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## UFOs: We saw them!!!

By Valerie Sullivan  
Sentinel staff writer

Margaret Putman was on her way home from church with her daughters when she saw it flying over Grand Mesa about 9:45 p.m. Wednesday.

She said she ran over to a neighbor's house, but when she stepped outside again it was gone.

Mrs. Putman, originally from Louisiana, Saturday recalled the sight of what she now thinks might have been a UFO. That's right—unidentified flying object.

"It was a big old long thing and it had three big lights in it... (It was) bright, bright, bright," she said.

Sound crazy? No crazier than the number of calls The Daily Sentinel received Saturday after a story appeared in Friday's newspaper which reported other area residents spotting three glowing objects flying in triangular formation near Mount Garfield Thursday night.

Persons calling the Sentinel's city desk reported seeing them anywhere from Loma to the Colorado National Monument, from Thursday to a week ago Saturday.

Paul and Janet Kareus, 2993 Walnut, were sitting in their hot tubs

Thursday when they saw two objects of a slightly orangeish color flying south. What made them think they weren't planes? "The lights weren't flashing," said Mrs. Kareus, who added she is "real skeptical about that stuff."

Clark Cape, 3259 Road B 1/2, 8 years old—almost 9, saw only one object, "puttering along" over Grand Mesa. "Today (Friday)," he reported, "there was a big boom like a sonic boom. It made our dogs and cats act funny."

Another area resident reported seeing what looked like jet airplanes flying in formation high in the sky. There was no sound. "We saw one light, thought it was a plane, then another right above each other, the third in front. Seems like we watched them for ages. (They) didn't go by fast."

"Totally baffled" is the way Bruce Haverkos, 828 Texas, described his reaction to what appeared to be a constellation of three stars moving across the sky. Haverkos said he was camping near Dewey Bridge Thursday night when he saw the "stars." He and several others watched the constellation move south.

Amelia Johnson, 225 Red Mesa Heights, knew it wasn't a plane. Dean Stewart, 14, 3088 Bookcliff, also

thought he saw stars, heading south. "We saw two big ones out towards Loma, coming to Grand Junction," reported Chuck Williams, 995 Road 23, who was in a truck with friends well past 10:30 p.m. Thursday. "All of a sudden, it was gone."

Ken Baldwin, 2947 Road B, saw three objects flying in formation "like military transportation planes" about 10:45 p.m. Thursday. But, he said, the crafts made a noise like jet engines. He said they were headed south, and he lost sight of them as they flew over Uranium Downs.

Bill Walcher, 744 Hill, did not see UFOs Thursday night as reported, but recalled seeing one as he was traveling to Rangely about 10:15 p.m. July 7.

"Looked like three motors on it. It never made a sound," he said. "(Then) the light went out, that's all it was."

Ken Lynn, 17, his brother Robert, 15, and Dale Wright, 14, all of Clifton, said they heard the sound before they saw the crafts.

The objects—three, flying in formation—were "way past them" when they saw them. "They must have been really moving," Lynn said, adding the objects were headed toward the Colorado National Monument.

DAILY ARGUS, Mt. Vernon, NY  
Aug. 2, 1979

## County cop says he sighted UFO

A Westchester policeman says he saw an unidentified flying object not once but twice early Wednesday in the sky over Pound Ridge in northeastern Westchester.

Officer William Shaughnessy, a member of the Westchester County Police and a resident of Yorktown, said he saw the object at 1:35 a.m. and again at 1:47 a.m. He said it apparently caused a jamming on his police radio.

Shaughnessy was on duty in the Lakeside parking area at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation when he said "I saw a large ball of white light traveling in a southeasterly direction. At one point, the object stopped and made a complete right turn and headed in a westerly direction," he said.

"As the object was turning, it flashed with greater brilliancy," he said, adding that he observed it for about one minute.

The officer said the second time he saw the object was at 1:47 a.m. when it reappeared from a westerly direction and then headed east. This time the object was observed for about 45 seconds, he said.

DAILY PRESS, Silver City, NM - July 26, 1979

## Lordsburg Residents Report Seeing UFO's

By The Daily Press Staff

Several Lordsburg residents have had a few close encounters with unidentified flying objects over the past three weeks.

As recently as Monday, a Lordsburg couple reported the sighting of three unknown objects. The objects have been described as being triangular in shape and projecting red and green colored light.

Rudy and Berna Arambula both said they saw three unidentified flying objects on Monday around 9:20 p.m. They reside at 1209 Animas Street in Lordsburg.

Rudy, who is 34 and is employed by Phelps Dodge Corporation, said he and his wife were in their front yard when they saw the objects. He said he viewed the objects with his binoculars, and that he kept his eyes trained on the objects until they disappeared.

The couple called several neighbors to the scene who also have confirmed seeing the strange objects. Several witnesses said they saw the objects, but they did not want their names mentioned because they were afraid nobody would believe them.

"I would like to go on record, but I'm afraid that people would think I just walked out of a bar," one eyewitness said.

But the Arambulas were not afraid to make public their sightings. Rudy's wife, Berna who works at Western Auto, said they called the Lordsburg Airport to see if there were any planes in the area, but her check proved to be negative.

Monday night's sighting was not the first in Lordsburg, as the Arambulas say they saw similar objects on July 12 as well.

Rudy says at the July 12 sighting he didn't need binoculars because the object was much lower in the sky and he saw it, "as plain as day."

He said the object was too big for a plane. He said the hovering object had at least a 300-foot wing span and was shaped in a triangular formation, "It sort of resembled a pointed boomerang," he said.

Rudy said the July 12 sighting also occurred around 9:30 p.m. According to Arambula he heard the object which made a noise, "like a far distant engine."

"The one I saw on July 12 was not a plane," he said.

The Arambulas said they did not report their observations to the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department. Hidalgo County Sheriff Gene Moore said his department has not received any reports of unidentified flying objects.

CR: L. Whitehurst

MESSINGER GAZETTE, Somerville, NJ  
Aug. 9, 1979 CR: L. Whitehurst

## Silv'ry and round

SOMERVILLE — Two borough women who saw something hovering above Hamilton Street yesterday morning aren't sure it was a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object), but then they're not exactly sure it wasn't one, either.

"Me and my neighbor were outside about a quarter to 11 this morning and we saw this big round aluminum thing in the sky," related the woman who phoned the M-G right after their sighting.

"At first we thought it was a kite, but when it got closer, we saw it was aluminum and round like a bowl, with openings underneath," she continued.

The resident declined to give her name, saying with a laugh, "I don't want people to think I'm crazy."

No other sightings of any strange objects were reported in the area yesterday morning, a police dispatcher said.

CHRONICLE, Canoga Park, CA - Aug. 2, 1979

## UFO in Canoga Park?

By Sandy Sand

Is there someone up there watching us?

According to a reported UFO sighting in Canoga Park there just may be someone or something viewing us from above.

Canoga Park resident Ira Pearson claims to have seen an unidentified flying object hovering

over the vicinity of Rocketdyne at 7:15 a.m. on July 25.

Pearson, a retired carpenter, said the object was shiny, appearing to be approximately six feet in diameter and about 12 feet long. He said the object hovered for five minutes before moving off silently.

Pearson was standing on the corner of Oso Avenue and Satcoy Street, looking north when he spotted the cylinder-shaped object in the northern sky.

Pearson said another witness to the sighting was an unidentified police officer who had a camera with him, and was aiming the camera at the object.

Sgt. James D. Burch of the west valley station checked and rechecked the log for that day, and could find no entry regarding a sighting for that day and time.

Burch noted that it would be

highly unlikely for a patrol officer to have a camera with him, and suggested a check with Valley Traffic, as their officers usually carry cameras in conjunction with accident investigations.

Valley Traffic Sgt. Donald R. Harris also checked and rechecked his log for that day and time and also came up empty-handed.

Three members of the department said any officer reporting such an incident would not be immediately rushed to the psychiatrist's couch.

Joyce Lincoln of Rocketdyne said that her company does not fire rockets or weather balloons or anything into the air, so whatever was seen did not come from Rocketdyne. She also stated that as far as she knew nobody in or around the plant had seen anything that morning.

## Sidehill Sketch

# Our Reporter Files Report On Her Own Close Encounter

By JANICE AITKEN

You may, if you wish, snicker. You may also, if that be your inclination, view me with suspicion, suggest tactfully I should consult a psychiatrist, and/or purchase a straitjacket suitable for wear on all occasions.

Nevertheless, I saw what I saw, and furthermore, I'm going to tell you about it.

Coming home to South Royton from Strafford via the Justin Morrill Highway on the night of June 21 shortly after 9 p.m., I saw a distinct, oddly-shaped light to my left (toward Tunbridge) as I was driving down the long hill to the junction with Route 110.

The light, which was yellowish in color, appeared to be two rather flattened ovals touching, something like a figure eight laid on its side. I thought at first I was seeing house lights of some kind and then later that perhaps it was a piece of Skylab making an early descent.

I slowed down and look at them several times. They were perfectly visible, apparently stationary, and undoubtedly there. When I came onto Route 110 and got through Tunbridge village, I pulled over to the side of the road and observed the lights, which from this different angle appeared to be round, side-by-side but not touching, and about the size of a dinner plate held at arm's length.

Neither light vibrated, twinkled or moved. They weren't fuzzy and they didn't hum, buzz, or twinkle. Nor did they display any little green men, extend any tentacles or otherwise act peculiar. They were, quite simply, a pair of round lights hanging motionless in the sky. I could see stars to either side and above the lights, and I could see the top of a hill some distance below them.

After perhaps three minutes, the lights vanished. However, there was still something occupying that piece of sky, best described as an indistinct dark mass that blotted out the stars.

After another minute or so, during which I watched, trying to see what the dark mass was more clearly, a small intense white light appeared, a narrow oval shape set on its end, so to speak, with a red light along a portion of the edge.

This light moved straight off to my left, or in an easterly direction, at great speed, and vanished. I heard a very faint humming noise as the white light departed.

Several other people in South Royton village observed the same phenomenon at the same time. These observers would have been about four or five miles distant from my point of observation.

I compared notes with one of these people the next day, and our reports agreed in detail.

I willingly admit I'm nearsighted, but I was wearing my glasses (required by my driver's license anyway) throughout the entire episode.

Which brings us to the question, What was it? I can assure you, doubting Thomas, that I was sober, not particularly thinking about UFOs or other unnerving night-prowlers, in my right mind and not, I consider, much given to hallucinations, hysterics, or fits of any variety.

As a matter of fact, I didn't even think that what I was seeing might be considered an unidentified flying object. I was aware, of course, that for some days previous to my personal incident, there had been several reports of objects moving through the skies of the Upper Valley in the Norwich Hanover area, but I certainly wasn't spending my nights staring

upwards, hoping to see Something Spectacular myself.

Naturally, I have done some subsequent research, including a report issued in 1972 by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which found the innumerable sightings that have taken place since 1946 of sufficient importance to have conducted a symposium on the subject in 1969.

The conclusion that scientific conference reached was approximately the same as my own — we don't know what these things are, but some one ought to find out.

If these peculiar objects are due to some kind of atmospheric conditions we know nothing about, they should be investigated. If they are some kind of hallucination, presumably caused by the pressures of civilization, a theory advanced by one psychiatrist at the conference, then that is obviously something else, but what?

It certainly advances us nowhere to have the Air Force, which at one time conducted an investigation of the phenomena, to consider an incident satisfactorily explained by stating that the unidentified object had been identified — as an unidentified object. Perhaps it's just as well the Air Force closed out Project Blue Book and declared it had no further interest in the subject.

Meanwhile, however, the UFO Education Center in Appleton, Wis., has taken an interest, has, in fact, picked up where the Air Force dropped off, and is compiling reports of UFOs. I must admit, I found it reassuring when I called the UFO Education Center (414-731-5001) and was informed that a number of recent sightings in Vermont and New Hampshire had been reported.

Very reassuring.

## Editorial

## The UFO Phenomena

Not too long ago two Colusa brothers reported they had seen a UFO from a boat in the river.

The occurrence didn't raise many eyebrows or cause any consternation amongst Colusa residents.

The next day, two 12 year old youngsters, one who lived on the levee, came into the Sun-Herald to report they had seen the same UFO that night.

They individually drew almost the same picture as each other in different rooms, but slightly different from the the two brothers.

A businesswoman also saw the same UFO while driving with her husband. He laughed until the Sun-Herald came out the next day.

Earlier this week, Ricardo Lucero, 28, of Butte City, called the Sun-Herald and reported seeing a UFO hovering about 1,000 feet over the highway two miles south of Princeton (Route 45).

Ricardo did two things, he sped up until he lost sight of the UFO and didn't look back.

He was scared at first when he saw the triangular shape, lights on each corner, hovering above him.

"It just floated above the highway," Lucero said.

People do not want to believe there are foreign flying machines flitting back and forth over their heads. They often chose to ignore UFO's because they don't want to be laughed at or be ridiculed.

But throughout America the Phenomena Research Center has recorded scientific data supporting the theory that UFO's are real.

Since 1955 when the Center was founded, UFO phenomenon has been gathered.

Motion pictures and television have both helped and hindered in UFO research. The unknown makes for good scripts.

One television series dealt with nothing but UFO sightings and how they came about. Although many of the incidents were never proved out, the information gathered left the viewer mystified.

Based on the volume of information which has been analyzed to date, Phenomena Research believes that UFO's represent technologies capable of traveling through time and space.

If you see an UFO, contact the Center at P.O. Box 1807, Seattle, Washington, 98111.

It is the scientific responsibility of every citizen to report their UFO experience.

NEWS AND COURIER, Charleston, SC - Aug. 4, 1979

## Local Men See UFO Near S'ville

"It's no joke," Edward M. Jones II says.

"It's not a crazy story; I saw it," Keith Major adds.

"If there hadn't been two of us there to see it," Jones says, "I wouldn't have mentioned it because people would think I was crazy."

"If we hadn't both seen it, I would be afraid to talk about it," Major adds.

What the two say they saw about 6:30 or 7 p.m. Thursday was a possible UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) hovering just above the treeline along Highway 17-A near Summerville.

Jones, vice president of E.M. Jones auto dealership on Highway 17-A, explains:

"We had just finished playing golf and were loading up the car in the parking lot across from the dealership. I was tired so I laid back in the seat. When I looked through the window I thought I saw a big old balloon over the trees. We both jumped out of the car and stared at it for over

a minute. It hovered about 200 feet away spinning like on an axis. It had the shape of a big hamburger."

The men say the object was rather small — six to eight feet in diameter — with a shiny metallic surface which reflected the sun's rays as it slowly rotated. Neither man noticed windows or lights or heard any sound coming from the object.

They say that while they watched the object they were not afraid. Rather, both men say, they were so fascinated with it that when it began to move in the direction of I-26 and Goose Creek, they jumped back in the car to give pursuit. But by the time they entered the highway the object had disappeared, they say.

"I was real excited," Jones notes. "We were going to chase it but when I looked back up, it was gone. I've never seen anything like this before. It's the weirdest thing I've ever seen!"

Major, a salesman at the dealership, agrees that "it's the weirdest thing in my life. We were fascinated by it, that's why we started to chase it."

Later, Jones says, they checked with the Summerville Airport and were told the object could have been a small, silver airplane which had recently taken off. But both men discount that theory.

"It was not an airplane or balloon," Major says. "I can't say it was a UFO, but I know it wasn't an

airplane or balloon."

And Jones adds, "It had no wings, no propeller, no jets and no noise. We were close enough to see it clearly. So it couldn't be a plane, and it couldn't be a balloon because it took off and disappeared so fast. It was real stormy, but there was not that much wind to blow a balloon away like that."

Jones notes that later that evening he watched the television program "Project UFO."

"It was about a guy on an island who spotted one and nobody believed him. It (the television UFO) looked exactly like the one we saw."

Their friends' reaction to the story, the men say, has been mixed.

"They believe us but find it hard to understand. But I can't imagine we both were hallucinating," Jones says.

"Our friends are laughing at us," Major adds.

Apparently, Jones and Major were the only two to report sighting the object. Police in the area including Summerville and Goose Creek say they've received no reports of others seeing a UFO. And a spokesman at the Federal Aviation Administration control tower at Charleston International Airport says no reports of a UFO or unusual radar sightings were noted Thursday.

"I wish I did see it," the tower spokesman said. "I need a little excitement."

RANDOLPH GUIDE, Asheboro, NC  
Aug. 8, 1979 CR: L. Whitehurst

## Couple Reports UFO Sighting

A young man and woman reported to Asheboro Police Saturday night that they spotted a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) over northeastern Asheboro.

David L. Jordan of 1849 Sewell Street, Asheboro, said that the airborne object was brought to his attention by his date, Louise Chiscoe of Route 1, Box 137-A, Seagrove, as they were sitting in the Kiwanis Ball Park about 9:42 p.m. Saturday.

Jordan told Patrolman Timmy R. Lee of the Police Department and Dispatcher D. W. Lawrence, that the two of them observed the flying object for about 30 to 45 seconds before it disappeared behind some trees.

In a written narrative report of the incident Jordan described the object as "circular."

"It had a definite thickness about the circumference with approximately six white spot-light type of lights around the edge and one red light on the left side, off center. No beam could be seen from any of the lights. No engine sound or other unusual noises could be heard. I watched it for roughly 30-45 seconds. When I saw it, it was slightly lower than the top of the radio tower and disappeared behind the trees."

The police department said that they were aware that there was a plane in the area about the same time, but this one had yellow lights and a lighted screen underneath.

The couple also was advised to report their UFO to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and also to the State Bureau of Investigation in Greensboro.





RESIDUE FOUND AT "UFO LANDING"

## Couple Finds Site Near Butylo

# UFO Landing?--Well It's Being Investigated

JOHN RENNOLDS

The night was hazy and particularly overcast close to the river at Butylo on St. Route 600 last Friday and the Panellas, Peter and Bet, and visitors from Penn. went to bed as usual. But then, according to Bet Panella, "it seemed the night became unusually bright, and the dogs started barking wildly. This continued for about a half hour and after it got quiet again, everyone went back to sleep."

Saturday morning Peter and John Panella went outside about 8:30 a.m. to check on some trees Peter had trimmed the week before. Heading back to the house, they noticed a ring of what appeared to be an oily substance in the field next to the house. Upon closer examination, Panella found the dark substance to be small

granules, deposited on the grass in a perfect circle and when rubbed between the fingers had the feel of graphite. Not really thinking anymore about it the two brothers went into the house and told their wives about their discovery.

Bet Panella's father, Joe Bozman, the Postmaster at Butylo, came over later and after examining the ring again, according to Panella, the discussion turned to UFOs.

"I placed a call to the U.F.O. Center in Seattle, Washington," said Bet Panella, "and as I was describing what we had in the yard, the man I was talking to seemed to know exactly what I was talking about. He asked me if there were any indentions in the circle and where to look for them," she added. "We went out and they

(the indentions) were exactly where he said they would be."

According to Mrs. Panella, the apparent residue began fading Sunday morning, so the Essex County Sheriff's Department was notified so verification could be made to the representative at the UFO Center in Washington.

According to deputy M.J. Smalling, who says he has had experience in investigating UFO sites, the area was much like a site he had examined in Huntsville, Alabama over a year ago.

Essex Sheriff Denwood Insley took soil samples and samples of the "residue" to send to the State Consolidated Lab in Richmond. The investigation is continuing, with the probable arrival of a government expert from the UFO Center in Seattle within the next few days.

# Edison UFO surrounded by mystery

By TOM DAMM  
News Tribune staff writer

EDISON — Area UFO investigators are stumped over what five persons saw in the sky above Erie Street here earlier this month.

The five, including an Edison school teacher, a nurse, and the owner of a car rental agency in Metuchen, were in the backyard of an Erie Street home when they spotted the saucer-shaped object zip across the sky at the speed of a jet plane before it disappeared from sight somewhere over Raritan Center.

After interviewing the witnesses, checking with area meteorological services and mapping the paths of conventional aircraft on that sunny day, Jim Fillow, an East Brunswick UFO hunter with the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, can only scratch his head.

"What we have, unfortunately, is an unknown," he said.

Fillow said that the same flat, rust-colored object was seen by a Perth Amboy youth only 15 minutes after the Edison sighting occurred.

"The flight pattern is similar to that of a UFO," he said. "Not a flying saucer, a UFO."

The incident in Edison will be added to the weighty list of UFO reports around the world, according to Fillow, who said his files contain more than 50,000 sightings from this year alone.

Of that 50,000, the UFO tracker said roughly 25 percent are classified as "unknown."

