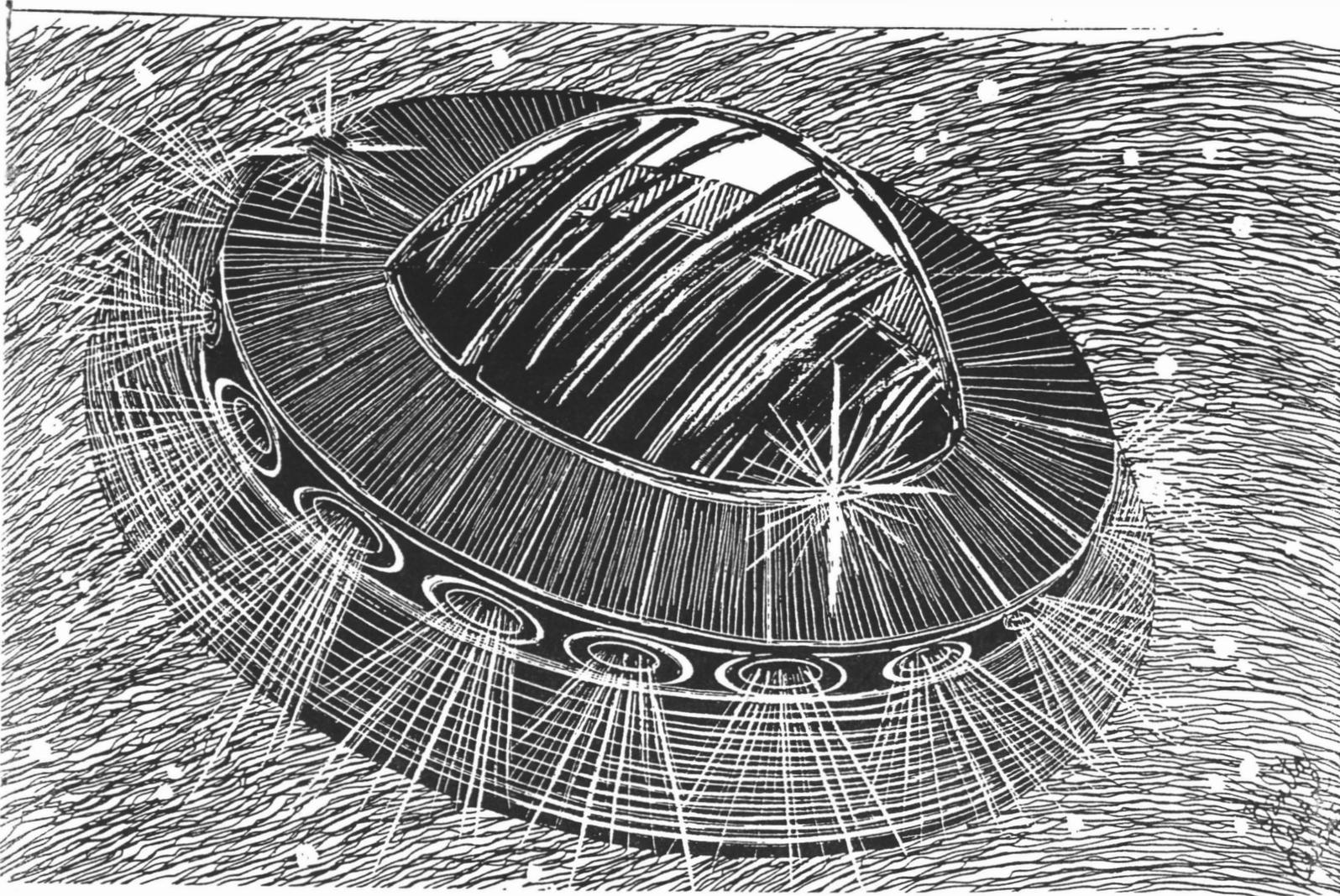


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Photo of UFO snapped in central Scotland in
October of 1980 by 14-year-old James Allen (CUFOS)

BEFORE WE BEGIN

Not too long ago respected author and historian Karl Pflock expressed his opinion that the "real" UFOs (extraterrestrial spaceships) and their pilots finished their mission here on Earth in the early 1970s and cut out for home, leaving us with "UFOs" that are really "IFOs." His observation was that since that time the quality (or maybe we should say *strangeness*) of the reports was definitely not on a par with earlier reported events. And while I do not really agree with him, it did prompt me to make a survey of post-1970 cases. And what did I find? I found hundreds of high quality UFO reports going well into the early to mid-1990s. And while there have been *many* good reports coming in since then, I do have to admit that the overall quality of UFO reports has slipped several notches in recent years.

OK, how do we explain this observation of mine? Could it be caused by a lack of investigation?

Quite frankly, I believe that many "UFO researchers" are no longer interested in UFO reports! Hey, for over fifty years now we are still unable to prove that the UFO phenomenon represents evidence of the presence of extraterrestrial beings here on Earth. No, many of these individuals seem to think that by studying the Roswell "evidence" or the many alleged government documents that proves a grand cover-up, they can find the final answers to the UFO mystery. Why bother with those crazy things that are being seen in the sky! Also, since the literal explosion of Internet usage since the late 1980s, many more IFOs are being reported as UFOs simply because there are so few individuals who are actively doing any follow-up investigation into these reports. Maybe the ETs are still here after all. Maybe we are just ignoring them.

In my look at post-1970 UFO reports I found that the years 1980 and 1981 had many outstanding cases. The ones that follow are cases that I either personally investigated or wrote about at the time. In many instances I was able to get in touch with the individuals who actually did the field investigation. I have also eliminated the obvious IFOs to the best of my ability, so I believe that what you are about to read are the "real deal" - the genuine UFOs.

I would also like to dedicate this publication to Carol Hilberg for all of her help and hard work these many years. Without her there would be no *Flying Saucer Digest*, *Weirdology* or publications such as this one.

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1/3/80 FLYING TRIANGLE SIGHTED IN MICHIGAN

A 27-year-old Elba Township, Michigan woman claims to have seen a big triangle-shaped UFO silhouetted against the clouds as she was driving home from Flint, Mich. on the M-21 expressway at 7:10 p.m. on Jan. 3rd.

She first noticed red lights in the sky moving toward her, flying west at a low altitude. "It went over me real slow. It was so close I could see white windows on the bottom. I thought it was a plane going to crash. I'll never forget it. There's no doubt in my mind that it was a UFO," she stated.

The object made a "rumbling, howling noise - kind of a roar" as it passed over her. 1

1/6/80 ROUND, LIGHTED OBJECT "CHASES" OREGON WITNESS

Late on January 6th a Dorris, California man had a very terrifying experience while driving home from a business trip. Otis Taylor first spotted the UFO just outside the outskirts of Klamath Falls, Oregon. After stopping to watch the lighted object, Taylor drove on only to find whatever he had been watching was now following him.

Said Taylor: "Once, I was really scared...it rushed up on me from behind. I was watching it in my rear view mirror, and I thought I'd had it. But it nosed up just when I thought it was going to hit me, and flew up and over my truck, and went off to the side and flew alongside me some more.

"It's hard to say how large it was - possibly 35 to 40 feet across. And perfectly round. The light from it was so bright I couldn't make out any detail on it at all. It lit up everything around me - my truck and everything, it was as bright as day.

"It followed me all the way to Dorris Hill, (a distance of about 50 miles), but it was so foggy around the Hill that I was afraid it would crash into the Hill. It was flying about house-top high off the ground. But, as I went up the Hill and into the fog I didn't see it anymore. I waited for a crash sound or a bright flash, but it never happened."

Taylor said that because of the lack of traffic on the highway he was unable to get anyone to stop and confirm his sighting, but he's now carrying a loaded camera in his truck in case he sees something again in the future.

Throughout the years there has been a constant amount of UFO activity in and around the Klamath Falls area. 2

1/14/80 CYLINDRICAL "SOMETHING" SIGHTED IN WASHINGTON

Ted King, of the Riverside Mobile Home Court, East Wenatchee, Washington, reported to the Chelan County Sheriff's Department that he and his wife observed a UFO in the early morning hours of Monday, January 14, 1980.

King described the craft as cylindrical with a red light that disappeared as the object turned. It was in view for about forty minutes before moving away at an extremely high rate of speed.

King stated, however, that it definitely wasn't lights from Mission Ridge. "It was at least 600 feet above Mission Ridge. It was clear as a bell," he said. 3

1/19/80 STUDENTS SPOT STRANGE OBJECT IN NORTH CAROLINA

On January 19th, at about 10:40 p.m., Elizabeth and Garland Thomas, Junior High school students in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, were outside in their yard with four friends when they spotted an unusual lighted object flying towards their house.

All the witnesses described the object as being wide at the bottom

and narrowing at the top, looking like a "vase" or "megaphone."

They described seeing a large light on the bottom, a row of lights on the side, and more lights bunched at the top. The lights were all described as being white and clear, and at no time did the witnesses note any of the lights blinking, nor could any of them hear any sound.

The object was in sight approximately one minute, and was moving swiftly all the time it was in view.

One of the young people described seeing an "X" shape on the bottom, made by the portion of the object not lighted.

Elizabeth said that everyone was very excited during the sighting, as the object was definitely not a plane. She said that after calling the local police to report the UFO, the officer sent out to interview the witnesses left laughing. 4

1/31/80 FLYING TRIANGLE FOLLOWS MINNESOTA COUPLE

A report quite similar to the triangular-shaped UFO sighted January 3rd by a woman in Elba township, Michigan, was made on January 31st north of Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Lori and Darrel Dorn say they were watched and followed by a triangular UFO that evening, that was lighted in white and red.

The object followed Darrel home from work at about 8:15 p.m. and then hovered near their Lida Township home until they left for Fergus Falls, said Mrs. Dorn.

The object was white, and Mr. Dorn thought that it was a meteor when it first caught his eye. However, during the three mile drive from the farm where he works to the Dorn's home, the object slowed down whenever Dorn slowed his car, and sped up whenever he increased his speed.

