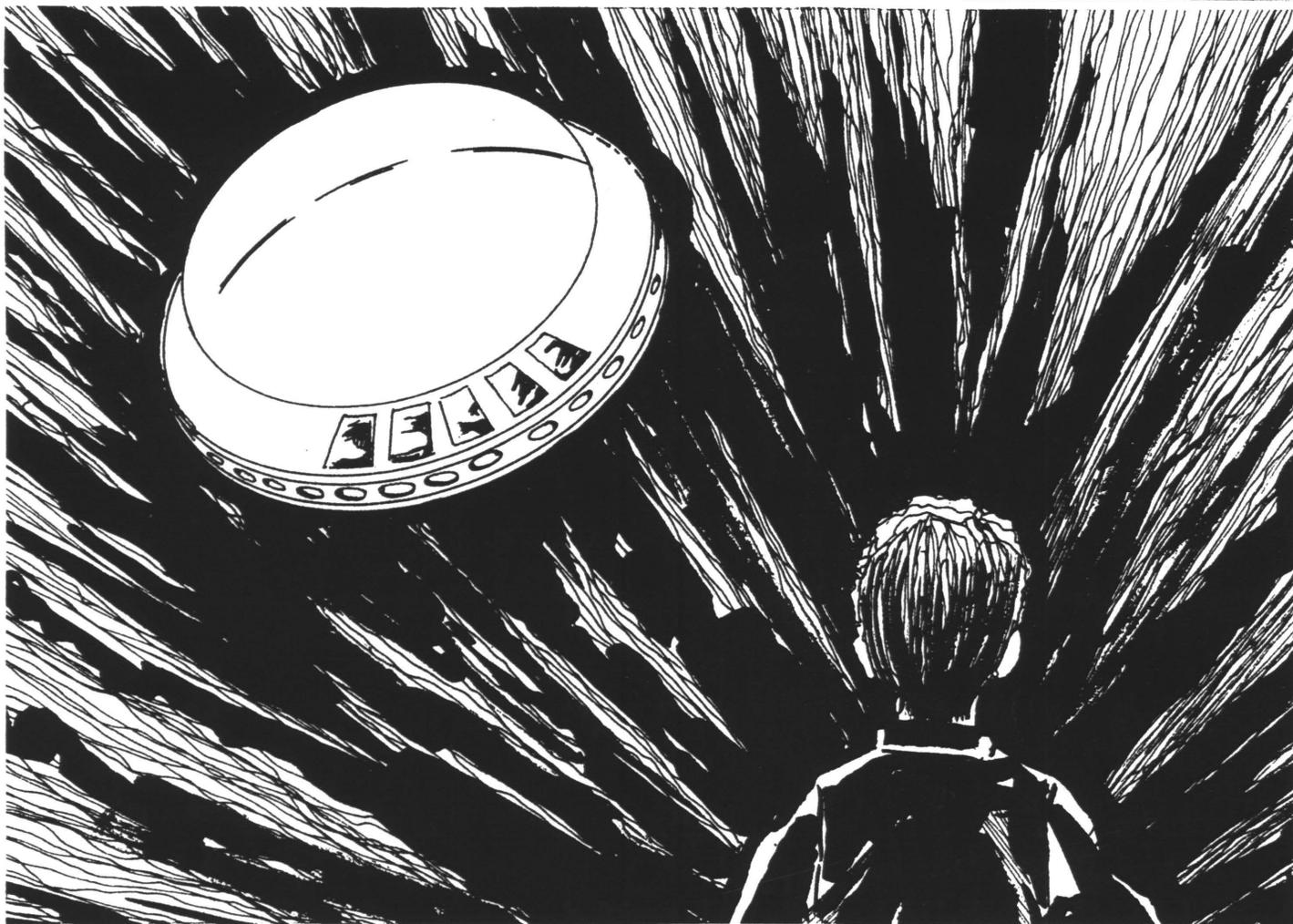


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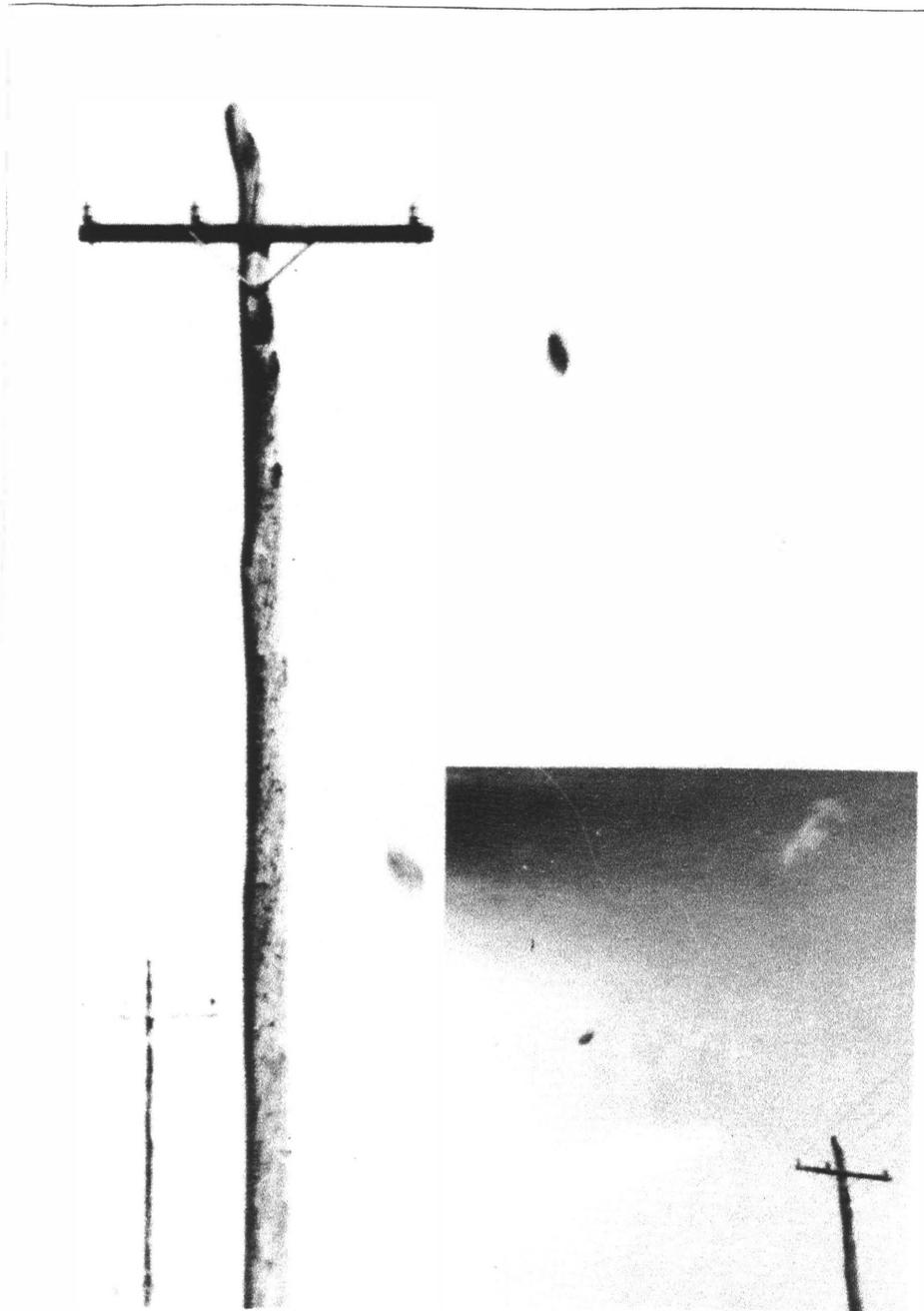
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A WORD BEFORE WE BEGIN

This booklet ends our series of reports on the major UFO flaps of the 1960s, having previously covered 1964 and 1965 some years ago. Of the three flap years 1966 probably stands out in most people's minds simply because of the massive amount of media coverage that it generated. 1966 could be described as the year that went from swamp gas to Condon, although that would be ignoring the large numbers of really good cases that predated and followed those two memorable benchmarks that year. And while the media seemed to focus in on the Michigan cases from March, many important high strangeness incidents from other parts of the eastern and Midwestern states (as well as in other parts of the country in lesser numbers) that year only got coverage in local and regional newspapers. Including these cases shows just how 1966 was indeed a significant year for the UFO phenomenon.

As has been our custom, we are running these cases as they were originally printed at the time with only minimal editing. In so doing we believe that we gain a more accurate rendering, as subsequent retellings tend to subtly alter many of the basic elements of the cases themselves. We have also eliminated obvious IFOs as much as possible, as well as cases that could very well be hoaxes or tall tales. We have also included stories that give some insight into the way the UFO phenomenon was generally perceived in those times now so long past.

Space limitations forced us to select those items that we felt were significant to an understanding of just what was going on UFO-wise in 1966. We feel, however, that this report gives an accurate picture of just what was indeed happening, and take full responsibility for our choices.

Lastly, we would like to dedicate this publication to Gene Duplantier, an important UFO pioneer.

Rick Hilberg
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1/7/66 - "SILVER BALL" STOPS CAR IN ALABAMA

On January 7, Gary Finch, 18, saw a large object that looked like a silver ball with a trap door underneath. Finch said his encounter with the object occurred at 3:27 p.m. near Georgetown, Alabama while he was enroute home from school, but he held off reporting it for fear "no one would believe me." Finch said he was certain of the time because his watch stopped at that precise moment - and so did his car. "It was a large silver ball about 15 to 20 feet in diameter. About 10 inches outside the ball there was a ring encircling it, about eight inches in diameter. On top of the ball was a cone sticking up about 10 inches with a green light the size of a softball. I was about 15 feet away from it. It was hovering about five feet over the highway. Underneath I could see a large handle on a doorlike opening." Finch said he was driving down a dirt road perpendicular to the highway and approaching the object. At first, he said, he saw it as it was descending toward the ground. It hovered as it got nearer, he said. "Then my car went dead, like I had a dead battery. The thing was making a whining sound, increasing in intensity. Then it moved around and over the car and was gone. My car would start then."

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Finch said two girl students at Semmes High School were riding a bus home later that afternoon and reported sighting an object similar to the one he allegedly viewed. Finch said he found burn marks on the ground after returning to the site. Michael French, 11, of Sarland, had told his friends and parents of seeing "a funny looking thing in the sky" early that night. When they refused to believe him, Mike drew a picture of a round object which had lights on it and bore two cross-like protrusions from its side - something like antennae. Mike also reported the object to be "glowing." Residents of Satsuma reported that they had witnessed a strange glowing object in the sky at the same time. Mrs. C. C. Butler said she witnessed the strange object in the sky - "bigger than a star and brighter and moving very fast when not standing still," - on other occasions. The Satsuma housewife said a number of other residents of the area have also seen the orange-hued object in the sky. Source: *NICAP Reporter* March 1966.

1/11 + 13/66 - WANAQUE, NEW JERSEY UFO REPORTS

A number of very responsible people observed a mysterious aerial visitor at Wanaque, New Jersey on January 11th. The UFO arrived about 7:30 p.m., stayed around for an hour or so, then flew away. Some of the best viewing was by Wanaque Reservoir Patrolman George Dyckman, who said: "It was weird. A bright white object, about two feet in diameter, moving up and down and around. It hung in the air for about an hour." "No doubt about it," Councilman John Shutte said. "It was there. I saw it, a brilliant white object two to three feet across and it's color - no, not color, shade - it kept changing." A large group of people in Pompton Lakes said they saw the UFO, too. Patrolman Ed Boyd saw it, about 30 hysterical people called police radio to ask: "What was it?" Another UFO was said to have circled the Totowa vicinity but with nothing like the response elicited by the Wanaque sighting. "It wasn't a plane, I'll tell you that," Patrolman Dyckman said. "If I were a drinking man," commented Wanaque's Civil Defense Director Bentlye Spencer, "I don't think I'd have another one."

The UFO reappeared over the Wanaque Reservoir on January 13th. "It came from nowhere about 4:10 a.m. - and later it disappeared the same way," Tom Garrison, 39, a treatment plant operator said. Garrison and a coworker Mike Pezutti, 36, watched it for nearly an hour. The mysterious "disk of light" was sighted earlier by two Clifton, New Jersey men. "This time it came down to tree-top level," Garrison recounted. "The bright white light coming from it seemed to dim...and then brighten, like it was turning or rotating. It was bigger and brighter than any star I've ever seen, and it made no noise all the time Mike and I watched it. I don't know what it was...but it wasn't any star, I can tell you that." Pezutti described his view of the UFO: "It was much, much brighter than a star and it kept moving around. Back and forth, up and down, if you can picture it." It moved out at increasing speed about 5:15 a.m. and disappeared. The two Clifton men who saw the UFO were Peter Hreno, 36, and Dennis Reynicks, 26. They saw the weird light "hover" a few feet above the reservoir's surface, casting a reflection that "lit up the whole surface of the ice." There was an unconfirmed report that a "beam" of light from the UFO burned a hole 40 feet wide in the reservoir's ice. Source: *NICAP Reporter* March 1966.

1/19/66 - "SAUCER NESTS" IN TULLY, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Two more "flying saucer nests" are reported to have been found in the Tully district. The three "nests" discovered are circular clearings of dry reeds, surrounded by green reeds. Hundreds of sightseers have flocked to the spot. Police and local officials are baffled.

The first "nest" was found in a swamp by a 27-year-old banana-grower, Mr. George Pedley, who reported seeing a vapor-like saucer take off from the spot on Wednesday. The second and third were sighted by Mr. Tom Warren and Mr. Hank Penning when walking around Horseshoe Lagoon. Mr. Warren is a cane farmer of Euramo, and Mr. Penning is a Tully school-teacher.

The first nest is about 30ft. in diameter. The reeds are all flattened on a clockwise direction, and surrounded by healthy green reeds. Police say that if some machine which travels on the ground had made the disks, it would have left traces in the surrounding scrub. But the scrub is untouched. Mr. Pedley today told me his story of seeing a flying saucer.

"Had anyone asked me five days ago if I believed in flying saucers I'd have laughed and thought

they were nuts," he said. "But now I know better; I have actually seen a spaceship. No one will ever convince me that I was imagining things. I was driving the tractor through a neighboring property on my way to my farm about 9 a.m., on Wednesday when I heard a loud hissing noise above the engine noise of the tractor. It sounded like air escaping from a tire. But the tractor tires seemed O.K. so I drove on.

"At first I ignored the sound, but suddenly I saw a spaceship rise at great speed out of a swamp called Horseshoe Lagoon about 25 yards in front of me. It was blue-grey, about 25 ft across and nine feet high. It spun at a terrific rate as it rose vertically to about 60 ft. then made a shallow dive and rose sharply. Traveling at a fantastic speed, it headed off in a south-westerly direction. It was out of sight in seconds. I saw no portholes or antennae, and there was no sign of life either in or about the ship." Mr. Pedley said he decided not to say anything because he thought no one would believe his story.

