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Here in Michigan, Washington, Ocote authorities this morning are taking a close look at last

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night's flurry of reports of flying saucer activity northwest of Ann Arbor.

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Two weeks of reporters' sightings came to a climax when a farmer reported a saucer touch

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down on his property.

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At about the same time, next to Village Police Officer Robert Honeywell said a saucer-like

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vehicle hovered about 10 feet over his scout car.

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Forty-five-year-old Frank Manor and his 19-year-old son Ronald told authorities a craft came to

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work on his farm about 18 miles northwest of Ann Arbor.

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He said he and his son walked within 500 feet of the object before it whizzed away soundlessly.

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Manor, patrolman Honeywell, and at least five other witnesses said it looked about the size

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of a large automobile.

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Washtenaw County Deputy Sheriff John Foster, who himself had reported seeing such an object

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last week, gave this description of what witnesses saw last night.

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Object was observed to be of a brown mopping, appeared to be a cool type of sight surface.

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Object is observed to be a flat-up on the bottom end, corn shaped toward the top.

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Hover being low in height.

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Two small lights appeared to be at the outer edges of the object, flying in a blue-screen

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light and intensifying to a brilliant red in color.

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When the vehicle or object eliminated, the lighting was a yellow-white in color and ran

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horizontally between the two outer lights, allowing some of the objects to be viewed.

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Outer body appeared to be rough in texture.

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Is this jibe with the other descriptions and other evidence?

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There are evidence of both that it's ever been seen, if you understand that.

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And this is, as far as the lighting setup is concerned, it's the same.

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It's blue-screen lights and so on like that.

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It's in the shape also.

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As far as this closed outside surface, I don't know, myself.

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There is one who previously reported seeing an object of this general nature.

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Can you pretty much believe in it, Debbie Foster?

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I do, really, because you can discount it after you've actually seen it.

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We followed this one object last Monday night for two or three hours.

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And it joined up with three other in-suit and in-suit formations.

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Washington, NC, Deputy John Foster, whose partner photographs an unidentified fly-in

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objects last week and still is awaiting return of the prints.

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Radar observers at Metropolitan and Willow Run Airports and Southridge Field say they did not pick up

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any indications of unusual airborne activity last night.

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Was it a flying saucer?

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Petroman Robert Honeywell of Dexter, Michigan said it looked more like a flying waffle.

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Anyway, Honeywell and five other persons say they saw a strange sight last night.

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They said a round-shaped object slightly larger than a standard-sized American automobile

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made of waffled metal with blinking lights, moved soundlessly through the sky near the Ann Arbor, Michigan suburb

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and landed in a marsh.

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Petroman Honeywell said the object was flashing a red, white and blue light.

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He said he and his son-in-law turned the flashlight beam on the object and it flew soundlessly away.

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Charles Murphy, NBC News at the White House.

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As NBC reported, more reports of unidentified flying objects had washed in our county,

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only this time we have a reported landing.

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Several residents and police officers in the Ann Arbor area reported spotting mysterious aircraft.

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The third report in a week.

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Petroman Robert Honeywell from Dexter told Sheriff's officers that one of the objects

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hovered about 10 feet above his patrol car last night.

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He said it resembled an airplane, had a waffle-like exterior and lights in the center and around the edges.

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He told officers the lights diffused towards the center of the craft when it accelerated.

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Washington, O'Cottie Sheriff Douglas Harvey rushed seven patrol cars to the area

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and reported later that several of his deputies reported sighting objects from two different locations.

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So for Sheriff's base said it had no reports of UFOs.

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Here at WCAC Microphones are in Ann Arbor for this direct live description from Sheriff Douglas Harvey.

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We had several cars dispatched out there and they described it as the same thing as we did.

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It had the same kind of objects a week ago.

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The bright lights, the blueish-green lights and so on.

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Maneuverability from side to side, up and down.

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It had a saucer-like shape to it.

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Mr. Mannard, when he had settled off the firm and observed these objects go down into the slump area.

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At the same time we had six other cars out there and he was a Michigan professor

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and they also observed the same thing and everybody described the same as the same.

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No sounds were done at all.

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Sheriff Douglas Harvey on the WCAC Direct Live to Ann Arbor.

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Bring you the news with Frank Tomlinson reporting.

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Thank you Mike and good afternoon everyone in the headlines, those UFOs in Washington, O'Cottie.

