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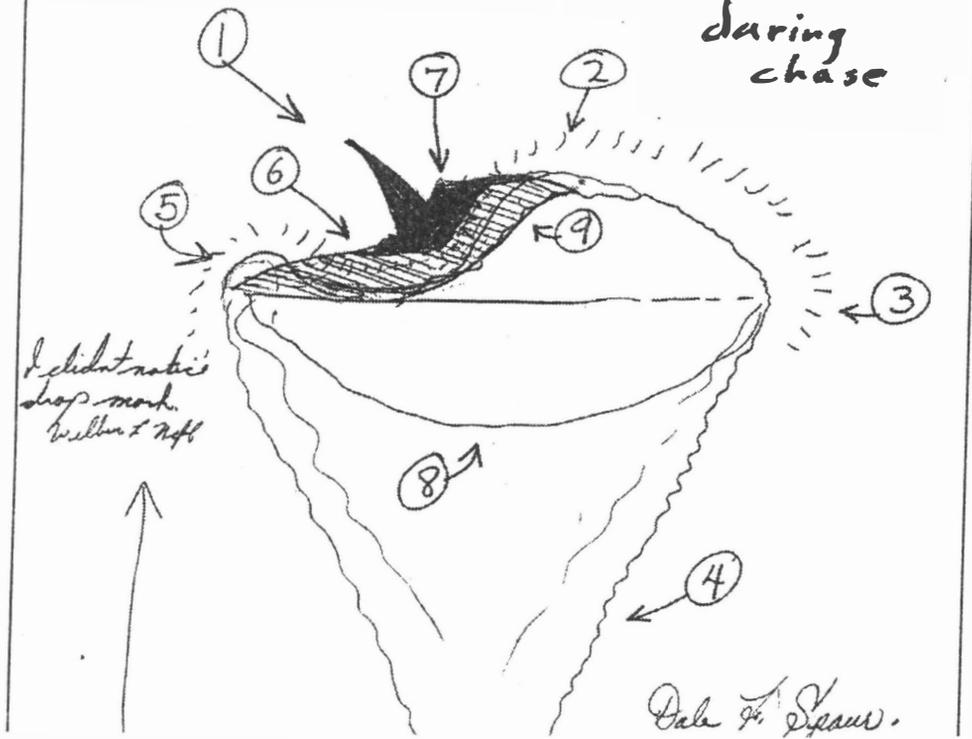
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April 23, 1966
Dale Spaur
Sketch of U.F.O.
during
chase



Dale Spaur's sketch of the April 17, 1966
Police "chase"
(see page 7)

ANGEL HAIR FALL

(UFO Magazine November 1962)

Salt Lake City, Utah - Globes of white, sticky angel hair fell from the sky Thursday, October 18, 1962 and settled in balls and sheets over much of the Utah Power & Light Company Gadsby Plant. Some pieces were 60 and 70 feet long, and gave the appearance of a tattered parachute. Stretched far enough, it would disappear into nothingness. Some 50 employees first saw the white material high in the sky at about 2:00 p.m. The material came from the north and fell in the sky for 15 or 20 minutes, apparently mostly in the area of the Gadsby Plant. Dr. Wynn of the State Health Department, informed of the phenomena on the 19th, said he had no guess as to what the substance might be.

"MINI-FLAP" IN NEWARK, OHIO

(UFO Magazine December 1962)

October 17, 1962 - Paula Hopkins of 28 Poplar Ave. and Louise Annario, 19 Poplar Ave., saw an object that was slanted and had a dome on it. It was seen in the south end of Newark and was going from N.W. to S.E. The sky was clear and the UFO was visible for about ten minutes. The object's color was silver with apparent brightness. The time was about 4:30 p.m. They viewed the object with no optical aids. The object seemed to reflect sunlight. It was about as big as a quarter at arm's length. There were NO aircraft in the area at the time.

October 17, 1962 - Dave Rizzo, a member of a local UFO group reported an object seen early that evening. The thing was white and round in shape with no blinking lights or sound. It was visible for about a minute. The object faded from sight going from west to east.

October 17, 1962 - A bright object was seen about 8:15 p.m. north of Newark. The object was flying along at tree-top level. It was going from north to west. The sky was clear with the object visible from 30 to 40 seconds. The color was orange and looked like a line or beam of light came from behind it. The object disappeared behind some trees. The name was withheld on request.

October 19, 1962 - A bright silver object was seen going from east to west. The object seemed to be round with no visible trail or sound. It stopped two times in the sky before it finally disappeared. It was seen at approx. 3:15 p.m. with weather conditions good. Visible for about a minute, no planes in the area. Names withheld on request.

October 24, 1962 - a ball-like object was seen northwest of Newark. It was red in color with three rays of light coming from the bottom of the object. The rays were dark red in color. It was visible from two - six seconds before it disappeared like a light bulb being turned off. It seemed to be solid with no protuberances. The UFO looked like it was coming toward the ground.

AUSTRALIAN FARMER SPOTS THE "REAL THING"

(UFO Magazine April 1963)

Melbourne, Australia - Feb. 15th, 1963 - On Friday the 15th an Australian dairy farmer reported seeing a "flying saucer or something." The UFO sent a horse and his herd of cows into panic. The farmer, Mr. Charlie Brew, said the object was about 25 feet wide and looked like a thick disk. It was battleship grey in color and appeared to have a band of glass or plastic around the circumference, and a number of protrusions which looked like scoops. The incident occurred at about 7:00 a.m. Mr. Brew and his son were milking their cows. When Brew glanced outside at the sky he was astonished to see an object coming down at a slow rate of speed to a height of 75 to 100 feet. "I thought it was going to land," he stated, "but it suddenly shot off in a westerly direction...and disappeared into a cloud."

Although Mr. Brew's son did not see the object, he heard the pulsating, whooshing sound the object made as it revolved over them. The whole thing lasted only a matter of seconds, but it was long enough to send Mr. Brew's cows and horse into a panic. After the incident Brew admitted that he had often laughed at people who said they saw such things, but he says this was the "real thing."

BOMB OR SAUCER IN ENGLAND?

(*UFO Magazine Summer 1963*)

Charlton, Wiltshire, England, July 25, 1963 - Farmer Roy Blanchard has an eight-foot crater in his field that is a mystery. It appeared about ten days ago. Some say it was made by a saucer, some say it was a bomb from the war that exploded from age. There is definitely something metallic underneath the ground in the crater. Evidently Air Minister Julian Amery thinks it is possible a saucer landed. Farmer Blanchard said, "As far as I'm concerned something strange landed in those fields. And when it took off again, some of my potatoes and barley went with it."

UFO ANSWERS "SIGNAL" IN CALIFORNIA

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Four Pescadero residents saw and signaled a UFO November 2, 1964 over this small California town. But when it responded and moved toward them, they panicked and fled! This story was told to sheriff's deputies by a Rudolph Huizen, 30, a caretaker at the Butano Girl Scout Camp.

He said at about 8:15 p.m. he heard a dog barking. A friend, Duane Meyers, a local nurseryman and he went outside to investigate. In the northeast they saw a very bright light about the size of a half-dollar moving erratically. "It was way up in the sky," said Huizen. "Just for kicks I flashed my flashlight. And that son-of-a-gun came down!" There was no sound noted, just a bright light.

"It came down and settled over the trees about a half-a-mile away and moved back and forth. When I flashed my flashlight at it again it lit up the sky like a full moon. It was about as big as a football."

Huizen and Myers ran into the house, fetched their wives and the four watched the object for a while, and signaled once more. Then it moved towards them. They fled into the house. "If you were standing in my shoes, you would have run too," said Huizen.

"Then it took off," said Huizen. "No jet or any plane could go that fast." The couples said the object dimmed before it took off.

1965 NEW JERSEY LANDING?

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Mrs. Carol Tischuk of the South Jersey town of Hampton Lake, refuses to speculate on what might have caused a circular imprint in the sandy clearing of a woods near her home. The circumference of the circle is marked by a blackened, solid rim of fused sand.

The circle is depressed about five inches. It is 18 feet in diameter. It is "perfectly round" and has a deposit of odd, "crusty" material in the middle. There is also an inner circle of what also looks like burned, fused sand, about four feet inside the outer circle.

Mrs. Tischuk was interested but thought nothing of the strange circle until, one night, a friend told her a story which had happened to her recently (reports are not clear as to the date of the incident, it appears to have taken place during mid-June). Her friend, Mrs. Lorraine Moore, of Vincentown, was driving home one morning about three o'clock. She was cruising down Red Lion Road when, suddenly an object rushed down.

She described the object as "an oversized platter." It appeared above her car, slightly to the front and traveling at the same speed as the car. After trying to speed up her car to get away from it, she found that the object was still in the same position. She said that if she was

on the roof of her car she could have reached up and touched the strange visitor. She said there was a "cockpit" in the center. The object also had something resembling antennae and something like windows on the side. The saucer also had a red light on it.

After a wild chase down the highway Mrs. Moore pulled into her drive to try to get to a safer place should the object become hostile. She ran into the house to get her husband to look at the object, still over her car at tree-top level. But when her husband got outside the object was gone.

After Mrs. Tischuk heard this she called in State Policeman Frank J. Caldwell. After the policeman looked at the circle he said that the case is authentic, it is not a hoax. He said he thought the circle was made by "something else."

1966 SAUCER FLAP HITS MIDWEST

(UFO Magazine Spring 1966)

The following is a brief summary of the most important saucer reports to be found in the recent Midwestern flap. While there have been many sensational statements made by the Air Force, the press, and saucer investigators themselves, we will try to take a middle-road approach in this report.

March 20, 1966 - At least forty persons - twelve of them policemen - reported seeing an unidentified flying object over Ann Arbor, Michigan. Two sheriff's deputies said they saw eerie blinking lights - apparently on a flying object - rise above the trees, then dip again. Another policeman said he saw a formation of four or five saucers pass over his car. Six patrol cars chased the formation until it vanished. One of the machines got to "within ten feet" of a patrol car, said Patroman Robert Huniwell.

Farmer Frank Mannor got to within 500 yards of a football-shaped saucer with a waffled skin and red lights. Mannor, who with his son observed the strange machine in a nearby swamp area, said the saucer took off with a sound like a ricocheting bullet. Doctor J. Allen Hynek and the Air Force later tried to explain this and later reports away as glowing "swamp gas."

March 21, 1966 - A county Civil Defense director and eighty-seven coeds said they watched a hovering saucer settle in a hollow (not swamp as reported widely!) near Hillsdale College, Michigan. William Van Horn, who has been County Civil Defense director for ten years, said he watched the object through binoculars for three hours. He said it looked round and oblong.

Miss Sara Robeck, a Hillsdale student, said that it appeared "as big as a house with a lot of lights around it." She reported that after the floodlights went out yellowish light appeared on the craft. Then a red light glowed in the center.

March 25, 1966 - Everett Will, who lives near Upper Sandusky, Ohio told authorities he saw an object that looked like a top or Christmas tree upside down. Sheriff's deputies who examined the scene found nothing.

In Lucas County, Ohio near Toledo, Deputies Robert Schultz and Stanley Nalepa reported seeing a huge object that had glowing red lights and a halo at tree-top level. The saucer disappeared when they moved closer.

March 28, 1966 - An airport control tower operator at Columbus, Georgia reported seeing a glowing, oblong object maneuvering high in the sky. The object was also tracked on radar in Columbus and in distant

Atlanta. Doyle Palmer, who works at the Muscogee County Airport, said he observed the greenish-white cigar-shaped machine and tracked it on radar for over an hour. Six Columbus policemen also observed the strange machine.

Four police officers and a high school science teacher sighted a glowing green or white saucer over Green Bay, Wisconsin.