"But on my way home to Tully that night I met Albert Pennisi, who owns the property where I saw the saucer. He believed me straight away and told me he had been dreaming for a week that a flying saucer would land on his property. He said that about 5:30 a.m. on Wednesday his dog suddenly went mad and bounded off towards the lagoon." Mr. Pedley said he drove to a service and told three people there what he had seen.

"Then the fun started. They were convinced I was crackers and told me so." Mr. Pedley took them to the spot and pointed out the strange circle and decided to call the police. On Thursday two sightseers, Mr. Tom Warren and Hank Penning, took a walk around the lagoon and discovered the second of the bird nests. One appeared to be some days old, but the other, only a few feet away, seemed reasonably fresh. They were about 25 yards from the first one, but hidden by dense scrub. The fresher one is only eight feet across. The reeds were flattened in an anti-clockwise direction. In the first disk they ran in a clockwise direction.

All the reeds were dead. But they had not been scorched or burnt. One other mystery has turned up. A patch of couch grass about four feet square, and about three feet from the perimeter of the first disk, has been clipped at water level. The R.A.A.F. has asked police to collect samples of grass in the area for tests. Source: *Probe*, March - April 1966.

3/13/66 ONWARD - TUNE-UP TO THE MIDWESTERN FLAP

Strange bluish-green lights and beeping noises from the sky were seen and heard near Black River, Wisconsin on March 13. Mr. & Mrs. Victor Emerson and their son and daughter sighted a bluish-green light moving from the sky to the ground and another such light in another direction moving back into the sky about 9:30 p.m. They said the lights were accompanied by a beeping noise which sounded like an exchange of signals. Emerson said one of the objects was about 400 yards from the house, had approached at a constant angle and had a smaller light which oscillated around the larger one. Dogs in the area barked violently. Unusual changes in radio and TV reception were also noted. While all this was taking place, police officers in Ann Arbor, Monroe and Detroit, Michigan, plus, Sylvania, Fremont, Clyde, Delta and Sandusky, Ohio reported sighting unidentified flying objects. At 10:15 that same night, a very brilliant yellowish-green UFO was observed traveling south to north over St. Joseph, Michigan. It was tremendous in size and remained in sight for 10 seconds. Ten minutes later, a large flying object was reported over Ludington, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jensen said that the object was traveling at a high rate of speed, suddenly stopped in mid-air, then disappeared. About the same time, a large glowing object flashed through the sky over Muskegon, Michigan. At 10:45 p.m., a bright green UFO was seen by a resident of Saginaw, Mich.

The tempo of UFO activity continued. At 2:45 a.m., March 14, truck driver Jim Grise observed a large UFO near Napoleon, Ohio. He said the object had bright red and blue lights and seemed to be passing 200 feet above the cab of his truck. At 3:30 a.m. police officers in Washtenaw County, Michigan observed several UFOs. Deputies on patrol said they spotted a bright object in the sky, then later saw four of the objects which appeared to be flying in formation. The objects were traveling at a very high rate of speed. The deputies said there was a single, red-green object at first, moving at what were described as fantastic speeds. The object would zoom straight upward, stop, hover

momentarily in the air and then speed straight downward. The UFO was joined by a second object about 4:30 a.m. and in 45 minutes two more appeared. The four UFOs flew in tight formation, still exhibiting what deputies called great speed and amazing maneuverability. Finally about 5:30 a.m., the four objects made a wide arc in the sky, turned toward the northwest and sped out of sight. Sheriff's Cpl. Charles L. Broderick and Deputy Fred Patterson said they could see the UFOs from the window at the county jail in Ann Arbor, Michigan. A spokesman at Selfridge AFB, Michigan said radar men reported being able to see the objects in the sky but were unable to pick them up on radar. At about 9:30 p.m., Judith Alpha of Ypsilanti, Michigan spotted a bright UFO coming out of the sky moving at a terrific speed. Suddenly the object stopped in mid-air. The UFO seemed to be glowing from the inside and hovered about 20 feet over trees at the back of her home.

Quite evident that a UFO flap condition was in progress in the upper Midwest section of the United States, with southern Michigan as the main target. At 5 a.m., March 15 Police Patrolman John Simmerlink was waiting for a bus in Youngstown, Ohio with three other men when he saw a large UFO coming from the southeast. The surface looked like polished steel, was about 40 feet in diameter and eight feet high, with blue lights coming from port holes along its side. Simmerlink said the object stopped directly overhead, trailing two exhaust flames. He said a third exhaust suddenly flamed and the UFO sped away to the northwest. On March 16, Lindsay Ward was driving home from work when he sighted a UFO hovering about 100 feet above the ground near Harrow, Ontario, Canada. The next day, Mr. Ward, who acts as a minister for the Bible Church of God, said he saw the object again. This time it was sitting in a field several miles west of Harrow. He described the UFO as 35 feet in diameter and 20 feet high. A pulsating white light came from it and Mr. Ward said he thought it was caused by a revolving outer skin containing several portholes. At 7:10 that night, a large football-shaped object was spotted over Honesdale, Penn. It appeared very fast and left in the same manner, shooting up into the sky. At 10:26 p.m., police officers at Westport, Conn. witnessed a series of bright red UFOs pass directly over the police station and remained visible for six to 14 minutes. They were at normal plane flying height, but the witnesses could hear no sound. Source: *NICAP Reporter* May 1966.

3/20/66 ONWARD - TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA SEE UFO ACTION

Five reported sightings investigated closely by *The Post* yielded a note of conformity as to the shape and maneuvering patterns of the elusive night flyers although reports varied as to the size of the objects and color of lights emitted.

Among the observers were a U.S. Air Force civilian electronics instructor who is a former newspaper publisher; a chief deputy sheriff; a U.S. Coast Guard cutter crewman experienced in observation; a truck driver and two Texas highway patrolmen who watched a UFO with a group of teenagers.

The most vivid description was given by Eddie Laxson of Temple, Okla. who claims he was within 80 yards of a strange craft blocking U.S. Highway 70 southwest of Temple on the morning of March 23.

Laxson, 56, an electronics instructor at Sheppard Air force Base at Wichita Falls and a former publisher of the *Temple Tribune*, said he saw the unconventional craft sitting on the highway about 3 a.m., and that a very conventional man was working on the underside of it.

Laxson said he saw the man, dressed in what appeared to be military fatigues with sergeant's stripes on a sleeve, enter the 75-foot-long craft through a rectangular door just before the "fish-shaped" object took off vertically with a sound "like a high speed drill" and disappeared at a high rate of speed.

Laxson, who is familiar with aircraft, said he had no thoughts about the craft being from outer space, or even from another country. "It's an American piece of machinery," he said. "It's nothing foreign."

On the same morning that Laxson reported seeing the strange craft take off from the highway, a truck driver in the vicinity, C.W. Anderson of Snyder, Okla., said he was forced to stop his tanker truck because of a blinding light reflecting in his rear-view mirror from a hovering object in the air that

seemed to be following his truck for a short distance.

A report of a closer look at a UFO in the air came from a crewman of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter, *Legare*, moored at its dock near Freeport on March 20.

Radioman 1/C Glenn A. Mushett, who was on watch during the predawn hours that Sunday, said he watched a large oval object through binoculars for "about a minute" as it hovered near the edge of Freeport.

Mushett, who said he had been skeptical of UFO reports, said he could see inside of the craft through its open round windows.

The time was about 1:25 a.m., he said, and "I could make it out very clearly. It had its windows open and I could see inside of it, but it was hazy inside and I could see something moving in it and an orange object, or something, giving off an orange glow." Mushett said, "I didn't believe in the stuff (UFOs). I'm still not sure."

Mushett's sighting of the object was backed up by two other crewmen who were watching without aid of binoculars.

This was not far from the area where two Brazoria County sheriff's deputies said they got a close look at a UFO last Sept 3.

Two other law enforcement officers were involved in a UFO sighting at Victoria on March 24. State Highway Patrolmen Buddy Means and Glenn Lisso, along with seven teenage boys and two housewives, watched what they described as a round object emitting bluish and silver lights while hovering over the northeast area of the city for about five minutes.

The boys, gathered on a street corner beside a highway, said the object they saw about 8:30 p.m., about a mile away, was a round object that appeared to be flat on the underside and domed at the top.

One of the boys' mothers, Mrs. Emma Flores, and her sister, Mrs. Mary Joslin, said they saw the object when summoned by one of the boys. And the two highway patrolmen, cruising in the area, stopped and saw the object when it was pointed out to them by the boys.

They all agreed that the object seemed to spin while hovering and that it took off at a high rate of speed to the northwest and disappeared.

As the mystery of the flying saucers continues to spread intrigue and inflame imaginations, the man who solves the puzzle may be in danger of being dubbed a spoilsport. Source: Cleveland Grammer, *The Houston Post* April 10, 1966.

3/20/66 ONWARD - THE MAIN MIDWESTERN FLAP STRIKES

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 40 persons - 12 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 10 feet" of a patrol car, said Patrolman Robert Huniwell.

Farmer Frank Mannor got to within 500 yards of a football-shaped object with a waffled skin and red lights. Mannor, who with his son observed the strange machine in a nearby swamp area, said the object 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 87 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 lights 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 and 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 Patrolman 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 45 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 12 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 - (See illustration on inside back cover) Shortly after 5 a.m., Deputies Dale F. Spaur and W. L. Neff, of the Portage County, Ohio Sheriff's office, were driving along Route 14 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 16 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 50 to 60 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! Source: Rick Hilberg, *UFO Magazine* Spring 1966.

3/23/66 - MAN SHOOTS AT UFO IN BANGOR, MAINE

A Bangor man said Thursday he fired four shots at a glowing, cigar-shaped unidentified flying object late Wednesday night and apparently hit it with at least one bullet. John King, 22, said the craft responded by zooming skyward, almost straight up, and swiftly vanished to the north. He said he thought he saw a similar object some distance away moments later. King, who identified himself as a former student, said he was driving along Mount Hope Avenue about 11:50 p.m. when he saw a brightly lit object about 60 feet long speeding toward him a few feet off the ground. King said he stopped his car and got out, taking a 22-caliber target pistol with him.

"I could hear the elderberry bushes scraping as the thing came toward me," he said, "it stopped over a shallow pond, emitting an electric-like hum as it hovered. I cocked my pistol when it came toward me," he said. "I had my arm resting on the hood of my car. I could see the thing in my sight. It was like looking at a bright light in a dark room."

King said the object was "frosty blue with light on one side and frosty white on the other." He said a reflection in the water showed what appeared to be windows in the bottom of the object. He said he fired four shots at the object. The third ricocheted away convincing him he had hit it. Then the object shot up in the air and vanished. King said he drove to the Bangor police station and reported the incident, sighting what appeared to be another UFO along the way. Police said King was visibly upset when he related what had happened.

A short time later, police said, a woman in the neighboring community of Orono reported sighting a flying object that was pinkish, reddish and greenish in color. The woman, Mrs. Robert Collins, said she watched the object for 30 minutes before it disappeared. She said her husband had seen a similar object about two weeks ago but had not bothered to report it. Dow AFB in Bangor said it made radar checks Wednesday night after receiving telephone reports of UFO sightings. A spokesman said the radar made no contacts. Source: Gene Duplantier, *Saucers, Space & Science* Summer 1966.

3/29/66 - ONTARIO, CANADA BOY BURNED BY "FLYING SHIP"

A 13-year-old Mountain boy has a curved burn on his hand that he claims came from touching the "antenna" of a soft glowing "flying ship."

Charles Cozens, 16 Leavesden Place, said two strange "ships" landed in a field behind the Mountain police station on Upper Wellington Street Tuesday night March 29th.

Police Constable Arnold Read, summoned to the boy's home after his parents had repeatedly questioned their son before reporting the incident, verified Charles had a three-inch yellowish burn mark on his hand.

Charles said he ran behind a fence at 9:15 p.m. to the open grade behind the police station after seeing one "ship" come down, closely followed by another.

He described the objects as "eight feet long, four feet wide and three feet high" with "red, blue and green lights set into the rim, and flickering like a computer."

Charles said the objects "lit up the grass around" and were making "a buzzing sound."

He said they were hard and smooth to the touch and "I could not feel hot or cold so they must have been about body temperature."

Only one had an antenna, he said. "It was thicker at the base and narrowed to the size of a nickel at the top."

When he touched the antenna he received an electric shock and a three-foot flash "of electricity" occurred, he said.

"I was running to tell someone at the police station but when I looked back they were gone and I thought the police would not believe me so I ran home to tell my parents."

His father, James Cozens, a draftsman, said he took his son to a doctor 48 hours after the

incident on the suggestion of Charles' teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Mr. Cozens said he questioned and re-questioned his son and explained the seriousness of calling the police "but Charles was emphatic and could not be shaken."

His mother said Charles is a "serious boy and would never involve us with the police unless he was telling the truth."

Mr. and Mrs. Cozens had not said anything about the incident because they were afraid Charles would be hurt or ridiculed "but he remembers every detail vividly and has always been a serious hard-working kid, not the type to look for attention."

LaVerne Emery, 18, and his brother Owen, 14, of 438 Jackson Street West, reported seeing two objects "flying low over the city." The boys told their father and police were called.

Mr. Emery, an engineer at Macassa Lodge, said his sons were "extremely shaken up by what they had seen."

He said they described the two objects as "unlike anything they had ever seen before" and said they were "making a whirring noise not at all like an aircraft."

Both LaVerne and Owen said they saw flashing red, blue and green lights.

A check with Air Canada revealed that no aircraft flew across Hamilton at the time the objects were viewed (11:15 p.m.).

"They were very frightened and these kids are truthful kids," said Mr. Emery.

Weird blinking lights have been reported in Ohio and Wisconsin and last month reports of sightings of strange objects were reported over the Sarnia-area Kettle Point Indian Reserve. About 100 persons were said to have watched an object with multi-colored lights hovering over the area. Source: *Hamilton Spectator* Ontario, Canada April 2, 1966.

3/30/66 - EXTREME WEIRDNESS ON LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

On the night of March 30, Mr. Bruce Field was driving his new truck home to East Hampton, New York from Montauk. At Napeague, near the Mackay radio towers, his engine suddenly went dead, his lights went out, and his horn wouldn't blow. He threw up the hood and began to tinker, when equally suddenly, the lights went back on. He got back in and found the horn worked and the engine started. Within minutes, the same electrical cut-out occurred again. This time, as he was tinkering under the hood, he noticed lights along the ocean beach and figured a beach buggy was going along eastward, more or less parallel with him. But the light veered offshore and then returned. As it moved slowly over his head to the radio towers, it shone - the most brilliant white light Mr. Field says he has ever seen - and its shape was that of a torpedo. At the towers, the UFO suddenly took off "faster than a jet," it seemed, towards Gardiner's Island and beyond, to Fisher's Island. It went out of sight in a moment, he said. There was not a sound, nor did he see a car, until he passed the Devon turn at Amagansett as he rushed to town police headquarters to tell his story.

