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UFO Sighting Gives Woman 'Eerie Feeling'

By BILLY FIELDS
Staff Writer

For some persons, imaginative ideas and television science fiction make Unidentified Flying Objects only make-believe images.

But for a Clarksville woman, UFOs became a reality Tuesday night.

Patricia Reder had a close encounter of some kind.

"I don't know what to believe, but I know what I saw," Mrs. Reder said. "It was an eerie feeling."

The science fiction-like story began while Mrs. Reder was sitting on the side of her bed at her house at 2031 Lintwood Drive watching "M*A*S*H" Tuesday night.

She said that around 10:50 p.m., she noticed a bright light shining through the red and white curtains on her bedroom window.

Wondering why someone was shining a light through her pane of glass, she said she went to the window.

When she threw back the curtains, she saw something—something brilliantly illuminating the sky.

"I couldn't really see what it

was. All I could see was bright red lights," she said.

Mrs. Reder said she wasn't scared and didn't seek a place to hide.

"I just stood there in amazement—I was amazed. I couldn't believe what I was seeing," Mrs. Reder said.

She said the UFO hovered over the house across the street from hers for about a minute.

"It didn't move left or right, it just hovered."

She described the object as being round and about the same size as a dining room tabletop.

"But it could have been a little bigger."

Four or six red lights, similar to spotlights, were arranged on the bottom of the UFO and were aimed at the ground.

And it was hovering just above the neighboring house.

"If it had been way off in the distance, I could have understood this better. But it was close."

Then she said the object began to fall straight toward the ground behind her neighbor's house.

Mrs. Reder said she waited several hours before calling the Clarksville Police Department.

"I didn't know who to call or what to say after I called."

Mrs. Reder said she asked her neighbor today whether she was aware of the UFO's landing near her house.

But her neighbor did not see UFO and did not have a close encounter of any kind.

"I would have checked in her backyard, but she has a big dog," Mrs. Reder said.

However, Mrs. Reder said she would like to see whether there is any trace of the UFO. She said she saw on television where UFOs leave marks on the ground where they land.

"But this is nothing I have imagined from television."

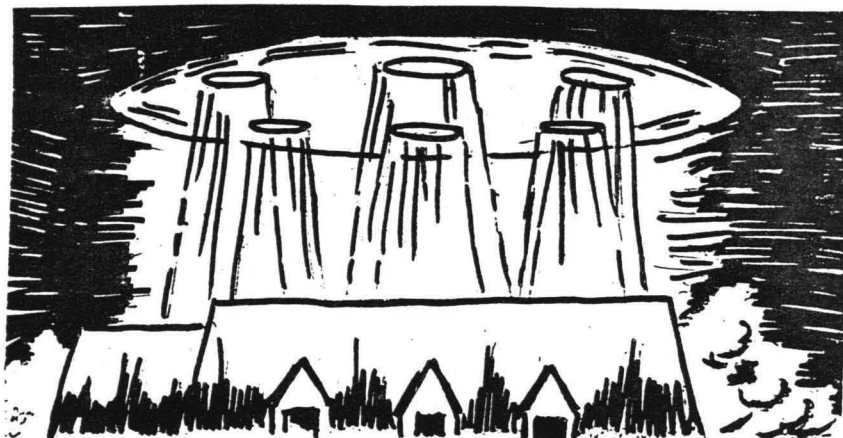
She said that if someone had come to her and told her that unidentified flying objects or spacecrafts existed, she would have been skeptical.

But not anymore.

"After what I saw last night, I'll never wonder again."

She said the image of the UFO always will be in her memory.

"I'll never forget it—it's like a picture in my mind."



It hovered over the house across the street
...drawing of the UFO as described by Patricia Reder

A 'Large, Black Disk'

The mail brings a tale that strains credulity, but perhaps someone who lives in the Pine Ridge community near Bladenboro can confirm, or clarify, what Daniel Edwards saw.

"I do not recall," writes Mr. Edwards, "whether you have expressed your opinion of UFOs in your column or not, but after reading The Times' article of the Dec. 22 edition concerning Mr. George Fawcett's 1981 UFO report of sightings in N.C., I became convinced I should reveal a horrendous secret of mine. Especially for the skeptical, like I was — that is, up to Thursday morning, around 2:40 a.m., 17th Dec.

"I awoke to the furious sounds of my dog barking toward the pine forest behind our house as if he was going mad. Sensing possible danger, I crept softly out of the house and to my surprise, a huge light, resembling fire, illuminated a mass clump of trees a few hundred yards away.

"Believing it possibly to be a forest fire, I alerted my family to be prepared to call the fire authorities should I call back for help, since I was already running toward the area down a narrow, muddy path. As I reached the area, or opening in the trees, about 30 feet from me, the scene brought horror to the very depths of my soul.

"No! It wasn't a fire. What I did see was a large black disk with hundreds of small red lights rotating in the center of the 'craft' (?) which was slightly larger than a Greyhound bus. It seemed to me that dark, shadowy figures walked around it but I don't know, because such great fear overwhelmed me that I ran without ceasing back to the house, only to reach it in time as I saw the object arising, without noise, rapidly toward the skies.

"I did not report it at that time because I didn't want to be considered the 'nut' of Bladenboro."

Well, Mr. Edwards, I hope the printing of this letter won't consign you to even temporary designation as the nut of Bladenboro, and if somebody else saw what you saw, you've saved.

But Did They?

DAILY PRESS, Escanaba, MI - Feb. 11, 1982

Area teen spots UFO

By MELINDA ZEMPER
Staff Writer

ESCANABA — A Soo Hill teenager reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO) Wednesday night as she was driving along County Road 416 after work.

Tammy Utt, 17, Soo Hill, reported the sighting about 12:02 a.m. today to Delta County Sheriff's deputies, who have begun an investigation. She says she saw a flying object which looked like an upside-down cake pan about 11:30 p.m.

"It was about 150 yards away from me just above the trees to the left," she said. "The thing followed me about two miles down the road—it was like big car lights in the sky."

Utt said she felt frightened after a while, slowed down and put her car in reverse. Then she backed up, and the UFO followed her.

"I stopped the car, and it stopped, and then I shut off the

lights and turned off the radio to hear if there was a sound. There was no sound. Then the thing dove for the ground like an eagle diving for a mouse."

Utt said she then backed up some more, and could see the UFO about 10 to 20 feet off the ground on a side County road. She backed up her car some more, and the flying saucer jumped back up in the sky a little before it landed. It landed on the side road, filling up the whole road.

"When it landed on the ground, the big lights went out, and I could see little windows all around the slanted part," she said. "It had a rim all along the bottom, with red windows all the way around it. It had white lights all around the bottom when it landed."

By this time, Tammy had backed up to Sodergren's grocery store, located on County Road 414. She was scared, and drove home, looking to see if the object would follow her. It didn't.

Utt said she's always been skeptical about reports of UFO's before, but now she's a believer.

BENNETT CO. BOOSTER II,
Martin, SD - Feb. 4, 1982

UFO Sighted?

Leslie Fool Bull stopped by the Todd County TRIBUNE office in Mission one day last week and said that an object shaped like a turtle shell with a search light underneath along with legs was reportedly observed about 3:00 a.m. October 20, 1981, in western Todd County along the Bennett County line.

He said it shone its lights on to where his boys were working on a car and that it was observed again north of the river in Todd County north of Cody, Nebr. He said he understands the object took off silently straight up and traveled southeast along the river, over a hill, circled and returned from west to east.—Todd County Tribune.

ATLANTIC NEWS & ADVERTISER, Hampton, NH
Feb. 9, 1982 CR: B. Greenwood

- AROUND TOWN -

BY TOM JENKINS

It was reported in last Tuesday's edition of The Atlantic News & Advertiser that a resident of Langdale Road in Hampton had seen a UFO in the northern sky near the beach area. Well, we recently received a telephone call from a resident of Dearborn Avenue in Hampton who has also seen a strange object in the local skies. This woman said the object was tall and narrow and adorned with red and green flashing lights. She reported that it remained stationary in the sky and appeared to be over the ocean directly east from the rear of her home. The odd object was observed last Sunday and Monday nights (January 31 and February 1). The Langdale Road sighting was observed on Sunday, January 24, and also included a description involving red and green lights.



Mystery crash fails to stir officialdom

By PATRICK JENKINS

Shortly before 7 p.m. Jan. 12, a bluish-green object fell into the ocean just off Atlantic City, but there was almost no investigation at all by government agencies concerned with aerial phenomena.

Whether it was an aircraft — as vowed by those who saw it hit the water and burn, or a meteor, as claimed by those who saw it from many miles away — remains unanswered nearly a month later.

All that is clear is the apparent apathy displayed by government agencies toward the object.

The Air Force claims to know nothing about it and the Federal Aviation Administration says no plane crashed.

The Coast Guard, on orders from its regional headquarters in New York City, called off a search of the ocean only a couple of hours after it began.

The Air National Guard doesn't know anything about the object, either.

Despite official claims that the object was a meteor, no scientist has asked for a study.

Nor has anyone cared to explain how a meteor could float on the water and burn for nearly 10 minutes before sinking.

Nobody admits to conducting an investigation.

Mike Benson, a spokesman for the FAA Technical Center in Pomona said the object was not seen on either FAA or National Weather Service radar and said the FAA flight standards district office in Philadelphia informed him that to their knowledge no planes had crashed.

Gary Davis, an employee of the FAA office, said he lives in western Philadelphia, some 100 miles from Atlantic City, and saw the object.

"It was falling straight down, and it was a meteor. I saw the same phenomenon myself, the same bluish-green light. It didn't look like an aircraft to me. In fact, the range of sightings tells me they mistook a meteor for an airplane," Davis said.

The range of sightings stretches from eastern Pennsylvania and Central and North Jersey, which would tend to support the meteor theory.

Among the Jersey residents who saw it were Shirley Wray of Plainfield, Lou Cavelli of Kearny and Howard G. Tallan of Jamesburg.

All said it was traveling faster than anything they'd ever seen and while they couldn't say it looked like an airplane, they were quite sure it was no meteor.

For those closer to the point of touchdown, there never was a question of it being a meteor.

John Farnsworth, a geologist who lives in Mays Landing 35 miles west of Atlantic City, said he knew it wasn't a meteor because he knows what meteors look like. This object, he said, looked like a missile.

Dr. Kenneth Davis, a veterinarian with offices in West Atlantic City spotted the object while he was driving in Egg Harbor Township, about 10 miles west of Atlan-

tic City.

"This didn't appear to be a falling star because a falling star falls straight down. This had a flat path and appeared to be an airplane," Davis said. "At first, I thought it was a Lear jet close to the ground."

Al Black, head of the Wells Fargo Detective Agency in Atlantic City, was driving on Atlantic Avenue with three others.

"We saw what we thought was a Lear jet going across the sky with a bluish-green flame coming out of the back. It darn near hit the roof of the Golden Nugget and went down into the water, or so we thought," Black said.

Atlantic City police officer Charles Murphy was at home about the time the object went over.

"It sounded like a Lear jet in trouble," said Murphy. "It sounded as if the engine was surging, you know, catching, then falling back."

By the time he got outside, Murphy said, the object was gone.

Black, meanwhile, had raced his car to Harrisburg Avenue and the Boardwalk and got out. He and his three passengers saw fire on the water about two miles out.

"Everybody saw it burning," Black said. "It burned for several minutes before it sank. I'm not sure something didn't happen."

Two others who saw the object were Pat Caldwell and Ray Johnson, in town for the China and Glass Show then being held in Convention Hall.

Caldwell is national sales manager for Reed and Barton of Taunton, Mass., which manufactures silver products for jewelers.

He and Johnson were jogging on the Boardwalk at the time the object passed by.

"It was very bright with a little trail of fire behind it," said Caldwell.

He said he commented to Johnson that it looked like a shooting star but as they got further down the Boardwalk, two men were screaming that a plane had gone down.

"We looked, and lo and behold, there was a very large fire out on the ocean," Caldwell said.

One Atlantic City police officer has a theory about the object.

"It was a Blackbird," he said, after being guaranteed anonymity. "It was the spy plane the Air Force says it doesn't have."

The officer theorizes the plane got into trouble at a high altitude and angled in for a soft crash landing. The angle of descent would match the flight path the witnesses saw and the craft's jet exhaust flame would explain the bluish-green light, he said.

The fact it dropped from such a high altitude could explain why it was seen from so far away, the officer continued, and the fact it was an especially strong aircraft could explain why it floated and burned for so long before sinking.

He likes his theory because it answers all the questions.

The Air Force was asked about his theory.

"We wouldn't even talk about such a thing," sputtered one spokesman. "I'd suggest you talk to the UFO societies."

Bakersfield UFO Sightings Confirmed By Reporter

by Tyrone Shaw

BAKERSFIELD — During this past fall and winter, there have been numerous sightings of UFO's in the Franklin County area, one of which reached national prominence when Richford police chief Homer Combe was featured in an article in the *National Enquirer* several weeks back.

More recently, an article by *St. Albans Messenger* general manager Gary Rutkowski detailed the experiences of Bakersfield resident Aubrey Brogden, who had a "close encounter of the third kind" right in the village.

This reporter had what can only be termed a bizarre experience the night of February 8 at his home in Bakersfield. I went outside to get some wood about 11 p.m., when I noticed a bright orange star in the western sky. But there should not have been a star of that color or intensity in that location. I went inside and fetched my binoculars, only to find that when I stepped back out on the porch, it was gone.

Not really, though, because it was now overhead, probably one to two thousand feet above me, close enough to get a clear view of a vast array of lights under the wings of what was now clearly an aircraft of huge dimensions. With the

binoculars, the view was even sharper.

I have seen hundreds of planes flying over from Plattsburgh to points east, but none of them came close to resembling this behemoth in size, shape or lighting.

The lights of this craft were in series of blues, purples and oranges. The craft seemed to hover for a moment and then disappeared over a ridge with astonishing speed.

The "vehicle" did emit a sound, but one that seemed inconsistent with any plane I'd ever seen. It emitted a muffled noise not unlike that of a B-52 flying at a much higher altitude.

Following the sighting, I called the state police to report it. The dispatcher merely thanked me for the call, apparently taking down no details.

A few days later I was visiting one of my neighbors. I told them of my experience. They matter of factly informed me that a craft of that description has been a regular visitor over their farm, just to the west of me, for several years.

I can't say exactly what it was that I saw, but whatever it was, it certainly wasn't a cloud, the northern lights, or a night training flight out of Plattsburgh. It's nice to know we're not alone.... or is it?

UNION LEADER, Manchester, NH
March 1, 1982 CR: B. Greenwood

Merrimack 'UFO' Still Unidentified

By PAT HAMMOND
Union Leader Staff

MERRIMACK — A huge, fast-moving light source that glistened but gave out no light of its own, was sighted over Merrimack Friday night by a local man, following the sighting of four strange lights overhead by two other men.

Gary Kelly, 18, said he was rounding a corner in his car on Patton Road around 8:00 p.m., when he spotted a pattern of four lights — two lights in two horizontal tiers — in the sky. They zoomed behind a house, he said, and disappeared.

"Did you see that?" Kelly asked his passenger, 18-year-old Barry Meehan.

"Yup," is what Meehan remembers saying. "We stopped and we looked," Meehan recalled, "And we backed up and went forward again, just to make sure the thing had not been a reflection on the windshield."

"It's kind of a mystery," he observed.

The pair went to somebody's house and "didn't think any more about it" until two hours later when their friend, Ken Milligan, 21, blew in, claiming he had just seen a large light on old Bedford Road, crossing the sky at tree-top level.

"We thought that was odd," Meehan told The Union Leader.

Milligan's light was single, not four-fold, and was "moving kind of weird, about 1,000 ft. away. It lasted about five seconds, I would say. It happened so fast I'm not sure whether it was a light or a silver object with a light reflection on it. There was no sound — or if there was, I wouldn't have heard it because my radio was blaring."

"I was froze," Milligan said. "My initial reaction was something you wouldn't print. Something like 'what the Hell was that?'"

The Merrimack police had no reports of other light sightings, nor were there reports registered with the FAA control tower at Manchester Airport. Tower personnel said that similar reports in the past were usually identified not as a UFO but as the lit-up Cessna 152 aircraft of Mal Shute.

Shute, a Londonderry pilot, utilizes an unusual electronic array of lights for his night-time sky-writing effects.

Shute was unavailable last night for comment, and no records at the control tower could support whether the unusual lights were Shute this time, or a UFO.

BULLETIN, Latrobe, PA - March 24, 1982 CR: S. Gordon

Off-duty-cop claims UFO followed him

Black Township officer, Lt. Robert Shaffer, asking him to bring along a camera. But by the time Shaffer arrived, the object was gone, Antavio said.

household and said he saw the same object.

NEW CASTLE, Pa. (UPI) — An off-duty Neshannock Township police officer reported a close encounter of the UFO kind Tuesday on his way home from work.

Officer Anthony Antavio told authorities he noticed something "sort of following him" around 5:30 a.m. and looked up to see an object hovering about 75 yards over his

The officers said they contacted Air Force officials in Pittsburgh to determine whether the UFO might have been a plane and were told three planes were in the area at the time, but that none would have accounted for the sighting.

Antavio and Bonivengo then got in to Bonivengo's police cruiser and drove off down state Route 65 with the object following them, hovering directly above the car, the officers said.

