top of the market in Consett. The sky was clear. I thought it was my imagination so I didn't say anything at first," said Mrs Kathleen Thompson of Hartington Street.

"It was oblong with like a star on one end. When it moved it went quickly away going down among the houses towards Craghead."

Her friend Lynne Sullivan of Hamsterley Colliery also saw the object while it was standing still.

Three girls, Christine Jones, Elizabeth Rennie and Anne Bolam all agreed that the object was not a plane because it had no flashing navigation lights.

Mrs Olga Cook of Oxhill Villas was standing at Sandhole waiting for a bus when she saw the object. It moved from Craghead over to the North, she said.

"It was above Craghead like a light on the horizon. I saw it coming up and I thought it was an aeroplane but I looked for the trail and it didn't leave one," she said.

Mrs Doreen Storey of Tynedale Terrace, Annfield Plain laughed when she heard the girls talking about their UFO but then realised she had seen it too.

But the Charnos sighting is not the first in the area. Eddie Bell of Cedar Gardens, The Grove, Consett spotted an unidentified object early in November.

He was coming home from work at the Consett Iron company and had caught the 5 p.m. bus home. "I got home about 5.10. As I got off the bus I heard a plane coming across and I looked up.

"It was not quite dark and I could see it was a jet. I could see the outline of the thing, but it was hard to imagine its distance. Then I saw a red flashing light. I thought it was

another plane and they were going to go under each other.

"The jet came across and went straight under it then moved off north-west. It comes over every night. The red light stayed where it was and I set off home to get other people to look at it.

"The next door neighbour's son had come out to look at the jet so he saw it. It was just a red light flashing on and off about once a second. I went upstairs to fetch my camera, but even with a 200 m.m. lens the pictures didn't come out.

Checks with Newcastle Airport proved there was

nothing on the radar to explain the sighting and the jet pilot reported nothing. There were no planes in the area at the time.

Officials at Newcastle Airport checked the sighting on Friday, but this time there were three planes in the area.

Mr George Wright, Assistant Airport Director, responsible for operations, said: "We have no information of anything not identified at that time. A BAC 111 was due in from Glasgow. It would have tracked in about Consett and gone along the coast then turned back about Whitley Bay."

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WESTERN TELEGRAPH, Haverfordwest, Wales  
Feb. 15, 1979

## Ufologist predicts close encounters

A Haverfordwest police officer and teacher from St. David's are among the latest witnesses to Pembrokeshire's continuing UFO invasion.

The policeman saw his UFO — "like a barrage balloon on top of a saucer" — from his home near Haverfordwest.

The object, which had four lights at each end, was flying slowly at a height of between 2,000 and 3,000 feet.

Then it suddenly accelerated to a fantastic speed — "like a car going from zero to 100 m.p.h. in a second."

He said the object was like no aircraft he had ever seen or heard about.

But he had seen a similar object once — in drawings of a flying saucer seen by Broad Haven schoolchildren two years ago.

"One drawing in particular struck me," he said. "It was pretty well smack on."

He added that he was sceptical about UFOs before his own sighting. "You have to see these things before you take any notice of them or believe in them," he said.

In other recent sightings, a 16-year-old Haverfordwest schoolgirl saw a UFO "like a squashed lighthouse, diamond cut" shining brightly outside her bedroom window.

And four St. David's residents — one of them a teacher — watched a black sphere climb into the sky.

Ufologist Mr. Randall Pugh said lights in the sky were common, but this was the first report of a black UFO in Pembrokeshire.

Mr. Pugh added that UFO reports in the area were increasing, and could lead to closer encounters like the 'faceless spacemen' sightings of two years ago.

## MYSTERY LIGHTS OVER WIGAN — WERE THEY UFO'S?

By STEVE BURLEY  
BRIGHT orange lights reported moving slowly over Wigan's skyline.

Coachloads of girls pull up at roadside to watch red flashing globe moving along the rooftops.

Housewife in Standish watches mystery object for two minutes before it disappears suddenly amid roar of engines.

Security guard in Leigh and several Lancashire police officers verify the sightings.

Mystery still surrounds the sightings of an orange globe-shaped light, reported flying low over Wigan early this morning.

### FRIGHTENED

Mrs. Rita Blackledge, of Ash Grove, Standish, was in bed when she was disturbed by the light.

"I watched it for about two minutes and don't mind admitting that I was frightened. It was moving so slowly and so low over the houses that it couldn't have been a helicopter or aeroplane.

Mrs. Therese Fairhurst was in a coach party of nine girls from Standish Co-op on their way home from a works outing when they saw the light in the sky.

"It was a reddish colour and it was very close to us.

North West investigator of aerial phenomena, Mr. Stephen Balon said: "The sightings have all the characteristics of a UFO. "If anyone else has seen anything like this, they should contact me at 678347 and all reports will be treated with the utmost confidentiality."

EXAMINER, Huddersfield, England  
Feb. 26, 1979

## 'UFO views'

WEST Yorkshire has been the centre of further UFO sightings in the past few days.

In Leeds, two schoolgirls were so scared by what they saw that they produced sketches later of their impressions.

In Huddersfield, a Springfield Hall Gardens resident contacted "The Examiner" about a black object with a red fiery tail he saw drifting over the moors at West Nab, above Meltham.

Lindsay Tebbis and her companion, Susan Pearson, who both live in the Woodhouse area of Leeds, were sledging

when they saw the object bearing a cluster of green and red lights appear to land in a field. They feared it was coming after them, so they ran home.

Mr T A Hadfield said the object he and his wife saw over West Nab was moving too quickly for a balloon.

"It had the appearance of a rocket at take-off, but drifted rather than flew across the night sky. There was no wind."

Air traffic control at Leeds-Bradford airport reported nothing unusual on their radar screens and West Yorkshire police had no reports of unusual objects.

EVENING POST, Bristol, England - Feb. 5, 1979

## Spot new tourists: flying saucers...

The South-West is now attracting a new group of tourists — aliens from outer space.

For "flying saucers" are regularly taking a sky-high view of the landscape, according to a group of Bristol UFO-watchers.

They claim that there have recently been several good sightings.

UFO — two people spotted

a silver-coloured, cylindrical object with "port-holes" hovering over Portishead power station.

UFO — two girls saw a saucer-shaped, grey object hovering over Frampton Cotterell.

UFO — a 16-year-old girl spotted two spinning top-shaped "spacecraft" at Minehead.

The reports have been com-

plied by the Bristol UFO International.

Director Terry Hooper (23), of Vinny Avenue, Downend, said today: "You've got to take this subject seriously."

"I firmly believe in UFOs, although I've never seen one. But there are too many good cases of sightings for the study to be dismissed."

## Mystery flying object — another encounter

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## More sightings of UFO

More sightings of the UFO seen over Yarmouth on Monday last week have been reported — one from a man who, with his family, watched it for seven or eight minutes from 5.21 p.m.

Mr. John Marsland, who sketched his impression of it, was just leaving his home at 84, Crown Road, to go to work when he saw "a bright yellow orange object with about eight red lights on it flying over St. George's park."

"There was no noise coming from it and it looked typical of how flying saucers are depicted," he said. "The red lights seemed to be sparking. It was so stupid I didn't believe it at first."

But his wife, daughter, and grandson also witnessed the phenomenon, which moved from north to south, and at one point seemed to stop over Caister. To him it appeared to be about 18 inches long, although it was difficult to tell the size not knowing how far away it was.

YARMOUTH MERCURY, Norfolk, England - Feb. 9, 1979

LEA VALLEY MERCURY, Herts., England - Feb. 23, 1979

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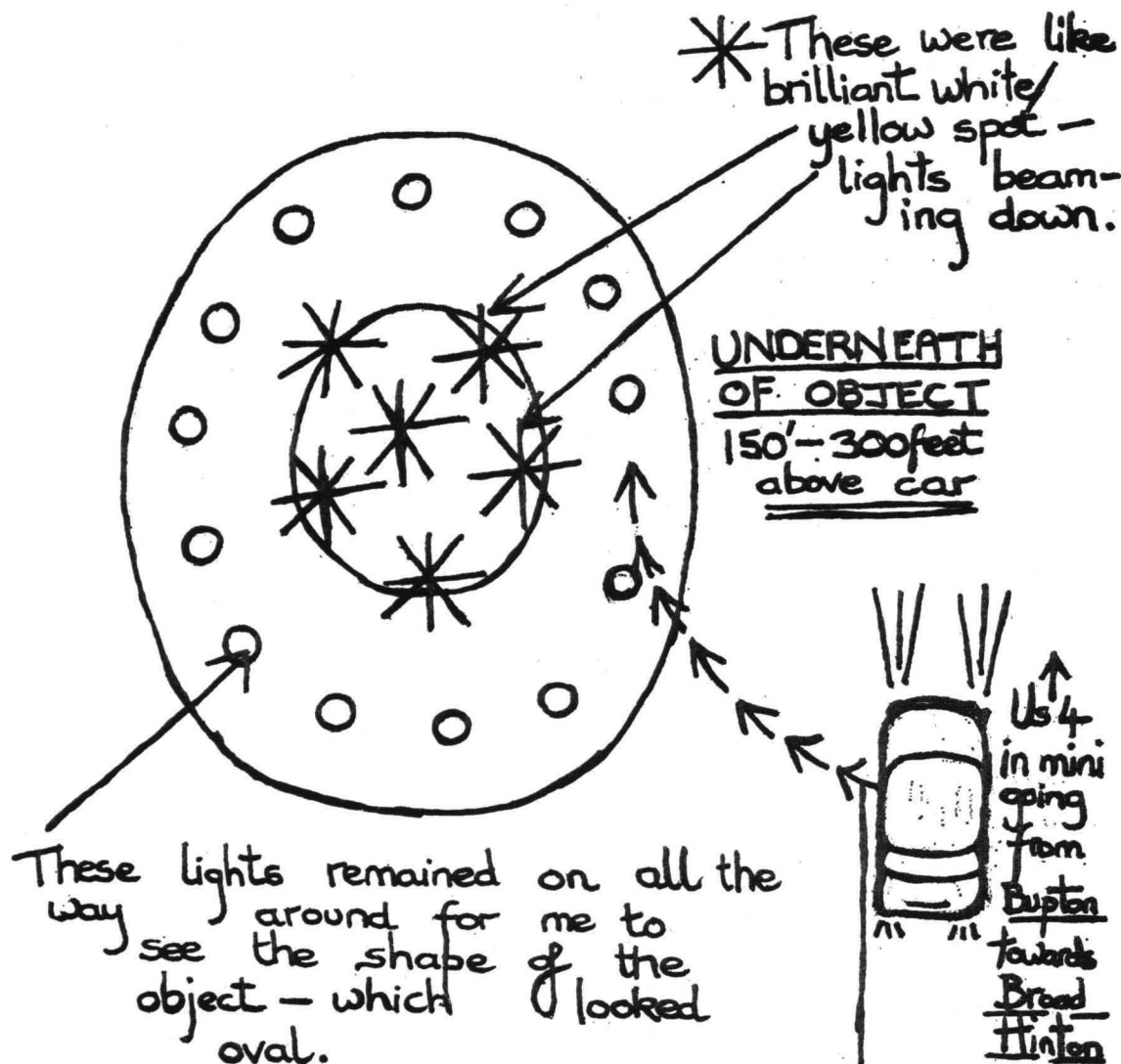
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# 'This was my UFO'



EVERING SENTINEL, Stoke-on-Trent, England - March 5, 1979

## Light in sky sparks probe

A MYSTERIOUS light-in-the-sky was being investigated by UFO experts today.