Five minutes before Mr. Field entered the station at 10:15 p.m., Dallas Spicer of Abraham's Path near Three Mile Harbor road (all locations on Long Island, New York) had finally called the police about having seen, together with his wife, "a very funny light just over the telephone pole" at the road near their house. It was pale blue, and it made the pole cast a shadow, which moved left and right as the light itself moved to and fro. Mrs. Spicer had phoned the police a moment later to say that the light was very bright, "and it is not a star." At 10:45 Mrs. Spicer called a second time, to report that the light "got very bright and was leaving the area just over the trees, towards East Hampton." And a few moments later she called to say that "the object" was over Hampton Cablevision television tower - large and glowing brightly. The Spicers said that their experience had begun at 9 p.m. that evening, with violent radio static. As he went outside to the garage to fetch a static filter, Mr. Spicer saw the blue light. He and Mrs. Spicer watched it for some time, as it brightened and dimmed alternately, then swept across the sky, stopping just under the moon. All the neighborhood dogs were barking, and their own pony was raising a fuss in its stall. The Spicers were upset, and a little later Mr. Spicer drove up Abraham's Path toward the television antenna tower. He then saw a black bulk in the sky, a silhouette, he told the police, which flashed light upwards and started to move. He headed homewards, seemingly followed by the object, so he drove on to the town dock on Three Mile Harbor

Road. The object circled over the water and headed towards East Hampton. It seemed oval and had a yellowish, reddish tinge by that time. Source: *NICAP Reporter* July 1966.

4/1/66 - AIRLINER APPROACHES UFO IN COLORADO

A Frontier Air Line pilot was asked by Lowery Air Force Base to alter his flight plan to Salt Lake City, and to investigate on a UFO south of Denver. Warren Heckman of Denver, the pilot, said he spotted colored lights about 20 miles away. He said he closed to within about three miles when he saw that the lights were attached to a moving object. Then the lights suddenly went down as if the object had landed. There was some speculation that the object might have been a tower in the Rocky Mountains near Palmer Lake. It seems rather odd that an Air Force base and an airline pilot could mistake a stationary tower for a "moving object!" Source: *UFO Magazine* Summer 1966.

4/1/66 - UFO CHASES CAR IN MICHIGAN

A ellipsoid-shaped UFO turned tables on three of its pursuers and in turn pursued them for nearly half an hour through Dearborn, Michigan streets on April 1. John O'Donnell, 19, was the first to see the strange machine "hovering in the air like a blimp or a helicopter." O'Donnell said he and a companion were driving home in a car driven by Victor Golden, 16, about 2:45 a.m. when they saw the UFO ahead of them. "We got a real good look at it," said O'Donnell. "We drove right under it and could make out its shape. It was round and flat with a dome on top and the bottom. It had a revolving red light in the bottom dome and what looked like fluorescent lights in the top one." Larry Shortridge, 24, corroborated O'Donnell's description. Both men said the vehicle had a red light on its starboard side and a green light to the port. "I think it was about 500 feet high," said Shortridge. "At first we thought it was a blimp, but when we drove under it we could make it out clearly. It didn't make any noise. Suddenly it shot up higher and soared away. I know for certain what I saw. It was oval-shaped, like if you took an egg and flattened it a little. I could see half the top dome lights from the side and all of them from the front when it turned our way."

The UFO chasers continued their pursuit, speeding after their silent quarry. "It seemed to go down around Crowley Park," Shortridge said. "We began driving in that direction and lost sight of it for a moment. Then we saw it again and it was headed our way!" "My friends panicked," Golden said. "There was static interference in the car radio and the faster I drove, the faster the thing kept coming." Tingling with excitement, the trio sped to Golden's house, where he dashed inside and awakened his twin sister, Vickie. "He said he had seen a UFO and could hardly believe it," she said. "I ran outside with the boys and looked up in the sky and saw a pair of small red lights. There was no noise; just the lights." That evening, O'Donnell and his brother and sister-in-law, drove to the spot on Carlyle Avenue where the men thought the UFO had touched down. "We didn't see anything," said Mrs. O'Donnell. The next day O'Donnell and another man went to the same patch of woods. The man who accompanied O'Donnell said they went to a clearing in the trees. "There was a patch of burned grass about 20 feet in diameter that was burned and crushed," he said. "The rest of the ground was wet and soggy." Source: *NICAP Reporter* July 1966.

4/6/66 - POLICE SPOT STRANGE LIGHT IN WASHINGTON

Two Seattle police patrolmen, investigating reports of an unidentified object over Lake Washington near the Evergreen Point bridge, reported seeing a bright-red light at about 8,000 feet at about 1 a.m. on the 6th.

"I always said that everybody who said he saw something like this was nuts," Patrolman Earl Levin said. "There is no doubt that there was something there."

"It was red and seemed to move slowly eastward for about two to three minutes. Then it turned white and a particle separated and went down to the southeast."

"I think we watched it about five minutes, but I'm not positive how long - I was absolutely spellbound because, as I said, I didn't believe in them."

His partner, Patrolman William MacPherson, said he first walked out on a pier at the end of East Madison Street to look at the object, then backed off to see if it was moving.

"It was definitely not a star," MacPherson said. "It stayed there and stayed there. When I walked back off to focus on it in relation to something else, it still wasn't moving. Then it started to move south and east.

"I know I saw a red light. It was standing still and it was bigger than anything else in the sky. It was real bright. We saw a plane after that and it just wasn't the same thing.

"From where we were it looked as big as a dime or a nickel. It disappeared in kind of a white flash-like.

"It was probably nothing, but you never know..." Source: Mike Wyne, *The Seattle Times* April 6, 1966.

4/7/66 - COLORADO PICNIC TURNS STRANGE

Six Denver, Colorado teenagers were picnicking at a campsite in rugged terrain south of Denver when they saw some weird and terrifying sights.

Donald Otis, 17, said he and five others saw "four or five" objects rising out of a gully directly in front of a cooking shelter where they had dinner. Patricia Retherford said she and three of the other picnickers saw what appeared to be the figure of a "really, really tall man" for a few seconds near the shelter.

Otis said that at about 7:45 p.m. "we heard what sounded like footsteps - it was something weird - and Allen Scrivner and I went out to check. Then we heard a weird buzzing sound - it was something else." Otis said they walked about 100 yards in the darkness to a hill where they saw what looked like "a huge car, with red and white lights that looked like backup lights going on and off."

The boys then returned to the shelter where they were told about the dark figure. Kaye Hurley, another of the picnickers, said, "I didn't get a good look - I was afraid to - but he was much taller than Allen, who is 6-feet-1."

Otis said they then started to drive away when they turned around and noticed a "pure white light - oval like an egg - rising straight up out of the gully in front of us."

"Then Mary screamed," he said, "and we all turned around and saw two others hovering near the first one. Then we saw another one with a weird red light. Its rays went straight up. Then it looked like it was starting right towards us and we took off." Source: *UFO Magazine* Summer 1966.

4/10/66 - STRANGE AUSTRALIAN ENCOUNTER LINKED TO DEATH

A man said today that he saw a mysterious column of light early last week at the spot on a road about 120 miles northwest of Melbourne where a youth was killed in a car crash on the evening of the 10th.

Mr. R. Sullivan, 38, a steel contractor, of Maryborough, about 100 miles from Melbourne, said he was driving from his home to Wycheproof along a straight, tree-lined road when his car suddenly swung sharply to the right.

As he braked, he looked and saw a mysterious column of light in a paddock.

He feared that his strange experience might be connected with the death of Gary Taylor, 19, of Carnegie, whose car unaccountably left the road and crashed into a tree 10ft. off the bitumen at the same spot.

Mr. Sullivan said that when his lights were pulled to the right they lit up the fence as though they were being dragged by a giant magnet hidden somewhere in the paddock.

In the middle of the paddock was a great column of light about 25ft. high and shaped like an ice cream cone. It was about 3 ft. wide at the bottom and 10 ft. wide at the top.

The bottom seemed to rest on the ground and it was a brilliant white color.

For the rest of the way to the top it looked like a rainbow. There was every color of the spectrum.

The column rose silently from the ground at tremendous speed.

The next day he tested the headlights, and found they were perfect.

A small dust depression in a ploughed paddock is being examined. The saucer-shaped depression is about 3 ft. in diameter and 2 in. to 5 in. deep, 50 yards from the accident spot. Source: *The West Australian* April 12, 1966.

4/18/66 (AND EARLIER) - WEIRDNESS IN WASHINGTON

Beep-beep-beep.

Insistent, Spooky.

Residents adjacent to a small wooded area near Lake McDonald, six miles east of Renton, heard the sound on the evening of the 18th. It has been going on for several weeks at least, they say.

A new dimension was added several weeks ago. Besides the beep-beep-beep, there were flying objects. Also on the 18th there was a red fireball that swept across the sky while a dozen or so persons gathered on the back porch of the James Nelson home, 13612 196th Av. S. E. Renton.

Sky watchers said the fireball was preceded by the drone of an airplane engine. But the luminous red light, distant and fleeting, hardly compared with other things seen and heard in recent weeks.

Kay Remillard, 20, said she saw four strange, glowing objects in the sky. And a 13-year-old girl reported seeing two objects in the sky. Both were badly frightened.

But it was the Sunday-night, April 17th experience of the Nelsons that brought neighbors to their porch that night. They could talk of little else.

The beep-beep-beep had picked up in speed and volume around midnight Sunday. Neighborhood dogs began to howl mournfully and to bark.

Mrs. Nelson went to her window and opened it.

Beep-beep-beep.

Then she heard another noise - "like a swoosh-swoosh, like iron clinking and wood breaking." then she saw an airplane.

"And then," Mrs. Nelson continued, "I saw some other lights through the trees, moving. I thought it was the airplane. It broke into view. It was not the airplane. I called my husband.

"We stood and watched the airplane and this object. From a distance the object dwarfed the airplane, as if you had put a basketball beside an orange."

Nelson, a Boeing Co. machinist, verified what his wife had said, but added his own thought that the airplane was "an old B-49 (a Northrop "flying wing") and it seemed to be fighting with the strange object - at least it looked that way; but just as they were about to collide, the airplane banked and pulled away."

The Nelsons said they watched the object hang in the sky for about 15 minutes, its lights pulsating. Then two more airplanes approached it, "as if they were following it."

And then it was gone. And all that remained was the woods and that persistent beep-beep-beep. Source: Don Duncan, *The Seattle Times* April 19, 1966.

4/24/66 - CLOSE ENCOUNTER TERRIFIES MASS. FAMILY

An 11-year-old Dorchester girl was terrified by a UFO early Sunday morning which she said banged against the house and rocked her bed. Judy Kalnicki of 1284 Dorchester Ave., an honor student in the sixth grade at the Mather School, woke up screaming for her mother, Mrs. Jean Kalnicki, who has six other children. Then the youngster sat down and sketched the "flying oval."

The mysterious flying object was spotted twice by the Kalnicki family, and two blackouts of electric power occurred almost simultaneously in the Dorchester area. Police also received calls that UFOs were spotted off Boston's Logan Airport, over South Boston and near Belmont's Waverly Square.

Shortly after 4 a.m. Judy was awakened and saw "this thing" outside her third-floor bedroom window.

"It was so close I could almost touch it," Judy said. "It banged against the house as we watched it. I was sitting on my bed, and it rocked the bed back and forth. Then the lights in the house went out."

Judy said the "thing" was oval in shape and "about the size of my brother's car, a 1955 Lincoln."

"It had a bubble top that seemed to be round, with red lights around the edge," Judy explained. "It seemed to be made partly of silvery gray metal with no doors.

"I always used to say that there was no such thing as a flying saucer. I thought those people who said they saw them were making it up. Now that I saw one myself I never want to see one again."

Mrs. Kalnicki said she had spotted the UFO shortly before midnight when it floated across Dorchester Ave. and hovered outside her apartment windows.

The mother said it had sort of a transparent bubble top that was illuminated with a yellow light and circular red blinking lights. Source: Gene Duplantier, *Saucers, Space & Science* Summer 1966.

4/25/66 - "FLYING VOLKSWAGEN" IN MICHIGAN

Police, newsmen and curious people crowded into a two-mile-square area, about two miles north of Marion Springs, Michigan on the afternoon of April 25 in a futile search for an unidentified flying object. The UFO was reported by Mrs. Charles F. Jones, 44, who said she saw a strange, brilliantly lighted object flash through the sky, nearly blinding her, about 11:30 a.m. as she drove her grandson Jason Norton, 4, toward a doctors office in Merrill. "At first I thought was just the sun reflecting off an airplane," Mrs. Jones said. "But then it rose slightly and I could see that, although it resembled a triangle with a stubby nose, it did not have any wings." She said she stopped the car and watched the UFO, which she described as a "flying Volkswagen." It seemed to be gliding southeast, but then it stopped over the trees and dropped straight down. "That's the last I saw it," she said. After the area had been checked, Mrs. Jones stood by her report. "I'll never be satisfied it wasn't a UFO. I know. I saw it. I used to think people were just making things up. But Jason and I both saw that big light and that strange-looking object." Source: *NICAP Reporter* July 1966.

5/7/66 - FLORIDA MAN HAS CLOSE ENCOUNTER

NAPLES - Police got a report today of a flying saucer "as big as the roof of a house" from a man they described as appearing genuinely frightened.

Officer George McRae said motorist William Karelis of Cape Coral related at 2 a.m. that the unidentified flying object, aglow with white and then blue-green light, hovered not more than 150 feet over his car as he drove along U.S. 41 west toward Naples.

Karelis said he first "noticed a large white light behind my car. I speeded up but it easily gained on me. In a few minutes it was over the left rear of the car. And at that point it glowed bluish-green in addition to white. It went past - reverting to white again - circled the car and vanished at a speed of 100 miles an hour or more."

The motorist told police the UFO made a "whooshing" sound.

Police said Karelis showed no sign of fatigue or drinking and they believe he was telling the truth. His report is being relayed to agencies which collect and evaluate data on UFOs. Source: *The Miami Herald* May 7, 1966.

6/12/66 - CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN PENNSYLVANIA

On June 12, a York, Pennsylvania family observed for 25 minutes a flying object that hovered over the treetops within 700 yards of their home, moved in deliberate directions and had compartments that glowed with beautiful soft-colored lights. Richard Sipe, employed by the state highway department as a surveyor for nine years, his wife Hazel, who attended Millersville State teachers college and taught elementary school in York County for 14 years, and their son Richard, Jr., 14, agreed, "If we weren't believers in flying objects, we are now." The Sipes described the object as a sort of flattened triangle that hovered over the trees to the west of their home and moved up and down as well as to the right and to the left, at times coming closer and at others moving away. The Sipes watched the UFO through binoculars that, according to Sipe, "brought the object to within 100 yards. The object more than filled the width of the lens of the field glasses," Sipe said. "We were afraid to talk too much about it," Mrs. Sipe said, "because we thought people would think we had lost our minds, but I saw it and I am convinced it had to be operated by some sort of intelligence, it moved with such deliberate movements. When we called one person he tried to tell us it was probably one of about 20 satellites the U.S. has in orbit," Mr. Sipe continued, "but these would be moving in one direction, while the object we observed moved horizontally to the left and then horizontally to the right. It moved straight upward at times and at other times down." She added "It appeared to have separate compartments around the edge that were lighted in different soft colors, pink, blue-green and white. The pink seemed at times to glow more of a red."