Lori Dorn estimated that the noiseless object was probably as far away as a small airplane normally would be, but it was closest and brightest when it hovered at the back of their home near Lake Lida.

The couple watched the object follow their car as they drove west to Pelican Rapids and then south toward Fergus Falls. As they drove through Pelican Rapids, buildings blocked their view of the object, Mr. Dorn said, but it later reappeared and continued to lose or gain speed whenever the velocity of their vehicle changed.

Near Erhard, Dorn stopped their car, Lori said. The object then flew closer, and as it flew over their car, they noted that the base of the object seemed to be red. The object continued to move south to the east of Highway 59, and the couple lost sight of it by the time they reached Elizabeth.

Sometimes when seen at a distance, the object appeared to have both red and white lights. It was shaped like a triangle with concave sides and rounded coners; a description which exactly matches the Elba, Michigan UFO.

An unusual white light appeared at various times throughout the winter near the farm where Mr. Dorn worked, according to Marietta Drayton, whose husband owns the farm. However, the light never moved the times the Drayton family watched it. 5

2/9/80 THREE SIGHT UFO IN MICHIGAN

Three persons on a Boy Scout camp-out in Ray Township, Michigan on February 9th had a frightening experience with a UFO that was flying at a very low altitude.

Paul Okoniewski, Boy Scout Leader for Troop 256, Myra Kukuk, and a 15-year-old Scout were the witnesses to the low-level sighting.

Okoniewski said that he first saw the object while he was getting

equipment out of his truck. The other two were warming themselves by the campfire.

Said Okoniewski, "It was about 10:30 p.m. when I heard the noise. At first I thought it was a car approaching with snow tires, because the noise sounded like snow tires riding on pavement."

But then he realized they were in a deserted part of the Camp and there wasn't a paved road in the area.

He looked up, and about this time the other two campers noticed lights and the sound heading towards them.

"There was a loud humming noise as it approached us," said Okoniewski. "It was about fifty feet in diameter, and there were yellow and green lights on the front. The ground vibrated slightly as it flew about 100 yards above us."

When Okoniewski looked at the front of the craft he saw two front windows. He said that he couldn't see inside the craft because there was a bright fluorescent glow coming from the windows.

Okoniewski quickly ran and grabbed his camera and began taking pictures. "I saw the front of the craft with my eyes, the back through the view finder of the camera. I exposed the pictures at F 3.5 for one-tenth of a second," he said.

When he got the film back from the photo lab there were no images of the UFO on any of the frames he exposed. He said that this fact puzzled him as he has often taken nighttime pictures, and they have always turned out.

A man who lives near the camp area said that he heard a noise similar to a train that same night, but saw nothing. This puzzled him at the time as there are no railroad tracks in the immediate area. 6

2/17/80 UFO HOVERS OVER AIR FORCE BASE

A UFO was seen hovering near Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama on February 17th by a Base Security Guard and three other observers.

Security Sgt. James Hall and the other witnesses described the object as "one large bright light" with flashes of red and blue. Hall said he first saw the light around 11:40 p.m. and it remained visible until around 1:45 a.m. on the 18th.

The light was moving "kind of erratically" in the sky north of the Base, Hall said. He said he listened for sounds, explaining, "I wanted to be sure it wasn't an airplane." Hall reported that the object was completely silent.

The light was bobbing up and down diagonally, east to west at speeds that would vary considerably.

John Bolender of Maxwell Flight Control was manning the radar equipment at the time. He said he began getting phone calls from people who said they had spotted the light.

"When they first called, I had just gotten on duty at 12:00. Between 2 and 2:30 a.m. I observed a target about two miles west of Maxwell moving northwest toward the Prattville Airport.

"Then I watched it as far as about one mile south of the airport, and then I lost radar contact."

Bolender described the movement on the radar screen as about 115 miles per hour, "what a helicopter would look like on radar."

Approach lights were on at the Prattville Airport, but no one was there to confirm the radar report. 7

3/8/80 UFO "BUZZES" CAR IN NORTH CAROLINA

On March 8th at about 9:30 p.m. John Johnson of Wilmington, North

Carolina said a large UFO flew over his car, shining down a brilliant white light. He said the object swooped down over his car as he was returning from Figure Eight Island on Porters Neck Road.

"It was something that sounded like an airplane. I had my little dog in the car with me and he started howling like it was hurting his ears," he said.

"I thought the thing was going to crash on me, and I got out of the car. It just lit up everything around me. The light was so bright I couldn't see what it looked like."

The object remained overhead for about five to ten seconds, he said, before it suddenly took off and disappeared from view.

The New Hanover Airport had no idea what Johnson may have seen, and said that since it was a Saturday it was unlikely the object was some military plane or craft. 8

3/9/80 CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN KENTUCKY

Mrs. Anna Ricketts of New Castle, Kentucky reported to the State Police that on March 9th at about 9 p.m. she observed a UFO at close range. She said that she was disturbed by barking dogs, and when she looked out her back door to investigate she saw in her yard, about fifty feet from the house, a strange, very bright object hovering motionless about twenty feet off the ground.

Because of the brightness of the object, the best she could tell about the shape of the UFO was that it looked like a piper cub airplane without wings. Protruding from the bottom of the craft were at least three antenna-looking things, slightly at an angle, pointing toward the ground.

After venturing off the back porch to have a close look, she awakened her husband, Wilson, who accompanied her to the back porch, but by then the object had moved in a northwesterly direction toward Sulphur Road. At this point the object began shooting straight up, then down, and at irregular angles, before finally disappearing from sight. At no time did either witness report that the object touched the ground.

While still on the porch they sighted another object, which they feel could have been sitting on the ground or close to it toward Sulphur Road. This object appeared to be much smaller and had various colored lights on it. 9

3/9/80 OHIO FAMILY SIGHTS "CIGAR WITH BULGE"

On Sunday March 9th at 8:15 p.m. a 47-year-old man on Luary Drive in Painesville, Ohio was outside his home when his attention was drawn to a lighted object that was giving off a "static, fluttery sound." The night was cool, and as he looked up the witness made note of the fact that the sky was perfectly clear, with many stars visible.

In the northern sky, at approximately 60° above the horizon, the witness saw a cigar-shaped object with a bulge on the top part, that was rose-colored with a slight grayish tint to it. The witness described it as large as a dime held at arm's length. He stood watching it for a few moments, and reported that at the time it seemed to be hovering motionlessly; however, after a time the object began to make drifting movements.

The witness ran inside to get his wife and two children to join him in watching the strange lighted object, and when they all got outside it seemed as if another identical object was near the first one, but whatever they noted rapidly disappeared, leaving the original object in the same position as observed initially.

The UFO then went back and forth in the sky from east to west, and during these motions a passenger jet passed near the object, heading east. The witness stated that the object seemed to follow the airliner briefly, and then resumed its drifting movements for about five minutes.

During this part of the sighting the local police was dispatched, and a car was sent to the scene. Also during this period of time another neighborhood couple joined in the observation, making a total of seven witnesses.

At this point, the object did very rapid maneuvers from the northeast to the southwest two to three times, appearing to loom closer to the witnesses than at any time previously. The UFO then began to do spirals or circular motions very rapidly, and seemed to move away to the northeast horizon and out over nearby Lake Erie, and was lost to sight when it passed behind some trees.

The total duration of the sighting was estimated at fifteen minutes or more. The following sketch shows the apparent shape of the object, and the spiral motions it made before being lost over Lake Erie:



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3/12/80 LAWYERS SIGHT LARGE UNKNOWN IN MICHIGAN

Police in Gladstone, Michigan got a call at 12:55 a.m. on March 12th from a woman on N. 15th Street who said she was watching a UFO. The department dispatched two officers, Dave Mariin and Mark Hager, to the scene. Patrolman Mariin gave the following account to newsmen: "We went down to check out the report on N. 15th and saw a bright light from the south. It was real bright and directly above us. It banked left and we could see a green light on the rear and red lights on the sides. All we could tell was that it was very large and very high. It could have been the size of a football field or maybe four football fields.

"I have no idea what it was. I've never seen anything like it in my life," Mariin said.

"Then it went up and down and did zig zags; it was definitely not a helicopter. It was a UFO and no one will ever convince me differently."

The two officers got out of their car when the object was still over the N. 15th St. area, shut off their car, but reported being unable to hear any noise as the UFO hovered above them.

Both Mariin and Hager say they cannot estimate what size the object was, or how high it was.

"I hate to say it," Mariin related, "But it was kind of round like a saucer and was definitely not shaped like an airplane. When it banked, I could see a metal substance on its sides between the red lights. The white light on the front was very bright and there was no beam coming out. It was three times the size of a normal star."

The UFO traveled past the Bluff area, so the officers pursued, but by the time they got to the Gladstone Sports Park, Mariin said, they could hardly see it. They did have the UFO under observation until nearly 2:00 a.m. when it took off in a westerly direction.

Mariin and Hager were in radio contact the entire time with Delta

County Sheriff's Department Deputies Max Steichert and Dave Huckstep, who had also been sent to check on the UFO.

Undersheriff Roger Good said his men observed the object on Michigan 35 north of Gladstone for approximately eight minutes before it began moving, ascending and descending at rapid rates of speed. The deputies began to follow it for about thirty minutes before it took off in a westerly direction and disappeared.

Good said that K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base had been contacted, and reported that they had no aircraft operating in the area. 11

3/15/80 NOT A BIRD - IT'S A UFO

On March 15th Willis Arnold of Townville, Pennsylvania said that at about 10 a.m. he noticed something in the sky just below cloud cover. Arnold said at first he thought the object may have been a hawk, but as it came closer he realized that it was not a bird.

He said that the object made no sound, although he waited until it was out of sight to be sure the sound from it was not delayed.

Arnold said the object looked like an aircraft wing with no fuselage. It was silver in color on the underside, and had a corrugated finish in the rear. The rear also was soiled or stained, as if by fuel or exhaust fumes. 12

3/19/80 LIGHTED UFO LIKE A "NOISY CAR" IN MICHIGAN

A UFO was sighted by a Livingston County, Michigan woman shortly after 10 p.m. on March 19th.