The blue-white "blob" was spotted by three people as they drove from Norton to Brown Edge last night.

They saw it move slowly then suddenly change direction and shoot across the clear sky "like a bat out of hell."

"I don't know what it was but it travelled far too fast for an aircraft. Its turn of speed was incredible," said 50-year-old Mr. Brian Hall.

Transport manager Mr. Hall, of Mallory - road, Norton, was taking his daughter, Sharon, and son-in-law Christopher Beff to their home in Leek-road, Brown Edge, when they sighted the object.

"At one point we stopped at a bus stop and pointed it out to a chap who was across the road. Later we mentioned it to Chris's sister — and she had seen it as well," said Mr. Hall.

Mr. Tony Pace, Research Director of the British UFO Research Bureau, said: "The object could have been a satellite but for its change of direction and rapid acceleration. It certainly sounds unusual."

## Flying object - 'had orange lights' claim couple

EVERING GAZETTE, Colchester, Essex, England - Feb. 27, 1979

A COURTING couple claim they saw an unidentified flying object while driving through Wivenhoe.

Gill Edwards, a 21-year-old insurance clerk, of The Avenue, Wivenhoe, said she and her boy friend Paul Jackson spotted the UFO hovering over Alresford.

Paul, of Berechurch Road, Colchester, was the first to see the strange light.

Gill said: "We were driving along Rectory Road at about 8 pm when Paul pointed out these funny lights in the sky."

### FRIGHTENED

"The object was stationary and seemed to be very low. It was rectangular in shape front on, but triangular looking side on, with two large orange-coloured lights on each end."

"It began to move, and we followed it for a while as it travelled in the direction of Colchester."

"I was really frightened and shaking like a leaf. I do hope other people saw it. They must have done because it was so big and low in the sky."

There have been two other flying saucer sightings by people living in the Brightlingsea and Alresford area in the last month.

EVERING POST, Luton, England - Feb. 6, 1979

## UFO's spotted in separate sightings

driving back from RAF Halton after gliding session when they saw an object hovering over Trunk.

"It had four big lights and two smaller ones at each end. It was about 1,000 feet up and we are convinced it is a UFO. We know what a plane looks like and this object had no landing or navigation lights," said Flight Lieutenant Berg.

### Planes

"We observed it for about three or four minutes then it slowly got fainter and then completely disappeared." Mr. Berg is a post office technician and lives in Highfield Road, Trunk.

Mr. Berg was able to dismiss the usual phenomena that manifests itself as "UFO's." "We were at the top of the Wendover Road where there is a clear view of the countryside for miles. It wasn't ball lightning, or electricity pylons," he said.

"No planes fly out of RAF Halton, all gliders are launched by ground winches and the object was on the wrong flight path for Luton Airport. It's the first I've ever seen," he said.

A SHOP sales girl and an RAF reserve officer and four ATC cadets have reported separate sightings of UFOs.

The sightings were just a few miles away and within three days of each other.

Angela Tegadine, 19, was walking home three weeks ago, when she saw a red, glowing object, the size of a car, on the cricket pitch at Great Gaddenden.

Then, last Friday morning, she was woken at 3am at her home in Brides Camp, Great Gaddenden.

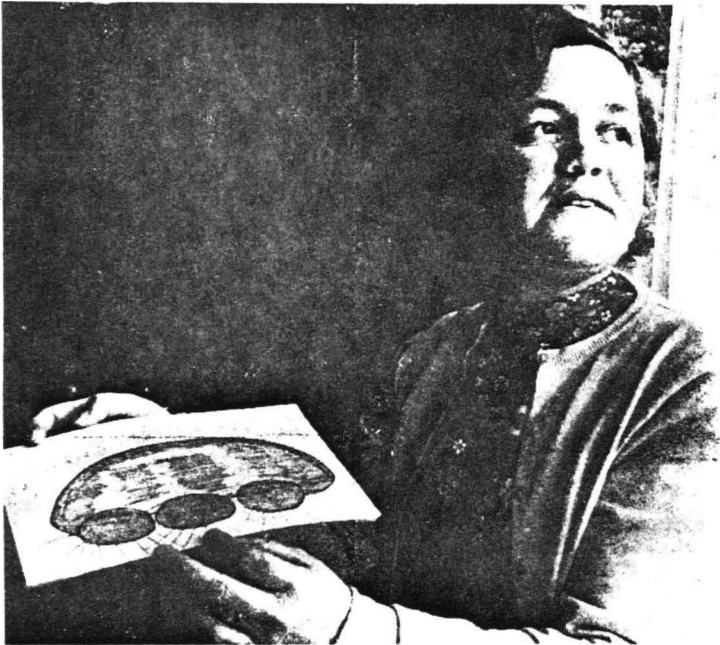
"There was a glowing light in my room and I thought at first there was something on fire," she said.

"I looked out of the window and saw the same object in the field at the back of my house. It was the same size as a car, flat on top and there were three or four child-like people walking around. It certainly wasn't a dream," she said.

"I didn't tell anyone at first because they would have dashed me down to the doctors. People thought I was mad when I mentioned the first sighting," said Angela.

RAF reserve officer Dennis Berg and four cadets came on Sunday at dusk. They were

# A CLOSE ENCOUNTER



LOOKING over her shoulder for little green men from Outer Space is Brightlingsea housewife Mrs Barbara Faint.

Mrs Faint, of Red Barn Road, claims she and her son Andrew were "buzzed" by an UFO - Unidentified Flying Object - when out walking their dog one evening.

She has sketched the "alien craft," which she insists was not an airplane or helicopter.

The circular object, with a cone-shaped top and lights on the side, flew low over chalets in Seaview Road, she says.

It was completely silent and went off in the direction of the North Road football ground.

Andrew spotted the UFO again later, she said, heading towards Bateman Road.

"We don't know what it was, but I've never seen anything like it before," said Mrs Faint. "It frightened Andrew - and it frightened me when it was so low over the houses."

"I do hope someone else sees it. Really, I'm not the kind of person to say I have seen something unless I'm certain that I have."

Last month there was a reported sighting of a very similar object over Brightlingsea, and last autumn a man saw an object on the ground in nearby Weeley which he could not explain.

At the end of last summer there were reports of a huge object, again over Brightlingsea, which was said to have landed in a field near the river

and scorched corn stubble before taking off again.

Said Mrs Faint: "I never really took any notice of stories about UFOs - never believed much about them. But what we saw was definitely not a plane or a helicopter. It was quite big - about half the size of a house roof."

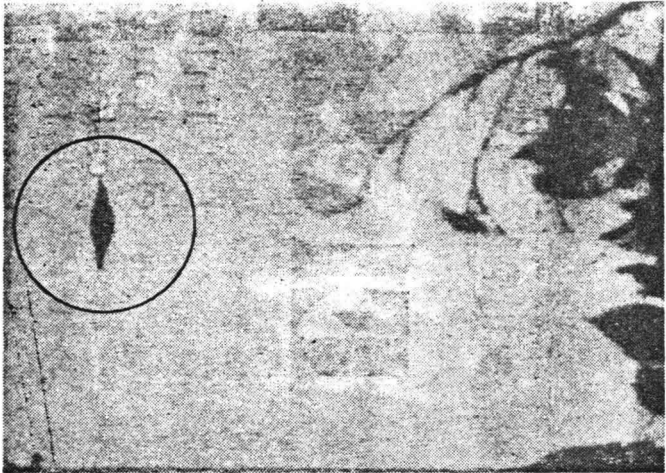
Mr Ken Rogers, chairman of the British UFO Society, said that there had not been many recent reports of UFO sightings in north east Essex.

"It's a bit difficult, because people don't know how to get in touch with us. By the time we hear about a sighting, several days may have gone past."

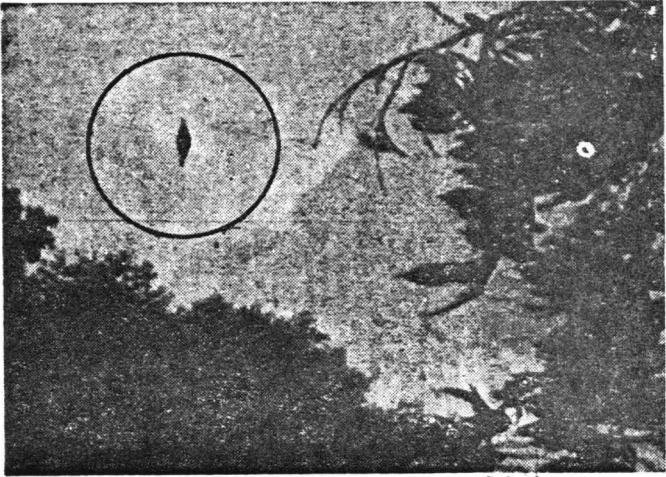
So, if you should see a UFO, the society would like to hear from you direct - on 01-794 3093.

CAROLE SYCAMORE

Al ampliarse más de 4.000 veces el pequeño negativo, se aprecia con fuerza impactante la silueta del plato volador



Con su rudimentaria cámara, Roberto Di Stefano logró captar la imagen del OVNI entre los árboles de su casa



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## TRANSLATIONS - Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Córdoba and La Rioja provinces, Argentina  
Dates of incidents: December 21 and 22, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, December 23, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina  
UFOs SEEN EVERYWHERE

Also in the cities of Córdoba and La Rioja was the UFO phenomenon seen, which early on Thursday was seen in other regions of the country and which La Razón published. At the same time, around 0300 am, a central saucer and two other smaller ones were seen over the sky of Villa Dolores and near the Córdoba airport. Two couples reported the case to the Malagueño police station after seeing them when they were driving by car to Alta Gracia (Córdoba province-JT). A reporter from the paper "Los Principios" also saw the phenomenon. In La Rioja, the craft observed was described as a plane on fire or a blue-greenish light.

Córdoba - Just like is happening in different places of the country in the last months, the province of Córdoba also sighted UFOs. Thursday night and early yesterday morning, passengers of three buses traveling from the town of Villa Dolores to this capital through the Pampa de Achala, at the spot called Copina, encountered an unusual experience. The passengers of said buses recounted that they had seen in the sky the slow motion of a UFO, at low altitude, which moved from N to S. Most of the observers claimed the UFO was longish, with red and blue lights which reflected flashes similar to those of electric welding. The same phenomenon was seen in the districts near the international airport of Córdoba, in the Pajas Blancas zone. A reporter from the paper "Los Principios" also saw the phenomenon, claiming that to him it looked like "a plane on fire". It must be pointed out that all the passengers, the same as the neighbors of the districts where the event was observed, claimed they heard no noise. Among these cases, two couples reported to the Malagueño Police Station -20km to the east of here- that early the morning of Thursday they sighted three flying saucers when they drove by car along the route linking that locality with Alta Gracia. Germán Funes, María Ester Piredu de Funes, Hernando Montiróni and Marisa Montiróni said that at 03.15 when they were driving along provincial route 45, they sighted three objects flying in the sky, giving off multicolored lights. They claimed they had seen a big saucer and two smaller ones which seemed to be linked with a white trail, whose apparent speed was extremely slow, although they disappeared on approaching a group of clouds which for several minutes remained illuminated by a very bright light. On the other hand, a reporter from "Los Principios" of this capital recounted today that yesterday, at the same time as the two couples, he saw something that flew from W to E "with intense lights which reminded him of a plane about to land". The reporter said that he noticed in the object's rear part "a kind of greenish dome which emitted an intense luminosity", while he was traveling with his wife along the road that joins the routes that lead, respectively, to La Calera and Villa Carlos Paz, "that is, an area in the neighborhood of the local air base". On the other hand, a report from the city of La Rioja agrees in most details with the Córdoba case. According to the testimony of several people, a fleet of UFOs was sighted crossing the sky of La Rioja. The event happened, according to witnesses, between 02.45 and 0300 am in several places of the city, the craft moving towards the N-S at an altitude estimated in 1,000m. The same as in the Córdoba case, here also three vessels were sighted which gave off powerful flashes, the formation being led by a bigger and more luminous craft. Two of the witnesses claimed that "a strong luminosity made us look at the sky, the area remaining as in full daylight". The craft which apparently commanded the formation, according to the testimony of the observers, clearly showed the outline of a dome. The phenomenon was noticed for 3 or 4 minutes. At a certain time, the witnesses stated, "they hovered in the air and abruptly jumped up and disappeared in the sky almost instantaneously, only leaving behind a blue trail".