Mrs. Sipe said she got up about 4:05 a.m. to get her two-year-old son Dana a drink of milk, and

when she went near the west window of the kitchen the venetian blinds "just seemed to glow with a bright light. I pulled the blind up," Mrs. Sipe said, "and I saw this object glowing and hovering over the treetops just west of our home. I noticed a star in the distance and this object compared with the star and was a basketball to a marble in size. I watched it maneuver for about five minutes before I was sure I wasn't seeing things, and then I called my son Richard who came to the window with me. After another five minutes we called my husband. We have seen many airplanes cross the sky out here but we both knew that this was no airplane," Mrs. Sipe said. Richard interrupted his mother's account to add, "And no one can tell me this was swamp gas, because there isn't any swamp around here." Richard continued, "Through the filed glasses you could make out what appeared to be partitions between the different-colored lights. The object filled that opening between the trees to the right while it hovered there, and the edges of it could be seen glowing through the leaves of the higher trees beside the opening. At one stage there appeared to be several arcs of light almost horseshoe-shaped over the center top of it, and then those arcs went out and others appeared near the left edge." The boy described the object as "looking something like a cooked marble that has been flattened some." The father said, "I thought they were kidding when they got me up that early, but I am convinced now." He said the tops of the trees are about 700 yards from the home. Behind the trees, Sipe said, are large electrical power lines. Source: *NICAP Reporter* August 1966.

6/24/66 - VIRGINIA POLICEMAN "CHASES" DIRIGIBLE-SHAPED UFO

Patrolman William L. Stevens Jr. may be the only Richmond policeman to ever chase an unidentified flying object in a police cruiser.

And he may never do it again - if, in fact he ever gets another chance.

"I've learned since I saw it that you shouldn't get too close to them, because they sometimes leave behind radiation" said Stevens.

As he described his June 24th chase he spoke with the type of conviction which leaves no doubt he believes he saw something which defies explanation.

"If I live to be 100 I'll never forget it," he said.

"As a matter of fact, I hope I never see another one."

Stevens spotted the UFO at about 3:30 a.m. as he drove his police cruiser toward the intersection of Laburnum Avenue and Meadowbridge Road.

Looking northeast toward the state fairgrounds he saw a string of lights, low in the sky and hanging motionless.

He stopped, opened the car window and stuck his head out to make certain he wasn't looking at a reflection in the glass.

"The lights were on the outside of a dirigible-shaped thing that looked to me like it was about 125 feet long.

"I couldn't see any portholes or windows - just this string of alternating yellow and white lights.

"The object seemed to be made out of a dirty white or grey material of some kind. It was light enough so I could see the outline. It seemed to have a light mist around it."

Stevens radioed to police dispatcher C. G. Koegler, explaining what he saw and telling him he was going closer to investigate.

As he moved toward it, Stevens turned on the red blinking light atop the police car.

Stevens turned up the Richmond-Henrico Turnpike, and as he did so went closer to the object. It began to move away on a path following the general direction of the turnpike.

"It seemed like it was playing tag with me," said Stevens.

"If I drove 30, it almost stopped. If I went 60, it shot ahead.

"Once I had to go almost 100 to keep up with it. The whole time I was only a couple hundred feet away from it."

Meanwhile, dispatcher Koegler was busy. He telephoned the radar room at Byrd Field and held open line conversations between Stevens and radar operators. The object failed to show up on radar, said Stevens, because it was too low to the horizon.

When the chase neared the Henrico County line, Koegler called county police and they dispatched

officers toward the scene. They failed to arrive before Stevens lost contact with the object.

"I trailed it across the Chickahominy River into Hanover County about six miles," he said.

"Out in Hanover it kind of stopped for a little bit, then shot straight up into the sky. It didn't just disappear all of a sudden, it climbed out of sight."

Stevens, a 7 1/2-year veteran with the police force, told his story today in hopes other witnesses would come forward and add details to his experience. Source: Bill Sander, Richmond, VA *News Leader* July 21, 1966.

7/6/66 - EM EFFECTS IN WEST VIRGINIA

State Police Cpl. A. R. Bruce is convinced that three Clendenin, West Virginia youths saw a UFO above their automobile on the night of July 6th on a road near a Clay County hilltop. He described Victor Camp, 18, John Parker, 18, and John McVay, 16, as sincere and intelligent, and not the types given to pranks or sensationalism. The youths attended choir practice at the First Methodist Church in Clendenin and went for a drive. Camp told Bruce they chose the Bomont road beyond Queen Shoals "just to see where it went." They were 7 or 8 miles east of Clendenin when, they said, a light illuminated the treetops, they heard a buzzing sound and the car radio and engine quit, they reported. Above them, the boys related, they saw what appeared to be an inverted bowl, maybe eight feet in diameter. All jumped out and started running down the road. McVay fell, skinning his knees. Camp paused to help him to his feet. The object came toward and directly over them, then rose perpendicularly and quickly disappeared in the night sky, they said. Bruce said the boys admitted they were badly frightened by the experience, perhaps near hysteria, but went back to the car and it readily started. The time was about 10 p.m. and they drove several miles to reach a telephone at a roadside refreshment stand. Sgt. Bruce said he did not doubt the veracity of the story told by Camp, Parker and McVey. Source: *NICAP Reporter* September 1966.

7/9/66 - A TRIP TO THE MISSOURI SPACE CRAFT CONVENTION

Buck Nelson is a hard man to figure. He stands about 5-feet-4 in his overalls which are his standard costume and which he has worn not only all over the United States but also to Venus, Mars and the moon.

His crew-cut hair is gray, now that he has reached the age of 72, but his expression is as disarmingly innocent as ever and he is strangely mater-of-fact for a man who has ridden in flying saucers and sat down to supper with rulers of other planets.

He has lived alone for years on what he calls his "ranch" down here near Mountain View, but the place is really little more than a four-room shanty surrounded by acres of trees and scrub brush. He used to support himself by cutting the timber and selling it; then a strange set of circumstances combined to change his life completely.

Buck lived out there with only a white shepherd dog to keep him company and he had no more idea of going to Mars and Venus than you or I. But one night in 1954 when he was sitting there listening to the radio, strange things happened. The radio went "crazy wild." The dog started barking and running around in circles and the horse started raising Cain in the barn. Buck went out to see what was up and there was that flying saucer. Buck ran back in the house and got his flashlight and signaled to it and they shot a ray at him that knocked him right over the rain barrel. Buck had been suffering for 14 years from lumbago and neuritis, in fact it was that bad he could hardly stand up. But when he picked himself up the pain was gone and he hasn't had a twinge to this day.

"They" came back several times and Buck and the space men became downright friendly. Finally they invited him to take a ride and they visited the three planets. Buck wrote his experiences and sent them to a southwest Missouri newspaper. It printed them. Buck became a celebrity in a certain stratum of society and went all over the United States making talks to believers and attending conventions of flying saucer enthusiasts and others who, like himself, had taken trips into outer space. Buck wore his overalls all the time, not only because that's all he had ever worn, or even owned, but because that's what the people on Mars, Venus and the moon wear.

The time came when Buck decided to have a convention of his own and he's been having one

annually now for 10 years. We attended one of the first ones, back in 1958, and we found ourselves among some 400 or so persons who braved the rocky winding road and ankle-deep dust in the backwoods of Howell County where Buck had invited the faithful to gather.

The scene of the convention was about a quarter of an acre of dusty pasture next to Buck's house, where the hot sun beat down on the dockweeds and plantain and where Buck had constructed some backless benches with short logs for legs, a speaker's stand and various crude little stands for refreshments and the dispensing of souvenirs. There were also book stalls to display the works of space enthusiasts and travelers who are great ones to write of their adventures, at \$3.95 a copy.

There was almost continuous speaking on that occasion (Buck never bothers to prepare a program) because people had come from a dozen states, some to tell about how they went to places like Mars and Jupiter, and others to listen with open mouths and expression of amazement.

So, when word got a week or so ago that Buck's annual convention was coming up, we thought it would be interesting to look in again, especially since the past year has been a very rewarding one as far as flying saucers are concerned. The convention was scheduled to start on Friday. When we arrived in Mountain View late Friday afternoon we drove on out to Buck's place.

The first thing we noticed when we turned off the highway was that the rocky old dirt road had been replaced by a smooth, gravel farm-to-market road. We passed through the gap in the fence, the entrance to the place, only to find it virtually deserted.

There were three or four cars parked back of the pasture on the spot where Buck's space visitors parked their saucer. Buck was walking around, making last-minute preparations. One delegate was watching him. At the other end of the lot some carnival workers were putting up a small carnival, pausing now and then to give Buck and the whole scene some glum looks.

Buck remembered us, and we sat down in the quiet of the fading day to talk.

The conventions have been about the same every year, Buck said, three for four hundred people, and he figured there would be as many this year even though hardly anyone had shown up as yet. This was the first year they had ever had a carnival along with it. "They wanted to come in," he said, "so I said, 'why not?'"

Listening to our conversation was the lone delegate we had seen when we drove in. He was a square-jawed, square-built man of middle-age who said he was from outside Hutchinson, Kan., and was a laborer on the Sante Fe.

He had never seen a flying saucer. "It's a kinda long story," he said. "We got a party line out there and one night someone brought up the discussion of flying saucers. Someone told about Buck Nelson's book, so I ordered it. Then I came to the convention four years ago and been here every year since. The reason I believe? Well, some of the stories I heard here, like that big Indian who told about his trip to Jupiter and back, they made a believer out of me."

He had come by railroad to Mountain View and then by taxi, carrying with him a folding cot. It was getting dark and he unfolded his cot, took off his shoes and lay down for the night. Buck suggested one of the stands or the speaker's platform but he allowed he wanted to be out where he could watch the skies, just in case. "People will be coming in the morning," Buck said, hopefully.

In the morning sunlight the place looked even more bleak. The unpainted stands were bleached out like old bones. A string of those plastic pennants such as are used at grand openings of new filling stations was strung over the speaker's stand, but they were old and faded, like Christmas tinsel that had been put away and brought out too many years.

A few cars had arrived during the night and campfires were burning down in the parking area. Gus Adrian was sitting on the side of his cot, rubbing his eyes. At the parking lot we were waved over and made welcome by two middle-aged men who were cooking breakfast over an open fire in front of their tent - fatback bacon and scrambled eggs and they cooked and ate while they talked.

One handed us a printed sticker: "James L. Hill, author, Seymour, Mo.," and they were talking before we could get our pencil out.

"All that mountain was lit up with flying saucers," Hill said, waving his arms. "It was alive with them. They were in a circle and right in the middle was a big saucer that was going up and down."

The other man was John Dean, who like to be referred to as "Professor," because he once taught art. He said he also was an author, and brought out a copy of his book, *Flying Saucers and the Scriptures*. Dean was from Hutchison, Kan., and he pointed to a sign on the back of his car which said, "Space Ships Welcome" and below that a line of characters which, he explained, said the same thing in space language. He had had a batch of the posters printed and would sell us one for a dime.

Mrs. Fanny Lowery, of Clarkson, Mich., another regular at the conventions, keeps in touch with a friend who, in turn, is in touch with space men by telepathy. Mrs. Lowery claims the distinction of being the first person ever to send a postcard to another planet, and to have received in turn a piece of wood from another planet.

The day advanced and the sun got hotter and the dust a little thicker. A number of cars drove in. They were from Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas, Kansas, Tennessee, Louisiana and Oklahoma, about two dozen in all.

Buck cranked up his generator to provide power for the loudspeaker and then announced that the convention was under way. As usual, he had nothing planned; anyone who felt like talking was welcome to. One of the first to appear was Bob Young, a printer from Waterloo, Ia., who looks like Abe Lincoln in his rail-splitting days and who roars in every year on his motorcycle with helmet and goggles.

At noon much of the crowd lined up at the refreshment stand to pay \$1 for a chicken dinner. When afternoon came and the crowd got only slightly bigger (there were fewer than 50 people there) the carnival people reached new depths of glumness. Nobody had even come near the merry-go-round or the penny pitches.

We asked the carnival men if they had been given any kind of a guarantee. One of them gave us a crusty look. "Are you kidding? We're supposed to pay Buck a percentage."

They were made even more glum, if that be possible, when it was announced that everybody was supposed to put \$1 in this here cigar box for good old Buck Nelson for the use of his facilities.

The afternoon droned to an end. The carnival people started the merry-go-round, but after a couple of turns, they gave it up. Another swinging ride wasn't even started up and there was a complete lack of interest in knocking dolls off a rack with baseballs. When dark descended, the place was deserted, except for the campers. There was only Buck, walking around in the dusk, like a shepherd settling his flock for the night. Source: Dickson Terry, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* July, 10, 1966.

7/18/66 - MANY SPOT CLASSIC DISK IN BAYTOWN, TEXAS

"Feller, when you set there and count the windows on it, it ain't no damn reflection."

W. T. (Red) Jackson shot a look of disgust at his questioner, pulled the blue cap a little lower over his weathered face and spat tobacco juice on the driveway.

Still, he looked a little sheepish about admitting that he watched a flying saucer skim over his service station at 7499 Bayway Drive in Baytown in broad daylight.

"I was working on my credit cards," Jackson said, "and I looked up and it was settin' there just over them trees, and I wish to hell I'd never looked up the way people been givin' it to me, 'You got any little green men runnin' around up there?'"

"Kelly Dikeman - that's D-I-K-E-M-A-N, Dikeman - Kelly seen it too. He seen it fly off or I wouldn't of told anybody."

Jackson kept it a secret for a week because he knew he would be in for it once the story was out.

Owners of small service stations simply do not look up at the sky at 9 o'clock in the morning and see, hovering before them, a big, saucer-shaped, pure white object maybe 50 feet in diameter and 10 feet from top to bottom; and if they do, not many broadcast it.

Jackson said the object appeared about 9 a.m. July 18, a clear, sunny morning in Baytown. He said it looked like two saucers turned together with a row of square windows between - "that'd be the best explanation I could give you." It bore no visible markings and nothing was visible through its windows.

"It was white as white could be," Dikeman, the other witness, said. "A kind of glowing white. It

was round, smooth outside. It wasn't spinning, just kind of sailing. I never saw anything like it."

Dikeman thought it would measure 30 feet or more in diameter and three feet or so thick, big enough to contain a pilot "if he was layin' down." Jackson thought it was quite a bit thicker, 10 or 12 feet from top to bottom.

"He got a better look at it than I did," Dikeman said. "It was goin' so fast I couldn't tell too much about it."

"I set here and watched it a good 40 seconds before I said anything to Kelly about it," Jackson said.

When he first saw it, Jackson said, the saucer was about 1,000 yards away and stationary, hovering about 1,500 feet off the ground above the woods across the street east of his station.

