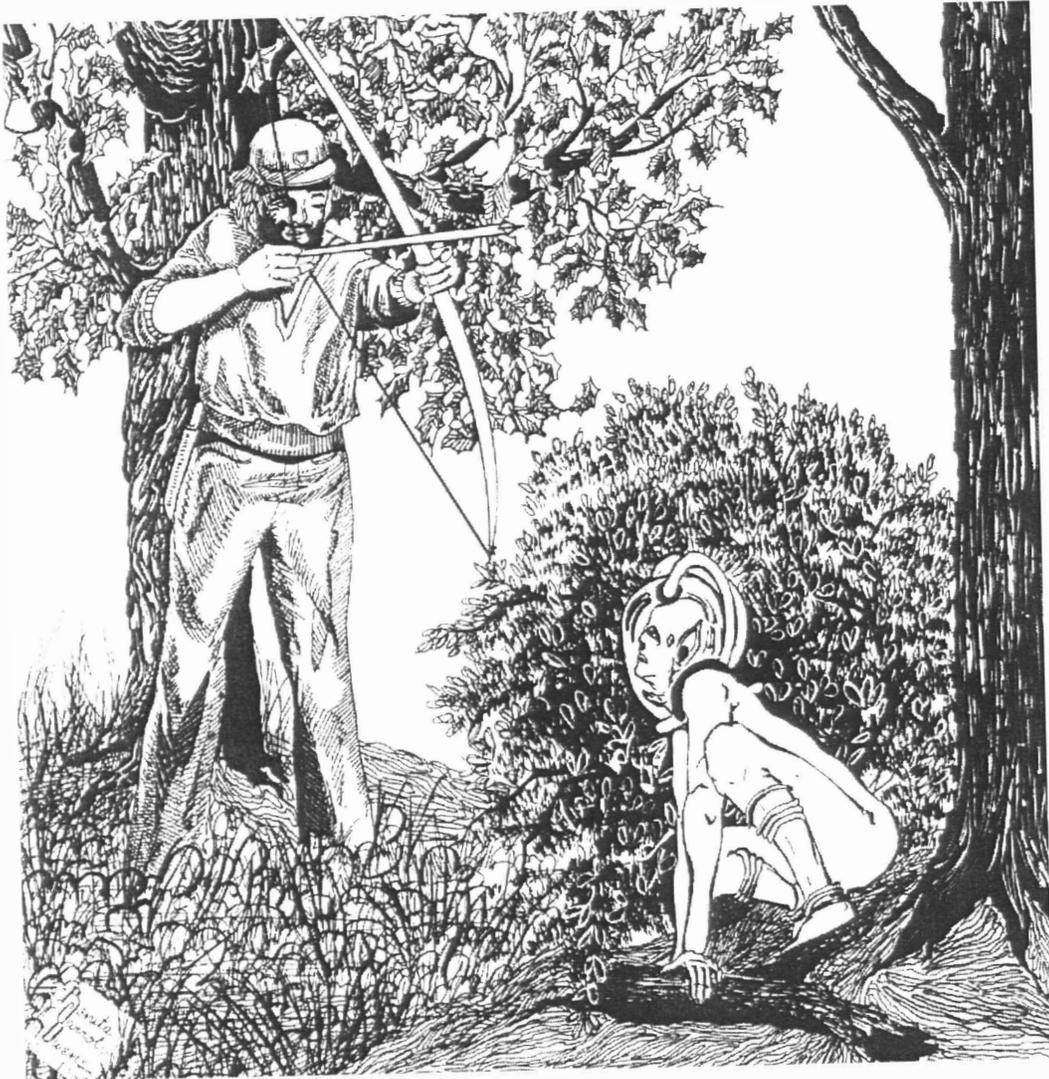


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The Jim Templeton photograph
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ABOUT THE FORGOTTEN FLAP

Now that it has been 50 years since the many surprising UFO related events of 1964, it is worth reissuing this booklet of ours from 2000 that many of you no doubt missed the first time around. As you will read below, we never fully realized that 1964 was indeed a major flap year, and would set the stage, so to speak, for a world-wide avalanche of UFO reports that would last for a full 36 months. We have also taken the opportunity to add several good cases that we missed the first time around, which you will find as an addendum at the end of this publication.

Here's how we began our story fourteen years ago — R. H.