City and country of incident: San Martín Dept., Perú  
Date of incident: December 25, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, December 26, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

### PERUVIANS SCARED BY UFO FLEET

Lima, 26 (EFE) - A fleet of six UFOs was seen by Peruvian fishermen who fled in fright. When four fishermen were working in the Caynarachi river of the selvatic department of San Martín, north of Lima, they noticed a bright rhomboid flying object which swiftly passed from S to N.

Immediately afterwards, five more appeared in correct formation giving off yellow, amber and violet lights, states the paper La Crónica.

The fishermen, scared and impressed, left their work and ran to their homes to tell what happened. Neighbors of the zone were the alleged UFOs were sighted, claim they often see them around.

The scare reached such a proportion that many have refused to return to the water after having seen the UFO fleets. The police is now investigating.

City and country of incident: Between Piriapolis and Punta del Este, Uruguay  
Date of incident: December 23, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, December 27, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

### AN URUGUAYAN REPORTER SAYS HE WAS CHASED BY A UFO ON PASSING PIRIAPOLIS TOWARDS PUNTA DEL ESTE

Montevideo (EFE) - Luis Esteve Rengger, sports reporter of the morning paper "El País", was the protagonist of a strange chase by a UFO, it was disclosed in this city. The event occurred the night of December 23rd at 09.30 pm, while he drove towards the Punta del Este beach on a journalistic assignment. "It was along the route between Piriapolis and the connection to the route that leads to said beach, when I saw on the slope of the Pan de Azúcar hill a giant V formation of yellow lights which remained static against the hill", said the reporter. "I stopped to have a better look, it was some 300 or 400m from the road, motionless, imposing and since there was nothing I could do, I decided to continue my trip", he added. "Scarcely a few minutes later something even stranger happened: through the rear looking mirror, some 100m behind me, I saw a couple of lights approaching and neither at that time did I want to think of strange phenomena, so I preferred to believe they were the lights of a truck". "Then -he added- the incredible happened: I pulled over to let it pass but nothing was happening. I stopped and got out of the car but the lights had disappeared and no truck was seen or heard nearby". "Somewhat alarmed, I got on again when suddenly I saw before me that a white light crossed in front of me from N to S, towards the sea", said Rengger. "Then -the protagonist of this strange adventure finally said- there were no more doubts: it was a UFO that had crossed some 500m from my car and at 300m altitude".

City and country of incident: Sierra de los Padres, Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires province, Argentina  
Date of incident: December 26, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, December 27, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

### A UFO WAS SIGHTED FROM A LOCAL TV TRANSMITTING STATION

Mar del Plata - Three men who were occupied in different tasks at the local Channel 10 TV plant located in Sierra de los Padres, agreed in their statement about having detected a UFO. They are Gerardo Rodríguez,

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a watchman at the plant; Roberto Barrionuevo, 1st Sergeant, who was acting as police watchman on duty and technician Néstor Carrizo, who while having lunch yesterday, discovered the UFO while looking up to see a plane.  
They said the object was silvery, at great altitude and had the shape of a cigar or a thermos flask in a vertical position.

City and country of incident: Arroyito, Córdoba  
Date of incident: December 28, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, December 29, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina  
UFO IN CORDOBA

Córdoba, 28 (From our correspondent) - Three workers from the Provincial Electrical Energy Company of Córdoba claim having seen a UFO hovering at low altitude, and having held a sort of dialogue with luminous signals with its alleged occupants, according to the account published today in the evening paper "Córdoba".

They also claim having been "teleported" for 15km from one place to another of the route without their being able to explain the reason for such an instantaneous trip.

The odyssey, according to the paper, started when Orlando Carrizo, 40, Severiano Brunetto, 53 and his son Daniel Omar, 20, who work for EPEC in San Francisco, were driving along route 19 in a company truck. They said that around 04.30 am they were near the town of Arroyito about to cross a bridge over the Rio Segundo, although that never happened because they suddenly were not there but 15km further, in the town of Tránsito. However, they do not recall having crossed the bridge nor covered the referred stretch, while the cigarettes they had lighted before being transported were still burning and not finished.

Carrizo and the Brunettos were amazed and without stopping asked themselves what had happened, although they didn't need much time to obtain an answer, since on approaching the locality of Santiago Temple they saw a very intense light coming from a nearby hill, some 150m from the road. "It seemed as if the moon was there, among the bushes", they said. Carrizo said the UFO was a flattened rhomboid (rhombus) some 25m in diameter, which revolved on a vertical axis emitting intense rays from an upper part, while at times it oscillated like it were on top a wave. They added that while they were astoundedly contemplating the spectacle, a truck with a license from Santa Fe province stopped on the route, its occupants also having seen the phenomenon.

Suddenly the strong beam from the upper part focused on the truckers, one of whom got off the vehicle carrying a flashlight and signalled the UFO. Then, from the latter some luminous signals were made which seemed to be a reply.

City and country of incident: L'Aquila, Italy  
Date of incident: December 29, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, December 30, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A UFO WROUGHT HAVOC FOR FIVE MINUTES IN AN ELECTRIC PLANT, TWO WORKERS BEING WITNESSES

L'Aquila (ANSA) - Something very strange happened in an electrical plant in the Abruzzo region, in central Italy: while a luminous unidentified object stopped several hundred meters above the building, the central's instruments went haywire, the generator stopped for five minutes and another which had been out of use for months started to work. Up to now the phenomenon lacks an explanation. The two workers on duty at the central now believe in the existence of UFOs, and they blame the one they saw for what happened. A technician sent by the national electric energy institution said "I don't believe in UFOs but I must confirm the traces left by the phenomenon described by the workers in the central's instruments". Some instruments had to be readjusted. According to both witnesses, the UFO was a luminous object surrounded by a reddish halo, which after hovering for some minutes over the central flew off towards the south. "Something mysterious, undefinable, has no doubt occurred", said the expert who went over the instruments.

City and country of incident: Caracas, Venezuela  
Date of incident: 1/1/79  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, January 2, 1979  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CARACAS: UFOS PASSED AND THERE WAS A BIG BLACKOUT

Caracas, 1st (UPI) - Caracas and neighboring cities were left completely in the dark early this morning when one of the biggest blackouts of the country occurred shortly after the alleged presence of UFOs in the local sky.

There were scenes of alarm in the high buildings.

The blackout occurred shortly after midnight and lasted almost an hour. Firemen, police and hospitals were declared in a state of emergency while the electric failure lasted, to attend to people trapped in the buildings and other victims of panic.

The many nocturnal celebrations on account of the forthcoming new year were cancelled.

Some radio stations and local papers said that UFOs were seen in Caracas shortly before the blackout.

The electrical plant in Caracas has not yet informed on the possible causes that originated the blackout which extended up to Maracay, some 100km from the capital, although it is estimated it was due to a breakdown in the lines of the Guri dam which supplies with electrical power almost the whole country.

City and country of incident: Route 26 between Tacuarembó and Melo, Uruguay

Date of incident: January 9, 1979  
Name of paper and date of clip: El Heraldico, January 17, 1979  
City and country of paper: Concordia, Entre Rios province, Argentina  
CHIEF OF POLICE TELLS HOW A UFO FOLLOWED THEM  
He came from Salto

Paysandú - A chief of police from the Cerro Largo police station and seven others sighted a UFO for more than three hours along a 50km stretch on Route 26, between Tacuarembó and Melo.

The witnesses claim the object was ovoid and of considerable size.

Miguel María Costa de Souza, chief of the second police station and director of the Police school of Cerro Largo, saw the object when he went to Melo coming from the National Congress of Directors of Police Schools that took place in Salto on January 8 and 9th. The police chief drove along Route 26 in a Volkswagen from the police station, accompanied by his wife, Carmen Rocha de Costa, second class police officer Armando Peña and Miss Esther Silva de Souza, when they saw the UFO with changing colors, red being the main color, which followed them for more than 50km, to the nervousness of the vehicle's occupants.

At a certain time they saw a truck stopped on the road and braked, so other witnesses joined in the sighting. At that time -said Costa- the UFO was moving at some 1500m without making any noise. All the occupants of the vehicles decided to seek refuge in the nearby hill, amidst growing nervousness which in some was real panic, witnesses

stating the object remained nearby for some forty minutes before leaving -as they described- to meet with other similar objects higher up.

City and country of incident: Uruguay  
Date of incident: January 11, 1979  
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, January 12, 1979  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A UFO CHASED CAR IN URUGUAY FOR THREE HOURS

Montevideo (ANSA) - An ovoid UFO of great size flew for more than three hours over a trip in NW Uruguay, according to witnesses of a phenomenon which has been assiduously occurring in this country. The new appearance was observed by the four occupants (two of them policemen) of a car traveling along a route of the northern region, who said that the object "gave off reddish lights similar to Venus, but four times bigger". The object, which moved parallel to the car at some 1000m altitude, had the shape of a saucer with a dome on top from which an "almost blinding light shone".

At a certain time the UFO started to revolve around itself changing its luminosity which went from "red to bluish white, and forming over its base a ring of gas". The craft disappeared with the first daylight, and those who saw it did not hide the fact that they "had felt rather scared at times", in the three hours it followed them. Meantime, the 200,000 residents of Sorocaba, 80km from Sao Paulo, Brazil, live in a state of "general psychosis" due to the continuous nocturnal appearances

of "flying discs", according to today's Uruguayan papers. The cases of the strange presence of a UFO emitting different colored lights in the night sky have been recurring in the last ten days, up to the point where many people in Sorocaba spend the night awake so as "not to miss the discs' appearance". There were also some instances when people rented their terraces so neighbors could sit and more comfortably await for the show to start. Testimonies indicate that the presence of discs coincides with blackouts or trouble in the electricity networks and phones.

City and country of incident: Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Date of incident: January 10, 1979  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, January 11, 1979  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO

Rio de Janeiro, 10 (DPA) - Residents of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo told reporters of the appearance of a UFO early today, causing a short blackout in Rio de Janeiro and Sorocaba.

One of the witnesses of the appearance, electronics technician Durval Azevedo, described the object as "a thing I had never seen in my life, which gave off orange, greenish and bluish lights, was triangular with an intense red light in the middle". It was something really impressive.

City and country of incident: Asunción, Paraguay  
Date of incident: January 14, 1979  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, January 16, 1979  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO

Asunción, 15 (AFP) - A mysterious fiery UFO fell on Sunday in a residential zone of the Paraguayan capital causing alarm and general panic among the residents.

The fireball alarmed all the neighborhood of the Hospital District in Asunción, but up to now no official entity in Paraguay could explain nor determine its origin.