The two men returned to Antavio's home and contacted another Neshannock Township officer, Lt. Robert Shaffer, asking him to bring along a camera. But by the time Shaffer arrived, the object was gone, Antavio said.

Antavio said he entered the house and awakened his mother. Both of them described the object as an oval or round shape, about two to three car lengths long, casting a brilliant white light.

Antavio contacted Ronald Bonivengo, a Shenango Township officer, who arrived at the Antavio

He probes ultimate UFO secret

Len Stringfield's quest: to reveal crashed discs

By Larry W. Bryant
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS WORLD

How long can he — must he — go on this way ... in his singular and single-minded quest for the facts surrounding what lately has been called "The Ultimate Secret" about unidentified flying objects — crash-landed UFOs, with the official retrieval of artifacts and crew?

No doubt Len Stringfield asks himself that question daily. And no doubt the answer is just as elusive as the "hard evidence" he's been seeking for several years now. Evidence that points to a systematic, 35-year-old campaign by government officials to (1) acquire UFO hardware/crew from crash-landing sites and (2) to keep that material under the tightest secrecy ever engineered by military security specialists. Evidence that, despite the secrecy, now is leaking out bit by bit to form a most intriguing three-dimensional picture.

The first dimension is that of the UFO enigma itself. Long neglected as a serious subject for coverage by orthodox news media, this dimension has a "Catch 22": without some hard evidence on which to pursue a solid story, there's no story to bother with; the best way to launch a solid story is to go after the hidden evidence. So the status quo over the past three decades has been characterized by rampant conjecture among researchers, outright fakery by some purported UFO percipients, and fun-and-frolic by a few pulp-paper opportunists posing as serious journalists.

Politics of UFOlogy

The second dimension is the "poli-

tics of UFOlogy" — as epitomized by the Federal government's continued policy and practices of UFO news management. Lately, this dimension has received attention from certain news media exposed to the recent freedom-of-information litigation involving hundreds of UFO-related documents in the possession of several government agencies. Some of the now-released documentation from FBI files alludes to crashed-disc reports originating from Air Force sources. But the Air Force, as the executive agency charged with down-playing the seriousness of UFO encounters, steadfastly dis-misses the numerous crashed-saucer accounts as nothing more than warmed-over "rumors."

The third — and here the most pertinent — dimension is that of "crypto-UFOlogy" Stringfield himself. Now a retired publicist for a chemical company in Cincinnati, Ohio, he's reached the point in his brand of investigative reporting of becoming a legend in his own time — an institution of form and substance that has won him international acclaim.

How did he get to that point? Simply with an adulthood of arduous, part-time UFO research dating back to the '50s. His 1957 book *In Saucer Post 3-0* Blue chronicles his experience as a private UFO researcher in the days when to admit that avocation was to open oneself to raw ridicule from all quarters. In between rearing a family and tending to his business career, Stringfield published a UFO newsletter and produced another book, *Situation Red: The UFO Siege* (Doubleday, 1977.)

Reader response launches probe

It was the readers' feedback from

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FLYING DISC, INFORMATION CONCERNING. MAJOR CURTAN, HEADQUARTERS
EIGHTH AIR FORCE, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT AN OBJECT
PURPORTING TO BE A FLYING DISC WAS RECOVERED NEAR ROSWELL, NEW
MEXICO, THIS DATE. THE DISC IS HEXAGONAL IN SHAPE AND WAS SUSPENDED
FROM A BALLOON BY CABLE, WHICH BALLOON WAS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY
FEET IN DIAMETER. MAJOR CURTAN FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE OBJECT
FOUND RESEMBLES A HIGH ALTITUDE WEATHER BALLOON WITH A RADAR
REFLECTOR, BUT THAT TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION BETWEEN THEIR OFFICE
AND WRIGHT FIELD HAD NOT YET DETERMINED THE BELIEF DISC AND
BALLOON BEING TRANSPORTED TO WRIGHT FIELD BY SPECIAL PLANE FOR EXAMINATION.
INFORMATION PROVIDED THIS OFFICE BECAUSE OF NATIONAL INTEREST IN CASE
AND FACT THAT NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, ASSOCIATED PRESS, AND
OTHERS ATTEMPTING TO BREAK STORY OF LOCATION OF DISC TODAY. MAJOR
CURTAN ADVISED WOULD REQUEST WRIGHT FIELD TO ADVISE CINCINNATI
OFFICE RESULTS OF EXAMINATION. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING
CONDUCTED. JULY
END RECORDED

this second book that led him to concentrate his investigative effort on what he calls "The UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome" (which, incidentally, is the title of a monograph he published in 1980).

Stringfield's approach is to serve as a one-man clearinghouse for all data voluntarily divulged (in confidence, for the most part) by persons whose reasons for coming forward range from a guilty conscience in being part of the official coverup to death-bed declarations of clarification-for-the-record.

So far, by his count, he has garnered from some 20 first-hand sources (and from at least that many intermediate sources privy to inside information) a fascinating patchwork of testimony covering several cases of alleged retrieval operations.

Among the first-hand sources is a physician who says he performed an

autopsy on an alien body retrieved from a crashed saucer in the early '50s. The stuff of hoax or of wishful-thinking dementia, you say? As more sources come forward, and as more confirmatory evidence is added to the "smoking gun" in Stringfield's investigation, such easy answers have a harder time surviving.

The breakthrough could come any day, he says. But he's worried that all the publicity about his preliminary findings and interpretations might have caused a change-of-heart among some of his sources and potential sources. The time is ripe, he says, for a secure public forum to invite key principals in the retrievals and subsequent coverup to bare their facts for all to see and digest. All it would take to reveal the Ultimate Secret is one solidly verifiable case, he added.

Search for the breakthrough

That case might be the one in July 1947 called *The Roswell Incident* (as recounted in a book under that title by UFO investigator William L. Moore — Grosset & Dunlap, 1980). It concerns a crash-landed object in Roswell, N.M., that the Army air force craftily passed off to a glib press corps as nothing more than a weather balloon.

Then there's the alleged crash-landing of a disc just across the Texas-Mexico border back in 1950. The key witness at the retrieval site, who now is a retired Army lieutenant colonel, might now tell all if guaranteed freedom from reprisal. According to one researcher familiar with the case, the event sparked the issuance of a Defense Department "immediate high alert" on Dec. 8, 1950.

Of course, Stringfield is not without his critics — both within and outside the UFO-research community. Some have scored his methodology as being doomed from the start — because, so long as his principal sources insist on anonymity, there's no way to cross-examine them and, in effect, put them (and their reputations) on trial. The burden of proof is on the witness in any UFO case, as the Air Force delights in reminding us.

Other critics point to Stringfield's being a ready target for dupe. To this, he responds by saying that eventually the evidence will speak for itself. Meantime, he's pressing on with some seed money furnished by the Washington, D.C.-based Fund for UFO Research, Inc., to defray long-distance telephone expenses in following-up new leads.

How long Stringfield will be able to pursue his quest for the retrieved saucers and pickled UFOnuts is anyone's guess. His is the brand of investigative reporting that is relatively thankless and immensely frustrating. But it's also the brand that only a seasoned professional dare undertake.

From Fund for UFO Research

(ABOVE) A declassified FBI cable, referring to the famous "Roswell Incident," recounts the official story that a "flying disc" recovered at Wright Air Force Base was really a weather balloon, but says (circled) that a telephone conversation with the Wright Field office "had not borne out this belief."

(LEFT) Another FBI document deals with a request by Army Air Corps Intelligence for FBI cooperation in researching UFOs. The memo quotes the "Director" (J. Edgar Hoover) as insisting the FBI be granted full access to "discs recovered," because in one case "the army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination." Both documents were released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. L. LADD

DATE: 7/24/47

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Reference is made to my memorandum to you in the above captioned matter dated July 10, 1947, indicating that Brigadier General George F. Schulgen of the Army Air Corps Intelligence had requested that the Bureau cooperate with the Army Air Corps Intelligence in connection with the above captioned matter. The Director noted on the referenced memorandum, "I would do it but before agreeing to it we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. For instance in the LA. case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination."

This is to advise that Special Agent [redacted] has recontacted General Schulgen and advised him in connection with the Director's notation. General Schulgen indicated to Mr. [redacted] that he desired to assure Mr. Hoover of complete cooperation in this matter and stated that he would issue instructions to the field directing that all cooperation be furnished to the FBI and that all discs recovered be made available for the examination by the FBI Agents. General Schulgen pointed out to Mr. [redacted] that he will from time to time make the results of the studies of his scientists available to the Bureau for the assistance of the FBI Field Offices. General Schulgen indicated to Mr. [redacted] that there has been a decrease in the reported sightings of the discs which might be because of the fact that it has lost much of its publicity value. He indicated, however, that he believed it necessary to follow this matter through to determine as near as possible if discs were in fact seen and to determine their origin.

Was That A UFO Last Wednesday?

SPRINGFIELD-A strange incident that happened last Wednesday morning has left a few people closer to believing in unidentified flying objects, whatever they are.

People listening to the police channel on their scanners around 5:30 a.m. last Wednesday say that a woman in Charlestown called the police and complained that an airplane or something was flying back and forth over her house.

A dispatcher sent a cruiser towards the toll bridge to check it out. According to one man who heard the sequence on his scanner, the officer reported back that he could see the object, but that it did not appear to be moving.

Someone at the station then asked the officer if he was close enough to take a picture, to which he answered no. The officer then requested that another officer be sent and said his location was on Route 5 North of the toll bridge near the "Doll Houses."

That was the end of the conversation.

It is not known which police department responded to the call. A dispatcher who was on duty that morning said that no such call came to the Springfield station.

Five more UFO sightings reported

By MELINDA ZEMPEK
Staff Writer

ESCANABA — Ever since a Soo Hill teenager reported an unidentified flying object (UFO) near a rural grocery store Feb. 11, five area residents have reported seeing similar objects to the Delta County Sheriff's Department.

Tammy Utt, 17, Soo Hill, reported an object resembling an upside-down cake pan following her car about 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb.

10, as she was driving along county roads 414 and 416 near the Sodergren Superette. Utt also said the object landed in the road about a half mile from her car, filling up the road.

Upon investigation the following day, sheriff's department deputies said they saw packed-down snow about one foot into the shoulder of the road, about 30 feet long, in the area Utt had described. No other signs of a UFO were

discovered.

Since the UFO sighting has been publicized, five other area residents have reported seeing similar objects around the same time as Utt's sighting.

Jamie Robinette, Rte. 1, County Road 414, told sheriff's deputies he saw a bright white light in the area west of Sodergren's store about 11:30 to 11:45 on Feb. 10 also. Robinette reported the incident only after talking to Utt's father on

Feb. 11. The two men work together.

Bonnie Lee, 2237 18th Ave. S., Escanaba, has also reported seeing a bright object about the same time as the Utt sighting. The lights on the object were white, Lee told deputies, then turned red.

Gary Dubord, Rte. 3, Escanaba, told deputies he saw a UFO while enroute to Powers on U.S. 2, between Bark River and Powers on Feb. 9 about 1:45 p.m.

The object looked like a 30-foot wide salad bowl, with lights around the bottom. Dubord said it was sunny, so he couldn't tell what color the object was. He reported the sighting only after talking to Utt, with whom he works at an Escanaba grocery store.

Another man, Ricky Mercier, Powers, reported seeing a UFO about 6:55 p.m. Feb. 12 near the Highland Golf Club.

Also, Todd Poquette, 22, Rte. 1, Hermansville, told sheriff's deputies he saw lights in the sky about 5:45 a.m. Feb. 13 as he was driving to Marquette to school. Poquette said he noticed an oval-shaped object above the tree tops. It looked like it was a plane about to crash, he said. The object then hovered in the air.

Poquette said the UFO had four big car lights and a little red light underneath.

CENTRAL MAINE MORNING SENTINEL, Waterville, ME - March 4, 1982 CR: B. Greenwood

Another unidentified light sighted

By STEPHEN COLLINS
Sentinel Correspondent

OAKLAND — A second unidentified object sighting was reported to Oakland police Wednesday morning. Three women described a bright red object that they saw over Kennedy Memorial Drive at about 1:30 a.m. A man who lives in the area also allegedly saw the red light but refused to give details to police, according to Oakland Sgt. Ralph Sabins.

Wednesday's sighting came two days after Sabins and an Oakland storekeeper independently saw and reported a bright, silent light that moved from the area at the outlet of Messalonskee Lake over the Waterville Country Club and the Kennedy Memorial Drive area Monday just before 5 a.m., changing directions as it went.

Sgt. Sabins, who is a regular Oakland police officer and a pilot, said that he had seen red flashes on the bright

light Monday morning. He said that he at first mistook the light for a yard and security light at Waterville Country Club but then realized as he approached the area it was too bright for that. He said he could not estimate its altitude.

Another confirmation of the sighting Monday came after publication of the newspaper article yesterday. Sentinel carrier Robert Simpson had told his skeptical family that he had seen a

UFO at 4:50 a.m. Monday while delivering papers on upper Main Street in Waterville. His mother indicated that she was more inclined to believe the report following the public disclosure Wednesday. Simpson had said that the light was somewhat cigar shaped and had also remarked on the complete absence of any noise associated with it — a feature that concurred with earlier reports.

FREE PRESS, Burlington, VT - March 7, 1982 CR: B. Greenwood

Police Chief Receives Reports Of UFOs 'All Over the Place'

By LINDA COLLINS

Free Press Correspondent

RICHFORD — Police Chief Homer Combs said Saturday he has received several reports of UFO sightings in the past few weeks. "Not a day goes by that someone doesn't tell me they've spotted these strange objects and they are all similar in appearance," Combs said.

Saturday about 6 p.m. Combs received a report from two East Richford women who said they "heard a loud noise overhead and when they went outside spotted an object shaped something like a butterfly moving rapidly overhead at treetop level." The object then turned around and then came back and was covered with red lights, according to the re-

ports.

The same object was seen and heard by a man chopping wood in Richford at the same time, Combs said.

The police chief said the description was similar to that of objects he has seen in the sky for the past month. "They are all over the place," he said.

Friday the police chief talked to a woman who claimed two of the objects followed her car for several miles between Fairfield and St. Albans around noon.

"The woman described the objects as being shaped like swastikas and said they looked like they were made of cast iron."

Another sighting was reported to police and newspapers last week in Fairfield.

"My theory is that these objects are seen in certain areas like Richford and Fairfield because of some type of refueling energy they get from the ground. We don't know what type of technology they have," Combs said.

Combs said he has received a call from an investigator dealing with UFO research asking for an interview.

"I have tried to find out what this is all about," Combs said, "but the only answer I have been able to get from officials is that these things are around and if they were going to do any harm, they would have by now. However, it would be nice to know what these things are, since they are being seen so often."

ENTERPRISE, Simi Valley, CA - March 21, 1982 CR: W. Greenwald

UFO is reported seen

A 15-year-old girl, riding her bicycle home from a friend's house Saturday evening, spotted a "freaky, really weird thing in the sky" above Royal Avenue and Sycamore Drive.

"It was a UFO, I know it was. It couldn't have been anything else," the Royal High School sophomore said, not revealing her identity because she fears being ridiculed as a "looney."

It was a frightening experience, she said.

In an excited, trembling voice, the teen-ager described the object, seen about 200 yards in the air and the size of a house, as "not round, more like an egg shape. It was white with little yellow windows around the rim, little square, yellow windows."

The object made no sound and didn't move as the girl nearly pedaled into a parked truck while looking up at it.

The sight made her fall off her bike and watch it

"paralyzed."

About five seconds after spotting the UFO, a little green light began flickering from the center of the egg's bottom, the high school student said.

"I was scared. I got on my bike and pedaled across the street. I put one foot on the curb and looked back. It just sat there."

"Six or seven people across the street were looking at it, like they were in a trance. I was so scared. All I wanted to do was get home. I was too scared to look back. I made the five-minute trip home in about three minutes and went in and told my family. It was gone by the time they came out to look," the girl said, recalling that "dogs were barking like crazy" when she watched the object near Royal and Sycamore.

"The atmosphere was like nothing was right. Didn't anyone else call the newspaper about it?"

The mysterious sighting was at about 7:30 p.m.

The day a UFO jumped over a cow

Carra and John Williams sat on the front porch of their farm home north of Memphis, Tenn., not saying much, just enjoying the spring-like afternoon. It was March 1, 1974, about 1 o'clock.

Across the road and at the bottom of a hill 500 yards away was a small lake. On the hillside beyond the lake stood a herd of cows that were grazing.

"Look! Look! What's that?" Carra suddenly cried.

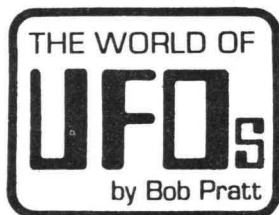
Five small, circular objects came sailing slowly through the air and settled down in the pasture among the cows.

"It looked like flying saucers," Carra, then 74, later recalled. "They didn't have any legs, any tails, any wings, nothing. They were flat on the bottom and oval on top and they looked about two feet in diameter."

"When they were on the ground they looked white. But when they reared up to fly and the sun shone on them, they looked silver."

Only one of the cows paid any attention to the objects.

"One cow in particular didn't seem to like them, and it would run at one of these things, and the thing would just rise up, float over the cow and settle down on the other side."