Before we take a look at the "forgotten flap" of 1964, a few words are in order as to how we found the material that begins on the next page. Quite literally, we had no idea that it even existed. We found a box brimming with newspaper clippings while cleaning my mother's attic in the late spring of 1999. Some of the clippings were from the clipping service we subscribed to in the mid-1960s, some were merely marked as to date and newspaper in a variety of handwriting styles. They may have been sent by subscribers to my "original" *UFO Magazine*, which was published from 1962 until its absorption into *Flying Saucer Digest* in 1970.

Anyway, after talking over my find with the late Allan J. Manak, I told him that if there was sufficient information, I'd like to turn this disorganized pile of paper into a booklet featuring the big flap years of 1965 - 1966. Al thought that it was a fine idea, and that I should get started sorting and organizing.

However, a busy work schedule and Al's untimely passing had me put the job off until late February of this year. Believe me, the hundreds of clippings I sorted were in very poor condition, many literally falling apart in my hands.

When I was done with the sorting and organizing, I found something totally unexpected: namely that 1964 was more than the Lonnie Zamora case and a few other good quality reports - it was a major flap year that rivaled 1965 and 1966 for sheer numbers of significant reports! In 1965 I did a roundup for the annual issue of *UFO Magazine* and only came up with eleven pages of 1964 UFO incidents - that's why I'm calling it the "forgotten flap," as I had no idea how many good cases there really were.

One thing that I also noticed was that the few 1964 cases cited in the current general ufological literature were in many instances slightly inaccurate. This can be explained by the fact that the *oldest* cited references were seldom over twenty years old. That is why I believe that the following *original* accounts are valuable from an historical perspective since they have not become garbled by the passage of time and repeated retelling.

I have taken the liberty to condense and edit the cases that follow to allow maximum utilization of space. Also, I have weeded out the obvious "IFOs": misidentified stars and planets, obvious aircraft, weather phenomena and meteors.

Lastly, I have to thank Carol Hilberg for her help, suggestions and proofreading.

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10/30/63 IDAHO OBJECT MAKES "WEIRD NOISE"

Okay, so it's not yet 1964, but this excellent case seems to presage what was to happen in the months to follow:

Federal Aviation Agency officials are checking reports of a "strange object" that hovered over Meridian Wednesday night. Three members of the Albert Gordon family told of seeing a round object that make a "loud, deep and weird noise." A Mrs. Pauline Koch, of Kuna highway, reportedly saw a flash and heard a noise when she was in Meridian on an errand. The Gordons said the object didn't appear to be a helicopter. And an FAA spokesman at Boise said no helicopters had taken off from Boise airport or Mountain Home Air Force Base Wednesday night. Richard Gordon, 15, told this story: "My mother, Russell and I looked outside. It was dark, but as much as we could make out, the thing was perfectly round and about 35 feet in diameter. A red light on its side flashed on once, then went off quickly. It made a very deep humming noise - very penetrating and weird. The noise went through my head. It hung about 8 feet above our willow tree - very low and motionless - then slowly moved on. It was there about 4½ minutes. We were pretty scared." The youth said he has been close to helicopters in the past, but the object's noise didn't sound like a 'copter's. "We went back in the house and called the flight control center at Gowen Field," Richard added. 1

1/64 STRANGE HAPPENINGS IN YUKON TERRITORY

(By June Franklin, *Whitehorse Star*, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory) The Yukon is fairly generally known (at least to initiates) as a sanctuary of the screwball or nut. Statistics show that as you drive up the Alaska Highway, the temperature is apt to drop and your chances of adventure to increase. You may meet rugged individualists glorying in such names as Buzz-saw Jimmy or Wigwam Harry. A bear or moose may appear. It's possible...but you know all that. What Yukoners were NOT noted for, until recently, was seeing the light. Now it looks as if they're off on a sky-watching kick with eerie implications. On January 1, a Whitehorse resident saw strange red lights in the sky while she was baby-sitting in the downtown area. The lights resembled 60-watt bulbs colored a deep red (she said) and appeared to "go up and down." No porch lights were on anywhere and no similar mundane explanation presented itself. The lady saw the lights between two and three a.m., an hour when most people's powers of observation are somewhat blunted. At first she was reluctant to make her report and invite ridicule. A few days later, she thought better of it, and phoned the editor of the *Whitehorse Star*. The *Star* editor was skeptical. He printed her story, but privately dismissed her as a crackpot.