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The talk of Washington, O'Cottie this noon is, are there really unidentified flying objects?

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Or are people just seeing things?

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If they are just seeing things then a lot of people are seeing those things.

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At least 40 persons have reported seeing an unidentified flying object last night.

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Not only seeing it, but seeing it land in a field on the farm of Frank Mannard.

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Well, the witnesses were police officers.

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All of the witnesses, when interviewed by law officials, corroborated the stories of the other witnesses.

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WJR News contacted Washington, O'Cottie Sheriff Douglas Harvey who had this to say about the UFOs.

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I have not myself seen it, but in fact it means now we've got too many people, too many trained people

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that have spotted this thing and give us the same identical description.

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We had a fellow in here who was from England.

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He spotted his wife up here in the Pinkney area.

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Along with him was an engineer from the University of Michigan.

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They both spotted it.

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Last night about 10 officers spotted the same identical thing.

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Various farmers and a professor from the University of Michigan spotted it.

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Everybody gave us the same identical description when interviewed separately.

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And, I see, I'm getting to the point now, how can you tell all these people?

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They've seen something. We've got no answers yet, law.

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Washington, O'Cottie Sheriff Douglas Harvey.

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Harvey said men will be at the Mannard farm today with Gagger counters.

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Mannard and his son said they went to within 500 yards of the object that they described as being in the shape of a football.

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Two other Washington O'Deputies saw UFOs last Monday night and said they took pictures.

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But that the film was sent to New York to be developed and that it would take two weeks.

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Meanwhile, there's a report that the government has confiscated that film.

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There is no confirmation of that report.

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The Washington O'Cottie Sheriff's Department of Deputies reported that they saw unidentified flying objects last night between 9 and 11 o'clock.

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These objects were flying in a swampy area and would land and take off again going up to a height of 200 feet.

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Persons in the Rush Lake area also reported seeing three of these unidentified objects.

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They were hovering around the lake and appeared to be doing some kind of maneuvering.

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Used to check the area where 40 persons, they are flying saucer landed last night.

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Some 15 miles northwest of Ann Arbor, a dozen of the witnesses were policemen who said a mysterious craft about the size of a large automobile joined four others before streaking away at high speeds.

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A statement today from the Commissioner of State Police, Frederick David, who said he was taking a new interest in UFO reports.

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David, by the way, holds also the post of Civil Defense Director, who was reacting to reports from about 60 persons who claimed to have seen an unidentified flying object near Ann Arbor last night.

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At least 40 people claimed to have seen one of the objects land.

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Among the witnesses were several police officers at WJR Newsman, William Harris.

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On the scene today, heard police officer Robert Hunowell of Dexter say he was one of the residents of that area who saw similar objects zipping through the skies early last Monday and Wednesday.

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As for State Police Commissioner David's today, he was contacted by Newsman Dave White and said during conversation,

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We have men of science now that are inquiring into it and expect we will talk with Washington County authorities and with some of the people that are supposed to have seen certain objects.

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What is your personal attitude toward these objects?

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Well, actually I know nothing more about them than what I read or hear in the reports, but when you get as many people citing something, cited things last night in the Dexter area over the weekend,

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why I think it's time to take another long hard look at it anyway.

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I don't think you really did see something.

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State Police Commissioner Frederick David.

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The thousands of people in Washington County and surrounding areas have become firm believers in flying saucers in the past few weeks.

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For the weekend, more reports, 40 persons, 12 of them law officers reported seeing an unidentified flying object land in a swamp near Ann Arbor.

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Officers said four sister ships hovered in a quarter circle above the other object which landed, and said it then took off with a warbling sound like the echo of a ricocheting bullet.

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Mr. Policeman Robert Hunnowill said he and other residents saw similar objects zipping through the skies early last Monday and again on Wednesday.

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He explained to WJR's William Harris.

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The other one was down, just disappeared completely. In fact, that didn't even see a thing when they just took their lights and looked, that they disappeared completely.

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And it went over my car and the other patrol cars.

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I watched this, and I got a little bit beyond character on the road, and then I went back, seemed like a terrible, but actually if I could see the other one, say, and they were gone, and I was back, and I could see the other one.

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That one was still there, and this was on to the system, and it was on their ground.

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Possibly, I wouldn't say that it was.

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The 17-year-old Frank Manor, a farmer, and his 19-year-old son Ronald said they approached within 100 yards of the strange object sighted last night.