## 'Something weird'

The list grew by one shortly after Ruth Margulies of 42 Erie St., reported that she and four others had observed "something weird" in the sky on Aug. 8.

"At first I said, 'Aw, it must be a balloon or a kite,'" Miss Margulies said on that day. "But then I noticed it was flat, made out of metal and traveling at a fast pace."

Fillow interviewed Miss Margulies, who owns the car rental agency, later that day along with the others, including Donny Blaszk, a music teacher at Thomas Jefferson Junior High School and an assistant wrestling coach at Edison High School.

"They all came up with the same story," said Fillow, "but they don't know what they saw."

Fillow checked with an area meteorological service to see if an observational or weather balloon had been launched around the time of the sighting. None was.

"And there were no conventional aircraft flying in the area that low," Fillow said. The music teacher had estimated the altitude of the object at 700 feet.

Because of the metal construction, which the residents viewed shimmering from the 1 p.m. sunlight, the possibility that the witnesses had a close encounter of the first kind with a migratory bird was also remote.

The entire mystery could have been solved easily, however, according to Fillow.

"There were two cameras available within 10 or 15 feet of the witnesses and no one thought to use them," he said, the disappointment evident in his voice.

The Scientific Bureau of Investigation, based in East Brunswick, is a non-profit organization formed in January to investigate reports of unidentified flying objects.

Although the SBI is a 24-hour investigative service, Fillow and his partner, Peter Mazzola of New York City, hold full-time jobs.

Both men have been actively involved in the study of UFOs for the past 15 years.

TRIBUNE-REVIEW, Greensburg, PA - Aug. 11, 1979

# UFO Baffles Troopers

An unidentified flying object sighted earlier this week still baffles a Pennsylvania state police helicopter pilot and his partner.

"I tell you I think it was something, I hesitate to say something from outer space, but it was a satellite of the U.S. government or from outer space," said Sgt. William Kute Friday.

"My partner and I both saw it, and we both believe it to be a UFO... people may say we're crazy, but we're not senile."

Kute, 39, of Pittsburgh, and Trooper Fred Scanlan, 33, of Ebensburg, are part of the state police aviation unit based at Westmoreland County Airport near Latrobe.

Last Sunday afternoon they were flying at about 2,000 feet over Greene County, about two miles north of Waynesburg.

"It was 4:05 p.m., we were southbound and we observed a small object coming in the opposite direction," related the pilot. "It was about two feet in diameter, round, a depth of 8 to 10 inches and blue in color. A real light, silvery blue."

"As we approached it, we heard a loud 'whooshing' noise, it picked up a lot of speed and passed us about 50 feet away."

Kute said he turned the craft around but failed to locate the object again. "We were flying about 120 miles per hour chasing after it, but we never saw it again."

Kute said the weather was hazy with a high overcast and visibility of between 6 to 10 miles.

"I still don't know what it was — there may be some explanation — but I do feel it was capable of high speed," Kute continued. "It was moving very slowly when I saw it several hundred yards away. As we approached, I think it accelerated, causing that 'whooshing' noise."

RAPPAHANNOCK TIMES, Tappahannock, VA  
Aug. 23, 1979 CR: F. Whiting

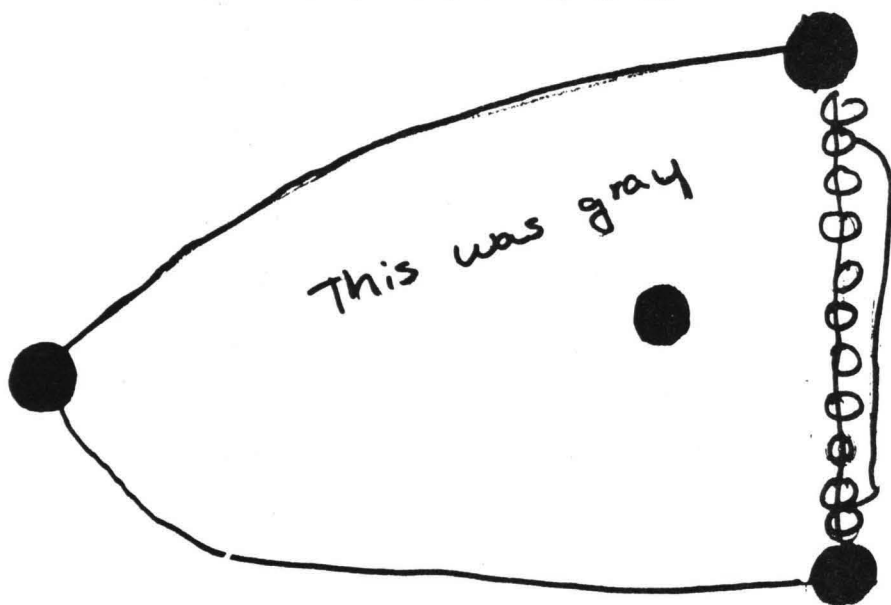
## U F O ... END RESULTS

A few weeks ago, on Friday, July 27, Peter and Bet Panellas, of Butylo, described what some people thought could be a sighting for an Unidentified Flying Object.

The latest reports from the Essex County Sheriff's Department, who investigated the case, concur with explanations which the Essex County VPI Extension Service used to rationalize the findings. The Panellas sited a large darkened ring, of an oily texture, located in the field beside their house. The small granules composing the ring were unidentified at the time.

The Essex County Sheriff's Department originally had intentions of sending soil samples to the State Consolidated Lab in Richmond for inspection, but decided the Extension Service provided an equitable explanation.

The mysterious ring is said to be samples of Slime Molds. The size of the rings vary from a few inches to several feet and the shape of the areas range from circles to streaks. By this time of the year they have probably disappeared, for the most part and there is no cause for alarm.



### Witness' Rendition

One witness of a strange object flying in the skies over the Herndon-Oberlin area last Thursday night made this drawing of what she thought the craft looked like. The drawing was submitted by Dawn Tongish of Herndon, one

of several persons to observe the object about 11:30 p.m. The Federal Aviation Administration office at North Platte said they had no reports of such an object filed with their office.

## Strange Object Seen By Kansas Residents

Although they may not agree exactly on all the details several residents of the Oberlin-Herndon area do know that they spotted some type of strange object in the sky about 11:30 p.m. last Thursday.

Apparently one family which got the best look at the object was the Denis Tongish family which lives 2½ miles southeast of Herndon.

Mrs. Tongish and her daughter, Dawn, age 14, were riding their bicycles near the farm after a late supper.

In a letter to the GAZETTE, Dawn said there was a half-moon so it was fairly light and it was clear.

Dawn and her mother said they noticed a strange light to the south.

Mrs. Tongish said the light just seemed to hover above the grain bins so Dawn went into the house and got some binoculars. Dawn estimated the object was about 500 to 800 feet above the bins but her father said he thought it was higher than that.

By this time, Mrs. Tongish said, her husband, son and another daughter were watching the object.

They all agreed there was no sound when it was hovering over the bins but there was the sound of a motor when it moved on.

Tongish indicated the sound made by the craft was not familiar to him.

Dawn enclosed a drawing of what she had seen which showed the object was three-sided with red lights at each corner and one in the middle.

She said it also had red and white lights which did not blink at all.

She said the object itself was a dull metal and described it as being at least 50 feet long.

Mrs. Tongish said she had heard of others who also saw the object.

Two of them were Cliff Sattler, who lives in Herndon, and Mrs. Arlo Wurm, a son and daughter, who live 9½ miles

southwest of Oberlin.

Sattler said he was driving east on U.S. 36 about a mile west of the turnoff to Herndon about 11:15 p.m. when he spotted the object to the north.

He said his attention was drawn to the object by very, very bright lights. With Sattler was his wife, son and his son's friend.

Sattler also reported that the object appeared not to move for awhile, then headed north and "suddenly just disappeared."

He described the lights as white and yellow.

Sattler said he didn't stop the truck so he doesn't know if there was any sound or not.

Mrs. Wurm said she was on her way home from the fair about 11:30 p.m. Thursday when she, her son, 15, and a daughter, 16, saw the object.

Mrs. Wurm said it was very low to the ground, "lower than the helicopters we see around here," and going very slow.

She said it appeared to stop above their feedlot.

Mrs. Wurm described it as having a cone in the front and then a black object behind the cone "about the size of a football field."

Behind the black portion were more lights, she said.

She said it traveled north-northwest and had three more lights — one on top and two on the bottom of the triangle. A red light was below the object.

Mrs. Wurm described the sound when the object started up as similar to that of a blimp motor at first and later faintly resembling a jet motor.

She said he had heard a report of one person who observed what appeared to be a light detach from the main vehicle and then go back to it.

Mrs. Wurm summed up most of the feelings of those interviewed when she said, "You know, it kind of gives you a strange feeling."

By Terry Farley  
Staff writer

A dome-shaped, glowing, color-changing unidentified flying object was reportedly seen by two Dekalb County residents last night just before midnight, in the skies east of Dekalb and West of Sycamore on Route 64.

Charles A. Weeden, Route 64, first spotted the object around 10:30 p.m. while arriving home from work. Weeden's attention was first caught by the brilliant light the object gave off in the star-studded country sky. He watched the object for about 15 minutes and then contacted the Dekalb County Sheriff's Department, who dispatched Officer Berna D. VanVeerh to the sighting.

Officer VanVeerh first sighted the object, estimated to be more than 1,000 feet in the air, as she was approaching Route 64 from Annie Glidden Road. She reported thinking it might be an airplane at first but after stopping her patrol car and using her field binoculars, she "determined it not to be an airplane." Meanwhile, Weeden called his father, Charles L. Weeden, whose farmhouse is 3 miles away, and he confirmed seeing the object, but did not go outside to investigate.

Weeden said the light-changing mass would hover in one place and then move to another place in the sky at speeds, "faster than what an airplane could move." He said the speed of the object was, "like moving your hand in front of your face."

VanVeerh arrived at Weeden's and together they watched the object for about 20 minutes when it began to move off towards Fairdale in the west. Rockford Airport was contacted, and they reported no sighting or anything on their radar. VanVeerh said that "it was high enough to be picked up on the radar, above 1,000 feet."

She followed the object to the Ogle County Sheriff's Department, which, due to a mix-up in directions, wasn't able to get an officer to her sector at the Route 38 and

## Domed-shaped flying object reported over county

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Route 72 intersection until the object was out of sight.

Reports this morning from UPI confirm reports of a similarly-shaped object sighted in Kankakee by half a dozen telephone calls to Radio Station WKAN in Kankakee. The times of those sightings were after 11 p.m. last night.

Margie Zozobos, 21, who works at the answering service for Executive Locator, UFO study center in Evanston, reported receiving a call of a similar sighting from Chicago.

VanVeerh said of the incident, "I've never seen anything like it. I don't believe in those things. I didn't believe it until I got out of the car and used the binoculars."

## 'FOOTBALL' IN KICKOFF FOR NEW UFO SEASON

DRESSER, Wis. (UPI) — Five men claim they saw a large football-shaped object with a brilliant metallic sheen hovering about 40 feet off the ground near town, a UFO field investigator says.

Bradley E. Ayers of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., said yesterday the Wednesday morning sighting appears to "hold up" after interviews with the five men.

He said their "daylight disc" experience would be classified as a "close encounter of the first kind," because the witnesses apparently were "within 200 meters of the UFO."

An unidentified "primary witness" was driving north about 10:45 a.m. on County Road MM in Osceola Township, two miles east of Dresser in Polk County, when he saw a "dark, small object above the tree line on the horizon about a half-mile forward of his position," Ayers said.

"This small, black object moved very rapidly and within a matter of seconds had closed to within 200 meters of where he was (in the car). Then he pulled his Chevrolet Blazer off to the side of the road and got out.

"As he got out, he had the object in view at all times and proceeded to see a

small disc-shaped object . . . a football-shaped object with a brilliant metallic sheen."

The witness, described as a 25-year-old Army veteran who works at a ski resort, said the object was 6 to 8 feet in diameter and 2 to 4 feet in height.

"As he was watching this thing, it moved across the road and descended in a bean field to his right, where it finally came to a stop and hovered about 10 feet above the vegetation.

"In the meantime, he's going through all the rational processes, thinking what it could be . . . all the natural explanations . . . and excluding them. By this time he had concluded he was looking at something totally unique."

While the object was over the field, a passing trucker joined the first witness in observing it. They watched it ascend to about 200 feet and move over nearby East Lake.

The trucker then said he saw the disc again above a nearby gravel pit where he worked. He and three others "watched it come over the gravel pit and ascend into clear sky at about an 85-degree angle, practically straight up," Ayers said.



## Close encounter

**Dunsmuir couple sights strange object**

By Jim Schultz

WEED - It was late at night on July 14th as a camper pickup truck silently drove northward towards Tulelake on Highway 139.

The flat and desolate countryside was cast in darkness on this moonless night as the camper crept along, its headlights providing the only source of illumination for miles around.

Inside, Carolyn Miller dozed as her husband, Jack, a retired highway engineer, manned the steering wheel.

Soon the lives of the Dunsmuir couple would be changed, perhaps until the day they die.

An intense white light suddenly lit up the countryside, bathing the camper with its glow and waking Mrs. Miller from her sleep.

And then, it appeared.

A green and gold torpedo-shaped object with a rounded front that was flying north by northwest.

A UFO.

Such are the recollections of the Millers last Thursday as they recounted their experience to this reporter.

The Millers came forth to tell of their

tains.

He discounted any thought at that time that the object was a flying saucer and said he believed it to be a meteor or space debris.

The Millers don't buy that theory.

"My first thought was dry lightning in this dry, hot weather we've been having," said Miller as he spoke on the bright light illuminating the area.

"The light was brilliant and intense, like the brightest moonlight," he remembered.

"There was no glare or eyestrain because we weren't looking at the source of the light, only the illumination of the area," he added.

The object itself was only 300 yards from the Miller's camper and looked to be the size of a 40-foot house trailer, Miller said.

Mrs. Miller recounted her experience by saying the illumination lit up the ground.

"As my head raised up and I looked skyward, here was this moving object in the air."

"I called to my husband, Oh, look at that," she said.

on the object that separated the green and gold colors from running into each other.

"The colors were not a solid green or a solid gold", she said.

"There was absolutely no mixing of the colors and there was no noise" she added.

"It was made up of parts like a mosaic and these parts were all of odd-shaped squares," she said.

The object first appeared in the sky above the Millers' camper, but then came down as though it were on a ramp, she said.

"It came down gracefully, paralleled the road and the camper and then went down the road and went out of sight," she said.

Mrs. Miller, who is a columnist for the Dunsmuir News, said she viewed the object for about 15 seconds before it finally went out of sight.

The object did not crash to the earth, Mrs. Miller recounted.

"It looked like an elongated teardrop, but the back was not pointed," she said.

Mrs. Miller insisted that she and her husband were not on medication when

fear, panic or anything about the strangeness of this, except awe of which we were seeing," added Mr. Miller.

On that same night, there were over 30 reported sightings of an unknown object or objects flying over California, Oregon and Nevada, according to the Unidentified Flying Object Research Center in Seattle, Wash.

A spokesman for the center said it was "quite unusual to have that many sightings over such a large area."

"Anyway you look at it, there were a lot of strange things going on that night in southern Oregon, California and Nevada," Miller said.

According to the UFO Research Center spokesperson said two UFO's were seen over Walla Walla, Wash., that night and the 30 sightings have been classified as "unknown."

The UFO Research Center is a non-profit organization which investigates UFO sightings.

The spokesperson said July 14th was a "big night" for sightings and all were reported as "fireball type objects."

The spokesperson said the objects might have been meteors crashing back to earth or space debris, but the sightings "didn't fit the pattern" of those explanations.

Sightings of the objects had been reported from such places as Walla Walla, Wash., Reno, Nevada, Klamath Falls, Ore., Dunsmuir, and Merrill, Ore.

Harry Drew, director of the Klamath Falls County Museum system also saw what he described as a green and gold object that night in Klamath Falls at about 10:56 p.m., just a few seconds after the Millers saw their object.

According to Drew, the object was traveling north by northeast and it, too, illuminated the area with its brilliant light.

"It was like a sustained lightning flash," Drew told this reporter.

"It was so bright I could have taken a photograph without the aid of a flash," he said.

Drew saw the object at about 7,000 feet high as he was observing the sky with a telescope.

"It was extremely visible and very large. About the size of an automobile," he said.

Drew said he observed the object for about 5 or 6 seconds until it disappeared behind a small mountain.

"The light of the object backlit the mountain," he added.

Drew said the object had unusual qualities about it, but he would not categorize it as a meteorite, satellite, flying saucer or spaceship.

He also said the colors of the object were not intermixed and that it was descending at a subsonic speed.

Drew maintained that he wasn't a "crackpot" and said other people had also reported seeing an object that night.

According to Drew, one woman in Oregon saw the object descending and clipping off the tops of trees as it fell back to earth near the Diamond Lake area.

"My first reaction was that it was an aircraft going down," said Drew.

It seems other people in the area had the same reaction for the Oregon State Police were ordered to search the area for a downed aircraft or a meteor.

Nothing to this date has been found, however.

Drew thinks that what he saw was a large meteor or space debris.

Still many questions remain about the mysterious object.

"It's been a mind-boggling experience," Miller said.



Carolyn Miller of Dunsmuir holds a drawing of the strange object she and her husband saw recently near Tulelake.

"encounter" after a story appeared last week in the Southern Siskiyou newspapers describing a Redding man's sighting of a green ball of fire near Dunsmuir.

The Redding man, Randy Thompson, saw the green fireball shoot across the sky July 14th, and said the mysterious object crashed somewhere in the moun-

"It was so beautiful, the front was a brilliant green and the back was gold," she added.

At first, I thought it was a flare," she said.

"But, it didn't act like a flare," she said."

Mrs. Miller said she was "mesmerized" by a perpendicular line

the sighting happened.

"I was completely awake, it was not a dream," she added.

"I am absolutely sure of what I saw," she said.

The Millers drove to the agriculture inspection station on Highway 139 and reported the sighting to the Modoc County Sheriff's Office.

Fearing that they would be targeted as "kooks" by their neighbors and relatives, the Millers kept their sighting secret for about four days after their encounter.

They finally broke down and told of their experience to their children, but did not come public until after last week's story in the Southern Siskiyou newspapers.

"I'm not ashamed of what I saw," Mrs. Miller said.

"My overall feelings regarding this event are that I feel very privileged to have witnessed this object and it's actions, it's graceful beauty," she said.

"I will never forget it," she added.

"There was no feeling whatsoever of

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**Pine Island Couple Reports 'Light in Sky'**

A rural Pine Island couple told Olustee County sheriff's officers Thursday that they saw a strange bright light in the sky Wednesday night as they were driving home from Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller described the light as something "different than anything we had ever seen before."

Miller, 30, who farms near Pine Island, said they were returning home from classes for expectant parents when they saw the strange beam of light at about 10:30 p.m.

"It was a white beam in the

horizon to the west," Miller told the Post-Bulletin. "It stayed in one position and never moved. We watched it all the way home."

Asked if it could have been a search light, Miller said, "No way. There's no search light that looked like that."

The light seemed to fade away after they had arrived home, Miller said.

CR: M. Hall

# UFO sighting stirs excitement across county

By JERRY SMITH

Believers in 'extra-terrestrial visitation' and skeptics of 'unexplained phenomenon' have all had excitement, disbelief and controversial debate about a pair of large unidentified flying objects reportedly seen over Decatur County in the late evening hours of August 2. No 'little green men' were seen, but at least 30 Decatur residents reported witnessing "a large object with a series of lights, flying at low altitudes and extremely slow speeds, with little or no noise."

At 11 or 11:15 p.m., Mrs. Gary Vaughn looked out of her Oberlin front door and "saw two bright lights like headlights" running straight north. The first thing she thought was "what's a car doing up there?"

About the same time of evening, Mrs. Jerry Lohofener and her three children, Lynell, Amy and Seth observed what looked like "car headlights" low in the sky, moving very slowly with no sound. They watched from their rural residence for about eight minutes, as the 'craft' moved northwest of them. They reported seeing "one light in front and a diamond pattern of four lights in back, with nothing in-between."

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Shields, 11 miles southwest of Oberlin, say they "observed the object from 11:20 to 11:33, traveling north with two white lights." As it flew east of their farm, they said they heard a faint jet noise, and thought the object was just a jet tanker. "But as we got to thinking about it," Mrs. Shields said, "It wasn't loud enough for a jet so close or low." Mr. Shields added, "It had a red light above each of the white lights, and they didn't blink like a plane's."