April 1, 1966 - Two Berea, Ohio policemen said they saw "an orange glow as big as a house" floating above some trees early in the morning. "It must have been one of those unidentified flying objects seen in Michigan," said Patrolman Clarence T. Janowick when informed there was no moon out at the time. Patrolman Janowick and Patroman John R. Galik, Jr. said they saw the object on the morning of the 29th also. It was noted over Baldwin Lake in the south section of Berea at that time, and was visible for about forty-five seconds. On the first it was sighted six blocks from the lake over the Ohio Turnpike administration building.

Ted Scott, a newsman at radio station WBEX in Chillicothe, Ohio said he saw two objects in the western sky and one in the east during the evening. All were described as red, green and blue pulsating lights.

At Springfield, Ohio a farmer said that he has no idea what caused a burned spot in his five-inch-tall wheat field. Charles Schneider, 76, said the burned spot in the wheat is about twelve feet long, about two feet wide at the end and wider at the other.

The patch of wheat is dark brown in that area, he said, and the wheat around it is healthy and green. The earth seems to be exceptionally dry and crumbly in the burned area. Schneider said neighbors had suggested it might have been caused by a UFO. He said a neighbor, Dorothy Newsome, was driving along the road near the spot and saw a large, strange light momentarily, but could not identify it.

April 17, 1966 - Shortly after five a.m. Deputies Dale F. Spaur and W.L. Neff, of the Portage County, Ohio Sheriff's office, were driving their regular patrol south of Ravenna. They noticed an abandoned car parked along the south side of the road, and went over to investigate. Deputy Spaur got out of the car and proceeded to approach the vehicle so he could check it out for police records. Suddenly he saw a blinding light come over the highway from the embankment on the south side of the road over a stand of trees.

Deputy Spaur was momentarily blinded by the object after looking directly at it. The saucer flooded the area with a bright white light. After questioning Deputy Spaur sixteen hours after the encounter, he told your editor that the saucer he and Deputy Neff sighted must have been huge if it hovered closely over the highway. Your editor would estimate the object to have been from fifty to sixty feet in diameter from Spaur's description. Spaur said he and Neff heard a definite hum coming from the machine.

After running back to the car, he and Deputy Neff started to chase the object from approximately 5:07 a.m. to somewhere close to 7:00 a.m., to a point near Freedom, Pennsylvania. The object definitely was disk-shaped with a dome on top. It had two spotlights that at one time flooded the area surrounding a crane around the bend from where the saucer was encountered near the abandoned car. The two lights converged from the machine to strike the ground, Spaur said.

Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua, Ohio said he took a picture of an object during the time of the chase. The photo shows a half-disk at a great distance from the camera. The photo was only shown once on

Cleveland television, and apparently was confiscated by Wright Patterson. Your editor has a photograph taken directly from the television screen showing the saucer Chief Buchert caught on film. The Air Force later said the object the two deputies chased was Venus! A neat trick, as Venus was not visible in the northeast where the domed saucer was observed during the 100 m.p.h. chase!

THE GREEN FIREBALLS - by Allan J. Manak (UFO Magazine Spring 1966)

Unidentified flying objects have been viewed in a multitude of forms. These include disks, cylinders, globes, and a wide variety of other geometrical shapes. They have been reported as being solid, both reflecting and giving off light. One phenomenon that I believe are connected with UFOs are the reports of Green Fireballs; globes of green fire, of a brightness more intense than the full moon. These "fireballs" may, in fact, represent a "key" to the solution of the UFO enigma.

The Green Fireballs have baffled astronomers and other scientists ever since they were first discovered in this country during the fall of 1948. Their color has been singularly impressive to many people. When witnesses were asked to point out the approximate color on a spectrum chart, most of them indicated a band of 5200 angstroms (a unit of measure of the wavelenghts of light radiations). Naturally, as if one need to ask, this color was green, which resembles that of burning copper.

This factor is of particular importance. Copper is rarely found in meteorites, which are frequently called upon as explanations for the Green Fireballs. This is because the friction of the air oxidizes it shortly after a meteor enters the upper atmosphere. This effectively rules out the "fireballs" as being a purely natural phenomenon. It might also be noted that concentrations of copper particles are now present in the air over Arizona and New Mexico, the "fireball" areas. Prior to 1948, these areas contained little or no copper particles in their atmosphere.

Let's explore further the differences between meteorites and Green Fireballs:

Meteors, when entering the atmosphere, are usually reported as a glowing white, with tints of orange or red. They are most frequently seen in the months of October and November. Their speed has been reliably estimated at around twelve miles per second. Meteors that penetrate our atmospheric blanket always have curved trajectories, due to the pull of gravity. Green Fireballs always travel in straight lines. Meteors produce a loud, shattering noise when they explode. Green Fireballs, are silent. Meteors break into fragments upon exploding. Green Fireballs do not.

According to Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, mathematician, astronomer, and Director of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, "Normal fireballs do not appear green, neither do they appear to be electrostatic phenomena. They move too regularly, and too fast."

Now that I've brought up the subject of electrostatic phenomena, we ought to compare a form of these with the Green Fireballs. Such a form we might term "Lightning-Type Fireballs."

"Lightning-Type Fireballs" have been measured from a fraction of an inch, to five feet in diameter, but the average size is around four to eight inches in diameter. They glow eerily, often red, but occasionally blue-green, gold or white. Some pulsate, but most have a bluish halo encircling them. Sometimes there are noises associated with their appearance, like a hissing or humming. The "lightning ball" can appear

for as short as a fraction of a second to as long as fifteen minutes. When they leave an area, they sometimes fade out gradually, or simply disappear. Some "pop," and some leave with an explosion, often shooting streamers or flames in all directions, leaving an evil smelling blue mist. But, more importantly, these "fireballs" occur only during a thunderstorm, usually toward the tail end, most often following a normal lightning bolt. Hardly an explanation for the Green Fireballs.

Since 1948, Green Fireballs have literally bathed the Southwest. But not until 1951 were they seen over the rest of the United States. Prior to 1948, scattered reports of Green Fireballs came from areas surrounding Sweden.

Hundreds of pilots, meteorologists, atomic scientists and other trained observers have sighted them. Reports came so thick and fast in 1948 that, less than a year later, the Air Force established an agency to investigate them, known as "Project Twinkle." The project was first set up at Vaughn, New Mexico, to obtain scientific data on the "fireballs." After three months, it was transferred to Holloman Air Base, at Alamogordo, New Mexico.

At Holloman, during the next three months, there were only a few sightings. And the great speed of the Green Fireballs prevented the Air Force from arriving at any satisfactory explanation, if one was possible. Search parties even explored the areas directly beneath the point where the "fireballs" disappeared, but found nothing. "Project Twinkle," faltered, and soon failed completely.

In the fall of 1951, during a period of some thirteen days, eight especially brilliant Green Fireballs were seen in five southwestern states. Dr. LaPaz, reporting in the November 19, 1951 issue of *Time*, said "A fall of nine bright meteorites in a year over a comparable area would be considered exceptional."

One of the best Green Fireball sightings occurred on November 2nd, of that year. It attracted over 165 reports, and was seen from Vista, California, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, a distance of some one thousand miles. Witnesses included pilots, scientists at Los Alamos, CAA towermen, the Army, the Air Force and even the unsuspecting civilian. It appeared as if the "fireballs" were aiming toward the bomb test sites at White Sands Proving Grounds.

Said H.B. Darrach, Jr. and Robert Genna, in the April 7, 1952 issue of *Life*, "They are not distortions of the atmosphere resulting from atomic activity. Nor are they aberrations of the Northern Lights. Magnetic disturbances cannot account for them." They were clearly baffled....

In 1952, observations of Green Fireballs equaled or surpassed those of 1948. Then they tapered off considerably. Only a few observations were reported during the next four years. Then, to everyone's amazement, they were back again in full force during the great flying saucer flap of 1957. Just as things started to get interesting, the "fireballs" fell to their lowest ebb in the course of the next five years.

In 1963, reports increased in frequency once again. They came from all over the Western Hemisphere, but this time it was almost predictable. I say almost, because it is not until after ufologists record or designate a flap year, that the phenomenon of the Green Fireballs is also seen on the upsurge.

Thus, it can be shown that so-called UFO flaps coincide with great increases in the incidence of Green Fireballs, and it would seem that

both are actually related.

Will this lead us to the long-sought answer, or will the mystery deepen?

THE GREAT TRIANGLE OF ENGLAND - by J. Goddard (UFO Magazine Summer 1966)

In 1961 Tony Weed, an English ufologist who lives in Chiddingstone, Kent, brought out a small booklet entitled *Skyways and Landmarks*. This dealt with a surmised connection between leys, ancient monument alignments discovered in 1922 by Alfred Watkins (an amateur Herefordshire archaeologist) and orthoteny, Aime Michel's discovery of the straight-line pattern which formed when UFO sightings during the 1954 French flap were taken on a 24-hour basis.

Chiddingstone is a fairly important ley centre (the prehistoric monuments consist of burial mounds, standing stones, hilltop clumps of trees, etc.), as more than three leys cross there. The Weed booklet contained some interesting sightings. At Chiddingstone itself a "daystar" was observed motionless in the sky on 28 March 1959. At Mark Beech, a ley centre not far from Chiddingstone, a pulsating light moving north-west was seen. On the same ley, at Shoreham, a white light moving eastwards very fast was observed. At Keston Mark, a ley centre with a ley running to Chiddingstone, another pulsating light was seen moving east to west. This was on 26 August 1960 (the two previous sightings were seen on 23 August and 5 January 1961 respectively). On yet another ley leading into this little Kent village, a cigar-shaped object was seen moving westwards at great speed on 4 May 1959. This was seen at the town of Little Hawkwell.

But, while these sightings are very interesting and indeed seem to suggest a connection between leys and orthoteny, they do not provide conclusive proof of the connection because Aime Michel stipulates that, for an orthoteny to be claimed to exist, all the sightings must occur in a single twenty-four hours, from midnight to midnight.

Since *Skyways and Landmarks* was published, an organization called "The Ley Hunter's Club" was set up under the chairmanship of Philip Heselton, a ufologist who lives at Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, England. The objects of this group were to form a national index of all the leys in England and to do research into the leys, especially in their connection with UFOs. Much work was done in trying to find conclusive proof of the connection, but the trouble was that all the leys discovered were in England, while all the orthoteny's were in France and America.

Then in 1964 the research of the "Ley Hunter's Club" bore fruit. A huge isosceles triangle covering many square miles of English countryside was discovered, a triangle of leys seeming to connect accurately with the only one of Michel's orthoteny's to cross the English coast, the Calais-Southend orthoteny.

The apex of the Triangle is the great Ley centre of Arbor Low, Derbyshire, which is reputed to have fifty leys passing through it. From this, two lines, each 152 miles long, run to a centre near Glastonbury and to the town of West Mersea. The mid-point of the line running from West Mersea to the centre near Glastonbury is the important Reading ley centre. The perpendicular to the mid-point of this line, which obviously will pass through Arbor Low, is 125 miles long and, where it crossed the Calais-Southend orthoteny (which incidently is parallel to the eastern side of the Triangle) is the spot where the famous Overseal Sighting took place.

The Overseal Sighting occurred September 13, 1962 and was reported

in *The Times* on September 15th as well as the November-December, 1962 issue of *Flying Saucer Review*. Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Jones were driving along a road near Overseal, Derbyshire, when at 11:20 p.m. Mrs. Jones saw a light over the car. She looked up and there was a grey, luminous object bigger than the car just above the top of the telegraph poles. It was curved underneath, and the top was domed like a child's humming top. There were some dark spots around the rim of the base, and the whole thing seemed to be tilted slightly and slowly revolving. Mrs. Jones was very frightened and she thought the object was going to land on the top of the car, but after a few moments it made "a swishing sound like a rocket" and disappeared. Mr. Jones, however, was looking ahead at the road and did not see the object. Even so, this sighting was easily one of the most important for 1962.