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Yeah, I think many of these people certainly aren't the types that make a report just for the sake of publicity.

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That way you truly did see something.

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State Police Colonel Frederick David's question by WJR Newsman Dave White.

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I'm sure as a large as that you've just completed an investigation on the scene of the fighting last night. What did you discover?

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We found nothing out there. There was no indication or evidence of where it's come down or where the Mr. Manor said it had come down or my officer stated it, the area where it's come down.

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Also the Gaggle counter picked up nothing.

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There was all flat grass, flat brush or anything that would indicate something in line with that?

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None whatsoever.

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How many theories as to what this might be?

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I wish I did. I wish I had some answers. I was a little doubtful at first sighting this was on the 17th, we sighted the first one, and then did.

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Then again on the 18th and then last night. But now we've got too many people, too many trained

officers have also seen this.

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So my doubt is gone. I know they've seen something. What it is I don't know.

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Do you intend to continue your investigation?

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Definitely. We find out exactly what it is.

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Sheriff, I understand that you just completed that investigation on the scene of the sighting last night. What did you discover?

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We found nothing out there. There was no indication or evidence of where it had come down or where the Mr. Manners said it had come down.

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The other day the Sheriff stated in the area where it had come down, also the Geiger counter picked up nothing.

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There was no flat grass, flat brush or anything, windpicks, nothing in line with that?

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None of what's there ever.

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Do you have any theories as to what this might be?

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State Police Colonel Frederick David's question by WJR Newsman Dave White.

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This has just come in from Ann Arbor. WJR's William Harris reporting from there has just interviewed the Washington County Sheriff, Douglas Harvey.

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Yes, I just had a pictures completed that investigation on the scene of the sighting last night.

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How did you discover it?

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We found nothing out there. There was no indication that the evidence of board had come down where the Mr. Manners said it had come down.

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My officer stated that the area when it had come down. Also the Geiger counter picked up nothing.

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There was no flat grass, flat brush or anything that would indicate something on the land.

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None of it fell over.

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Do you have any theories as to what this might be?

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I wish I did. I wish I had some answers. I was a little doubtful at first sighting.

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This was on the 17th we sighted the first one my man did. Then again on the 18th and then last night.

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But now we've got too many people, too many trained officers that have also seen this.

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So my doubt is gone. I know they've seen something. What it is I don't know.

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Do you intend to continue your investigation?

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Very definitely. We find out exactly what it is. I'm going to get some answers someplace.

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Are we going to Washington? It's fucking down.

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Are you working with us? Are you working with state police at Washington?

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Yes we are. Right now I'm waiting for a call from Washington but I have not received a visit yet.

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Washington R. County Sheriff Doug Harvey.

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W.W.J. Newsman George Kruitt went to Weston R. County to get the story.

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We're about 15 miles north of Ann Arbor at the Frank Manor Farm.

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And just behind me is the site where the alleged flying saucer landed last night.

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Mr. Manor described what he saw.

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That thing just lit right up and that's what we've seen inside of it.

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But we couldn't see the bottom. There was something there but we couldn't see what it was.

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You see the side of it. What the side of it looks like?

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That's what I'm saying. It looks like a quarter or a quarter rock or something inside of it.

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And if it was maybe it was spinning I don't know.

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I didn't get it you know.

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What did it do then when you got this close to it? Did it go?

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Well in the sun I said look at that. The whole building thing.

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The morning sun said that the lights went off and that was it.

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And the lights went off and off that knob and the boy came running pretty fast.

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He was moving across quick enough there. It would wait on the other man.

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And the lights weren't even there at that.

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That's in parallel with that tower. See that tower over there.

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It was right in line with that.

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So then I said I don't know what's going on. That was quicksand.

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And there was a little light down there. That was quicksand.

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That's how I don't know what was on the internet.

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So we came around back and in near 50's.

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And all of a sudden he watched us and there were up there on top there.

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They had you know I guess they were trying to hammer in.

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And they came down across there and right up on top of that knob.

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And apparently they wasn't seeing their lights when they got up on that knob or whatever it was.

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And then we were all stood there just like we are now.

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And it sounded just like somebody had took a high-pitched whistle and shot up a cane and it ripped the shade off.

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And it was like ehhehhh. That's all that worked for it. There was no more.

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Washington All County Sheriff Douglas J. Harvey said he thinks there's something to the reports.

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What it is I don't know. There's something to it.