A week later I left the *Star* office where I'm employed as a reporter and began to walk home. The date was January 7 or 8, the time was soon after five p.m. It was dark. I live in the downtown area not far from where the editor's caller saw her lights. And to my horror, before I'd walked a couple of blocks, I saw them, too. They were like 60-watt bulbs colored a deep red, and they went up and down. They seemed to hover above the town, with no accompanying noise, and their movement was reminiscent of a "mobile." They did not travel across the sky. I estimated their position as somewhere between the center of Whitehorse and the airport, a distance of perhaps two or three miles. My immediate reaction was to keep quiet about it, just as the first light-watcher had done. Then, a few days later I mentioned it to a friend - the sort of person often referred to as "a reliable source" - and he confessed that he, too, had seen the light. This brought the total of the local enlightenment to three. I told the editor about it, and was earnestly advised to concentrate on the sidewalks while walking home. (At this time of year, they're coated with near-lethal ice, and if there's one thing he hates, it's sending somebody out to cover an assignment with a broken leg.)

It was no good trying to tell anybody, they all laughed like drains at the mere mention of lights in the sky. The local CBC station sent somebody to interview me on the understanding that the whole thing was a gag. I persuaded the editor to check with the weather office, the police, and the local flying service. Nobody had seen anything Up There, or so they said. Then we suddenly got another report. Two local residents driving home from a movie, late at night on January 28, saw the red lights just as our first viewer had described them. And to make it better still, they were both sober skeptics, not given to acknowledging messages from above. Another independent witness (knowing nothing of the others) volunteered the information that

she'd seen red lights from her living room window on January 8, and had not mentioned it in case her husband thought she was crazy. A local pilot told us that around the beginning of January, the RCMP had sent a couple of officers up to Haines Junction by helicopter, to investigate reports of mysterious lights in the sky. They had been unable to trace the lights to any definite source. This report was verified when we called the local RCMP office in Whitehorse, but they suggested the lights might have been flares. Further inquiries of the Meteorological Office at Whitehorse revealed that they have recently been putting up weather balloons, though not equipped with hovering deep red lights. So far, every attempt to find the simple explanation that must exist has been blocked by somebody's reluctance to venture an official opinion. The lights were there, and people saw them. So what were - or are - they? If some local government department could explain it, why don't they? If they're just being coy, they can't blame local residents for speculating, like the man who saw the lights from his car on his way home: "They were red lights, and they hovered," he said firmly. "And I look at it this way. We keep bragging about how we're going to land somebody on the Moon. How can we be sure there isn't already a race up there that's planning to land somebody on US?" 2

1/27/64 "SOMETHING" BURNS LAWN IN MICHIGAN

An erratic, flaming phenomena fell from the skies in Benbrook Monday night. It was described as definitely not a meteorite. There was speculation the object may have been part of a missile. The high sailing light was sighted as it bobbed slowly through the sky by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Jones about 8 p.m. They followed its wandering course about eight blocks from the home of Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. L.C. Eberhard to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Lewis. "It hovered for two or three minutes over the house," Jones said, "then fell and burst into flames, setting fire to the Lewis' lawn." After the Joneses alerted the Lewis family and extinguished the fire, they found particles of a brittle, metallic-type material. "It was lightweight and looked charred," Jones said. It also smelled of sulphur. When he first sighted the dancing light, Jones estimated it to be the size of a basketball. Oscar Monnig, considered one of the Southwest's leading authorities on meteorites, said, "This is contrary to what you would expect from an ordinary meteorite." Monnig visited the scene and obtained samples of the mysterious object. He estimated the total weight at less than an ounce. "Meteorites generally are not hot when they land, they don't smell of sulphur, they are stone-like rather than metallic, and they have a high density and aren't flaming," he said. The samples he studied tended to show gas bubbles, he added. 3

2/8/64 CALIFORNIANS SPOT UNKNOWN OBJECTS

A UFO was reported to both Del Norte County sheriff's office and the FAA Saturday evening. A call was received by the Sheriff's office from a person at Ft. Dick beach, stating that he and a group of 17 others had sighted an object flying from north to south over the beach. The UFO was reported to be glowing and changing in color from orange to gold to white and seemed to have a long tail which did not glow. Some of the witnesses attempted to turn lights on the UFO but it sped off. Further reports from other sources were received by the FAA at about 8:55 stating the same object was seen over the foothills of 9th and L streets, and a report of its being seen in the Cave Junction area was given to the *Triplicate* about 8:00 p.m. 4