"The cow would run at it again and again the thing would rise up and set down on the other side. The cow did this several times."

"Suddenly, John said, 'Git me my rifle! I'm going to go down there and see what this is. I want to shoot one of them things!'"

"I said, 'You better leave them alone. They're nothing we know anything about.' But nothing would do but he had to take his rifle and go down there."

"John was 78, he was a disabled veteran of world war I and he'd had several heart attacks. He wasn't able to walk but he hobbled down across the road to the pasture."

"When he was about halfway there, I had to go answer the phone. I told them to let me call back, some-

thing was happening out front.

"I went back out on the porch and I saw John standing in the same place. He raised his rifle once to shoot but he didn't shoot. He just let his arm back down."

"Then those things just rose up and circled around like you'd sail a plate through the air and began to go off. John just let his hands back down to his sides and one of those things circled pretty close to him. Then it went and joined the others and they flew off."

"John stood perfectly still. All at once he raised his left hand a little and I thought, 'Oh, my God, he's having another heart attack.'"

"I rushed down and helped him back up to the house. With the help of the Lord I got him into a daybed in the front room. He was just as cold as ice all over. I just had to prise his fingers off that gun."

"When he got to where he could talk, he just said, 'That damned thing took my picture!'"

"I said, 'How do you know?' and he said, 'I saw the flash of the light.'"

"We lived about 10 miles from the Millington Navy air base at that time and I called and asked an officer if they were experimenting in any avi-

ation tests. I told him what had happened. The officer assured me it was nothing he knew anything about."

"The next morning, we looked down at the lake and the cow was dead. We knew it was the same cow because it was the only one of that kind. It was lying in the water at the edge of the lake."

"And about two weeks later my husband died. The doctor said it was another heart attack." © Bob Pratt 1981 Have any comments or questions about UFOs? just write to: World of UFOs, in care of The News World.

NEWS WORLD, New York, NY

March 13, 1982

Briar Mountain area is still a hotbed of UFO activity

By PAT PATERA
Staff Writer

VULCAN — People in the Norway-Vulcan area have been reporting some strange sightings recently.

Lights hovering over the horizon, darting across the sky and dodging mailplanes.

Lights projecting in beams from a craft described as 80 feet long.

Lights from such a craft actually chasing one employee at the former Vulcan USA ski resort.

Apparently, however, none of the witnesses to these bizarre sightings could explain why they saw what they saw. That is why their reports are being collected and classified as unidentified flying objects — UFOs.

Although most of these UFOs were seen several years ago, the information has only recently been released, after Dr. J. Allen Hynek director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., traveled to Iron Mountain last October to investigate the reports.

People are, understandably, reluctant to admit to seeing strange things. That is why, when Dr. Hynek's coordinator for the Upper Peninsula compiled a case study on the Briar Mountain reports, he would not release the names of the witnesses.

The U.P. coordinator, Northern Michigan University Professor of History Kenneth C. Schellhase, compiled his report after interviewing about 20 area residents over the past four months.

According to Dr. Schellhase's report, Briar Mountain stands out spectacularly for its flurry of sightings between October 1976 and March 1977, especially in January and February.

During that time, almost 50 employees at the lodge were treated to as many as 20 to 30 displays over two or three months. Numerous visitors were also lucky to catch at least some of these events, the report states.

The case study notes some contend the UFOs were drawn to the hill by the disc-shaped platform and the bright lights atop the former radar tower which stood close by since 1966. The new owners of Briar Mountain Lodge tore down the radar tower in the fall of 1981.

However, "The UFOs are still coming around," states the report. "Within one mile of the lodge a huge cigar-shaped craft with several large round windows, out of which shone bright orange light, was spotted by a Norway resident in December 1981.

The report contends that the hill, the town, and the surrounding area for at least a 20-mile radius has been a hotbed of UFO activity for three decades.

UFOs are notoriously elusive — which is why they remain unidentified. Reports are usually somewhat confused, hesitant, reluctant. However, the following summarizes the

accounts Norway-Vulcan area witnesses gave Dr. Schellhase during his investigation.

In one instance, three employees at the lodge observed one of the UFOs through a telescope. They saw "sides and angles" upon a basically saucer or disc shaped object; the color was bright white with a reddish-green edge.

Only one person saw a disc shaped object, metallic and brightly gleaming, in brighter daylight in the same area.

Still others at the lodge had what are called "close encounters of the first kind" — those in which details are seen on a UFO.

Witnesses reported seeing a craft, about 80 feet long, with red lights on the rear end and a single light on the front end. Blinking multi-colored lights were seen, along with beams of light projecting from the craft.

"In obtaining such close-range views the witnesses were usually frightened, noted Schellhase's report. "In some cases the witnesses report one employee being chased by the huge device."

These close encounter cases are still under investigation. Most reports aren't so dramatic. Most involve sightings of lights behaving in peculiar ways.

From twilight until dawn, several brighter orange or dimmer reddish lights were seen to flare up brilliantly — sometimes to the size of the full moon, according to estimates. Large areas of the terrain below were reportedly illuminated during such flare-ups.

The lights in the sky would sometimes hover over a bare rocky plateau toward the westerly extent of their sweeps.

When not hovering they moved slowly, but at times were seen to cross the arc of the sky in less than five seconds. Similarly, they were seen to accelerate extremely fast from a still or almost stationary position and zip out of sight in a second.

Three witnesses even reported that one UFO would customarily move out of the way when the mailplane from Escanaba would pass by about 11 p.m. — the light would leave its position a few minutes before and return a few minutes after the airplane had passed by.

Three witnesses also reported that one employee called K.I. Sawyer, Air Force Base, and two fighter planes made a few passes and returned towards the direction of the base. When that happened, the UFO grew very dim and nestled down closer among the trees.

The reports go on, but Schellhase has not finished his investigation.

He plans to visit the Norway-Iron Mountain area frequently and hopes to reach other individuals who witnessed unexplained activity in the sky.

These reports, Dr. Schellhase notes, can be extremely valuable in solving "the greatest mystery of the century."

Dr. Schellhase lives in Marquette and can be reached at the CUFOs area office at 426 E. Michigan, Marquette, MI 49855. phone, (906) 228-9071.

Pages
from my
Journal
Forrest Ostrum

Last week I wrote I would write something about what I've heard about U.F.O.s.

I know of four people who have claimed they have seen U.F.O.s. I won't mention any names because they are afraid to talk about them, cause people will laugh.

There is a minister in our camp who along with his wife was walking around the circle (for exercise) one evening and saw a strange blue light. The next morning he asked another couple who he knew was outside if they had seen it. The reply was yes. A blue light moving atop an orange grove?

I heard of a couple in Erin Prairie who saw a fast moving light in the middle of a wheat field. He said he didn't want to talk of it cause people would say he's nuts.

Talked to a reliable man who was in the Navy on board ship in the middle of the ocean. A strong blue light appeared on all ships on one side. They changed course and the light was still shining on the same side. In the middle of an ocean?

Or the town of Hammond farmer who was plowing one nite when his tractor suddenly stopped, lights went out for no reason at all. Waited a few seconds and he started it again and plowed for two hours without stopping.

Or, about the time, (this I read), an ocean tanker full of oil disappeared in the Bermuda triangle.

No one ever found it again nor did they find any oil slick. Four airplanes were sent in to search and never came back.

Now I think it is known that the Navy will not sail any ships in the Bermuda triangle. Incidentally, you can get a book at the library on the Bermuda triangle.

Oh, well, how far is up?

CALL, Woonsocket, RI - Feb. 27, 1982 CR: B. Greenwood

Area Man Spots UFO—Ready to Go with 'Them'

By ANNE KING
CALL Staff Writer

FRANKLIN — Did Franklin have some visitors in the wee hours yesterday? Did anyone have the feeling they were being watched? Did anyone dream about UFO's? Maybe, it wasn't a dream.

Ask Donald B. Daddario of 47 Ray Ave., Bellingham. At the risk of suffering an unmerciful ribbing from all to whom he tells his story, he swears there were aliens about...or something.

"It was about 4:30 a.m. yesterday," Daddario, a 28-year old father of two, reports. "I was on my way home from work driving along Main Street in Franklin near Jackson's Funeral Home when I saw it...a glowing, glaring, powder blue light in the sky."

It was no plane, Daddario said. The movement was different. "Besides, planes don't change colors before your very eyes," he added. Drawn like a magnet, he continued to watch the glaring light which zipped ahead and appeared to stop and hover above the Church Square Intersection at the corner of Main and Pleasant streets.

"I was so excited," Daddario said. "I stopped my car and I got out. I was hoping I'd see someone else so I could share this sighting with someone. I was ready to stop another car if one came along."

"I was even ready to go with 'them' if they saw me and came down."

At that point, Daddario said, he heard a faint buzzing sound, but he admitted, "I can't be sure if that was coming from the lights in Church Square or that 'thing' way up in the sky."

Daddario got back in his car, still watching the bright light hovering

above him, when all-of-a-sudden, the "thing" turned bright red and darted away, following Lincoln Street with Daddario in hot pursuit.

"I can't even tell you exactly what shape the 'thing' was," Daddario said. "It was more oval than round. It was so high, I couldn't get a clear impression, but it was not shaped like a plane, and it didn't move like a plane."

Daddario's last sight of the object was as it suddenly darted right, heading over Skyline (Drive) hill, suddenly turning back to the powder blue glow he had first spotted.

Daddario took a right on Daniels Street and searched for another look at the "thing" which disappeared even faster than it had appeared.

"I swear I was cold sober. I didn't go near a barroom yesterday," Daddario declared. He was on his way home from his job at the MBTA that Daddario made what he has definitely declared a UFO spotting.

"I always come south on Route 95, pick up Route 140, follow Main Street in Franklin, and bang a left behind the church (St. Mary's) and approach Bellingham by way of Beech Street. It's the way I always go, and I hit that same section about 4:30 every morning, and I never saw anything like that before."

Almost out of breath, some five hours after his spotting, Daddario was unable to calm down. "I can't go to sleep," he said. "After it happened, I had to tell someone."

"I woke up my wife, who wasn't too thrilled to have me raving at that hour," Daddario said.

"Do you believe me?" he asked his wife, Donna.

Donna had no explanation, but

said, "You must have seen something to carry this thing to this extreme."

Daddario reported his sighting to the Franklin Police Station. "Kevin Ryan was the dispatcher," Daddario said. "He knows me and he was laughing so hard...he thought I was kidding. I told him I was sober and I really did see this thing. He told me to call Civil Defense. I got no answer there, so I called the State Police and asked them if I should call the Air Force."

Daddario said State Police told him the Air Force doesn't take reports unless there is some physical evidence...a shape, a smell, a sound, something.

"If only someone else had been there," Daddario laments.

Was Daddario frightened? "No way...just excited...what intrigue. I got out of my car because I wanted them to see me. I would have gone away with them...as long as they'd bring me back."

Daddario firmly believes in UFO's. He recalls that a few years ago, he was hunting with his father in the early morning hours near the Franklin town pool. Fresh snow was on the ground and it was still snowing. He and his father came upon tracks, seven sets of identical tracks, the outer ring of each track about 11 inches in diameter with smaller rings inside. There were no footprints leading to or from the tracks.

"No one has ever explained those tracks to me," Daddario said.

If the aliens read *The Call*, Daddario wants them to know he is willing to take a ride with them, but while they might have a nice place to visit, he wouldn't want to live there.

Police receive UFO reports

About 20 Eugene-area residents reported seeing between one and four red, white and/or yellowish-white lights that buzzed and/or hovered in erratic and/or deliberate flying patterns between 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. Friday, according to a Eugene police spokeswoman.

Weather balloons? Air Force maneuvers? Something to do with the Mount St. Helens eruption?

Police were just as bewildered as the callers after officials from Eugene's Mahlon Sweet Airport as well as the National UFO Reporting Center in Washington were unable to shed light of any color on the matter.

One caller reported that the UFOs were "dropping things," the police spokeswoman said.

REGISTER-GUARD, Eugene, OR - March 20, 1982

Oakland policeman reports seeing UFO

By STEPHEN COLLINS
Sentinel Correspondent
OAKLAND — Anyone unlucky enough to be up at 4:50 a.m. Monday when thermometers around Oakland registered from 20 to 28 below zero had the opportunity for a reward of a sort — an unidentified flying object.

Two Oakland men, one an Oakland police officer who was on duty at the time, have reported seeing an unexplained light in the sky between Messalonskee Lake and the Waterville Country Club.

Police Sgt. Ralph Sabins reported the sighting in the police log as occurring at 4:50 a.m. March 1. His official description listed the light, which was brighter than any of the stars or planets visible, as being over Messalonskee Lake as sighted from the Country Club Road.

He reported it hovered there before heading toward the northeast (over his head) without any discernible engine noise. When the light passed overhead, power lines shook and fluttered even though there was no wind, Sabins wrote.

Dan Savage, leaving his house to go get breakfast before opening his variety store in Oakland reported a similar experience. He said he was out in front

of his house at 4:55 a.m. Monday when he noticed the bright light in the sky and assumed at first it was an "airplane or something."

When it dropped down at a 45 degree angle and then went off straight, parallel to the horizon, he knew it wasn't a plane. "There was no noise, no sound," he said, even though it was cold, clear and still that he could hear the frozen trees popping and crackling along the edge of the lake.

He said he watched it head off over Libby Hill toward where Sabins had observed it from, and that he was mystified by the fact that it was so quiet. "I've seen falling stars," he said, adding that this certainly wasn't one. He described it as being a lot brighter than any of the stars that morning.

Savage said that later in the day a woman was in his store, Dan's Variety, when she asked if anyone had noticed anything strange at about 5 a.m. She told Savage that her house had begun to make funny creaking noises at that time and wondered if another tremor or earthquake had occurred.

Savage mentioned his sighting at a local breakfast restaurant immediately after he saw it, and, after getting a few raised eyebrows from other patrons, he found that Sabins, who was at the counter, had just seen the same thing.

TRI-COUNTY NEWS, Kimball, MN - March 18, 1982



Hodge-Podge
by Phyllis Greely Hoeft
Editor and Publisher

From time to time during the last number of years there have been reports of UFOs being sighted at various places. The Unidentified Objects have in many cases later been identified with logical explanations but sometimes no explanation has been found. Then those who have seen them are questioned and the validity of their statements is often doubted.

Last week a report in the Winsted Journal tells of a recent sighting. "This week's report from the McLeod County Sheriff's Department leads off with a different kind of item from the usual ones recorded. On March 1, Tammy Jean Teubert, 16, Lester Prairie, reported that on the evening of Feb. 27, a saucer-type object landed on the road in front of her vehicle while she was east-bound on McLeod CR 22. She stated the object was surrounded by a bright light and after several seconds, the object flew away. Teubert was accompanied by her sister, Kari at the time of the incident."

I shall be watching to see if there is any follow-up story should there be a logical explanation of what the girls saw.

One always wonders if possibly we have had visitors from another "world". What if there should be life somewhere else and we are sometimes being visited and observed? While it is said to be highly unlikely, should someday we learn for a certainty that we are having such visits, would it be alarming? Since the unknown is generally somewhat frightening, I suppose we would feel some panic.

Alien visit? Or Russian rocket?

by Gary Slaats,
Editor

"Strange encounters of the Bald Peak kind."

That's probably not the most catchy title for a movie or a best seller...but it does describe the events in portions of Clark County early last Wednesday morning, February 24, when numerous folks spotted an Unidentified Flying Object.

What was spotted may have been a Russian rocket returning to earth, but an U.S. Air Force colonel told The Press that he didn't think that was possible.

Officer Eyes Object

Clark County traffic officer Chuck Urban was on patrol on U.S. 10 west of Neillsville near Bald Peak Lane when he spotted the UFO, moving from south to southeast. "It gave me goosebumps," he said as recalled the bright, white moving object which took 30 to 35 minutes from first sighting to disappearance.

The officer reported that the UFO passage occurred around 5:00 a.m.

Urban called Neillsville police officer Byrl Buddenhagen after spotting the UFO. Buddenhagen scanned the skies and spotted the same object. Urban also called LaMar Schmitz, a Neillsville restaurant owner up to serve the early breakfast crowd; he too spotted the what-ever-it-was.

According to Urban, the UFO "was bright enough to drive without your lights on." He described the object as a "large white light in the southern sky."

"It looked relatively close," the officer said. Urban reported that he noticed no oscillating lights, nor did he hear any noise or humming sound. The officer said that he snapped a photo of the scene but as of this Tuesday afternoon he had not developed the film.

Many See UFO

Urban reported that reports of the sighting also came in from Fairchild and Humbird, as well as Neillsville. Several sightings reported seeing different colors on the UFO.

The county officer reported that the light remained at about the same intensity for most of its path across the southern sky, then dimming and brightening before it left the heavens.

Urban and Officer Buddenhagen ruled out a weather balloon, star or airplane. But what it was they don't know.

Colonel Gives View

The passing of the UFO, by coincidence, came on the same night of the return to earth of a Russian rocket. But in a contact by this reporter with Col. Fred Watkins of the North American Air Defense Command Post of Colorado Springs, Colorado, there doesn't seem to be a connection between the Clark County occurrence and the Soviet rocket's re-entry.

Col. Watkins reported that Cosmos 1338, a Russian satellite, was launched into space on February 16. The rocket, which carried the satellite, burned out and began re-entering the earth's atmosphere. It returned through the earth's air, burning as it passed through the strata, on Tuesday night, February 30.