Linda Hough, who lives eight miles north of the town of Fowlerville, was watching television when she heard a loud sound outside "like a noisy car." She said that "I looked out and there was a huge light in the sky above Marsh Road."

She further explained, "I didn't have my contact lenses on so I took the binoculars outside to look at it better. It was skimming along just above the trees, and the light was so bright it lit up the sky."

The witness wanted to try to see the shape of the UFO, so she went back indoors and put on her contact lenses. When she rushed back outside, the UFO was still in sight.

"I watched it cruise along," she said. "I thought at first it was a plane, but there were three planes in the sky and one of them passed right over it, and the plane was so small" (in comparison to the UFO).

She described the strange object as having a "whole bunch of lights, maybe some red ones, but the white lights were brighter." The UFO reminded her of search lights, and lit up the sky "like a glow."

She described the noise as "really loud, louder than a jet, and it vibrated the air."

Mrs. Hough watched the object for about fifteen minutes, until it was almost out of sight, heading west toward Lansing. Then she realized just how frightened she was, and went inside and locked the doors. She was home alone with her infant son. "I called my aunt next door to see if she had seen anything, but she had been asleep and my cousins weren't home. The neighbors on the other side weren't home either."

When her husband got home from work later in the evening she filled him in on her unusual experience. 13

3/22/80 MANY REPORT STRANGE OBJECTS IN VERMONT - POSSIBLE RADAR CONTACT

Many persons reported sighting UFOs over Burlington, Vermont on the evening of March 22nd. Among those who said they saw the objects were Burlington Air Traffic Controllers and area policemen.

"The lights I saw were not like anything I had ever seen before,"

said Donald Kernan, a traffic controller at Burlington International Airport. He said he saw "a bright light that really played; it did a kind of dance."

Other controllers also said they saw the lights, and Richard Morris said they showed up on the airport radar screen.

"What I did see I really don't know," Morris said. "It was a radar target that was not identified."

The lights were seen between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. hovering over Malletts Bay, and moving west and north toward New York.

On the radar, the target moved about four miles in two sweeps of the radar scanner, Morris said. That would translate into a velocity of about 1500 miles per hour if it were an airplane, he said; two to three times faster than the radar return of a Boeing 747.

"It moved west, just north of Juniper Island," he said. The radar screen showed small or faint targets, similar to three small aircraft, joining a larger, brighter target and then breaking into four objects, Morris said.

Within minutes, the three small blips separated and moved east about one mile before disappearing. Morris said the radar signal left a faint shadow, similar to trails left by airplanes.

Morris and Kernan said no aircraft were scheduled to be in the area, and that the radar tracings moved too fast to be birds.

They said that the lights seemed to be floating between 2500 and 4000 feet above the ground, but at night it's almost impossible to tell for sure.

Meanwhile, Colchester Patrolman Robert Stebbins said he saw a "strange series of flashing lights," purple and turquoise in color, through a pair of binoculars.

"I was surprised. I never saw anything like it before," said Stebbins, who said he first saw the lights from Church Road. He said he then moved to Turf Road when the lights moved toward Burlington.

Stebbins said he had another officer look at the light "to see if I was just seeing things." The officer viewed the lights from the P & C Supermarket parking lot on North Avenue, Stebbins said. A report, however, was not included in the Burlington Police Department log.

Richard and Loraine Billups said they took turns tracking the lights through a telescope from their Jackson Heights home in Essex Junction.

Billups, an amateur astronomer since age 9, said the object was triangular in shape and flashed a sequence of colors, "green to blue to red with a bright yellow core."

At first, the object hovered over Malletts Bay, Billups said.

"It was not a star. It was not a planet," said Billups. When it started moving north he said that it took on the shape of a cigar. "The colors changed faster as it moved faster," he said.

Billups said that his wife first spotted the lights. He said that was about 10:00 p.m. and they watched the UFO until about 11:00 p.m. when it was lost to sight because of distant trees.

Plattsburgh Air Force Base officials said they had no UFO reports.14
4/3/80 LARGE DISK REPORTED IN OHIO

At 12:40 a.m. on April 3rd the witness, a woman in her 50s, observed a bright silvery disk-shaped object from a location just north of Brookpark Road near Chevrolet Blvd. in Cleveland, Ohio.

She was alerted by a very bright light shining through the window of her mobile home, and she decided to go outside as to ascertain its cause.

Upon arriving outside, she noted that the almost full moon was visible, with few stars visible because of the brightness and the presence of a very light amount of cloud cover.

She walked a short distance away from the other mobile homes and nearby trees to get a clear look at the source of the unnaturally bright light. It was then that she clearly saw the large disk-shaped UFO hovering over the nearby Conrail Belt Line railroad tracks and high tension power lines serving the many medium to large industrial plants in the area.

She estimated the object as being at an approximate elevation of 30°, and thought that it was at an altitude of 180 feet or so above the power lines. She also estimated the object to be 30 - 40 feet in diameter, and 15 - 20 feet high at the bulge.

She watched the UFO circle or orbit over the power lines for approximately ten minutes, when it unexpectedly rose straight up at a high but erratic speed, and was quickly lost to sight. 15

4/23/80 MAN ATTACKED BY "CREATURES" IN ARGENTINA

A report in a Buenos Aires, Argentina newspaper stated that on April 23rd a man in Santa Rosa was attacked by two "strange luminous creatures." The local police stated that he was being held in a local hospital for a severe nervous breakdown.

The man, Nelson Fermin Sayago, said that he was driving, and that the car suddenly stopped for no apparent reason. He said that he was immediately approached by two "luminous creatures," who squeezed his head until he passed out. When he woke up, he was ten blocks from the spot where the incident occurred.

A passerby led him to the hospital where he was immediately admitted. Doctors who treated him stated he had not been drinking. 16

5/14/80 DISK CAUSES EM EFFECTS IN MISSISSIPPI

A Dallas, Texas couple was caught in the spotlight of a UFO early on May 14th in Simpson county, Mississippi while driving on U.S. 49.

Howard and Julia Pickrel's car lights flashed on and off when their car went through a beam of light radiating from a glowing disk-shaped object hovering high above the roadway. The couple were enroute to visit their daughter when the incident took place at about 3:30 a.m.

"I don't know what it was. I've never believed in UFOs before, but I know what I saw," Mrs. Pickrel said. "It was too high, too big and too bright to be a regular light."

The couple had spotted the light glowing in the sky some miles before they rode below it. The witnesses were unable to give an accurate estimate of its size and altitude, and could only speculate on these points.

"There was a beam of light making a spot of light about as long as a fourth of a city block and as wide as our car," she said.

"When the beam of light was on the car, the lights went on and off about seven or eight times. It was just like someone turning them on and off. Then we drove out into the darkness and the lights never flickered again," Mrs. Pickrel said.

She also stated that they saw no other vehicles on the highway for several miles.

Law enforcement officials said that no other similar reports were made that morning. 17

6/15/80 MYSTERIOUS OBJECT LANDS ON VIRGINIA FARM

At 7:30 a.m. on June 15th Cicero and Bessie Cox, ages 94 and 83

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Cox both stated that in all their years they never saw anything at all similar to the UFO. 18

6/17/80 UFOs FOLLOW CAR IN MICHIGAN

"It's the most incredible thing I've ever seen in my life," said 34-year-old Mrs. Melanie Doan after observing five UFOs around 11:00 p.m. on June 17th. The encounter took place about 70 miles south of Petosky, Michigan.

Mrs. Doan, her four children, and 19-year-old babysitter Barbara Potter, all saw the five objects with flashing lights that followed her car as she drove north on Interstate 75.

Mrs. Doan first saw two objects that stayed "above the tree line" until they were joined by a third object. The three objects, "egg-shaped with red and blue-green lights flashing periodically," then moved "in a zig-zag pattern" toward the car, she said.

"They came toward us and then we lost sight of them," said Mrs. Doan. "I told Barbara to roll down the window and look out, and she said 'they're right over us.'"

Mrs. Doan accelerated the car from 45 to 85 mph, but the objects kept pace with her automobile with no apparent difficulty.

At this time two similar objects appeared to the left of the car, which made five objects that were in view for about 15 minutes; when a second car approached, apparently scaring off the objects.

Mrs. Doan was certain that no aircraft could fly as silently as the objects did while less than 100 feet above the car. "I've seen the northern lights up here and this was not them," she also stated.

Mrs. Doan did report the sighting to the Emmet County Sheriff's Department and the United States Air Force. 19

7/11/80 LAWYERS REPORT CIGAR-SHAPED UFO IN KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ron Outwater, an Air Traffic Controller at the Gage Flight Service, said that he observed the strange light through high-powered binoculars for about ninety minutes. 20

8/3/80 "FLATTENED" OBJECT SIGHTED AT CALIFORNIA AIR BASE

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

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

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

According to Ratliff, the Airmen said the object was about three feet in diameter. It had a highly reflective metallic color, and had no lights. One Airman said it had small dots on one of its sides. 21

8/7 & 8/8/80 CALIFORNIA FAMILY LOGS MULTIPLE UFO SIGHTINGS

There was a considerable amount of excitement on the part of a Loma Rica, California family on the night of August 7/8, as they logged four UFO sightings in a five hour period.

At about 10:00 p.m. on the 7th, Joyce Budro was enjoying a quiet evening of television watching. Said Mrs. Budro: "I was sitting in the rocking chair watching television when all of a sudden I saw what I thought was a star."

However, as she watched the object she began to realize that it was much too bright and large to be any sort of astronomical object. "All of a sudden, it went straight up and started coming this way," she related.

She called her husband, Jack, and they both raced outside to have a better look, armed with Jack's binoculars.

"It was all lit up on top with white, yellowish, green and red lights. There were no lights on the bottom, but as it passed over the house, the bottom appeared to have disks on it and only the red lights were on," said Mrs. Budro. The object appeared to be about 1000 feet in

the air at the time. "It looked like a plane coming in for a landing. It was really low, just over the tree tops," she said.