"It was just to the left of that gas pump," he said, pointing, "right between them two tall trees when I saw it. Just settin' there. I was so damn' startled I didn't know whether I was havin' hallucinations or what. Nineteen years in the Army, and I was still startled."

Jackson said, "Look, what is that?" Dikeman related. "And I said, 'I don't know.' He said, 'That must be a flying saucer.' And I says, 'Well, I don't know. The only flying saucer I ever saw was at home.'"

As both men broke for the door to get a better look, Jackson said, the saucer darted away to the west.

"I didn't see where it went," Jackson said. "Kelly got to the door first and he's a big man, 200 pounds, and I couldn't run over him."

"The best I could tell," Dikeman said, "it came out of the woods on the east side and went over that (water) tower and went west. If it kept goin' straight, it looked like it might hit the tower.

"It crossed Bayway right west of the service station, went over Lewis and Coker's store, and it was gone, just like that. It was only visible maybe about four seconds."

Dikeman, 55, who is retired from Humble Oil's Baytown Refinery and occasionally lends Jackson a hand at the station, said the saucer was faster than any airplane he ever saw.

"Oh, yes, sir, they couldn't a jet go that fast," he said.

The two men skeptical about flying saucers before they saw one, are now equally skeptical of the recently published theories that unidentified flying objects really are only swamp gas or vagrant electrical currents.

"It damn' sure wasn't no fire ball like they said in the *Houston Post* the other day," Jackson snorted.

Dikeman said what he saw was too high for any kind of gas formation he knows of and there are no swamps in the woods where the saucer appeared. Jackson, 48, an ex-Army captain and a former refinery employee, said swamp gas and fire balls do not have windows.

Neither man had ever seen anything - not anything real, at least - to compare to the UFO.

"Well, perhaps, some of those illustrated drawings they've put out," Jackson said.

When the story got out, Jackson said, several men from Houston came to his home at 1201 Bayliss to interview him.

"Some feller named Owens from Houston - say, you know anybody named Owens? - well, he got me to make a statement and wanted me to sign it," he said. "Hell, I signed it."

At times, kidders have deviled him so much, Jackson said, that he has taken the telephone receiver off the hook at home. Even his wife didn't believe him at first, but "she finally does now."

There is one consolation, he said. Two Baytown nurses also saw the saucer that morning "and I wish I'd had 15 of 'em in here for witnesses."

"They were getting' out of their car at the hospital," Jackson said. "I don't even know what hospital, and they wouldn't tell me their names. They said, 'we're not going to be laughed at.'"

"They came in here and told me they saw it, too. They said, 'We just wanted to let you know you're not crazy.'"

"I wish I'd got their license number." Source: Jimmie Woods, *Houston Post* September 9, 1966.

7/20/66 - PIPE-LIKE UFO OVER ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Since 1947, the Air Force has investigated about one flying saucer report a day, but isn't probing Wednesday night's sighting over Rochester - not yet, anyway.

The reason: No report has been submitted.

Hundreds of people said they had seen the object, either spinning over Aquinas Stadium at Mt. Reed Boulevard and Ridgeway Avenue, or hovering over the E.I. duPont deNemours & Co., plant at 666 Driving Park Ave.

The *Democrat and Chronicle's* switchboard was lit up like a - well - like a flying saucer. About 60 calls poured in.

Among those who saw the object was a sheriff's deputy, Joseph Robortella, who submitted a report yesterday to his superiors concerning "an object in the sky over Aquinas Stadium, headed east at approximately 8:40 p.m." His report continued:

"The object looked to be approximately four feet in length and two feet in diameter, grayish-silver in color and appeared to look like a large pipe..."

Yesterday, at the information office of the Secretary of the Air Force in Washington, D.C., a spokesman said no report on the local sighting had been filed.

"The procedure is this," he added, "a person sees an object which he cannot identify. He reports it to the nearest Air Force Base (in this case Griffiss AFB in Rome), which investigates. Their report is, in turn, forwarded to Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio."

Asked why Deputy Robortella's report had not been sent to the Air Force, a man at the sheriff's office said yesterday, in an apparent reference to their probe of the murder of two Chili girls:

"With everything going on here today, I doubt if we'd have time to forward the report, even if there two men in the thing."

Nothing was picked up on radar, either at the Rochester-Monroe County Airport or at the Weather Bureau. Said the bureau:

"Our radar doesn't show things that close in. It shows the same objects as the airport tower radar, because we're hooked in to it. They see things bigger, that's all. If there was anything to be seen, they would have spotted it. We have only one person on duty here at night and he has 101 things to do."

Miss Suzanne Steinberg, 163 Wakefield St., an assistant director of National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), a nationwide group of citizens, said she would call a meeting at her home to further investigate the sighting by questioning several persons who said they saw the object.

"We and the Air Force seem to be on different sides," said Miss Steinberg, "but we work together, even though they deny everything. We'll submit a report to them when we've concluded our investigation."

This latest UFO report calls to mind a cartoon in a current magazine. Little men with pointed heads are seated around a conference table at some planetary Pentagon and one of them says:

"And I say if they keep sending their hardware up here, we keep buzzing their swamps." Source: George Murphy, Rochester, NY *Democrat and Chronicle* July 22, 1966.

7/24/66 - MEN PHOTOGRAPH UFO IN WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

(See photo on inside front cover)

"The marsh gas was really acting up near Diamond Hill Road on the afternoon of July 24," said Joseph Ferriere of 132 Fifth Ave., editor of *Probe* magazine, who claims he sighted two UFOs while on a hike in the woods on that date with Harold A. Trudel, 28, of 147 Division St. Trudel photographed them.

In relating their experience, the pair said they decided upon the hike early on that Sunday afternoon, and drove up Elder Ballou Meeting House Road to the power lines. Leaving the car, they hiked about two miles along the power lines right of way when they said, things began to pop for a period of about a minute at approximately 3 p.m.

Elaborating on the "marsh gas" comment, Ferriere observed that "cloud formations, temperature

or pressure inversions, weather balloons, conventional aircraft or birds" are usually the explanation which U.S. Air Force investigative personnel give to such sightings.

"The first one came from our left - we were facing, I would say, north-northeast," Ferriere said. "It was coming down at about a 45-degree angle. It was tipped so that its bottom was perpendicular to its direction of travel. I was really amazed. It was very small; only appeared to be three to four feet in diameter, but we must have been almost 150 feet away from it."

He said it appeared to be about the size of a quarter when held at arm's length, and was shaped like the lens from a magnifying glass.

Ferriere claims numerous other sightings. The editor of *Probe* has amassed a file of photographs, slides, movies and negatives which he claims are pictures of UFOs.

"Harold sighted it through his camera and snapped a picture," Ferriere said. "While he was winding the film, the second UFO, the same size and shape as the first, arrived from our right. He raised his camera and grabbed the second picture just as they were meeting. As he was winding his film for a third shot the UFOs did a loop under the power lines from right to left and then sped off toward Cumberland - following the lines - at terrific speed."

The pair of sightees produced two photographs of the UFOs.

The first was a snapshot-sized print. Trudel said he took his roll of film to Dube's Pharmacy and they sent it to Jan's for processing, the negatives and prints being returned. This print showed, besides a small black object, a series of 4's, 5's and the words "Verichrome Pan." There was also an over-all mottled effect on the print. On the 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 negative the image of the UFO is about 1/8 inch from tip to tip. The 4's and 5's and the lettering also appeared.

Trudel allowed his camera to be examined. It is a basic snapshot affair, using 620 film, which was produced by a Chicago firm just after World War II. It had the appearance of a twin-lens reflex but it is actually a modification of the simple box camera.

The shutter speed is slow, about 1/30 to 1/50 of a second, and the lens has a very small opening, although the glass diameter is almost 3/4 of an inch. The camera is such that it would be virtually impossible to "fake" such pictures with it.

An interesting sidelight is the appearance of the numbers and lettering on the film. Trudel said he had taken a few snapshots prior to that Sunday, turning the film after each shot. He noted that the camera was left lying face-downward in his car in the sun for several hours. Apparently the little red window at the rear of the camera is of a much lighter shade of red plastic than is used now-a-days, and the sun filtering through this opening bounced around enough to print the numerals, letters and pattern of the film backing paper on the negative.

Also contributing to the "branding" of the film might have been the cast metal construction of the camera, especially the back, which would be inclined to hold and conduct the heat.

It is the practice of most film manufacturers to enclose the advice with each roll that the film be stored in a cool place and that the camera and film be not stored in such places as open sunlight or in automobile glove compartments.

The second shot, that of the two UFOs, was enlarged at Yvonne's Photo Supply to an 8 x 10 inch size. It showed no greater detail in the UFOs than the smaller shot other than greater indication of motion. It appeared that the UFOs were beyond the nearest pole, but much closer to the second pole.

Both negatives, which are now locked in a safe deposit box with other *Probe* UFO evidence items, showed no indication of tampering. They did show the same edge-fogging as other films taken with the camera which Trudel purchased for \$3 several weeks ago at a second-hand store, thinking it to be a "good camera."

Trudel is employed as an assembler at Woonsocket Buffing Co. His only other sighting was in 1952 when he saw "seven disks rotating about a disk as big as the moon...they suddenly vanished into the bigger disk."

Ferriere is employed at Fairmount Dye Works. He has appeared on numerous radio and television programs in connection with UFOs, and is a member of many private investigation groups in the same field. Source: Samuel S. Reynolds, *Woonsocket RI Call* August 23, 1966.

7/26/66 - FAA SUPERVISOR REPORTS UFOs IN GEORGIA

ATLANTA - A Federal Aviation Agency spokesman reported sighting three and possibly four UFOs, slowly changing colors early on July 26th.

"It was subtly changing colors of red, green and blue," said Robert A. Bennett, FAA watch supervisor at Fulton County Airport.

He said he spotted a UFO on the evening of the 24th and saw more of the phenomena on the 26th at about 2:45 a.m. He said one moved in the east, appeared oval-shaped and vertical, and left an oblong trail of reflecting light.

A few minutes later the UFO became stationary and a section of it dropped off a few feet, Bennett said. About 30 minutes later, he added, a second object was sighted in the west, changing colors and moving.

A third object was picked up by weather instruments about 4:05 a.m. and Bennett reported yet another sighting but said it could have been one seen earlier that changed its position.

An FAA spokesman said the UFOs were seen by "several people here who are reputable individuals and who all work for the FAA". Source: *Orlando, FL Sentinel* July 27, 1966.

7/27/66 (AND EARLIER) - OBJECTS SIGHTED IN VIRGINIA

A deliveryman for a Richmond dairy reported to police early July 27th a sighting of a UFO in the Manakin area as he was making his early morning deliveries.

He described the object to State Trooper L. B. Mitchell as moving from the southeast to the northwest, traveling at about twice tree-top level. The object had a large spotlight pointed at the ground, lighting an area 30 to 35 yards wide, and made a whistling sound, Mitchell quoted the man as saying.

The deliveryman, who requested that he not be identified, told the trooper that he was in the parking lot of a grocery store at Manakin at the time, and watched the object for about two minutes.

The man said he could not discern the object's shape. The incident occurred shortly before 2 a.m., he said.

When the deliveryman spotted the object, he went to a nearby phone booth and reported the sighting to the operator, who then connected him with Richmond police. Richmond police, in turn, called state police.

Mitchell said Byrd Field personnel were notified, who reported seeing nothing on radar there, and that there were no military or commercial aircraft in the Manakin area at the time.

This is the second reported sighting of an unusual flying object in this general part of the state within a week, and the third in about a month.

Early Sunday morning July 24th, a Prince Edward County special deputy sheriff reported seeing a dome-shaped object hovering silently west of Farmville.

The deputy, Clinton Childress, said he spotted the object at 12:55 a.m. while on an assignment in the Darlington Heights area, and it stayed at the same spot until 1:20 a.m. The lights on the object blacked out, and soon reappeared in the sky towards Appomattox, where he watched it until about 1:50 a.m., Childress said.

He described the object as being dome-shaped, about 170 feet wide, and estimated it hovered about 500 feet from the ground. Childress said it had lights with a greenish tint on the underside, and lights with a red tint over the top.

Childress stopped a car that was driving by while he was observing the object. The men in the car looked at the object, verified they saw it, and jumped back into their car and drove off, Childress said.

The deputy said he detected no noise while observing the object. Several residents of the area subsequently reported hearing noises that sounded like a helicopter, or a group of helicopters, during the night.

It had been reported earlier that a Richmond patrolman, W. L. Stevens Jr., spotted a zeppelin-like object about 300 feet in the air near the State Fairgrounds early on the morning of June 24, and chased the object well into Hanover County.

Meantime, the Associated Press reported yesterday that policemen in High Point, N.C., reported

seeing two strange lights in the sky, and that similar reports came from Asheboro and Ramseur in a neighboring county.

An official of the FAA at Atlanta reported seeing several strange objects early Tuesday in the Atlanta area. Source: *Richmond VA Times - Dispatch* July 28, 1966.

7/26-27/66 - MANY SEE MOVING LIGHTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

People over a wide area of Piedmont North Carolina were perplexed over what was going on in the sky on the evening of the 26th.

And I can sympathize with them. I was, too.

The people rang police switchboards in Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Asheboro and Ramseur with reports of UFOs.

Sgt. Larry Pendary of the High Point Police Department said people reported the objects "looked almost like stars" but were traveling too fast and changing colors from red to blue to white.

I saw the same objects - two of them - as I stood in front of Fairview School on East 21st Street about 9:30 p.m. yesterday.

The objects looked at first like far-away stars, but they caught the eye because they were alternately changing colors.

Both seemed to be traveling in the same direction at first, then appeared to change directions.

They finally disappeared after fading out and reappearing several times. A bystander suggested they might be satellites.

But they did not appear to have the slow, continuous movement of visible satellites.

A military source here who declined use of his name suggested that the high-flying objects may have been planes of some sort, possibly military planes conducting a night-long exercise.

"They were flying much higher than they ordinarily would have been and the sky was perfectly clear, giving people a good look at them," he said. "This may have caused the phenomena."

Winston-Salem police were called by two women who invited them to look out the window at the objects. The police saw them flying toward the northwest.

Police in Asheboro and Ramseur notified police in other cities that the objects were headed their way, but they couldn't identify them. The sightings occurred all the way from 9 p.m. until 4 a.m. today.

One man in High Point said the object he sighted appeared to be more of a streak with multicolored lights.

The military men here said this could have occurred when the plane picked up speed.

One source said that with fewer planes in the air because of the airline strike, military activities undoubtedly are picking up. Source: Bill East, *Twin City Sentinel*, Winston-Salem, NC July 27, 1966.

7/31/66 - THE ERIE, PA LANDING AND "CREATURE"

An Air Force investigating team may come to Erie to probe mysterious events connected with the sighting of an unidentified flying object on the Peninsula Sunday night, the 31st.

Peninsula police this morning found numerous imprints in the sand in the Beach Six area, only 10 hours after a Jamestown, N.Y. girl was left hysterical after seeing something settle to earth 300 yards from the car in which she was sitting.