"The times just don't match," Col. Watkins said. The Soviet rocket's blazing return to earth occurred at 10:00 p.m., Tuesday night. Clark County's sighting did not happen until seven hours later at 5:00 a.m.

When told of the 30 to 35 minute duration of the local sighting, Col. Watkins again reaffirmed his feeling that the two objects were not one in the same. He reported that the Russian rocket was visible for only a three-minute period and traveled on a line from Seattle to Salt Lake City before it disappeared. The burning rocket was visible across a wide stretch of the western U.S., spanning from the Dakotas to California. One observer said it looked like a "Fourth of July rocket."

Watkins' post tracks about 4,500 man-made, orbiting objects at any given time.

"I don't know what it was you folks saw," the colonel said, "but I don't think it was the rocket."

Letter of the week

UFO files still secret

WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL, Madison, WI
March 27, 1982 CR: R. Heiden

On March 8, the Supreme Court decided that the Department of Defense's National Security Agency did not have to release its UFO files, as requested by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS).

The court accepted the NSA's claim that such disclosure would reveal some of its top-secret electronic monitoring and interception techniques. Hogwash!

CAUS never asked to see information on that aspect, but only the parts on UFO sightings. It is easy enough to provide censored copies. There is no reason to keep every word of 135 documents secret.

Although the Supreme Court has struck a blow against CAUS — and against the Freedom of Information Act — CAUS has had some successes in extracting UFO-related documents from the Department of Defense, the CIA, the FBI,



etc.

The documents prove that our government has been, and still is, much more interested in UFOs, and knows more about them than it would have us believe. — Richard W. Heiden, Milwaukee

Recent Encounter Puzzles Postmen

Robert "Raub" McRee, Maiden Postmaster and Jack Bolick, Conover Postmaster were puzzled by an encounter with an unknown phenomenon Friday night, March 12 at approximately 9:50 p.m.

They were out driving with their wives, Raydell and Julia, west on Rural Road No. 1858 and had just turned southwest on Rural Road 1874 in the Mount Ruhama Church area when they saw "IT."

It appeared first to be like a self-luminous airplane at

about 45 degrees up and approximately one-half a mile away. But the self-contained lights were not glaring and did not cast a beam, but rather appeared like one large window of light about four feet high and 12 feet wide in size.

McRee, who was driving, stopped the car and pointed the strange object out to the other passengers. Suddenly the UFO began to get smaller as if shutters were being closed from the top and bot-

tom of the rectangular light. The McRees and Bolicks started down the road again and turned around and returned to the same spot but saw nothing.

The four witnesses were puzzled by their experience and were convinced the strange object was not a plane with its landing lights as had been theorized by the State Highway Patrol officers in Newton.

UFO investigator George D. Fawcett was called to in-

vestigate the incident from his Lincoln home. Fawcett stated that several very excellent UFO encounters have been reported from the same area over the past seven years.

Steve Jennings of the Little Mountain Airport checked his records and found that their last flight from Charlotte had landed at the airport at 9:30 p.m. and it was the last flight of the evening.

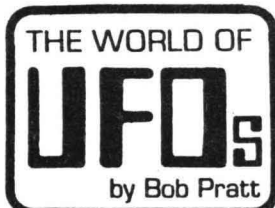
Lewis Laney of the Laney's Air Strip reported "no planes

landing" on the strip on Friday evening.

A check by phone with the FAA radar center trackers in Atlanta found that no planes were being tracked in the Maiden area during the time of the reported incident.

The four witnesses returned home, both excited and awed by the experience. The UFO left the area to where it came from and the report is listed as "unexplained" in Fawcett's files of Catawba County incidents for 1982.

UFO buzzes plane on flight



Most people think of saucers or disc-shaped objects when they think of UFOs. But UFOs come in all shapes — squares, triangles, rectangles, spheres, cylinders and so on — and they're anywhere from the size of a basketball to a quarter of a mile or more in width. Here's one that was just a little bit unusual in both shape and size.

Lloyd List had flown his boss, Dr. John Ferguson Clark, down to Travis Air Force Base south of Sacramento, Calif., to bid on a forklift for the school system, and now they were returning to Redding, some 160 miles to the north.

It was early afternoon one day in September 1980 and the sky was clear. They were cruising along at 6,000 feet altitude in List's Cessna 172 and just as they were approaching Red Bluff, 25 miles south of Redding, Dr. Clark spotted something on the horizon.

"Look at that!" he said, nudging List's arm. Dr. Clark, 59, superintendent of Redding's six elementary schools, pointed out an object shaped something like an egg.

List, 34, didn't know what it was. He is manager of warehousing for the schools and in his spare time works as a commercial pilot and flight instructor. In 13 years of flying he had never seen anything like it.

"It was the same altitude we were," said List. "It looked round in the distance and it seemed to grow in size as we approached it, which it would do if we were overtaking it."

"Then it stopped growing in size and seemed to be maintaining

the same speed we were, about 120 knots, for five or six seconds. Then we started to overtake it again, and suddenly it shop past our left wing not more than 20 or 30 feet off my wingtip.

Metallic football

"I got an unobstructed view of it. It was football shaped but it wasn't sharp at the points. It was more blunt. It was definitely metallic."

"I couldn't see any seams or lights or rivets. It just seemed to be very smooth. It was approximately three feet long and a foot and a half to two feet thick. It wasn't saucer shaped. It wasn't a flying saucer."

"My first thought was that it was a balloon. But when a balloon gets into the turbulence behind an aircraft it gets blown all over the place or pops. This thing didn't bobble at all."

"I'm completely perplexed. I can't understand anything being that dense that can go through turbulence like that and not oscillate."

"That's what stuck in my mind. Even another aircraft, once you get into the wake turbulence of

even a small plane like a Cessna 172 would oscillate. But this didn't oscillate at all.

"I radioed the Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center and told them I was going to reverse course because we had spotted an unidentified flying object, if that's what it was. So we turned around but the object was gone."

"We searched the area for maybe five to ten minutes and radioed back to Oakland that we were going to resume course. They started asking questions. What does it look like? What direction was it going? Etcetera. I gave them as much information as I could. They said they didn't have anything on radar."

"Visibility was clear and the object was so close that I could see it as well as if I was looking at my hand extended from my arm."

"I could see it so plain. It was unmistakable."

"The object was so small and we got such a perfect view of it. It was so close we almost hit it. If it had been an airplane, I would have had to file a near-miss report."

Dr. Clark was just as mystified as List was.

"I just couldn't believe it," said Dr. Clark. "It was a solid object. It didn't have any antenna or anything like that that I could spot. It just looked like a solid cylindrical object. I've never seen anything like that before."

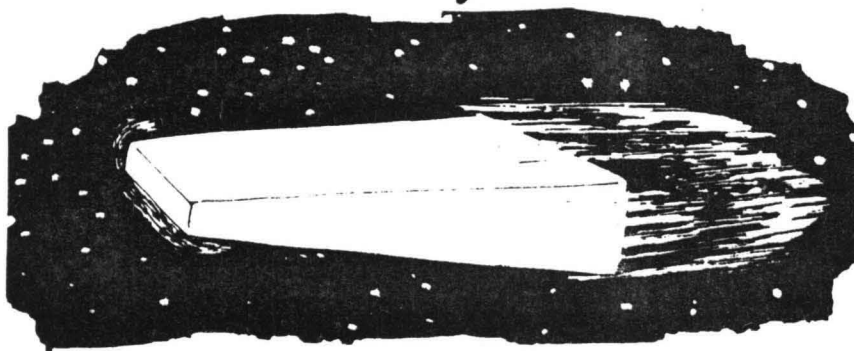
Bob Pratt 1981

Any questions or comments about UFOs? Write to: The World of UFOs, in care of this newspaper.

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MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY NEWS, North Conway, NH - March 30, 1982

What did you see?



As you might guess, this drawing is Irregular artist Dennis Rano's interpretation of what might have been flying around the Mt. Washington Valley a week ago Monday (March 22) as reported by a number of people in the area. The "flying cheese wedge" does not, however, reflect the surprise and shock experienced by some very credible witnesses at about 9 p.m. that night. We made some telephone calls this week trying to get an "official" opinion on what folks saw here flying over the treetops, but no one seems to be venturing any opinions. At Pease Air Force Base, they told us that they don't investigate such reports, but instead relay information to the Center for the Study of UFO's in North Hampton — where we discovered, the phone had been disconnected. The only thing anyone appears to know, is that there was a

strange sight in the sky.

Well-known local weather watcher Briggs Bunker said the thing was "brighter than anything I have ever seen." He said it was a bright light, which "seemed to be quite low...not more than a few miles away."

He described it as appearing to have four sides, smaller in front than in back. It was more triangular than square, he said, traveling across the sky for a few seconds and then disappearing.

Roger Grucel, of North Conway, called the police station when he saw it, "just to make sure I wasn't going crazy." He told us, "I'm not one to exaggerate...it wasn't really flying, it was coming down pretty low." He described it as a whitish light with some color in it. He said, "I wouldn't want to say what it was, I know that." And concluded, "I'm just glad I'm

not the only one that saw it."

Mrs. Judith James said she saw it while driving the ready-for-the-press Irregular to Norway, Maine. She said it looked as big as a Harvest Moon, and she stopped the car after she spotted it. Elin Carlson, of Jackson, saw it glowing outside her kitchen window that night. It was traveling horizontally, she said, which was the same report others gave.

And Cliff Henry saw it when he was out walking with his wife. It was "certainly a strange sight to see," he said, and described it as glowing white with "other colors." He couldn't figure what it was, he said, "just a bright light going by."

So if you saw it too, don't worry, you are not alone. That doesn't help any of us figuring out what the light was caused by, but it does make you wonder.

DEMOCRAT MESSENGER, Waynesburg, PA - Feb. 23, 1982

the woman saw the orange lights of what she thought was a truck stalled across the road about 200 feet ahead of her, the report continues.

As she was watching, the woman noticed two dome-shaped objects approaching the lights in the center from the sky at a high rate of speed. Both stopped at about 30 feet from the original object, and were identical to it except that they were smaller, she said.

A report given by a Mrs. G.B. of Avella (who the center was reluctant to further identify) tells of the sighting of several low-flying objects over the area. According to the report, the woman was traveling along Meadowcroft Road with her daughter in an automobile at 6:45 p.m. on Nov. 27, 1981.

Her daughter noticed what she called "pretty lights in the sky." While still driving, her mother was trying to watch the lights, which were yellowish-orange, Ennon said.

As the car negotiated a bend and started up a hill, On her way home, she again saw the objects

After what she estimated to be two or three minutes, the middle object issued a "humming" noise, yellow lights came on in a "dome" section, and all three accelerated vertically into the sky. G.B. told Ennon.

On her way home, she again saw the objects

sent to investigate reports of a U.F.O. and saw multi-colored lights, said Ennon. After that much, the call switched to a frequency inaudible to civilian scanner listeners, and he heard no more, the friend told the center.

The center also recently received repeated calls from Carmichaels, Masonstown and McClellandtown of "some type of object coming down in the woods, with large red or white lights."

Ennon said about 11 percent of 70 calls from Fayette County received in December have not been explained.

The Pennsylvania Center for U.F.O. Research, 3918 Meadowbrook Rd. Pittsburgh, 15227, can be reached at 684-3064.

hovering over a valley near Meadowcroft Village, "shining big lights, as if they were looking for something on the ground."

The sighting was also documented by the woman's mother, Ennon said, who said she saw objects while waiting with three grandchildren in a car at G.B.'s home.

The mother described an object as "a bowl inverted on a saucer" with "blinking white lights around the rim" and three vertical rows of steady, multi-colored lights of purple, blue, green, orange, amber and white on the dome section.

Meanwhile, a friend of another member of the Center for U.F.O. Research reported hearing a state policeman on a scanner calling that he was

Avella, have been more specific, however. According to Ennon, the center received several separate reports of a sighting there at the same time.

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By Maria Scandale, Staff Writer
PITTSBURGH — Strange things are happening in Greene County and nearby areas, according to Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research. Investigator Diane Ennon.

Ennon said yesterday that the center has received repeated reports of UFO sightings from Carmichaels, Fredericktown, Ruess Landing and Millsboro areas.

People have called in sightings to Ennon while she appeared on recent radio talk shows in California, Pa. and Uniontown, but unfortunately haven't called back with specific information, she said.

Other reports, from Meadowcroft Village near

CUFOS to print evidence book of best sightings

By Larry W. Bryant
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS WORLD

It's the battle cry of UFO research. It's the UFO-oriented citizen's chisel applied against the bond between Scientism and governmental malfeasance as regards the objective reality of Unidentified Flying Objects. And it's that classic sleeper of a document which is born before its time, endures predictable long suffering at the hands of its detractors, and succumbs prematurely.

UFOlogists refer reverently to this document as the answer to why they're spending so much time and effort on UFO research after all these years of public apathy, official disdain, and private frustration.

Out-of-print for several years, and hardly available on the used-book market, *The UFO Evidence*, as it's titled, soon might get a new lease on life, according to its editor, Richard Hall.

Hall, who now edits the MUFON UFO Journal and serves as treasurer of the Fund for UFO Research, Inc., formerly served as assistant director of the Washington, D.C.-based National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP).

NICAP first published *The UFO Evidence* in the summer of 1964, some seven years after the group's formation.

NICAP merging with CUFOS

The prospect of reprinting the report coincides with the recent announcement that the assets of the now-defunct NICAP are being merged with those of the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), headed by J. Allen Hynek in Evanston, Ill. The reprinting is expected to occur as soon as enough funds are available, said Hall. This could be anywhere from a few months to a year, depending in part on user demand, he added.

"This would be about the fourth reprint, if I recall correctly," said Hall, noting that during the report's heyday over 10,000 copies were printed.

Where are all those copies now? A number of them went to public libraries, news media representatives, government officials, and congressmen. Members of NICAP and other privately funded UFO groups worldwide gobbled up hundreds of copies, of course. And some UFO-book collectors acquired multiple copies of the obvious collector's item.

Why is this 184-page, soft-cover, 8½-by 11-inch, highly illustrated report deemed so collectible and worthy of reprinting? Well, for starters, it helped bring UFO research (and serious UFO researchers) out of the closet. It allowed the "evidence" to speak for itself. Because the UFO controversy rages on 19 years after the report's publication, its content is timeless — representing both a history book and a blueprint for resumption of the quest for a final solution to the UFO problem.

In the words of the report's "Abstract," *The UFO Evidence* is a synthesis of UFO data "reported during the past 20 years through governmental, press and private channels. The serious evidence is clarified and analyzed. The data are reported by categories of specially trained observers and studied by patterns of appearance, performance and periodic recurrence.

"During the process of selecting the most reliable and significant reports, emphasis was placed on the qualifications of the observer and on cases involving two or more observers. This resulted in 746 reports being selected, after consideration of over 5,000 signed reports and many hundreds of reports from newspapers and other publications.

"An overall look is taken at the UFO problem: the historical development of the mystery, Congressional attitudes and activity, consideration of the problems and dangers involved, and discussion of what is needed in the way of organized scientific research.

"Evidence is presented in support of the hypothesis that UFOs are under intelligent control, making plausible the notion that some of them might be the extraterrestrial origin."

Richard Hall offers the likelihood that the CUFOS reprint will carry not only a new foreword from him, but also a supplementary appendix to update the various sections. For example, imagine how much could be appended to the subsection "Government Secrecy" from the material gained via recent freedom-of-information breakthroughs. And whole new sections could be added on the UFO-abduction syndrome and the crashed-saucer-retrievals research. In short, the revived report would be welcomed both as a compendium of UFO-research findings and as an encyclopedia of UFO-related issues and answers.

Upon learning of the CUFOS reprint plans, one Washington, D.C. researcher suggested that prepublication orders be solicited immediately. "There must be many of us out there who'd pay 25 bucks for a hard-back copy of the thing," he said. "Also, if the Center could realize some profit from sales, we'd thereby be investing in the positive future of UFO research!"

Searching for the truth about UFOs

IN 1969 the U.S. Air Force Project Blue Book (official investigation of UFOs) was closed with these three final conclusions:

1. "No UFO had ever given any indication of threat to the national security.

2. There was no evidence that UFOs represented technological developments or principles beyond present-day scientific knowledge.

3. There was no evidence that any UFOs were 'extraterrestrial vehicles'."

On March 8, 1982 the Supreme Court upheld a lower court decision that the National Security Agency (NSA) would not have to release 135 specific "UFO-related" documents, that had been requested by a New York City-based group called Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) through the Freedom of Information laws. UFOs the court had ruled were a threat to national security.

In 1961 the U.S. government failed to duplicate the technology of UFOs, when the AVCO disc, developed by U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army scientists, crashed in Canada. In 1979 the French government ended a heavily funded two-year investigation of UFOs with the conclusions that UFOs did exist and were not secret weapons or natural phenomena. The French discovered that the UFOs were

surrounded by tremendous electric and magnetic fields. On the basis of their investigation, they predicted they would be able to duplicate the UFO technology in another 10 years. It is also generally known that Russia has also been active in projects to duplicate the UFO technology. Certainly, if UFOs were secret weapons, they would have been used in Korea and Vietnam and the clumsy chemical rockets would not have been used to get man to the moon with the Apollo program.