City and country of incident: Spain

Date of incident: -  
Name of paper and date of clip: La Opinión, January 23, 1979  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

AN OFFICIAL SPANISH DOCUMENT LEGALIZES THE EXISTENCE OF UFOS

Extraterrestrials are present in Spain, but without a head and with atrophied arms.

Thus reads the first official document prepared by the Spanish Ministry of Defense jointly with the CIA, which was published this week.

It is not a science-fiction novel, but some almost humanoid beings with golden reflections are recognized for the first time by the authorities which, in no uncertain terms, explain that "we are being visited by strangers".

According to statistics published in the last couple of years, more than a hundred ships have strolled over the Spanish aerial territory, to cause panic in a few "fortunate" ones who saw them, and to the fun of the majority, which still remain skeptical of these phenomena which fill the columns of so many papers the world over.

But Spanish investigators, jointly with their U.S. colleagues, only just published with scientific precision the series of personal statements of those unwary who at some time met those still unidentified flying objects. So as to avoid that the majority takes this as a joke, the report begins with General Dols' statements, who "had the luck or the disgrace", according to some, to travel for 15 minutes in the company of an ethereal airship from other worlds. On board the military plane T-12, Dols saw how an unidentified aerial engine was approaching at terrific speed, and which, with no kind of communication whatsoever, accompanied me in perfect harmony, for a long stretch.

The crew -says Dols- at first refused to say the truth in fear of the typical ironies in these cases, but later did not mind recounting the facts as they occurred.

According to sworn statements, a giant, circular, very luminous object boldly approached the plane, producing a series of hallucinating phenomena on all instruments aboard. To support Dols' statement, reports from the "Juan Sebastián Elcano" training ship are attached, which was witness to a similar episode. After chasing the plane of the Armed Forces, the mysterious spaceship placed itself on a level with it, following it for some nautical miles, to the fright and amazement of the crew.

Aside from these facts, sworn statements by more than 5,000 people are published, who attest to having seen beings from other worlds in their everyday life.

The southern city of Valdehijaderos carries off the palm: for more than a week a luminous object followed every living being that left the town at dusk in a car. One of the truckers who assisted with the official report, stated the object followed him for 20km. Then, when he thought he had gotten rid of it, he wanted to observe it from behind some bushes, and so he could see some very strange beings without a hear, 2m tall and with atrophied arms, get off the engine.

These "living things" got off the craft and after covering a few meters, at once returned to it, the same as did the first human moon explorers.

To complete the reports, it was learned that the local police discovered some hours later a tremendous and mysterious hole, apparently caused by the craft when it landed.

The official Spanish documents prove that extraterrestrials prefer the south of Spain, because of every ten craft that fly over that latitude, only one is reported in the northern zone.

City and country of incident: Ranelagh, Buenos Aires province, Argentina  
Date of incident: December 27, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, January 31, 1979  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

BOY PHOTOGRAPHED UFO

A 13 year old kid with a very simple camera (another one! - JT) photographed a UFO in full daylight, which was hovering in space over the locality of Ranelagh. He obtained one of the best pictures of all that were made known throughout the world in the last times, even those recently obtained by professionals. The small negative, with a 4000x enlargement, shows the clear and defined shape of the unidentified object. The outline agrees with the traditional image of flying saucers. It is circular and seems to be formed by two inverted saucers joined at the edges. The strange event occurred on December 27th, and the boy commented it only now because he first wanted to see the film. He saw UFOs twice before, but was not believed. The photo was taken from some 300 meters. The craft arrived noiselessly and remained hovering in the air.

A 13 year old with a primitive camera photographed a UFO in full daylight, hovering in space over the locality of Ranelagh, obtaining one of the best pictures of all that have been circulating the world over. Contrary to other recent cases which were made public rather spectacularly -some of them in our country, which were even recorded by professionals- where very hazy shapes were seen which allowed for more than a conjecture, the young man could record on the film the well-defined and clear image of a UFO whose outline conforms to the traditional shape we all have of flying saucers. In fact, upon enlarging the small/negative more than 4000 times, the clear shape of the flying disc comes clearly forward. As was heard so many times, it may be seen that the object is round and seems to be formed by two inverted saucers joined at the edges. The (upper) part of dome is more concave, while the lower is more flattened, and the whole structure is surrounded in the middle by a circular ring.

The Close Encounter

The strange event -or "the close encounter of the second kind", as experts would term it- happened to Roberto Pascual Di Stéfano, approximately at 1500 on Wednesday, December 27th last year. Details of the unusual event have only now come to light because the youngster decided to speak up after the film had been processed. "I didn't want to say anything -he said to La Razón- because twice before I

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saw other flying saucers around the same place and my parents didn't believe me very much. Now that I could get a photo -he added- I waited for the results so no one can say anything".

That day Roberto was in his parent's home in Ranelagh watching TV after lunch. Around 14.30 he turned it off and went to play with his dog in the backyard, where there is a small swimming pool and a regular-sized garden with trees. "I threw a stick - and my dog retrieved it. We were playing thus for quite a while because I sometimes threw the stick among some bushes and it was harder for the dog to find it. Suddenly -he added- while the dog waited for me to throw it again, I thought I saw something strange out of the corner of my eye. When I looked, I clearly saw the craft as it if were floating in the air".

"Was it very far from you?, we asked him.

"I don't know exactly. I estimate it could have been some 300 or 400m, but I could see it clearly among the trees' branches.

"You heard no noise before seeing it?"

"No, none. Neither did I hear anything while it hovered. I was very surprised at suddenly seeing it there and maybe that's why at first I was a little afraid."

"How did you photograph it?"

"At that moment I thought of many things at the same time. At first I was afraid, but then neither did I want to leave, I didn't want to miss any detail. I wanted to have a good look at it and see what it did. But I suddenly remembered I had my camera at hand and desperately ran to get it. Those two other times I also tried to get photos, but the copies only showed very small dots that could be taken for anything. The case is that when I returned with the camera the UFO was still hovering in the same place, completely motionless. It seemed to hang from some cable. Without losing much time I looked for an opening in the branches and took the photo. Then, after a few seconds the craft started to move up and down and toward the sides, and took off at tremendous speed, climbing. In all, I think it hovered somewhat less than two minutes."

"Do you know whether any neighbor also saw it?"

"I don't know because I didn't want to say or ask anything to avoid being made fun of. The other two times I saw UFOs -some 6 and 4 months ago respectively- I told my parents and they said I was crazy. Now they are spending some days in Villa Gesell (a seaside resort-S.T.), but when they return and see the photographs they will have to believe me."

"Did the UFO give off any lights that called your attention or did it leave any trail?"

"When it left it left no trace and while it hovered I could see that the dome was yellowish and the bottom was a quite dark pink, almost red."

"The only thing I thought I saw, but very fleeting, were some kind of waves that came from the middle of the object, which disappeared very fast. Something like the waves when you throw a stone into the water".

"What do you think of all this?"

"I always believed this flying saucer thing was true. After I took the photo I thought of the possibility someone played a trick on me, but now that I see the copies, I'm convinced UFOs exist, and whoever doesn't like it, can think what he likes."

#### No Trick

When we got the first news of the strange experience of Roberto Pascual di Stefano, we thought this was one more case like the many that appeared lately. Maybe that's why La Razón reporter and photographer went to Ranelagh with some skepticism, and before listening to the story and the other details, asked for the negative. The first evidence is obvious. The frame corresponding to the photograph is No. 16 and is joined to the rest of the film. Besides, this shows, as usual, its trademark and the number of each frame. This all indicates the film was not cut and tampered with. The possibility then remained that a special photograph could have been prepared and the kid reproduced it with his camera. However, experts who analyzed the film rejected such hypothesis because of its being a color negative, and should such a trick have been made, noticeable details would show up in the contrasts of the different color shades, which are not noticed in the original photograph.

City and country of incident: Toquilla, Colombia

Date of incident: January 1979?

Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, January 25, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### UFO CREW SEEN IN COLOMBIA

Tunja, Colombia, 24 (AFP) - Two UFOs and three of its crew, bipeds and with big helmets, were recently seen 100km from this city.

According to the story of peasants, students and local professionals, the UFOs landed near the wide and barren plain of Toquilla and three of its crew got off, and stood there for some minutes, observing.

At a given time something like a whirlwind was seen in the place where the alleged objects were and these disappeared like magic, they said.

City and country of incident: Loreto, Santiago del Estero province, Argentina

Date of incident: January 14, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, January 16, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### SAUCER CAUSED EXCITEMENT IN SANTIAGO

Santiago del Estero, 15 (From our correspondent) - The presence of a flying saucer or UFO from which two extraterrestrial beings got off, has caused expectancy among the residents of the locality of Loreto, some 55km from this capital, while also originating the most varied comments on the humanoids who immobilized a 12 year old boy, the son of a school janitor in that districts where the strange event occurred.

Also in the local journalistic media the news of this "close encounter" caused a great stir. It could also be learned that at the time the strange phenomenon occurred, near noon, there were blackouts in the whole region and radio interferences were noted. According to what was reported by the protagonist of the unusual adventure, Marcos Rafael Suárez, 12, while he was in a room of the school where his father is a janitor, located a few blocks from the main square of Loreto, he could see an intense luminosity at the door. According to his story, told one and a hundred times to anybody who would listen to it, he came closer to see what it was and noticed in the school's backyard the presence of a flying saucer from which "two little men descended with light-colored suits, like aluminium", in whose presence the boy tried to resist "but they paralyzed me and made me remain quiet and silent".

Then the extraterrestrials remained in the room for quite a while, leaving later on without causing any damage. Only when the UFO disappeared could Marcos Rafael Suárez free himself from his immobility and went to fetch his father (at the time of the event he was alone) to tell him what had happened.

City and country of incident: Asunción, Paraguay

Date of incident: January 15, 1979?

Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, January 16, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### UFO FALLS INTO A HOUSE IN ASUNCION AND UNKNOWN OBJECTS ARE FOUND

Asunción (EFE) - A metallic object enveloped in flames fell from the sky into the roof of an uninhabited house in a district of Asunción. The object, which gave off red flames, fell with little violence but emitting a noise similar to that of a reactor, according to neighbors who saw it. The object was almost half a meter in diameter. From the fragments recovered, metals in the shape of a rosary were identified, and medals of a special kind of cloth which may have served as a parachute. "It seemed the house would burn down, because as soon as it touched the roof the smoke started", said one

of the neighbors. "It may be antimony mixed with other metals for military uses to illuminate enemy fields, and which maybe was being tested", said an Army captain who lives nearby. Officers of the Board of Meteorology said that "it is not an object like those we use in our research". Meanwhile, the body of fluvial defense stated that they ignored the nature of the mysterious UFO.

City and country of incident: Sierra Pintada, Mendoza province, Argentina

Date of incident: January 25, 1979?

Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, January 26, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### ARE FLYING SAUCERS LOOKING FOR URANIUM?

Mendoza - A UFO fleet has allegedly been seen over the areas of the uranium deposits of Sierra Pintada, in the department of San Rafael, 290 km to the south of this capital. The version from an UFO expert given to a local broadcasting station, indicated that an officer observed the so-called UFOs in that region, from which extraterrestrials got off and took stones where the largest uranium deposits are, then climbing on board the saucers again and disappearing in the sky. The Sierra Pintada deposits, considered to be the country's uranium potential, comes under the jurisdiction of the provincial authorities and the National Commission of Atomic Energy.

City and country of incident: El Deán, Santiago del Estero province, Argentina

Date of incident: January 25, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, January 28, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### A GIRL MAY HAVE SEEN EXTRATERRESTRIAL BEINGS

Santiago del Estero - A ten year old girl was the protagonist of the alleged presence of extraterrestrial beings when she was playing in a den near the house of a relative. It happened in El Deán, some 50km from this capital on the old road to the Río Hondo Thermal Bads, near the airport.