Betty Jean King, 16, told police last night the object, which was first seen around 9:30 p.m., was "metallic, sort of silvery."

She said it settled between two trees after coming straight down. Her story was verified by her companion, Douglas J. Tibbets, 18, and Mrs. Anita Haifley, 22, all are from the Jamestown area.

Also present when the events occurred were Mrs. Haifley's children, Sandra, two, and Sar, six months.

The car was stuck in the sand at the east edge of the Beach Six parking lot when the sighting occurred, according to Peninsula Police Chief Dan Dascanio.

"We were sitting in the car waiting for help. We saw a star move. It got brighter. It would move fast, then dim. It came straight down. The car vibrated.

"I know we saw it. We had taken a walk up in that area earlier. There was nothing between those trees then. All of a sudden it was just there," Miss Klem told reporters and police.

She described the object as being mushroom-shaped with a narrow base rising to an oval structure. She said there were lights on the back of the object.

The object approached from the north and hovered over the area before landing, the girl said. She said a beam of light came out of the craft and moved along the ground in a straight line.

"It lit up the whole woods. It wasn't like a search light. There was light along the ground, along its whole path," the girl said. The light did not waver but continued to extend into the woods, she said.

Shortly after this, Patrolmen Ralph E. Clark and Robert Loeb Jr. arrived to assist the persons in getting the car out of the sand.

The policemen had seen the car stuck about an hour earlier. The visitors had told the officers another companion, Gerald LaBelle, 26, also of Jamestown, had gone to get help.

Officers Clark and Loeb had promised to return later to see if assistance was needed, and they were returning just after the object was sighted, Dascanio said.

As the police car approached, the beam of light from the object disappeared, according to the girl's account.

Neither of the officers saw anything in the area. However, they went to the vicinity where the object had been seen. Tibbets accompanied them to the scene.

Miss Klem and Mrs. Haifley and her children were left in the car. While the others were gone, Miss Klem thought she saw an animal near the car. She described it as upright and gorilla-shaped, about six feet tall.

The creature was dark and featureless and moved sluggishly back into the brush when she sounded the car's horn. When the officers, alerted by the horn, rush back to the car they found the girl in a state of hysteria.

Scratches were later found on the car, and police said the visitors insisted they were not there before the visit to Presque Isle.

The girl was at first unable to talk because of her condition. However, when she was able to relate the events her story remained basically the same, according to police.

Gerald LaBelle returned a short time later and did not see the object. Neither of the police officers saw anything.

However, around 7 a.m. today Officers Robert Canfield and Paul Wilson investigated the area where the strange sights had been seen and found the impressions in the sand.

Wilson said two diamond-shaped impressions about 18 inches wide and six to eight inches deep were found about 10 or 12 feet apart. They were about 350 or 400 yards from where the car was parked, Wilson said.

At other places in the vicinity three impressions of no definite shape were found. They were in a triangular pattern, about 10 to 12 feet apart.

Wilson said other impressions were found which led in a straight line to where the car had been parked. They were conical-shaped, about eight inches wide, five to seven inches deep and from five to eight feet apart, he said.

Wilson said the objects did not appear to be footprints, but appeared to have been made by a heavy object or objects.

It is not clear whether the object was seen taking off. Dascanio said she saw the object fly away toward the north "at a tremendous rate of speed" but neither of the policemen saw the takeoff.

Dascanio dismissed the possibility a raccoon or other animal might have been seen by the frightened girl while she sat in her car. "I discount that. There are no bears out here. I don't know what it was," he said.

He said he contacted Wright-Patterson Air force Base in Dayton, Ohio, and conferred with officials there. Miss Klem also talked with Air Force personnel Dascanio said. Officials said investigators would likely be sent to investigate the events, he said.

The Jamestown visitors had arrived on the Peninsula around 8 p.m. for a picnic before the strange events took place. Source: Erie, PA *Daily Times* August 1, 1966.

8/1/66 - HYNEK SAYS UFO PROBE LAGS

CHICAGO - Dr. J. Allen Hynek, U.S. Air Force consultant on unidentified flying objects, has criticized the American scientific establishment for failing to investigate the persistent UFO phenomenon.

Head of the Northwestern University astronomy department, Hynek detailed his criticism in a letter to *Science* magazine, dated Aug. 1. He charged that American science has demonstrated a form of "provincialism" in failing to tackle one of the great mysteries of the 20th century.

The Air Force, he said, has made a continuing military investigation of the phenomenon, which has shown that it does not appear to threaten national security.

However, what he has proposed, Hynek said, is a scientific investigation "to dispel 20 years of confusion."

A spokesman for *Science*, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, said Hynek's letter would not be published because of recent discussion of the subject in another magazine, the *Saturday Review*.

In his letter, Hynek warned that attitudes of modern scientists toward UFOs parallel those of savants toward meteorite reports 150 years ago, when science ridiculed the notion that "stones fell from the sky."

The Northwestern astronomer said that while many UFO sightings can be explained as natural phenomena, a sizeable number cannot.

These unexplained sightings have contributed to an ever growing mystery, which cannot be dismissed.

"This is a disturbing phenomenon to many," he said. "Yet formal science has taken no note whatever of it."

Hynek said he has been urging the Air Force to recruit physical and social scientists to make a "respectable, properly funded study of the UFO phenomenon."

"It is my considered opinion that selected UFO reports deserve at least as much attention as a Brink's robbery, a kidnapping, a counterfeiting ring or a narcotics case," he said. Source: The Cleveland, OH *Press* August 29, 1966.

8/66 - 1966 LETTER RECALLS 1914 CLOSE ENCOUNTER

WANAQUE, NJ - The old man looked back across 50 years and saw again the aliens from another world repairing their spaceship on the waters of Georgian Bay in Canada.

An eye-witness account of a strange episode in August 1914, was scrawled in a 16-page letter to Wanaque Police Capt. Floyd Elston.

Postmarked July 24 and airtailed from San Francisco, Calif., the letter mystifies Elston.

"I can't understand why he sent this to me," Elston shrugged, handing the bulky envelope to a reporter. "I never heard of him before...and I can't imagine where he got my name. I was never involved in any of those UFO sightings at the Wanaque Reservoir last winter."

Elston, recently promoted following Capt. Clarence Montanye's disability retirement, has combed his memory for some clue.

During Army service in World War II, Elston met thousands of soldiers overseas. Wounded and captured, he was held a prisoner of war in a Nazi concentration camp until it was liberated by U.S. troops.

"The fella who wrote me this letter wasn't anyone I met over there. I'd remember the name," Elston said with certainty.

But in San Francisco, William J. Kiehl somehow knows Floyd Elston, a lifelong resident of Wanaque.

Kiehl displays a sharply-honed memory in recounting events leading up to his "true story of a UFO from another planet." How as a young man of 18 he left Marietta, Pa., on May 8, 1914 to work on the New Welland Canal being constructed from Lake Ontario to Lake Erie.

Recalling his hometown reputation as "a river rat - a damn good swimmer in plain English," Kiehl relates how he rescued a woman and her 7-year-old son from a burning ferry boat that sank on Lake

Ontario.

A few days later he hooked up with two young men from Boston, Mass., who planned to work their way across Canada to attend the San Francisco World's Fair of 1915. Riding freight trains from job to job, they eventually reached a remote village "way up in the woods near Georgian Bay."

They went up-river with a "marker man" to check an old mining claim in the company of another man, his wife, and two daughters, aged 7 1/2 and 10.

Here, Kiehl describes in detail a small valley or cove along the shore of Georgian Bay where the eight travelers rested and cooked a meal.

"The two little girls went up the beach to look out at the bay," he recalls. "They came running back to their mother to come out and look at a strange machine out on the water. A deer on the shoreline was watching it too."

Stirred by the excitement, the rest of the group hurried out for a look.

"I saw the deer about 12 feet from the water's edge looking out on the bay, and I looked out and saw this object," Kiehl said. "There were two little men with square masks on their heads working with some kind of hose coming out of the water and going up into the machine."

He describes three other aliens adjusting "some rods" on top of the saucer-shaped machine that pulsed with varying colors. "There was a green zig-zag around the center like it might be electricity traveling around, and a bright silver band around the side."

Suddenly aware they were being observed, Kiehl said the little men (dressed in tight-fitting cloth of purple-green hue) hurried into the machine and it began pulsating with glowing colors.

One of the small spacemen failed to make it in time and a sliding door closed in his face, according to Kiehl. The alien lay outside the oval spaceship desperately hanging on as it started to rise. Kiehl was unable to see the alien's fate, the saucer hovered 12 feet over the water, appeared to balance itself, then rapidly accelerated into the sky.

"It must have gone to a larger ship somewhere, because it seemed too small to have traveled millions of miles from another planet by itself," the old man wrote. "It was not from this planet."

Wild fantasy...or a brush with aliens from another world? That's William J. Kiehl's believe-it-or-not story. Source: Patterson, NJ *Evening News* August 15, 1966.

8/16/66 - THOUSANDS WATCH MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS IN ARKANSAS

Fort Smith, Ark., Aug. 16 - Several thousand persons including police officers and reporters, saw unusual lights in the sky over Fort Smith late last night.

Sgt. J. W. Gilbreth Jr., 38, a six-year member of the Fort Smith Police Department, said he saw the objects. This is how he described them: Four red lights, stationary but seeming to rotate like a police patrol car warning beacon, spread out in the sky like points on the corners of a square.

One set of red and green lights appeared, then a white blinking light, then a steady white beam of light, all moving separately, in straight lines, from one to another of the four red lights.

"What we saw were lights," Gilbreth said. "What they were on, I can't say."

Gilbreth said he observed them for about an hour. Others said the lights were visible for about three hours. Gilbreth said he saw crowds watching the lights as he drove around the city.

John Garner of radio station KFSA, Fort Smith, broadcast his description of the lights when watching them with a crowd of about 1500.

Little Rock Air Force Base reported that it knew of no aircraft in the area.

"Apparently they saw something over there last night, but we don't know what it is," a base spokesman said.

Gilbreth said the lights he saw made no sharp maneuvers, and there was no fire, no smoke and no noise. He said other witnesses told him that when the lights disappeared, they seemed to "just blink off, not gradually fade away."

Gilbreth did not see the lights go out because he was talking by telephone at the time with Air Force personnel at the Little Rock base. Source: St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* August 17, 1966.

8/16 & 17/66 - UFOs "INVADE" MINNESOTA

Mr. And Mrs. Harold Pikal saw two mysterious objects while fishing on West Battle Lake near Henning between 10 and 10:30 p.m. on August 16th. They described them as quite frightening as the first one seemed to come right at them out of nowhere. They were described as a large, misty light ball that changed colors for a moment. The UFOs appeared to hang over a beach to the north of them. A circular object with bright red, yellow and orange colors was seen by three Detroit Lakes residents about 10:30 p.m. About the same time, an "eerie" horseshoe-shaped object appeared in the Henning area. At 10:40 p.m., Jack Miller was driving near Big Mantrap Lake when he spotted an object approximately 2 - 3 feet in diameter, hovering a few hundred feet above the ground. He said the object appeared to follow his car. At the same time, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonough sighted a round, lighted object about 150 feet across which became elongated as it disappeared to the north. The sighting was made near the junction of U. S. 52 north and Olmsted 14. Mrs. McDonough said the object was lighted from inside and hovered about 300 yards from the road. "It looked like a small moon coming down to intersect with the road and seemed to be about the size of a B-52 airplane when viewed from the same distance," McDonough said. "It came down to within two telephone pole lengths from the ground. It was awesome, breathtaking and scares the hell out of you." Radio stations in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area reported receiving approximately 75 calls from persons reporting they had seen one of the objects in the sky. Employees in the control tower at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport reported sighting "an object." At Flying Cloud Airport in Eden Prairie, several pilots reported an object that settled down on the east-west runway and then zoomed up and away. An egg-shaped, luminous silvery green object, moving silently just above the trees was reported by Bob Carmody, 17, and Pat Demody, 17, as they were going east on Highway 34 between Whipholt and Walker, which measured an approximate 200 feet in diameter. A group of women in Walker also observed the huge white disk through the treetops as they were returning home. Several residents of Cass Lake sighted a peculiar light about 200 feet above the Erbe Drive-In. It was in the shape of a horseshoe. Another UFO was seen near Sleepy Eye about 10:50 p.m. First it appeared to be the moon moving out of the clouds. Then it kept descending, getting larger and larger. It appeared to be at a height of about 8,000 to 10,000 feet when suddenly the object disappeared and - poof - there was a cloud of vapor. Several persons in Rainier sighted a UFO about 11 p.m. The object hovered above the Rainier Community building and appeared larger than a water tank. The whole object was glowing a bright red which faded to a red rim around the circumference of the object.

About 11:40 p.m., residents of Ponsford observed an object which they described as being two to three feet in diameter, hovering a few feet above the ground and exhausting a blue flame. Several other reports were received but no times were given. At Hibbing an object described as a big ball was sighted by George Lehman, 14, and his friend Patrick McKenzie, 12. It glowed, turned darker in the middle, took on a horseshoe shape and then seemed to vaporize and soared away. Two UFOs were seen south of Roseau. Witnesses described the objects as looking like a moon. Then came the shocker. An eerie UFO hovered over a car in eastern Duluth, terrifying the four occupants. James Luhm, 720 Lakewood Road, the driver, said a spinning, globe-shaped object changed colors as it got to within several hundred feet above the vehicle on Lakewood Road. Luhm said that his sister, Sally, and two nieces, Pam, 16, and Debby Lind, 14, were with him and also saw the object. They had just turned off Highway 61 onto Lakewood Road when they saw a light behind the clouds that "looked almost like the moon." As they drove on, the light dimmed but the object remained visible. Luhm joked to the other passengers, "I think the Blob is going to get us." Just then the object started to whirl and change colors, and to come toward the car. When it got within a distance of a few blocks, Luhm shoved the car into reverse, backed down the road to a driveway, turned around and headed toward the highway. Luhm and the others returned later, drove up the road a mile further, stopped and turned their lights out. This time the object raised up from behind the woods northeast of the road, and seemed to hover over the road before ascending again. The object seemed to be the size of a football field, but that it was difficult to judge its size or its distance from the car, Luhm said. When it started spinning, he said, blue, green and faint red whirling lights could

be seen. As it got closer it turned to a blue-green light, he said. Luhm noticed that as it got close to the car, the car's windows started to steam up.