With over 100,000 UFO sightings on computers from over 133 world nations it remains an open question, as to whether or not UFOs are "extraterrestrial vehicles." In lieu of recent revelations about UFOs, it behooves us all to keep an open mind on the remaining UFO issue.

How such so-called non-existent objects (if we can believe our government debinking efforts over the years) can remain an unsolved global mystery after 38 years, is perhaps the biggest mystery of all.

The search for UFO truth continues with efforts by civilian UFO researchers and investigators, by the military and intelligence agencies and the scientific community on many fronts.

George D. Fawcett
Lincolnton

UFO is reported seen by Jackson resident

A Jackson Avenue resident sighted an unidentified flying object at 12:15 a.m. Friday, according to Joan Jeffers, field investigator for Pennsylvania UFO Center.

Ms. Jeffers said the resident described the large yellow-orange lighted object as being at about treetop level or just below, hovering in the east and then moving south at a slow rate of speed.

No low-flying, large object was recorded by Bradford Regional Airport in the area at the time, Ms. Jeffers said. No other sightings were reported.

ERA, Bradford, PA - Feb. 27, 1982

Pembine couple saw something they can't explain

By PATPATERA
Staff Writer

PEMBINE, Wis. — Friday will be a night to remember for a Pembine couple, Dan and Cheryl Ross of Linquist Lake Road, Friday is when they sighted a UFO.

"We heard a high pitched sound, like an electric industrial whine, before we observed the thing," Ross stated. "We looked out the bedroom window and saw the phosphorous glow of a pie pan shaped disk." The time was 10:30 p.m.

"There were two large lights that looked to be about 100 yards away," he continued. "They looked about six feet apart. But they weren't like any conventional lights — they were bright, but they didn't shine — they glowed."

"The lights were close to the ground," Ross recalled. "They could have skimmed over the power line."

The UFO floated over the swamp that lay between the two ridges flanking the Ross home, he noted, adding,

"This thing was moving incredibly slowly, about five to ten mph. But when it came to the treeline, it made a smooth motion that took it out of sight. Not exactly straight up, but in more of a humped effect."

The strangest thing about the sighting, said Ross, was not the glowing yellow tinted lights. Now was it the strange silence of his dogs and geese that normally set up a ruckus over any strange occurrence.

The strangest thing was

the absolute silence of the frisbee-shaped craft, estimated to be slightly larger than an automobile. After hearing the initial whining noise, Ross said he opened the window to listen, but heard only the noise of distant traffic on Highway 8 as the UFO hovered soundlessly over the swamp.

After telling friends and neighbors of the sighting, Ross was informed of the UFO investigations conducted by Dr. Kenneth Schellhase professor of

history at Northern Michigan University, who is the U.P. coordinator for the Center for UFO Studies located in Evanston, Ill. After hearing Ross's report, Schellhase traveled to Pembine Tuesday to investigate.

Ross said Schellhase told him this sighting resembled other reports from the area, but was unusual in the fact that although a noise was heard initially, the UFO then became silent.

"I've watched some

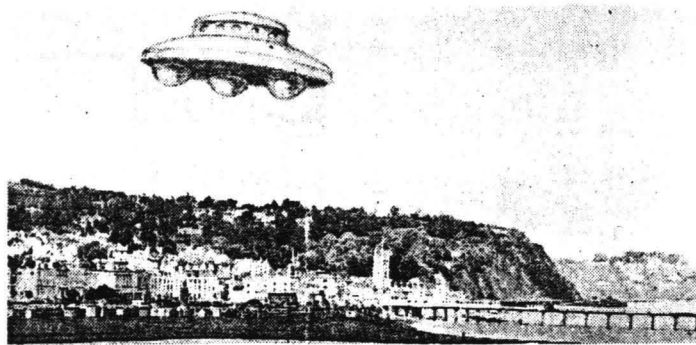
fantastic flight maneuvers done by the Blue Angels (the Air Force flying squad) but I've never seen a maneuver similar to what this thing did," stated the Pembine man.

When asked if any of his neighbors had seen unusual lights at night, Ross replied that a woman living on Hwy. 8 had reported seeing a light hovering at treetop level, but could not explain in detail what she saw. Another man living about six miles away also reported seeing lights from a craft hovering at a low level. He opened his car window to listen, but could not hear much over the noise of his car engine, and concluded the lights may have belonged to a helicopter.



EXPRESS & ECHO, Exeter, Devon, England - Jan. 20, 1982

U.F.O.s —or just flights of fancy?



ON December 16, 1910, a mysterious tidal wave swept away the sea front at Ilfracombe and at nearby Watermouth Cove, which has a sheltered harbour, boats were washed up into the fields.

Twenty years later — when I was 11 — granny told me she had seen a great silver ball sweep down over the Bristol Channel, displacing the water on that part of the North Devon coast. This "silver ball" may have been a flying saucer.

Some 37 years later, two Devon policemen saw their first U.F.O.

This happened between Okehampton and Holsworthy on October 24, 1967. On motor patrol were P.C.s Cliff Waycott and Roger Willey. For 45 minutes they followed a bright cross in the sky, sometimes this object moved in an arc and at other times it dipped as if to land. In fact, it did stop over a field but took off again when the police got out of their car to investigate. Then a second

MANY close encounters of various kinds have been reported in Devon over the years. Are the Martians trying to tell us something — or is it all pie in the sky? ARTHUR ROBYNS reports.

cross joined this object; both were noiseless and very bright.

A motorist asleep in a lay-by was awakened by the police to witness this event. It was also seen by two women — one the wife of a rector.

The first explanation, from the Ministry of Defence, was that these were U.S. planes refuelling, but it later admitted there was no rational explanation.

At noon on April 28 the following year, fishermen with hundreds of other folk at Brixham saw an object at about 15,000ft, cone-shaped and shining bright.

This was described by Mr. Brian Jenkins, a coastguard, as "the size of a street of houses, much too big for a meteorological balloon." He asked the R.A.F. at Plymouth to pass this sighting to the Ministry of Defence. Later, it stated this report was never logged, but "it may have been a reflection of car headlights."

The chief coastguard at

Berry Head, Mr. H. Johnson, replied: "It's just laughable. It was mid-day." He said it was very highly polished, and reflected the sunlight.

Most amusing was a further statement from the Controller at R.A.F., Plymouth. "I understand the U.F.O. was tracked by radar."

As an Express and Echo editorial declared on December 3, 1976, on the subject of Concorde's sonic booms: "One suspects that high-placed officials in the Ministry of Defence knew rather more about the booms and past unexplained phenomena than they care to admit. Maybe they think we are all better off in the dark."

One thing is certain: without comparison with an adjacent, known, object we cannot judge the size or distance of an unknown one.

This may reduce the Brixham cone to a mere balloon

— just as the Okehampton lights might have been signal flares or helicopters of unnotified Army manoeuvres. If every U.F.O. were identified, they might all turn out to be natural or man-made phenomena.

The other certainty is that flying saucers do exist. Ours have reached Mars and Venus, sending back excellent pictures and, from our own armchairs, we watched men walk on the moon. We are not alone in space.

The universe is teeming with intelligent life, so millions of strange beings are on inter-planetary voyage, approaching the speed of light — maybe travelling with it.

However, the distance in light years is so great that it is most unlikely we shall ever be visited and there is no evidence to prove that we have been.

The light from our nearest star, Proxima Centauri takes more than four years to reach us and radio telescopes reach object no less

than 4,800 million light years away.

Planet Earth is part of our solar system around the sun, one in a galaxy of millions, amid millions of other galaxies making the universe.

Cosmologists believe it is finite and that the space it occupies is spherical, finite, but boundless.

It is reasonable to suppose there are other universes, maybe unlimited — stretching into infinity — and if this is correct there must be an unlimited number of duplicate earths, containing our doubles reading this article.

Earths duplicated to the degree where every atom and electron is in the same place at the same time.

Our doubles will be amused to find that at their Exeter Central Library, while astronomy has its own section, books on flying saucers are shelved under the heading of journalism.

Excuse me, there's a little green man tapping at our window with an aerial sticking out of his head, and — HELP!

CHRONICLE & ECHO,
Northampton, England
March 2, 1982

—Yet another 'close encounter'—

ALIENS from outer space find Northampton a nice place for a night out, according to a Kingshope brother and sister who have claimed the second UFO sighting in the town within two weeks.

Kyla and Raymond Edwards say they spotted an inconspicuous flying saucer from their top floor flat at 183 Dragon Walk, hovering some 600 yards away over council flats in

Eastern Avenue North. Their "close encounter" follows the claim of three schoolgirls who say they saw a flying saucer over Broadfield estate.

The Edwards' sighting happened at 12.30 am on Saturday when they say they saw the UFO hovering about 200 feet from the ground.

"It was a sort of red dome with blue and white flashing lights," said Miss Edwards. "It hovered over the

flats for a while, then moved and stayed over a house with a television aerial."

The extra-terrestrial visitors were visible for about 20 minutes before shooting off into the night skies, said Miss Edwards.

Mr. Edwards was able to study the UFO with his binoculars.

"We got a real shock as you can imagine," said Miss Edwards. "I did not believe in UFO's at all until that night but I certainly do now."

No light shed on UFO light in sky

Sightings of a bright, pulsating, orange and white light in the sky have prompted a rash of UFO fever at Christchurch Airport.

Four Air New Zealand cargo loaders — all experienced with night sightings of aircraft — are still scratching their heads over yesterday's UFO incident at the airport.

They saw a fast-moving orange light approach the airport from the south-east then continue to move around directly overhead for about 14 minutes.

No aircraft were known to have been operating at that time and the object, or light, made no sound.

There was a cloud cover and a slight breeze at the time, but the four men were convinced they were not seeing a reflected or refracted light source.

Lindsay Squire, Gerald Coward, Bob Mulholland and Stuart McConnell had started work at 4 a.m. and were loading a Bristol Freighter bound for Dunedin when the incident occurred.

Mr Mulholland had just looked at his watch at 4.49 a.m. as he drove a forklift out of the cargo shed towards the aircraft waiting on the tarmac.

Seeing the bright light approaching at speed from the south-east he signalled to his colleagues to stop, and lights and engines were switched off.

"Then it was overhead," Mr Squire told "The Star."

"But it wasn't stationary, it was hovering and moving around."

The light was circular with a white centre, a pulsating orange ring enclosing it.

"It went back to the south-east, then westwards, then back above us again."

At that stage Mr Squire went back into the cargo terminal intending to ring the control tower. He was unable to reach the tower and returned to the tarmac.

While Mr Squire was inside, Mr Coward and his two companions watched the object disappear to the east over the Cashmere Hills.

Mr Coward recalled the white light gaining in intensity as the object hovered above.

After 14 years working with aircraft Mr Coward said he had seen all sorts of lights in the night sky, including falling stars, but "this was different altogether. It's a mystery to me."

Said Mr Squire: "I didn't feel scared. All I could think was 'Oh my God, what is it?' I was just engrossed."

Mr Squire admitted to having read a few books on UFOs, but said he is not "into it."

"Because of the way it moved, and knowing aircraft, I'm convinced it was a UFO."

The duty air traffic controller saw nothing from the control tower and police have only received one report of the incident — from the airline staff.

"We just hope somebody else in Christchurch might have seen something," Mr Squire said.

The Meteorological Service has been unable to offer any explanation for the incident.

A weather balloon was released at the airport at 4.56am, but that was after the object was first seen and it would not have been approaching at speed from the south-east.

The Air Force, which received a report of the incident, was also unable to explain it.

Yesterday's was the country's first reported UFO sighting since a Temuka family said it was tracked by a bright object in the sky as it drove home from Pleasant Point on July 12, last year.

Mr Ken Thew and his family said they saw a glowing football shaped object. It appeared to a solid object, 10m long and 5m high with an iridescent green top half and a reddish-gold tinged lower section.

The family reported seeing what looked like a row of windows, emitting a strong light. At one stage the object came within 120m of the family.

STAR, Christchurch, New Zealand
Jan. 27, 1982 CR: F. & P. Dickeson

TIMES, Port Frances, Ontario, Canada
Feb. 3, 1982

Area residents report possible UFO sighting

It was an Unidentified Flying Object all right Monday afternoon.

At least, the object is still unidentified after the border weather bureau and Fort Frances high school science teachers disclaimed any knowledge of the trespasser in the winter sky.

The object was seen hovering over the pulpwood yards by several excited spectators about 2 p.m.

Mark Kowalchuk phoned first, describing something that stayed over the Kraft mill before it shot rapidly off to the northwest. He said it appeared to be made of aluminum and

was "wobbly" in its flight. Bobby Gadd also saw it, Mark said.

Bill Martin and Frank Gadd came through with their report immediately afterwards, insisting the object was not a balloon. Possibly only 30 inches across, it was oval in shape and appeared hollow of bottom.

"It came over the town at about 500 feet, then swooped down almost to the trees before taking off faster than any jet!" Co-workers Roulstead, Williams and Eddy Johnson also got an eyeful of whatever it was.

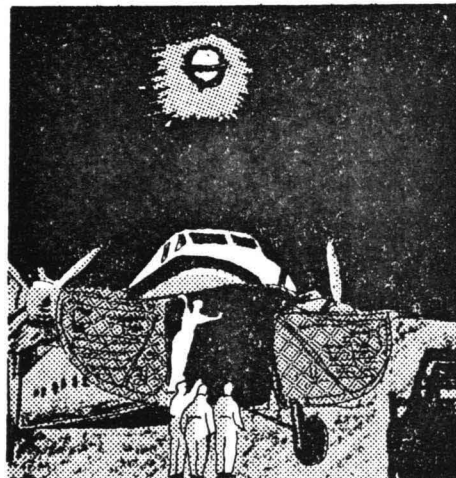
The Times editor suggested

that the object might be wind-born because it was travelling generally in the same direction as the wind that afternoon.

He made the suggestion after remembering a Westfort science class a few years ago had picked a winter afternoon for a demonstration with a class-made weather balloon.

However, neither Westfort nor Fort High teachers would admit to being involved in any experiments of that description Monday and the Falls meteorologists said their weather balloons are sent up to drift at 5 p.m. daily.

And . . . ?



An artists impression of yesterday's UFO incident, with the Bristol Freighter aircraft illuminated by the object above.

Blind eye to what lurks in the sky**Don't UFOne the Feds for help**

By Maureen Scurfield
Sun Staff Writer

A Manitoba farmer awoke one morning to a nine-foot round burned depression in his back yard — and the horrible suspicion he'd been visited by creatures from another planet.

But the Canadian government won't part with a nickel to investigate this and other UFO reports by hundreds of Manitobans per year, says Manitoba's chief UFO investigator.

Ed Barker, head of the Manitoba Centre for UFO Study in the Manitoba Planetarium, has had reports of everything from irregular shapes of light to landings and little people.

Of the thousands of reported sightings per year, he says "about 90 per cent" are eliminated due to people reporting natural phenomena they don't understand.

He said only about one per cent of people reporting sightings are kooks.

By Barker's estimation that still leaves "hundreds" of sightings per year.

"We can get the time off (for investigations) from the Planetarium, but there's no funding. The only trips we can make are daytrips in a car," said Barker.

"The last sighting was just before Christmas, about 500 miles northwest in the area of the province where there are little scrub farms and unnamed lakes.

"A farmer reported a depressed and burned area in his field about nine feet in diameter," said Barker, who regretted that no one could go out to investigate.

"We would have had to go by plane and there was no money," he said.

Deputy Defense Minister Robert Nixon said as far as he knows there is no money in the budget for investigation of UFO's.

Said Valera Powell, a spokesman for the Ottawa institute that looks after Canada's space research, "The Canadian government has never funded the Herzberg Institute for that purpose.

She said the Institute had recently taken over the files of UFO sightings from the Department of National Defence.

"We look after incoming reports for one year. Then they go to the National Archives.

'Never had, never will'

"We did follow up on these things a few years ago... but we never, never had any report come in that was of any scientific value," said Powell.

"There's never been anyone that had the same story," she said.

Barker said in 1975 in Carman, Manitoba there were "hundreds and hundreds" of reports of a spaceship which became known as Charlie Red-Star.

Barker has documented the period from April 10 to May 13, 1975, when "Charlie" was seen a half dozen times, and written it up in fictional and scientific form. His children's story is called the Saga of Charlie Red-Star.

Besides sightings by individuals such as the ones in Carman, Barker said there have been sightings by radar, and by military and civilian pilots.