Another point to mention about the Calais-Southend orthoteny is that it passes through Canterbury Cathedral, which has a major ley leading to Stonehenge, the famous stone temple on Salisbury Plain.

As well as the base-line of the Triangle, there is another important ley passing through the Reading centre. This is the Bristol-London line which also passes through Avebury, a famous site of standing stones similar to Stonehenge, but without the horizontal stones. The Bristol-London line has an enormous number of sightings within a mile or so each side of it, and seems to be a major route, crossing Swansea Bay, Bristol, Keynsham, Reading, London Airport, South London, and the Thames Estuary. In practically every issue of the *Flying Saucer Review* one will find several sightings on this line.

If we take a line from West Mersea at ninety degrees to the west side of the Triangle, we find that the line passes through Chiddingstone, the little Kent villiage mentioned earlier.

The implications of this discovery are staggering. The huge network of ancient sites with its fantastically accurate lengths and angles would be far beyond the capabilities or indeed the imaginations of our prehistoric ancestors. It would require an extremely advanced technology, far in advance of ours at the present time. Even yet we do not know the real reason the UFOs use these leys as routes (Is it to navagate by? To pick up power from? Or for some completely different purpose which is perhaps beyond our imagination?). What do we know, however, is that archaeologists will have to do some drastic re-thinking as to the nature of the sites they are studying.

OHIO "LANDING SITE" INVESTIGATED - by E. Biebel (*UFO Magazine* Fall 1967)

On the night of July 21, 1967 at the Midwestern UFO Conference in Cleveland, R.S. Easley of Defiance, Ohio related an account of a story told to Neal Deerling and himself by John A. Keel at the 1967 Congress in New York. Present when Bob retold the story were Allan Manak, Tom Nealings and myself.

John Keel, Bob related, had said that there was a UFO landing site in the Wayne National Forest. The UFOs, according to Keel, were landing there - not for a few minutes - but for several hours. Anyone investigating was supposed to stash his compass and any weapons upon sighting the object. A person was not to wear rubber soled shoes. According to either Keel or Bob Easley, the area is supposedly full of snakes.

It was decided by Tom Nealings and myself that because we had already planned a camping trip with another friend for the weekend of August 4-6 we would go to Wayne National Forest and check out Keel's

tale. Subsequently we found that Keel had flown over Wayne, but for some reason he did not want to go there on foot.

Bob also informed us that Neal Deerling and himself had planned to go to Wayne in early July, but for some reason that had never come off. Keel had been apprehensive about Deerling and Easley visiting the Forest.

During the conference all delegates were told of the plans, these included: *UFO Magazine* Editor, Rick R. Hilberg; *UFO Magazine* Associate Editor, Karl Gawell; Richard T. Lee of Akron; Allan J. Manak of UAPA; plus Kevin J. Collins of Detroit.

On Thursday July 27, after receiving information on Wayne National Forest from the U.S. Forest Service, Karl Gawell and I went to buy Geological Survey maps of the Wayne area. Karl and I picked the three areas in the Wayne Forest that we thought were the most likely to have had sightings or landings. One area had a large ridge and valley, another was near an Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) plant, and the last one appeared to be the most uninhabited.

We decided we should stay at the Tar Hollow State Park and forest which was closer to the area we wanted to search than the Wayne National Forest camping area near Ironton, Ohio, called Lake Vesuvius. The safety of the Tar Hollow State Park, where UFOs were hopefully not seen landing was also a consideration.

At 7 a.m. on Friday, August 4th we left Cleveland by I-71 for Columbus, Ohio. We made good time and by 9:30 we were on U.S. 23 to Circleville, Ohio. At Circleville we took Ohio 56 to Adelphi, Ohio and then Ohio 327 to the Tar Hollow State Forest. By the time we picked out our camp site and set up, it was after 1 p.m.

Tar Hollow State Forest is 207 miles south-southeast of Cleveland. The area contains camping, picnic areas, a lake for fishing and swimming plus lots of area for hiking and enjoying the forest. The nearest town of major size is Chillicothe, Ohio.

The Wayne National Forest covers 109,000 acres of southeastern Ohio. The majority of the Wayne area is for forest experiments and a great deal of the land seems to be privately owned.

After setting up camp we went to the first of the quadrangular areas to be searched. This area, given as Allensville on the map, stretches east from Eagle Mills to north of Allensville. It consists of small farms with cultivated areas and forested areas on private property. Unless the space people have taken over the area, they weren't landing on private property.

The three of us searched this area carefully by car and on foot. According to Karl Gawell this was the most likely area for landings. We walked over 13 miles and I have the blisters to prove it. Our results were negative.

We also went to the forest fire lookout tower in the Tar Hollow Forest, and although it was unoccupied and we could not get into the observation level, we did get an excellent view of the forest. I think this little investigation made us sleep better than night.

On Saturday the 5th, we searched the area adjacent to the AEC plant. This area was similar to the other we had searched the day before. Although it was more heavily populated than we had thought, I think that if there was UFO activity, this area would be the most likely. In the hills surrounding the AEC plant (which would be a likely thing for a UFO to observe) there were many high tension power lines. Some lines ran into the plant, others ran on parallel ridges. The power lines made Tom

Nealings and myself think of Exeter, N. H. and the sightings around the power lines in that locale.

After searching the area we looked for a forest fire lookout tower that was in the vicinity. Although we weren't able to find it, I have since written to the tower to find out if someone there might have had any sightings.

JOHN KEEL RESPONDS

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Editor's note: In our last issue we presented an article by Ed Biebel on an expedition he and several friends made to the Wayne National Forest in southern Ohio in search of saucer bases. He learned of these alleged areas from Bob Easley who questioned John Keel about them while at the 1967 Congress in New York. The following is a letter received from Keel on August 18, 1967, dated the 16th....

Dear Mr. Biebel:

Thanks for your letter of Aug. 11th. I wish you had given me a call before dashing off on a wild goose chase into the Wayne National Forest. This kind of search must be viewed from the air before you go plunging ahead.

First you should have made a through study of all the Indian legends of the region. These always supply invaluable clues. Then you should have pinpointed the locations of all the "so-called" Indian mounds in the area. They are frequent sites of UFO activity. In fact, UFO activity is often constant around such mounds. There is an ancient petroglyph outside of Coalton, Ohio and you should have visited it. Then you should have made a study of all caves and abandoned mines in the area and pinpointed them on your maps. Next you should have gotten magnetic maps of the area and determined the centers of magnetic deviations, and a topographical map showing elevations so you could find the high ground. You would find a relationship of all of these factors which could triangulate to a specific center of possible activity.

Obviously you were too far west. I definitely told Easley that the main activity runs from the Ohio valley, north from Marietta, to Zanesville and south to Chillicothe, then east from Chillicothe to Huntington, W. Va. This encompasses hundreds of square miles and you must do a lot of research before you can select precise spots for investigation.

Power lines, atomic energy stations, etc. are variables. I am primarily concerned in constants. They visit the former, but they base themselves in the latter. They select inaccessible high ground and when viewed from the air such "bases" appear as faint circular rust-colored spots. When you near a UFO "base" you will discover that all wild life... rabbits, etc...are stumbling around in a groggy, dazed condition. You will find burned out automobiles in such areas, often in clumps of trees where it would be impossible for men to deposit them. In aerial searches we always look for signs of such automobiles. They often form a kind of ring around the site itself. The center of this ring is usually marked by a spiral of magnetic deviation.

I triangulated the Wayne County area from the W. Va. side of the river and confirmed my conclusion with trips throughout the above-mentioned quadrants collecting UFO data and directions in which the objects were seen. When you go back and review the available data from 1952 you find that the major part of all activity was confined in this same region.

UFO base areas are extremely dangerous and should be approached by

well-trained, well-equipped groups who know what they are doing. Maybe you were lucky you went to the wrong place. I recommend that you wear shoes or boots with metal cleats when visiting such spots, and you should never carry a compass or other magnetic item on your person. Also, if you carry any kind of firearms you reduce your chances of encountering anything. Furthermore, you must dress casually and each member of the group must be dressed differently from the others. Brown, blue, or khaki-like clothes might make you appear to be uniformed when seen from a distance. If one of you is wearing a plaid hunting jacket, the others should be dressed differently. If you all wore plaid hunting jackets it might be interpreted as some kind of uniform. Old Army clothes, surplus gear, etc. should never be used.

As you can see, this is a darned complicated business. When in field you should operate in total darkness...don't show any kind of light or campfire. If you happen to hit upon the right spot and wait in total darkness you will be able to see very faint luminous purple spots moving just above tree-top level. This will be your first tip-off that you are headed in the right direction. Do not flash lights at these "spots". Further on you should be able to see flickering red lights. Crystal-clear white lights with red lights on top are vehicles and they will often respond to ground signals from flashlights. Use Morse code. Ultrasonic sounds can sometimes be sensed (by a ringing in the ears) but not actually heard. If the objects are hostile, they will sneak up on you and you will never even know they are there until they are mere yards away. Tall figures can sometimes be seen in the distance, on the ground near the hovering lights. Do not call out to them or attempt to approach them. They will know you are there and they will approach you if that is their intention.

The famous "little men" are both very stupid and very dangerous. If you should encounter them you should retreat hastily. Large hairy "abominable snowman" type of creatures are often in the immediate vicinity of UFO landing sites. Their job is to scare away anyone who stumbles onto the area. They are extremely dangerous...killers.

If you plan further expeditions I suggest that you do a lot of solid research first and then follow the above directions carefully. Do not take any kind of chances. The UFOs can be hostile. They do not want their locations known. If you should be unlucky enough to blunder into the very center of one of their "bases" you would probably never be heard from again.

So take care and keep me posted on your activities.

j. keel

SOME 1968 & 1969 CASES

(UFO Magazine Spring 1969)

Another "angel hair" case has been reported, this time in the Spring Beach area near Houston, Texas.

The substance reportedly floated to earth on November 6, 1968 shortly after two teenage boys saw a UFO hanging in the air.

David Wuliger, a professor of music at the University of Houston and a student of UFOs, said a chemist analyzed the substance in the laboratory of a multi-million dollar petroleum company.

Wuliger said the substance would not dissolve in water, alcohol, or sulfuric acid, among other things. The chemist did not want his identity or that of his company revealed, he said.

"Microscope and tactile examination indicates the substance is fibrous, elastic, relatively strong, somewhat sticky and white in color,"

Wuliger said.

Robert Hubbard, 15, and David Kelley, 17, students at Spring Beach High School, said they found the substance shortly after they saw a strange object in the sky.

The boys said the object looked like a coin on its side with a dome and black dots that might have been windows.

A San Jon housewife who preferred to remain anonymous said that she saw a UFO November 25, 1968 in the New Mexico night sky.

The woman said she happened to be looking out a front window of her home at about 7 p.m. when she noticed a bright, colorful UFO flying at what appeared to be several feet south of U.S. 66. The UFO was traveling west to east at a low altitude and was on a steady course.

She said she could see the object for only about five seconds because it mysteriously turned off its lights after that and apparently continued flying in total darkness. It was traveling at about the speed of an airliner although she heard no noise whatsoever.

Adding that she had seen meteors before, she stated that the UFO was not a meteor or an airplane. The woman described it as being a saucer-shaped machine with a dome in the center. The top of the dome was bright orange, the center a lighter shade of orange and the bottom yellow. The colors blended together like a rainbow and the dome emitted a steady glow similar to a light bulb but unlike a flaming object such as a meteor.