The amazing episode was recounted by her to the local morning paper El Liberal, to which she spontaneously went accompanied by her parents, it being unknown whether the experience has in any way psychically altered her, as to require medical assistance.

Marta Isabel Carabajal said that at siesta time last Thursday, while she was playing in the den of a neighboring house, some distance from the main house, she observed the descent of a rectangular mechanical body, which placed itself under the shade of a "cala" tree. "A kind of tent served as a base -she said- and two small men, one meter tall but of proportionate human shape, came out". Five more came out later, smaller, compared to the others.

The one who seemed to be the leader -she added- invited her in perfect Spanish to come near but instinctively she refused. It was then, when from the strange small dress he wore, described as a black suit with small armband covered with bright beads, black boots and the head covered with a longish cap, he operated a kind of flash-light engraved into the body, which went directly to her eyes, blinding her.

Marta Isabel said she does not remember what happened from then on, nor how much time passed. Only, she could observe how the two tallest of the group got into the craft again while the other five were lifted with a metallic arm and once this maneuver was completed, the strange craft gained altitude in a fraction of seconds and was noiselessly lost in the sky.

The girl also said that the small craft as well as its occupants remained hovering a few centimeters over the ground and that they carried on their backs an artifact similar to a siphon.

After the strange vision was over, Marta Isabel ran to her grandparents' house to tell what happened and stated she only washed her face to calm a slight sensation of discomfort in her eyes. The girl, who lives with her parents in this capital's 9 de Abril district, declared knowing nothing about UFOs, but having heard about them. She is repeating first grade (primary school - JT) for the second time and still doesn't know how to read.

City and country of incident: Melo, Uruguay

Date of incident: February 10, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, February 12, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### UFO CHASED A POLICEMAN AND HIS WIFE IN URUGUAY, GIVING OFF COLORED FLASHES

(see also translation dated January 17, 1979, clipping from El Heraldo)

Montevideo (Latin) - An Uruguayan police officer and his wife were chased by a UFO in their second experience of this kind in less than a month, according to a local paper.

"El Pafé", of wide circulation in the whole country, published an extensive article on the event, which has as witness the Director of the Police Training School of Melo (200km east of here), chief of police Miguel Costa.

The officer was returning last Saturday with his wife from a social gathering in Melo when, according to him, the car he drove was followed by a UFO which gave off multicolored flashes. El Pafé said the couple got home and immediately went in. But Mrs. Carmen Rocha de Costa could not resist her curiosity and after twenty minutes went out into the garden, noticing that the flying saucer continued its motions over the house, until it finally went away. The paper said that Costa and his wife had had a previous encounter with a UFO, also at night, when at the end of January they were returning from Tacuarembó, in the northern part of the country, and a UFO accompanied the car for quite a while.

City and country of incident: Near Melo, Uruguay

Date of incident: February 13, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, February 14, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### UFO IN URUGUAY-BRAZIL BORDER (see also translat. from La Razón of 2/12/79)

Montevideo, 13 (AP) - For the third time in less than one and a half months, a chief of police of the Cerro Largo department, on the border with Brazil, was witness today to the motions of a mysterious UFO.

The authorities of the Center for the Investigation of UFOs, one of the institutions that study this type of phenomena here, have stated their intention of questioning Chief Miguel Costa de Souza, director of the Cerro Largo Training School of Police, on the events published by the press.

The new sighting happened early this morning near the city of Melo, 330km NW of this capital.

"A small cigar-shaped object came out of a small cloud, which started to fly over the car in which we were traveling. It continuously changed colors -red, green, yellow, blue- while it flew in a horizontal line. Its size was that of two full moons, it appeared and disappeared, but I could verify that the object had small windows", Abal Quintana told the press.

The young woman was returning to her home in Costa de Souza's car with him and police officer Julio Piñeiro. The three were driving between the capital of the Cerro Largo department and Acegua.

"We went to the 11th police station in Cerro Largo, but after the first encounter the object disappeared. We then drove in the same direction and fleetingly saw it again because the night, which up to then had been clear and quiet, clouded over and a storm broke out, said Abal Quintana.

The young woman, her brother, inspector Costa and his wife sighted another UFO in the same area on Sunday. "This time we saw it much closer and clearer", she added.

Chief Costa de Souza made extensive statements to the press after the first January sighting, but has lately preferred to keep what he saw for himself.



## Bigfoot?

*Reported sightings near village revive Hopi legend of tribal god*

By MAGGIE WILSON

A "large, hairy, humanoid creature with incredibly big feet" has been reported sighted in recent weeks near Polacca, a Hopi Indian village at the foot of the reservation's First Mesa.

Like people who see UFOs, those who have seen the creature are serious about their sightings but have demanded anonymity because they fear scorn, ridicule, harassment or ostracism.

According to Kendrick Outah, who first reported the sightings in Qua Toqti, a Hopi newspaper, all who have had close encounters with the creature are "public figures, reliable people."

Some call the thing Bigfoot and link it to other stories of mysterious Bigfoot creatures that are said to roam the forest areas of the Pacific Northwest.

Others call it Hairy Harry or the Incredible Hulk. But some elders of the tribe have another, more fearsome name for the apparition — Masau-u — one of the gods of the Hopi pantheon.

For traditional Hopis, that name alone makes the eerie events even more disturbing.

For knowledgeable "bahanas" (the Hopi word for Anglos), the name Masau-u brings a degree of esoteric fascination to the story that far surpasses the Bigfoot legends.

Outah said the first sightings occurred at Polacca's Assembly of God Church, and he reported the thing "caused every dog in the village to begin barking simultaneously" and disrupted church services.

The Hopi Tribal Police were called, Outah said, and found smears of fresh blood on the church bus and tracked footprints "unusually larger, but otherwise like human footprints" down Polacca Wash. But the footprints disappeared where First Mesa's sheer cliff walls make their precipitous rise.

Another sighter told Outah that he heard strange noises in the night (some have described the sounds as similar to a woman's screams) and, going to investigate, he saw a "very large and hairy living thing" standing beside the shadow of a tree trunk.

Again, oversized footprints were found. Again the footprints disappeared at the edge of the mesa by the ancient village of Walpi.

A third sighting occurred in the light of the Jan. 13 full moon, heralded by the barking of dogs gone berserk. When a Hopi husband went to the window, he said he saw the being standing near his house before it "ran toward the West and disappeared from sight."

Other Hopis have claimed similar experiences (including one who noted that the creature had a head as big as a large pumpkin), but, said Outah, "these three sightings have been substantiated by police officers who were dispatched at the sighters' requests for assistance."

Now, said Outah, there is an almost tangible feeling in all the Hopi villages — those on Second and Third Mesa, as well as First — that "something weird" is out and about.

"I feel it even over here at New Oraibi," he said. "Never before have I heard the village dogs become so disturbed all at the same time. There is a feeling of unease about all this. But for the outside world, we Hopis laugh and say, 'Well, we're a superstitious lot, you know, and maybe we're just seeing things.'"

But the suspicions persist among many Hopis, especially the older ones, that they are seeing the manifestations of a major diety —

Masau-u — the god who controls the underworld, death and darkness.

"There is a certain being at First Mesa whom it could be," a Hopi man cautiously volunteered. "Because of the way life is now, this being might be showing himself to tell the people to shape up and settle down to living the Hopi way."

Among many Hopis, that's the general idea — that Masau-u is reappearing to warn them.

"We feel we know what this is all about, but we don't want to become involved in discussing it," the Hopi man told a reporter for The Arizona Republic. "Some bahanas understand it; most don't. So we just grin and say, 'Yeah, they've seen Bigfoot up here.'"

One bahana who understands a great deal is Barton Wright of San Diego's Museum of Man who has the reputation of being the most knowledgeable non-Hopi authority on Hopi religion and ceremonialism alive.

"I laughed, too, when I heard they were calling it Bigfoot or Hairy Harry," Wright said. "They had to have had Masau-u in mind all along because myth has had it for years that Masau-u reappears from time to time and walks around the First Mesa villages in six concentric circuits."

Masau-u has been described as the antithesis of the bright, living world of the Hopis. A fearsome creature of the night who wears a large, blood-smeared kachina mask and rabbitskin robe, he can, according to legend, pass back and forth through the plane of the living and the dead.

He is the only kachina diety who can appear at any time of the year, not just the period between winter solstice and summer solstice when other kachinas appear.

"Masau-u," said Wright, "is the diety who controls the earth. Those who walk on the land, plant crops in it or build villages atop it, pay homage to him."

"Though the kiva, the underground ceremonial chamber, and the grave are his domain, he is not always the fearsome creature of the night."

"In day, according to legend, he can transform his appearance and can be distinguished from any other handsome young Hopi man only by the incredible length of his feet — roughly the length of a normal man's forearm," he said.

So are the recent Bigfoot sightings in the First Mesa villages really the result of a kiva priest donning Masau-u mask and rabbitskin robe and taking it upon himself to warn backsliders from the Hopi way? Or a sly little joke perpetrated by young Hopi pranksters? Wright nixes both those ideas.

"In my experience, things aren't done that way among the Hopis," he said. "The manifestation of Masau-u would be regarded more as a divine revelation, though I hate to hazard even that guess."

"Hopis see, do, hear and think things that make complete sense within the framework of their own culture, not ours," Wright said. "I believe when they say they've seen the creature, they believe they've seen the creature. I'll let it go at that."

That, and the admonition to remember that "superstition is always the other fellow's religion."

BARNSELY CHRONICLE, South Yorkshire, England - Feb. 9, 1979



CHRISTOPHER IDLE, the 16-years-old Barnsley boy who had a close encounter with what could have been the Loch Ness monster.

## Chris's close encounter

Barnsley schoolboy Christopher Idle had a fright to remember when he had a close encounter with what could have been "Nessie", the Loch Ness monster.

As he rowed across the loch, Christopher, of St. Paul's Parade, Ardsley, spotted the "monster" in the water.

"The thing was about an oar's length away from the boat," he said. "It had a head shaped like a sheep's, but there were no features on the face."

"I had quite a fright and started rowing away. I saw the thing for a few seconds."

Christopher, a 16-years-old

pupil of Worsbrough High School, added: "I still don't believe that the monster exists. But I cannot explain what happened on that day. There was certainly something strange."

The incident occurred while Christopher was on holiday in Scotland. A couple from Bedfordshire also saw the "monster" and filmed its movement across the water.

The film was examined by RAF "boffins" who decided that there was something under the surface of the water.

The film was screened on BBC television for the first time on Monday.

COURIER NEWS, Bridgewater, NJ - Feb. 19, 1979

## 'Bigfoot' has visited Bernardsville

By LORE FIEDLER  
Courier-News Staff Writer

Bigfeet — if that's the plural of Bigfoot — are no strangers to New Jersey, if you believe the reports of sightings over the years.

Most of them have come from the woods of the less populated northwestern part of the state, in Warren, Sussex and Morris counties.

But Central Jersey believers had one to call their own 2½ years ago — the Bernardsville Bigfoot.

Three children in that Somerset Hills town claimed they came across its big three-toed footprints, heard it go "thump" in the woods and caught a glimpse of the creature while they were at play.

The sighting, near Ferrante's quarry off Route 202, was reported in the summer of 1976, shortly after the hairy and scary giants were reported seen in Chatham and Rockaway Township in Morris County.