The Budros both reported that it was hard to estimate the object's size, but they were certain that it was egg-shaped, and made a noise unlike any conventional aircraft.

The strange aircraft was soon lost to sight by some nearby foothills.

During the sighting the Budro children, Renee, 25, and Brigot, 9, came outside and confirmed their parents' sighting. After the UFO was no longer visible the family headed for their back yard to look some more, and Renee saw another UFO with white lights on it hovering over a distant field. "All of a sudden it started our way and it turned on the brightest beam I have ever seen," said Renee. The UFO illuminated a large portion of the empty field below it.

Mrs. Budro became frightened at this point and told her family to head back into the house, but Renee stayed behind, and she said that she spotted another, more distant UFO through the binoculars.

Mrs. Budro called Beale Air Force Base, she said, and a lieutenant on duty told her, "I've seen things myself - but the Air Force has nothing to do with them any more." Calls to the regional FBI office, the Office of Emergency Services in Yuba County and the Marysville Police Department brought similar negative results.

At about 3:00 a.m. Renee was returning home from work when she saw another large, lighted UFO. She watched it hovering over Loma Rica Road after she pulled into the family driveway. After watching it for several minutes, she went inside to get her mother to come out and have a look, but her mother was so disgusted by the official brush-off she received several hours before that she declined.

A UFO was reported the day before the Budro sightings in Sacramento County, and a San Diego UFO group said they received reports of UFOs being seen July 28th at Clear Lake Highlands in the Clear Lake area, and about two hundred feet offshore near Santa Cruz.

And while maybe it had nothing to do with the Budro family reporting the UFOs near their home, an Air Force car was noticed by Mrs. Budro the day after their incident looking around their neighborhood. Maybe they were interested after all! 22

9/9/80 OHIO WORKERS SEE DISKS

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on September 9, 1980 three male employees of an airfreight company located on Brookpark Road near Cleveland Hopkins Airport were out in the parking lot finishing their lunch and enjoying the beautiful late summer day.

Suddenly, one of the men saw four roundish, disk-shaped, off-white colored objects in the western sky about thirty degrees above the horizon, moving swiftly towards the east. He shouted to alert his two co-workers and quickly pointed out to them the four objects.

Said the initial witness of his experience: "When I first saw them, they were a perfect square. I watched them proceed (to) almost over the airport, and (they) then moved in such a fashion that I thought if it's planes, I was going to watch a multiple crash.

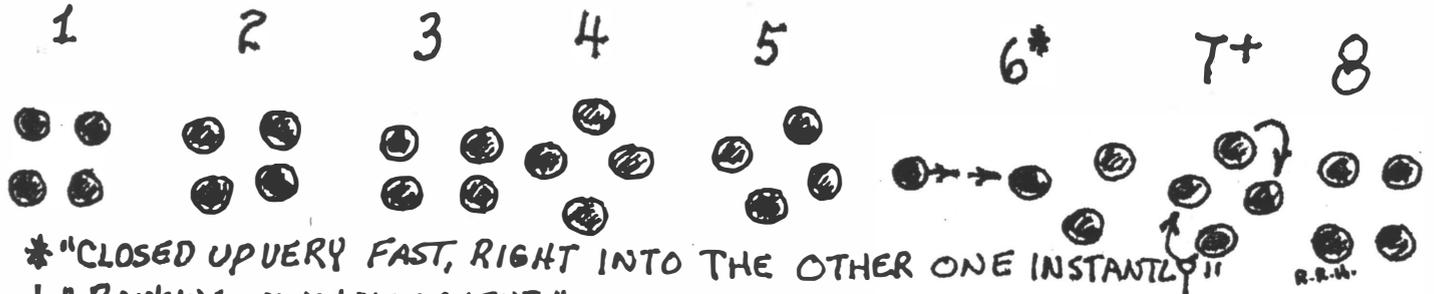
"I then alerted (other two men) in the parking lot. (The) objects returned by then to a perfect square. By the time they were overhead (they) appeared to be more of a triangle formation.

"The amazing thing was at one point, one disk shot back of the other three quite far almost instantly, and just as fast closed the distance

and became a part of the last disk in the formation - just blended right into it, then it was apparent that (those) two disks stayed exactly on course while the other two would bank sharply and very fast - over, under, behind, in front slightly of the two staying on course. One would bank to the right and the other would do the same to (the) left - very much movement by the two outside ones.

"They do exist!"

The witnesses report hearing no sound, and estimate that the objects were in sight for some forty seconds before being lost in the distance forty degrees above the eastern horizon.



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9/11/80 EARLY MORNING ENCOUNTER IN SOUTH CAROLINA

At 4:20 a.m. on the morning of September 11th Jerry McAlister, a 40-year-old resident of Anderson, South Carolina was awakened by a loud humming noise outside his house. "I thought it was a helicopter crashing in my backyard," he said.

He went to a window and saw a large lighted object outside. McAlister immediately awoke his wife, who awoke one of their daughters to witness the strange intruder.

McAlister described the object as being like a "flying oil tank," and he estimated that the UFO was 70 feet in circumference, and seemed to be about as high as a two story building. It was brightly lit with two rows of windows, with an illumination so brilliant that they couldn't see inside through the intense white light. The lights from the object reportedly lit up an area of two acres.

McAlister said that the object seemed to be made of a dark metal, like blackened steel.

"It hovered over the same area for about three minutes," he said. "Then it turned up on its side and sped off like a streak of lighting at treetop level."

The object supposedly stayed in view in the distant sky, and McAlister alerted the Sheriff's Department and also a neighbor, who set up his telescope to view the now distant bright object.

At this point, McAlister heard Deputies talking about his call to the Sheriff's office on his police scanner, and they had the attitude that he was trying to pull a hoax on them.

However, a second call brought three carloads of Deputies to the scene, where everyone present reportedly watched the object for an additional two hours and forty-five minutes. Finally, the object "...went straight up and out of sight."

According to a report by Charles L. Tucker of the International UFO Investigative Bureau, that was kindly sent in to us by Tom Benson; "Jerry said they had tested the area, and that there is a large amount of radiation still showing up. The McAlisters also went in for testing and

their eyes were burnt with radiation - Jerry's more so than his wife's because he had viewed the UFO the longest."

Tucker's report further stated: "What we feel is significant about this report is that another man, whose name is being withheld, had viewed the UFO earlier, the Sheriff's Department had been contacted, but arrived after the UFO had been there. The Department had the man draw a picture in detail, and then compared the two drawings - finding them to be identical. The Sheriff's Department then contacted a radar tower located approximately 30 miles from the McAlister's residence, and the tower shows nothing unusual reported on radar." 24

10/3/80 SEVERAL SPOT LIGHTED DISK IN OHIO

The UFO Report Center received a call from a Lorain, Ohio man who witnessed a large, lighted disk-shaped UFO along with three other persons on the night of October 3rd.

At about 8:55 p.m. that evening the primary witness, a 53-year-old male, was outside his home putting winter insulating material on his windows when his attention was attracted by a large moving object about 40 degrees above the western horizon. He yelled for the three other adults in the house to come outside and have a look at the clearly visible disk. They all reported that the UFO was at an extremely low altitude, and that the silent object had a pinkish light on top its dome-like upper part, while a bank of from eight to ten white lights blinked off and on in a counterclockwise pattern on the bottom of the disk portion of the thing.

Said the witness in his report to UAPA: "(The) object (was) first seen at a distance in the west. In came at high speed (to) about 1½ blocks away, (and then) came to a stop. It moved in different positions for a few minutes.

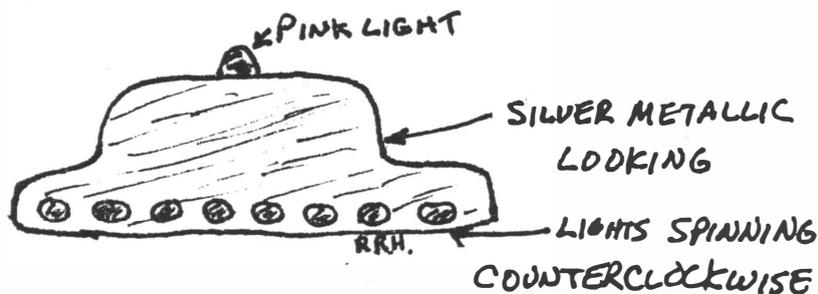
"It then moved toward the north, being hidden by trees for a few seconds, and then came back (and) stopped for a short time and wavered in front of me, then moved south until out of sight, first slow, then very fast.

"I called police to see if anyone else (had) seen it...it was so close at times I thought it might land, but it did not."

The witnesses report that the object itself was made of a silver metallic substance, and they thought that if it was flying along at treetop level it had to be upwards of 25 feet in diameter.

UAPA found that there were no advertising planes operating in the area that evening, the one possible explanation for this seemingly outstanding sighting.

This illustration is a copy of the primary witness's drawing of the UFO that he observed.



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10/19/80 MANY SEE LARGE LIGHTED OBJECT IN MICHIGAN

On the evening of October 19th, scores of people in Washtenaw and Wayne Counties near Ann Arbor, Michigan reported sighting a large lighted, roundish UFO. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Deputy George McAllister said that the object, which made no noise, was spotted by five

of the department's deputies on duty that evening.

Three other deputies on patrol in Wayne County also reported sighting the UFO, which officials said appeared in the northwest corner of Plymouth Township and then went out of sight as it headed toward Detroit.

The control tower at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport allegedly tried to "lock on" the object but had no luck, according to Wayne County Deputy Robert Barackman. However, he reported that authorities received upwards of fifty telephone calls on the strange object.

"Apparently a lot of people have see it," said Barackman. "Even three of our guys. They all described it as a large white object, and some said it was revolving. One said it looked like a merry-go-round in the sky."

Barackman went on to say that three officers in two Wayne county patrol cars said that the UFO hovered for only a short time. One of the officers, Deputy Charles Wiggins, said he saw the object shoot off into the distance. Said Wiggins: "You're not going to believe this, but it took off at a high rate of speed into the clouds and disappeared."