During the early hours of the following morning (August 17), a farmer residing three miles east of Rice Lake, Minnesota - about 100 miles SE of Duluth - said that about 12:30 a.m. he saw a UFO as a ball of glowing yellow light emerge from the northeast, cloud height, and move in a southeasterly direction. There was no sound. His cattle, he said, became very disturbed. The light would appear, then screen out and disappear and then be seen again. "It was fascinating and frightening." At Rice Lake, reports were varied from about 15 persons who told their views of "a moon-like object glowing many colors in the heavens." Of these, the account of a Canton, Wisconsin couple who were among the first to report the incident was detailed. The farm couple, who wished to keep their identity unknown, said they were driving along a country road on the line between Barron and Rusk counties east of Cameron on August 17, when in the northern skies the object, like a "moon on a moonless night," glowed in many colors. As it approached it appeared to take on an oblong shape, they said. This was just before midnight. "It came closer and closer," said the woman. "In fact, so close my husband stopped the car and turned off the headlights. He broke out in a sweat of fear." She admitted that she too was frightened. They said the auto windshield steamed up as the object approached. Source: *NICAP Reporter* October 1966.

8/21/66 - DEATHS IN BRAZIL LINKED TO ATTEMPTED CONTACT

RIO DE JANEIRO - Brazilian police, plagued by amateur Holmeses eager to solve the spine-tingling "mask murder" mystery, tartly scratched flying saucers and witchdoctors from the list of suspects Saturday.

Which brought them right back to where they started from a week ago.

They still have no inkling of how two electronics repairman in their 30s died 1000 feet up a jungled hillside, eyeless lead masks covering the top part of their faces.

"It's beyond anything thought of to date and that's all we will say," Inspector Helio Brasil Alvares, second in command of the investigation, said.

The two men were found a week ago on the hillside in Niteroi across Guanabara Bay from Rio.

They lay on their backs, neatly dressed in suits with ties, their hands at their sides. The crude two inch by six inch lead masks covered their eyes.

Exhaustive laboratory tests failed to disclose a cause of death. There was no sign of violence, neither man had been wounded and the autopsy ruled out poison, electrocution or asphyxiation as possible causes.

The bodies were buried but still more laboratory tests were being conducted on the stomach contents.

With the bodies along with the masks police found undecipherable coded messages, electrical charts, simple mathematic formulas, a lady's handkerchief, raincoat, sunglasses, toothbrush and two notes, both referring to mysterious "capsules." No capsules were found with the bodies.

A woman in the area reported seeing a luminous object on the hillside she said was a flying saucer.

"We don't believe in saucers," said Alvares after talking to the woman.

Another scotched theory was that a witchdoctor lured the two men to the hillside with the promise of miracle cures. One was asthmatic and the other had stomach trouble.

The theory said the witchdoctor was really a conman and had somehow killed the men and stolen the \$2200 the mens' wives said they had with them.

Police weren't buying that either and were back Saturday looking for some meaningful clue. Source: *The Washington Post* August 28, 1966.

9/9/66 - POLICE AND RESIDENTS REPORT NEW JERSEY OBJECTS

Unidentified flying objects, called flying saucers by many and reported in all parts of the world for many years, were sighted by reliable observers hovering over the Middletown, Holmdel, Bayshore area, the evening of the 9th.

Members of the Middletown Township Police department, an assistant Fire Chief, this reporter, and residents of East Keansburg and neighboring West Keansburg watched the strange lighted objects, hovering and moving about for more than two hours before they were last seen flying over Raritan Bay toward New York.

The only government agency receiving reports of these objects was Fort Monmouth where George Moise, Chief Information officer, offered a possible solution. He said the lighted objects could have been a burning satellite, sun reflecting off a weather balloon, or other garbage dropping out of space and burning up in the atmosphere. He added that one man working in his office tracked with a telescope what he believed to be a satellite burning up Saturday night.

Mr. Moise said when the reports of the UFOs were received at Fort Monmouth an immediate check was made with the Army's aviation section, where it was learned that no Army aircraft had been flying in the area since 6 p.m. that evening.

Officials at both the Highlands Air Force Station and McGuire Air Force Base said they received no reports of sightings in their areas.

First reports of the objects, reported as brightly lighted with some moving slowly and others at very fast speeds, were received by Middletown Police Sgt. George Freibott, in charge of the four to twelve shift Friday night. Upon receiving the report at 10 p.m. from Miss Camille Yannibella of 76 Linden Ave., East Keansburg, Sgt. Freibott sent out a message to all of his patrol car drivers to turn to the sky.

About 15 minutes later Ptl. Robert McNair reported that he and Special Officer Norman Mayer were at the Food Town parking lot, Route 36, Port Monmouth, and had spotted an object glowing in the air, coming from the direction of Holmdel and then stopping to hover over the B & W Auto Body Works Shop, a short distance away.

"It wasn't moving fast," said McNair, "it stayed still for about 15 minutes and then started to move away from the area." McNair kept it in sight while riding down Route 36 toward Union Beach, going about 30 m.p.h. He said it wasn't going too fast and described it as being blue in the center with a red light rotating around it in a clockwise motion. McNair said it made no noise. He lost sight of it when it veered out toward Raritan Bay in the direction of the Edison Bridge, about 10:42 p.m.

While McNair was reporting his findings over the police radio, Special Officer Donald Spivey was traveling on Wilson Ave., heading toward Cherry Tree Farm Rd., when he spotted a glowing object in the sky. He said it was on his right in the area of Bell Telephone Laboratories. Spivey lost sight of the object and continued to the area of the Middletown Railroad Station to take another look. There he spotted six or seven airplanes coming from the Holmdel area toward the bay area.

As he was looking at the planes Spivey said he heard McNair report that the object was moving so Spivey headed for the East Keansburg area. Spivey noted that wherever the object was reported these five or six planes were also seen in the area. Other witnesses also reported the planes.

At the end of Ocean Ave., East Keansburg, Spivey sighted the object, standing still over the bay near the Edison Bridge. As he was observing the UFO, hovering over the bay, Assistant Fire Chief Harold Cruse, hearing the talk over his radio, with Howard Davies, captain of the East Keansburg First Aid Squad, came to the end of Ocean Ave., to watch with Spivey. They then saw a white light come from the object, like a spotlight, and stay lighted for about a minute. The light went out when the planes got close and the object was "gone like a shot" Cruse said adding that the light was very bright. Spivey and Cruse both agreed that it couldn't have been a plane because it stood still and they didn't think it was a helicopter because it moved so fast. They said it had a red glow on the outside.

Ptl. Harold Reilly, while sitting at the Applebrook traffic light and Route 35, reported that a fast streak of bluish light went over him at a fast rate of speed toward Lincroft. He said it circled around the Lincroft area and then went out toward the bay. With Reilly was Special Officer John Mullarkey who also saw the object. "It went very fast," said Reilly.

The man who first noticed the objects was John Sacks of 74 Linden Ave., East Keansburg, when he went outside about 9:40 p.m. to see if it was going to rain.

Looking up at the sky, Mr. Sacks said he spotted something that appeared to be a dancing star.

He described it as red, greenish-blue and amber. "I thought I was seeing things," Mr. Sacks said "and I went in to get my glasses. I saw the same thing with my glasses on so I called my neighbor to make sure I wasn't going crazy."

The neighbor was Miss Yannibella, who after observing the object for a while decided to call police. Mr. Sacks said he would have called the police sooner, but he doesn't have a telephone. He went inside his house and turned on the radio and television to see if it was on the news. He turned the volume up loud and went back outside to watch the object.

He said it moved back and forth, changed colors and then went toward the bay.

Joining Miss Yannibella were her brother, Nick, and his wife. "We all saw the same thing," said Miss Yannibella, "and later that night, about 11:20 p.m. when my brother was ready to go home we sent the two children, who had been asleep, out to look at the sky and they reported that same thing we had seen.

"We could see it very clearly," she said, "it had blue colors flickering back and forth and one color would appear and then the other one would appear and then they would appear together."

All the observers watching the object in Sack's back yard said there was no noise and mentioned there were planes in the area.

They lost sight of it after it went toward the bay a little after 11:20 p.m.

Mr. Sacks wondered why the planes circling around the area did not see the object.

"We all saw it," said Sacks, "I don't know why the government keeps denying it. There was something there."

Raritan Township Police had no reports of UFOs but they were seen in West Keansburg by this reporter and a group of other people.

One object was spotted in the direction of International Flavors and Fragrances, Union Beach, blinking red, greenish-blue, and white lights. Three were spotted between 10 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., all blinking the same colors. The one over IFF moved slowly up and down and side to side. One of the objects appearing to be hovering over Natco Lake, stayed there for about five minutes after being spotted, and circled over Route 36 and toward the bay in East Keansburg.

Witnessing these same objects in West Keansburg were Mrs. Robert Kissel of 87 Locust Grove Park; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stango of 86 Locust Grove Park; and Mr. and Mrs. George Eastmond of Brookside Park, Hazlet.

Marty Monahan, head of information at NAD Earle, said there were no reports of any objects recorded in the duty log.

A Coast Guard spokesman at Sandy Hook said there were no reports of the objects over this area, however, he added, that a report was received of a low flying object over Long Branch between 9:30 - 11:30 p.m. Friday. He added that it could have been a helicopter. Source: Bill Eastmond, The Middletown, NJ *Courier* September 15, 1966.

9/12/66 - UPSIDE DOWN SAUCER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

LEBANON - Sightings of UFOs over western New Hampshire intensified when two families on Prospect St. Extension spent nearly an hour in the early morning darkness viewing a multi-colored disk-shaped object, stationary at times, moving back and forth across the sky on the 12th.

Jesse Truman, a brakeman for the Boston and Maine Railroad in their White River Jct. Vt., yards, was returning home from work at 5 a.m. when he noticed the UFO on the horizon as he left his car in the driveway by his house. The Truman home is on a hilltop that commands a wide view of the valley area.

Truman after watching it momentarily went in the house and awakened his wife and son, Henry, 18, all of whom came outside to view the strange object. To substantiate their sighting, Truman awakened their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hart, who also witnessed the UFO. They also called the Lebanon police dept. and the night dispatcher went outside the station and confirmed seeing a multi-colored saucer.

Yesterday Mrs. Truman said she had always been an optimist about these UFOs until she saw this object in the sky.

"At first it appeared to be in the southeast corner, looking toward Newport," Mrs. Truman said. "It was like a saucer turned upside down and when it stopped it had a flashing red light like that on a police cruiser. But when it moved along up and down and sideways in the sky it had red, blue and green lights."

Mrs. Truman said her husband used his binoculars to view it at closer range and she added "you could not distinguish this from anything else - it was really amazing."

After the two families tired of watching the UFO they returned to their homes and went back to bed but Mr. Truman said her son stayed up and viewed it for some time from a window inside the house.

In neighboring White River Junction, Friday night, a housewife, Mrs. Sylvia LaBounty, sighted three craft of similar description and she was joined by her neighbors in viewing the objects. Both local and Vermont state police confirmed the sighting. Source: Manchester, NH *Union Leader* September 14, 1966.

9/23/66 - VIRGINIA POLICEMAN WITNESS TO UFOs

Henrico County Patrolman John G. Pace never was much of a believer in UFOs, but now....

Well, Pace's experience late Friday night has him shaking his head and wondering.

The "UFO" business cropped up Sept. 23rd about 11:30 p.m. when residents of the Buckingham Avenue area near Lakeside called police to report they had sighted some objects in the sky.

Police quickly dispatched Patrolman Pace, who has been a policeman about 10 years, to investigate. And investigated Pace did.

"I had never seen anything like it," Pace said today in relating his experience.

When the patrolman arrived in the area, he said, about 10 to 15 people were there. Pace said they gave him directions which way to look.

Pace said he definitely saw three objects - two in a northern direction and one in an eastern direction.

The one in the eastern direction, Pace said, was a light-like thing and had green, red and white rays coming from it.

The patrolman said the brilliance of the object at one time died down to "a dim glow," and that it then came back brighter.

At one time, Pace said, this object came down for what appeared to be a good distance, moved to the right and moved back up.

The other two objects, Pace noted, appeared to be farther away and couldn't be seen as clearly.

Pace, who used some binoculars given him by one of the residents, said he observed the lights for about a half hour.

The veteran patrolman said it was "hard to tell how far off they were or how high..."

Pace said the Byrd Field radar tower was checked, but that a spokesman there said they had sighted nothing unusual on the radar scope.

The patrolman said a check also was made with State Fair officials to see if any fair activities could have caused the unusual lights. This check also yielded no satisfactory solution.

Pace said, in response to a question, that he didn't think the object he observed most closely could have been a helicopter hovering over the fairgrounds.

Pace said he went back to the area about 5 a.m. today to take another look, but could see no trace of the objects. Source: Dave Burton, Richmond, VA *News Leader* 9/24/66.

9/24/66 - BLUE "SOMETHING" TAKES CONTROL OF CAR IN ILLINOIS

A 21-year-old Peoria, Illinois man said a round blue object in the sky took control of his car on September 24 and drove him several miles out of his way. Leon P. Gaines of 1012 W. 3rd Ave., said he saw the object twice, the first time when he was taking his girl friend, Miss Geneva Robinson of 720 W. McBean St. to her home about 3:30 a.m. He described the object as large and blue and when he and Miss Robinson saw it, it hovered for several minutes. Gaines said that as he drove his car toward it to investigate, the object zoomed into the sky and disappeared. Miss Robinson gave the same description of the object as Gaines. Gaines said the object took control of his car a short time

later on his way home from Miss Robinson's. He said the object, smaller but still blue, reappeared and suddenly "seemed to take control" of his car. "My car began to pick up speed...the brakes wouldn't work...and the doors wouldn't open," Gaines related. He said he tried to steer the vehicle, but the steering apparatus also failed. Gaines stated that the object remained above his car for several miles. He regained control of his car and drove to the police station where he reported the incident. He said he was frightened by the incident..."It kind of shakes you up.

"When I saw it I knew it couldn't be the moon...I also knew that if it had been the moon it would have been the prettiest one I had ever seen," Gaines said. "When I first saw the blue object I drove toward it because I wanted to get a closer look." Officials at Hanna City Radar Base suggested a weather balloon might have fallen in the area. They said they had received a couple other calls about the object. Source: *NICAP Reporter* December 1966.

9/24/66 - MANY IN MIDWEST SPOT STRANGE OBJECTS

"Unidentified flying objects, described by some witnesses as the size of a basketball and by others as being a 150-foot-wide disk, were reported soaring and hovering above Indiana on the 24th.

Sightings were reported over much of Indiana - mostly in eastern and southern areas - and in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

Most of the Indiana sightings occurred between 4 and 5 a.m. Witnesses included deputy sheriffs, state police and a security guard in several communities.

In Indianapolis, Deputy sheriffs Edward Elder and Dale Bailey were patrolling at National and Keystone in southeastern Marion County when they saw "something" in the sky about 4 a.m.

"Neither of us said anything at first," Elder said. "I guess we just didn't believe it."

Bailey said he was about to speak when they heard Deputy William Danz, in another patrol car at Carson and Troy, radio that he saw an object in the air.

"After I heard Danz I knew I was all right, so I called the dispatcher," Elder said.

Elder and Bailey said the object was the size of a basketball when they first saw it, and was surrounded by a bright blue-white haze. They were unable to estimate its height.

They said that they watched for at least 15 minutes, and as they watched the object began to grow until it was five times its original size. As it increased in size, it "faded," they said, and finally disappeared.