The creatures were said to be nine feet tall and supposedly left 18-inch-long footprints, always with only three toes.

The Bernardsville children were not frightened of the creature. In fact, they thought they might have scared the Bernardsville Bigfoot away when they returned to the woods with a tape recorder to try to record its "thumping" noise.

The children found the footprints, but "the shadow and a little bit of hair" was all they saw of the Bigfoot itself, Lisa Farrell, then 13, said at the time.

# Hugo water system sabotaged?

Water pressure in the City of Hugo dropped to near zero during per-dawn hours today creating an extreme fire hazard and inconveniencing many early risers who tried futilely to shave and bathe.

The crisis lasted from 1:15 a.m. until 5:30 a.m.

Emotionally shaken by the incident, Mayor Don Nash said if a major fire had broken out during the period, all the water available to combat flames would have been carried by the fire trucks themselves.

"A potential tragedy of the most grave sort existed during the hours the city was without normal water pressure," the mayor said.

Mayor Nash said there is strong evidence to support the theory that sabotage is involved. "This has to be a people-caused crisis," the mayor declared.

Mayor Nash said he was of the opinion that sabotage of the water system may be politically motivated. He also speculated that such an act could have been perpetrated by one who is disgruntled with the city over some trivial matter.

"If this is an act of political recrimination," the mayor went on, "and if it is against me or my administration, I want all parties involved and the general public to know that I will not seek reelection as mayor. I make this announcement at this time in hope it will cause the problem to go away."

City attorney Bob Rabon said this morning criminal charges will be filed against anyone caught tampering with the municipal water system. A meeting of city and county officials was scheduled for 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the mayor's office to study the shocking problem. Normal water pressure (see chart adjoining this story) is maintained at approximately 60 to 65 pounds per square inch around the clock. The water pressure chart for the past 24 hours graphically shows the system's pressure going into a tailspin at approximately 1:15

a.m. and the water tower in south Third Ward was approaching the empty point 45 minutes later.

The water pressure hovered at that danger point for the next three and one-half hours.

About 4:30 a.m., telephone calls inquiring about "what happened to our water pressure" began to be received by the Police Department, by Water Superintendent Roy Satterfield and Mayor Nash.

In the sequence of time, Nash immediately called Satterfield and learned that Satterfield already had called Steve Wilson at the Hugo Lake water treatment and pump station. Wilson who lives near the station rushed to the plant and activated all pumps.

The chart shows the water reached the tower at 5:30 a.m., and the tower was full and water pressure back to normal a few minutes later.

It was explained that during the wee hours of the morning very little pumping capacity is required because water usage is almost zero. Under these conditions,

with little or no water flowing into the tower, even though pressure was normal, it would take some unusual circumstance such as the full opening of at least four fire hydrants to cause the water tower to empty so quickly. The only time the pumping capacity of the water system is stepped up during these early morning hours is in the event of a fire.

Mayor Nash, asked by a reporter if a massive break in one of the larger mains (water pipes) could cause such a rapid loss of pressure, he replied:

"We have checked this out. If we had a major break, the water pressure would not have been restored as rapidly as it was when the pumps were turned on this morning and as the chart shows. It was not a line malfunction."

Abnormal readings on the daily charts started showing up about eight days ago.

On Feb. 7 a slight, but abnormal pressure drop was noted at 4 a.m., moving from about 67 pounds of pressure to 57 pounds of pressure in 15 minutes. The pressure

returned to normal at 8 a.m.

On Feb. 8 the pressure dropped from 67 pounds to 33 pounds in about 20 minutes starting just before 5 a.m. Pressure was normal at 6 a.m. On Monday of this week the incident repeated itself with near-identical pressure figures and time being indicated.

Mayor Nash said he, Satterfield and Wilson have been feverishly studying the problem during this time, but had not chosen to mention the problem until this morning's sustained outage occurred.

The chart (monitoring system) from which water pressure figures are taken, is kept in the office of the water superintendent. The office is locked at night.

Nash said that in addition to the fire hazard involved, these incidents represent an enormous expense to the city in electrical power for pumping, and in chemicals used to treat water.

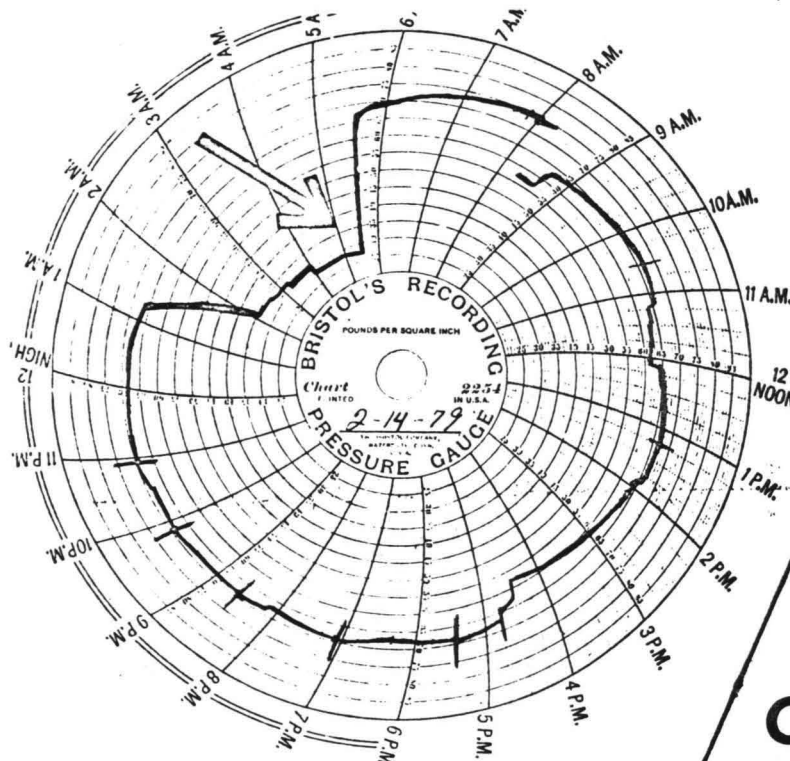


PHOTO COPY of City of Hugo water pressure chart for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today is reproduced above. Arrow shows the times early today when water pressure dropped, reached its lowest point and also when it started a rapid recovery. City officials say an extreme hazard was created by one or more persons causing a massive release of water at some point in the city. Mayor Nash says the action could be politically motivated. He made an early announcement of his plan not to seek reelection as mayor in the event he, or his administration, is the target of such activity, and in the hope the announcement will cause such illegal activity to cease. Details in adjoining story.

HERALD BANNER, Greenville, TX - March 1, 1979  
CR: T. Adams

## Officials mystified Water, Water, nowhere

COMMERCE—A good old-fashioned mystery has city officials puzzled here six days after over 400,000 gallons of water virtually disappeared.

According to City Manager Morris Howard between 11 p.m. Friday and 4 a.m. Saturday, about 350,000 gallons of water were drained from an overhead storage tank on Mangum Street with an additional estimated 71,000 gallons lost from a ground storage tank.

Howard said that when people called Saturday morning complaining about reduced water pressure, the tank was found to be dry and city units and police were sent out all over the city to check fire hydrants and to try to find what city officials assumed was a very large leak. The only one found was a small leak on Pine Street that Howard said would have taken weeks to drain the tank.

Howard added that he, Director of Public Works Dub Founderburk and Superintendent of Water-Sewer

Operations Vernon Kizier discussed the matter at length with no answer to the mystery. "There's an explanation," Howard said, "we just haven't hit it yet."

He added the only other reason he could think of for the loss of water would have to stem from some usage by East Texas State University. ETSU gets its water from the city on weekends beginning at 4 p.m. each Friday, Howard explained.

"But they do that every Friday so how could that be it?" he said, shaking his head. "It's just a mystery."

The city manager added that if the loss of water occurs again, the city will be prepared. Commerce police officers have been assigned to check the water level on the Mangum Street tank three times during the early morning hours each day and record the level on the department log. Anytime the water level in the tank falls below 20 feet, officers have instructions to contact Kizier immediately, Howard said.

DAILY OKLAHOMAN, Oklahoma City, OK - Feb. 16, 1979

CR: T. Adams

## Hugo's Water 'Thing' At Large, But Stopped

HUGO — The mysterious "thing" that's been draining Hugo water supplies by the millions of gallons was still at large and unidentified Thursday.

But at least it's stopped gulping.

City public utilities Superintendent Roy Satterfield said whatever or whoever is responsible for draining off the water didn't do

any draining Wednesday night as city employees increased their surveillance of the Hugo storage plant.

Maybe it was frightened off, and perhaps just not thirsty anymore after drinking nearly a million gallons between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. Wednesday, he said.

Satterfield said the

water losses began a week ago when a million gallons was drained off in an hour around 4 a.m. The loss went on for three days, then began again on Wednesday.

"We still have no idea of what's happening, unless it's a fireplug," Satterfield said, explaining that no leak has been found.

# Cow mutilation investigator finds strange objects in photographs

By Bob Klein

A retired Sandia Laboratories radiation instrumentation scientist who says he is an "objective evaluator trying to find out the facts," has shown *The News* photographs taken at the site of a cow mutilation which reveal objects in the sky "which weren't there when I took the pictures."

"I'm not saying what they are," Howard Burgess said of the photos snapped within 48 hours after the animal was apparently ritually killed in 1976 near Dulce, New Mexico.

"But I know I saw nothing in the sky when I shot them."

"It could very well be a flaw in the film, but I've never had that happen before."

"I don't care if anybody believes my story," he adds, "because I'm not trying to sell anything or push any viewpoint."

Burgess, a photographer for 30 years who prints and develops his own photos for magazine articles, says he has inspected the negatives closely with the aid of a microscope and cannot find any defects or other marks on the film.

Burgess retired from a 23-year career at Sandia Laboratories in 1973.

The two photos, taken nine frames apart, show two little round spots about mid-way up in the sky. The relationship of one spot to the other changes from one picture to the other. No other photo from the 20-shot roll of Plus-X panchromatic black and white film has anything but a blank sky above the field where the mutilated animal was found.

The entire roll was shot at one time, Burgess says.

"That's a wild story. I know, and I won't claim anything," he insists.

Burgess, who has written for *Popular Mechanics* and *Prevention* magazines, became interested in the spate of mysterious cow mutilations about three years ago when a dead animal was found on the ranch of Manuel Gomez.

Gomez, who lives near Dulce, discovered the dead bull early one morning with parts of its body lying neatly severed nearby. Puzzled, he left the animal alone and went into town to get Gabe Valdez, a State Police officer.

On their return, the pieces were gone and more had been removed from the dead animal.

"When Gomez got back the job had been finished," Burgess recalls. "There were pod-like tracks over his truck tire tracks."

"He evidently interrupted the operation when he got there."

It was at that site that Burgess shot the two photos with the unexplained spots.

New Mexico, especially northern New Mexico, is one of three states — Missouri and Arkansas are the others — which have experienced a dramatic increase in reported cow mutilations since 1976. Last year, the state had reports of 35-40 mutilations.

The closest reported mutilations to Albuquerque were in the Espanola area and several near Lamy. "It's hard to be accurate," says Burgess. "So many people won't talk about it."

Senator Harrison Schmitt has announced he is planning a conference to explore ways to solve the cattle mutilation problem.

*Look* magazine is researching a major article on the phenomenon and in Colorado cattlemen have offered a reward of \$25,000 for any information on the mutilations.

"They've never had any takers," says Burgess.

A "classical mutilation," according to Burgess, usually includes the surgical removal of the tongue, lips, one eye and rectal area. Sometimes the ears and sex organs are also excised from the animal (frequently a cow but occasionally a horse).