Deputy George McAllister in Washtenaw County agreed with the descriptions of a bright, white object that was silent. He said that five Washtenaw deputies spotted the UFO, but that his office received no calls from local residents who may have spotted the thing. 26

10/28/80 TRIANGULAR UFO PACES CAR IN NEW YORK

Two Walkill, New York women said that a UFO followed their car on the evening of October 28, 1980.

Andrea Stolfe said that she and Margaret Klein first saw the triangular black object hovering over some trees just outside the Middleton city limits, as she was driving to Mrs. Klein's home.

She turned down a side road to have a better view of the object, and at that time the UFO rose up silently, dropped back down and flew back towards the housing development where it was first seen.

After looking for the object for about fifteen minutes, both witnesses said the UFO, which they said seemed to be about sixty feet long, suddenly became visible some distance away through the back window of the car. They continued to watch it when it suddenly appeared overhead, with four lights shining beneath and one huge beam in front that shone down on the car.

"It was brighter than white. Like a blue light," Mrs. Stolfe said.

Mrs. Stolfe then drove to Mrs. Klein's house with the object following overhead. They both said that the UFO left the area with a loud humming noise after they entered the Klein home.

After calling law enforcement authorities, a state policeman investigated the area, but reported nothing unusual. 27

11/18/80 HUNDREDS REPORT MISSOURI UFO

Hundreds of residents of northern Missouri from fifty miles west of Trenton to Kirksville reported sighting a UFO on the evening of November 18th.

According to reports from the Kirksville Police Department, several people called the police station around 9:00 p.m. claiming they had seen some lights and a strange object traveling across the city from west to east. Most of the callers said that the lights looked like the headlights of an automobile flying at a low altitude and at a relatively slow rate of speed. Two members of the Kirksville Police Department also reported sighting the object east of the city.

Several Kirksville residents called the FAA Flight Service Station at the Columbia Airport to report the sighting. One unidentified Kirksville man reported to the FAA that he observed the object on the southwest side of town flying low with bright lights for nearly fifteen minutes. He told the FAA that the UFO appeared to be traveling from west to east, but made no noise and then began traveling back and forth, and then eventually disappeared to the east.

FAA officials in Columbia said that no military aircraft of any type was scheduled to fly in the northeast Missouri area that night, and that they receive weekly notices of aircraft flight patterns and schedules from the military.

The Kirksville Police Department contacted the Air Force Radar Base at Sublette, seven miles north of Kirksville, shortly after 9:00 p.m. and were informed that the UFO was an airplane. However, Police reports indicated that they received a call from Radar Base personnel at 10:40 p.m. and were told that the object was not an airplane.

The radar that was tracking the object recorded maneuvers that could not have been made by an airplane, and the light configuration on it was not like that of any aircraft, according to the Radar Base personnel. The 250-mile radar tracking equipment tracked the UFO as it traveled east until they lost contact.

A disk jockey from KTTN Radio in Trenton told newsmen that he received several calls at approximately 8:30 p.m. from listeners who saw some sort of strange object fifteen miles west of Trenton. He said he received dozens or more calls from people that sighted another object at about 9:00 p.m., and that he stepped outside to have a look for himself.

He saw nothing at first, and was reentering the building when he spotted the lights traveling from the west at a slow speed and low elevation. As he observed for several minutes, he viewed the object flying at a steady rate of speed and the lights appeared to be similar to those of an automobile, spaced approximately ten feet apart.

Persons between Trenton and Kirksville reported similar sightings, and many Kirksville area residents then reported seeing the lights traveling from the west.

The KTTN employee said he called the Strategic Air Command Bases in Omaha, Nebraska and Bellville, Illinois and was told no aircraft were scheduled to fly in the area any time that night.

Many of the callers told police that the lights appeared to split apart and go in separate directions from time to time. The FAA in Columbia said several pilots of small planes in the area also reported sighting some type of lighted object.

Few of the people that reported sighting the lights could discern any type of shape to the UFO, although several persons thought it to be cigar-shaped, or long and thin. FAA officials and law enforcement personnel said that no sightings were reported more than 20 miles east of Kirksville. 28

11/19/80 OHIO WOMAN SEES V-FORMATION OF LIGHTS

At about 7:30 p.m. on November 19th a Lakewood, Ohio couple was returning to their Marlowe Avenue residence after a shopping trip, and were in the process of removing several grocery bags and preparing to put their car in the garage. While walking in the driveway the wife, who is 61-years-old, happened to look up into the clear northwestern sky and became aware of a number of round "dull-colored" lights in a flattened V-formation heading toward the southeast.

The witness was quite startled for a few seconds, and then began to shout at her husband, who was some distance away from her at the time, but by the time he reached her position the lights had disappeared behind some nearby houses. However, the witness had the lights in sight for an estimated thirty to thirty-five seconds, and reported to UAPA that the lights didn't appear to be attached to anything and that they made no noise.

The group of lights had a large apparent size, she said, and estimated that a baseball held at arm's length would cover them completely. She also estimated that the lights were traveling much faster than the jet airliners seen in her neighborhood in the approach pattern of Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

She also stated that at no time did the lights move in relation to one another, and the lack of this "jockeying" maneuver seems to rule out the possibility that she could have been observing migrating birds, as UAPA investigators first suspected. 29

11/26/80 OHIO MAN REPORTS FAST MOVING OBJECT

At 8:45 a.m. on November 26th a man in his early twenties was casually looking out the window of his bedroom at the Parmatown Towers on Ames Drive in Parma. He reported to UAPA that he suddenly saw something heading from the southwest sky toward the northeast at a high rate of speed. Within seconds he was able to discern two extremely bright points of light that had a small red-colored object "orbiting" them in a counterclockwise path.

Although he had them in view only about five seconds before they were lost to view after passing over the apartment building, the witness was quite certain that what he saw was not any sort of aircraft, as the morning was very clear and he would have easily been able to identify it as such had that been the case. 30

12/10/80 SCORES SPOT ARIZONA FLYING TRIANGLE

The *Eastern Arizona Courier* published an account of a very unusual multiple witness case from the Clifton, Arizona area on the evening of December 10, 1980.

The UFO was reported by scores of area residents, and all of the descriptions coincided almost exactly.

Said a Clifton businesswoman: "I was a non-believer until Wednesday night! The object that I saw was triangular in shape with several rows of lights. It appeared to be reddish in color.

"It seemed to be above the Plant Site area," she continued, "and after circling, heading off toward New Mexico. Before the lights went out of sight, however, it returned and circled an area to the south of town. This happened several times. It was very large, very low and very quiet. The only sound I heard was a soft, dull jet-like sound, but it certainly was not a jet," she concluded.

Shortly after this initial sighting, another witness called to report a UFO at about 8:00 p.m.

"It looked as big as the parking lot at the pit mine," said one observer who saw the object at various times that evening. "There was no noise and it just seemed to float through the air. The night was perfectly clear and there was no smoke in the area."

Another man told the *Courier* "Both my wife and I saw whatever it was. We're used to airplanes overhead day and night and this didn't even move like a plane. Also there was no sound."

At this point, his description varied somewhat from the others. "We

saw four lights on the object - two white and two red, and they seemed to be in tandem, like a chase, but there was no variance in the distance between them."

Another resident of the Clifton area stated: "On Wednesday night at about 7:00 my sister and I were getting into our car, when she saw something in the sky. It was a low-flying something, with yellow lights and was shaped like a triangle. At that time it was near the Phelps Dodge Weather Station.

"It circled around the area," the witness continued, "and then disappeared. Then about 7:20, it seemed to come out of the mountain area around Metcalf and crossed the canyon. At this time, we were with a group of people and it came toward us very low and slow. I clearly saw the bottom of it and there were yellow, jet-shaped lights. There was a sort of white light shining backward underneath the body, lighting it up...whatever it was seemed to be shaped like a kite, or diamond-shaped.

"One thing I'm sure of," the witness stated, "whatever it was it was tremendously big and the way the lights were spaced solidly there's no possibility that they were all on separate crafts. I don't know what it was..." 31

1/21/81 LOW-FLYING "SOMETHING" STARTLES WASHINGTON MOTORIST

The Grant County, Washington Sheriff's Office reported that on the evening of January 21st a motorist saw a strange object while he was driving on Highway 20 to Spokane.

According to the report, the motorist saw what he believed to be a jet aircraft coming in low for a landing at Spokane while he was near Edwall. However, the lights of the object remained in the same spot in the sky for two or three minutes, which seemed unusual to the witness.

The UFO was also completely silent, and when the witness got out of his car to investigate, the UFO began moving toward him, two streams of red lights being clearly visible.

The witness then became very frightened and quickly left the area, according to the Sheriff's report. 32

2/5/81 "RUMBLING" OBJECT IN PENNSYLVANIA

At 7:00 p.m. on the evening of February 5th nine people gathered at a farmhouse just outside of Duncannon, Pennsylvania had an experience with a UFO they won't soon forget.

"I heard it coming," said Dan Barrick, one of the residents of the two family house. "The rumbling noise grew louder, and I thought for a while that the furnace was on fire."

He and his son, Butch, rushed to the kitchen door to see a huge object flying over the house. "It was shaped like a boomerang and had at least five lights on the back and several more on the front," Mr. Barrick related. "It was three or four times as big as any jet plane I've ever seen, and it was up pretty high."

Barrick told his son to tell the others what was going on, and to bring them all outside to have a look.

By the time the others made it outside, the object had already passed over the house and could only be seen from the rear. Said Jimmy Roush, "The thing looked like a flying saucer. It was egg-shaped with at least three lights on the back. I don't know what it was, but it wasn't a plane or helicopter."