The bottom part of the craft was a shiny, white color and did not appear to be a silvery color associated with most aircraft. The UFO emitted a white smoke which could be seen behind it in a big puff, unlike the exhaust trails of jet planes. The lady stated that she did not report the sighting to authorities for fear of being ridiculed.

A spokesman for KFDA television in Amarillo, confirmed that their station ran a news account of a UFO sighting the same night in Groom, Texas. He said the information was gained from monitoring the police radio frequency. The police later denied such a report on their frequency, however. The airport at Amarillo said that an unidentified object was picked up on radar, but declined to state further.

A Michigan truck driver contends that he saw a UFO on I-75 south of Bowling Green, Ohio on January 9, 1969. Harold Lamb, a truck driver and part-time deputy sheriff in Tipton, Michigan, reported sighting the UFO between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. as he drove his truck on I-75 between Carey and Bowling Green.

Mr. Lamb reported that he was headed toward Findlay on Ohio 15 near the Carey exchange when he spotted an object out of his left window that looked and glowed white like a light bulb.

He related that he continued to observe the object and that he switched on the truck's spotlight, placing its beam on the UFO.

Mr. Lamb said the object stayed in the light's beam until he reached Findlay, at which time he stopped to see what the UFO would do. He said it stopped and stayed in the beam's light with the only movement apparently being a slight up and down motion.

He then reported he proceeded on I-75 with the object staying in the spotlight's beam. As he neared Bowling Green the object appeared to be moving away from him and began to take on a reddish-orange appearance. Then, Mr. Lamb said, the object became dimmer until he lost sight of it at Bowling Green. Lamb said the UFO appeared to stay about 1000 feet off the ground, but he could not report any distinguishing details.

1970 SIGHTING ROUNDUP

(UFO Magazine Summer 1970)

Despite the University of Colorado's Condon Report and the closing of the Air Force controlled Project Blue Book, UFO sightings were still being made to the press and various UFO organizations still in existence in the first six months of 1970. Although pushed from the front page because of campus unrest, riots, and the U.S. invasion of Cambodia, many reports were being printed in newspapers all over the world. These reports all proved that despite Government denials, strange unknown objects under apparent intelligent control were - and are - still being seen by credible, reliable people.

Probably the first - and best - sighting of the new year occurred at approximately 5:00 a.m. on New Year's Day, in the Corwichean Valley, British Columbia, Canada.

Mrs. Doreen Kendall, a Registered Nurse at the Corwichean District Hospital, made the initial observation of the strange object. After viewing the unknown for several minutes she called to Mrs. Fred Wilson, who, along with five other nurses, watched the object for approximately thirty seconds as it disappeared.

According to Mrs. Kendall, the object was saucer-shaped, silvery, silent, metallic, and had a "necklace of lights" around the middle. From her second floor window, the object was slightly tipped downwards toward her, 60 feet off the ground and 40 feet away.

Mrs. Kendall first saw the object when she pulled the curtains away from the window of an extensive care patient. She found herself looking at the glowing cockpit of a hovering object...with two humanoid beings in it!

The two figures inside the dome had striking good looking physiques and were clothed in tight-fitting uniforms of a soft-looking material. One stood behind a glowing chrome-colored instrument panel while the other, either shorter or standing in a recessed spot, stood behind him.

After a few minutes, the second man turned to look directly at Mrs. Kendall. He was wearing a darkish fabric and headgear, which obscured his facial features. He touched the pilot with his ungloved hand, which was flesh-toned and human-like. The pilot pulled back, forward, and then back again on a control lever and the craft tilted sideways, rose, circled slowly, and finally disappeared toward the north.

The sighting was investigated thoroughly by John Magor, editor of the *Canadian UFO Report*, who could come up with no explanation for the strange object seen.

Later that same day, at 7:00 p.m., the Drummond family, at Mill Bay, approximately 15 miles south of the above mentioned hospital, observed a bright orange and yellow object.

According to Mr. James Drummond, the object was about 900 feet above his tug boat and circling slowly. Observing it through a telescope, he stated that he "counted four distinct lights that looked like the tips of candles only bigger."

Another sighting in the same area occurred on the 6th of January. Mrs. G.C. Drimmen saw a red object at 11:15 p.m. "It hovered for awhile, and then went straight up. It revolved in a counter-clockwise direction and dripped sparks." It had no definable shape and seemed darker on one side than the other, she stated.

There have been numerous other sightings in this area which, according to UFO expert John Magor, begins and ends in a 26 month cycle. One sighting, made by UFO expert Vern Stanley-Jones and his wife,

occurred on 6 January over Duncan, British Columbia.

"We saw this bright orange-yellow object at between 500-1000 feet above the ground. It looked like a disk and was about two inches in diameter. Without emitting any sound it moved over Lakes Road hill. When it reached the bridge at the bottom of the hill it stopped briefly, turned at a right angle, and flew right over the town. When it was about over the entire town it stopped again, hanging there for awhile. Then it moved off due west more rapidly."

On 10 February Miss Laurie Walther, of San Mateo, California, received a birthday present she will never forget. At 8:30 p.m. she was fortunate to see an unidentified flying object.

After first observing a flash of light over Coyote Point, Miss Walther reported seeing a saucer-shaped object some 25 feet in diameter and hovering about 50 feet above a series of electrical transmitters located on the Point.

"The saucer had red and blue lights outside, but I couldn't distinguish the color of the craft itself because of the glow," she said.

Deputy John A. Wells of the San Mateo Sheriff's Dept. received her report, and stated that similar observations have been reported recently.

During the week of 20 February a number of sightings occurred in the Dunn, North Carolina area. These sightings were made by responsible people: i.e., a Dunn City Police Officer; and a staff member of Radio Station WCKB.

The Police Officer, a Mr. John Norris Jr. saw a "peculiar object" in the night sky that "was going too fast for an airplane and had no blinking lights that an airplane has at night." Norris has had several sightings of UFOs in the past few years.

A few days later a Mr. Ronnie Tart of WCKB, observed a bright round light above his car. After hovering for a second, the light sped off in a westerly direction and disappeared.

Later that night the same, or similar light, was again seen by Tart. As before, it was very bright and round. The light hovered for several seconds in the sky and then disappeared so suddenly that it could not have been a plane.

These sightings were reported all over the country in March. Some of the observations occurred at Balltown, Iowa; Elkin, North Carolina; Washington, Oil City, Philadelphia and Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania; Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Shallow Lake, Ontario, Canada; New Albany, Indiana; and Cornith, Mississippi. The best sighting, however, occurred on March 12th near Culbertson, Nebraska.

After watching the late movie on TV, Dale Nowka, a farmer, went outside to check on his sows. Upon nearing the pens he noticed a strange light in the sky moving south at an apparent altitude of 1000 feet.

Nowka then woke his wife, and got his binoculars. Through the glasses, "the object looked like a saucer." The greenish blue lights made it have a flat effect, and the bottom had a turning movement counter-clockwise. The lights on the bottom went from clear to red and then back to white.

At this time Nowka put in a call to the Nebraska Safety Patrol Office, who dispatched two officers to the scene. Trooper Dale Rowedden, however, was the only one to see the object.

Trooper Rowedden's description of the unknown matched that of Mr. Nowka.

At approximately 2:15 a.m. the object disappeared. Shortly

thereafter the same-or similar-object reappeared again.

The Federal Aviation Agency and the Federal Air Traffic Control Center reported nothing on their radar screens. However, the North American Air Defense Command admitted observing five objects on radar near the Culbertson area.

At 3:00 a.m. the FAA dispatched a plane to the area, and later a mail plane was told to fly over the area. Neither pilot reported seeing anything strange, although the five unknowns were still being tracked on radar.

As yet there has been no rational explanation for this sighting.

A SAMPLER OF 1976 CASES (UFO Magazine News Bulletin Summer 1976)
HUMANOID CASE FROM ILLINOIS (2/25/76)

A report that two mysterious beings described as "humanoids" were sighted northwest of Nashville, Illinois is being checked by the Center For UFO Studies. Authorities said that a middle-aged woman was driving down a country road when the two unidentified beings flashed a blue light at her, causing her to speed away in fright.

Deputy John Gronewald of the Washington County Sheriff's Office said the sighting took place "about three miles west of Nashville and five miles north of Rt. 460 on the Covington Road."

He said the woman "wasn't really for sure what she had seen," but was quite scared.

Mario DeSario, an investigator for the Center, was assigned after the sheriff's office called to report the incident.

DeSario said the woman described "two very tall humanoids with large feet and no necks. They shined a blue light at her. This follows a pattern we've been noticing lately. The fact that they did not have any necks is especially significant."

Even though the woman did not report sighting a UFO in conjunction with the case, at last word it was still under investigation.

LANSING, MICHIGAN MULTIPLE WITNESS CASE (4/19/76)

To the crew in the Lansing police helicopter, it was an "aircraft" which suddenly dropped earthward - and out of sight - behind the State Capitol building.

To Amedeo Abrigo, Jr. it was a "large red light" which skimmed over treetops near his home after flying over the nearby St. Lawrence Hospital. It had "three box-like objects" rotating around it, Abrigo said, and it seemed to land southeast of him - somewhere in the downtown Lansing area.

Another witness described the object as "the size of a car, with three or four dish-type antennas on it." However, everyone who spotted the UFO over Lansing that night agreed that it was red, that it hovered at first and then dropped, and that the sighting took place about 9:30 p.m.

Gerald Boda of the police helicopter crew said that his craft was over the Michigan-Cedar intersection when he first spotted the red light in the sky. "It looked to be about 2500 feet altitude," Boda reported, and was somewhere in the area between Willow and Saginaw and, according to his estimates, over Logan Street.

At first the red light on the object appeared to be the running light of an aircraft making "slow movement" over the city, Boda said. "Then it started toward the ground in a southeasterly direction (directly toward the hovering helicopter) at an angle of about 60 degrees," Boda continued. "As it fell, it seemed to accelerate to a high rate of speed

and was last seen just prior to impact somewhere in the downtown area just west of the Capitol."

During the sighting, officers in a patrol car called the dispatcher to ask if the helicopter had seen "a red ball of fire" fall on the west side of the city. The police dispatcher also called the local airport to inquire whether there had been any radar contacts with the object over the city. The airport said that there had been none at all. However, several other citizens did also call the police to report sighting the strange visitor.

BOUNCING OBJECT IN NORTH CAROLINA (4/1/76)

What was described in the newspapers as a "UBO" (an unidentified bouncing object) was sighted on a highway between Nashville and Red Oak, North Carolina at night by Mrs. Lou Fisher and Mrs. Annie Mae Ross.

Mrs. Fisher reported that she and Mrs. Ross were traveling between Nashville and Red Oak when a strange object the approximate shape of an automobile bounced across the road in front of her car. According to Mrs. Fisher, she and Mrs. Ross could see the shape of some wheels, but could not actually see the wheels. They also reported that it had large red lights on the rear, and may have had some sort of light on the front.

Mrs. Fisher reported that the object was grayish in color, and had a long, silver-colored rod down the side, which protruded past the rear end of the object for about 12 inches.

The two women further reported that the soundless object just bounced across the highway, went into a field and disappeared.