2/19/64 UNKNOWN OBJECTS HIT CAR IN WASHINGTON

An Agate Beach, Oregon couple Wednesday night reported a mysterious mishap to their car while they were driving on Highway 99 eight or nine miles north of Tacoma, the AP reported from Newport, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Saxon reported they were heading south when something fell out of the sky on their car. "It caught my husband's eye just a minute before it hit," Mrs. Saxon said. "He said it looked like a sheet of rocks coming down. He could see because there was light reflected from an exit sign. When it hit the car, it sounded like somebody hit the windshield with a baseball bat or something." Whatever it was shattered the windshield in front of Mrs. Saxon. She said the laminated windshield was not broken through, nor was it shattered on her husband's side. "It scared us and we did not stop until we got to Tacoma," she said. They found no fragments of whatever it was. Mrs. Saxon said they were on a straight stretch of highway with no other cars in sight. She said they found a few pitted places in the windshield, and also a few places on the hood and roof where paint had been

chipped from their eight-month-old car. She speculated that meteorite fragments hit them, or that something fell from an airplane. 5

4/23/64 TWO SEE EGG-SHAPED OBJECT OVER ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

A Vermont NE resident today told the *Tribune* she and a friend saw a strange silvery object flying over the State Fairgrounds last Thursday afternoon. The resident, who asked that her name not be published, said the object was definitely not an airplane. She and her friend were in a car traveling south on San Pedro between 3:30 and 4 p.m. when they saw the UFO. She said that the object was more or less egg-shaped, similar to the description given by Socorro Officer Lonnie Zamora of an object he saw land near Socorro. 6

4/24/64 LONNIE ZAMORA'S ENCOUNTER AT SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO

What appears to be substantial evidence of an unidentified flying object landing and taking off in Socorro has been observed. City Policeman Lonnie Zamora, a highly reliable source, saw a four-legged, egg-shaped object, and two persons in a gully a mile south of the courthouse shortly before 6 p.m. Friday. He saw the object rise straight up and take off, and disappear beyond Six Mile Canyon to the west. Some of the evidence of the landing and the take-off remained in the gully. There were four shallow holes where the object apparently landed on its legs; there were burned greasewood and seared clumps of green grass; there were two round, very slight depressions. No footprints were found. Zamora said he saw lettering on the side of the UFO, and he sketched the lettering on a paper sack after the object had taken off. He did not believe the lettering was in English and he observed no numerals as there are on known aircraft. Zamora said he was not at liberty to further describe the lettering.

At least one person -an unidentified tourist traveling north on U.S. 85 - saw the UFO just before it landed in the gully. Opal Grinder, manager of Whiting Brothers' Service Station on 85 north, said the man stopped at the station and remarked that aircraft flew low around here. Grinder replied there were many helicopters in this vicinity. The tourist said it was a "funny-looking helicopter, if that's what it was." The man said further the object had flown over his car. It actually was headed straight for the gully where it landed moments later. The tourist also commented that he had seen a police car heading up the hill. This was Zamora's car. Grinder did not know of the object at the time, and did not attach importance to the traveler's remarks. A Tucson, Arizona couple was here on Sunday to interview Zamora for a scientific article on the object. The woman said a minister and 26 other persons in New Guinea had seen a similar object hovering for two hours at an estimated altitude of 400 feet. It was reported the observers had seen a man on the "deck" of the object!

Maj. William Conner of Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, was also here Sunday afternoon to interview Zamora. The major said he was not at liberty to comment. He and an Air Force sergeant visited the UFO scene. Use of a Geiger counter at the scene was reported to have brought negative results. Capt. Richard T. Holder of Socorro, U.S. Army up-range commander with headquarters at Stallion Range Center on White Sands Missile Range, said Saturday; "I was contacted on the evening of April 24 by local authorities and asked to provide assistance in identifying a reported UFO. After being appraised of the situation, I attempted to determine whether White Sands Missile Range or Holloman Air Force Base had anything that might produce the conditions described. Neither White Sands Missile Range nor Holloman had an object that would compare to the object described. There was no known firing mission in progress at the time of the occurrence that would produce the conditions reported." Zamora doesn't know what the object was, but for those who desire to speculate, there are three possibilities: First, it may have been a top secret U.S. aircraft, in an advanced stage of development. Second, it may have been an advanced type of aircraft or space ship of another power. Third, it may have been a space scout ship from another planet. Whatever the object was, it probably was the first reported concrete instance of a UFO in New Mexico.