However, a projection on the top, and a "white line" extending above it, remained visible for another five minutes.

An Indianapolis man, Joe Stephens, 1218 E. Naomi, told *The News* he saw the object about 4 a.m. while at work at the Fairmount Glass Container Division of Inland Container Corp.

Stephens described an object similar to that seen by the deputies, and said it seemed "huge."

"I've heard tales of these things, but I never believed them," he said. "I do now. I'm all shook up."

At Anderson, Henry Fox, a security officer at Anderson College, apparently got the closest look at a UFO.

Fox said the object hovered above the college football field about 4:30 a.m. He said he approached and turned his flashlight on it. It appeared to be a solid object surrounded by a "gassy glow."

Fox described the object as a disk about 150 feet across. He said he watched it about 15 minutes, then it sped away.

Muncie police reported seeing objects in the sky, and eight teen-age girls attending a slumber party at the Ray Schafer home in Muncie are reported to have been "terrified" by the sight of a "ball of fire" in the sky.

State police at Seymour and Redkey reported aerial sightings.

Other sightings in Indiana were reported at: Charlestown, Franklin, Shelbyville, Portland, Greensburg and Columbus.

Police in suburban communities south of Chicago turned in several reports, and the control tower at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport said several incoming planes reported an aerial "object." Source: *Indianapolis, IN News* September 24, 1966.

9/24/66 - FAMILY SPOTS THREE UFOs IN PENNSYLVANIA

Three UFOs were seen in the Cherry Ridge area on Saturday night, Sept. 24, at 8:30 p.m.

The parties who sighted them reside near the Hoadleys bridge and were outside to see some guests off when they noticed what appeared to be round shaped objects in the sky. They were encircled with white lights and a large light had a revolving red center. Binoculars were secured to watch the UFOs, which were thought to be planes coming into the Cherry Ridge airport. However, when they stopped and hovered in the sky, and there was no noise, it was assumed they were not planes or helicopters.

Suddenly, the largest one of the three began to move and as this was being watched the other two vanished.

These are not the first ones that the family has seen in the vicinity, and it was also stated that another family has been seeing the UFOs several times in past months, also in this same vicinity. Source: *The Wayne Independent*, Honesdale, PA October 11, 1966.

9/29/66 - STRANGE OBJECT CAVORTS FOR OREGON COUPLE

An orange UFO swooping from the midnight sky into sage was observed by a Portland, Oregon couple between Riley and Burns, Oregon. The UFO was seen on September 29th from 11:30 p.m. to 11:55 p.m. in the northern sky south of the Air Force Radar Station. Observers of the strange light were Mr. and Mrs. John Reeder. Reeder, a retired Coast Guard lieutenant and now with the Merchant Marine, holds a diploma in meteorology. "I've been going to sea since 1919 and have had considerable experience with phenomena but I don't know what to make of this. We first saw a glow-like object, orange colored, and we stopped the car and turned off the lights. My wife got very excited and got out of the car. I took my glasses off and rolled down the windows. Our stopping of the car made no difference in the maneuvering of the object which at times came as close as half-a-mile. At times it appeared like a row of soft lights on the ridge as if someone had left the lights on in a dairy barn. Then it became oval in shape. It would alternately plunge into the sage and then soar. On the ground it appeared like someone with a flashlight was under muddy water shining it upward. It was very erratic, very peculiar and I wasn't just seeing things. I swear I hadn't had a single drink. At times it moved very fast. Then it would glide. I don't know what to think. I'm familiar with phenomena but this has me beat." Source: *NICAP Reporter* November 1966.

10/14/66 - UFOs AND MONSTERS IN NEW MEXICO

October 14 was a bad night in Albuquerque, NM. While some city residents were having problems with "monsters" in the backyard, others were seeing strange objects in the sky. State Patrolman James Childers, saw a plane trailing a massive cloud of black smoke. The plane disappeared in the smoke cloud and then two large black objects flew off into the sky. He saw the objects about 7:45 p.m. While getting out of their car at about 9:30 p.m. at their house, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Resseguie saw a circle of extremely bright light streaking across the sky. It left a trail of red sparks and smoke. Only two hours earlier a similar object was described to them by James Hess, Jr. "Hair raising" is the way 19-year-old C. D. McGuire describes the "monster" that he says "looks like a man and cries like a baby." The "monster" has been appearing almost nightly at the McGuire residence, 415 Wilshire SW. The "monster," described as having a black body and a white face without features, stands about five feet tall. It has scratched along the wall calling the family's attention to its presence, and it gives a hair raising wail something like a baby, McGuire said. On the night of the UFO sightings, the "monster" appeared again. But this time, more than the McGuire family reported seeing it. A sheriff's deputy said that at least 10 other persons reported seeing it. On a prior visit, the "monster" hit McGuire in the chest, knocking him out, he said. Every time it has appeared since then, "crying like a baby," McGuire's chest has started hurting. Another strange circumstance is that the McGuire radio stops playing every time the creature appears, McGuire said. Source: *NICAP Reporter* December 1966.

10/28 - 29 (AND EARLIER) / 66 - LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK SIGHTINGS

The Air Force yesterday investigated reports of a multicolored UFO that hovered at tree-top level and screeched.

It was the second consecutive night that UFOs were reported in the eastern Long Island area in the vicinity of Patchogue. Other sightings were reported last week. The Air Force said it was looking into all the reports.

Several hundred persons, including policemen, said they saw the UFOs, one of which was photographed. The photo showed a bright, starlike object in the dark sky.

The latest sightings were reported by radio station WALK, which said it received 15 telephone calls Friday night and early Saturday from five communities encompassing the width of Long Island.

The callers reported seeing a white cylindrical object with red and green lights hovering anywhere from 200 feet above the ground to tree-top level. Some said it emitted screeching noises. Source: *New York World Journal Tribune* October 30, 1966.

10/31/66 - SEVEAL SEE UFO NEAR CHICAGO O'HARE AIRPORT

William S. Gryzik, SS&S associate in Chicago, Ill., sends us this report which he personally investigated.

It occurred on Monday, Oct. 31, at 7:30 p.m. the witnesses were Mr. Peter Macari, his family and two neighbors who live S.E. of O'Hare Airport. This area is on an approach landing and take-off pattern for the airfield and Mr. Macari is familiar with conventional aircraft that land and depart every minute.

The object was white, iridescent, sausage-shaped, soundless, and had a row of lights. The lights were so bright that it was hard to make out the object itself. There were some yellow-orange lights on it that blinked on and off. When Mr. Macari first saw the object it was moving slowly past the house from the east and circled around and seemed to head for O'Hare. When a mainliner appeared to make a landing, the object turned toward the south. It reappeared and headed toward the witnesses with a burst of speed. In a blink of an eye it was gone. The UFO was higher than the landing planes and seemed to be about 25 feet long and 12 to 15 feet high. The object was only in sight for a couple of minutes or so and didn't leave a vapor trail. Mr. Macari thinks the flying objects are something that the government is testing and that is the reason they do not seem to find out what they are. Source: Gene Duplantier, *Saucers, Space & Science* # 47, 1967.

11/9/66 - THE DERENBERGER CONTACT

PARKERSBURG, W. Va. - With police and an Air Force representative listening, Woodrow Derenberger told of his meeting with a "spaceman" who did everything short of ask him to "take me to your leader."

However, the "spaceman" did - according to Derenberger - tell him: "Have no fear. We come from a country that is not nearly as powerful as yours. We mean you no harm."

Derenberger, a salesman and father of two children, held a news conference Thursday to relate the experience he said occurred about 7:30 p.m. while driving home from Marietta, Ohio on Interstate 77 on the 9th.

Attending the conference were local policemen and an Air Force representative who said he would report Derenberger's account either to Washington or the UFO investigative center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Derenberger said the episode began when a "dark, long object" traveling about the same speed as his panel truck "cut in front of my vehicle and continued to travel at some distance sideways."

The object was charcoal grey in color, he said, "apparently made of some kind of metal and shaped something like an old kerosene lamp globe, having a flat bottom and a domelike top."

With no visible lights, it moved along "eight to 10 inches above the pavement, blocked the highway and finally stopped," he said.

Derenberger said the side of the UFO then opened and a "man" stepped out, approached his truck and told him to roll down the window.

After the first sighting, the men said, the "thing" glided along above the car until their car reached W. Va. 62. Then it disappeared, they said.

The four then drove to downtown Point Pleasant.

"When we turned around, there it was again. It seemed to be waiting on us," Mallette said.

They said they went to the city limits and saw the creature again. When the car headlights were put on it, it scurried into a field and disappeared, they said.

"It's apparently afraid of light," Mallette said.

Deputy Millard Holstead, investigating the report, said he was not discounting the story. He said none of the four had been drinking.

Even Holstead said he saw a "cloud of dust" near the old power station "and it could have been the bird."

Residents were upset, and speculated "the thing" lived in one of the abandoned boilers of the power plant. Source: Gene Duplantier, *Saucers, Space & Science* #45, 1966.

11/19/66 - FLYING CIGAR SPOTTED IN OHIO

CADIZ- Another in a series of what seems to be mysterious sightings in eastern Ohio occurred today at 6 a.m. on Route 9, north of Cadiz.

Richard Harbourt of Scio notified the Cadiz sheriff that he saw a UFO "all lit up" and flying quite low.

Harbourt described the object to deputies as a "dirigible-type" looking object that was very near the ground.

Harbourt, who had just gotten up and was on his way to work from his Scio home, could not be found for comment. No other reports were received. Source: Bellaire, OH *Times-Leader* November 19, 1966.

11/25/66 - DISK STARTLES MINNESOTA FARMER

John Nelson, who farms on the west side of Lake Sarah southwest of Garvin, Minnesota, no longer is a skeptic that he once was about UFOs. While plowing at 2 a.m., November 25, he was frightened by a mysterious, lighted disk-shaped object about 40 feet in diameter and 8 - 10 feet thick, as it hovered over the corn stalks in back of him. It made an eerie noise like the whirling wind, faint white light beamed down over the field in back of him about 200 yards away, and then headed off to the east and Nelson lost sight of it. Some minutes later, the weird UFO came back again, from the west. It hovered over the corn stalks, then lifted straight up and once again swirled off high toward the east in a red glow. Source: *NICAP Reporter* February 1967.

12/25/66 - EERIE CHRISTMAS ENCOUNTER IN OREGON

On Christmas morning an Oregon couple reported they sighted three UFOs taking off from a field south of Monroe, Oregon. Clyde Brooks, 45, and his wife, Joyce, 36, told Benton County sheriff deputies the sighting occurred about 3 a.m. just south of Monroe, 20 miles south of Corvallis. Brooks said the sighting occurred when he and his wife were returning from exchanging gifts with relatives. His wife had become ill and they had stopped by the side of the road. Brooks said, "I was standing by my car and all at once there was a whoomf...a flash and three objects were going up from the field. The motors were deafening. I slammed my hands over my head...it hurt my ears. Then, it couldn't have taken two seconds, they circled around way up and lined up in a row and the sound stopped and they just stayed there...We didn't know what to do so we came home and woke up our kids and made them go out and look and they saw them up in the sky just standing or hovering. Brooks said all four of his children saw the objects. The couple described the objects as no bigger than a passenger car in size when they took off in a reddish-orange flame. Brooks said he couldn't describe the objects better when they were close because of holding his hands over his ears from the sound and the bright light. He said he felt no heat from the blast off but its force threw him back on the trunk of his car. Source: *NICAP Reporter* January 1967.

In a "five to 10 minute conversation," he said, the man communicated through "thought waves or mental telepathy." Derenberger said his lips were closed in a fixed smile.

He described the "spaceman" as about 6 feet tall, 35 to 40 years old "by our standards" and about 185 pounds. He said the man had dark hair, a dark complexion and wore a "short topcoat, with trousers visible below the coat, and a shirt buttoned at the neck." His clothing was described as "blue and quite shiny, having a glistening effect."

Derenberger said the man described himself as a "searcher" and said his name was "Cold."

Derenberger said the "saucer" which had been hovering 50 to 75 feet above the highway then dropped down and another occupant reached to help his companion on board.

"The door closed, sounding much like a car door," the salesman said, and the UFO took off in a burst of "tremendous speed."

Derenberger said he hurried home, shaken, and called Parkersburg police.

When asked about a possible return visit, said "I think they will, but I hope they don't." Source: Patterson, NJ *News* 11/5/66.

11/15/66 - KANSAS CLOSE ENCOUNTER CASE

A Rooks County, Kansas couple, Mr. and Mrs. Riffel were returning to their home northeast of Stockton, Kansas about 10:15 p.m. November 15. When the Riffel's were about five miles north and a half-mile east of Stockton, they saw lights which appeared to be not too far distant. At first the couple thought the lights were in the school house and thought some sort of a meeting was being conducted. But they soon discovered their error. The school house was dark and the lights appeared nearer than they had thought. The couple related seeing two rows of windows with five windows in each row and they could see two sides of the object, which looked as if it might be 20 feet off the ground. The couple related that moments later the object appeared to have six sides. There was a flashing light on top and on takeoff, two other lights appeared. After the object started moving, it crossed the road in front of the Riffel car but neither Mr. or Mrs. Riffel could say how close it was, although they said it didn't appear to be very far and didn't look as if it were more than 10 feet above the ground. After recovering from a slight shock, the couple decided to follow the object. Mr. Riffel said he was traveling about 75 miles per hour but that the UFO was greatly outdistancing him and it was soon out of sight. Mr. Riffel says he wishes now that he had got out of the car and listened to see if he could hear a noise, but that he didn't think of it at the time. He also has a feeling now that the wire fence on his place which he thought hunters had cut down may have been done by the UFO plowing through it as there were certain peculiarities and he never could quite figure out why hunters would cut so much of it. Source: *NICAP Reporter* February 1967.

11/16/66 - "MOTHMAN"

I realize that the legend of "Mothman" does not involve UFOs in any way whatsoever. However, anyone who has read the works of John Keel or Gray Barker will know that this strange beastie arrived at a time when all sorts of weirdness was gripping southern Ohio and northern West Virginia, including many UFO reports. That's why I had to add it to our coverage of 1966 happenings.

POINT PLEASANT, W. Va. - Two Point Pleasant couples told police Wednesday their car was followed about midnight by a "birdlike creature" 6 to 7 feet tall with red eyes and a 10-foot wingspan.

Steve Mallette and Roger Scarberry and their wives told Mason County sheriff's deputies they were riding near the McClintic Wildlife Reserve when they first encountered "the thing."

Mallette said it was large, measuring as much as 7 feet, was grey in color and its eyes were two inches in diameter. He said the eyes "glowed red" when the car headlights were put on them near an abandoned power plant.

Then, Mallette said, the "thing" took off, making a flapping noise, and traveled at high speeds, "at about 100 miles an hour." Mallette added, "It was a clumsy runner."

"I'm a hard guy to scare," Scarberry told newsmen, "but I was for getting out of there."

"If I'd seen it only by myself, I wouldn't have said anything about it, but there were four of us who saw it," Scarberry said.



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