UFO "CRASHES" - A 1979 PERSPECTIVE *(Flying Saucer Digest July 1979)*

Last summer it was announced that long-time UFO researcher and writer Leonard H. Stringfield would reveal, in an address to the annual MUFON Symposium in Dayton, Ohio, that he had final and totally substantiated proof that the government had crashed UFOs in its possession. And while many alleged crash stories had surfaced every several years in the UFO field, sadly the much needed physical proof and/or airtight testimony by credible witnesses never seemed to come forward. However, the entire UFO field was buzzing in anticipation of Stringfield's address, because his reputation as an objective investigator was spotless, and therefore if he said he had the final proof it was almost a certainty that he really *did* have it. Most UFOlogists were willing to bet that the evidence Stringfield had would once and for all blow the lid off the saucer mystery, and thereby send shock waves all throughout the scientific community.

Well, something very strange happened. As soon as he stepped up to the podium in Dayton, he shocked everyone by saying that he really didn't have any final and conclusive proof, but that all he had was unsubstantiated testimony that was, at best, second or third hand. What followed was a rather long and sometimes tedious (many persons left the auditorium in frustration) series of case abstracts, none of which shed any new light on the mystery at all. It was almost like going back to square one, and reliving the Frank Scully yarn about a crashed UFO in Aztec, New Mexico in 1948.

However, in all fairness to Mr. Stringfield, upon reading the published version of his report (Stringfield claims that the published version does not contain many last minute revisions and additions that he made; this is certain, as his speech ran over two hours, while the printed version can be read in about an hour) one can see some sort of pattern to almost all of the various claims. They all tell of some sort

of military retrieval of a crashed circular airfoil, and in many instances the stories relate that small alien bodies were found on board or somewhere near the crash site. Also, some seemingly sinister element has crept into the story as well, because some people working very close to Stringfield claim that one or more threats were made to him, and that he may have been forced to "change his tune" when the time came for public disclosure of his evidence. One wonders, however, if any threats actually took place, and that maybe the story is "wishful thinking" to shift away from the fact that he really didn't have any worthwhile evidence? Unfortunately, Stringfield has said very little about anything since the MUFON Symposium, so this matter will have to remain a mystery for the time being.

Regardless of the outcome in the Stringfield controversy, the whole matter has made me curious enough to do some historical research of my own into these crashed saucer reports. And I must state that what I have found on my own generally confirms what has been said in the past, that while many of the alleged incidents seem to have an eerie similarity to each other, there never seems to be any hard evidence to lend absolute credence to the report.

The following is a brief summary of details on a case I uncovered that allegedly happened on 19 August 1949. And while the sands of time have probably covered many of the details regarding what really happened that day near Death Valley, California, what remains sounds so similar to other alleged instances of crashed UFOs:

Two prospectors, Buck Fitzgerald and Mase Garney, told members of the news media about their experience. Said Fitzgerald, "This flying disk, which was about 24 feet in diameter, whizzed past us going about 300 miles per hour.

"It crash-landed and two little men jumped out and started running when they saw us. The men looked human but they were small - like dwarfs.

"We chased them over a sand dune but lost them. I don't know where they went."

Fitzgerald and Garney claim that because of the extreme heat that day, 138 degrees to be exact, they quickly tired of the chase in the inhospitable desert.

So here we are, with yet another crash report. Unfortunately, nothing was said regarding the disposition of the crashed disk, so one wonders whether it was eventually carted away by some government agency, or whether the "dwarfs" later returned and were able to fly away. Maybe the whole thing was merely a tall tale, something to spice up the normally uneventful lives of two desert prospectors.

Somehow we have to get to the bottom of this whole mess. Can UFO researchers like Leonard Stringfield really come up with hard facts regarding crashed UFOs? Or has he too found a few scraps of fascinating testimony, testimony that may turn out to be more fancy than fact? I'm afraid that from where we stand right now, only time will tell.

SOME GOOD 1980 CASES

(Flying Saucer Digest October 1980)

Strange multi-colored lights observed in northwest Oklahoma and southwest Kansas had Police and Sheriff's Departments busy the morning of July 11th.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol's Guymon District Dispatcher said Officers from at least nine law enforcement agencies reported sighting a cigar-shaped object glowing white on the ends and with green lights in

the middle.

"One said it looked like a football, another said it looked like a sock, but it was oblong and lit up all around" Shattuck Police Dispatcher Bill Goodwin said.

"I figured it might be a blimp going across, but it stayed stationary for a real long time and then started moving slowly northeast. I finally gave it up as a nightmare," he said.

Shattuck Officer Mike Oliver wasn't sure what it was, but he radioed back he was convinced it wasn't a weather balloon or an airplane, Goodwin reported.

Sightings continued from Guymon to Liberal, Kansas, and eastward to Woodward from about 3:30 a.m. until shortly after sunrise.

Ron Outwater, an Air Traffic controller at the Gage Flight Service, said that he observed the strange lights through high-powered binoculars for about ninety minutes.

At least eight persons reported sighting a UFO at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, California on the night of August 3rd, according to an Air Force Spokesman.

The UFO, described as a metallic balloon that was flattened on two sides, was spotted at 9:00 p.m. by two Airmen on duty in the Base Control Tower. The object was later seen by six residents in the Highland area as it flew north toward, and then over, the San Bernardino Mountains.

Capt. Phillip Ratliff, Norton's Public Information Officer, who declined to identify any of the eight people, said the Airmen first spotted the object 100 feet above and 60 feet west of the six-story Control Tower.

According to Ratliff, the Airmen said the object was about three feet in diameter. It had a highly reflective metallic color, and had no lights. One airman said it had small dots on one of its flattened sides.

They said it appeared to land or hover a few feet above a grassy area near a taxi-way. It then rose and accelerated northeast toward Highland. The Airmen said they used binoculars and watched for ten minutes as the object moved away from them at 30 to 40 miles per hour, faster than the wind speed at the time.

Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Singley said the six Highland residents telephoned after the sightings. They said the object was flying in a straight line 20 to 300 feet above the ground. A Sheriff's helicopter flew to the area an hour later, but the two crewmen saw nothing unusual.

Ratliff said the object didn't appear on the Base radar, and a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman at Ontario International Airport said the object wasn't picked up on their radar system. However, the Ontario spokesman added, "That does not mean it was not there."

A woman reported sighting a UFO that hovered above Lister's Mill, Manningham, Bradford, England on July 5th at about 8:45 p.m.

"I've never believed in this before," said Mrs. Christina Harris of Baildon, "But I really did see it.

"It was round, in metallic silver and black, and it moved off smoothly towards the Bradford City Center.

"I saw an Asian child watching it too. When it moved I followed it, although I wanted to shout out to people in the street to look up.

"I eventually lost sight of it. I thought at first it was a kite, but it moved too smoothly and was the wrong shape," Mrs. Harris said.

A very detailed description of a UFO was made the night of February 12th by 12-year-old Alfred Groer, Jr. of West Chester, Pennsylvania.

At 8:05 p.m. that evening Groer was sitting in his father's pickup truck playing electronic baseball. His father was running an errand at the time, and the truck was parked on Route 842 just west of Unionville.

"I heard this man's dog barking," said Groer. "I looked up and around to see what was the matter. I looked up in the sky and here's this thing - very, very high up, about the size of a pea.

"It shot down right over me so I could see it," he said. "I could see it very clearly. I could see inside."

According to Groer, the "thing" was shaped like a frisbee. It was illuminated inside and gave off a white light. He added that around its periphery the UFO had multicolored lights - blue, orange, red, white and yellow. At its closest point Groer estimated the size of the object as being as large as a "Trailways Bus."

Groer said that he could see inside the object, but couldn't make out any definite details.

He said the UFO hovered overhead for about twenty seconds, and then shot off out of sight almost instantly.

George Fawcett is investigating a very good UFO sighting from Shelby, North Carolina that occurred at 8:00 p.m. on June 21st.

Twelve-year-old Ricky Blanton was sitting in his back yard watching purple martins darting around overhead catching insects. His parents and nine-year-old sister were also at home.

Young Blanton was surprised to spot a cigar-shaped object moving in a northwesterly direction at tree-top level about three-tenths of a mile away. He alerted his mother and sister to the object, and all three agreed that it had an intense white glow "like someone shining a flashlight." All three were also sure that the object wasn't any sort of known aircraft.

Mr. Blanton was inside the house, and got outside too late to see the UFO. However, he had the three witnesses draw pictures of what they had seen. All three drew the cigar shape, but Ricky recalled seeing one tail fin sticking up in the back, and also a line running the length of the object dividing it into halves.

At 7:30 a.m. on June 15th Cicero and Bessie Cox, ages 94 and 83 respectively, set out to milk their cows at their Floyd, Virginia farm. They were both surprised to find a UFO on their property. Said Mrs. Cox: "We went to the barn that morning to milk and saw the white thing laying down in the meadow in the grass. We thought at first it was a dog; then we decided it wasn't. The cattle acted like they were afraid of it.

"We turned around to do something about the milk, and, when we looked again, it was moving around in the grass. It had also changed colors. It was kind of a sky blue," she added.

In the meantime her husband had gone back to the house to get his gun, but apparently became frightened by the color change and headed back.

"After he got back, it began to go up easy, but it didn't go up fast. I thought it was gone, but when I looked again it was coming back. It looked like it was coming to the house so I was getting ready to run into the barn. It went down in the upper part of the meadow, moved around, and stayed for about ten minutes. It then got up and kept getting higher and went back towards Roanoke," she said.

Mr. Cox drove his tractor into the meadow to investigate, and found that the UFO had left a flattened area of grass about the size of his tractor.

When asked to describe the object, Mrs. Cox stated, "It was round and had things sticking out from it, like a little rack. It also had orange, green and blue lights on it. I don't know if they were blinking or not, but they were shining. It moved slow and it always turned around and around. One side looked dark, and then it would turn and the lights would shine."

Mr. and Mrs. Cox both stated that in all their years they never saw anything at all similar to the UFO.

Several people reported seeing a UFO around 10 p.m. on Friday, June 13th in Manheim Township, Pennsylvania.

Matt Hauck, Bill Singleton and Dave Drybred reported seeing red, green, blue and white sparkling lights in a triangle shape which "shot up into the sky and then came around again" before disappearing.

The police, however, stated that they received no reports of any unusual objects that night.

NASA AND UFOs - FACT OR FICTION? (Flying Saucer Digest March 1981)

I'm sure that all of you have heard the various rumors over the years that NASA has somehow had its fingers in the UFO pie, despite vehement denials to the contrary, and that it has concrete evidence - not to mention actual hardware - of the reality of the UFOs. Some have said that a secret UFO project was started there many years ago, since the government felt that the Air Force was getting nowhere and that NASA's many qualified scientists might be able to make some sense out of the problem. Many have even speculated that the frequent sightings of UFOs by our astronauts might have spurred on this secret project even more.

However, we must not let ourselves fall prey to the current wild speculations that seem to be running rampant in UFO circles today. It seems like every time I pick up a new UFO book or magazine I see some new crashed saucer yarn, or some other such thing. I suppose too that the film "Hangar 18", a campy action-adventure tale of a NASA investigation into a crashed saucer currently making the rounds, may be encouraging more of the same.

So why am I about to relate to you some more "wild speculation?" Maybe I'm just as guilty or gullible as the rest, but sometimes you begin to wonder whether a "rumor" might contain more fact than you had thought possible.

Anyway, several weeks ago I received a call at the Report Center from a man I'll call Jerry. Jerry had seen our listing in the phone book, and wanted to talk to someone about things that had been bothering him for a long time. It seems as if he has been receiving impressions that someone or something connected with the UFOs might be trying to make mental contact with him. This has led Jerry, a man in his late twenties or early thirties, to purchase a van and begin to fill it with various electronic instruments in an effort to go to places where UFOs are being seen and make contact with them.

Well, after hearing this I was ready to politely end the phone conversation, thinking that he was either someone pulling my leg, or else a little on the strange side. I changed my mind, however, when I learned that Jerry was an engineer at NASA's Lewis Research Center!