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Why do you say that?

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Well there's been too many people in the spot of this thing.

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And I've always cried in the same way.

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And it's just a...

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I'm too illusive. I'd say yes, but you want to kill people.

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Well not as many people as I've seen it is.

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Now you better take your body with a dagger counter. What's that for?

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I've seen it pick up any type of radiation.

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See if there's any indication or any evidence at all that something might have come down in this area.

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With some type of radiation.

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Well that's the story. Believe it or not.

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George Prowitt, W.W.J. News.

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Hillsdale County Civil Defense Director William Van Horn says he watched an unidentified flying object hover over a marshy section near that city for more than three hours last night.

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He was called to the scene by 87 Hillsdale College co-eds who also watched from the dormitory.

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There were no sightings last night in Washington All County where a vehicle of some sort apparently landed Sunday night.

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A dormitory full of co-eds at Hillsdale College along with that county's Civil Defense Director saw what they described as an eerie object settled in a swamp last night.

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Hillsdale is some 50 miles southwest of Dexter where half a hundred persons including police officers reported seeing flying saucers Sunday night.

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The Hillsdale Civil Defense Director William Van Horn gave W.J.R. News this description of what he saw near Hillsdale College for several hours last night.

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Up here to be on the surface of the earth on the ground however I don't feel that it was because it moved very freely from left to right, right to left at various times which it would be impossible for any type of vehicle on wheels or on the ground to move.

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That moved because of the fogging us in the marshy portion there.

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But at the time that I first observed it we say that on the right was a quite dim orange colored light and to the left was quite a dim white light.

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And it was approximately 25 feet in between two lights.

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Hillsdale County Civil Defense Director William Van Horn, the Air Force says it is putting its flying saucer detective Dr. Alan Heineck of Northwestern University on the Hillsdale and the Dexter sightings.

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The usually skeptical U.S. Air Force has dispatched a top scientist from Northwestern University to look into the rash of UFO sightings in Washington, Oc.

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Dr. H. Alan Heineck, Chairman of the Deer Force and Observatory of Northwestern, is the Air Force's scientific consultant to the UFO study program.

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He's reportedly arrived and will be operating out of Selfridge Air Force Base near Mock-Levins.

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His arrival comes in the wake of still another sighting of an unidentified flying object last night.

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More than 80 co-eds and assistant dean and the County Civil Defense Director watched the UFO hover and blow in a swampy area near Hillsdale College.

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Civil Defense Director William Van Horn was alerted by the house mother of the dormitory after the girls there first spotted the object.

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He came and saw and told WJR's Dave quite about it.

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WJR's Dave was a little bit worried about the object being on the surface of the Earth on the ground. However, I don't feel that it was because it moved very freely from left to right, right to left at various times,

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which it would be impossible for any type of vehicle on wheels or on the ground to move that smoothly because of the boggy in the marshy portion there.

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But at the time that I first observed it, we say that on the right was a quite dim orange colored light and to the left was quite a dim white light.

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And it was a approximately 25 feet in between the two lights. Now I was observing this with binoculars at this distance after dark.

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It's pretty hard to estimate the distance there.

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But would at times rise from its position just over the surface and upon rising, the lights would become more brilliant.

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And at the time from our minutes of airport here, we had a beacon which was throwing a beam of light as a beacon does around the area.

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This is a vehicle seen to go up and as it would get up to a height of approximately 150 feet near the bottom portion of the beam of light, it became stationary and then would descend back down.

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In other words, it would appear to me as if it was attempting to stay out of this beam of light that was coming around.

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The description of the object generally coincides with that seen by more than 50 persons near Ann Arbor Sunday night.

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One of the first girls to spot the UFO last night, this was Miss Josephine Wilson, an 18 year old freshman from Cleveland.

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She said it gave off a yellow glow and seemed to quiver. She said she and the others watched it for several hours before it went away.

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As for her feelings about UFOs now, she said...

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On the local news front, an Air Force investigating team is looking into the rash of UFO reports that have taken place in southeastern Michigan.

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The team is headed by Dr. H. Allen Heineck of Northwestern University, who is the Air Force scientific advisor on Project Blue Book.

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That's the Air Force project to investigate UFO reports.

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WJR's Phil Jones contacted the military chief of that project at Bright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Major Hector Quintanella, and had some questions for the major about the investigation.

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Well, one of the things that prompted the investigation is general interest by the public and the press.