## CLOSEST SIGHTING

By far the closest and most detailed sighting came one mile east of Shields, at 11:30. Mrs. Arlo Wurm, her son, Kevin, daughter Shanna and Kenny Black were driving south after the county fair that night, when they saw what appeared as "two car headlights moving east over Loyd Walinders." They continued driving west to their house, when Kevin, the

driver, curiously headed the vehicle a mile south to better view the lights from one of the farm's pastures. Still, nothing more could be noticed and they drove uneasily back to their farmhouse. From their yard, they watched as it continued its slow eastward path, directly over them. Shanna was skeptical, but all claimed to see a "cone-shaped light in front, with three lights in back—one on top and two on bottom." As it passed at "maybe double tree-top height" over their feedlot yard lights, the Wurms report that it was a "large black object the size of a football field, making a faint humming sound like a blimp." All the lights of the frightening 'thing' were steady, which Mrs. Wurm elaborated was much, much too big for an ordinary plane or helicopter. Kevin was visibly shaken after the incident.

Brad Marcuson, Selden, stepped out of his tractor at 11:30 to see "something with an orange light in front and three lights in back, moving slowly overhead about 1,000 feet up." It "made a low, jet hum" as he watched, it travelled only 10 miles per hour for one mile along highway 83, 1 1/2 miles south of Oberlin.

## SERIES OF LIGHTS

At North Elk Street in Oberlin, Roy Shobe, his wife, Anne, son Andy, daughter Sandy and Renee Smith reported seeing a series of five lights, "one in front, four in back." Roy noted that "it was blocking out the stars as it passed," at 11:30 p.m., in a northwesterly direction.

"Two white headlights in the sky" were noticed by Ed Schwab, at midnight, enroute to his home nine miles south of Oberlin. Said Schwab, "I thought they were heading northwest and passed them off as lights on a jet tanker." As the object passed to the west, he saw it had "one front light and four or five on the tail section." None were flashing.

## VIEWER LIST GROWS

Robyn Karls and Richard Anderson observed "something in the sky" at 12:30 at the Karlises Oberlin residence. Both claim it was this time "moving south, and appeared to be just west of town." Descriptions were the same as the others.

The flying crafts were sighted by Dan Brown and his wife, Chris. At their house located one mile south of the TV 8 studio, they saw "two airplane headlights" moving slowly toward them, at 12:50. The first object flew "straight overhead" and appeared to be "four lights in a diamond-shaped pattern." They watched its flight for three or four minutes, then noticed a "second object moving southwest at a slightly faster pace." The second craft was thought to make a faint jet noise.

Similar sightings of "lights in the sky" were reported by Norcat youth Lucretia Thornton while at the Decatur County Fair, Thursday night and by Marvin Hansen, from his living-room window near the Oberlin ball park.

Goodland Flight Service reported, however, "Negative for any such aircraft" by its radar or any area pilots.

Theron Krizek, Jennings, reported seeing similar lights while on security duty for his 4-H club at the Decatur county fairgrounds, late the same night. He added that "as the lights went north, the three in the back separated and went off in different directions, then came back somewhat" before the object disappeared beyond the horizon.

The first daytime sighting of the unidentified flying object has been reported at 6 p.m. in the evening of Aug. 3, by the golfing foursome of Mr. and Mrs. Frank King and Mr. and Mrs. John Ready. The couples were out on the #8 fairway at the Oberlin Country Club golf course, when they noticed "a white object hovering to the north." Mrs. King described it as "long and flat, with no projections of any kind. It was about the size of a ruler held at arm's length, but maybe a little thicker." she added. At first the four thought it was a glider due to the absence of any kind of noise, but later concluded it was too big for a conventional glider.

Whatever the being or beings might have been in, be it a blimp, balloon or even a Boeing, they missed a heckuva good carnival and fair.

# THE MORT REPORT

## UFO s common in Eagle Creek

Their curiosity now thoroughly aroused, the Dodds say they'll continue their observations. The objects with blinking white and red lights generally appear low over the Eagle Creek horizon between 11:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m., she said.

UFO activity in the Eagle Creek Triangle has increased in recent days we're told. Emma Lou Dodd reports that she and her husband have observed an unidentified object from their bedroom window nearly every night during the last two weeks.

"Some of them could be airplanes but most of them have too many red lights to be planes," Mrs. Dodd said this week. Monday night a week ago the Dodds watched a UFO for about two and a half hours. It hovered low above the horizon in Eagle Creek most of the time but occasionally made sudden starts and stops as well as turns. Unlike the slow turns of an airplane, the changes in course were erratically executed and at sharp angles.

An amateur photographer, Mrs. Dodd said she mounted a telephoto lens on her camera and attempted to photograph the object.



UFO EVIDENCE? — Genaro Puente of 7308 Church St., Gilroy, is certain that the scorched-appearing, almost square section of grass on his side lawn is evidence that the glowing yellowish object he observed outside a kitchen window on Aug. 4 was indeed a "flying saucer." The 26-year-old security guard at Gilroy Foods described the object as small, cone-shaped, with a "liberty bell" shaped bottom. He said it hovered outside the kitchen window for 10 or 20 seconds, then moved on. He said at the time of the sighting he didn't pay much attention to what he saw, and did not report it because he didn't think anyone would believe him. However, he said that when he found the odd-looking, three-foot square patch of grass about a week later, right under the kitchen window, he decided he had indeed seen a flying saucer. Above, Puente points to the scorched-appearing section of lawn.



# Wallace Residents Think They Have Enough of Strange Visitors: UFO'S

WALLACE—Are visitors from a strange planet in outer space visiting this area? If so, what do they want and why this particular area?

If not, does the U.S. Government have a new type vehicle that has been kept secret as some believe? Or does a foreign nation have a secret airborne vehicle and is observing us?

Whatever the answer is, a number of Wallace folks aren't too happy about having strange airborne vehicles look over the town at night.

At least 12 adults and two children sighted what appeared to be a flying saucer or UFO about 11:45 Thursday night. The large object, estimated to be as large as a jet plane, hovered over the Wallace Elevator and the Burlington Northern tracks for about five minutes while they watched. It then moved northward.

Glenn Garner of Wallace reported that the object had been seen by workers at the Gerald Gentleman Power Plant Thursday night also.

James Wais, who operates the Wallace Lounge with his wife, said the UFO appeared to be of

triangular shape as he watched. Mr. and Mrs. Walt Zezulka and their two young children thought it was diamond shaped or even rectangular, depending on the angle from which you watched. All agreed that white lights shown at each point of the object. Some saw white lights, others saw red lights also. The Zezulka children reported they saw small lights in the center surrounding a large one. Each of the Zezulkas drew a picture of what they saw. The pictures were compared and were similar.

Zezulka is an eight year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He said he had never seen such a sight before. He estimated it at being about 5,000 feet above the ground.

Not only did Wallace residents witness the strange visitor over town but Joel Phillips, Lance Heitman and Bob Christensen reported they saw the UFO south of Wallace a few miles. Phillips said the object seemed to hover for about three minutes, then move toward Wallace. Phillips reported the object appeared cross-shaped, had red lights which appeared

yellowish as the object got closer. It seemed as large as an airliner but was quiet, making no disturbance. It appeared to be several hundred feet in the air.

Such visitors are not exactly strangers to the Wallace area. A couple of years ago some dead cattle were found, mysteriously killed under unexplainable circumstances and parts of the carcasses had been cut away. Last winter a ranch woman north of the Platte reported sighting an UFO.

Similar sightings have been reported at various times throughout the United States and also in foreign countries.

Believe in UFOs or not—folks in Wallace saw something unusual. They can't identify it so that makes it an "Unidentifiable Object", an UFO.

Lincoln County deputy sheriffs were contacted about the sighting indicated that since the area lies in the path of a B-52 bombing run for simulated bombing, that what people saw was a plane. But don't try to convince the folks that watched, that that is what it was.

# Great balls of fire: at long last, a new UFO

By WARREN WATSON

A resident Sunday described it as a "reddish ball fluttering in the sunset."

Twenty-five years ago, another resident described a similar phenomenon as a "ball of fire" moving vertically.

A coincidence? Unidentified flying objects 25 years apart?

Well, Phyllis Cunningham and other residents of East Gloucester are shaking their heads just as residents were shaking their heads Aug. 28, 1954, when they spotted what they

called a flying saucer over Cape Ann.

Sunday around 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Cunningham of 46 Decatur St. said she saw the strange object in the night sky. "It was round—like the sun. It fluttered. It wiggled," she said.

Other residents noted the same phenomenon, but neither Ralph Barker of Old Salt's Weather Service nor the National Weather Service in Deadham had received any calls.

"Probably a weather balloon," said Barker, matter-of-factly today. "They're here all the time and we don't know it."

But a spokesman in the Blue Hills Observatory in Deadham said he had no record of a balloon in the Cape Ann area.

Exactly 25 years ago, Barker also guessed the strange object was a balloon. But then, officials said they had no information about any craft being released above the area.

Residents said the UFO seemed about 20,000 to 30,000 feet high and slightly to the northwest.

Checks with the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force yielded no new information. Barker was still shaking his head days later.

Both matters are still up in the air.

CR: T. Lind

# Hovering Light Still a Mystery

Military sources continue to deny that the object seen in the skies of Northwestern Kansas and Southwestern Nebraska the night of Aug. 2 was one of their planes but reports of the sighting continue.

A spokesman for the Strategic Air Command headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha said a check of operations showed no planes from that base were flying in this area at 11:30 p.m. or midnight, the time of most of the sightings.

The SAC spokesman also indicated they were not doing any low level practice bombing runs at that time.

The spokesman said the description resembled a fighter plane and suggested checking with air national guard units.

However, Capt. Robert Bailey of the Nebraska Air National Guard in Lincoln said a check of operations records showed no national guard planes were in that area at that time.

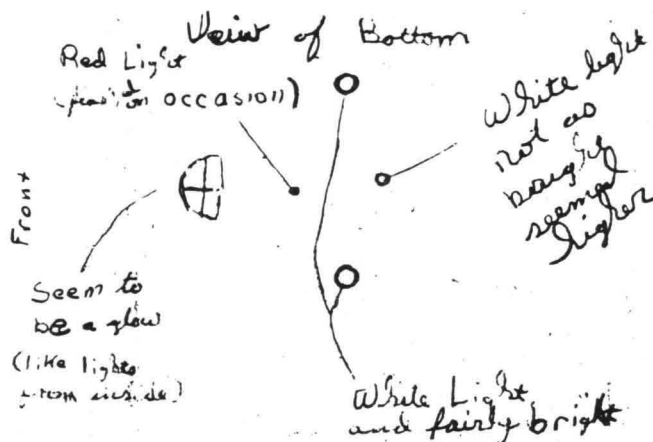
Capt. Bailey pointed out that air guardsmen seldom fly at that time of night during the week for two reasons: 1. they all have jobs they have to go to the next day, and 2. SAC has priority over them when it comes to air routes.

At Bailey's suggestion a check was made of the Kansas Air National Guard unit at Ft. Riley and this also brought forth a negative response.

Bailey also noted that reports that the object hovered sounds to him like a helicopter.

When asked why he thought there was no sound when it was hovering, Bailey said he had no idea unless the object was further away than people thought.

Several officials commented that the humming sound when the object started up



Three persons who saw the unexplained object in the sky the night of Aug. 2 have submitted this drawing showing how they remember the craft. The drawing came from Todd Wagner, his sister Kathleen, who live about one-half mile north and one-fourth mile west of Culbertson, and Kent Jording of Trenton. They reported seeing the object twice—once about midnight and again about 1:30 a.m., Aug. 3.

again could indicate that it was a jet helicopter.

One area law enforcement officer, who asked not to be identified, added, "If it was some type of secret maneuver by the military, you don't really think they would admit it, do you?"

Meanwhile the reports of the sighting of the object, described by most as appearing from the lights to be in a triangular shape, continue to come in.

Among the latest is a report from Norman Stastny and his wife, Linda, 808 East H.

Stastny, who is an instructor at the McCook High School and his wife, who is a secretary at East Ward School, said they were sitting on the balcony of their house when they spotted the object.

Stastny said he has never seen anything quite like the object and noted it was about 11:30 p.m. or midnight.

Stastny said the object was going from the south to the north and estimated it was around Culbertson or Trenton.

Previous sightings have put the object in a corridor from southwest of Oberlin to north

of Culbertson.

Mrs. Stastny said she couldn't really make out a shape from the lights but Norm said it appeared to be in the shape of a triangle and looked like it had lights all around it.

He said they watched it for a couple of minutes while "it seemed not to move at all and then suddenly took off."

"It couldn't have been an airplane but it was so plain anyone looking in the sky at that time couldn't have missed it," he said.

The other sighting came from a group of seven youngsters, according to a letter from Dan Miller of Route 1, Bartley.

Dan, who is 12, said the object also was seen by Kendra Morris, 11; Doug Miller, 10; Berdena Morris, 8; Dustin Miller, 8; Chad Pew, 7, and Shawn Pew, 5.

Dan said it was about 11 or 11:10 p.m. when they saw the strange lights.

He said there were three red lights and one middle green light "very high in the air."

The group was at Eric Pew's farmhouse about 2½ miles northeast of Lebanon and 3 miles north of the Kansas border.

He said Berdena Morris saw the lights first and called the rest of them out of the house.

"We all thought it was an airplane at first but it was strange that an airplane would move so slowly and stop to hover. The lights were blinking slowly and sometimes they would blink from a red to a dark orange."

He said his cousin and brother tried to tell those in the house "but nobody would believe them."

After watching the object for about 30 seconds it seemed to disappear or shut its lights off.

# Deputy Johnson Stunned By UFO Monday Morning

Unidentified Flying Objects are very real to Deputy Sheriff Val Johnson after an early morning encounter with something he can't explain in the very dark and sparsely populated area of Fork Township 17 miles north of Oslo on TH 220.

A UFO expert from Chicago flew into Warren Tuesday to investigate the incident which occurred about 1:40 a.m. Monday morning. Deputy Johnson suffered burns in the eyes from a brilliant light and his patrol car was damaged in five places, none seriously. Johnson's watch and the clock in the patrol car both lost 14 minutes during the unexplained occurrence. He also lost consciousness for nearly 40 minutes until he radioed for assistance.

Allen A. Hendry, chief investigator of the Center for UFO Studies, Evanston, Ill., definitely ruled out aircraft of any known type as the culprit, but otherwise was at a loss to offer any rational explanation for the phenomena. He was talking about electromagnetism or some type of high energy beam and would not comment whether or not it would have been man-made or extra-terrestrial.

Shortly before 1:30 a.m., Deputy Johnson left Stephen and headed west on County Road 5. When he got 11 miles west of Stephen he turned south onto TH 220. He saw a bright light which appeared to be hovering over the highway about a mile away and accelerated his car, thinking it might be an aircraft in trouble.

About this time, the light accelerated towards him and he heard the sound of broken glass and a bright light filled the interior of the patrol car. He remembers nothing after this point for about 40 minutes but investigation shows that from the point where glass from a broken headlight fell to the pavement he drove his car 854 feet before the brakes were applied. Tire marks then showed on the pavement for 99 feet and the car stopped facing across the highway with the front wheels on the east shoulder of the road.

It was determined the incident must have happened about 1:40 a.m. At 2:19 a.m. the sheriff's office in Warren received a "1088" (officer needs assistance) call from Deputy Johnson. His first transmission was audible and rational but further conversations between he and the dispatcher revealed he was disoriented. Deputy Greg Winkowski of Stephen was quickly dispatched to the scene and arrived about 2:32 a.m. finding him in his patrol car. The Stephen ambulance brought him to Warren for treatment for his eyes and he was also checked at Grand Forks. Doctors classified the burns to his eyes as something like a welder burn. Sheriff Dennis Brekke and Deputy Doolittle were also on the scene shortly after the ambulance took Deputy Johnson to Warren.

The patrol car had one headlight broken, but no damage to the frame around the light, a small dent on the windshield, cracked windshield, damaged red light on top of the car and two spring steel antennas bent nearly at right angles.

In a press conference Tuesday, he said, "The beam of light appeared to be 8 to 10 inches in diameter, was stationary and then came right at me." Other than remembering hearing glass breaking he has no recollection of hearing any other type of sound from outside the patrol car.

When he was queried by the radio operator about the problem, Deputy Johnson in a disoriented way, said "Something just hit my car -- strange. Something attacked my car, brakes locked up. I don't know what is going on." When asked if he wanted an ambulance, he responded, "I don't think so. I don't think I'm leaking blood. My eyes hurt."

Deputy Johnson, who has been a deputy for 2 1/2 years, lives in Oslo. He is resting for a few days and will be back on the job.

Mr. Hendry of the Center for UFO Studies, a private organization which took over the work from the Air Force after they

abandoned investigating UFO incidents in 1969 said, "This is as good a case as I've seen for the credibility of the incident." He says he perhaps investigates three such credible incidents such as this over the country in a year. Most of the reports he gets are from people sighting UFOs but not actually having anything happen to them as a result. At this point, your answer is every bit as good as the expert's.

SHEAF, Warren, MN - Aug. 29, 1979 CR: J. Brill



**UFO BELIEVERS** — Marshall County Deputy Sheriff Val Johnson, left, and Allen A. Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, Evanston, Ill., right, stand beside the county patrol car which was damaged by unknown forces in the wee hours of Monday morning 17 miles north of

Oslo. The bend in one of the antennas can be seen back of Mr. Johnson and the top of the second bent antenna can be seen directly over Mr. Hendry's head. Deputy Johnson was treated for what appeared to be "welders burns" in his eyes, but was otherwise unharmed. —Sheaf Photo

POST-BULLETIN, Rochester, MN - Sept. 3, 1979

CR: M. Hall

## Two More Reports Of UFO Sightings

By WILLIAM PETROSKI  
Post-Bulletin Staff Writer

Two separate reports of unidentified flying objects seen in the sky over northeast Rochester were made to authorities here Sunday night.

Robert Hilfers, of 1503 25th St. S.E., reported a UFO sighting about midnight to the Olmsted County Sheriff's Department. About the same time, Rochester police received a UFO report from Charles Oviatt, of 3611 Second St. N.W.

Hilfers' wife, Alma, 40, said today her son David, 11, spotted a light going across the northeast sky in back of their home, which is about one mile south of Mayo High School.

Mrs. Hilfer also observed the light, along with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Henry Hilfers, of Lake Wilson, Minn., who is visiting here.

Mrs. Hilfers said the light was larger than a star "and it was quite low to the ground."

"It was not an airplane," she said. "We have airplanes going by here all the time. I don't know what it was."

She only saw the light briefly, and said it was a blue, stationary light when she observed it, while her son saw a light moving from east to west.

David, a sixth grader at Pinewood Elementary School, said "It was white, blue and green in color and it looked like it was about 15 feet off the ground, and it was moving pretty slow."

He said the light lasted only for a few seconds, and he and his mother and grandmother observed it through a dining room window in his family's home.

Meanwhile, Oviatt's wife, Mary Ellen, 30, said today her husband initially spotted a bright light about 11:30 p.m. when he went outside briefly.

"It looked like it was hovering in the area around Northern Heights," said Mrs. Oviatt, whose home is in Country Club Manor.

"It looked kind of like a star, but it was a little larger than a star, and it was radiating with red and green rings."

"We watched it until 1:30 in the morning or so, and it was still there," she said.

She said a policeman came and observed it and initially thought it was a star. "But then he said it wasn't a star, but he couldn't really confirm it was a UFO," she said.

Last Thursday, a rural Pine Island couple told the sheriff's office they saw a strange bright white beam in the western sky Wednesday night as they drove home from Rochester. They were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller, who farm near Pine Island.

A spokesman with the National Weather Service at the Rochester Airport said that short of doing an in-depth study, he could not explain Sunday night's reported UFO sightings.

However, he said a weather observer at the airport spends at least 5 to 10 minutes every hour outside and did not log anything unusual such as a UFO sighting.

The spokesman said there was a temperature inversion Sunday night, "and that at times can play tricks with your eyes. I'm not saying it was that, though," he said.

GLOBE-DEMOCRAT, St. Louis, MO - Sept. 1-2, 1979 CR: N. Short



**A MYSTERIOUS ENCOUNTER** — Deputy Val Johnson of Marshall County, Minn., points to his patrol car light knocked out in a run-in with a mysterious bright light on a lonely northwest Minnesota highway early Monday morning. The windshield was also broken

during the encounter, and Johnson suffered "welder burns." He said his watch stopped for 14 minutes, as did a clock in the car, and he says he can't remember what happened for 39 minutes.