The mutilations, so far unsolved, have been variously attributed to cults, religious sects, and extraterrestrial beings.

Burgess says that the mutilations are accompanied by physical effects which are difficult to explain conventionally.

"The tracks of the animal end a distance away from where it's been found," he says. "They seem to stop abruptly and the dead cow is found a few hundred yards away, as if something lifted it in the air and then just dumped it."

"These animals don't bloat; they just dry out and little animals, predators, don't go near them."

"They're also covered with thousands of flies, which is normal, but the flies are all dead, which is not normal."

"There are some indications that some kind of craft landed. I'm not saying it isn't fake, that someone isn't playing games with us. If someone wanted to, they could have us spinning our wheels the rest of our lives."

"I try to keep myself from accepting any one version. That way I don't get biased. If we thought it was spacecraft, we'd start finding all sorts of evidence it was spacecraft."

Burgess says that among the theories he has tossed around is one which suggests that a strain of bacteria might be responsible. "We don't know if these bacteria are actually in the mutilated cows. We just don't have the funding to find out."

Other theories include biological warfare experiments by the United States or the Soviet Union, and laser research.

"Or," adds Burgess, "maybe it's kids who see a dead animal, cut it up and get everyone excited."

"The important thing is to be open-minded. It has to be something with a lot of technique and a lot of money."

"My interest is just my own curiosity, just a case of personal interest."

"I'm not funded by anyone and I'm not trying to find out anyone's secret."

"If it's a cult, that's their business. If it's the government, it's their business."

"I'm just trying to view it from a scientific or objective viewpoint, just face facts."

"But," he continues, "we just keep getting data and none of it fits together."

Burgess is skeptical about anyone else having any more information, and keeping it quiet. And he discounts the ridicule emanating from some scientific quarters.

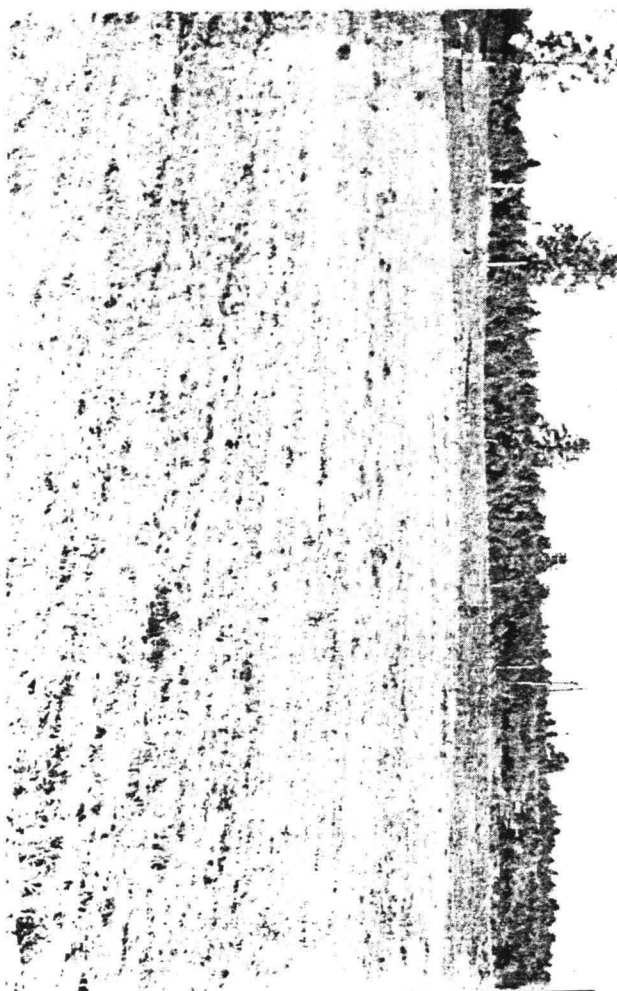
"If everybody who refuses to talk about it knew what it was, it wouldn't be a secret. And I think many scientists are embarrassed because they don't have any answers."

"But the clincher, I guess, is that 8,000 to 10,000 mutilations have happened and nobody has ever been seen doing it."

"That's a little too perfect for the average person to do."

Researcher Burgess says these spots were not visible when he took the photograph at the site of a cow mutilation and he can detect no flaw in the photo negative. Photo by Howard Burgess.

What are the circles?



Burgess says that an unopened box of radar chaff, used to interfere with enemy radar systems, was found in the throat of a mutilated cow in central Colorado. He conjectures that perhaps someone placed it there to make investigators believe the military is behind the increasing number of cattle mutilations. The chaff can only be obtained through military channels.

Found in cow throat



Russians  
Say Team  
Found City

MOSCOW (UPI) — A Russian scientist said a recent expedition west of Gibraltar may have found the lost continent of Atlantis — right where Greek philosopher Plato predicted it would turn up.

Professor A. A. Aksyeyov, director of the Soviet Oceanology Institute, said in the magazine *Light* that a recent expedition found ruins and a group of flat-top mountains about 300 to 600 feet below the surface of the ocean.

The horseshoe-shaped area is in the Atlantic off Gibraltar, the area Plato designated in his account of tales about the lost continent, the first report to mention an advanced civilization lost underwater.

Aksyeyov did not give any more details on the location of the ruins or the horseshoe-shaped area.

He said eight underwater photographs taken by the research vessel Kurchatov focused on the flat top of one of the underwater mountains, Mt. Amper.

"The pictures show quite vividly lines of brick or stone walls and fragments of wide steps," the oceanologist said.

April 3, 1979

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR

Cattle Mutilation  
Mystery Unsolved

By MARILYN WEBB  
Camera Staff Writer

Are UFO occupants mutilating cattle to monitor our planet for nuclear build-up?

No one knows for sure, but this theory is currently gaining much underground popularity.

In late 1976 or early 1977 two dead and mutilated cows were found just east of the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Officers can't remember the exact date and their report on the incident has somehow disappeared from the files.

But J.T. Warren, head of investigations, said it was "when the mutilation scare was going on all over the country and most especially in eastern Colorado."

In early 1976 mutilations were occurring in such large numbers that Gov. Dick Lamm, under pressure from cattle ranchers, had asked the Colorado Bureau of Investigation to intervene and find the cause.

Though they were called mutilations, the term is not exactly accurate. Cattle were cut up in very specific ways, always with only certain organs or parts of organs missing.

"(Since) the FBI was involved, within two hours the cows were immediately shipped to Colorado State University," Warren said of the Rocky Flats cases. CSU served as Colorado's laboratory center to determine the cause of the deaths.

After testing, CSU scientists finally attributed the deaths to natural causes and the mutilations to other animals. The CBI closed its investigation in 1977, claiming they could no longer commit resources to it.

However, speculation has not ended.

"There are as many theories as there were missing cows," said Carl Whiteside, CBI's chief investigator.

"You cannot imagine the lengths we went to to determine whether this was a real problem and we decided it was not."

Still, questions remain.

Although no more mutilated cattle have been found near Rocky Flats since the first two, researcher David Perkins of southern Colorado says the mutilations continue to occur across the state.

According to Warren, the dead cattle at Rocky Flats showed what now appear to be the classic signs of mutilations seen from Minnesota to Texas and back up to Washington.

Missing are the sexual organs, udders and intestines, an eye and specific other soft tissue areas.

These tissue areas, Perkins says, are most significant for testing nuclear build-up in animal and plant life.

The way organs were removed left the cow cored clean, as if cut by a sharp cookie cutter rather than a knife or some animal chewing it out. Perkins says the removal could only be done by someone with sophisticated technology, not animals chewing.

The most common theories are that mutilations are the work of satanic cults, that they are a secret government project—as dead cattle are usually found downstream or downwind from nuclear installations—or that UFOs, monitoring the planet for nuclear buildup, are using the cattle as test animals.

This last theory is obviously the one that's aroused the most interest.

Asked what he thought of the UFO theory, Warren said, "I don't know. I'm not going to say it could be UFOs and I can't say it definitely isn't."

Update

"There are some strange things that have happened that haven't been explained to me completely."

The strangeness of this spate of mutilations reportedly includes facts like: at the time of their occurrence, there are increased reports of UFOs in the area; that cattle are left without any blood and there is no blood on the ground.

Burn marks are noticed on the ground; bones are broken inside the carcass, making it appear that it was dropped from some height; the incisions are extremely precise; clamp marks are noticed on the hind quarters as if the cow had been lifted in the air; sometimes tripod marks are noticed nearby in the snow—as if a craft had landed; and nobody in the area ever reports hearing any noise, as would be noticeable if a helicopter had been around.

Though the mutilations are indeed strange, UFO theorists may be getting carried away.

Recent reports of cattle mutilations in Nederland, showing these classic signs, have not turned up anything strange, or at least no one is willing to come out and say for sure.

In late summer two mutilated cows were discovered on property of the Paul Bunyan Lumber Company.

Millington 'Bigfooter' reports sighting

MILLINGTON — Bigfoot stalker Wayne King said he has a deposition from a Lansing man who reports spotting the hairy, ape-like creature near his apple orchard.

The beast was described as 7 feet tall, weighing between 400 and 500 pounds, and appeared as though it was limping.

King, 42, director of the Michigan Bigfoot Information Center, said photographs were also taken of 10-by-13 inch footprints apparently made by the animal.

Morse Easterling, 53, Lansing,

spotted what he believes was Sasquatch, a hairy, ape-like beast, as Easterling was looking in the rear view mirror of his car.

"At first he thought it was a large woman with a fur coat," Easterling's wife, Thelma, 49, said.

Mrs. Easterling said she and her husband had heard strange noises coming from their apple orchard but nothing was seen until Dec. 2, when her husband reportedly spotted Bigfoot.

However, King's office wasn't notified until last week, when he arranged for a formal deposition.

Easterling, 53, a General Motors employee, said he was cleaning his garage about 9:30 p.m. to make space for his two cars.

He left the garage and entered his car parked in front of his home. As he was in the process of backing up

he spotted something in his rear view mirror.

Easterling described what he saw as "something large and upright, walking on two legs."

At first he said he thought it to be a large woman. The "head appeared small and the entire body seemed to be covered with a brownish fur," he said.

Easterling thought it might have been a neighbor that came to him for help.

"Can I help you? What do you want?" he asked. Easterling said the animal appeared as though it was walking towards his apple orchard.

By the time Easterling left his car, the animal had vanished.

"I just can't believe how quickly it disappeared," Easterling said.

TIMES, Bay City, MI - Feb. 16, 1979

Searching  
for Nessie

Mrs. Andrea Baynon of 11, Clyde Gardens, St George, is the membership secretary of the Bristol branch of the Loch Ness project set up in another attempt to find the elusive Scottish monster—if one exists.

The branch who have just launched a membership drive, plan expeditions at Easter and in the summer to search the loch.

Members believe that they have discovered a new photographic technique to penetrate the murky waters.

THE NEW OBSERVER, Bristol, England - Feb. 23, 1979

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - March 21, 1979  
Cattle Mutilation Probe  
Will Begin on April 20

From the Journal's  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A federal investigation of cattle mutilations will begin with a conference in Albuquerque April 20.

U.S. Sen. Harrison Schmitt, R-N.M., confirmed the date Tuesday following several months of talks with the Justice Department regarding possible federal jurisdiction in the case.

The conference is being sponsored by Schmitt and U.S. Attorney R. E. Thompson of New Mexico.