Policeman Zamora shifted from a routine task to a frightening out-of-this-world experience in a few minutes Friday night. He was patrolling Park Street where he had begun pursuit of a fast-traveling car several blocks ahead of him. Zamora was almost on the old road when he heard what he described as a blast or a roar. His first thought was that an aluminum building used to store explosives had blown up. He forgot about the speeding car and headed up a very

rocky, dirt road towards the building. On the third try, driving very slowly, he managed to get up the road which leads to the top of the mesa where the UFO had landed. The policeman said he first saw the object at an estimated distance of 150 yards, and he thought it was an overturned car. He was looking out of his car window as he drove towards the top of the mesa. Zamora said one of two persons at the UFO, whose back was to him, turned his head and looked straight at him. The two persons standing by the object appeared to be dressed in white coveralls, and at the distance Zamora saw them they appeared to be "child-like," that is, small. He did not notice what sort of headgear, if any, the two persons, presumably men, wore.

Zamora continued driving up the hill to get a closer look at the object and the persons. When he stopped his car on top of the mesa and directly opposite the place in the gully where the UFO had landed, he saw it again, but the persons were not outside the object on which the sun gleamed brightly. He got out of his car and started towards the UFO. Then he again heard the roar or blast that had brought him to the scene and saw flames. Dust was flying around the object. The policeman believed the object about to explode. He was about 50 feet from the UFO, and for protection he dropped to the ground and covered his face with an arm. No explosion occurred, and Zamora also realized the object was not heading in his direction. He raised his head slightly. He saw the UFO, which seemed to be heading south on landing, rise straight up for an estimated 20 feet, which brought it about on a level with the police car on the mesa top. The object appeared to maintain this altitude beyond the explosives building and due west in a straight line for about two miles to the prelite mill. On the other side of the mill the UFO gained altitude very rapidly, passed over Six Mile Canyon, became a speck in the sky, and disappeared.

Zamora said there was a sharp whining sound at the end of the roar preceding the object's take-off. As the object got in to the air, the noise quieted. The object did not leave a jet trail. Reports of other supposed UFOs have mentioned that they fly with little or no noise. Zamora radioed the sheriff's office immediately after the object had taken off. State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez, State Policeman Ted Jordan, and Undersheriff James Luckie said the burned clumps of green grass and the greasewood were still hot when they arrived. The military later took samples of the burned earth for analysis. An inspection of the scene Saturday morning showed the object had landed astride a narrow, rock-strewn dry wash in the gully. Officers earlier had circled with stones the four places where the legs of the object had touched earth. The holes were shallow, about a foot long by six inches wide. They did not appear to have been made by an object striking the earth with great force, but an object of considerable weight settling to earth at slow speed and not moving after touching the ground. The two legs of the object that Zamora saw probably were about 2½ feet long. It was about 12 feet from one landing hole to the other on the west side and 15 feet between the two on the east side. The width probably was nine or more feet. The clumps of green grass and two greasewood bushes seemed to have been seared all at once by an extremely hot flame. There were also broken branches on one greasewood. The two round depressions were four and five inches in diameter, respectively. The cause of the landing of the object, like its identity and its source, remain unanswered. Was the landing in the secluded, little-frequented gully for a test or caused by momentary mechanical difficulty? After Capt. Holder was appraised of the UFO occurrence, he made a report of it to the proper agencies at WSMR. Investigation of the object will be conducted by designated government agencies. By Sunday afternoon hundreds of curious persons had trampled the scene and there was virtually no evidence left of the landing marks. 7

4/24/64 MAN SAYS MARTIANS LANDED ON NEW YORK FARM

The Owego area is agog over the report of a Newark Valley dairy farmer that "space men" have visited his farm and he talked with them for two hours. The "visit" is supposed to have taken place the morning of April 24 but it was kept quiet for a while because the Federal Bureau of Investigation was notified. The Tioga Sheriff's Dept. took a statement from the farmer, Gary Wilcox, 37, who said a federal agent also had been to see him. School children in Newark Valley began spreading the startling story and it then got down to Owego where it is now a frequent topic in street conversation. In a telephone conversation last night Prof. Nathan Hall, supervising principal of the Newark Valley Consolidated Schools and a former principal at Rome

and East Smithfield in this county, said Wilcox was a good, dependable student in school and "is a good, substantial farmer of fine reputation." Mr. Hall said he knows nothing about the "space man" story, however, and appeared inclined to think possibly it was a "gag" of some kind but he said he had no means of knowing. Like others, however, he wonders how the "men from Mars" were able to speak such good English. According to Wilcox's story he was spreading manure in an open field on his 300-acre farm just northeast of Newark Valley. Shortly before 10 o'clock he decided to check another part of the farm which is almost rounded by woods, to see whether that piece of ground was ready for plowing. As he stepped through the woods toward this spot - which is about a mile from his home - he saw a shiny object which he thought at first was a discarded refrigerator. As he approached closer he saw it was not a refrigerator and he thought possibly it was a wing tank dropped from an airplane. Wilcox said it was 20 feet long, 16 feet wide and shaped like an egg. It looked like aluminum but more durable and seemed to have different metallic characteristics. He touched it and felt no heat. There was no visible door or hatch.