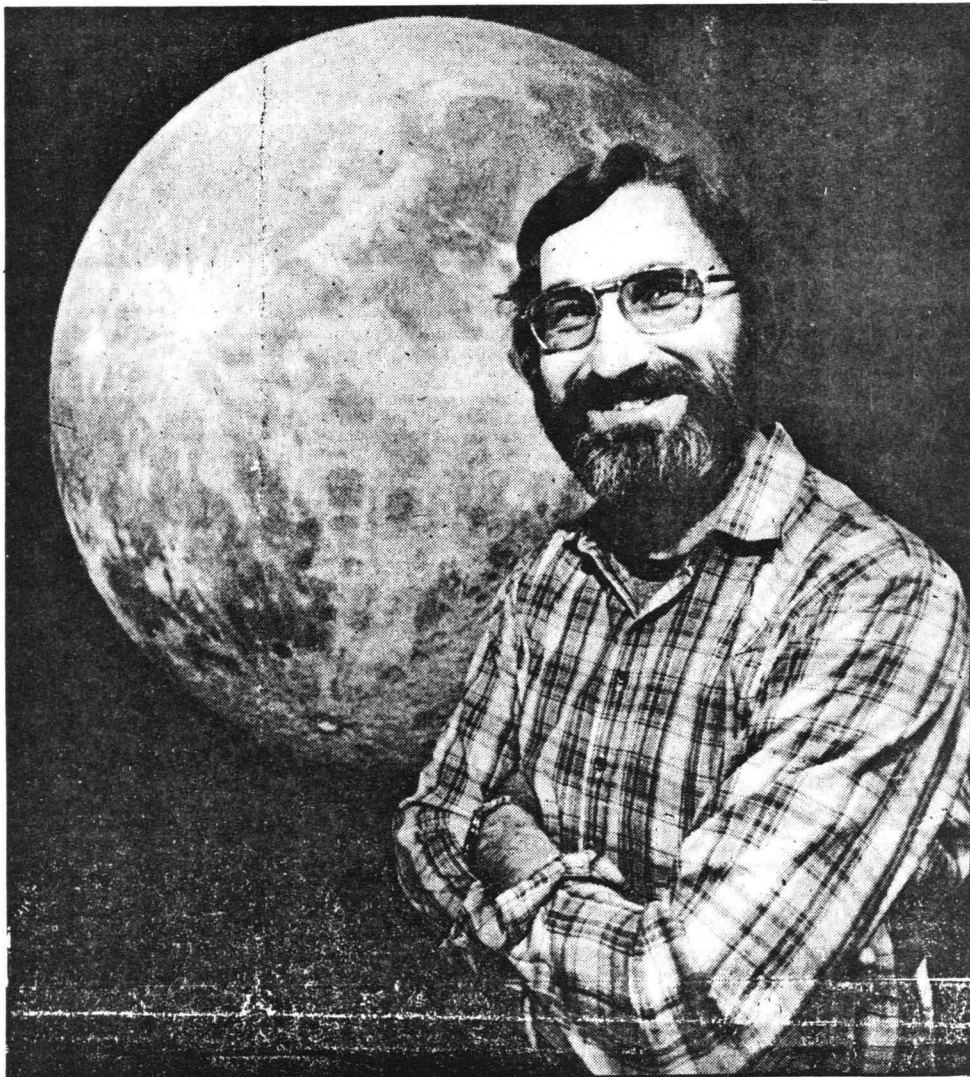
"There is a great stack of evidence on those considered authentic... and they can't crack them as being fakes.

Barker said he has two theories about the government's denial of investigation of UFO's.

"Perhaps they are trying to develop a new aircraft or a new weapon," he said.

"Or maybe they just don't know how to deal with it. It may be a security problem and they don't want people to know they can't handle it," he said.

Barker said one of the biggest factors in mistaken



UFO researcher Ed Barker is puzzled at the government's refusal to fund investigations.

UFO sightings is the planets near the horizon.

"They wiggle and change color because of refraction of light," he said.

It's like a heat haze in the summer that makes the road wiggle, but on a larger scale.

"Venus is the biggest culprit because it appears to wiggle and it flashes color. The white light is broken into the various colors of its spectrum and it appears to jump from place to place."

The tale grows sadder. Once the UFO investigators get out to the site, extracting information from people is almost impossible.

"It's like pulling teeth to get anything out of people, particularly in the rural areas. They are very embarrassed because they've seen something they can't explain."

Barker said there is also an opposite problem known as "saucer fever."

"That's when people start seeing things they want to see," he said.

He said one problem with sightings at night is that

you can't tell how far distant a point of light is in the dark.

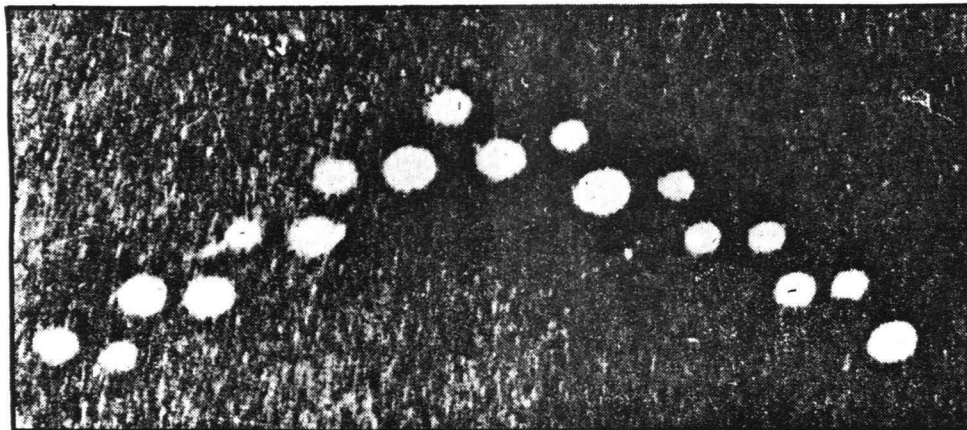
For instance, a nearby firefly could be mistaken for a faraway tail-light.

At present Manitoba does not have a UFO society that the planetarium is aware of. Barker urges anyone who sees an unidentifiable flying object to report it to the UFO study centre at the planetarium.

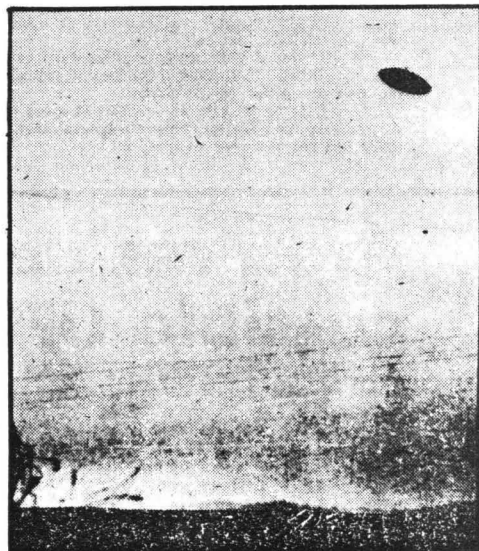
"Unfortunately, if people report a sighting to the police it never reaches us. They route it directly to Ottawa.

That means the Herzberg Institute files.

Barker will be speaking on UFO's in Manitoba at Brandon University's winter festival "Symposium" February 17 and 18.



Nocturnal lights were sighted and photographed by Carl Hart Jr. on August 31, 1951 in Lubbock, Texas.



A disk was sighted and photographed at 7:30 a.m. in the daylight by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trent in McMinnville, Oregon.

These photos have withstood repeated analysis and have shown no signs of being tampered with. Both are considered authentic.

Australian UFO seizes farm's water

A UFO landed in a field in Victoria, Australia and made off with 10,000 gallons of water from a water tank on a ranch there, according to investigators from the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO).

Similar sightings with unexplained water losses were reported in later months.

APRO investigated the reported landing, interviewed witnesses and took samples for analysis in laboratories there.

In a report in the APRO Bulletin, investigators say George Blackwell, a caretaker for a farm near Sale, Victoria, was awakened at 1.00 a.m. on September 30, 1980. Cattle were "bellowing and a horse was running around in a state of panic." He heard a strange screeching whistling noise and went out to investigate.

Blackwell said he saw an object teeter with a white dome about eight feet off the ground with orange and blue lights on its surface. He said the white dome topped an orange section with small portholes around it. Both parts rotated in a counter-clockwise direction.

It flew across the field toward a concrete water tank and hovered above it. Blackwell then went outside to investigate further.

Riding his motorcycle Blackwell approached within 30 to 50 feet of the craft. Blackwell said the noise increased to "an awful scream" and a black bag appeared around the base of the object and inflated to an enormous size. With a bang the UFO lifted off.

A blast of hot air almost knocked Blackwell off his bike as the UFO left but the beam of his headlight let him see six spokes around the base of the craft.

The next morning an 18-inch ring 28 feet in diameter stood out from the paddock grass. Six "spokes" were evenly spaced around the ring which consisted of blackened grass flattened in a counter-clockwise direction. The green grass within the circle, except for where the six spokes were, had been plucked clean of yellow flowers growing elsewhere. And the water tank was missing 10,000 gallons of water.

TRANSLATIONS

CREDIT: Irene Granchi (Translator: R. Heiden)

City and country of incident: between Petrolina (PE) and Rio de Janeiro (GB), Brazil
Date of incident: February 8, 1982
Name of paper and date of clip: O GLOBO, Feb. 9, 1982
City and country of paper: Rio de Janeiro (GB), Brazil

UFO ACCOMPANIES VASP AIRPLANE FROM PERNAMBUCO TO RIO

SÃO PAULO (O GLOBO) - The crew and many of the 151 passengers of VASP flight 169--which early yesterday morning was flying on the Fortaleza-Rio-São Paulo route--saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) for an hour and 20 minutes, as it accompanied the plane from Petrolina, in Bahia [sic--Petrolina is really just across the border in the state of Pernambuco--trans.], to Rio de Janeiro. The object was described as a disc that maneuvered and emitted intense lights, white, blue, yellow, orange, and red in color.

On arrival at the Congonhas Airport in São Paulo, commander Gerson Maciel Britto, age 45, a pilot with 16,000 hours of flying time and 12 years experience as a jet commander, turned over an account to the head of VASP's Operations Department. The object was also sighted by the crews of "Aerolíneas Argentinas" and "Transbrasil" craft, and was detected in Brasília by radar of the Integrated Center of Air Defense and Traffic Control (CINDACTA, the Portuguese acronym), which located a point eight miles from the VASP plane when the latter was flying over Belo Horizonte.

The airplane took off from Fortaleza at 1:50 a.m. yesterday. An hour and 22 minutes into the flight, at some 40 or 50 miles past Petrolina (BA), commander Britto sighted, to the left of the craft, an intense light source that he took for the lights of another plane. He established contact with the CINDACTA in Brasília, but received a negative reply. From then on the VASP Boeing was followed by the unidentified flying object until moments before landing on runway 14 of Galeão Airport, in Rio, at 4:30.

ACCOUNT

Here is the text of the account given to VASP by commander Britto:
"After 1:22 flight time, more precisely in the 'eolas' position, 33 minutes after the 'Petrolinas' blockade [?--trans.], I observed a strong light to the left of the craft. I called to my co-pilot Alverto & Cesarino, to look too. It seemed like an intense light source, with varying shades of red, orange, white, and blue, it was continuously increasing and decreasing in intensity.

"After we were detected by radar-Brasília, we inquired concerning the possibility of their existing some traffic in the area, known to that center, which was responded to in the negative. However, behind us 'Aerolíneas Argentinas,' with the same prefix as us (169), entered into contact with Brasília. There, Brasília asked for information on that traffic, on the sighting, which was answered in the affirmative. Traffic of Transbrasil 177 also reported to be observing the details of the VASP 169 and Aerolíneas 169.

"When we were over Belo Horizonte, the 'unidentified object' came much closer to our plane, when then radar-Brasília informed us that it was picking up a point eight miles from our position (nine o'clock). We began the descent when the object disappeared in the clouds (formations over the Serra do Mar) and then re-appeared intensely when we were two miles from the outer ILS (instrument landing system--trans.) marker for runway 14, apparently over Rio de Janeiro (our position: 11 o'clock). We informed the control, both in the tower and on the ground, asking for the appropriate confirmation, as we had done with radar-Brasília."

[Below this are four more articles on the case that give O GLOBO's interview with Britto, verbatim conversations between the three pilots and CINDACTA, and accounts from other witnesses. The last of the articles, published in a box, starts as follows.]--

CARDINAL WAS TRAVELLING IN THE PLANE BUT DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING: HE WAS TIRED

SÃO PAULO (O GLOBO) - The Archbishop Cardinal of Fortaleza, dom Aloisio Lorscheider, was one of the passengers in the VASP Boeing that was followed by a flying saucer from Bahia to Rio de Janeiro. D. Aloisio, nevertheless, said that he was tired and did not move to the other side of the craft, where the unidentified object was sighted.

"The commander announced that for some time we were being followed by an unidentified object, and he asked people to look outside," related the cardinal. "I was tired, and I thought, let that flying saucer there." ...

- (1) City and country of incident: between Teresina (PI) and Fortaleza (CE), Brazil
Date of incident: 1964
- (2) City and country of incident: between Campo Grande (MT) and São Paulo (SP), Brazil
Date of incident: sometime between 1964 and 1978
- (3) City and country of incident: Governador Valadares (MG), Brazil
Date of incident: approx. August 1978 (data on case (3) per O GLOBO Feb. 9)
- (4) City and country of incident: between Petrolina (PE) and Rio de Janeiro (GB), Brazil
Date of incident: Feb. 8, 1982
Name of paper and date of clip: JORNAL DO COMERCIO, Feb. 9, 1982
City and country of paper: Rio de Janeiro (GB), Brazil
(This paper had three more articles on the VASP case reported above; only the 2nd article is excerpted here.)

ATTENTION, PASSENGERS: LOOK OUT THE WINDOWS

...passenger Cilezia Paes del Rosso* [O GLOBO spelled the name of the Santos woman as Silésia Paes Del Rosso, which is probably to be preferred--trans.] recounted early yesterday, after disembarking in Congonhas, what happened early yesterday morning on VASP flight 169... "I described it [the UFO] to the auxiliary bishop of Fortaleza next to me, and also to the bishop of Cratos. They remained a little unbelieving. In general the religious men did not want to believe in those things. They did not try to look out the windows, because in front of us was none other than D. Aloisio Lorscheider, and naturally they were not going to look. I respect that. I know that they inquired, they were interested in knowing what I had seen and in fact did see." ...

Gerson Brito [sic--the paper uses this mis-spelling throughout--trans.] confessed that he is "a student of the projeto UFO" and revealed that this is the fourth time that he sees Unidentified Flying Objects on his flights. He said that he followed events like that in newspapers, magazines, [and] films, and said that he believes he was already psychologically and emotionally prepared "for one of those contacts. So much so," he added, "that, when it was verified that something exceptional was going on, I thought of the possibility of contact: by radio, as we had some radio frequencies, and I also used the airplane headlights and the side lights of the plane. I did all this during the flight. The receptivity that we

had was just the object's coming closer or going farther away. As soon as I had thought of that possibility, via telepathy, there was a most pronounced approach, after passing over Belo Horizonte. It was when the Brasília radar detected the object."

Gerson Brito tells that in the 4 times he saw a UFO, "on all those occasions, the Brasília control was informed. The first time was in 1964 with a C-46, between Teresina and Fortaleza. Then, in a Viscount, between Campo Grande and São Paulo, during the day. That," he said, "was also seen by my first officer and we saw a metallic sphere over our craft at a height of maybe 4 or 5,000 feet above our flight level. We informed Brasília, but they could not pick it up, as in those days the radar did not reach that area. However, we reported in, and asked for confirmation. The other two opportunities I had to see a UFO were also confirmed by Brasília, and they occurred in jets. One was 4 years ago and the other is the one that occurred today" (yesterday).

Commander Gerson Brito revealed that he is working up a report of what happened yesterday to send to NASA, in the United States. "When any of these observations occurs, we make a report for the companies and they, for the purpose of filing documentation of the data, inform Brasília, the Aeronautical Ministry, and then NASA, because NASA has the best chance of investigating via satellites."

*The Rio ULTIMA HORA of Feb. 9 has the spelling of Silezia Paes Del Rosso, as well as the correct spelling of Britto's name. The NATIONAL ENQUIRER (U.S. weekly tabloid) of March 16, 1982, p. 61, has Cilezia del Rosso.

Other witnesses included co-pilot Carlos Alberto Goes de Britto and flight engineer Francisco Cezarino (according to O GLOBO Feb. 10; different spellings in 5th paragraph above; the ENQUIRER says the co-pilot was Antonio Santana); VASP passengers Eliane Belache (sic--probably the same person that the ENQUIRER gives as Elaine Belashi), Paulo César Belache (her husband), Paulo Ponce, Friedrich Meyknecht, Wilhelm Meyknecht (his father), Sra. Elda Gurgel e Silva (all according to O GLOBO, Feb. 9), and Jaime Rodrigues (per the ENQUIRER); and Mario Pravato, pilot of one of the other planes (according to the ENQUIRER).

CREDIT: Michael Hesemann

- 1) City of incident: Munich, West Germany
- 2) Date of incident: January 30, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: BILD, February 1, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Hamburg/München, West Germany

GLOWING DISC OVER MUNICH

Mrs. G. lives in the Korbinianstreet in Schwabing (suburb of Munich) and looked through her kitchen window at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday evening: "A glowing orange disc was hovering directly next to the Olympic Tower. Three minutes long it was there, buzzing tremendously, then it disappeared in the direction of Moosach." Mrs. G. was not the only person who saw the mysterious disc. Her daughter Edeltraud (20) was present. "I was really afraid," she said, "I am pretty sure it was a UFO."

At the same time, Axel J. (37) sat with his girl friend and his brother in his garret in the Türkenstrabe. He looked through the window: "A bright light was there, round, and it moved slowly from the Ludwigs-church in the direction of the Olympic Tower!"

A UFO? Axel J. did not want to commit himself on this, but "it was no aircraft. In the seven years I have lived here, I have never seen something like this."