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And the other one is that we'd like to find out what the word, I mean, so many people saw it.

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You received word of any other organization, perhaps a radar unit with one of the Air Force bases or something, is also spawning these?

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Negative. We have contact with Florida Defense Secretary Spotted, nothing unusually unique.

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What was this investigation entail?

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People are talking to the team for collecting their impressions of what they observed and trying to determine what the stimulus was at Project Seeders Bay in that fashion.

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If the Air Force gets the same answers they've watched in awe and Hillsdale County Sheriff's Officers got, they're probably going to be a lot of people wondering if they're going to say the same thing the Sheriff's Officer said.

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But the stories jive so much somebody must have seen something.

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Flying saucers apparently took the night off. Authorities say less than a handful of telephone reports of unidentified flying objects in the Hillsdale area.

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But knots of hardy sky watchers who surrounded reported landing sites near Dexter and Hillsdale spent a dampened fruitless several hours.

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Today an Air Force investigating team will slog through the marshes and talk to some of the persons who claim to have seen UFOs in recent days.

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Northwestern University astrophysicist Dr. H. Allen Heineck, the top Air Force advisor on UFOs, is heading the team.

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A self-raised Air Force base spokesman will say only that the group will continue its search for more information today.

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Sunday night a dozen police officers and upwards of 40 civilians witnessed the apparent landing of a saucer-like object in a field near Dexter, some 16 miles northwest of Ann Arbor.

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Monday night Hillsdale County Civil Defense Director William Van Horn and 87 college co-eds watched one hover over a marshy area for at least three hours.

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An assistant dean of Hillsdale College also claims to have seen the object.

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UFOs Dr. H. Allen Heineck, IAPAS spokesman.

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That is a basic fact so far as the people in the relatively few that are still trying to see and write are basically large, bright light coming for sometimes as much as two hours.

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There are growing breakers getting there with the breakers, moving, rising a little bit and suddenly going in.

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But very little as to any shape of a tangible object is the concentration that's been on light.

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I want to tell you something about what you have found out so far.

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The people seem to be sincere and certainly the Air Force and Project Global regard all witnesses who report these things as sincere and honest.

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And in general we find that they are not finding any indication of a hoax.

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But I have no notion as yet as to what this is because in this situation it's likely part of a jigsaw to get together a little peace here and peace there.

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And of course the whole idea is to separate a fact from the interpretation of facts.

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Leverand, Genesee County reports five people stating that they have seen unidentified flying objects who have now crossed up in Clinton Genesee County.

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Early this morning around 2.30 an unidentified person reported strange lights.

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Out bringing a wooded area to the vicinity of Lafayeur and Dulce Road, Zinn and Berthenshawship.

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Genesee County Sheriff's deputies and State Police went to the scene.

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Two of the deputies said that after an initial investigation which revealed nothing, they sat on their cruiser for about 35 minutes.

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At the end of that time they saw a glow of light which lit up the wooded area for around 30 seconds or so and then disappeared.

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They then went into the woods where they had observed the light.

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But could find nothing there in the dense brush.

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The Air Force says it hopes to come up with an explanation within 24 hours for those unidentified objects.

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The investigation headquarters is at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base at St. An, Ohio.

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Project Officer Major Hector Quin Canella says the investigation of the Michigan sightings in his words is beginning to shape up.

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We hope to have a reasonable explanation sometime on Friday.

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My thing, Governor George Romney says he's as much in the dark about the objects as the average American resident.

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Romney says that the government has never filled him in on any possible research that might cut down on the reported sightings.

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CBS News has obtained what are described as photographs of an unidentified flying object taken near Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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Where there has been a rash of sightings of UFOs.

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Bill Platt has the pictures, time exposures and the story at Ann Arbor.

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Sergeant Newell Cahes-Spider was out on patrol in the early morning hours of March 17.

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He was riding with Deputy David Fitzpatrick.

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They were among the first to observe the flora which has been seen in the Ann Arbor area around this county several times.

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Sergeant Spider, can you tell us what you saw and how you happened to see it?

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Well, it was somewhat of an oval shape. It looked like a toy top, somewhat upside down.

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It was a blueish-yellow or a blueish-green color on top. The bottom was a bright red.

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As far as glowy or blinking lights, there was no blinking lights on this object at all.

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It was one solid light all the time between the two or three different colors.

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No flashing whatsoever of it.