—AP Wirephoto



# Deputy is knocked out in UFO 'attack'

## Patrol vehicle was damaged by mysterious bright light

By Jim Durkin  
Herald Staff Writer

WARREN, Minn. — Val Johnson, a deputy for the Marshall County Sheriff's Department, doesn't know exactly what happened to him early Monday morning.

He does know it was something strange.

Johnson was on patrol about 1:40 a.m. when he was attacked by an "unidentified thing." It dove at his car and caused him to lose control. It then left him on an isolated rural highway, injured and unable to account for 39 minutes.

The 35-year-old deputy said he was about 10 miles west of Stephen, Minn., when he spotted a bright beam of light about 8 inches in diameter. "Like a spotlight," he said. It was hovering 3 to 4 feet above the highway, he said, and it was about 2½ miles away when he first saw it.

At first, he said, he believed it was a landing light for a small aircraft.

He drove toward the light, watching it hover. When he got within about 1½ miles, the light came at him, he said.

"It sat there and appeared to be stationary," he said. "But when I got closer — boom! — it was right there. Just right now."

"I heard glass breaking and saw the inside of the car light up real bright with white light. It was very, very, extremely bright. That's all I can remember. I lost contact with the time span or consciousness or something."

Authorities from the sheriff's department have calculated that the incident happened at 1:40 a.m. It was not until 2:19 a.m. that Johnson called on his police radio for help.

"After the light hit my vehicle, I don't remember a thing. I remember when I came to, I opened my right eye and saw the red engine light on my dashboard and figured my car must have been stopped."

According to a tape recording of Johnson's call to the department, he gave his location (1 mile south of the intersection of County Road 5 and Highway 220) and said he needed assistance. He didn't say what was wrong.

Dispatcher Pete Bauer immediately called for other officers to help.

A short while later, Bauer called Johnson back and asked him what had happened.

"Something just hit my car. I don't know how to explain it... strange. Something attacked my car," Johnson answered in a groggy-sounding voice.

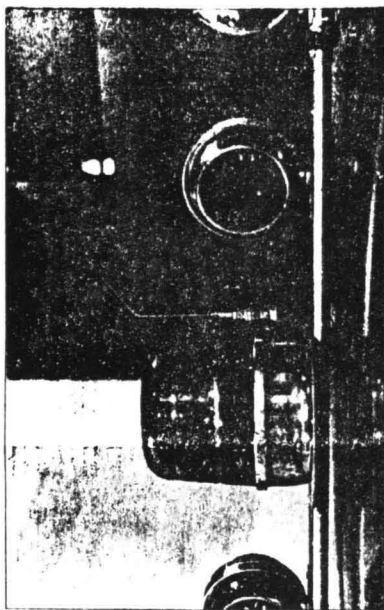
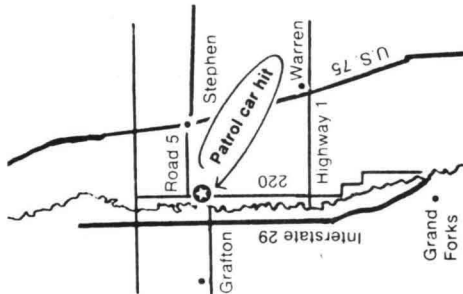
"Are you all right?" Bauer asked.

"I think so. I can't see very well. I don't think I'm losing any blood anywhere," Johnson replied.

A few minutes later, Deputy Greg Winkowski, who was responding to help Johnson, asked him if he knew what the vehicle that hit him looked like.

"It wasn't a vehicle, Greg. I don't know what the hell it was," Johnson said.

When Winkowski got to the scene, he found Johnson's



HERALD PHOTO BY JIM DURKIN

This photo of the patrol car Val Johnson was driving shows a bent antenna and a broken light at the right top of the vehicle.

car sideways on the road. He called an ambulance from the Warren, Minn., hospital.

Johnson was taken to the hospital and treated for "welder burns" to his eyes. He also had a bump on his forehead which he believes happened when he hit the steering wheel.

Patches were put on his eyes and six hours later Johnson was taken to Grand Forks to an eye specialist. That specialist agreed the painful injury to his eyes could have been caused by a bright flash of light.

Further investigation by deputies at the scene showed one headlight on Johnson's car had been smashed. Also, there was a small round dent in the hood, a smashed windshield and a broken red light on top of the car. Two steel antennas which were spring mounted and stuck

above the car, were bent at nearly 90-degree angles. No evidence of another vehicle could be found within a mile of Johnson's car.

Reports showed that Johnson traveled 854 feet from the point of impact before he applied his brakes and skidded for another 99 feet. "I don't even remember hitting the brakes," Johnson said. He added that he didn't hear anything and didn't smell any exhaust fumes.

Also, a mechanical wrist watch Johnson was wearing and an electric clock in the patrol car stopped for 14 minutes. Deputies said they were certain both Johnson's watch and the car clock were accurate before the incident. Johnson said he set both timepieces when he began patrolling that night and checked them several times

during the evening.

"We've had something here and we don't really know what it is," said Sheriff Dennis Brekke. "I'm not reporting that we believe in flying saucers or don't believe in flying saucers."

He said he only wanted to report the facts of the incident collected by his department, even though many things couldn't be explained.

"What he's (Johnson) seen, he's seen. None of us are trained to explain things we're not used to seeing."

Al Hendry, chief investigator at the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., came to Warren Tuesday morning to investigate the report.

He said he had contacted five Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) organizations in the area — including Grand Forks Air Force Base — and all of them told him they saw nothing on radar and had no evidence of any aircraft activity in the area.

Hendry said he ruled out the possibility of a low-flying aircraft because of those reports and other reasons — including the burns to Johnson's eyes, the unexplained reason the timepieces stopped and the velocity behind the force which bent the antennas.

"This case has some clues," Hendry said. "The damage to the car, the burns on his eyes and the clocks are all unusual clues."

"The burns show the brightness of the light. And the antennas show the velocity at which whatever hit them was moving. Otherwise, the springs would have bent and the antennas wouldn't have. Whatever hit them must have been traveling extremely fast to bend the antennas without moving the springs."

Hendry said his office receives about 1,000 reports of UFOs a year. About 90 percent of them "fall through" immediately. Most of his investigations are done by telephone.



Val Johnson: 'I don't know what the hell it was'



Al Hendry: 'This case has some clues'

"It's rare for me to come out and investigate a report. But something like this where you have the car which could be measured and photographed will provide some concrete evidence. It's certainly as good a case as I've seen in the past year."

It is the third "direct run-in" between a vehicle and a UFO Hendry has investigated in approximately a year.

The investigator said he planned to go to the site of the impact and run some tests to find if there was a strong magnetic field which could have caused the timepieces to stop.

Brekke said his department had checked the area with geiger counters but found nothing unusual.

"I have rolled many possibilities around in my head," Johnson said. "It was something I've never seen before and never want to see again. It was somewhat aggressive and certainly didn't want me to be there. I'm not that much worse for it. I've gone through a little discomfort is all."

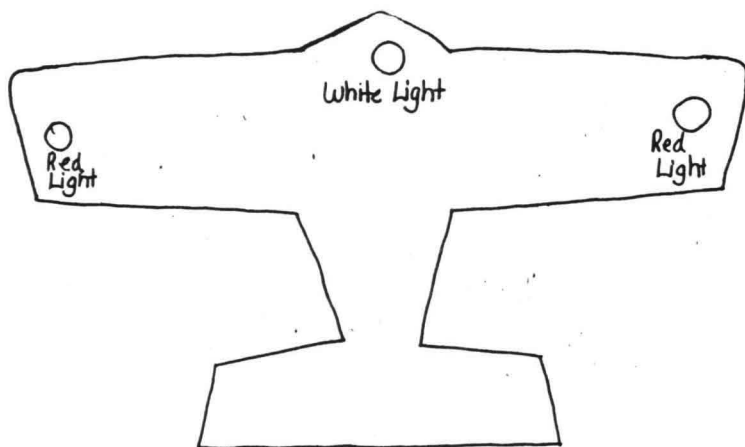
"I knew where I was and I knew I was upright, but I was unsure of what in the world happened."

Both Brekke and Deputy Everett Doolittle said the only reason they let news of the event out was because Johnson was taken to the hospital by ambulance and several people had heard rumors.

"To be perfectly honest, if the only people who knew about it were in our department, we wouldn't have told anybody except the UFO reporting service," Doolittle said.

"But since this information got out in rumors, we wanted to put out the facts we have and let the people draw their own conclusions. We certainly can't explain it. All we can do is tell people what we know. You wouldn't believe some of the stories that were going around."

"We just have to hope that we don't come off sounding like we're all nuts. I know Val, and if he said it happened, it happened."



## UFO's in area news

By John A. Strand

There's a fellow in Grafton who really isn't too enthusiastic about telling people what he saw in the wee hours of the morning on Wednesday. He's afraid people will think he is crazy or something.

Although he refuses to let his name go along with the story, he was willing to tell it to The Record Friday morning. And, to further clarify what he was trying to describe this fellow drew a picture of the object he saw in the air at about 1 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Relatively unwilling to call it an unidentified flying object, a UFO, he did say he had never seen anything like it in all his years. And quite certain it was not your ordinary plane, for that is what it resembled, he said he could be mistaken about the whole affair. Or at least about what he saw, anyway.

The man lives near Central High School in Grafton and swears that at 1 a.m. Wednesday, in the dead of night, he noticed a rather unusual plane flying over the north side of the city, somewhere over the water tower. He watched it with curiosity, and then the next day after reading about an encounter with a UFO in nearby Minnesota, he really began wondering about what he saw the evening before.

"I knew nothing about this deal," he says. "That is what got me going. I didn't hear any engine noise at all. It

just looked like a plane going in for a glide or emergency landing at the airport."

But then he began to wonder. "It came from the east, and you'd think it would make the fastest approach possible. But then it swung around and went back east again."

He was near downtown Grafton. The plane, maybe 1,000 feet in the air, had no engine noise whatsoever, he says.

And that isn't the half of it. For it did not look like your basic, ordinary small airplane. It had two big lights — red ones, one on each wing, that did not blink but instead were solid beams — and it had a solid bright white light under the nose of the plane.

The plane was larger than a Cessna 172 and it had a wide wingspread and tail section. "And the body in the center was too stubby." He watched it for less than five minutes, he says.

There was no engine noise and it flew in a "nice, beautiful glide. Nothing rough, just stable..."

No one else saw it, at least that he knows of, and the first thing he did was go tell his son-in-law about it. "I didn't see any propeller at all and didn't see any landing gear. I'd even take a lie detector test if I had to," he adds.

The Grafton airport reported that they knew of no emergency landing at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29. They did not have any record of anybody flying that late and on that specific evening.

## Flying Object Seen North of Culbertson

CULBERTSON — The path of an unknown object which was in the skies of Southwestern Nebraska and Northwestern Kansas Thursday night, Aug. 2, has now been traced to the north and west of Culbertson.

The latest report has come from Todd Wagner, 18, who lives about one-half mile north and one-fourth mile west of Culbertson.

Todd said he, his sister, Kathleen, and her friend, Kent Jording of Trenton, both 16, saw the object about midnight or 12:30 a.m., the morning of Friday, Aug. 3.

Wagner said from the red lights which he saw he agrees the object was triangular shaped. He said there also was a fourth red light on the top.

Wagner said when he first spotted the object he was driving home and at first it looked like two car headlights.

He said the object they saw was going from the north to the south.

Reports from residents south of Culbertson and in the Harrod and Oberlin area all stated that the object was seen about 11:30 p.m. and was going from the south to the north.

Wagner said the object seemed to be "setting still in the north."

He said he was able to watch it after he got home but said unlike other reports he spotted no yellow lights.

"At first I thought it was a helicopter but there was no popping sound such as blades would make," he said.

As the others have done, he also reported the object seemed to hover near their farm and estimated it was about 200 to 300 feet high.

He said he made the estimate based on the height of some 60-foot trees in the yard.

Wagner said the sound made by the object was more of the humming sound of a jet.

The object evidently made a couple of passes over the Wagner farm.

Wagner said he noticed the lights were quite bright, then dimmed and seemed to disappear.

He said all at once the lights came on very bright and then stopped.

Wagner said there appeared to be a glow in the front of the vehicle such as light shining through a window.

Wagner and his sister both saw the object again about an hour later.

He said his sister heard it about 1:30 a.m. and alerted him and their parents, Jack and Nina Wagner. However, by the time they got outside the object was gone. He said this time the object appeared to be to the west.

There is a great deal of speculation about what the vehicle could be with the most prevalent theory being that it's a helicopter.

However, all of those who have reported the sighting said it didn't sound like a helicopter.

One theory is that it could be a new jet helicopter from some branch of the armed forces.

Another theory is that the vehicle is some type of aircraft and is photographing the area for some reason — perhaps something that has to do with the proposed MX missile sites.

Whatever it is and whatever the mission there are 19 residents of Northwestern Kansas and Southwestern Nebraska who will swear they saw something.

## Another Strange Object Spotted

A daylight sighting in McCook about 11:40 a.m. today is the latest in a number of reports of strange objects spotted in the skies of Northwest Kansas and Southwest Nebraska.

Prior to today all of the reports had concerned a sighting the night of Aug. 2.

However, today's sighting was made by at least three persons.

Jim Tiller of McCook said he and his cousin, John Bartels, were bringing two loads of corn into McCook when they spotted a small object, which appeared to be about one to two feet across, zip across in front of them.

Tiller said the object was round, had a blue top, shiny silver bottom and little blue lights on it. He said the object also had a dome on it.

He said the object was about 30 feet off the ground and came from the west, across U.S. 83 and headed east. The

incident happened near the Bison Drive-In Theater.

Tiller said he immediately called Bartels, who was driving the truck behind him, on the business radio and asked him if he had seen the object.

Bartels confirmed he had also.

Tiller said there was a pickup truck in front of him and it was obvious those in the pickup also saw the object as they slowed and watched it. He said he did not know those in the pickup.

Tiller said the object crossed the highway just in front of his truck. He added there was quite a bit of traffic on the highway and he was not able to stop to watch the object further.

MORNING WORLD-HERALD, Omaha, NE - Aug. 22, 1979

## Pair Encounter Skeptics After Sighting of UFO

By David Hendee  
World-Herald Staff Writer

McCook High School senior John Bartels and Curtis farmer Jim Tiller do not consider themselves crackpots.

Earlier this week, however, they had a close encounter with that label after a close encounter of a different kind — Bartels and Tiller said they saw an unidentified flying object that was close enough to be hit with a tossed rock.

They said the sighting was Wednesday along the western outskirts of McCook on U.S. 83. It was the latest of several reports of unidentified flying object sightings in the southwest Nebraska-northwest Kansas region since Aug. 2.

Bartels, 17, said he and his cousin Tiller, 23, were driving farm trucks loaded with corn to McCook from Tiller's farm when they both saw a saucer-shaped object about 3½ feet in diameter wobble across the highway west to east in front of their trucks.

The object was about 30 feet in the air and was moving about 5 to 10 mph when Tiller's truck passed by it. Bartels, who was following in another truck, said the object had crossed the highway and was over the roadside ditch when he saw it.

Both said the object resembled two saucer-type snow sleds attached at their rims and ringed with what looked like dozens of blue light bulbs. The flying saucer had a blue top and shiny, silver bottom.

"It was the perfect storybook flying saucer but it didn't appear to have any doors," Tiller said. "It was unbelievable and it wasn't a toy. We couldn't figure how it was moving."

Bartels said it wasn't until both men stopped in town and told each other what they had seen did they realize what they had seen.

"We called the McCook radio station and the guy there asked me if we were on any medication. I should have hung up on him, but I wanted to tell someone what we had seen," Bartels said.

"Now that I've seen one, I kind of believe in them, I think."





# FOREIGN NEWS

STATESMAN, Calcutta, India

July 13, 1979

## Close Encounter In W. Dinajpur

From NIRMALYA BANERJEE, ISLAMPUR (West Dinajpur). July 12—In the midst of lush green paddy fields on the outskirts of this sub-divisional town the cluttered structure of the State Farm High School stands as a silent witness to an "extraordinary" happening. On Tuesday night, an unidentified flying object had whizzed over the school building damaging it severely. Many people, still wonder whether the object was a part of the Skylab. The corrugated tin sheets of the school building have been blown off. While some of the sheets are strewn inside the class rooms and around the school premises, others are lying scattered on the adjoining paddy fields. A few sheets have been blown off to distant villages—between a half a kilometre and one kilometre away.

A number of mud houses with straw roofs that surround the building have however, been left untouched. The building is the only pucca structure in the area. The force of the UFO can be guessed from the fact that all the sheets had been fastened securely to sal beams with iron nuts and bolts. They have been torn off the bolts. Most of the sheets are twisted.

The kitchen adjoining the boarding house collapsed after the UFO was said to have passed over it. Iron spikes in the oven of the kitchen are twisted. The walls of the school building and the boarding house, made of bricks have developed cracks.

Mrs Sishu Bala Gai (50), who lives in a near-by hut said that she was standing on the verandah of her hut when she heard a whistling sound at a distance. Mrs Gai told members of her family to take shelter on the verandah. She, however, came out to have a look. She saw an approaching ball of fire. All of a sudden, a piece of wire tied round her left arm snapped and fell off a few feet away. She had worn it as a cure for rheumatism. She felt a mild tremor ran through her hand but did not suffer even a scratch.

Mr Debendra Ghosh (28), a shopkeeper of the area, who claimed to be an eye-witness, said that about 9-30 p.m. he heard rumbling. A ball of fire then approached in the sky from the north-east. The ball had a diameter of at least two feet. Sparks of fire were falling from it. The object moved towards the south-west.

As the ball came over the school building, it seemed to come lower and change direction, but it went up again. Mr Ghosh said the ball drew the tin sheets as it went away. There was no strong blast of wind, he added, when the ball passed. It was drizzling before it arrived but the drizzle stopped after it had passed.

Three carpenters were working inside a room of the school building when the incident occurred. They took shelter under the benches. One of them was slightly injured when he tried to run away.

There were seven students inside the boarding house. Of them, Ashutosh Bhattacharya, a student of Class X said: "We were sitting in a room after dinner. Suddenly, there was a gust of wind. We closed the door. But the room started shaking violently. Through a window, I saw sparks of fire falling". He added that he could see the fire ball for about two minutes.

Mr S. K. Sen, the officer-in-charge of the fire station at Islampur, said that the station was informed of the incident at about 9.45 p.m. The firemen who visited the spot found the building shattered but there was no fire anywhere. Some of the sheets were stated to be hot. There was a strong smell of gunpowder.

A senior police official of the sub-division said that there was no storm on the night of the incident. He added that the roof of an observation post in the nearby Chopra thana area had reportedly been blown off. However, the news had not been confirmed and no debris had been found.

The official added that rumours were spreading and the number of eye-witnesses was increasing. He said the Physics Department of North Bengal University had been asked to probe the incident.

SUNDAY SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - July 15, 1979 CR: G. Duplantier



## IN OUTER SPACE TERENCE DICKINSON

### Half believe that something's up!

A recent survey of 1,200 scientists and engineers revealed that more than half of them believe that unidentified flying objects exist and should be officially investigated by the government. These figures differ little from the results of similar polls conducted by Gallup and other organizations.

The study was conducted earlier this year by *Industrial Research* magazine, a publication that limits its circulation to researchers in industry, 92 per cent of whom have scientific or engineering degrees. Other findings in this poll of brainpower showed that eight percent had observed a UFO and about a third knew someone who had claimed to have seen a UFO.

To me the most stunning result of the survey was the response to this question: "If you consider the possibility of UFO existence where do you think they originate?" Forty-four per cent answered "outer space." Twenty-eight per cent believed UFOs were unexplained natural phenomena, and most of the remainder were undecided.

#### Surprised

The reason I am so surprised by this result is that I constantly read in science textbooks and journals that "the vast majority" of scientists are convinced that UFOs are unexplained manmade or natural phenomena events that could be explained if fully investigated. This survey result clearly suggests the reverse.

An evaluation of the age of the respondents reveals that the older the individual the less likely he or she is to accept UFO reality. Seventy-one per cent of those under 35 believe UFOs are a real phenomenon compared to only 47 per cent over 55. Yet the percentage in the various age groups who reported actually having seen a UFO does not vary with age, remaining at approximately eight per cent for all age categories.

In every respect the survey parallels the findings of similar surveys of the general public, implying that the thinking of the population as a whole can be extrapolated to scientists and engineers in industry and research. Also in parallel with general public surveys the results of this survey show an overall increase in belief in UFOs and the outer space origin of UFOs compared to a comparable survey by the same magazine in 1971.