Suddenly two beings appeared. They seemed to be about four feet tall and had clothing with no seams and a headdress with a full-faced hood. He could not distinguish facial features. The beings appeared to have arms and legs but he couldn't tell whether or not they had fingers and toes because their extremities were covered. The one being stood by the craft and the other came within about five feet of Wilcox, saying, "Do not be alarmed. We have spoken to Earth people before. We come from what you folks call Mars." Wilcox said he thought it was a joke someone was pulling on him and tried to laugh it off but the men appeared dead serious, and he didn't know what to make of it. The conversation continued for some time. The men said they were interested in fertilizer and soils and asked why Wilcox was spreading manure. They said they grew food in the atmosphere but changes in the atmosphere are creating problems and they are visiting Earth to learn about organic materials. Wilcox explained what wonderful fertilizer manure is but that where that is not available, commercial fertilizer does a good job. Wilcox said both men had trays in which they scooped up soil samples. He said they told him they can travel here only every two years and that they chose the Western Hemisphere for this year's visit. Incidentally, they told him Earthlings never will make it to fly to the moon or other planets because they cannot stand radiation. Martians are constituted differently and their bodies can take it without trouble, Wilcox said he was told. The creatures said they land only in daylight because they are less readily visible in daylight. They expressed surprise that Wilcox saw them. The Martians, Wilcox said, asked for some commercial fertilizer to take back with them and he said he would get them a bag from his barn. All the while they were talking the "space craft" sounded like an auto idling, he said. As he turned to go for the fertilizer he heard a light sound and looked around. In a matter of seconds the craft was out of sight. There was no exhaust or fire, or raising of dust, he said. Since he had promised the fertilizer he went and got the bag and left it in the field. The next day it was gone. 8

WEEK OF 4/26/64 MONTANA SHERIFF INVESTIGATES UFO

The Custer County Sheriff's office today investigated a report of an unidentified flying object east of Miles City. Sheriff Newt Perkins reported that several days ago two Mexican farm workers on the R.J. McAulay place at Shirley, saw something in the sky, across the river from Shirley. They said it looked like a small egg-shaped white balloon. They reported it went up and down and up and down while they were watching it. After seeing the object on two different days, they asked to borrow field glasses, but then did not see the object again. McAulay questioned them and they insisted it wasn't a plane and it was not a big bird. He assumed they must have seen a weather balloon, mentioning that the men said it did not glow or burn. He also said that the country is very rough in the area above which the object was sighted, as it was somewhere over the Haughian ranch. It would be almost impossible to do much searching for a balloon, if one fell into that isolated area. A local FAA employee reported that the regular weather balloons sent up locally are black, not white. However, radiosonde balloons sent up by the weather bureau, at Glasgow, for instance, are white. With the strong winds which have been prevailing the past week, it is conceivable that the balloons could have traveled from the Glasgow area. 9

WEEK OF 4/26/64 OBJECT TOUCHES DOWN IN IDAHO

A pulsating, irradant, unidentified object sat down on a Parma farm yard early one morning this week, the nations discoverer of "flying objects" said Thursday night. Kenneth Arnold, a long-time Boise pilot, said the object was reported to him by a "very responsible" Parma farm couple who didn't want their names used for fear of "bad publicity." Arnold said the object had a pulsating green glow and sat down on the couple's farm. He said it scared animals in the barnyard and started dogs to barking. He said the couple told him the weird light from the object awoke them at 3:30 a.m. Arnold said the couple came to him because they knew he would "sympathize with us over this peculiar thing." Arnold said he reported the incident to the Idaho Air National Guard. "I won't be surprised if there aren't more of them seen in the Boise area now," Arnold said. "These things come in batches, but usually people are afraid to report them because of the sensational news treatment given to them." In 1947 Arnold was flying a search mission over an area near Mt. Rainier in Washington, when he spotted unidentified flying objects that he described the next day as resembling "disks skipping over water." "There's no logical explanation for these things," he said. "Investigators discover what they want to discover. I'd be the last one in the world to sell anybody on the idea there are flying objects - but what if there are? 10

4/26/64 UFO NEARLY CROWDS CAR OFF HIGHWAY IN NEW MEXICO

Here's two similar incidents that happened within hours of each other:

Whether it was the same UFO or another one is unknown, but Undersheriff James Luckie said a tourist told him in a cafe here Sunday night that a low-flying object nearly crowded him off U.S. 85 two miles south of Socorro between 7:30 and 8 p.m. The unidentified tourist was traveling north on 85, and the object going south. 11

4/26/64 "FLYING BATHTUB" SPOTTED IN NEW MEXICO

"If you told me you saw it, I wouldn't believe it, but I saw it." George Mitropolis of Albuquerque was emphatic about both seeing and hearing an unidentified flying object. "It was up ahead of me and to the right when I saw it come up over the crest and then drop back behind the mountains," Mitropolis said. He said he was driving north on U.S. 85 one mile south of the the New Mexico 180 junction about 10:30 p.m. Sunday when he sighted the craft. "I wasn't just seeing things, because I stopped the car and after it went behind the mountain I could hear the noise - like muffled jets. This thing was glowing like it was luminous. There were no lights," Mitropolis said. He said there was a glow underneath the craft like exhaust flames. He described the object as appearing as an upside down bathtub. The Albuquerque man said he caught up with another car that had been ahead of him. "I caught up with them and stopped them because I wanted to know if they had seen it too. There were two young men but they denied seeing anything...but they were acting strangely." He said he first reported his sighting to Truth or Consequences police but "they just got a laugh out of it." He said he went on to Socorro "where I first learned someone else had seen something like it...and I felt a lot better." 12

4/26/64 NEW MEXICO LANDING CASE LEAVES TRACES

Major William Conner, UFO investigator from Kirkland Air Force Base, was expected to give State Police a preliminary report today on his findings at the scene where a flying object was reportedly seen Sunday morning. State Police Capt. Martin Vigil who is heading the local investigation said Major Conner went over the charred area Monday afternoon, taking dirt and ash samples. Focal point of interest is an odd-shaped burned area on the Vallecitos creek bank on the Petaca Rd. just out of La Medera. Capt. Vigil and Officer David Kingsbury probed the area Sunday night after the sighting of an unidentified object was reported. Photographs were taken. At that time, Sunday night, the ground was still smoldering after the sighting. And in the ashes and sand were found pawprints described by Capt. Vigil as resembling those of a large mountain lion. Officer Albert Vega who is stationed in Ojo Caliente and was the first State Policeman at the scene, said the prints he saw looked like the pad of a bear - with only two toes. Also found were depressions in the ground which could have been made by fixed landing gear...Monday the elder Gallegos told what happened. "I had taken off my shoes," he said, "to get ready for bed. A car passed and I saw horses in the (Petaca) road, I was afraid they would

get into the cattle guard and hurt themselves, so I asked my son to chase them away.

"He was gone quite a while and when he came back inside the house he was very excited. He said he had seen something on the river spraying blue fire from underneath. We laughed and didn't believe him, but he went back twice more and looked." Sunday after midnight was illuminated by moonlight and there was a gusty wind blowing through the somewhat remote Spanish community. At the time of the sighting, Frank Gallegos said, none of the family had heard of the Friday sighting of an object near Socorro...Monday morning City Officer Naranjo accompanied this reporter to La Madera to question friends and neighbors of Gallegos and to look over the scene of the sighting. It was evident that many persons had already been there...At the scene itself the charred area was a peculiar shape, like two overlapping circles. It was about 20 feet across. Large rocks within the area showed evidence of extreme heat, while others within a few feet weren't damaged at all. A soft drink bottle had melted while another five feet away was intact. An attempt to set fire to chamisa brush nearby failed. A young cowboy, herding cattle down the Petaca Rd. was questioned. He knew nothing of the reported sighting. Speaking in clear Spanish he identified himself as Juan Jiron, a student at Ojo Claiente High School. Jiron said he saw a fire smoking in the area late Friday afternoon. He was asked to point out the exact place and he did. It was the same as the burned-over area where the object was reportedly seen. Capt. Vigil said evidence indicates an extreme heat of short duration rather than a smoldering fire over a period of days. He said it is his belief that "something was there." Glass, rock and metal found at the La Madera UFO site were melted and fused. No fuel that is presently known would leave the traces found and certainly no brush, garbage or other type of fire would melt these objects and burn only one inch deep. 13