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When Deputy Fitzpatrick and Sergeant Spider saw this flora, they made about four pictures of the Milox camera.

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These two pictures came out. They were enlarged by Detective Harold Kerr of the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

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These two pictures are from separate negatives. They both show two light streaks, one here and one

here, one here and one here.

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In the same relative position from which the picture was taken, these were printed from separate negatives.

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The resolution on this picture is a little bit better.

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Is that what you saw, Sergeant?

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Yes, it is.

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Are you relieved that there's something in the picture?

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Certainly, I have a lot of harassment for this.

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Could you tell us what we see? This dark part down here is what? A field?

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Yes, quite a field right in front of the fuel curve.

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And then these lights along here, this was the housing section of Milam Village.

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Street lights in the background and red lights.

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And then you can vaguely see the outline of a clump of trees all the way across the picture and a house at the far left side in both pictures.

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These pictures were both taken from the same angle.

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Detective Kerr, the photo expert who made these enlargements from the Milox negatives, tells us that these two markings cannot be flaws in the negative.

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He says there were no scratches on the emotion side of the field.

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In addition to that, these prints were made from separate negatives and they show these light streaks in the same place in each picture.

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Sheriff, what do you think about this now that you're seeing these pictures?

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I don't know what to think about it. I was quite skeptical on this until I seen these pictures and there definitely is something there.

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Some type of an object.

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The Air Force has promised a reasonable and logical explanation today of the recent crash of unidentified flying objects sighted in the skies and on the ground of southern Michigan.

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Major Hector Quintanella of Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton says the official investigation in his words is beginning to shape up.

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Last night, Washington, our sheriff's deputies released two time exposure photographs showing blobs of light that appear to be flying saucers.

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The objects taken by Deputy David Fitzpatrick the night of March 16th indicate the objects were hovering over Milan. The Air Force is looking at the pictures.

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During the night and morning there were still more sightings in southern Michigan.

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Oakland County deputies Fred Olson and John Davis answering a flurry of telephone reports northwest of Pontiac said they saw an object with red, white and orange lights hovering then moving high in the skies.

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State police troopers Harry Hayes and Richard Morgan on a similar mission near Pinkney saw an unidentifiable object that appeared to hover somewhere between Ann Arbor and Jackson.

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Scores of students at Eastern Michigan University watched a pair of lights whirl and dive for several minutes high over the Ypsalanti campus.

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City police there said they heard but were not asked to confirm the report.

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The Air Force has called 1 p.m. Detroit News Conference for Professor Jay Allen Heineck to explain the recent crash of unidentified flying objects reported over southern Michigan.

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There were more reports last night and early today.

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An Air Force investigator has called a news conference on flying saucers in Detroit today 1 p.m.

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A conference was called by Dr. Jay Allen Heineck one day after the Air Force said it would have an explanation of the sightings within 24 hours.

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There are no other details.

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Unidentified flying objects of course have been reported in volume over southern lower Michigan the past week or two.

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Dr. Heineck is a Northwestern University astrophysicist who has studied and investigated UFOs for the past 15 years.

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He has been in people here in Ann Arbor and in the Hillsdale area since Monday.

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Two Oakland County Sheriff's Dept. is reported seeing another identified flying object northwest of Pawdiak last night.

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Dept. is Fred Olson and John Davis reported seeing the object that they said was not an airplane for several minutes.

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They were in radio contact with dispatcher Jack Lawrence.

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Lawrence said he contacted Salverge Air Force Base at Mount Clemens and quoted officials there as saying they had the object on radar but couldn't identify it.

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He's been unable to get confirmation from Salverge Air Force Base on that report.

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Meanwhile, Washington, Ocari Sheriff's Deputy David Fitzpatrick who spotted objects near Milan a week ago last Wednesday had taken pictures of the object with a sub-miniature Minox camera.

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The films have been developed into photographs to show two distinct streaks of light high above the street lights of Carpenter Road.

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No detailed objects are visible in the pictures.

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Well, in one way we might say we've found out whose saucers those are.

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They're texture saucers.

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We ran a story this morning announcing the Air Force would hold that news conference at 1 p.m. to give their explanations.

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The phone rang immediately and the receptionist here at WPAT was informed he supplies that newsman up.

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Confidentially, we've had a bad time with our farm department here too. They persist in calling them Milan saucers.

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Repeating our first story, Dr. H. Allen Heineck says the UFOs were marsh gas.