The equipment for his van, he explained to me, he was able to purchase from NASA as surplus for literally pennies on the dollar. Jerry also said that while there were several others with an interest in UFOs at Lewis, he was interested in making contact with an organized UFO group that might supply him with some volunteers for his UFO contact project.

I told him about UAPA, and also mentioned to him some of what I knew relating to other such attempts at making contact with the UFOs. I briefly ran through the John Otto story from the 1950s, the work done in Ohio by a group known as NSAPRO back in the 1960s, and what Project Starlight International in Texas was doing at the present time.

It was at about this point in our conversation that I asked him what the official NASA position was regarding UFOs. He seemed to hesitate for a moment, and then said: "NASA has been looking into the UFO thing for a long time. There's a lot going on that even some of the people with access to some of the really secret stuff can't get the whole story on. But I do know one thing, and that's NASA has at least one UFO in its possession, and has been able to find out a lot about them."

I asked Jerry if he was really sure about this, and related to him about the many similar stories that have come up recently, and how they always seem to lead to dead ends when investigators try to substantiate them.

"No, I'm sure about this," he said. "I've talked with too many people who've had something to do with this business for it all to be some sort of crap. There's even talk going around that NASA is selectively leaking word on UFOs out to the public, and that sometime in the near future some kind of announcement on UFOs will be made. I've heard this same thing from more and more people around here lately."

This really had me going, and I asked Jerry if there was any sort of documentation to all this that he might produce to lend credence to his claims, but he told me that all of the leaks on the NASA UFO project were verbal in nature, and that no documents had ever filtered down on the subject. I was disappointed, but offered to help him in any way possible with his own UFO contact project, and invited him to attend one of our meetings, and talk to some of the members about his work in an effort to recruit some volunteers.

I wonder if Jerry's story will turn out to be merely a wild rumor, something akin to chasing after a will-o-the-wisp?

LATE 1981 ACTIVITY *(Flying Saucer Digest February 1982)*

It looks as if UFO sightings are starting to increase in number again after a dry spell of several months where only an occasional case would surface here and there. Not only are sightings on the increase, but public interest is once again beginning to surge to almost the same level it was during those heady days in the mid-1970s. So UFO investigators had better get ready to go into the field to check out the many reports that will no doubt pour in during the months to follow, for I believe that hectic times are ahead.

One of the other good signs for UFO research is the fact that many newspapers and television reporters are checking out the recent spate of sightings and presenting them to the general public in a straight-forward and factual manner. A most welcomed change from the sarcastic and silly coverage of years gone by. The following report on UFO activity in the North Platte, Nebraska area on the night of October 19 was made by Gene Browning of the *North Platte Telegraph*, and is a fine example of honest news reporting:

Flying saucers with strange lights were something found only in science fiction to a number of area residents until early Monday morning when a lighted object materialized over North Platte's eastern horizon.

"I have difficulty explaining it in my own mind," said Robert Newland, National Weather Service radar specialist at North Platte, who

sighted the object on radar at Lee Bird Field.

The saucer-shaped object with rotating red, green and white lights appeared on North Platte's eastern horizon about 2:10 a.m., according to North Platte Police reports and reports from five North Platte residents. Tom Knobel, a Union Pacific Railroad employee who was working in the west general tower at Bailey Yard, called police after he spotted the object and had watched it through binoculars.

"There were a lot of colors and it looked round," he said. After police received Knobel's call, Sgt. Mike Swain and patrolman James Agler went to the railroad yard to see for themselves.

They observed the object and two other objects. The other two were farther away and less distinct but were in the same general area of the sky.

Meanwhile, at the Lee Bird Field, Newland had received a call about the object and had sighted it on radar. He also used a low-power scope to observe the object.

He said three lights appeared to be rotating on a mobile platform on the object. As the lights rotated, he was able to see the object was saucer-shaped and was hovering near the horizon.

"It was rather low," he said. "About $6\frac{1}{2}$ degrees above the horizon. It definitely was too low to be a satellite. And most of those are pretty fast."

One of the oddest aspects of the object was that it did not drift with the strong winds that were blowing at high altitudes Monday morning, according to Newland.

"It violates all laws of manmade objects," he said. "It was quite interesting that it was able to stay in one spot that close to the ground and for that duration."

Swain said he had no idea what it was but the fact that it was sighted on radar limited what it could be.

"The only thing we are certain of is that it wasn't a star and it wasn't any type of atmospheric condition," he said. "It's got everybody baffled."

Newland said the object did move occasionally but appeared to be hovering and shifting with the rotation of the earth.

After the two policemen visited Bailey Yard, they proceeded to the airport. There, Newland could only pick up one of the objects on radar but was able to watch the one object periodically. His first sighting was at about 2:10 a.m.

When Newland went to check on it at 3:05 a.m., the object had disappeared, he said. However, Knobel said he watched the object until it was obscured by the tower's eaves about 6:00 a.m. No one reported seeing the object actually disappear or go away, according to Swain.

Swain said that besides the sightings in North Platte, law enforcement officials in Lexington and Brady observed unidentified flying objects Monday morning.

Whether Browning's article added fuel to fire people's imaginations a bit too much or what, reports of UFOs continued to come in from the Southwest Nebraska area. For instance, a McCook woman who asked not to be identified said that her son and two other carloads of persons actually saw an orange-glowing oblong UFO rise up out of the Republican River valley and fly out of sight on the evening of the 22nd.

She told newsmen that her son was returning from the town of Indianola at about 8:00 p.m. that evening, and when he was about midway

between McCook and Indianola on highway 6-34 he noticed two cars parked along the side of the road looking at an object in the south.

After himself pulling off the road he asked the occupants of the other cars just what it was they were looking at. It was then that one of the other spectators pointed out an orange glow in the valley that they speculated might have been a fire.

After a few minutes of observation all of the witnesses saw an object rise up out of the valley, hover for a few minutes and then slowly fly off into the distance.

The woman said her son estimated the UFO to be about the size of three automobiles put together, and also said that the thing had three multi-colored lights rotating around it.

"He was really scared by what he saw and he's still scared," she said. "He came right down to the police department and reported it. He was shaking and my son is not the type of person to exaggerate things."

Other reports were made the same evening in the region, but most of them can be chalked up to bright stars and planets.

A group of Willits, California residents sighted an unusual UFO on the evening of November 24th. "It was kind of an odd-shaped dome. It disappeared and then came back again," said Lawrence Porter, one of several neighbors who had the unusual sighting.

Porter said that the object was sighted by William Bernhart, Bonnie Porter and the next-door neighbor Dixie Sothwick at about 6:45 p.m. The group watched the UFO for about 45 minutes before it disappeared.

Bonnie Porter said that the group viewed the object through binoculars and described it as "shaped like an umbrella turned upside down with prongs on it." The witnesses all reported being quite scared by the sight, and all agreed that it was like nothing they had ever seen.

SOME 1987 GOODIES

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Sometimes it seems rather strange that a UFO sighting can be reported and then suddenly enter "the limbo of the lost," especially when there seems to be every reason that it *should* receive a good amount of coverage by the news media. We've had cases in the past where a future President of the United States reported a sighting, where a packed football stadium witnessed an unusual aerial object, and other similar incidents that generated all kinds of coverage. That's why the following is so puzzling, because it happened during an event that involved thousands of people in various roles, and was extensively covered by the international print and electronic media.

For the past several years the Interstate Battery Company has been sponsoring "The Great American Race," a time/distance rally for automobiles and commercial vehicles built before 1938. Needless to say this year's event, which was run from Disneyland in California to Disney World in Florida from June 30th to July 10th, grabbed its share of headlines and spots on the six o'clock news all over the country. That's why an obscure story in the Costa Mesa *Daily Pilot* in California, written by staffer Jennifer Weber, is so puzzling, because it should have been a perfect "sidebar" feature to other news accounts of the race. Here's exactly all that was printed about the July 5th incident in the above mentioned newspaper story:

Some odd things can happen in the desert.

The crew of the 1912 fire truck competing in The Great American Race reported seeing two unidentified flying objects Sunday outside Yuma, according to Wayne Stanfield, a Great Race participant from Costa Mesa.

A Japanese television crew, which has been following the race, reportedly has a videotape showing the two bright orange lights, Stanfield said.

But Stanfield remained unconvinced. "Maybe the heat was getting to them," he said.

Maybe more on this will surface in the future. It would be interesting to know what happened to the videotape taken by the Japanese TV crew, and if it was shown on Japanese TV reports. I know I've read many articles on this year's race in publications directed toward old car enthusiasts, and never saw a word on this interesting sighting.

Several witnesses, including a Deputy Sheriff, sighted a low-level UFO near the town of Citra in North Marion County, Florida on June 16th.

"People have asked me if I thought it was operated by remote, and I've said no," said Stephanie James. She related that she was sitting in her car along with her three children and her sister on Pine Church Road when the ten minute encounter began.

James and her sister estimated that the object, described as being about the size of an automobile with what looked like headlights and one red light and a blue or green light on its front, was first sighted about one-half to a quarter of a mile from their car. They report driving to a clear spot near some railroad tracks and pulling off the road to get a better look. The object, moving just above some power lines, moved slowly toward them. Mrs. James told reporters that they decided to leave when the UFO got about fifty feet from them. She also reported that the silent object had what seemed to be auto-sized wheels at the back.

The Deputy, Jay Manifold, said that he saw the object "for only a few seconds," and that it was moving faster than a car about thirty feet above the ground. He also estimated the object as being about as large as a car. He also speculated that the object may have been a helicopter, because of the red and green lights it displayed. He also reported that one of its two "headlights" was aimed forward and one was aimed down toward the ground.

Two other witnesses reported that the object flew over them after hovering.

The Sheriff's Department contacted military authorities as well as the railroad and electrical power companies, and learned that nothing of theirs was in operation at the time that could have been mistaken for the silent low-flying object.

The area around Madison, Wisconsin has been host to strange nocturnal lights since mid-January of 1987, and was once again the scene of an object sighted by local Police officers as well as local residents on July 14th.

At about 2:00 a.m. that morning police officers Kevin Plendl and Scott McElroy were dispatched to the home of a Waunakee woman who reported sighting strange red and blue lights in the sky. The woman, who lives on Division Street, said that she watched the lights for about an hour before notifying authorities. However, when the officers arrived the mystery lights were nowhere to be seen.

The officers, however, decided to watch the area where the woman spotted the lights and after a few moments saw what Plendl described as a half to quarter moon-shaped object with red and blue lights. "It went from not being there," Plendl said to simply popping into the sky.

"I'm not sure what we were looking at," Plendl said, but that he and McElroy watched it for fifteen to twenty minutes before deciding to move

their vantage point to a spot about three miles east of town.

As Plendl looked at the object through binoculars he "saw something come flying off it. It went at a tremendous speed." Although he tried to follow the piece down with the binoculars he lost sight of it, so any possible recovery of the piece was impossible.

As the two officers left the area the original object was still visible in the sky, the total duration of the sighting being approximately two hours.

There was some speculation that the object seen by the woman and the two police officers may have been a hot air balloon, as a local resident later reported witnessing a balloon landing the day before in the same general area.

However, Police Chief Frank Balistreri told reporters that he had ruled out the hot air balloon theory. "We've discounted that," he said. "I talked to the person who was in the balloon. It took off at 5:30 p.m. Monday and landed in the DeForest area at 6:45 p.m.

"I have to go along with what they saw," he added. "They are very responsible officers."

A strange lighted object was spotted over the mountains east of Lake Blaine, Montana early on the morning of August 9th. According to the witness, Heath Halden, he first spotted the lights about 4:45 a.m. and they remained visible for a "couple of hours."