The witnesses all agreed that it was three to four times the size of a jet airliner, and was in sight for about 15 to 20 minutes before it was

lost to sight beyond Cove Mountain. They also said that it moved much slower than a jet aircraft. 33

2/7/81 CLASSIC "FLYING SAUCER" LANDS IN CALIFORNIA

Cindy Gaffney, of Richmond District, California, was awakened at about 4:00 a.m. on February 7th by "a deep, loud humming noise." She was quickly able to discern that its source was outside, and decided to wake her husband so they could both investigate.

While Mr. Gaffney was trying in vain to find his eyeglasses (he is quite nearsighted), Mrs. Gaffney looked out their second floor bedroom window and saw a strange object over their neighbor's cemented back yard.

"It was four feet high, approximately eight or ten feet long," she said. "It looked like coffee saucers, two of them, upside down and next to each other, the classic flying saucer shape.

"It was white and had a very slight fluorescent glow. No windows, no wheels, no gizmos, no nothing. Just a plain white, glowing saucer."

She said that the UFO landed in the neighbor's yard and remained on the ground for about ten minutes, when it suddenly took off as Mrs. Gaffney turned on the lights in their attached garage in an attempt to wake up her brother.

Although Mr. Gaffney was unable to find his glasses, he did state that he saw the object's general outline, and heard the deep humming noise.

The witnesses investigated the landing area and were excited to find a round, whitish mark on the cemented patio, and speculated that it was caused by the UFO.

However, some hours later after he came home from work, the neighbor said that the spot was the result of some rose bushes in a large amount of soil, being readied for planting, and said that that area had always been whiter than the rest of the cement as a result.

However, even without any material evidence, this landing report sounds like a very worthwhile case. 34

2/15/81 TEXAS TRIANGLE CAUSES TV AND PHONE DISRUPTION

Texas was the host for a spectacular multiple witness case, when at least thirty residents of La Vernia saw a triangular-shaped UFO on the evening of February 15th. The object, which was reported from 10:00 to 10:30 p.m. also caused television interference and disrupted telephone service to the community.

Juan Saldina, along with his wife and eleven other relatives, got a good look at the object. "My brother-in-law and I and our families went outside into the front yard, looked up, and saw these two lights over Baumann's store," he said.

"They were real bright and far apart. As it got closer, the thing made a noise like the wind blowing, a sort of constant whirring sound. It came toward us and as we watched we could see it was sort of a triangle in shape. I didn't see any wings at all."

Paul Mattke, head of the Volunteer Fire Department, said that he received many phone calls from excited area residents about the object. Curiously, Mattke received several calls about "a smell like burning tar or insulation wiring," and also smoke or haze from persons living near the Baumann's Department Store, the spot where Juan Saldina and his family said the UFO was flying over. However, the Fire Department and the store management later found no evidence of a fire.

Mattke said that earlier that same day a retired Air Force mechanic reported seeing two "saucers" following a plane toward San Antonio. "He

thought the plane was towing the objects. Then all of a sudden, they passed the plane," Mattke said.

Another witness, Jeff Pierdolle, said he saw what "appeared to be the body of a large aircraft. It had two bright white lights and a red light. We watched it for about ten minutes. It wasn't making any noise. It was barely moving. It had two bright lights."

Vernon Ramzinski was out coon hunting with two friends and said, "Me and Karl Thompson and Anthony Kotzur were out in the woods with our dogs about 10:00 p.m. when somebody said, 'Look at those bright lights!' We looked up and saw them coming towards us, and Karl said he thought it was probably an airplane.

"But it kept on coming and the lights got bigger, and I said, 'Karl, I'm not sure that is a plane. It's flying too slow.' Well, it kept getting closer, and it made a high-pitch sound as it got over us," Ramzinski said.

"Anthony had a flashlight, and he asked how you make an SOS. He started flashing an SOS at the thing, and I said, 'Wait a minute. What if it isn't a plane, and here we are flashing lights at it?' I saw this mesquite tree nearby and I decided I'd get behind it.

"Karl Thompson said that he thought the thing may have been a C-5A cargo plane from nearby Kelly Air Force Base."

"The thing had two bright lights, about ten feet in diameter and was about 2,000 up," Karl said. "It faded out of sight about the time it reached where Kelly would be, and a red light went on at the back of it about that time."

Kelly Air Force Base confirmed that it had a C-5A aloft at about 10:00 p.m. that night, and at first glance one might be tempted to write this one off as an IFO (Identified Flying Object). However, the television and telephone disruption, coupled with the smoke and smell at the department store where the object passed over makes this whole business consistent with many genuine UFO cases, so we're left with a real head-scratcher. 35

2/25/81 STRANGE OBJECT HOVERS OVER IOWA HIGHWAY

A Center Point, Iowa woman on her way to work at a local hospital had a frightening experience with a UFO at about 6:30 a.m. on February 25th.

She reported that she first noticed two slowly blinking white lights ahead of her.

"I thought it was weird when I went underneath it, it wasn't moving," she said. "I thought it was a jet. Then I thought, jets can't hover."

She reported that as she was rounding a curve in the highway, she was able to get a better look at the strange object, and that it appeared to be at about the same altitude as a water tower normally is. She also said that one end of the object was somewhat pointed, as on a normal jet aircraft. At this point she reported that the lights began to blink at a faster rate, and the object turned and disappeared.

Even though she was quite frightened by her experience, she did notice a man in a nearby parked car with his head out of the window looking in the general direction of where the UFO was.

A supervisor at the Cedar Rapids Airport reported that an unidentified man called at about 7:00 a.m. that morning to inquire about the same unusual object. However, the Airport Control Tower personnel said that they sighted nothing unusual. This led the Airport supervisor

to issue a generally negative statement to the local press. 36

3/5/81 POLICE SIGHT UFO IN COLORADO

Two Grand County, Colorado police officers reported sighting an unusual object on the morning of March 5th. Deputy Sheriff Roger Vance told reporters that while he was on patrol on County Road 33 at 1:00 a.m. he observed an object he first thought might be a helicopter, two or three miles southwest of Kremmling, and at an estimated altitude of up to 5,000 feet.

Vance said the object - apparently moving toward the Kremmling Airport at a slow rate of speed - was emanating a blue light, with a red light on its right side and a white light on its left.

Using his police radio, Vance contacted Kremmling Patrolman Mike Edler and told him there might be a helicopter about to land at the local airport. Soon thereafter, Edler replied he could see the lights and that Vance seemed correct in his belief they were heading for the airport.

Vance then turned north on County Road 3, toward Parshall, at which time Edler called back to say the lights seemed to be hovering in the same location he had first seen them. Driving to a good vantage point, Vance was able to spot the object with his binoculars and confirm Edler's opinion.

Heading back toward Kremmling, Vance was about two miles from town when Edler radioed a report that the object had moved west to the Gore Pass area, where it again seemed to be hovering. At that point, the lights went out and no further contact was made. 37

3/12/81 MICHIGAN FAMILY REPORTS FLYING TRIANGLE

Nine members of an Attica, Michigan family were playing a card game and chatting about each other's day at about 9:00 p.m. on March 12th, when suddenly a strange object became visible in the eastern sky.

"We happened to notice the big flood lights out our window," said the man who wished his family's identity to remain confidential. "It was lighting up the ground, they were so bright. We were thinking it might be a plane or a helicopter, but then it suddenly turned the spotlights off.

"It started moving toward the house," he explained. "So we went out on the patio to watch. It had red, green, white and amber lights. The lights were vertical. And it was hardly making any noise at all, sort of like a small airplane on idle."

The family agreed that the UFO was only about 100 feet off the ground, and watched in excitement as it passed over their 60 foot CB radio tower and headed right over their house.

"It moved at about 5 mph," the man reported. "There was a full moon so we could see that it was flat and triangular-shaped, with rounded corners. But we couldn't see any wings."

The object then veered off towards the northwest and was lost to sight, leaving the whole family quite shaken by their experience. 38

4/7/81 BRIGHT OVAL SPOTTED BY YOUTHS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Two 15-year-old girls in Sturbridge, Massachusetts reported to police that there was a brightly lighted, swift moving UFO over Cedar Lake at about 9:30 p.m. on April 7th.

The girls, Penny Ferraro and Michelle Perrault, said that they were playing cards in Ferraro's home when they saw a bright light over the lake.

They both went outside to investigate and reported that they saw a round oval-shaped object, with lights on the top and middle, which moved

upward at a sharp angle, and disappeared toward the west at a high rate of speed.

Deputy Police Chief Stanley Parzych interviewed the girls afterward, and made them each sketch out what they had seen. 39

4/12/81 TUBULAR UFO SPOTTED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Ethlyn Missroon of the Georgetown, South Carolina *Times* reports that at 11:00 p.m. on April 12th two persons had a strange encounter with a UFO at Pawleys Island.

Doug Nelson, a Pawleys Island resident who served as a medic in some of the Vietnamese battle areas, said that he and a friend were sitting talking at a playground when suddenly the area was bathed in a bright white light.

"It lit up the whole area," he said, "it was really strange."

"Did you see that?", he asked his friend. And his friend replied, "I surely did."

Nelson glanced over his shoulder and that was when he saw the source of the light - a tubular object hanging high above the tree tops.

It shot from a stationary position across the sky in a southerly direction in a matter of about 45 seconds, Nelson said.

"It's hard to explain," he added. "I've seen all kinds of fire power in Vietnam and I never saw anything like that."

He said that there was bright moonlight but while the object shed a striking white light on the ground, as it streaked across the sky, it was shaded from red to bright orange. 40

5/12/81 LARGE LIGHTED UFO SIGHTED DURING POWER FAILURE

On May 12th a family living in Tewsbury Township, New Jersey, reported a very unusual UFO incident to the state police headquarters in Flemington. Also, the fact that there was a power interruption at the time of the sighting makes it even more interesting, as these kinds of cases seem to point to the fact that something mighty unusual really did happen.

Pat and Earl Richards, along with their two grown sons, Earl Jr. and Wayne, were watching television at about 9:30 that evening when they were surprised to see the television set go dead, followed by the lights in their house flickering and also going dead.