My analysis of this and other similar surveys convinces me that people generally aren't changing their minds about UFOs. The increases in positive responses over the years is almost entirely due to the older folks with negative views being replaced by younger people who grew up with *Star Trek* and Apollo moon flights.

Opinion surveys about UFOs only tell us what people think and don't tell us anything about the real nature of the phenomenon. Only continued scientific investigation has any hope of solving the mystery.

#### Baffling

No government sponsored scientific UFO research is currently being conducted in the U.S. or Canada. Past studies have consistently shown that some UFO cases remain baffling after investigations prove that the UFO phenomenon is real. The problem is, nobody knows for certain what these unknowns are.

Pressure on President Carter for a new government study from private UFO groups and concerned individuals reached a peak in 1977. The question was shifted to the President's Science Advisor, Frank Press, who passed it on to NASA, the Space Agency where it was decided that UFOs were unworthy of investigation.

Not revealed by any public announcement was the fact that several high level NASA scientists disagree with this official stand and welcomed a new investigation. Thus, there is hope that some day the "official" stand on UFOs will come into line with the views of the majority of the rest of us.

GAZETTE, Eastbourne, England - July 18, 1979

## DID THEY REALLY SEE A SAUCER?

By MOLLIE LEACH

WHEN Karen Whittall and her friend from Stockholm, Helene Morssing, went to the carnival fair they had an out-of-this-world experience.

They saw an excited group of young people staring at the sky — they looked too and saw clearly an object that they insist was a genuine flying saucer.

I never have believed in them," said Karen, "but I do now and there is no question about what we saw. People may sneer but this thing really was absolutely other-worldly."

Both girls are 16 and Helene

is over from Sweden to spend a five-week holiday with Karen Karen, after leaving Hampden Park Secondary School, is to train to be a cook.

Both girls describe the UFO as being of a shiny metallic appearance and shaped like half an egg.

Their sighting, from Seaside fairground, was at about 10.15 p.m. on July 2.



YES, SEEING IS BELIEVING — that's the verdict of UFO spotters Helene (left) and Karen. PICTURE: JOAN HARRIES.

## 'Who saw the UFO' appeal

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England - July 31, 1979

THE Nottingham UFO Investigation Society are making inquiries about a brightly glowing UFO reported at Cotmanhay, Derbyshire, on Sunday July 15, and would like anyone who saw it to get in touch with them.

They believe eye witnesses include the driver of a car, possibly a taxi, travelling along Duke Street, and a couple who were in the area.

The UFO was seen in the early hours of the Sunday morning by Mrs. I. Adkin, a cook with the EMEB, says Mr. L. R. Hall, the society's investigator.

#### Vapour

It was moving very slowly at roof top height and about 400 feet away from her. It was round, about 10 feet long and glowing red and amber, with vapour coming from the end of a triangular tail.

After Mrs. Adkin had watched the UFO for three or four minutes it moved away towards Aysworth. Other people who saw it are asked to contact Mr. Hall on Nottingham 250316 or Mr. S. Henley on Nottingham 874615.

LANCASHIRE EVENING POST, Preston, England - Aug. 10, 1979

## Car 'chased by UFO'

A STRANGE encounter proved a little too close for a quiet Lancashire community.

And now residents are worried that a mysterious UFO which buzzed over their rooftops may return.

Police at Ormskirk have investigated several reports of a strange light which moved across the night sky.

One couple claim it chased their car for nearly seven miles, an elderly man observed it skirting over the tops of local homes, and

five sportsmen watched it fly over Billinge Cricket Club.

Electrician Garry Carroll and his girlfriend Angela Gallagher, both 18, told police the object hovered above them, disappeared and then returned.

Garry, of Daybrook, Up Holland, and Angela, from Sleafordsdale, reported the incident to the police.

A police spokesman at Ormskirk said today: "We had numerous reports about a bright light moving in the

sky from the town and the outskirts. We notified radar establishments at Woodvale airport, Southport and Manchester, but they could not confirm anything. We don't think it was a light aircraft because there were not any flashing lights as such.

"And we have counted out any crop spraying machine," he added.

The Manchester-based Aerial Phenomena Investigation team is to investigate the sighting.

# Playing tag with a UFO

By BEVERLY CREAMER  
Advertiser People Editor

Flocks of mutton birds, said one.

Car lights, said another. Train lights or the white foam from the surf far below, said others.

Venus, or maybe Jupiter, said someone else.

But the intense reddish-white orbs that David Crockett saw and filmed seven months ago out the window of a plane as it flew at 13,000 feet above a New Zealand coastline were none of the above, he says.

They were prime UFOs, the kind that make experts scratch their heads and write reports, the kind that some people feel compelled to debunk.

"The New Zealand government came out with a report and said it was Venus," says Crockett. "It was a great laugh. . . . But they forgot a very important factor, that Venus hadn't even risen the morning sky until half an hour after the film was shot."

Yet even now, although Crockett lived through the experience, he knows the bright orbs that did pirouettes around the plane were plotted both by radar on the ground and in the plane and has film to show that something was there. He also shared the episode with four other persons, but he still finds it almost unbelievable.

Others don't. According to Bruce MacCabe, an optical physicist with the U.S. Navy who works with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and went down to New Zealand to investigate the reports, the large moving lights that harassed the cargo plane were the first verified sighting of a UFO that can't be explained as something else.

Crockett, a career TV documentary filmmaker, is in Hawaii hoping to rent or sell a copy of the half-hour documentary he made about the incident to a local TV station.

And he's happy to talk about his experience.

"I was a skeptic before it happened," he says, with a short laugh. "People ask me now and I say you should have been on the aircraft to watch it happen."

The night of Jan. 30 last year changed Crockett's life: he gave up his plans to retire on New Zealand's south island and breed dwarf ponies, his wife's hobby, and went off instead on a worldwide quest to promote his TV film that has not made his wife happy.

It may also have affected him in ways he can't even imagine. Experts now say the Argosy four-engine turbo-prop freight airplane he was riding seems to have lost a few minutes of time.

Moments — during which the pilot veered off-course and "chased" the bright unidentified

sphere — are unaccounted for, says Crockett.

"The whole atmosphere of the aircraft felt strange to me. . . . I don't know. . . . And everyone felt the same."

"I'm not a guy to get scared of anything," He paused, then continued, "But I really thought that we were going to be taken by this."

At the time he was living it, Crockett couldn't help remembering the widely publicized incident two months earlier over Australia where a pilot in a small plane disappeared mysteriously — plane and all.

The last communication from pilot Frederick Valentich was ominous. He said something strange was following him and



David Crockett: "Something was there."

was getting closer. Then he said nothing more.

Crockett's own experience began by chance 10 days after the first publicized sightings of UFOs over New Zealand. Vern Powell, a pilot for Safe Air Co., part of Air New Zealand, was flying a short cargo hop from Blenheim down the coast to Christchurch on Dec. 21.

Powell and his co-pilot, Ian Pirie, saw a round hovering object that followed them for a time. It was picked up on ground radar and seen through binoculars by others on the ground.

It caused a sensation in New Zealand, says Crockett. "There was a big story in the newspapers about New Zealand being attacked. It was incredible. . . . I didn't even bother to read it."

Then Crockett, a freelance filmmaker, was contacted by Quentin Fogarty, well-known television newsman and anchorman in Melbourne. Fogarty was on vacation in New Zealand, became intrigued by the story and decided to do a report on it.

Fogarty hired Crockett to do the filming and Crockett's wife to

man the sound-recording equipment, and 10 days later set off to re-create Powell and Pirie's flight.

"People think we were up there hunting these things, but it was purely coincidental," says Crockett.

Fogarty and his camera crew took off around 11 p.m. with pilot Bill Startup who was flying Sunday papers to Christchurch.

Fogarty was doing a "stand-up" in front of the camera on the plane's wide freight deck when they were interrupted by a shout from the pilot, "I think you better get up here because we've got four or five lights above the township of Kaikoura."

"So we rushed up there," says Crockett. Startup pointed out the lights, reddish-white and hovering about 3,000 feet above the town, a thousand feet below and to one side of their plane.

"They seemed to disappear and change position," said Crockett. "This went on all down the coast."

The radio crackled with a report from Wellington airport. "Sierra Alpha Echo," said the radio, calling the plane's code-name. "You have a target one mile behind your aircraft and tracking with you."

A few seconds later, says Crockett, the "target" had doubled in size and was in formation with their aircraft. The Wellington radar report said it was beside their ship.

The crew in the cockpit peered out the starboard side and saw a large bright object off the wing-tip, says Crockett.

Fearing they might have mistaken their own navigation lights for it, the copilot switched them off. The bright object was still there, pacing them.

Crockett's wife was recording the sound, Fogarty was dictating and Crockett was filming like crazy, getting the lights in focus in his camera lens.

The pilot put the plane into a 360 degree turn to bear down on the object, but by the time they turned, the light was no longer there.

"The light had gone out but radar said the object was still in the area," says Crockett, with that short laugh again. "You can imagine how we all felt."

When Startup finally landed, Crockett's wife was so frightened she didn't want to return with them. But the others decided to go right back with the pilot.

They had barely climbed out of the Christchurch airport and nosed through a bank of clouds when the brilliant orb was suddenly there again, in a 1 o'clock position to the plane.

The bright light paced them again, at a distance that's been estimated at about five miles.

"Startup said 'should we take it off the flight path and go toward

it?'" They said yes and he got permission from the Wellington tower.

"The pilot was very keen," says Crockett. "He kept chasing this thing around. . . . I felt we were closing in on it. . . . but it really never came any closer to us."

At times, the orb was spherical with hazy lines across it. At other times it was flattened and longish.

Once again Crockett was filming like mad. He'd swing the camera toward the light and film for a while and then swing back to the instrument panel of the plane to give a reference point. Then he'd swing back to the mysterious light.

The orb was performing. It overtook them, crossed in front of the plane, went above them, then below, then it just disappeared.

"It was too big and bright to be a planet or stars. . . . it was something moving pretty fast," says Crockett.

Later, when he had the film developed, a strange pattern of light showed up in one of the 30,000 frames he shot. It was almost a figure 8, a maneuver he hadn't distinguished while he was filming.

"NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) is now very interested in this," says Crockett. "They've estimated that to be able to do that it would have to be traveling at 14,000 mph."

A week later, Crockett went back up on the same late-night freight run. There was no light, no radar blip, nothing.

In the wake of that night, says Crockett, "the whole thing exploded worldwide. Fogarty had every TV station in the world ringing him."

The people involved have become celebrities of sorts. At a recent West Coast convention for UFO enthusiasts, Crockett's attendance caused a minor sensation. Fogarty left his television job to write a book and Crockett's doing the same thing, in conjunction with the pilot, co-pilot and radar operators.

It's all a strange new world for Crockett, who carries a box of blow-up photos with him showing the strange white orb in various configurations. Wherever he goes he sets up photo exhibits and a schedule of lectures about the experience.

(On Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 p.m., he will lecture and show his documentary at the University of Hawaii's Spalding auditorium. Admission is \$2.50 for adults; \$1 for children under 12. Crockett expects the evening showings to be swamped.)

Crockett shakes his head. "I was going to get out of this business at Christmas," he says. He laughs again, that short laugh.

"The scientists, they really want to know what was out there."

So does Davey Crockett.

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CR: J. & C. Bord  
SUNDAY EXPRESS, London, England - Aug. 19, 1979  
**NAVY CHIEF IN UFO PROBE**  
LORD HILL - NORTON, Admiral of the Fleet and former Chief of Defence Staff, is taking a surprising interest in unidentified flying objects. He has attended a meeting of the House of Lords study group on UFOs, and members have welcomed the defence supreme's interest. "There are things in this field that have not been explained to my satisfaction," says Lord — formerly Sir Peter — Hill-Norton, 64, from the Orkneys where he is making a film for the BBC on the sinking of the battleship Royal Oak. "I have never seen a UFO, and I don't know anything about the subject but I have an open mind. I went to the meeting out of curiosity. I shall almost certainly go to the next meeting." The group's chairman, the Earl of Clancarty, 67, author of seven books on UFOs, is delighted that a pillar of the defence establishment is taking such an active interest. "There has been a cover-up in this country over UFOs," he tells me. "It's almost impossible to get information out of officials."

DAILY TELEGRAPH, London, England - Aug. 27, 1979

## 'Flat-headed alien in silver suit' faces inquiry

By MICHAEL FARR

THE number of reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) in Britain so far this year is down on recent years, but a silver-suited humanoid was reported in the Isle of Sheppey.

"In March several drivers in Sheppey saw a silver-suited thing with a flat head leaping along like a chimpanzee," Mr Laurence Dale yesterday told the first London International UFO Congress.

"The police were called, but nothing was found. The entity had disappeared into a ditch before they arrived. At the same time someone else reported a UFO sighting in the area. The case is still being investigated."

Mr Dale, council member of the British UFO Research

Association and chemist in a quality control laboratory, said: "The level of activity is currently low with only 90 sightings this year."

He described 1977 as "something of a bumper year with 583 reports received. There were approximately half that number in 1978."

### Comparing notes

More than 350 UFO enthusiasts and experts from some 16 countries are meeting to compare notes and experiences at the two-day congress which opened yesterday.

Under hoardings filled with diagrams, drawings and photographs of flying objects Italians could be seen describing to North Americans the phenomena they themselves had witnessed.

Over lunch Mr Randall Jones

Pugh, retired veterinary surgeon, told me how six years ago at his Spanish holiday chalet at Torrevieja, Alicante, he went outside after midnight and had his experience.

"Something really immense glittered about 2,000 feet up. It was coming very slowly, silently from south-west to north-east and was shaped like a huge wheel with prongs sticking out. It was twice as big as a house. I went inside, but it had gone when I came out again."

"No one will ever convince me that it wasn't an UFO. A most eerie sensation. I had no interest then in UFOs."

### Secret weapon

UFOs are not new phenomena. In the late 1800s there were reports of strange airships. During the 1939-45

War reports of strange lights pacing aircraft on military missions were regarded as potential enemy secret weapons by both Axis and Allied powers.

After the war they were known as ghost rockets. Then, in 1947, the term flying saucer was applied by the Press to a well-publicised report in America.

Kenneth Arnold, an Idaho businessman, was flying a private plane on June 24, 1947, near Mount Rainier, Washington, when he reported seeing a group of objects flying in a line.

He said they looked like pie plates skipping over the water. The Press adopted the term flying saucer to describe what Arnold had seen, a term which had been used by a Texas farmer, John Martin, to describe the object he had seen in January, 1878.



# UFOs: Has Russia found the answer?

FORGET ALL those little green men coming to earth and demanding: "Take me to your leader."

Forget about flying saucers, spaceships, UFO's or whatever you choose to call them. The Russians have a down to earth, scientific answer for all that high flying nonsense—and it's chemiluminescence.

The Iron Curtain is certainly no obstacle to — dare we call them — UFOs. They've been coming down thick and fast, in all shapes and sizes over Russia and Siberia.

And from many carefully recorded encounters of the Soviet Kind comes what may

By ANTONY BUZEK

be a true answer to the flying saucer mystery, all recorded very scientifically, of course, in the Soviet journal Aviation and Cosmonautics.

First let's look at some of the Soviet encounters related by military and airline pilots. On October 11, 1977 three new Soviet military aircraft were tested near the city of Ryazan.

At 1800 hours, flying at the height of 27,000ft and keeping a distance of 50 miles apart, these reliable, trained observers spotted a luminous, pulsating object. Its front part blindingly white; the rest, also white, looked as if surrounded by white cotton yarn.

It first approached the aircraft, flew alongside and finally began to ascend at an angle of 70-80 degrees.

As it was drawing away, the intensity of its light faded and finally the object looked just like a little twinkling star in the dark evening sky. Only then were the pilots able to exchange between themselves their excited impressions.

For the 24 minutes, while the unidentified "thing" was in their vicinity, their VHF radio stations did not work.

A similar experience was also had by the crew of the Aeroflot airliner. Its pilot and crew saw a light emitting object. As it came nearer, its dimensions gradually grew.

The crew first thought it was the rising moon and switched off the cabin lights so that the passengers could see better.

Everybody then clearly saw

that the approaching thing was a brilliant white disc floating at an angle of 60-70 degrees. And behind was a trail of light visible for seven or eight minutes.

A third mysterious bright object collided with another Aeroflot liner, causing an explosion and fire.

Is all this not a clear proof that Soviet pilots met with "flying saucers," "Not quite," says Soviet scientist Dr M Dimitriyev in the journal. "What they encountered were not UFOs, but bands of chemiluminescence, cold radiation."

## Reactions

In the atmosphere, he explains, there are always microscopic chemically active particles of ozone, nitrogen dioxide, organic compounds, etc.

Energy released by chemical reactions of these molecules often change into photons, giving off a faint light imperceptible to the naked eye.

When, however, these chemically active particles condense, they create that chemiluminescence — their light becomes more intense and may, at times, be even 10 or 20 times brighter than the sun.

These have their own source of chemical energy and can move, rotate, pulsate, emit light, imitate radio waves or swallow them!

As Dr Dimitriyev sternly reminds his readers they should not speak of UFOs, but of chemiluminescence.

JAPAN TIMES, Tokyo, Japan - Aug. 19, 1979  
CR: Y. Matsumura



The picture, taken by Ikuo Yamazaki, an employee of an airline company, shows two saucer-like unidentified flying objects spotted Friday evening by Yamazaki and two other persons aboard a Cessna plane over Kawagoe, Saitama Prefecture. A third UFO is not clearly visible in this picture.

## UFOs 'Tail' Small Plane Over Saitama Prefecture

Three persons aboard a light plane spotted three unidentified flying objects Friday evening over Kawagoe, Saitama Prefecture.

One passenger took several pictures of the UFOs, which reportedly closely followed the plane.

The three were Elji Kawakami, 54, a pilot of Toho Airline Co. of Mitaka; Ikuo Yamazaki, 25 an employee of the same company, and Yahel Seki, 31, a researcher of Japan Meteorological Association.

The three spotted the UFOs flying in front of their Cessna plane at about 5:45 p.m., when they were flying back to Chofu Airport, Tokyo.

Thinking at first they were military planes of the U.S. Air Force or the Japanese Self-

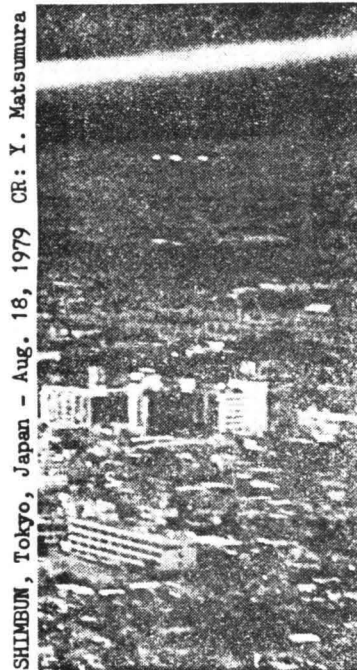
Defense Force, the pilot put the plane into a climb in an effort to avoid a midair collision.

But the three objects closely tailed the plane. Two of the objects were orange and the other one was white and they flew side by side Yamazaki said.

After watching them for about 15 minutes, the three men flew directly to Chofu Airport feeling rather spooked about the incident.

Yamazaki took several pictures of the mysterious objects as evidence.

It was learned later that a blimp flew across the sky over Okegawa, Saitama Prefecture, at about the same time. But the veteran pilot of the Cessna said the objects he saw looked nothing like a blimp.



ASAHI SHIMBUN, Tokyo, Japan - Aug. 18, 1979 CR: Y. Matsumura

東邦航空の乗客らが目撃、撮影した UFO (上部図の右下見出しの通り) 一昨日午後五時頃、川口上空で東邦航空機と、目撃された。

SUN, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada - Aug. 2, 1979

## Visit from space?

HAWTHORNE, N.Y. (UPI) — A Westchester County police officer is sure he saw a bright, glowing unidentified flying object in the skies over Lewishor, N.Y., early yesterday.

William Shaughnessy, 31, said he was on patrol

when he observed "a large ball of white light travelling in a southeasterly direction."

"At one point the object stopped and made a complete right turn and headed in a westerly direction," he said. Shaughnessy said as the object was turning, it "flashed a light of greater brilliance." He said he saw the object for about one minute before it disappeared.

Twelve minutes later, the object returned from a westerly direction and remained about 45 seconds. Shaughnessy said he last saw it heading into the eastern horizon.