Halden reported that there were three vertical white lights and one other light off to the left that was blinking from white to red. About every minute or so the lights would move to the left or right or up and down, but they would always stay exactly the same distance apart," he said.

Halden reported the sighting to the Flathead County Sheriff's Department. Two deputies that responded to the call also saw the lights but could not determine what it might have been.

The Sheriff's Department also reported that another sighting was noted over the Bigfork area on the 10th but that no written report was turned in to their office.

HIGH QUALITY 1993 INCIDENTS (*Flying Saucer Digest* Fall 1993)
OHIO MOTORISTS REPORT UNUSUAL OBJECT ON APRIL 8th

Kimberly Peles of the *Middletown Journal* filed this interesting report in the paper's April 9th edition:

A silent object that appeared in the sky as a clear light surrounded by rotating colored lights was reportedly seen by motorists Thursday morning near Lebanon and Warren correctional institutions.

The Lebanon post of the Ohio Highway Patrol received four calls between 2:30 and 3:35 a.m. regarding the object, which could have been a weather balloon, plane or UFO, a dispatcher said.

"If we have a call, we'll send a patrol car out if (possible) and log that something was observed," she said. "Most people don't want to give their names because they think you'll think they're crazy."

The post was unable to send a patrol car to the area because of an accident that occurred about the same time, the dispatcher said.

However, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base was contacted to determine if it had any planes flying in that area, which it didn't, she said.

Two of the four calls that the Lebanon post received came from LCI, the dispatcher said.

"Anytime there is anything suspicious or intrusive spotted, we report it," said LCI Warden William Dallman, who noted that there is no

such thing as a UFO.

Sandra Crawford, public relations spokeswoman for WCI, said that no one at that prison turned in an actual report on the object.

"But, there were supposedly some people (staff members) who saw it," Crawford said.

Calls received by the Warren County Sheriff's Office concerning the object were referred to the Ohio Highway Patrol, the sheriff's dispatcher said.

JULY 13th SIGHTINGS BAFFLE INDIANA OBSERVERS

Staffer Janice Karlovich of the Fort Wayne *Journal-Gazette* had this to say about a spate of unusual objects sighted in a two county area:

"It had lights, it was quiet, it was low and it was slow."

That's how Shriner Lake resident George Rowe described the unidentified flying object that he said appeared near his Whitley County home Tuesday night.

Rowe and his 14-year-old son were watching the Major League All-Star baseball game shortly before 9:30 p.m. Tuesday when they saw a group of six to eight red lights outside.

"I've never seen anything like it before," said Rowe, who is a finance manager at Evans Toyota in Fort Wayne. "I don't know what it was, but we definitely saw something."

Rowe said the object made no noise and hovered right about tree level.

"That's why I ruled out anything like a plane because there was no noise," Rowe said. "It was so weird because it was so quiet."

The number of people who say they saw an unidentified flying object in the night skies Tuesday in Whitley and Noble counties is growing.

In addition to Rowe and another Whitley County man, a Ligonier family and two Ligonier police officers reported seeing a strange flying object Tuesday night.

So far, military and weather officials have been unable to explain the incident completely. Walt DeHaven, an engineer at Dana Corp. in Churubusco, said he was on Whitley County Road 550 east northeast of Columbia City, when he saw what he thought were three helicopters flying in formation.

But something wasn't quite right. DeHaven, like others who claimed to have seen the object, said he didn't hear the loud noise associated with helicopters or aircraft.

"I stopped my truck and looked," he said. "When I first saw it, it was very spooky. It was a little freaky when you looked at it."

Fort Wayne International Airport did not report unusual objects on radar Tuesday night.

A spokesman at the Indiana Air National Guard unit in Fort Wayne said Wednesday that there were no flights Tuesday night in the Ligonier area. A spokeswoman at Grissom Air Force Base in Peru said Grissom does not send aircraft over northeast Indiana.

Lt. Shirley Zumbahl, a public affairs officer at Grissom, said she could not be sure, but thought there might be new military helicopters that are quieter than usual.

BLIMP-LIKE MYSTERY OBJECT IN NEW JERSEY

Quite a few residents of the Hudson area of New Jersey reported seeing an object that closely resembled a blimp on the night of August 18th. And since there were no airship flights logged for that particular night, it appears at this time to be one of the better cases to come from

this area in quite a long time. Greg Wilson of the Jersey City *Hudson Dispatch* filed this report on August 20th:

Robert Herzig is sure he saw a UFO over Tonnel Avenue Wednesday night. So are the other four passengers who were in his car.

Although their descriptions of a brightly lit flying saucer match an independent account given by another area resident, yet another skywatcher - a policeman, no less - thinks the close encounter may have been with a blimp.

"We thought it was a blimp, at first," said Herzig, a 34-year-old manager at a Jersey City apparel company. "But it was hovering in a fixed position. We watched it for two or three minutes while we waited for the light to change.

"Suddenly, it took off in a flash of light, faster than anything you've ever seen. It moved southeast, toward Hoboken."

Marian Terminato, a passenger in Herzig's car, said the craft cast a "gorgeous glow" from evenly-spaced lights before it sped away.

Police in New York City, Hoboken and North Bergen said they received no calls about UFOs Wednesday.

SOME LATE 1998 REPORTS

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SEVERAL SEE UFOs IN MOUNTAIN HOME, ASKANSAS AREA

Exactly what's going on in the sky near Valley Airport adjacent to the White River is yet to be determined, but three men's alleged sighting of a UFO Tuesday afternoon November 10th, is being compiled with at least one other strange sighting in that area the day before.

Frank Caruso first reported seeing a "gold-like" object in the northern sky shortly after 5 p.m., Tuesday while he and two friends were watching buzzards roost in the trees. Caruso, whose claim was corroborated by friends Jim Fishwick and Jim Bradley, said the object appeared to have a "gold vapor trail" behind it that "dissipated quickly." He said the UFO was in the sky for about 2 - 3 minutes.

Another man who lives near Valley Airport, who wishes to remain anonymous, told *The Bulletin* Wednesday that he saw two "powerful lights" in the same general area at the top of a mountain Monday night.

"I know it wasn't a car or truck," the man said. "It was too bright, and, besides, there's no way a vehicle can get to the top of that mountain - the forest is too dense, and there are no roads."

The man said he "doesn't believe in aliens" and has never seen a UFO, but he was sure of the lights, which he said stayed in one place for about 25 minutes.

Early the next morning at around 3 a.m., the man's dogs woke him, "raising hell."

"They never bark," he said. "Unless there's somebody at the door. I didn't see anybody, so I told them to shut up, and I went back to bed."

The strange sightings sparked the interest of a local chemist who is an investigator for MUFON, a worldwide organization based in Texas.

Christine Lippert, a full-time chemist for Baxter Healthcare, said she is interested in the sightings because her organization documents such events and offers information from other sightings and strange occurrences.

"This is the first sighting that I've heard in the area since I became involved with the network," Lippert said. "But there were numerous UFO sightings in Searcy County in the early 1990s." In fact, she said there were so many sightings during a two-week period in Searcy County, that the sheriff became concerned. Baxter County lawmen say they

have not received any reports of UFO sightings, and officials here have not expressed interest to pursue any of the claims.

Besides the numerous alleged sightings in Searcy County, Lippert said there have been a number of other sightings in Boone County - in and around Harrison - more recently.

CHICAGO SIGHTING PROMPTS REQUEST FOR FEDERAL PROBE

Several prominent residents of the Bellview-Morgan Park community Sunday said they saw a UFO outside their window, prompting Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3rd) to call for a federal investigation into the alleged incident.

Several women told the *Chicago Defender* they allegedly saw this "strange" UFO hovering over a house near the 10700 block of South Emerald around 5 a.m. August 16th. One witness was Barbara Irvin, a special events planner. She said she saw a UFO, as well as Lelia Morelon, a travel consultant, who lives six blocks from Irvin. There were others who also claim they too saw a UFO.

Tillman, who knows the women, called for a federal investigation.

"I'd never thought someone I knew would call and tell me something like this," Tillman said. "I know these women. This is a middle-class neighborhood and if there are any other witnesses, I'd hope they'll come forward because I know my friends are not crazy."

Tillman went out there to collect any evidence the alleged UFO may have left. She wants to know if any special aircraft was out there.

"I don't think these ladies are crazy. I know them. They're so conservative and modest. We have to find out what happened."

"It was not very high, I thought it was a helicopter, but it couldn't have been because there were some chattering sounds," Irvin said.

"It looks like that thing on the top of the John Hancock Building. It had tentacles, things that were sticking up. It was 5 a.m. I was looking out the window without the lights on." She was in her bedroom. "I heard the noise - beep, beep, flapping, noise."

Irvin said because of what she and her neighbors saw she's reluctant to call police fearing they'll think she's crazy. "You never know who to tell."

Morelon, a travel consultant, said she saw the alleged UFO too.

"I was asleep and a noise was loud. It sounded like a sick cow. People think that you're crazy," but Morelon said she knows what she saw. "It was just sitting right there," she said.

"I saw two round multi-colored lights that were flashing," Morelon said. "I pulled the blinds all the way back. I went into another room. I had my arms folded in the window sill. I looked until I got tired. It was doing nothing, but the lights were on and flashing at first.

"I saw two sets of lights. It was on something. It was not a helicopter," Morelon said. "This was still. It was hovering over. It was in the northeast side from my window. I'm in the 1100 block of 107th Place near Aberdeen, which is six blocks from Irvin.

"I know it wasn't a plane and it wasn't a helicopter," Morelon said. The women said they were shocked at the UFO and didn't think to grab their cameras. Tillman is demanding to know just what the alleged object was and said she believes it was a UFO sighting.

"JELLYBEAN" UFO OVER CALIFORNIA

Whatever Judy Serres saw early August 27th, she wasn't alone.

The Agua Caliente resident had awakened at 5 a.m. to comfort her

daughter "because she was scared," Serres said. Twenty-five minutes later, as Serres lay in bed looking out the east window of her second-story bedroom on Highway 12 near Cavendale Road, she saw a green, "jelly-bean-shaped" object, about the size of a "water-truck tank," traveling slowly toward the north.

"It looked like it had a round light on the front, and then a round light on the side, somewhat like a porthole," Serres said, adding that the thing was completely silent. "It didn't shine out, but was lit up...I raced to the window and saw it quickly descend and go out of sight...I wonder how it avoided hitting the power lines out here."

Serres' dogs started barking right after the three-second sighting, "but they bark all the time about stuff, so God only knows," she said.

Serres called the Sonoma Police Department and county sheriff's substation an hour later to see if anyone else had reported it, but she left no message, and spokesmen from both agencies said they hadn't heard anything about the matter.

Ron Oriti, planetarium director at Santa Rosa Junior College, said callers lit up the lines at Santa Rosa radio station KSRO. Oriti spoke on the air with two of the witnesses, but said he hadn't gotten enough clear reports to draw any firm conclusions.

"People described what sounded like a meteor, but your conclusions are only so strong as the evidence to support them," Oriti said, adding that meteorites with a high magnesium content could appear green as they burn up in the Earth's atmosphere.

And although some UFO sightings turn out to be missile or satellite launchings, Oriti added that "usually when there's a launching, things go from down to up...this seemed like it went from side to side."

Air Force officials only confirmed the mystery, saying no launches of any sort took place that day.

"I can only speak for Vandenberg, and we didn't have any," said Capt. Paula Hansen at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Lompoc.

"According to our people, we have normal operations within that timeframe," said Staff Sgt. Eric Grill at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield.