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Nothing more. Many disagrees.

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CBS News correspondent Steve Rowan reports from Washington.

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The unidentified flying objects seen in Michigan have been identified.

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The Air Force, as pictures shown last night on the CBS Evening News, reveal a couple of the objects clearly.

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They are the Moon and Venus.

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The explanation is that the pictures were time exposures and thus showed streaks of light.

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In the more humorous sightings at Dexter and Hillsdale, Michigan, the Air Force says it's significant that the strange glowing lights were seen in swampy areas.

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These red, green and yellow lights, which seemed to move about, disappear, reappear in other locations and rise into the sky, likely were just marsh gases, released from the swamp by the spring thaw.

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The night was clear, there was no wind, and the girls at Hillsdale College had the lights out in their rooms, enabling them to see the gases as they ignited spontaneously.

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And besides that, says the Air Force, it appears that certain young men in the Hillsdale area have been playing pranks with flares.

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Steve Rowan, CBS News, the Pentagon.

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A flying saucer expert hired by the Air Force today dismissed reports of weird flying objects sighted throughout southern Michigan this past week.

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Dr. J. Allen Heineck told the news conference in Detroit this afternoon.

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No group of witnesses observed any craft coming to or going away from the swamps.

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The girls at Hillsdale described the identical things. This could have been due to the release of variable quantities of marsh gas.

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Dr. Heineck of Northwestern University, who had spent three days investigating reports of witnesses that strange glowing objects hovered in a swamp near Ann Arbor Sunday night and in a swampy hollow behind the Hillsdale College dormitory.

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Heineck noted his swamp gas theory was only a theory and applied to only the Hillsdale and Ann Arbor sightings.

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Nevertheless, a prominent congressman from Michigan thinks there should be a further investigation of the strange UFO reports.

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House Minority Leader Gerald Ford said this today.

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The Congress should investigate the rash of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in southern Michigan and other parts of the country.

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A congressional inquiry would be most worthwhile because the American people are becoming most interested and in many instances very alarmed by the UFO stories.

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I firmly believe the American people would feel much better if there was a full blown investigation of these alleged incidents.

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Congressman Gerald Ford, thanks, Dr. H. Allen Heineck, sometimes said that the gas caused the UFO reports.

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There sometimes called the will of the wisp, not mysterious visitors from outer space.

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He said they triggered this week's rash of reports of unidentified flying objects in Hillsdale and

Dexter.

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Scores of persons in Michigan and elsewhere from Maine to the Rockies have reported that seeing strange colored things in the sky this week,

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Heineck disclosed his marsh gas theory at a news conference in Detroit this afternoon.

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He's a Northwestern University astrophysicist and an Air Force consultant on unidentified flying objects.

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He said in the news conference, a dismal swamp is a most unlikely place for a visit from outer space.

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He said his swamp gas theory applies to the sightings near Ann Arbor and Hillsdale only since they're the only ones that he's investigated.

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He had nothing to say about scores of other reports of UFOs which continue to flow in from around Michigan and the nation.

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Heineck said, rot vegetation produces swamp gas which in his words can be trapped by ice and winter conditions and then be suddenly released in some quantity when the ground thaws.

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He said the flame is a form of chemical luminescence and as low temperature as one of its peculiar features.

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He said swamp gases sometimes make popping noises when they're set off.

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And that he said would explain the sounds heard by witnesses who thought that they'd seen something from outer space this week.

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Heineck said in conclusion, I emphasize that I cannot prove in a court of law that this is the full explanation of these sightings.

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It appears very likely however, the combination of conditions of this particular winter and unusually mild one in this area.

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The peculiar weather conditions that night were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display.

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Sightings of unidentified flying objects in Michigan earlier this week have been followed by reports of similar sightings in other places.

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But don't be alarmed. There's no indication that little men are going to come trooping into your living rooms tonight or any time this year perhaps.

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The Air Force investigator who has looked into the Michigan episodes believes they were illusions created by marsh gas.

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The so-called glowing objects were seen in swampy areas.

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Of course the report of the investigator, the highly qualified Dr. J. Allen Heineck, will not convince anyone who numbers himself among the true believers.

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Those who are firmly convinced there are such things as flying saucers no matter what evidence there is to the contrary.

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It's not difficult to sympathize with such beliefs.

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The notion of men coming from other planets to inspect our own is both exciting and intriguing.