## Mystery 'star' has observers baffled

Steve Entwistle  
BURNLEY

ANOTHER UFO sighting has been reported in North-East Lancashire, this time over the Padiham area.

The object was seen during a 45-minute period last night when it made three passes over Todmorden before accelerating upwards and disappearing from sight.

Mr John Wood, of Kay Street, Padiham, said about half a dozen people watched the object which appeared as a glow in the sky.

He said: "It was flying too high and too fast to be an aircraft, and there were no navigation lights showing."

"It was like a star but it could not have been a shooting star because it kept changing direction. It crossed the same area three times."

He said it was first seen flying a zig-zag course from Todmorden towards Pendle, then it made a second cross in the same direction, but this time in a straight line.

A little later it was seen again coming from the Preston area towards Burnley, then it accelerated and disappeared upwards.

Mr Wood is interested in finding out if anyone else saw a similar phenomenon between about 10.30 and 11.15 last night.

EVENING POST, Luton, England - Aug. 3, 1979

## New terror strikes as 'flying saucer' is spotted again

STRANGE lights have been spotted in the night sky over Luton for the second time in a week. Witnesses say the saucer shape glided slowly over the rooftops.

And when Mrs Brenda Cummings, of Hockwell Ring, told her mother Mrs Lillie Sinclair about the sightings, Mrs Sinclair, who lives in Luton's Sir Herbert Jane's pensioners' village said she had also seen the lights.

Mrs Cummings saw them at 10pm on Wednesday evening.

"There were four of them like big, sparkling headlamps," she said.

"They were silent and were too low and slow for a plane."

"It was frightening. I do not know what they were."

Mrs Cummings, with her husband Christopher, saw the lights go down behind some nearby trees after about 10 minutes.

### Large

She said: "We went out in the car but could find nothing."

Mrs Sinclair said: "It was all lit up and looked like a large saucer. I saw it quite clearly."

Both mother and daughter said the object was very large though they are unable to say exactly how big.

Last week the Evening Post-Echo told how Mrs Jane Clarke, of nearby Hookers Court reported seeing about a dozen lights in the sky. She also saw them at about 10pm on Wednesday night. The British UFO Research Association are investigating.

Both Luton Airport and local RAF stations reported they knew nothing about the lights.

# W. German Police Sight 3 UFOs

INGOLSTADT, West Germany (AP) — Bavarian police Tuesday reported independent sightings by about 10 officers of what they said were three unidentified flying objects that hovered silently near this Central Bavarian city, then rapidly disappeared from sight.

## 'Beamed Brightly'

Workers at a local Audi-NSU car manufacturing plant first spotted the objects, the police said. "They were very big and beamed brightly. They flew very fast and without engine noise. In doing so, they flickered yellow and red," the police quoted eyewitnesses as saying.

## Spotted by Officers

After a factory worker called the police, a spokesman said 10 on-duty officers saw the pentagonal-shaped UFOs, flying northwest from Ingolstadt in the direction of Eichstaett, 35 miles away.

The police at Eichstaett saw them several minutes later. They said two of the UFOs flew on to Weissenburg, where the crew of a police patrol car reported a sighting. One of the UFOs hovered at an altitude of about 1,500 feet before it flew off at high speed, the police said.

## 'Beyond Any Doubt'

"The observations made by our officers are beyond any doubt," a police spokesman at Ingolstadt said. "Whether this was a visit from outer space or something

else, however, we are unable to say," he added.

The sightings were reported in a 90 minute period during which police alerted a nearby air base and the air traffic controller at

the Munich airport. Air force and civil aviation authorities had no explanation for the phenomenon.

The police said they were told that the objects did not show on radar screens.

WEEKENDER, (City Unknown), New Zealand  
Sept. 8, 1979 CR: M. Stott

## Spacemen orange?

MENDOZA (Argentine). — Those little men from outer space are orange, not green, according to an Argentinian professor.

Victor Corradi, philosophy professor and researcher into unidentified flying objects, said on radio here that a photograph of an orange man only 15cm tall was taken last February in Puente del Inca, a small town not far from Mendoza.

His image appeared on a photograph which a doctor took of his wife and daughters on a local beach, according to Professor Corradi. The "spaceman" was like the popular conception of a gnome, he said.

# Clouds or UFO?

Bright night lights had one Wakatu resident puzzled in the early hours of this morning.

Mrs J. Hermiston of Waimea Rd noticed a bright orange glow in the sky at about 1.25 a.m. Her house faces Observatory Hill and the light appeared to the right of the hill, just over the top of the skyline. She watched it coming and going for about five minutes before it disappeared.

"I got up because I couldn't sleep and looked out of the window and it hit me in the eye, so to speak — you couldn't miss it, it was so bright," she said. Dr C. M. Stubbs, secretary of

the Nelson Royal Society, said he wouldn't like to comment on what the light was, but wisps of cloud could have given the impression that the light was coming and going.

Tonight, insomniacs can treat themselves to a view of an eclipse of the moon, if the sky is clear. Dr Stubbs said eclipses occur when the sun, earth and moon are lined up — usually twice a year.

The moon will begin to go into the earth's shadow at 9.18 p.m. and total eclipse will last for about 45 minutes from 10.32 p.m.

The last eclipse of the moon was in March this year.

## ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - Aug. 27, 1979

### Delegates say UFOs not scoffed at now

LONDON (AP) — A two-day congress on Unidentified Flying Objects opened Sunday in London with 350 delegates from 16 countries who say they are no longer laughed at.

Several noted that President Carter is among the thousands of persons who have reported seeing what could have been UFOs.

Organizers said it was "pure coincidence" that the congress coincides with the 37th World

Science Fiction Convention being held in Brighton, 50 miles south of London. Some 3,000 science fiction writers and buffs are attending the Brighton meeting.

Dr. Leo Sprinkle, a professor and psychologist at the University of Wyoming, said, "UFO sightings are now worldwide phenomena."

"I can only speculate because I don't know. But I believe some kind of intelligence, extra-terrestrial or extra-dimensional, is behind it. We are being shown experiences which indicate to us that our knowledge of the world is incomplete."

## TRANSLATIONS

### ARGENTINA — Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Ombas region, Santa Fe province, Argentina

Date of incident: February and March 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: Clarín, June 8, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CASILDA ON THE ROUTE OF THE UFOS

"I CANNOT DENY THAT I SAW IT"

Casilda (From our special correspondent, Zollo García Quiroga) — The hypothesis that the testimonies — which certainly abound — of local witnesses on the sighting of a UFO for 25 minutes be a result of collective hypnosis, is definitely rejected, especially by the observers themselves.

In fact, should the successive appearances of this type in the strip of towns in the Santa Fe province, already called "route of flying saucers" which naturally includes Casilda be told, it would be correct to believe that the unknown aerial objects — be they what they may — have, for some reason, really chosen this zone.

Already in February and March appearances were detected in the rural zone of Chabas. Residents of an extensive strip which includes Arequito, Sanford, Bigand, Pujato and Bombal, in a radius of 40 to 50 km, also assure or believe they have repeatedly seen similar phenomena and there is also the one who thinks that the Carcarañá river would seem to have some connection with these strange aerial visits. "Maybe the UFOs orient themselves with the course of the river", risks one of the neighbors.

Mechanic Pedro Tomás Marasco, a resident of Casilda, 27, tells Clarín he was very scared last February when he was returning one night to Casilda after visiting his fiancée, who lives in the neighboring town of Fuentetaja (where this year a prehistoric egg or shell was found), and to one side of the railway saw at 23.30 a "ball of fire" which advanced towards him after crossing an embankment. "It seemed to be approaching at approx. one kilometer — he says —. I increased the speed of my car trying to put some distance between us, but when I covered some three km I noticed that a very intense light was following me and saw "the ball" stop and hover over high tension power cables — as if landing on them — and lighting up my car and everything around it up to a distance of more than 100m, with a light like daylight. I took off at full speed but the thing followed me for 13km until it took off towards Sanford or Venado (he means Venado Tuerto, another city in Santa Fe province-JL), when we were nearing Casilda".

Marasco assures that the object changed the color of its very intense lights when it flew away. "No, it made no noise — he adds, urged by the journalist — scarcely a hum, but it did give off much heat".

Once he got over the impression, he scoured the area the next day, but found no trace of the phenomenon and that same night he reported his experience to an unbelieving police officer. "Well — he says — in fact I didn't want to believe it myself, but I cannot deny what I saw. I don't exactly know what it is all about, but I am sure it was none of the flying objects we know".

The same conviction as that of mechanic Marasco, of hardware store employee Juan Carlos Damiani, of policeman Leopoldo Emilio Duarte, is shared by many residents. Even police inspector Amado Escobar admitted that at times he had to submit reports on the subject to his superiors owing to the coincident reiteration of reports and the responsibility of those making them. As has already been informed, police inspector Escobar followed the trajectory of an object in Casilda the night of May 23rd last, although he has naturally voiced no opinion on the case.

All the local appearances were seen between 20.00 and 01.00 am, and most of the sightings occur near the Carcarañá river which, according to some, is lately quite devoid of fishes.

These data, real testimonies and some remarkable presumptions, are inventoried and investigated by some residents of Casilda such as police inspector Escobar (seems there is a confusion, and Escobar and Escobar are the same person-JL) (who does it silently) and enthusiastic members of AOA which was founded by Guillermo Aldunate. Besides, it is worthy to point out that all the residents of that

region in the presumed "UFO route" have obtained a definite benefit from the appearances: they look at the sky as they never did before, they look up inquisitively, especially at night. Maybe lights other than those sent — or sent centuries ago — by far away worlds are no surprise, but people will be conscious of the imposing sense of infinity.

City and country of incident: Bogotá, Colombia  
Date of incident: June 5, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: Clarín, June 21, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Conclusions of a UFO Congress

THEY SEEM TO EXIST

"It is not the skeleton of an extraterrestrial baby, but the body of an unborn lamb which was changed to give it a humanoid appearance before being embalmed", claims Antonio Las Heras, who is a graduate in parapsychology and an expert in unusual events, referring to the promised sensation of the World UFO Congress recently held in the capital of Colombia.

In fact, when the international symposium was announced it was said that Dr. Ramón Aguilar de Merlo, a Spaniard with a Panamanian nationality, would attend to submit his subject "Thoughts on a strange skeleton found in Panama" and would exhibit that piece which, according to his statements, has allegedly fallen from a flying saucer which disintegrated in the air, on a beach in the isthmus.

At that time Clarín published as a first piece of news, a photograph (see translation "Science and Ufology" in Clarín, June 6, 1979, pages 18-19 of previous batch of translations dated June 26, 1979), of the alleged "extraterrestrial baby" although without judging its authenticity.

According to Las Heras, Dr. Aguilar de Merlo did attend the Congress bringing the strange creature, but he did not agree to the requirements of submitting it to an examination by three doctors from the Military Hospital of Bogotá who would decide on the nature of the find.

"The body — adds the informant — seemed stuffed with straw and aside from having its forelegs cut, it showed lateral sutures, possibly to allow for excarnation".

In any case, in spite of Dr. Aguilar de Merlo's withdrawal and the lack of attendance of two notorious figures: Antonio Ribera, the author of "A Perfect Case" and Erich von Däniken — whom ufology purists do not consider as belonging to their "Union" —, the Bogotá Congress, the first in the world at that level, was attended by twelve panelists, almost 40 journalists and 9,000 spectators.

Deliberations were presided by Dr. Miguel Roberto Forero, director of the Center for Information of the UFO Phenomenon (CIFO) of Bogotá and panelist Dr. Joseph Allen Hynek, an American scientist considered to be the highest authority in the world on ufology, also counsellor for NASA, spoke, as well as Antonio Las Heras, Argentine delegate; professor Clemente Garabito, president of the Colombian delegation of investigators and scientists and director of the Bogotá Planetarium; Dr. Gonzalo Gouffrey, president of the Panamerican Institute of Psychotronics; Dr. Eduardo Hurtado Vener; Dr. José Leopold Lara from Ecuador and John Simmons from the U.S.

"It was a reflective meeting of specialists who compared experiences and data, states Las Heras who, together with Hynek, was the only participant authorized to talk during the three days the congress was held. The Argentine specialist alerted on the dangers of ufology, that is, mystification of the UFO question. "There are groups in America and Europe interested in creating new religions based on the worship of some men and women who are self-proclaimed "contactees", that is, people who claim they maintain a continuous relationship with extraterrestrials."

He also refuted von Däniken's thesis that "the gods" are nothing but extraterrestrial beings who arrived to Earth in the past. The

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Argentine claimed that the need of God is inborn in man and prior to any extraterrestrial presence. "For like to make sense, man looks to divinity -he stated. To suppose that extraterrestrials are the origin of religions is an unconceivable reductionism that violates all that is known on human psychology".

The Congress reach six statements and basic conclusions. The first, to alert all, especially the young, on the danger of being a member of sects or mystic trends based on the UFOs.

It was then concluded that what we call UFOs are simple confusions in an 80 or 90 percent. The balance involves craft from other worlds, for which the Congress proposes the name EDV (in Spanish VED or Extraterrestrial Directed Vehicles-JT), that is, piloted by their crew or else commanded by remote control.

"We have the minimum proof required to affirm there are EDV's navigating towards Earth", was the third conclusion and is based on the fact that terrestrial radars have detected them when they were moving at 45,000 kph; on traces left by those machines in the landing places, many times with radioactive residues and traces of temperatures surpassing 1,000°C; on the chemically pure substances -according to thorough chemical analyses- found where these craft landed: calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, titanium; photographs and films of EDV in motion taken by astronauts in outer space. In some of these documents (Garpenter, McDivitt, Gordon Cooper), non terrestrial vehicles are clearly seen, one in the shape of a delta wing and the other a cylinder approx. 200m long from which small craft are leaving. When Aldrin and Armstrong returned from the Moon to the mother ship, while in the module they saw, on July 20, 1969, two objects in lunar orbit. They were two kinds of spheres, of apparently spongy texture, intensely luminous, which approached and docked and finally left in their original orbital path.

The fourth conclusion states that since times immemorial we are being visited by beings from other worlds. Why do the extra-terrestrials come?, are scientists asking themselves and affirm that the goal of the EDVs is to investigate the evolution of Earth and all there is on it and the rest of the solar system.

This "non-participating investigation" has come up many times in our planet -says Las Heras- and even on the Moon, and he remembers the dialogue between Armstrong and Aldrin with their Houston base -published in the "Washington Post", describing strange installations inside a lunar crater and three apparently metallic discs, one of them in motion, in that depression of the satellite's crust.

The specialists assembled in Bogotá do not partake of the euphoria of some groups about the elevated aims that are attributed to the extraterrestrials. In this sense, its fifth conclusion alerts amateurs and public in general on the final intentions of the cosmic visitors. "As also happens on Earth, unfortunately -they point out- technological advances are not at all parallel to ethics and spiritualism".

José Arverés

(Sixth conclusion is not published-JT)

City and country of incident: On the way from Valencia to Huelva, Spain Date: ?

Name of paper and date of clip: Magazine: Radiolandia 2000-6/29/79 City and country of magazine: Buenos Aires, Argentina

The Montoyas were bound for Huelva when a thick fog enveloped them. A while later they were in another country

UNUSUAL: FROM SPAIN TO PUERTO RICO...WITHOUT GETTING OFF THE CAR!

It resembles a science-fiction story. But the fact is that the protagonists are there, where the event took place; and they have not yet recovered from the unforgettable sensation of an experience they could never imagine, nor was it in their wishes when they left their homes to go to a party, and crossed the sea!

Sevilla. (By R. 2000's correspondent, Armando R. Puente)

They were going to the pilgrimage of the Virgen del Rocío. The two brothers had left Valencia early in the morning and expected to be in Huelva by dusk. They could not be absent from that mixture of religious and dionysiac party at which all the Andalusians meet once a year. And they, Juan and Manuel Montoya were Andalusian.

The Virgen del Rocío, patroness of the marshy region at the mouth of the Guadalquivir, goes on a pilgrimage throughout the region followed by thousands of horsemen, with beautiful women with black eyes and hair, and by carts decorated with vivid colors. But only the residents of Almonte have the privilege of carrying the image on their shoulders, which weights more than one ton.

Manolo Montoya was singing (a local song).

"We had already passed the pass of Despeñaperros. The sun was high and for lunch we drank between the two of us a bottle of Valdepeñas (wine-JT) which makes no one drunk. I was sleepy and dozed off. My brother Juan was driving."

When Manuel Montoya woke up the car was on the shoulder of the road and nothing could be seen.

"Juan said to me. I stopped because of this strange and thick fog, which makes it impossible to drive. It is strange because here in the plain and at this time of the year there are no fogs like this".

They wanted to turn on the radio but it did not work. They lighted a cigarette. Juan took out a bottle of sherry and they gave it a few sips.

"...not much. Just to kill the time. There was an imposing silence".

Manuel Montoya does not know how much time passed, whether one or four hours.

"When the fog lifted we saw the night was starry, beautiful. I said to Juan: with the sleep we had we still have time to reach Huelva in one stretch and get to the Rocío at dawn. But we lost half the party.

They went on. It was a strange road to them who had used it so many times on their way to Sevilla.

"Maybe you took a wrong turn", said Manolo to his brother.

Luckily, in the middle of the night, a brightly lit service station could be seen far away.

"We loaded the tank with gas and asked. My brother said to the boy who came out: Is this National IV? How many kilometers still for Sevilla?"

The boy answered them with an accent they had heard many times in films.

"What National? From here you go to Ponce".

"I told you you took a wrong turn", said Manolo to his brother Juan, and also asked: "Then which is the road to Sevilla".

"I don't know. I'm from here and can tell you if you want, how to get to San Juan, to Río Piedras or to Mayaguez, but that Sevilla, sounds strange to me".

The two brothers looked at each other. "Either this guy is drunk or we are, I thought", remembers Manuel Montoya.

Neither were. They had difficulty in realizing they were some twenty kilometers from Mayaguez, in Puerto Rico. It was difficult for Juan Montoya (27, bank employee, single) and his brother Manuel (25, foreman at Public Works), to imagine all this. Disbelief, desperation, amazement and fright followed.

Manuel Montoya still lives in that state.

"We finally reached San Juan de Puerto Rico and went to the Consulate. We asked our family for money and got them to transfer the money for one passage. I am here, but, where is my brother? Until he returns we prefer not to talk about this matter. You understand, don't you?"

City and country of incident: Paysandú, Uruguay

Date of incident: ?

Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, July 19, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

SEVERAL UFOs SIGHTED IN PAYSANDU

Paraná, 18 (From our correspondent) - A UFO fleet crossed the sky at extraterrestrial speed, leaving behind a spectacular fire trail. The unexpected appearance occurred over the neighboring Uruguayan locality of Paysandú, and according to several witnesses, it was a strange formation of orange-reddish fire balls which in the amount of four moved forming an enormous cross.

The amazed witnesses said the UFOs were of considerable size -similar to a full moon- and moved over the highway that links Paysandú and Estación Porvenir. However, when they took a car on the highway as a reference, it could be verified that the extraordinary fleet operated at a distance that was impossible to estimate. Surprised -some of them very impressed-, the witnesses later said that the objects started to descend from that position until almost reaching the ground, but from there they resumed flight at a fantastic speed. This operation -they insisted- was repeated several times until they finally disappeared. The reports also agreed when they described an operation similar to the skimming flight of the fighter-bomber planes in action. "They dived to some sixty meters above ground-level, then slid parallel to the ground and finally regained altitude just like in the typical bombing maneuvers", they said.

The witnesses -more than 20 people living in different places around the above mentioned area- agreed that no kind of noise was heard during the UFO maneuvers. They also unanimously agreed when reference was made to color, hour, place and evolutions of the amazing "squadron of the cross of fire", as they described it.

City and Country of incidents: Rivera (department of Rivera), Uruguay

Dates of incidents: March 2, 1979, and previously

Name and date of paper: Diario de Avisos, March 10, 1979

City and country of paper: Santa Cruz de Tenerife (Canary Islands), Spain

(Bracketed information added to article is mainly from ufologist Milton W. Hourcade of Montevideo, Uruguay.)

In Uruguay

THEY SIGHT A "UFO," MANNED BY BEINGS WITH ENORMOUS HEADS

RIVERA (URUGUAY), Efe".—

Beings with enormous heads, protected by transparent helmets, were seen in this city manning a strange oval-shaped ship. This new "UFO" appearance in the area bordering Brazil has caused a great commotion among the residents who are terrified of the successive appearances of these flying objects that emit a great luminosity and move at high speeds.