ANTI-GRAVITY, AND A GOOD 1999 CASE (*Flying Saucer Digest* Fall 1999)
ANTI-GRAVITY AND MAGNETO-FLUID DYNAMICS

In recent years many persons from many countries have reported large flying triangles, usually seen at night. Speculation on these unknowns range from them being alien spacecraft or possibly even earthly secret aircraft.

The following interesting look at this topic is by researcher Bill Howard, and first ran in the fall issue of his *New Herald* newsletter:

After WWII the U.S. military had become alarmed by the ongoing UFO situation. The UFOs, continued as they had during WWII, to go wherever they wanted, whenever they wanted and there was nothing the U.S. military or NATO could do about it. They were out classed, and they knew it.

That is precisely what upset the U.S. military. The idea of aircraft of unknown origin flying around in U.S. air space at will, and what was worse, not asking for permission to do so. This really upset the military high command. The military was not going to take this snub to its authority lightly.

So, in 1948 the U.S. intelligence services wrote the Estimate of The Situation Report on the subject of UFOs. The ultimate determination was the UFOs are of an extraterrestrial nature (this was based on their

operating characteristics) and a threat to national security. The estimate was completed in 1950-51 and presented to NATO for action. And, this in turn triggered pure research grants into the nature of gravity in the U.S., with the brilliant helicopter designer Dr. Theodore von Karman overseeing the collection of information for NATO.

The research into gravity really got rolling in the early 1950s with awards to U.S. and European universities. Our allies in NATO were very busy at this time collecting anything they could find that had to do with gravity, and working on a propulsion system that was based on MFD (Magneto-fluid dynamics) while the major engineering schools in the U.S. were being funded for pure research into gravity.

It seems that in the late '60s or early '70s a breakthrough was made. I say this because in the late '70s new aircraft were noticed in the skies world-wide. Aircraft shaped like triangles and in some cases boomerangs. These triangles were silent! And the triangles are very, very large and can hover over areas of interest for prolonged periods of time. Conventional aircraft can not hover (with the exception of helicopters) and there would be the usual aircraft engine noise.

These flying triangles come in several different designs as if the designs were being tested and evaluated. Or perhaps they are the result of being manufactured in different plants around the western world. It is known that the UK has been testing a small version of the triangle for use in surveillance. It is known that one got away and had to be shot down by the RAF over a populated area. But not before it blew out the electricians in a small farm village. Turbofan engines don't behave in this manner.

Over on the west coast of the U.S.A. very, very large flying triangles have been seen overflying large population centers for years. They too are quiet and can hover. But there is one very interesting thing about them. They are only seen at night. This is the usual way the U.S. Air Force hides the tests it is doing on its latest and very expensive toys. At night with lots of denial if any one sees the craft and reports it.

There it is. A new propulsion system is in operation. One that will someday replace the conventional aircraft as powered flight evolves with newer technology.

METALLIC OR SILVER CIGAR IN OHIO

A witness in Troy, Ohio reported seeing a cigar-shaped object that looked metallic or silver hovering or floating in the sky. The witness writes: "It was 1:45 in the afternoon (on May 27th) and I was driving to the store when I pulled up to a stop sign at Washington Road and SR 41, west of the city of Troy, Ohio. I noticed that northbound Washington Road was blocked by a road-closed sign (stating that the road was closed 3 tenths of a mile ahead), the orange kind that are used when construction is taking place. As I waited for eastbound SR41 traffic to clear in order to make my right turn, I looked past the road closed sign and to the north toward the point where dump trucks and a (presumably) construction crew was gathered. In the sky above them was an object that I at first thought was a blimp. It was metallic or silver in color, looked to be the correct length of a blimp at that distance, but was not tall enough in my estimation to actually be a blimp. This was in the middle of the afternoon and the sky was perfectly clear. The object seemed to be floating or hovering over the construction site, at maybe twice the level of the nearby treetops. I just sat there for about one

minute, trying to justify and identify what I was looking at. I dismissed the blimp idea, and then wondered if this was some sort of weather balloon or something. I might point out that the location of this object was in a rural setting not far from a small city. I thought that the folks at the road construction site HAD to see this thing! I briefly considered driving around the road closed sign, to the construction site as to get a better look, but I convinced myself that I should go ahead and run the errand that I had set out to do and that if when I came back by it was still there then I'd try to investigate. When I came back by the same area approximately 30-35 minutes later, I could no longer see the object. A couple of hours later the road closed sign was gone and I drove down northbound Washington Road to the point of construction. It looked like they had been working on grading the roadside ditches and there was nothing that looked out of the ordinary. I'm afraid to make inquiries about this locally, since I've observed that people that admit that they see UFOs are treated like nutcases. I'd really like to know if there was a blimp in the area or if that was some sort of weather balloon. I'd also like to know if the construction crew noticed it overhead. It seemed pretty unnatural to me and kind of gives me the creeps."

WESTERN CANADA WAS 1999 HOT SPOT (*Flying Saucer Digest Summer 2000*)

British Columbia was the place to be in 1999 if you wanted to spot a UFO.

The province helped drive a 30% national increase in such reports, says Chris Rutkowski, a University of Manitoba science writer and amateur astronomer who just published the 11th annual survey of sightings.

Almost half of the UFOs in Canada last year - 118 - were seen over the West Coast.

Ontario had 79 reports and after that they dropped off sharply: Yukon 20, Alberta 19, Quebec eight, Manitoba and Newfoundland six each, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan one each and none in Nova Scotia or the Northwest Territories. Nunavut is not listed.

A very active UFO research community in British Columbia gets some of the credit, suggests Rutkowski.

"B.C. has a UFO hotline and they have a TV show and they publish a magazine and there's really quite a devoted following in B.C., while that isn't the case in Saskatchewan or New Brunswick.

"So I think that, and the larger population base, has added to the fact that there's so many UFO reports there."

One example of the UFO reports out of B.C. last year included a sighting in May over the Richmond area, not far from Vancouver International Airport.

It was seen by observers about 300 metres from ground level.

"They described it as a rectangular sheet of plywood with lights on it floating above the ground. That certainly doesn't sound like your average Cessna or DC-3."

Another B.C. sighting came in Courtenay in June when a Canadian Air Force officer and two other witnesses saw what they first thought was a satellite. It stopped its forward motion, moved erratically, then interacted with another object and flew away.

When British Columbia is removed from the mix, the last decade shows a fairly consistent level of UFO activity, says Rutkowski. The average is around 230 a year, although last year there were 259.

Almost 80% of last year's sightings could be explained away as

natural phenomena such as meteors or fireballs.

But it's what's left that has kept people like Rutkowski engrossed in the study of UFOs.

For the second straight year there were a large number of sightings in the Yukon. There were 22 in 1998.

"One theory that's been suggested is if it really is related to the testing of secret aircraft by the Americans, the perfect place to do it would be in the Alaska-Yukon area where there's very little population.

"If it's not that, then maybe the aliens are looking for a place where there's not very many people either."

He says the Yukon continues to be a hot spot.

"It's showing no sign of stopping. Already this year of 2000 there have been some extraordinary cases coming out of the Yukon. We have no idea why this is so."

POSSIBLE NEW PASCAGOULA WITNESS (*Flying Saucer Digest* Winter 2002)

When Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker told the world in 1973 they were abducted by aliens while fishing on the Pascagoula River, few people believed them.

Now after 28 years, it appears they weren't alone in their experience on that Oct. 11th night.

A retired Navy chief petty officer recently contacted *The Mississippi Press* about the sighting that he can't forget.

Mike Cataldo of Rotonda West, Fla., said he was on the pre-commissioning crew of the *USS Tunney* under construction at Ingalls Shipyard. Dusk was settling in as he and crew mates Ted Peralta and Mack Hanna were on U.S. 90 heading to Ocean Springs. Peralta was driving, Hanna was in the front passenger seat and Cataldo was in the back seat.

"We saw a very strange object on the horizon going from north-west across Highway 90. It was going pretty fast. It went down into a woody area and into the marsh. It hovered over the tree line, I guess, maybe a minute. We actually pulled off the road and watched it. We said, 'My God, what is that?'," Cataldo said.

"We saw it, no question about it. We talked about it. Was it a shooting star, a meteorite? This was very different," he said.

Cataldo said the object looked like a large tambourine with little lights flashing on it.

"As quickly as we saw it, it just vanished," he said.

Cataldo said he had a second sighting minutes later. This time in St. Andrews as he neared his home.

"It wasn't as high up as we saw it the first time. It was real," he said. Cataldo said he rushed in and told his wife what happened.

"I was almost hyperventilating. I wasn't shook up, but I was excited I saw this thing," he said.

The next morning, Cataldo contacted his executive officer on the submarine and made a report.

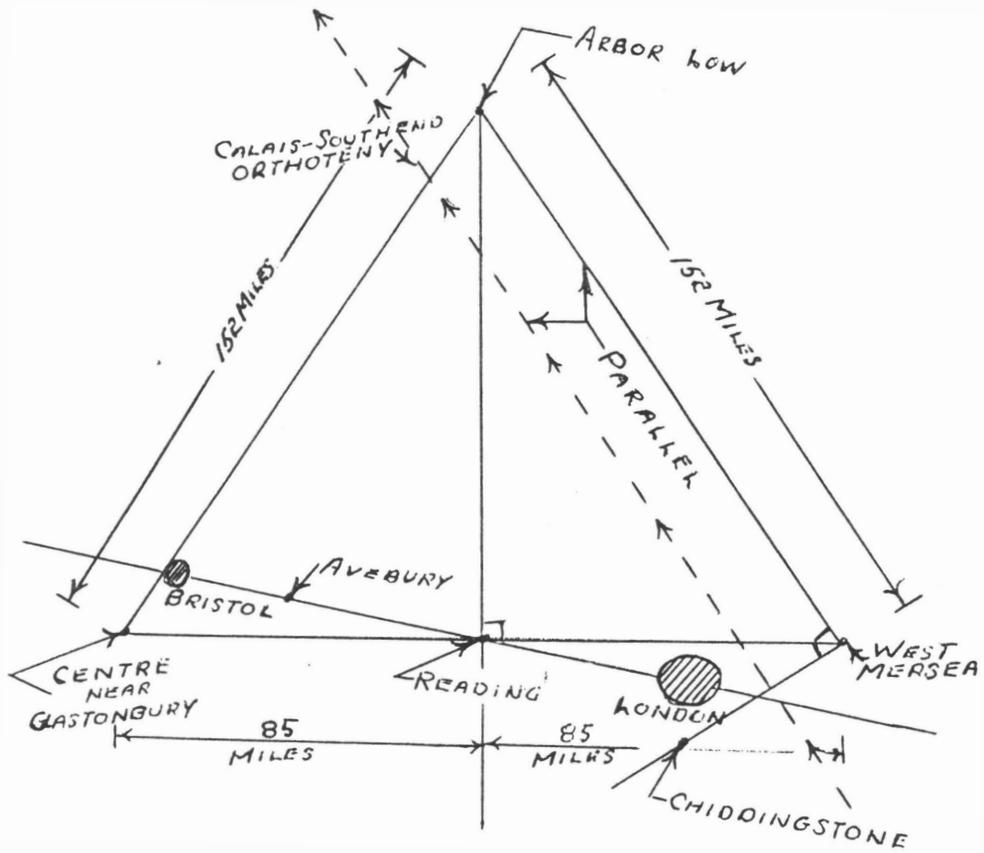
The following Monday, he contacted Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi and left his telephone number, he said.

"My executive officer and crew members thought we were just lunatics, just whacked out," he said.

"It never came up again. Keesler never called or did anything," he said.

"It was the strangest thing. It was kind of scary," Cataldo said.

Cataldo retired from the Navy 19 years ago. He was last in Jackson County in 1974.



The "Isosceles Triangle" of England
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