Meanwhile, while looking outside to see what was going on, their sons spotted something flying silently over the completely darkened neighborhood. Earl Jr. said that he looked overhead and saw dozens of green, blue and red lights "buzzing" in the southern area of the sky. His brother Wayne stated that they appeared to be hovering at the time, and that the lights themselves seemed to be hovering around some huge lighted craft.

"The big ship was simply enormous," said Wayne. "It wasn't round, it was kind of elongated and had an outline of wings. To tell you the truth, it looked just like the 'Battlestar Galactica' that you see on the television show."

At about this time, Mrs. Richards got outside and saw what her sons were so excited about. "At first, I thought it was just a star," she related to reporters. "But the lights got closer and closer. The thing was flying at the same level as a small aircraft would fly; not as high up as a jet."

The whole family watched the object silently fly over their house and disappear in the distance. They all agree that whatever it was, it was flying quite slowly, at about the speed of a small plane that was

approaching an airport for a landing. Said Wayne, "If it was a plane, and it was getting ready to land, I don't know where it would have landed around here."

A repair crew from the Jersey Central Power and Light Company, dispatched to investigate the power failure in the Richard's neighborhood, said that a transformer had burnt out for no apparent reason.

According to a writer for the *Flemington* (N.J.) *Democrat*, there have been other UFO reports from the Tewsbury Township area in recent years. In 1975, a string of homeowners on Hell Mountain, about five miles from the Richards' home, thought they saw an object hovering at treetop level, but they were unable to positively identify it as being any kind of familiar aircraft. Other residents on Bissel Road in nearby Clinton Township have also reported UFOs, as well as many persons hunting and fishing at the nearby Round Valley Reservoir. 41

5/13/81 LOW FLYING "SOMETHING" IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The Hampton, South Carolina *Guardian* reported that a prominent Hampton County resident phoned them to tell of a sighting by his niece and two other residents of the town of Grays on May 13th.

Spotted at about 9:00 p.m. on the road between the Beaver Dam Baptist Church and the town of Grays, it was described by the witnesses as an "inverted saucer-shaped craft with no visible wings or propellers, with red lights glowing." The witnesses all agreed that the object was completely silent.

The caller said that his niece reported that as she was driving along the highway to Grays the "thing" dropped down as low as treetop level and hovered briefly, then spinning up and away again. She didn't want her name used in any public report, she said, because she was fearful that she would receive crank telephone calls from persons wishing to poke fun at her.

She further related that one of her neighbors also saw the object at about the same time while he was dumping his trash at a highway neighborhood dumpster. Further, another witness apparently saw the object, stopped his pickup truck, got out in the road to better watch it, and then seemingly became terrified by the sight and sped off after a moment or two.

Deputy Sheriff Earl Youmans told the *Guardian*, several days after the report, that he was unable to find reports by any other area persons who may have also spotted the UFO. 42

5/28/81 "SILVER DISK" LANDS IN ENGLAND

A fairly interesting landing report was published in the May 29th edition of the *Northern Dispatch* from Darlington, England. I thought that you'd enjoy reading the following article by reporter Red Williams on the May 28th incident:

A Dales farmer today told of how he stood watching a UFO yards away in his field. Clark Stones' wife and a friend also saw the hovering alien craft.

The shiny silver disk hovered above the remote field for two minutes as they looked on, but when one of them walked towards it, it shot straight up into the sky. Mr. Stones, 46, of Pepper Hall Farm, Arkengarthdale, said, "It just seemed to be minding its own business, and we were not really frightened at the time."

He was looking 'round his farm yesterday morning about 10 o'clock with his wife when he saw an object about 150 yards away in the corner of

his field.

Mr. Stones thought at first it was a large fertilizer bag as it was not moving.

He was with his wife Greta and friend Stan Watson from Stockton, who had been milking the cows. He and Mr. Watson walked towards the object through the back yard.

"It appeared to be oval, about two feet across and six inches deep and seemed to have tags on the bottom. It was solid, had no windows and was moving five yards backwards and forwards about two feet off the ground. It seemed as if it was trying to get through the fence and come towards us but it was moving very slowly," said Mr. Stones.

The farmer asked Mr. Watson to go and have a closer look while he watched from the gully. Mr. Watson started to walk towards the object but when he got about 50 yards away it lifted five or six feet into the air and moved 20 yards across the field.

It then moved straight up into the air almost vertically at about five to ten miles per hour.

"Stan is a scientific type and works for ICI and he always tries to find a logical explanation for these things. But he was as sure as I was and my wife that this was a UFO."

North Yorkshire police appealed today for anyone who sees this object to report immediately. A spokesman said they are treating Mr. Stones' report very seriously. 43

6/11/81 "FRISBEE" SIGHTED FROM TWO CALIFORNIA TOWNS

An unusual UFO was spotted at the same time by witnesses in two nearby California towns on the evening of June 11th. The descriptions given by the two witnesses are almost identical in every way. Linda Aguilar of Simi Valley spotted the thing first at about 9:45 p.m. with Linda Reyes of Moorpark seeing it about five minutes later.

Reyes lives in a mobile home on Fruitvale Street and was sitting outside with her two small children, when an object with yellow and orange lights was sighted "moving up and down." She said, "I saw this round object spinning fast, with orange and yellow lights. It scared me a lot so I put the kids in the house and called the East Valley Sheriff's Station."

Reyes reported that the deputies laughed at her over the phone, and gave her the number for a national UFO clearing house in Seattle. However, later on newsmen were able to learn that the station received at least two additional calls on the object that evening, which observers said appeared to be moving towards Thousand Oaks.

Aguilar told reporters that the object appeared to her to be over the Simi Drive-In theater, and that it was moving in a circle at a low altitude. She estimated it to be about the size of an airplane and "round, like a Frisbee." She also reported that the thing was spinning, and had orange and yellow lights.

After calling her children outside to watch the UFO, Aguilar reported her sighting to the Simi Valley police. 44

6/24/81 "BUZZING" UFO SCARES PENNSYLVANIA COUPLE

An Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, couple reported to newsmen and local authorities that they were so frightened by a UFO experience they "got the hell out of there" rather than investigate their sighting of an object that had brilliant red and green stationary and flashing white lights.

Cheryl and Bruce Hopkins were waiting out a thunderstorm at Moraine

State Park, located near the town of Butler, on June 24th, when they saw their strange unidentified object.

"Whatever it was hovered about five feet off the ground, between where we were standing and our boat," Mrs. Hopkins said. "At first we thought it might have been our boat lights, but the dock where we were moored was out of sight from where our truck was parked - and the lights were too bright.

"My husband and I stood there, speechless and frozen in our tracks, as we watched the UFO for about twenty seconds. Then there was a violent crash of thunder and lightning which seemed to envelope the entire cove - and just as quickly, the mysterious lights were gone.

"We got the hell out of there, needless to say. We left our boat at the dock and headed home," she said. She reported that they attempted to locate someone from a UFO investigating team when they got home, but had no success. They also called the Allegheny Observatory, and were told that no natural phenomenon should make that amount of light.

Both witnesses report hearing a very audible "buzzing" sound the entire time they had the UFO in sight. 45

6/28/81 FLYING "FOOTBALL" VISITS MAINE

On Sunday June 28th, Mrs. Julius Palmero of Kennebunk, Maine was in her backyard soaking up the sunshine and generally enjoying the day, when at about 2:00 p.m. she was startled to see a UFO.

The object was shaped somewhat like a football, with round ends, she related to reporters, and there was no basket or any other appendage on it so it could not have been a stray balloon. She reported that it made no noise at all and didn't seem to be drifting with the prevailing wind, but was flying at a steady speed, on a course from northwest to west.

"I was perfectly sober. I was spellbound, watching it. I was conscious I was seeing something unique. It was not a blimp - I've seen blimps and this wasn't at all similar.

"It wasn't flying as fast as a jet plane, but about as fast as an ordinary plane. It was silver when the sun was on it, dark when it went in front of a cloud. I'd love to hear from others who have seen them," she said.

After Mrs. Palmero's sighting was made public, many persons called news media and police in days to follow to report UFOs. However, almost all of these sightings were made at night and sound very much like meteors and bright stars. 46

7/22/81 SEVERAL WITNESSES REPORT IOWA DISK

Early on the morning of July 22nd at least three people from Muscantine, Iowa called police to report a UFO.

Shortly after midnight, Randy Reynolds told police that he had seen a "large orange disk" which changed shape as it flew - disappearing and reappearing in a cone shape.

About three hours after Reynolds' report, a toll taker at the Norbert F. Beckey Bridge on the Mississippi River also saw the object and called the police.

Police said that the toll taker's description of the object matched that of Reynolds, adding only that the object "made a whizzing sound" as it flew. The "whizzing" sound was reportedly heard by police officers on patrol in the area.

Police added that another person who refused to give his name called to report the disk and that this report was also from the vicinity of the river. 47

8/25/81 DAYLIGHT DISK SIGHTED IN TEXAS

At about 7:30 a.m. on August 25th, a resident of rural east Lampass County was in his yard removing a wasp nest from the side of his house when he spotted a typical daylight disk.

"I was looking up at the corner of the roof eave, sighting in on the wasp nest, when my attention was taken by a silver something traveling very slowly in the sky." He also reported that the UFO was completely soundless, and looked like no aircraft he had ever seen.

"It was exactly the way you have always heard a flying saucer described. It was silver, sort of a rounded oval shape and from the way it moved, I knew it was too slow to be any type of conventional aircraft.

"While I was watching it, it suddenly tipped, allowing me to see there was a sort of gondola in its center bottom, and then it just slipped into a cloud bank. Just that fast, it was gone. I looked and looked, but it had disappeared," the witness said. 48

8/31/81 CALIFORNIA CLOSE ENCOUNTER

A very good close encounter case occurred on August 31st in Trona, California. At first glance it looks as if it may be one of the better reports to come in many a year. An excellent investigation was made by Stephan Stern of the *Barstow Desert Dispatch* so we'll reprint it here as it pretty much sums up the whole incident:

"It was pretty weird. It wasn't just going through the air - it was going sideways and in circles. I don't know. I really can't explain it."