The latest sighting occurred early yesterday morning [sic--publication of the article was apparently delayed a week], and two eye-witnesses to the event categorically stated they saw the crew of the strange ship, who, according to the account, had big heads and were protected by transparent helmets.

One of the witnesses, Ernesto Fagúndez, was working on the transmission tower of the local radio station, along with his son Plinio, age 14 [sic--Plinio was really 13], when, at 7:00 a.m. (900 GMT [the 7:00 time must be daylight saving]), they saw the "UFO" that was maneuvering over the tower. "All of a sudden it stopped," added the witnesses, "and through one of the hatches we could see the strange beings."

A few minutes later the strange ship dove over a truck that was carrying longshoremen [employees of the Municipal Meat Supply], who, horrified by what they were seeing, threw themselves down on the asphalt of the highway.

[NOTE: Cf. the article in UFONS #119, p. 13, translated from the Buenos Aires La Razón of March 3. This is another account of the same case.]

Article submitted to UFONS by Fernando Cerdá Guardia of Madrid.

Translation by Richard W. Heiden of Milwaukee.

(The Argentine article was submitted and translated by Jane Thomas of Buenos Aires.)

Locations of incidents: Southern Philippines--Bogo on Cebu Island; Iligan, Baroy, Zamboanga, and Butuan on Mindanao Island; Bohol on Bohol Island; Bacolod on Negros Occidental Island; and Misamis Occidental

Dates of incidents: April 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: People's Journal, April 29, 1979

City and country of paper: unknown city in the Philippines, possibly Cebu City (the article is in Cebuano, a dialect spoken in the Visayan Islands between Luzon and Mindanao; the People's Journal cannot be located in directories of newspapers and periodicals, so perhaps this is a translation of the Cebuano name)

Mysterious UFOs appeared many times

UFOs were reported to have appeared in Bogo, Cebu, recently.

Residents of Bogo were stirred due to the appearance of 30 mysterious flying objects at 4:30 a.m. recently, according to Rudy Garcia, the municipal information officer of Bogo. The phenomenon was also witnessed by most of the people in the town.

The UFOs, as described by those who saw them, had the shape of an egg with different colors.

The UFOs were also seen in the city of Iligan by employees of the National Steel Corporation.

Pedro Nayan, midnight supervisor of said corporation, and other employees saw the UFOs at a distance of one thousand feet near Iligan Bay at about 8:00 a.m. that Thursday [this could be April 19, when other UFOs were reported in the area--R.W.H.]. It is reported that this is the same phenomenon seen by residents at Maria Cristina Airport in Baroy, Lanao del Norte, where the flying objects were seen proceeding toward Misamis Occidental and the province of Zamboanga at about the same time.

The UFOs also caused excitement during the past week when they appeared in Butuan, Bohol, and Bacolod. (PNA)[Philippine News Agency]

CAPTION: Mysterious UFOs sighted many times in Bogo, Cebu; Iligan City; Zamboanga City; Butuan City; Baroy, Lanao del Norte; Bohol; and Bacolod.

Credit: James Moseley; translation by Mrs. Salvador A. Parco, courtesy of Richard Heiden

(see original article, p. 12, June 1979 UFONS)

City and Country of incidents: Taco (Tenerife Island, in the Canaries), Spain

Name and date of paper: El Día, May 12, 1979

City and country of paper: Santa Cruz de Tenerife (Canary Islands), Spain

Mysterious animal deaths in Taco

Taco, EL DIA

According to information gathered by EL DIA, mysterious animal deaths have occurred recently in Taco: two German shepherds and three goats have turned up dead without hearts and without blood in their veins, according to our sources.

City and country of incident: Lisbon, Portugal

Date of incident: July 15, 1979

Source of article: International Telex, July 16, 1979

(credit: Joe M. Brill; translation by Richard W. Heiden)

UFO OVER LISBON -- A LUMINOUS OBJECT, EMITTING A VERY INTENSE BLUE LIGHT, MOVING IN SPACE, WAS OBSERVED OVER THE SKY OF LISBON EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. THE LIGHT RADIATING FROM IT WAS SO INTENSE THAT - ACCORDING TO EYE WITNESSES - IN SOME POINTS IN THE CITY IT SEEMED LIKE DAYLIGHT.

THE PHENOMENON WAS SEEN MAINLY IN THE AREA OF THE PORTELA AIRPORT BY THE PERSONNEL WORKING THERE. IT WAS ALSO SIGHTED BY THE CREW OF A TAP AIRPLANE ON THE LISBON-KINSHASA FLIGHT, WHICH, AT THAT MOMENT, HAD JUST TAKEN OFF, AND BY OTHER AIRPLANES, FOREIGN ONES, THAT WERE QUESTIONING THE PORTELA AIRPORT.

OTHER WITNESSES RELATE THAT SEVERAL AUTOMOBILISTS WHO AT THAT TIME WERE DRIVING NEAR LISBON FELT THEIR VEHICLES LOSE CONSIDERABLE POWER WHEN THE OBJECT PASSED BY.

NEVERTHELESS, THE METEOROLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE STRANGE PHENOMENON OBSERVED IN THE LISBON SKY COULD WELL HAVE BEEN AN AURORA BOREALIS.





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# They Held a Mutilation But No One Came

By GAIL OLSON  
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Santa Fe Bureau

The county's "freshest" mutilation report so far reached State Police within five hours of the kill last Saturday, but nobody came to investigate.

"I was really disgusted. The news media said investigators would come as soon as they were called," complained Dennis Martinez, who discovered the carcass "within 300 yards of my place," in Truchas.

"It is sad news," he said of law enforcement's apparent lack of interest in the case, which from all reports is a classic. State Police called the county livestock agent and DA Eloy Martinez, but sent no officers to the scene.

His wife Francis, more cynical, was nonchalant about the absence of official investigators. She reported that as of 4 p.m. Tuesday, no investigator had been seen in Truchas.

"They don't come here very often - not unless something is hanging from a viga," she explained of area law enforcement personnel and what she sees as their attitude about the small mountain village.

Ken Rommel, hired through a \$50,000 federal grant to investigate cattle mutilations in Rio Arriba county, had not been on the scene as of late Tuesday afternoon and was not available in his office.

Dennis Martinez said the latest chapter in county mutilations lore began between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. Saturday morning.

"I heard the dogs barking," he explained of that time, though "the thought of mutilations was far away from my mind."

He explained that as he has a number of "open fences" that result in "cattle going through property." The only thing he noticed about the barking dogs was they would "go to the boundary of the fence and turn back" rather than chasing the cows as usual.

When he began his day, he said, at approximately 7 a.m., his brother, Ernesto Martinez and "another Ernesto Martinez," the Ernesto Martinez who owns the property upon which the cow was found, were at his door.

"Come and see it," they invited, asking him to bring his gun, as wolves have been sighted in the area lately.

"The cow belonged to Juan Antonio Rael and it was a female," Dennis Martinez said.

"I saw what appeared to be a mutilation. It had little blood which was only visible where the tongue used to be. The tongue, he said, had been sliced at its 'roots,' precisely.

Right after the viewing, the state police reportedly were called.

The night before had been "peaceful," he reported, except for the slightly peculiar behavior of the barking dogs.

Everyone believed the find to be a good one, as they had "come in time." Dennis Martinez and his wife both said a number of Truchas residents had reported seeing "orange lights" in the sky that night, some flying over the Truchas cemetery.

After the authorities were notified, Dennis Martinez said, "I stuck around from 7 a.m. until 2:30, making sure" that no investigators were coming.

He admitted he was "a little bit scared" of the mutilation which occurred so near his home. He explained he had been in the Colorado Springs area when a number of mutilations had taken place there.

"The way its done, when you see one, its a little bit different", then when you just hear about one, he explained.

The eyes of the fresh cow, he noted, attracted attention among observers.

The villain, he said, "tried to scrape at it," as if he or it were trying to get a tissue sample "from

the white part of the eye." The rectal area, the udder and the ears were removed from the beast with surgical precision.

Dennis Martinez said Neil Bockman, a Santa Fe photographer and filmmaker looking into the phenomena, appeared on the scene. Bockman wrote an article for Read Street, a news publication, recently on the phenomena entitled "Burgers for the Gods."

"The case itself didn't seem unusual, except for the fact that there were wolves in the area," Bockman said. He reported one neighbor's dog chewed "the backend" of the cow.

He was puzzled that law enforcement officials had not appeared on the scene.

U.S. Senator Harrison Schmitt Tuesday also expressed concern that the investigation was not attended to immediately by law enforcement personnel.

"I don't blame them for being upset," he said of the witnesses, explaining that he is seeking more funding for the FBI's study into the problem.

"That's one reason I got the language" of a funding request recently announced to support the FBI investigation, Senator Schmitt explained. "I want the FBI to be more deeply involved."

He said "more coordinating of local investigations" is needed at this time and that the "central point of the investigation," he believes now, should be the FBI, though some centralization may be achieved by the District Attorney.

"My understanding was that FBI agent Sam Jones was assigned to coordinate law enforcement efforts on mutilations," Senator Schmitt said of his analysis of what transpired at a recent conference of law enforcement personnel involved in mutilation investigations.

"The fact that the District Attorney's grant was pursued didn't change that," he said further, of

Martinez's federally funded investigation.

"Maybe my understanding was wrong, but my understanding was that the FBI would be the coordinating agency," he said.

When told that Ken Rommel, the investigator the District Attorney hired after receiving a grant to pay his salary, had yet to contact Gabe Valdez, the State Policeman who has the most experience in investigating mutilations, Senator Schmitt said Valdez' experience should prove valuable to any investigator.

"That doesn't sound like complete investigating," Schmitt said of the omission of Valdez' participation.

In light of the lack of investigation of the Truchas episode, the SUN has received a number of reports from confidential sources about dissatisfaction with the course Rommel's investigation is taking.

Persons who have spoken to the investigator complain he is "brusque," or "too flippant," or he doesn't take their ideas or their reports seriously, and they'd rather not discuss with him further mutilation phenomena.

Other persons express fears that not only Rommel, but the District Attorney and the State Police, are working together to cover up whatever is behind the mutilations, and rumors are spreading fast.

"Eloy Martinez went to the State Police and told them that Gabe Valdez is not to have any part in this investigation," one serious Valdez fan told the SUN.

Another version of that story is that a "muzzle" has been placed on Valdez.

Both stories were denied Tuesday by State Police Chief Martin Vigil and by the district attorney.

"I have not put out any orders to that effect," Vigil said. He explained that he has asked that information be channelled to Rommel, but if a state policeman should get a call on a suspected

mutilation, he should "go on over there."

The district attorney, too, denies the existence of a gag order on any state police officer.

"I never have, and never will, impose any kind of a gag rule on any law enforcement officer because I don't have that authority and even if I did it would be impractical for me to impose any form of gag rule," he said.

Of the alleged meeting with Vigil, he said, he believed that the story grew from an actual conversation he had with the chief.

"I think that the meeting was only my request to the chief that since we now have a designated project director in charge that it would probably be best to have everything relating to mutilations funnelled through that investigator."

"If for no other reason, the grant terms and conditions calls for that kind of a concept."

Martinez said a teletype received by every affiliate State Police officer of the state assigned Richard C de Baca as liaison between officers and Rommel and that "relates to the notion that if there is a mute in their responsibility that hopefully they will contact Rommel."

Of Rommel's failure to appear at the Truchas suspected mutilation, he said he is "reasonably assured that Ken is looking into it."

"This happened on a weekend and its one of those instances where I believe an effort was made to contact Rommel with no success."

Of the allegations of a cover-up, Martinez said, "The only thing I can really state I would flatly deny basis for supporting the contention that there is a cover-up if for no other reason than it would put the grant in jeopardy."

He advised those with such contentions to "apply to the grantee, the Law Enforcement Assistance Association," with that complaint. The LEAA, he contends, would "support" the complainant "one hundred per cent."

CHIEFTAIN, Pueblo, CO - July 29, 1979 CR: D. Perkins

## Rancher discovers mutilated heifer

WALSENBURG — Reporting Saturday on the discovery last week of a two-year-old mutilated Hereford heifer, area rancher Jack Brubaker commented, "In my more than 50 years of cowboying, I've never seen anything like it."

Brubaker said some type of sharp instrument had been used to remove the anus, rectum, sex organs, udder quarters, tongue, right eye and ear. Brubaker said there was no blood and he theorized that the animal's body fluids had been drained. He commented that there were no blow flies or maggots on the carcass, and that neither coyotes nor buzzards had touched the animal.

Foreman of the T.I. Welch Ranch three miles south of Walsenburg,

Brubaker found the animal while riding the south pasture. The \$500 heifer was owned by Dick Clennin of Rye, who is leasing the ranch.

Brubaker said he found tire tracks near the dead animal but no footprints. Prior to his finding the heifer, neighbors reported seeing a light blue pickup traveling up and down the day before on that section of Interstate 25 which forms the west boundary of the ranch.

The heifer is the third animal found mutilated in Huerfano County this year. The other victims were valuable bulls. Also under investigation is a possible mutilation of a cow which had given birth to a calf a short time before it either died or was killed.□

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - Aug. 11, 1979

## Deputies investigate cattle mutilations

CLINTON (AP) — Van Buren County sheriff's deputies are investigating the sixth cattle mutilation reported in the county within a month.

County Sheriff Gus Anglin said the cow carcass was found Wednesday on the farm of Lloyd Smith near the community of Burnt Ridge.

Anglin said Thursday that no blood was found on the scene, though the animal's udder and left eye had been removed with surgical precision.

Several similar mutilations have been reported in other areas of Central and West Arkansas in recent months.

BATH & WILTS. CHRONICLE, England - July 31, 1979

A LOCH Ness monster expedition is trying to raise enough money to obtain another dolphin to help in its search for Scotland's legendary beast. In June, one of the dolphins the researchers were training to carry small colour cameras underwater died after it was moved from Florida to Boston, Massachusetts. "I feel we need between 25,000 dollars (£10,822) and 50,000 dollars (£21,645) to get hold of a dolphin and feed and maintain it," said Dr Charles Wyckoff, the expedition's chief photographic expert. Dr Wyckoff also said Dr Robert Rines, of the Academy of Applied Science in Boston, was talking to animal organisations in Britain about enlisting the aid of British dolphins. The academy is sponsoring the mission.



## 'Monster' Could Be Elephant

LONDON (AP) — Two American scientists, presenting one of the wackiest theories yet about the legendary Loch Ness monster, say the denizen of the Scottish lake may be an elephant.

Dr. Dennis Power, director of the Santa Barbara, Cal., Museum of Natural History, and Dr. Donald Johnson, a research associate at the University of Illinois, say in *New Scientist* that they have been intrigued by the similarity between some reports of sightings of Nessie and descriptions of the way an elephant swims.

Despite their bulk, elephants are good swimmers and with their trunks out of water look similar to descriptions of the monster, Dr. Power and Dr. Johnson said.

They said a 1960 photograph of an elephant swimming with its trunk above water bears a striking similarity to a famous 1934 photo of Nessie. As for an elephant's prowess in the water, they say that in 1856 an elephant fell from a ship off the Scottish coast about 30 miles from Loch Ness, but managed to swim ashore.

RIO GRANDE SUN, Espanola, NM - Aug. 9, 1979 CR: T. Adams

# Two Convinced of Mutilation

By GAIL OLSON  
Of the SUN's  
Santa Fe Bureau

Two serious investigators of cattle mutilations have verified that a cow found in Truchas recently is a victim of the mysterious phenomena.

Gabe Valdez, the State Policeman with the most experience in investigating cattle mutilations, and Howard Burgess, the retired Sandia Labs scientist who has been assisting Valdez with his investigation into mutilations, both said the Truchas cow appeared to be a mutilation after viewing pictures of the animal's carcass.

"It is hard to tell from pictures, but his break in the leg convinces me," Valdez said.

A number of mutilations have had leg breaks like the one Valdez noted in the pictures of the Truchas

cow. The clue indicates to many investigators, including Valdez and Burgess, that the cows are clamped by the leg and transported by sophisticated aircraft from the site of their deaths to the site where they are found.

The photographs were taken by Neil Bockman the day after the cow was discovered by Truchas residents. Bockman is an independent investigator into mutilations who also verified the carcass as a mutilation victim. His photographs were clear and explicit.

The report that the cow's tongue was missing, as well as its udder, and that scrapings were noted on its eye that looked as though a tissue sample had been taken indicated to Valdez, Burgess, and other investigators that the cow indeed was mutilated.

Valdez expressed concern that no official investigator appeared at the scene of the mutilation within 24 hours of the kill. Serious investigators believe that a fresh find is valuable and can yield

important information which is lost as the carcass deteriorates.

The state policeman said that he would have come to the mutilation if he could, but as it happened during rodeo weekend in Dulce, his services were needed at his home base. He said he regretted that he could not investigate this mutilation.

Meanwhile, there are mixed reports as to whether or not the special investigator hired by the District Attorney to study in depth the mutilation problem in the First Judicial District and the State got to the scene.

Tom Florina, a spokesman for Rommel, said, "It is my understanding that he did appear at the scene," but he could not specify when, though he believes the carcass was viewed by Rommel on Monday or Tuesday. Rommel again was unavailable for comment.

Others, too, have stated that Rommel looked into the mutilation, but if he travelled to Truchas, he was not noticed by primary witnesses of the event.

Dennis Martinez, who lives 300 yards from where the cow was found, said "I don't know that the guy was even there."

Martinez reported the mutilation to state police shortly after it was found. The kill was estimated to be five hours old at that time, 7 a.m., Saturday, July 21, but no law enforcement investigators appeared on the scene at that time.

"As far as I know he was not up in Truchas," Martinez told the SUN Tuesday, though he said he spoke to "someone from the District Attorney's office" on the telephone about the mutilation.

"If he did come up he did not show up when he was supposed to," Martinez said of Rommel.

"The people of Truchas and myself like the way the news media handled the story," Martinez said further.

Martinez said Tuesday that although dogs had been seen around the carcass, canine predators had not attacked it seriously, a factor many investigators have commented on concerning mutilations.

Log Cabin Democrat—Conway, Ark., Monday, August 13, 1979

## Another cow mutilation found

A 4-year-old heifer was found mutilated Saturday in a small pasture just outside Enola. Arch Sanson of Enola had purchased the cow and several other cattle on Friday from O. K. Sanders, also of Enola.

Both men said they had seen the cow Friday about 9:30 a.m. The body was found approximately noon Saturday. Sanders and Sanson said the dead cow was the only one in the herd that had been limping and they had seen the limping cow Friday. It had been treated recently for hoof rot.

As with many previous mutilations, the udder and sexual organs had been removed, as well as one eye, one ear and the tongue. The organs had apparently been removed with a sharp instrument, but not with what has been termed "surgical

precision."

Sanson said the cow was worth approximately \$800.

Bill McNew and Randy Leach of the Faulkner County sheriff's office investigated the incident. McNew, a criminal investigator, said the body had decayed too much for a proper investigation. He said the cow appeared to have been dead for several days even though it was seen alive Friday.

A local youth reported seeing a silver helicopter in the area Friday about 12:30 p.m. but investigators believe it was a military aircraft since the youth reported seeing it land at a nearby Titan II missile silo.

A similar incident was reported Friday on a dairy farm south of Conway, but investigators were unable to determine if the cow had been mutilated or merely attacked by predators.

12—Log Cabin Democrat—Conway, Ark., Monday, August 27, 1979

## Suspected mutilation reported

Another suspected cow mutilation was reported Sunday night to the Faulkner County sheriff's office, but there is a new twist to this latest incident.

The sex organs had been removed from the 8-month-old heifer as in most of the previous such incidents, but Sheriff Charles Castleberry said the heart also had been removed from this calf. The eyes and ears were still intact, but Castleberry said the calf had been dead about four days before it was discovered, and it had already started decaying.

Carl Burnett of Pleasant

Valley, the owner, placed a value of about \$400 on the calf. He told Castleberry and Deputy Sheriff J. L. Davis that a helicopter had been seen Thursday in the area.

It was the first suspected mutilation reported since Aug. 13, and the sixth in Faulkner County since July.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - Aug. 30, 1979

## Hole smashed in roof by ice chunk from sky

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — After the ice had hit and splintered into tiny bits, David Brooks decided no one would believe him, so he collected a few pieces for evidence.

His next-door neighbors, though, had proof aplenty when they came home about four hours after a large chunk of ice had come careening out of the northern sky in Spotsylvania County Tuesday.

The neighbors, Mrs. and Mrs. Lewis Simms, found a gaping 2½-foot hole in the ceiling and roof of their single-story home.