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It's been the theme of science fiction stories in our own day and a subject for ancient legends too.

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One such legend told about the biblical character Heineck says he saw two very tall men in a dream that they took him on a tour of seven different heavens.

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There he saw strange creatures and learned the secrets of the stars and the planets.

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And recent scientific discoveries have turned the attention of experts to renewed speculation about the possibility of intelligent life in outer space.

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Project Osma, named for the princes from the imaginary land of Oz, was conceived by an astronomer at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in West Virginia.

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It has made use of a radio telescope to listen in on the heavens trying to determine whether anyone out there is trying to get in touch with us.

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Up to now no such messages have been received.

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But scientists nowadays say it's highly probable there is life in outer space.

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One of the more well-known and conservative points out that space extending to infinity contains more objects than there are grains of sand on all the beaches of the world.

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Scientists also say that an improbable single event may become highly probable if the number of events is very great.

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Following this reasoning, it's highly probable there is another world like ours.

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The imaginary notion about space travel holds that vehicles now hovering over the earth are actually earth men returning home after a round trip into space that they departed aions ago during another civilization.

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It's said they're confused. Their former cities are now cool fields.

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The space-time relationship expressed in the theory of relativity gives this a surface possibility.

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A 60-year round trip to outer space would bring the travelers home some 5 million years after their departure.

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The space vehicle would have traveled 2.5 million light years into space, but the occupants would be only 60 years older.

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But scientists point out such a journey would require a combination of matter and antimatter as the most efficient fuel,

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and hundreds of thousands of tons of this fuel would be needed for the voyage.

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This has been mentioned on the CBS Radio Network, and this is CBS News correspondent Walter Cronkirk.

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Rare vegetation in swamps which produce swamp gas producing a form of chemical luminescence.

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That's the explanation of Northwestern University astrophysicist J. Allen Heineck after investigating two of the scores of reports of unidentified flying objects in southeastern Michigan in recent weeks.

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So as one wag put it, it's more marsh than Martian.

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Dr. Heineck stressed at the outset of his news conference that his explanation refers only to two events,

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one near the farm of Frank Manor near Dexter on March 20th and the one at Hillsdale March 21st.

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Dr. Heineck said a number of similarities exist in the two events, both reporting lights glowing yellow, green and red in color.

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In both cases a swamp, and he said,

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He did not say if he was jesting or not.

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Regarding the Hillsdale event, I put this question to the doctor.

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One of the girls in the dormitory said the object or whatever she saw did gradually go into the horizon, not into the sky.

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You must remember here that I had a lot of individual reports that were conflicting,

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and I used only that information which could be corroborated by several witnesses at once.

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As for those photos taken by Washington County Sheriff's Deputy David Fitzpatrick and released to the press today,

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Dr. Heineck says they are without question the rising moon and the planet Venus time exposures.

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Dr. Heineck said he cannot prove in a court of law that what those people saw was marsh gas, but that's his considered judgment.

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Last night there were other UFO reports, scores of Eastern Michigan University students said they observed two lights,

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whirl and dive, high over the campus at Ypsilanti, and two Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies said they saw an object with red, white and orange lights

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hovering northwest of Pontiac.

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Similar sighting was made by two state police troopers between Ann Arbor and Jackson.

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Further to the west, truck driver Ralph Cotte says he saw a UFO while he was driving between Cassopolis and Niles.

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Cotte from Akron, Ohio said it happened about three o'clock this morning, said the object, the lights, followed his truck for about a half hour.

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I could flash the lights on the cab of the truck and it flashed its lights back, blinking them off and on.

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Did you detect any kind of a code or did you think it was trying to communicate with you or what?

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No, at that time I was just trying to more or less get it to come closer so I could get a better look at it really.

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Did it come closer? No. It stayed about the same distance all the time.

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Same distance and then when I got to Niles where M-16 and Route 12 come together, I pulled over the side of the road and stopped the truck and got out

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and it's remaining at about the same altitude right over the top of the truck.

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You mean it just kind of hovered and midair there for about, well, maybe one or two minutes.

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He also said it made no noise.

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Cotte said he reported the incident to Bury and County Sheriff's deputies who came upon his truck shortly after he stopped it.

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I asked Cotte about the marsh gas idea.

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Have you ever seen a manifestation of swamp gas where there are apparently lights generated by it?

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I have. I've done quite a bit of hunting and down in Florida in the little lands or in the marsh lands.