Also, the Munich photographer Peter H. (30) and his wife Barbara had a close encounter on Saturday, but earlier, at 5:15 p.m. The couple drove home from Stuttgart. "Then we saw it, in a shining orange it was flying slowly and very low over Munich," Peter H. said.

- 1) City of incident: Darmstadt, West Germany
- 2) Date of incident: March 15, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: BILD, March 17, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Hamburg, West Germany

8 POLICEMEN SAW THEM: TREMENDOUS UFOs OVER HESSEN

They send yellow-green flashes - Police radio-equipment disturbed - On radar-screen for the first time - Dead loudspeakers rustling -

by M. Beckmann and E. Dankert

Policeman Constable Thomas Weiland (25) is a calm man. "UFOs don't exist," he always believed--then he saw five of them at the same time. He swears: "Together with five colleagues, I have seen them over Darmstadt. They gave off yellow-green flashes." During Weiland's hunt for the UFOs through Hessen (German state), his station house was haunted.

21:35. Mission at the 3rd Darmstadt Police station for the radio patrol "Heiner": "A woman has seen flashing flying lights." The two Constables, Weiland and Behm-Hansen (24), only thought, "Oh dear...."

Then: "Man, stop the car, I see them too," Behm-Hansen shouted. At a wood-parking lot, they got out. A fact! "We saw a yellow-green flying disc, as large as a ball. Later, four additional white flying discs approached and stopped next to the first one," Weiland stated. He notified the headquarters.

Three other radio patrols heard it and, grinning, they arrived at the parking lot. "Where are your little green men?", they asked. But then these six officers stared fascinated at the sky. Suddenly the four white UFOs disappeared, while the green-yellow one flew in a southerly direction. Weiland: "Our switched-off loudspeakers crackled tremendously." The Constables started to follow the UFO. "Occasionally we saw them again in the sky." After four miles, near Kranichstein, they lost the trace. It was 21:58.

At the same time, strange things happened at the Police station. The light flickered, the television screen began to move, the radio connection to "Heiner" broke off. Police spokesman Ruhl to BILD: "We can't explain that."

The U.S. forces in the Rhein/Main area located the four unknown flying objects on the radar screens. A U.S. spokesman: "Military secret - we do not speak about this."

- 1) City of incident: Saint Etienne, France
- 2) Date of incident: Unknown
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: DIE WELT, February 25, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Bonn, West Germany

UFO SIGHTED - AND WITNESSED BY POLICE

SAD, Saint Etienne - A French congressman, a police chief and the president of the soccer club of Saint Etienne have in common seen a "flying saucer" from an aircraft. "We saw the unknown object in the sky for five minutes. Then it disappeared with lightning speed," the congressman deposed. "Definitely, it was a metallic craft, fairly circular," the police chief, Francis Boot, added. The three men were alerted to the UFO by the pilot via loudspeaker. He estimated that it flew at 45,000 feet. The French authorities will investigate the possibility that the UFO was a weather balloon.

- 1) City of incident: Hamburg, Aachen, Berlin, Erbsenheim, Mayen, West Germany
- 2) Date of incident: March 16, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: BILD, March 18, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Hamburg, West Germany

11 UFOs OVER GERMANY

Hamburg, March 18 - UFO flap in Germany. Yesterday, BILD reported on the tremendous UFOs over Hessen, now readers from the whole of Germany announce: "We have seen UFOs." Eleven glaring UFOs were seen on Tuesday in the night sky. A woman will say on oath, "I saw the five UFOs from Hessen - over Hamburg." Where they were seen also, you will read on the last page.

UFOs "CHANGING COLORS - NEVER LANDS"

- The housewife Ursula Wiebers (56) from Hamburg was smoking a cigarette on the balcony before going to bed. "It was half past nine. I thought I was dreaming. First, a light-grey disc with a rainbow-stripe appeared; on the top of the disc were two antennae, probably the 'command vehicle.' Minutes later, the escort vessels appeared." - The Klar family from Aachen saw "their" UFO two times. The first time was three weeks ago. Anneliese (31), Franz-Josef (30) and Andrea (11) were watching TV. "Suddenly a bright beam of light filled our living room. We saw a bright disc in the sky; it was visible for 15 minutes, then it flew in the direction of Belgium. The day before yesterday, it appeared again. This time it flashed like someone snipping."

- Apprentice trainer Uwe Krüger from Berlin (37) brought a friend to his front door on Tuesday night. "Then he gripped my arm: 'Man, look!' We saw three milk-white discs. Slowly they moved from east to south, changing their positions, like in a maneuver.

- The unemployed Petra Rusch (22) was sitting with her friend Juanita in the car in front of her parents' house in Erbsenheim: "We were smoking a cigarette and were listening to the radio. Suddenly we saw a bright light in the sky. The wall of our house was illuminated by a bright light, one meter over the light switch. The street lights flickered and the radio went down."

UFO researcher August Wörner from Mayen has already seen 700 UFOs, the last one on Tuesday. "It was a white, circular saucer, flying south to north over Mayen. Fifteen minutes later, it came back." He said: "UFOs are often changing their colors and appearing like discs, flying at 30 to 40 meters high."

And: "They never land." A little comfort....

- 1) City and country of incidents: Neuss, Dusseldorf, Mönchengladbach, Mülheim, West Germany
- 2) Dates of incidents: 1971, 1974, 1978, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: BILD, March 29, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Hamburg/Düsseldorf, West Germany

UFOs OVER THE RHINE RIVER - 100 WERE ALREADY THERE by Michael Santen

Neuss, March 19. - On the large map of Germany on the wall of his attic office are more than 1400 pins. "Each shows where a UFO was sighted," Michael Hese-mann, student from Neuss, explains.

The hobby-ufologist, who has never seen a flying saucer for himself, has traveled for four years across Germany. "I am speaking with UFO witnesses, collecting material."

Alone over the Rhine-country, more than 100 unknown flying objects are said to have appeared since the end of the war:

- In 1971, some secretaries saw pear-shaped objects over the Berliner Alle in Dusseldorf, "shining with an extremely bright light."

- In 1974, one man claimed to have observed a UFO over NATO Headquarters in Mönchengladbach. "It hovered for eight minutes."

- In 1978, some students saw a bright disc with a dark center over Neuss. "It rotated and disappeared in seconds."

Michael Hese-mann believes in the theory of the American researcher Fred Steck-ling about the alien spacecraft visiting the Earth especially when atomic tests were done. "The UFOs are propelled electromagnetically. The magnetic waves of atomic explosions obstruct their flights," he explained. "So they come to see what troubles their operations." So hundreds of UFOs were seen after atomic tests in the United States in 1951.

The student, who is a friend of the controversial author Erich von Däniken ("He has convinced me."), is writing a book. The title: "In Search of Unknown Flying Objects."

CREDIT: Luis R. Gonzalez

- 1) City and country of incident: Mediterranean Sea
- 2) Date of incident: January 12, 1982

house. We calmly followed its movements. It was not very bright."
- How far away were you from the UFO?
- "About 30 meters."

The three men witnessed the phenomenon for several minutes. When the UFO finally disappeared, they returned to their work as if nothing strange had happened. They talked about it, but no one seemed affected by the sighting.

When the night was over, at dawn of January 13, 1982, they returned to port where they told the ship-owner what had happened. He decided to inform the Navy and the papers.

- 1) City and country of incident: Santa Fe, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: March 16, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: PUEBLO, March 27, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Madrid, Spain

SANTA FE (ARGENTINA). SEVERAL UFOs WERE PHOTOGRAPHED AND FILMED LAST TUESDAY AT DAWN WHEN THE INHABITANTS OF A RESIDENTIAL SUBURB OF SANTA FE SAW A SMALL FLEET OF UFOs.

Many of the residents of Guadalupe, a residential suburb of Santa Fe, at 537 Kms. north of Buenos Aires, photographed and filmed the amazing apparition of a small fleet of UFOs, EFE (Spanish wire-service) reported today.

The event took place on March 16, 1982 (Tuesday) at dawn. A family named Schwartz discovered in the sky many objects "too bright to be stars" moving from East to West. They woke their neighbors, who also witnessed the scene.

The UFO fleet seemed to be commanded by a big disc, a "mother-ship." This huge UFO was escorted by many other luminous discs, whose exact number was impossible to ascertain. The UFOs were observed for half an hour.

Some of the witnesses photographed and filmed the UFO fleet. Finally the "objects" departed towards the West. Mr. Alberto Frutos, an expert on this matter, said the lights definitely were UFOs, after studying the photos.

CREDIT: Jane Thomas

- City and country of incident: San Carlos Dept.-Mendoza province, Argentina
- Date of incident: October 31, 1981
- Name of paper and date of clip: SOMOS (magazine) - Nov.27, 1981
- City and country of magazine: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THE WESTERN EXPRESS

The number and quality of the witnesses make the Mendoza=UFO (10/31/81) into a special case in this history of lights and ghosts.

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On Saturday, October 31st, Héctor Maldonado (photographer of the Mendoza government) left his home in the afternoon with his friends Enzo Pezzella, Antonio Rodríguez and Carlos Borrafato. Like so many other Saturdays, they intended to spend a fishing day near the Laguna del Diamante, in the San Carlos Department. Everything seemed to be normal and quiet, but this was not so: shortly before nine pm, a light illuminated everything and a big white sphere with a very bright nucleus appeared, smoothly moving in a S-W course, according to what they said when the scare wore off.

"The time was 20.55 and it lasted almost ten to 15 minutes -said Maldonado-. It was an immense sphere. I immediately got my camera and before the craft disappeared, I managed to shoot four pictures. I have spent countless nights out in the hills, but never saw anything like this. I think I was not scared. It was a nice spectacle. We even signalled with the car's lights but there was no reply. I was going to forget the whole thing, not saying anything to anybody. People might think I am some kind of nut. But the next day, when I returned home, my 11-year old daughter asked me whether I had seen the UFO. It seems I was not the only one".

Its true. The story was not exclusive of Maldonado, his daughter and three friends: several more residents of Mendoza also saw it, people from Chilecito, Nonogasta, Vinchina and other towns in La Rioja province, two commercial pilots that were flying over Córdoba province, and people from La Pampa province. There were also witnesses in Valparaíso, Viña del Mar and Arica in Chile, Tacna, Ica and Arequipa in Perú, and Paranamá, in the state of Maranhao, in the N-E of Brazil. They had all seen the strange light at the same hour and their description was similar.

Plus or minus a few details, these people's testimonies add up to the already endless list of stories on UFOs, that Kenneth Arnold (an American pilot with more than 4,000 flight hours) opened up on 6-24-1947, who claimed having seen from his plane a fleet of nine discs moving in the sky. "Their motions resembled those of some coffee plates bouncing up and down over the water", he had said. From then on the UFO phenomenon turned almost into an epidemics, more than 3,750,000 Americans swear to having seen one, and there are almost two hundred who claim having been abducted by one of these devices. Some of them -as they tell- were questioned under hypnosis and their stories agree in remarkable percentages.

There is a lot of fantasy and imagination amongst the many sightings, although the one of October 31st seems to be one of the most discreet. "One thing in favor of this appearance is the large number of people that saw it at the same hour and with similar characteristics -a Mendoza expert told SOMOS-. Besides, there are many qualified witnesses, this time serious people who wouldn't say one thing for another". "We were traveling with other students -Dedé Chenot, a land-surveying student of the Juan Agustín Maza school told SOMOS- when someone in the front seats of the bus called our attention. When we saw the big sphere we were all speechless: me, the driver, my 21 companions and a professor accompanying us". Carlos Leyes, one of those students, was the one who most detailedly told what he saw: "It was a white sphere with a dot in the middle, which was much brighter than the rest of the shape". Student Daniel Lancellotti continued with the story and said that "while it flew away from the moon its size grew, but always in a smooth motion. The course? South-north, and always along the West. It did not disappear suddenly: it flew away gradually, until it was lost".

Aware that many times people sees what they want to see, Allen Hynek, an American astronomer who studies these phenomena since 1948, and whose authority is re-

CHARLES GOES HUNTING FOR BEASTIE OF THE DEEP

By JAMES WHITAKER

PRINCE Charles has joined the great Scottish monster hunt. He has asked to see a film made last year that is said to "prove conclusively" that there are monsters in some Scottish lochs.

And monster-hunter Sidney Wignall said last night: "By the time he's finished watching it, the Prince will no longer be in any doubt that these creatures are real and not just a figment of people's imagination."

Sidney, 59, shot the seven-minute cine film from a powered hang glider last September at Loch Morar in the Western Highlands. He claims it shows Morag, a relative of the Loch Ness Monster.

"Part of the film shows two creatures leaving wakes behind them in the otherwise still water," he said. "Another part shows a 1,000-yard wake similar to a torpedo's."

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"But the most frightening bit shows a creature—or something—lying perfectly still at the side of the loch."

"Whenever I get to that bit, my hair stands on end—and I'm sure it will do the same to the Prince."

Sidney, of Old Colwyn, North Wales, has spent £4,000 on his hunt for the monsters, and he has sent several reports on his activities to Prince Charles.

The film, which was shot over a period of five weeks, will be rushed to the Prince as soon as it is returned from Japan, where it is being studied at the moment.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said last night: "The Prince has said he is interested in seeing the film. But no date has been fixed yet."

"I don't want to say too much—or we'll be deluged with Loch Ness monster things from now on."

NEWS WORLD, New York, NY

March 27, 1982

China reveals Wildman seen in mountains

PEKING — Three researchers looking for the "wildman" of central China claimed to have made a sighting of the hairy beast last year, the Yangcheng Evening news reported.

In an edition distributed in Peking today, the Canton-based newspaper said three staff members of the "China Wildman Research Association" reported sighting the mysterious human-like animal Sept. 15.

They did not take a photograph of the "wildman", which they described as a tall, massive, brown-haired biped that roams the hills between Sichuan and Hubei provinces in central China.

The newspaper said the three claimed to have been together when they saw the beast, which they said was shaped like a human being, in Bense forest at an altitude of 8,000 feet.

The newspaper's account was based on a paper written recently by the association's chairman.

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Mutilations occur elsewhere, too

By TERESA CRONIN

Pierce County is not the only area that has been plagued with animal mutilations, although the series of 23 horse mutilations here does not seem to follow the patterns of similar attacks on animals elsewhere, authorities said today.

In the attacks in Pierce County, all the animals attacked have been horses, and each was found alive after the attack, said Pierce County sheriff's detective Gaylord Mattes, who has been working the investigation since the mutilations began.

In the latest case here, a gelded quarter horse was found in his Graham-area pasture Friday morning bleeding profusely from a fresh wound where his penis had been cut off with a sharp instrument. The last previous attack was reported nearly two years ago, when a 13-year-old appaloosa was similarly attacked.

The owner of the horse that was cut last Friday asked that his family identity be withheld because he is afraid the attacker may return.

The horse belongs to his 12-year-old daughter and they have been together since she was a baby, the owner said. The daughter and horse have won numerous prizes in 4-H contests, but now the family doesn't know whether the horse will live.

In all of the mutilations here, the animals were either geldings or stallions. Except for some castrations, only the penis was removed and no other parts of the body were cut off, Mattes said.

Those attacks do not conform with patterns of mutilations in other parts of the country, where both cattle and horses have been attacked and where virtually all of the animals were found dead, authorities said.

In Kiowa, the county seat of Elbert



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Injured horse and owner

County, Colo., Sheriff George Yarnell said in a telephone interview this morning that 60 to 70 animal mutilations occurred in his county about seven years ago. Although the first case was a horse, most of the others were cattle, he said.

All of the animals were found dead, with various parts of the body, such as the eyes, ears, tongues or genitals, cut off or gouged out. He said the mutilations baffled local officials, and although there was speculation that the mutilations were part of a religious cult, the case was never solved.

"That's all there was, theories," Yarnell said. "It's still a mystery."

A Denver newspaper reported at one time that there was some speculation the mutilations might have been connected to the Fort Carson military installation, but those rumors were never confirmed. The fort is some distance away from where most of the killings took place, a newsman there reported.

Another report of animal mutilations came from Marlene Zimmermann, a North End woman who moved here in 1979 from Arkansas. She remembers

hearing of some 50 animals, mostly cattle, that had been mutilated near the town of Batesville, Ark., between 1973 and 1979. In those mutilations the animals were disemboweled and left lying in the fields and it was rumored locally that the killings may have been related to religious cult ceremonies, she said.

Detective Mattes said that while that theory has been expressed here, he doesn't see much similarity with the cases elsewhere.

He said detectives have looked at the possibility the mutilator could be trained in veterinary medicine, because most of the cuts seem to have been made in a professional manner. He also pointed out that none of the horses has made any noise at the time to alert their owners, leading detectives to believe the amputations were carried out with a fast-acting pain killing drug which may also dissipate a few minutes after the mutilation.

He said his department still has no solid leads however, and asked anyone who witnesses suspicious activity around horses or livestock to call the sheriff's office at 593-4727.

Meantime, Dexter Slattery, owner of quarter horses in Spanaway, is proceeding with plans to offer a \$10,000 reward for information that helps officials solve the crimes.

Although Slattery said none of his horses has been harmed, he said the mutilations were both a threat and a heartbreaking reality to every horse owner or lover in Pierce County.

Slattery said today that he has received about \$3,500 in pledges for the reward fund.

"The response has been just great," he said. "I've been spending every free minute I have on this so far, but I've got a job to do, too."