Weather and aeronautic officials said the chunk of ice probably fell from the wings of a high-flying jet.

## 2 CLAIM SIGHTINGS OF CREATURE

# 'Bigfoot' Walks Again In Martin County

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Williams, Ind. — The legendary Bigfoot, a man-ape named Sasquatch by Indians, reportedly has been seen again in the wooded hills of the Hoosier National Forest in Martin County.

Two Martin County men are serious about what they claim to have seen and others have reported similar sightings in these hills and hollows during the past three years.

THE CREATURE is described as being man-like because it walks on its two hind feet. It is about six feet tall and weighs about 500 pounds and has black fur tinged with gray, they say.

William Tharp Jr., 21, an employee at the Martin County Highway Department garage, claims he has seen the beast three times. Once, he said it was "grabbing" his sister, but it released her. Another time he believes he wounded it with a blast from a 16-gauge shotgun.

That time the ape creature moaned and ran back into the dense forest, he said.

Tharp's sister, Jackie, reported that she was grabbed on the arm by Bigfoot on an early winter morning two years ago. "She was in front of the house ...

when it grabbed her. Jackie started screaming and it freed her and left," Tharp said.

She described the beast as having fur like a hog bristle.

ANDY KEITH, 19, also an employee at the Martin County Highway Department garage, lives in the forest northwest of Williams and claims that he has the most recent sighting.

He said, "Late last month, on a Monday, I was driving to work about 6:30 (a.m.) and was about a half-mile from home when I came over a hill and seen something coming out of a field and across the road. It took just three steps to get across. It walked straight across.

"I didn't really believe what I saw at first. But when I got up to the place in the road where he had crossed, I smelled the odor of really strong dead fish. I can

still remember that smell and it makes me (sick)," Keith said.

"Sure I was scared. At first I was going to stop and take a look. But then I got to thinking I would be kind of crazy to stop with a thing like that around, so I hit the gas and got out of there," he said.

LAW ENFORCEMENT agencies in the area said they have received no substantiated reports of the mysterious creature to warrant a search of the area. The area is extremely remote, and military services which make ammunition at Crane do not encourage people to venture onto their testing sites in the area.

Other curious creatures have been reported in recent state history.

The most noted was a hairy, green, 10-foot-tall monster seen roaming Parke County in 1972. Large bear footprints were found during a search with hunting dogs even though no bears are known to live outside of captivity in Indiana.

But that did not end the mystery in Parke County. A dark, shadowy form about 6 feet tall, seen running on hind legs, tore up a farmer's 60 chickens and ate half a basket of cucumbers and tomatoes in August 1972, earning the local name of "furry chicken ripper," according to one report.

THAT BEAST eventually was found to be an escaped kangaroo.

Keith remained unswayed when confronted with the tale of the kangaroo or when asked if the creature he saw could be a large bear.

Other workers at the highway garage said they believe Keith's story and that he looked "really scared and trembling when he got to work."

"Junior (Tharp) has tracked it when they were horseback riding in the hills and found a footprint 13 inches long. Other things have happened, too. My mother found a berry patch with long thorns smashed down like something walked through it," Keith said.

"I don't care if anybody else believes me. You may not believe me, that's your opinion," Keith declared. "But I believe what I saw."

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# Purple blobs puzzle experts; Earth origin in doubt

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outer space, but I feel that is a small chance. We are pursuing an explanation systematically."

He said nothing from outer space had ever landed on Earth in a jelly-like goo but said there was a possible explanation how it could have occurred.

"I could theorize they may have come in in a much larger piece from space and 99.9 percent may have burned off" by air friction when the substance entered Earth's atmosphere.

Heard Natural Science Museum in nearby McKinney. Curator Ken Steigman said the blobs emit an acidic liquid, attract water, contain uranium and a strange pattern of small specks of lead that look like "nothing here on Earth."

Steigman said he was sure the blobs were a form of meteorite, but NASA scientists are less certain.

"They don't appear to have been produced by any animal," Blanchard said. "We have not ruled out something from

Sibyl Christian said that when she found the blobs they "looked like smooth whipped cream, purple."

"I stuck this stick into the object. It went in easily, very easily. I punctured it. On the inside it was the same thing — just like real whipped cream, and it looked like it was melting, but it was a deep rose."

She said she called the police, and Officer Jaime Davila decided to try to pick up one of the blobs.

"It was pretty warm," Davila said. He used a newspaper to nudge the blobs into a box, and later the blobs were taken to the

wife noticed three blobs "about the size" of an old box telephone on their front yard in this farming town north of Dallas, "but one of them disappeared. It just faded away."

A spokesman for the Dallas planetarium said Aug. 11 is the day that a recent meteor shower reached its peak.

Blanchard said the two remaining blobs have been placed in deep freezers at NASA headquarters to keep them from evaporating while exhaustive tests are conducted.

"That may take a month or a month and a half," he said.

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Two purple blobs that Sibyl Christian found on her front lawn have defied analysis by space scientists, who say they haven't ruled out the possibility they could be a rare form of meteorite.

"It's kind of like plum pudding," according to geochemist Doug Blanchard of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration near Houston.

"It has round, solid chunks in it that remain after the goo goes away," Blanchard said Friday. "We don't know what it is."

M.B. Christian said that on Aug. 11 his

## Clinton Urged To Begin Probe Of Mutilations

Gazette State News

The Arkansas Humane Society Tuesday called for Governor Clinton to appoint a task force to study the recent rash of cattle mutilations in the state and recommend steps to improve the investigation of the cases.

B. J. Kready of the Humane Society called for the task force at Little Rock during a meeting of representatives of various state agencies and Ken Rommel, a retired FBI agent who is heading the investigation of cattle mutilations in New Mexico.

Doug Foley of the State Police presented a slide show of Arkansas mutilations dating to the first occurrence in April 1978 and expressed concern about press coverage of the mutilations.

Foley said that he was concerned because "sensational headlines" could "bring every kook out of the woodwork." He called for the press as well as state and local authorities to work together so that investigations can be carried on scientifically.

### 'Classic' Cases

During his presentation Foley described what he termed "classic mutilations" that he said had only occurred, in his opinion, in Benton County. He said that cases in other counties did not have the "strange" qualities like surgical precision and cauterization around removed organs and the lack of blood in the carcasses, of the Benton County mutilations.

Rommel, who is studying mutilations in New Mexico and other states under a Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grant, echoed Foley's concerns about the press, saying he had an understanding with the New Mexico press and that he wouldn't discuss the specifics of any case with the press.

"I don't think investigations should be conducted in the press," he said. "So I won't say anything here that I haven't said to the press back home."

### Use 'Professionals'

Rommel said officials in Arkansas should use "professionals" in studying the mutilation and investigate them like homicides.

Jim Sanders of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association told the group that his organization would do whatever it could to aid in the investigations.

He said his group had offered rewards for the conviction of persons responsible for the crimes and would also aid in setting up a network of veterinarians in various regions of the state to perform a postmortem examination on each animal found.

## Abominable Snowman Is Subject of Search By Russian Climbers

MOSCOW (UPI) — A Russian mountain climbing team equipped with night-vision gear is searching for an Abominable Snowman that was spotted in the Pamir Mountains as recently as 1977, the newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said Wednesday.

Igor Frantsevich Tatsl, a climber with 20 years of experience, was leading the expedition in search of the hairy, man-like creature described in legends. It is his fifth such trip into the mountains near the Afghanistan border.

"We'll make footprint strips and hope at least to get a good print, or if we're lucky, a picture of the creature itself," Tatsl said.

The newspaper said Tatsl for years had dismissed reports of an Abominable Snowman in the Pamirs, which are located in the southern sections of Central Asia.

But during a 1974 visit to the region, Tatsl discovered that some creature had visited one of his campsites. Since then, he has worked for five seasons gathering information about the creatures and interviewing witnesses.

The "snowmen," so called because most reports of sightings have come from the wintry wastes of the Himalayas, reputedly resemble the equally legendary beasts of the Pacific Northwest known as sasquatch. A shepherd, known as Shukur,

described a sighting, he told investigators that he was driving his sheep at sunrise when he heard his dog barking.

"The dogs rushed aside, and the shepherd followed," the newspaper said. "He saw a hairy, man-like creature, but considerably larger than a man, squatting near the path."

Afterward, the investigators made copies of the footprint left by the creature.

In 1977, one member of the team, Ivan Petrina, spotted the creature again, also at sunrise.

In 1958, the Soviet Academy of Sciences set up a commission to study the reports, but an expedition to the region turned up no evidence of the beast, the newspaper said.

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### LRAFB releases flight paths

In response to reported helicopter sightings in the areas of possible cattle mutilations, Little Rock Air Force Base has released a list of general flight paths taken by their helicopters.

There are nine flight paths running through Faulkner County with three directly over the cities of Greenbrier, Vilonia and Damascus.

During a normal flight, the helicopters fly no lower than 500 feet above ground level and may achieve a maximum height of 2,000 feet. They also perform scheduled practice approaches and landings at Cantrell Field (Conway Municipal Airport) and at Camp Robinson.

The Air Force has three Huey helicopters stationed at LRAFB. They are used to support missile operations in North Central Arkansas, and to conduct search, medical evaluation and rescue operations all over the state in support of the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service.

Under the National Search and Rescue Plan, the helicopters also assist downed aircraft and lost people when called upon to do so.

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Rescue Plan, the helicopters also assist in searching for downed aircraft and lost people when called upon to do so.

"Presently the Detachment 4, 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron has a helicopter on 24-hour alert to assist the 308th Strategic Missile Wing," Major Mark Bridges, the detachment commander, said.

"The helicopters are most often used to ferry missile crews, maintenance personnel or parts to and between the sites and Little Rock Air Force Base. The helicopters land only at the landing pads at the missile sites and the base, except in an emergency."

The helicopter sightings began to be reported to the Faulkner County sheriff's office this summer in connection with the death and possible mutilation of several cattle in the area.

Yesterday, the sheriff's office received a report of a helicopter flying north of Greenbrier, toward Damascus.

Anyone with questions about the flights can contact the 314th Tactical Airlift Wing Office of Information at 988-3601.

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### Santa Fe

## Mutilation Probe Progressing Okay

By United Press International

An investigation into alleged mutilation of cattle in New Mexico is progressing satisfactorily, Gov. Bruce King said Thursday.

The governor noted a former FBI agent, Ken Rommel, was hired earlier this year under a federal grant to study the causes of the mutilations, described by some as the work of extra terrestrial creatures or religious cultists.

King said a recent report by Rommel indicated examinations of the carcasses found since the study began show all died from natural causes or from normal predatory attacks.

# Animal Mutilations

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## 'Natural Incidents' Don't Explain All of Them

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Could it be that the so-called cattle mutilations in Arkansas aren't mutilations at all?

According to a dozen officials — representing law enforcement, cattlemen's groups, humane associations, veterinarians and authorities in related fields — that may well be the case. At least, that is, "in most instances."

In any event, the authorities are encouraging a change of terminology — to "unexplained deaths" rather than mutilations — and are discouraging "sensational" press treatment of the events.

It is the "in most instances" — the fact that all such occurrences cannot be explained as natural deaths or the work of scavenger animals or birds — that keeps the concerned officers and agencies alert and has motivated efforts for a co-ordinated and "rational" approach to the events.

According to Lt. Carl Evans, a commander in the Criminal Intelligence Division of the State Police, since April 1978 there have been 39 reports of unexplained cattle deaths in Arkansas, 23 in the northwest corner of the state and 16 in the north-central area.

Similar incidents have occurred elsewhere in the country, principally in the West, with a reported \$2.5 million worth of livestock killed in unexplained occurrences during the last five years.

Sgt. Doug Fogley, a State Police criminal investigator who has been designated to co-ordinate matters relating to the Arkansas incidents, said there are two categories of alleged mutilations: Suspected and confirmed. He said to date there are 15 suspected and no confirmed instances.

Fogley emphasized that authorities were "trying to get away from the 'classic mutilation' terminology." He said that nothing "infuriated" him as much as hearing such terms as "surgical incision" used by persons who may not know what a surgical incision looks like or who may not have seen the so-called mutilated animal until several days after its death.

Fogley said that State Police officials "have no official theories" on the deaths. He said that if an investigator were to "develop a theory at this stage," the officer would be less sensitive to subsequent developments or other possible theories.

In a meeting August 15 of several interested agencies and officials, B.J. Kready of the Arkansas Humane Association called on Governor Clinton to appoint a task force to study and help co-ordinate investigations of the incidents. Kready, a deputy prosecuting attorney for Pulaski County, said last week there had been no developments concerning that request.

Kready said part of the problem was that there is "a lot of myth, rumor and assumption" associated with the cattle deaths and that the Humane Association was concerned that the news media "not perpetuate uninformed, inaccurate or prejudicial reports" of the events.

If there are no official theories, there is at least one point on which officials agree: Most of the incidents can be explained as natural deaths and subsequent damage of the corpse by animal or bird predators, such as coyotes, wild dogs, skunks or vultures.

There are, however, a few "classic" instances that may not be explained by natural causes, as least so far as a few of the authorities are concerned.

Dr. Charles S. Hatfield of Bentonville, a veterinarian, said in a telephone interview recently that he had done two post mortem examinations "about a year ago" that "were definitely not animal mutilations — they were definitely surgical-type situations." He described what he called "very neat surgical incisions" and said that whoever had done them "had to know what they were doing; there was nothing sloppy [about the work]."

Dr. Hatfield said that in the two instances, which involved young bulls, the tongue, a portion of the lips, one eye, the scrotum and the testicle had been removed and that a surgical incision had been made around the anus and that the urinary bladder, the prostate gland and all accessory sex glands were removed. He said that in both instances "all the blood was first removed."

Asked about the discovery of drugs in the animals involved in the so-called classic mutilations, Fogley said that of three such drugs discovered, two had "legitimate veterinary uses" and that one, mescaline, had "no accepted" medical use. He identified the other drugs as succinyl choline chloride, used at one time to kill pigs and hogs, and santolin, once used as a dewormer.

Asked about earlier news reports that helicopters were used in connection with some of the incidents, George D. (Doug) Boswell, chief of the General Aviation District of the Federal Aviation Administration, said he knew of no such incidents. He said he knew "absolutely nothing" about reports that tops of trees that appeared to have been cut, as if by helicopter blades, in the area where some of the alleged mutilations occurred. "That sort of thing leads to accidents," he said, and stated that the FAA had received no such accident reports.

Dr. Oren L. Kelsey, the state veterinarian, said he had never seen a "classic mutilation" and believes that most of such alleged incidents can be explained as the work of scavenger animals and birds. He said he was "not trying to say that all are explained by natural causes."

On August 15, one day after the discovery of four dead cows near Morrilton, the city's two veterinarians, Dr. Norman Gray and Dr. Tom Brown, said they believed the "mutilation" appearance of the animals was caused by vultures and scavenger animals.

While authorities have voiced no official theories, there are a number of opinions that emerge as the subject is discussed. These include "natural death" and subsequent animal mutilation; vandalism by humans; the work of "cranks" or "psychological deviates"; practices somehow related to religious cults, and even that "alien beings" are in some way responsible.

Almost all the authorities contacted said they totally disregard the latter theory, not even wanting to "dignify it by comment," though one said he did not want his rejection of the theory to imply that he did not believe in "some form" of extraterrestrial life. The officials generally indicated they believe that the theories concerning human vandalism and the work of cranks or individuals with psychological problems were worthy of more serious consideration.

In regard to the possibility of religious cult association, while not any of three University of Arkansas professors inter-

viewed on the subject said they believed there was significant evidence that satanic cults were involved, they did not rule out the possibility.

Dr. Paul Hooks, associate professor of anthropology at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and a recognized authority on cult and voodoo religion practices, said that though he knew of no organized satanic cults in the state, "Arkansas is vulnerable to this type of behavior because of its fundamental [religious character]." He said that sometimes there are "[vigorous] objections to such a restrictive lifestyle — restrictive expectations — and this could very well be a rebellion against that fundamental atmosphere."

Dr. Nancy Owen, an adjunct professor in the Anthropology Department of the University of Arkansas whose specialty includes the study of cults, said that while she found no convincing evidence that the occurrences could be related to any cult activity, she said that at the same time that the alleged mutilations began in Benton County (April 1978), seven witchcraft altars were discovered at Bentonville.

She said the Anthropology Department at the U of A was asked to help determine if there could be any connection with the incidents. She said that since the cattle deaths were spread throughout the county, the investigators could find no relationship to the altars. She had no explanation for the presence of the altars.

Dr. Owen reported that in another incident, in Franklin County, "a king's-type scepter ... with a devil's head on it" had been discovered about a

half-mile from the site of an unexplained cattle death. She said that no conclusions had been drawn concerning the discovery.

### Natural Theory

Dr. Frank Kenney, an associate professor in the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, said that, while he believed that "the most plausible" theory was "a very natural explanation [like] some kind of animal predators," the possibility of religious cult association could not be discounted. He said that "almost anything is possible" with the growing number of religious groups in the country. He said the United States is "very creative in terms of religion" and that "it takes a length of time" for the practices of new and emerging religious groups to become known.

Asked whether there could be any commercial value in occult circles for organs taken from mutilated animals, neither Dr. Hooks, Dr. Owen nor Dr. Kenney believed this was probable. Dr. Kenney said cult groups that utilize animal organs "usually [use] the very esoteric — like a salamander's liver or a bat's eye or crushed herbs" in their rituals. Two of the professors said that any cult wishing to use cattle organs could get them "with a lot less trouble simply by going to the slaughterhouse."

Asked his opinion about newspaper reports of the unexplained cattle deaths, Dr. Kenney said he believed the press "should be open and informative" and that "the more information we have, the better ..."

While there are always some liabilities to the things we do, I think [responsible press coverage] is better than no information or misinformation."

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## 2 'Blobs' of Earthly Origin, NASA Scientist Concludes

HOUSTON (UPI) — The presence of lead in two gooey blobs found in a Frisco, Tex., yard indicate they have industrial and not extraterrestrial origins, geochemist Doug Blanchard said Saturday after preliminary tests were conducted.

"It's a strange concoction of stuff that could be easily put together in a lab or industrial situation," Blanchard said of the two two-pound, purplish masses, scooped up from the front yard of M. B. Christian August 11 and since frozen to prevent evaporation.

Blanchard, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientist, said he had completely eliminated the possibility that the blobs came from meteorites despite the presence of "round, solid chunks in it that remain after the goo goes away."

He explained that the blobs contained lead, an element unlikely to be found in meteorites and sure to have burned up when a meteorite dropped through the earth's atmosphere.

Further chemical studies were to be made by National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientists.

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## Veterinarians say buzzards responsible for mutilations

Buzzards and other scavengers have been responsible for the mutilated cattle carcasses found in Conway County, two Morrilton veterinarians claim.

After the discovery of four such carcasses near Morrilton on Monday, the city's two veterinarians, Dr. Norman Gray and Dr. Tom Brown, called a news conference to say that buzzards appeared to be the cause.

Gray, who is president of the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association, said this was the opinion of the association, which had discussed the mutilation reports at their state convention earlier this year.

Faulkner County Chief Deputy Sheriff Ollie Willborg said today he doesn't believe buzzards are responsible for all the mutilations that have occurred in Faulkner County. Five such incidents have been reported in the county since July.

"After a cow has been dead for three or four days, I'm not saying that a buzzard hasn't gotten to it," Willborg said. "But a buzzard is not responsible for all the damage I've seen."

He specifically mentioned a cow whose ear had been cut off and one that had a diamond-shaped piece of hide removed from its chest.

In recent months, there have been a number of reports of mutilated cows in Faulkner, Van Buren and Conway counties. The reports mention the removal of several parts, often including the sexual organs, the tongue and one eye, the absence of blood in the area and the apparent use of surgical instruments.

Gray said a buzzard's beak is very sharp and its work could appear to the untrained eye to be done by a surgical instrument.

Both Gray and Brown said the cows they had seen in Conway County had been dead several days and the lack of blood at the

site was attributable to decomposition. Gray said if a dead cow were on its side, a buzzard could reach only one eye.

Gray explained that the buzzards find the cattle already dead. He said this is the time of year when cows fall victim to black leg and respiratory diseases. He attributed the "mass hysteria" about cattle mutilations to the fact that such reports are "fashionable right now."

Doug Foley, an investigator with the state police, said in Little Rock on Tuesday that only cattle mutilations reported in Benton County in northwestern Arkansas last year showed "strange" qualities.

Carcasses found there he said, had been cut with surgical precision, the cuts had been cauterized and no blood was found in the carcasses.