"One of the most beneficial aspects of the conference will be to get people talking to one another and to establish a means of coordination with a central clearinghouse — perhaps in Albuquerque — for reports on mutilations around the country," Schmitt said.

"To date, the mutilations have been as mysterious as they have been grisly," Schmitt added. "Aside from discerning a definite pattern to the nature of the mutilations, law enforcement officers have been unable to develop any definitive leads as to the perpetrators of these crimes."

The conference will be at the Albuquerque Inn. Among those participating will be the U.S. Attorney's Office, the State Police, the FBI, the New Mexico attorney general, and a number of district attorneys.

Schmitt has invited governors, or their representatives from 14 other Western and Midwestern states where mutilations have been a recurring problem. The invitations were extended to Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

Although some Nederland residents say there was a rash of UFO sightings around that time, that tripod marks were noticed on the ground, and that there were "strange noises in the woods," Town Marshall Jim Carson says nothing was reported.

Sam Witt, who saw the cows, at first thought they looked strange, then read about the mutilations and thought perhaps that was it.

"I found out later, though, there were some calves that died and a neighbor had made traps out of them to catch coyotes."

UFO researchers say people who see them will often not admit it or make a formal report as they fear being branded as weird, which might explain the lack of reports to Carson.

But coyote traps do not explain the hundreds of cattle missing specific things like the tip of one ear, one eye, part of the tongue and the sexual organs.

But at this point, the CBI is not going any further on investigations, no additional mutilations have been reported in Boulder County, but Perkins says they are still continuing throughout the rest of the state.

"Who knows how many there are," Whiteside says.

DAILY CAMERA, Boulder, CO - March 26, 1979

CR: D. Anderson

"The unique aspect of this conference is that it will be the first time groups from various states will sit down and say 'Here's what we've got, and here's what needs to be done,'" Schmitt said.

Schmitt has been debating the federal jurisdiction issue with the Justice Department since early this year. "It was like pulling eye teeth getting them to say they have jurisdiction," he said. "They have conceded they have jurisdiction over mutilations that have occurred on Indian reservations. I believe their jurisdiction is broader in this case, and hopefully that will be resolved before the conference."

Since the early 1970s, there have been about 8,000 reported cases of livestock mutilations in at least 15 states. It is estimated the mutilations have cost ranchers nearly \$1 million in livestock losses, Schmitt said.

Consistent characteristics of the mutilations include severed sexual organs, a cored rectum, a missing tongue and, sometimes, an eye gouged out and an ear cut off. The incisions have been described as so precise as to apparently have been done with a scalpel.

CR: F. Hudson

# Mutilation clues hinted

A New Mexico State Police officer who has investigated most of the cattle mutilations in New Mexico for the past two years says he now knows how the strange mutilations are done, but won't release the details.

Officer Gabe Valdez, of Dulce, said a mutilation near Encino three weeks ago yielded the necessary clues as to how the mutilations are accomplished — one of the biggest mysteries surrounding the 70-odd mutilations reported in the state since 1975.

Valdez said he cannot release any further details because it is not yet known who is responsible for the events.

He did say he may be able to make a statement sometime in the future, but made no promises. "I may never be able to do it," Valdez added.

Valdez apparently has the last word on the investigations and releasing information on mutilations in New Mexico. Officials at State Police headquarters in Santa Fe referred mutilation questions back to Valdez.

New Mexico Sen. Harrison Schmitt has joined the search for a solution to the mutilations and plans to sponsor a conference in Albuquerque sometime in April among representatives from the states where similar mutilations have occurred.

Schmitt said he hopes to be able to form a central "clearing house" where nation-wide information on mutilations can be compiled.

Cattle mutilations have been reported in several states during the past few years. The

mutilations all bear the same trademark: draining blood from the animal, near-surgical removal of the tongue, one eye, reproductive organs and the anus.

Thousands of reports of such mutilations are on record across the United States. Similar mutilations have occurred in Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana, Texas and several other states.

The most recent, and closest, mutilation to Taos, occurred Jan. 12 in Ranchitos. A five-year-old heifer belonging to Frank Suazo was found mutilated near Blueberry Hill. Valdez investigated that incident, but said he was unable to form any conclusions after completing his tests.

CR: F. Hudson

## Dolphins Will Hunt 'Nessie'

MIAMI (AP) — A naturalist who is training two camera-equipped dolphins to search for the legendary Loch Ness monster says he hopes to locate "Nessie" by mid-summer — unless his animals get overly ambitious.

"One of the problems is that dolphins tend to get innovative," said Harold "Rusty" Nielsen. "One of my animals brought me back a live shark (on Friday). We don't really want to capture one of the Loch Ness creatures alive — not yet."

He said two 500-pound, female dolphins are being trained to seek out sharks and sea turtles as preparation for this summer's search in the chilly, land-locked waters of Scotland's Loch Ness.

Project officials refused to display the equipment being designed for the search, but it is believed the cameras mounted on the dolphins' backs will be activated by a sonar-like device when a large object is approached.

Sought by reporters since general reports of the project were published last week, Nielsen agreed to an interview with The Associated Press late Friday on the condition that the precise site of the training project in the Florida Keys not be disclosed.

The project is being backed by the Academy of Applied Sciences, a Boston-based organization that has sponsored some of the most ambitious searches of Loch Ness in recent years. In 1972, it produced a picture it claimed showed a huge flipper hanging from an animal, but subsequent photographic missions sponsored by the institute failed to produce any new evidence.

Nielsen, 34, and owner of three dolphins, said dolphins are being tried because of the murkiness of Loch Ness, which is 25 miles long and 1,000 feet deep.

"The reason we're using these animals is their built-in sonar systems, their intelligence and their mobility," he said. "They can 'see' sound and find the animals."

Various groups have been trying for decades to prove or disprove the existence of "Nessie," described by people who claim to have glimpsed it as being generally reptilian in nature and from 15 to 40 feet long.

"The objective of the academy is to get a clear picture of the animal and to present that picture to authorities in the British Museum or the Smithsonian Institution or other place where zoologists can analyze it and determine what kind of animal it is," said Howard Curtis, the institute's executive vice president.

If the project proceeds as expected, Nielsen said, he and the dolphins will go to Scotland in early summer.

"As soon as the first picture is taken the project is over," he said. "It could be just a matter of a couple of weeks."

Nielsen and project officials said they were concerned about any negative reaction to the dolphins, which live in salt water, being used in the freshwater lake.

"If there is any danger or their well-being is placed in any jeopardy, the project is scratched," Nielsen said. "It's as simple as that. These animals cost \$20,000 each and are indispensable."

He said a special pen, containing filtered and heated saltwater, was being prepared and that the dolphins would spend only about an hour at a time in Loch Ness.

"Dolphins normally go into freshwater tributaries to feed," he said. "They are not unaccustomed to it."

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR

March 31, 1979

## Explorers Optimistic About Finding Atlantis

LISBON (AP) — Soviet ocean explorers are highly optimistic that further photographic tests will show they have found the fabled lost continent of Atlantis on the ocean floor west of Portugal, a Portuguese government official said Friday.

A Soviet oceanographic team earlier this month reported that it had taken eight photographs of the remains of walls and great stairways at the bottom of the sea 200 to 300 miles off the Portuguese coast, midway between the mainland and the Portuguese island of Madeira.

The Russians, who had just sailed into Lisbon from the site aboard their survey ship, later met with officials of Portugal's National Institute for Fishing Research to discuss possible exploitation of ocean resources.

### Appear Confident

The Institute's director, Dr. Marcello Vasconcelos, said Friday that the Russians appear confident they may have found the large sunken island of legend referred to in the writings of the Greek philosopher Plato.

"It is undeniable that they think they've found something," he said.

They told him they believe further evaluation of the photographs may enable them to make a conclusive judgment, Dr. Vasconcelos reported. The head of the research project, Dr. Andrei Aksenov, deputy director of the Soviet Academy Institute of Oceanography, had announced that photographs would be released publicly after study at Moscow.

### Taken From Ship

Dr. Aksenov said the photographs were taken from the group's survey ship, Vityaz, over a mountainous underwater region on a course toward Madeira, but he gave no indication of the depth of the area. He told reporters that earthquakes, fissures or volcanic eruptions could have caused the ancient terrain to slide under the ocean.

Atlantis, believed to exist somewhere west of Gibraltar, was said to have sunk into the sea in pre-Christian times. Plato

spoke of a high civilization that flourished there and said the island was destroyed by an earthquake.

The Vityaz was reported to have left Lisbon Tuesday, but there were conflicting reports saying it was headed either for Madeiran waters or for Britain.

TIMES, New York, NY - March 8, 1979  
CR: G. Earley

## Booms Identified

Booms heard Feb. 28 in northern Rockland and eastern Orange Counties — the latest reported in a midwinter series — were caused by surplus Army explosives set off near West Point, a Columbia University geophysicist said. The detonation was carried out by a demolition team from Stewart Field near Newburgh, according to William Donn of the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory. Using instrument data received there, the location was identified by triangulation and later confirmed by West Point officials.

Dr. Donn said the booms, heard just before noon, had prompted many queries and alarms. He said these were compounded by the fact that the reports were from "the earthquake-prone area along the Ramapo Fault, where the Indian Point nuclear power plant always makes people nervous." A northerly wind propelled and accentuated the sound, Dr. Donn said.

## 'Knobby' is 'no hoax'

By BOB GLENDY  
News Staff Writer

MONROE — An eastern North Carolina "Bigfoot" hunter says he's convinced there's something more than imagination at work in recent tales of a creature known as "Knobby" roaming the wilds of Cleveland County.

Jim Hollingsworth, a member of the North American Wildlife Research Association, says that while there is nothing to confirm recent sighting of the creature, he believes "Knobby" is unlikely to be a publicity hoax or some sort of practical joke.

"The area where 'Knobby' has been sighted is so rural that there would be little benefit of a publicity hoax, and the dangers of running around in a suit looking like a wild animal that could get someone shot make it highly unlikely," Hollingsworth said.

Hollingsworth, who's from Pikeville, about 12 miles north of Goldsboro, has made several trips to Cleveland County to investigate the reports since the creature was first sighted.

In an effort to identify the creature, Hollingsworth said he has played tape recordings of sounds made by various animals to those who claim they've seen "Knobby".

Among the tapes he's played is one purporting to be that of "Bigfoot" bellowing in the Pacific Northwest.

Three of four Cleveland County residents who've listened to the tapes claim the sounds made by "Knobby" are similar those of "Bigfoot," he said.

"There is no way that anyone could mistake the sound these people picked out as that of a cat," Hollingsworth said.

Hollingsworth said many of the sightings have been somewhat confusing because the re-



Artist's conception of 'Knobby.'

ports range from an animal that weighs about 100 pounds, travels on all fours and has a tail, to an animal traveling upright that weighs anywhere from 150 to 300 pounds.

Hollingsworth said some of the reports of "Knobby" correspond to the dark phase or black panther stage of the eastern panther.

Hollingsworth's investigation of reports of creatures like "Knobby" and "Bigfoot" dates back to 1968.

After researching the reports, he finally traveled out West in 1973 in hopes of tracking down "Bigfoot."

On his return to North Carolina after another such trip, Hollingsworth began checking previous accounts and found a long history of similar sightings.

Hollingsworth said he has a theory that animals like "Bigfoot" and "Knobby" migrated across the Bering Straits, crossed the Rockies and followed river systems during the Ice Age.

"I think these type animals exist in migratory family units in the swamps from the Dismal Swamp in Virginia to the Everglades in Florida and that another group could exist in the Appalachian Mountains," he said.

NEWS, Charlotte, NC - March 13, 1979