What 24-year-old Vicki Taylor was trying to explain today was the UFO she and her 28-year-old husband and their 4½-year-old daughter claimed they saw Monday night as they were leaving a friend's house in this small desert town.

"We were leaving a house and my wife said 'What's that Frank?,'" recalled Taylor, a machinist trainee at Trona's Kerr-McGee Trona.

Taylor said it was about 7:30 p.m. when he peered out of the front windshield of his green, 1969 Chevrolet, pick-up truck. His eye caught the UFO.

"I think it was a little flying saucer," he said. "It was coming right at us."

The disk-shaped, silver and red-colored object measured approximately three feet across at the bottom, Taylor said, and flew almost directly over the front of the truck.

A small dome poked out of the top, and from there emitted a vertical "cat's-eye light that kept opening and closing, opening and closing," Taylor explained.

The mysterious craft itself was about a "telephone pole and a half high" off the ground, about 25 to 30 feet in front of the truck and at a 45-degree angle up from where the Taylors were sitting in the pick-up's front seat.

Once over their initial astonishment, the couple clambered out of the truck for a closer look at the strange flying phenomenon.

"It was really a bright, shiny silver," said Vicki, recalling the sighting from her Trona home over the yells of Stacey and her three-year-old son, Jesse.

"It was shaped like a flying saucer," she continued. "That's when we all got excited by it. It really looked like one."

The couple said they were able to get a better look at the UFO when it "turned sideways," exposing its dome-shaped top and red-banded sides.

"It was silver on the bottom and red around the middle," said Vicki. "But the red, it didn't look like a color, it was some type of light that was blinking on and off."

Just seeing the craft wasn't enough, though. The couple wanted someone else to confirm it.

"I really wanted to find someone else to look at it so I didn't think I was seeing things," Taylor said.

Taylor dashed back to his friend's house. When his friend came outside, the saucer was about 500 feet away and still visible, although barely.

The Taylors said the saucer slowly moved north in a circular fashion. They watched for "five minutes or so" until it disappeared behind the Slate Mountain Range that drops over onto the western fringe of Death Valley.

They then went home. Vicki called some of her friends to find out if anyone else had seen the UFO. Nobody had, but one friend suggested she call authorities.

Her husband called the Barstow Sheriff's Substation at 7:41 p.m. A Trona Deputy was assigned to go to the Taylor's house. Vicki said the Deputy told her that within the last month or two other sightings had been reported, though the UFOs appeared different than the one the Taylors reported seeing.

After the Deputy left, the Taylors tried to go to sleep but couldn't.

"We were talking about it all last night," said Vicki. "It was on our mind quite a bit."

Vicki, who explained she wasn't "the type to really believe in all that crazy stuff," said she has now lost her skepticism.

Her husband, however, is a firm believer. "It was a little flying saucer all right."

Asked if perhaps the craft held some denizens of outer space, Taylor thought for a moment, then replied quickly - "No, the saucer was too small for people." 49

9/15/81 MULTIPLE WITNESS CASE FROM MISSISSIPPI

At least six persons reported spotting a strange flying object from two locations near Tylertown, Mississippi on the evening of September 15th. The witnesses all said that the UFO was hovering over Highway 27 south, before it moved off to the west.

Mrs. Nell Martin said that her son, Tony, and his wife spotted the object while driving near their home on Highway 27.

Roanie Conerly and his mother, Mrs. John Conerly, sighted the UFO from the patio of their home. Both families told newsmen that the incident took place at about 9:00 p.m.

Mrs. Martin said that her son and daughter-in-law pulled into the driveway of her home after seeing the strange object hovering over the highway. "They watched it for four or five minutes before coming into the house to tell me about it," she told reporters.

She described the UFO as a "V-shaped cuplike object. It had different colored green and yellow lights in four sections all around it." The object made no sound while hovering over the highway and the L. E. Pigott home where Mrs. Martin resides with her parents. She said that the craft made a "strange loud noise" as it moved off to the west. The object displayed different colored lights as it moved away, she added.

Roanie Conerly said he first thought the object was a blimp as it

moved across the rear section of their home near the Pines Acres Subdivision. "It was as large as our house and near treetop level. The lights were about like Toby (Martin) described them," he added. "My mother and I were watching it from the patio and it first looked as if it might land. We turned off the lights to see what would happen, but it didn't land," Conerly explained.

According to members of the local news media there were quite a few similar sightings made by area residents during the fall of 1980. 50
10/14/81 HUGE "FLYING EGG" ENCOUNTERED IN ALABAMA

On the evening of October 14th, Jeff Wydner was on his way home to the town of Mooresville, Alabama from Huntsville when he spotted an unusual object at about 9:00 p.m. about a mile east of Mooresville on Alabama 20.

"It was about the size of a football field and hovered about 100 or 200 yards over me," Wydner said. He said he watched the UFO slowly pass in front of his car from right to left, turn "and kind of tilt backward.

"I had slowed down to about 15 mph and drove underneath," he said. "I drove a few more yards and started to pull off the road and looked back and it was gone."

Wydner said the egg-shaped object had many white lights and one bright orange light at the end of a pole in the center. He reported that at no time did he observe any green or red lights, which are seen on normal aircraft.

"It appeared to have thrusters or something across the bottom. I was right beneath it and couldn't hear a thing."

Wydner said he didn't see "any kind of a tail" on the object, which "hovered for about 15 seconds before it disappeared."

Wydner reported that he was quite startled by the object. "At first I assumed it was an airplane," he said, but "it was getting lower and lower and finally stopped over me.

"All the lights were bright," he said. "All were regular lights and one was orange."

Wydner said that there weren't any other vehicles on the road at the time of the close approach of the egg-shaped UFO. Police took Wydner's story seriously, and advised patrolmen to keep a lookout for any other strange objects. 51

10/19/81 NEBRASKA UFO ACTION

The following report on UFO activity in the North Platte, Nebraska area on the night of October 19 was made by Gene Browning of the *North Platte Telegraph*, and is a fine example of honest news reporting:

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

"I have difficulty explaining it in my own mind," said Robert Newland, National Weather Service radar specialist at North Platte, who sighted the object on radar at Lee Bird Field.

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

"There were a lot of colors and it looked round," he said. After police received Knobel's call, Sgt. Mike Swain and patrolman James Agler

went to the railroad yard to see for themselves.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

She told newsmen that her son was returning from the town of Indianola at about 8:00 p.m. that evening, and when he was about midway between McCook and Indianola on Highway 6-34 he noticed two cars parked along the side of the road looking at an object in the south.

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

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

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

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

Other reports were made the same evening in the region, but most of them can be chalked up to bright stars and planets. 52

11/15, 18, 22/81 FLURRY OF UFO ACTIVITY IN NORTH CAROLINA

Mid-November saw many persons in and around Wayne County, North Carolina calling in reports of mysterious objects to newspapers and law enforcement agencies. The activity even prompted the *Goldsboro News* to run a serious editorial in their November 27th edition wondering what sincere and reliable local residents were sighting in the skies. As they closed the editorial, they asked: "What's out there? And who's out there?"

The local controversy started on the 15th, when Elbert Daughtry of the town of Mount Olive said that he and his family spotted a UFO on US 13 just south of Goldsboro at around 7 p.m. He described the UFO as a "huge round object" with lights.

Three days later, Mrs. Julia Jones of Stevens Mill said she saw a similar object sitting on the ground in a field as she was on her way to work early that morning at the Wayne Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Jones was quite frightened by the object, and was hesitant to report her observation to local authorities.

Spotting what may well have been the same object on the 22nd were Treva Pennington and her sister, Mrs. Reva Renfro, and Linwood Jones, all of the Stevens Mill area.

Miss Pennington says she saw "something" hovering over a field near Stevens Mill as she came toward her home between 8 and 9 p.m. She told her sister and they and Jones went to investigate the strange object.

"We saw it over the field. It had bright lights - real bright lights - that were yellow and red and were flashing," said Mrs. Renfro. She said that at first she thought the object may have been a helicopter, but was puzzled by the lack of any sound.

"It started moving away just above the trees and going toward Goldsboro," she said, adding that she and the others tried to follow it in the car. They lost sight of it but when they returned, it was again hovering over the field. Miss Pennington said that when she first saw the object, it was as if a bright spotlight was aimed directly at her. "Then I saw the red lights blinking on the side," she related.

"I knew I had to get somebody else to see it or no one would believe me. I went to get Reva," she said. According to the witnesses, the last time they saw the UFO it was heading over the trees back towards Goldsboro. They reported that they tried to follow but lost it behind trees.

Seymour Johnson AFB said that they had no aircraft in the vicinity at the time. Officials also denied a rumor that two interceptor planes had been scrambled as a result of the earlier sightings. 53

11/24/81 "UMBRELLA"-LIKE THING SEEN IN CALIFORNIA

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

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

Bonnie Porter said that the group viewed the object through binoculars and described it as "shaped like an umbrella turned upside down with prongs on it." The witnesses all reported being quite scared by the sight, and agreed that it was like nothing they had ever seen. 54
11/28/81 MORE NORTH CAROLINA ACTION

November proved to be quite a month for reports from citizens of North Carolina, a state that has enjoyed scores of good sightings over the years. On Saturday, November 28, UFOs were reported over two communities in Martin County at almost the same time.

At 9:08 p.m. a person informed an operator at Martin County Communications that he had sighted an object that was long and oval-shaped over the Martin Plaza shopping area. The UFO was reported to have emitted a white light and hovered at about tree top height, all the time remaining completely silent. The telephone company operator related that the caller said he was followed by the strange object from the shopping center parking lot into the River Fill area of Bertie County, where it simply disappeared. The object was stated to have moved at about 65 mph during the sighting, remaining at tree top level.

At 9:10 p.m. a person came into the Martin County Communications section of the Town Hall and informed the phone operator that he had sighted some sort of unusual object over Hamilton. The UFO was described as multi-colored with extremely bright lights, and was reported to have moved up and down. It was also completely silent during the duration of the sighting. 55

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