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What the reddish-brown hair stands stocky 4 feet to 5 feet high and smells like a sewer?

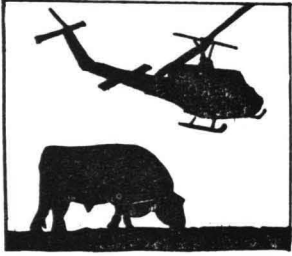
That's what some folks around Vici, Okla., would like to know.

Billy Parry, a 15-year-old high school freshman, says he saw such a creature while scouting for coyote tracks along Trail Creek near his home south of Vici. His family says it prowled on their property and near their house for more than a month this winter.

Hair samples found by Parry were sent to Hayden Bowen, director of Sasquatch Investigations of Mid-America, who says they look "very interesting."

Cattle mutilations: myth or fact?

New book ties social climate to mutilation reports



By Chas S. Clifton
Colorado Springs Sun

The summer of 1975 saw the American West and Midwest faced with what seemed to be a new and frightening phenomenon. Hundreds of cattle (and a few horses) were being found dead, reportedly missing eyes, genitals, hearts or various other body parts.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation alone received 203 mutilation reports that summer and fall, but mutilations were reported through the United States west of the Mississippi, as well as in Canada, from 1973 through 1981.

Although law enforcement agents from county deputies to state and federal agents logged thousands of hours trying to crack the cattle mutilations case, no one was ever brought to trial for committing them.

Now, what might be a definitive book on the cattle mutilations is in the works at Bantam Books. Tentatively titled "Mute Evidence," it sets out to show that while most so-called mutilations were the work of natural predators, a handful were done by humans — some pranksters, some more sinister.

More importantly, say authors Daniel Kagan and Ian Summers, the mutilation wave enabled Americans to project social feelings and fears of the mid-1970s — their reactions to Watergate, the OPEC embargo and the loss of the Vietnam War — into conspiracy theories about just who was behind the mutilations.

"Our book is not a debunking book," Summers told *The Sun*. "There were indeed cattle mutilations — but nowhere near the scope of the reported cases."

Kagan said he and Summers tried to make a fresh start on the mystery. "We went in with our eyes open. We assumed anything could be true."

"We said, 'Let's take all the hypotheses, including UFOs, then let's test each one.' A lot of them fell apart dramatically."

Agencies like the CBI were not alone in chasing the phantom-like mutilators. Lots of people got in on the act. Show up in a van full of Gyro Gearloose gizmos claiming Galactic Central had the situation under surveillance and it was enough to make the next day's newspaper.

The various news media, typically, caught it from both sides. While some people, including many law enforcement personnel, accused the press and television of producing unfounded, poorly researched material, other people were equally certain news organizations were under orders to cover up the horrifying truth.

According to Kagan, in Canada, where news organizations can be more effectively muzzled than in the United States, the latter was true to a degree.

Frederick Smith, a Western Slope UFO buff, wrote a book linking the deaths with beings from other planets. It was called "Cattle Mutilations: The Unthinkable Truth."



Colorado Springs Sun

In this 1979 photo, carcass removal contractor Drexel Lawson pointed out "mutilator" damage.

Trying to explain the mystery's gripping quality Smith wrote, "What creates so much apprehension about cattle mutilations is the dread that the mutilators will graduate from animal to human victims."

Carl Whiteside, deputy director of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, which conducted an investigation of the mutilation phenomenon during 1975, told *The Sun* recently that, "We concluded there was no group of individuals going around for the purpose of mutilation."

It is important to understand, Whiteside said, that about 30,000 range cattle die each year in Colorado alone from disease, lightning strikes, predator attack or other natural causes.

Dr. Rue Jensen, the veterinary pathologist who headed the Colorado Springs State University veterinary diagnostic lab at the time, conducted autopsies of 35 bovine carcasses in 1975.

At first the CSU report was that nine carcasses had been carved up with knives, although it could not be said whether the mutilating happened before or after death.

Later, the report was changed, said Jensen, who retired from CSU and now works at the Wyoming state veterinary pathology lab.

"At one time we thought there was evidence of knife incisions," Jensen said. "But later we made a more complete comparison with known kinds of incisions and concluded that those were not. In our opinion all damage was caused by predators."

The CBI pulled its agents off the case in 1976, Whiteside said.

"I could never figure which came first, the chicken or the egg — whether the mutilations we could confirm came as a result of newspaper publicity or vice versa," he said recently.

"We even ran an undercover investigation into cults, but nothing came of it."

While reported mutilation totals mounted, many people seemed ready to believe that some sort of negative religious or

magical cult was behind the bizarre killings.

Other favorite theories for those who rejected the "it's all predators" explanation involved crazed Vietnam veterans, a new form of oil and gas exploration, aliens from outer space or secret government research.

Meanwhile, rewards offered by cattlemen's associations mounted to more than \$20,000.

During the height of the "mutilation wave," two Colorado Springs detectives became involved in the case.

One, George Erianne, was a former federal counter-intelligence agent. The second, Joseph Burns, was then deputy provost marshal at Fort Carson. Both now work privately.

Their work eventually led them to say the mutilations — at least many of them — were connected with secret quasi-military research.

Erianne: "The reports in the papers suggested a government-type project. We started monitoring them, making charts and maps, started digging — all in our spare time. I contacted a few old friends..."

"Our object was to get someone interested in forming a Senate or Congressional committee with subpoena powers just to ask various government agencies if they were involved in such conduct."

Several factors made looking for eastern Colorado mutilators more difficult. One was the matter of the mysterious helicopters reported flying east and northeast of Colorado Springs.

Many ranchers reported seeing unmarked low-flying helicopters in the area of mutilations. Some even tried to chase them with ground vehicles.

Erianne said he personally found landing skid marks and helicopter-type hydraulic fluid at some mutilation sites.

But, as the two detectives pointed out, a lot of people were flying helicopters at the time.

For one thing, the mid-1970s marked the resurgence of domestic oil and gas exploration after the

OPEC embargo. Oil companies use helicopters for aerial geological exploration and for reaching remote sites. Plus some of those close-mouthed city types hanging around rural areas turned out to be energy company "land men" arranging mineral leases.

For another, Burns said, "There were a lot of training flights made in that post-Vietnam era. There was an over-abundance of pilots trying to get flights under any pretext to keep their certification. It made tracing the paper trail difficult."

"And a lot of the helicopter traffic was drug traffic," Erianne added.

Elbert County Sheriff George Yarnell, whose bailiwick was littered with alleged mutilations in the mid-1970s, said recently, "We got calls then day and night from residents about choppers. Now we don't see choppers but once or twice a week."

Writer Dan Kagan said Lincoln County sheriff Leroy Yowell told him his investigations were stonewalled at Fort Carson. (Yowell declined to speak about the matter when asked recently.)

"His notion was you had freshly returned Vietnam crews who were bored, who wanted to concoct night operations and didn't want to hurt anyone, so they used cows. They wound up playing cat-and-mouse games with local sheriffs," Kagan said.

"That would explain their (sheriffs') surprise at the Army suddenly becoming very uncooperative when they started asking about cattle mutilations."

"If I were a commander and I thought a couple of copter jockeys were out there screwing around, it would be very embarrassing. I wouldn't admit I couldn't control my men. But we found no proof of it."

But when all the theories have been evaluated, investigators from various fields tend to turn to one of two explanations for the unsolved mystery: predators, insurance fraud, government

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biological warfare experiments, or sacrifices by mysterious cults.

The insurance fraud hypothesis is easily disproven.

"Range cattle are usually not insured," said Dave Robins, president of Insurance Service Co. Inc. of Colorado Springs.

"They're exposed to so many hazards that the premiums would just be too high. Animals important for breeding such as prize bulls might be insured."

The biological warfare theory got its first major public airing in 1976 in *Oui* magazine.

A lengthy feature by writer Ed Sanders (author of "The Family," an account of the Charles Manson murders) detailed the multi-state record of reported mutilations during 1973-75.

Sanders wrote that when a November 1975 blizzard on the Colorado plains killed many cattle, coyotes scavenged the remains, but a Kansas rendering plant reported that few carcasses were disfigured in ways peculiar to the unidentified mutilators.

Instead, Sanders preferred an explanation for the mutilations that apparently started in Colorado: "the *Clostridia* hypothesis."

The name refers to a genus of bacteria that includes the germs of a number of diseases including botulism, blackleg and malignant edema, the last two both livestock diseases.

According to information uncovered during Sen. Frank Church's Senate Select Committee on Intelligence hearings, which took place toward the start of the mutilation era, *Clostridia* bacteria were among those stored by Central Intelligence Agency bacteriological warfare researchers.

Simply stated, the *Costridia* hypothesis as Sanders and others disseminated it was that a "rogue band of researchers" was doing illegal (or off-budget) experimentation at random times and places, using cattle as research animals.

Colorado Springs private investigator George Erianne offered one explanation: "eyes, lips, pigmentation ... were being studied in order to develop bacteriological weapons to target certain racial groups."

Erianne and his colleague Joe Burns say they came across traces of what could have been possibly Sanders' "rogue band of researchers." Indeed, they were major sources for Sanders' *Clostridia* hypothesis.

"After our involvement we over-turned some secret lab projects. Some were governmental, some were individuals, some were misunderstood."

"The 'paper trail' revealed that some knowledge, technicians and supplies came from local government agencies."

While seeming to endorse the *Clostridia* hypothesis, however, Erianne never revealed specifics about the "secret lab projects."

He and Burns both said the mutilations could have involved research into developing a fast-acting species of *Clostridia* which could cause its victims to die even more quickly than diseases like botulism.

Some of the organs removed, they said, were taken for research purposes, while other carcass parts removed were taken just to confuse outside investigators.

Their work never panned out, however. Burns said, "(When dealing with federal government people) sooner or later, despite the height of interest, somewhere down the line you got cut off — they didn't want to talk to you."

Kagan and Summers, whose investigations lead through numerous law-enforcement agencies (including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police), veterinary pathology labs and the mass of news

stories written on mutilations, think too many people — reporters and police officers included — put the cart before the horse.

Instead of determining whether or not a mutilation had occurred, Kagan said, they leaped into trying to discover who did it.

"First you have to establish whether or not the case is what it's reported to be," Kagan said.

"There were two separate approaches to the mutilations that are mutually exclusive and incompatible," he continued.

"All police investigations in different states — including the Colorado Bureau of Investigation — concentrated on the specifics of the reports."

"They investigated them the same way you'd investigate a human murder. They went to the scene, examined the body, worked with the physical evidence to determine the means of death, et cetera."

Too frequently, Kagan said, "instead of concentrating on the specifics of the case — the carcass, the circumstances — people tended to concentrate on hypothetical ideas. They assumed the mutilations were all real."

Much of the problem involved poor observations, Kagan said.

"In Wyoming we checked a case where a calf was found dead and reportedly mutilated on an island in a stream on a blanket of fresh snow unmarked by tracks. The assumption was it had been dropped from the air."

"I sat down with the reporter who wrote the story and asked how deep was the stream, how swift... It turned out to be a shallow sluggish creek. The 'pristine' snow wasn't there — the animal was lying on frozen ground among clumps of snow. It probably died of natural causes, and was attracted to water because it was sick."

The trace-elements-in-the-grass theory quickly bit the dust, Kagan said. The organs removed simply were not those which concentrate elements over a period of time, he said.

The *Clostridia* hypothesis was harder to disprove, he said, although one puzzling element always had been the fact that no one handling the "mutilated" animals ever contacted a suspicious disease from them.

"The problem of the bacteriological warfare story is that no bacteriological agent could be race specific," Kagan said.

"Genetic traits are too widely distributed among all races. It would not be effective."

Investigators such as George Erianne suggested Orientals were the target race, and that the eye was the crucial organ of those removed from cattle.

But all races' eyes are the same internally, Kagan said, making it impossible to target one race that way.

He said the claim of a new *Clostridia* organism was rejected by the expert he consulted, Harvard professor Mathew Meselson, an expert writer on chemical and biological warfare for Scientific American and other publications.

"Plus, no bacteria of the type mentioned were ever found in mutilated animals," Kagan said, contradicting Ed Sanders, who wrote that a U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinary medical officer found *Clostridia* bacteria in an allegedly mutilated heifer found dead near Emery, Utah, in September 1975.

The veterinarian, Dr. Robert Hedelius, was quoted by Sanders as saying "*Clostridia* bacteria are very common and are usually localized in one part of the infected animal. However, in this case is was extremely localized. You might say it was pin-pointed, and I believe that the bacteria were injected into the heifer."

Kagan and Summers claim the entire *Clostridia* hypothesis can be

traced to one man, usually known as Dane Edwards.

For about eight months in 1975, Edwards was editor of the *Brush Banner*, a weekly covering north-eastern Colorado.

According to both Kagan and Drusilla Georgeson, the paper's current owner, Edwards left town leaving behind a legacy of wild tales about the mutilations and a number of bad checks.

"He claimed all his phones were bugged, he was being harassed, and so on," Ms. Georgeson recalled.

According to George Erianne, after Edwards left *Brush*, Erianne put him up in a house in Colorado Springs where Edwards proposed to write a book about the mutilations. The book was never finished, but Erianne did tape hours of conversation between the two men, including the *Clostridia* hypothesis.

According to Kagan, every discussion of the *Clostridia* hypothesis can be traced back to Edwards via Erianne.

In "Mute Evidence," Kagan said, the thrust will be to show how the mutilation wave had its beginnings in Colorado, in the 1967 report of the mysterious death of Snippy, a horse kept near Alamosa.

"It didn't start out of nowhere. It was started by people who can be named and traced, who are bedrock members of the national UFO network," he said.

Snippy was found "denuded of the flesh from the neck up ... (that) in no way resembled the so-called pattern of mutilations," he said.

"Nellie Lewis, the horse's owner, claimed the margin of flesh was so smooth it had to surgical. She claimed the crew of a UFO had done it."

Mrs. Lewis, now deceased, was a stringer for a Pueblo newspaper, and through her pressing the story, Kagan said, Snippy and the UFOs became a short-lived wonder in the national news media.

Articles in UFO magazines began to link lead animals with UFOs.

When mutilations were reported in Minnesota in 1973, Kagan said, a vocal UFO buff named Terry Mitchell "promoted" them.

"This guy (Mitchell) got press coverage. You can't promote a myth unless you get response and support from people."

"It then assumed the proportions of a phenomenon with a history and a controversy. It became a snowball. More history was connected with it and the past history injected into new situations."

What happened then, Kagan said, is that the mutilation-myth seed fell on fertile ground.

The public mind had been rocked by the revelations of Watergate, by the Senate hearings on CIA dirty tricks, and by the spectacle of the hasty American withdrawal from Vietnam — the helicopters taking off from the embassy roof as thousands of one-time allies scrambled to get aboard.

It is no coincidence, Kagan said, that helicopters played a large part in the mutilation stories: the helicopter had become the symbol of the Vietnam War.

The mutilations, he said, furnished the perfect conspiracy on which to project the public's unspoken fears — of big business, big government, intelligence agencies, warped combat veterans.

In addition, increasing awareness of cultish religious groups such as the Moonies added another flavor to the soup.

And to further heighten Americans' unease, "a bunch of foreign guys in funny clothes" — the Arab oil sheiks — suddenly had a new power over their lives, he noted.

A psychological explanation for a non-existent occurrence leaves unexplained those mutilations which law enforcement agencies did attribute to humans.

Even if they were only a handful, they were a widespread handful.

The explanation "Mute Evidence" will offer is that in a few cases members of Satanic cults saw the newspaper and television reports and in a spirit of eclecticism decided to try it themselves.

Kagan differentiates these groups from the "... Pagan or Wicca underground, which consists by and large of fine people who have an alternative religion that is more European than Christianity."

Nevertheless, he said, the (Satanic) upsurge is more widespread than known.

"Of the seven cases (in Iowa and Alberta) of mutilation which were confirmed by the analysis of a board-certified veterinary pathologist, there were active cult investigations in both places," he said.

"The cops had informants, and the people fit."

"In this handful of cases and only in these two places is there a strong connection between local, unrelated, cult groups and possible mutilations."

Other cases, including some in Idaho and Colorado, suggested cult involvement, but the evidence was not as complete, he said.

Despite strong circumstantial evidence, no law officer or informant was able to infiltrate a group and set them up, he said.

Another earlier investigator, Treasury Department agent Donald Flickinger, had produced a report in 1975 claiming mutilations were done by a group of Satanist "out-law bikers" and convicts. Informants told him members of this cult had been killing people and animals since the mid-1960s. Not all the information panned out, however, and some other law enforcement investigators denounced much of what Flickinger had been told as "self-serving jailhouse babble."

Whatever the explanation, the mutilations, like UFOs, have entered American consciousness to the degree that most every person who has heard of them has an explanation.

Daniel Kagan says, "The ghost has not been laid to rest because there is no ghost."

In other words, while "copycat" mutilators existed, they were copying a myth that grew out of a combination of psychological unrest and natural predator damage to dead or dying livestock.

Meanwhile the UFO buffs stick to their explanations. The Satanists, fortunately, have not been heard from recently.

Some ranchers, a member of the Lincoln County, Colorado, sheriff's department said, still feel bitter about the way the mutilation hysteria rose, crested and died away following the curve of news media attention, leaving them just where they were when it started.