4/26/64 INVESTIGATORS FOLLOW-UP ON GALLEGOS CASE

A team of investigators from Kirtland Air Force Base, a group from Washington, D.C., and the FBI are expected to join State Police this afternoon to investigate the two reported sightings of a UFO here. They were the third reports over the weekend, the first coming from a Socorro police officer. State Police also received a report from two men traveling in the same general area Saturday night that a flying object, definitely not an airplane, had swooped down toward their car, then veered off. "There was definitely something there," Capt. Martin Vigil, state police district commander, said this morning, referring to the second sighting. "The ground was still smoldering 20 hours after the sighting." And, as in Socorro, there were footprints which resembled the paw tracks of a mountain lion around the charred area. The latest report came Sunday afternoon from Orlando Gallegos, 35, Santa Fe. He told it this way: Gallegos and his family arrived about 12:30 a.m. Sunday at the home of his father, Frank, just north of La Madera on the Petaca Road. The younger Gallegos said he went outside to chase away some horses. It was then that he saw the thing sitting on the ground in a gravel area.

He said he was about 200 feet away and was afraid to approach closer. When he first sighted it, there was a ring of blue flame erupting from numerous jets around the bottom of the craft, he said. There was no noise and as he watched, the flames were turned off. He said he didn't see anyone or anything moving around the craft. Gallegos returned to the house and told his family but no one ventured outside. His wife described him as being "badly shaken." He returned twice more to look at the object, he said. He described it as being a bright metal without windows, as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumference. He said it was egg-shaped and was still smoldering. Gallegos said he stayed away from the place and Sunday afternoon as he was returning to Santa Fe he stopped Espanola Police Officer Nick Naranjo and told him what he saw. "I just had to tell somebody," Gallegos said. Espanola Police notified State Police Officer Marvin Romero, who with Officer David Kingsbury, questioned Gallegos at length. They then notified Capt. Vigil. He radioed State Police Officer Albert Vega at Ojo Caliente and Vega went to the scene and verified the "evidence." Capt. Vigil, accompanied by Officer Kingsbury, went to the scene last night. "The ground was still smoldering and was charred over a large area," he said.

Vigil said what looked like paw prints were found at the scene and depressions, similar to those found at Socorro, also were found. It was guessed the depressions were made by landing gear. Vigil said he telephoned a major at Kirtland AFB and described the scene and was told it

sounded exactly like the evidence found at Socorro. The major said he would send a team of investigators today. And the team from Washington sent to examine the Socorro site is also expected at La Madera. Vigil offered no explanation of the object reportedly seen except to say that at this point there is no reason to doubt Gallegos' story: "Something was there." 14

4/27/64 UFO, MONSTER OR WEATHER BALLOON IN TEXAS?

A flying object - more like a monster - has fluttered into El Paso while a rash of unidentified flying objects were reported in New Mexico. Eight students at Crosby School saw the El Paso monster. In fact, one girl, 12, reported it to police. She said she saw it out a window of the school yesterday. "It didn't have any legs," said Kathy Boone. "It seemed to be floating in the air, covered with something like a sheet. It was about 6 feet 5 inches tall, and sort of egg-shaped." Another girl, 11, told police she had seen it too, and said six more children had witnessed the monster. Police had theories the apparition might actually have been a weather balloon coming to earth, or some sort of parachute, or something else caught in the wind, though nothing was found on the school grounds. But suppose it was a monster? 15

4/28/64 NEW MEXICAN SHOOTS AT UFO

A 20-year-old Edgewood youth says he fired six shots at one of New Mexico's UFOs. State Policeman Tommy Richardson of Moriarty reported he received a telephone call from Don Adams of Edgewood about 1:30 a.m. today. The report said Adams told of seeing the object about 100 feet off the ground. He said it appeared to be a fluorescent or glowing green-colored object about 25 feet long. He told the officer he drove his car under the object and his car stalled. The youth reported he then got out and fired six shots at the object, reloaded and fired again, without effect...With certainty, he told of hitting the UFO six times and hearing the bullets bounce from it. As he paused to reload, the man said the object moved silently northward. He was unable to tell whether shots 7 to 12 struck the thing...He said it hovered about 100 feet directly over his head. Investigating state police said the man was completely "sober." Edgewood is a community about 30 miles east of Albuquerque. 16

4/28/64 GIRL BURNED WATCHING UFO IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Concern over UFOs continued at a high pitch here today. The latest incident involves a report from a 10-year-old girl that she was burned while watching a strange egg-shaped thing in the sky yesterday afternoon...Suffering eye, nose and face burns yesterday afternoon was Sharon Stull, one of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Stull. She said she gazed at a UFO for five or ten minutes shortly before 12:30 p.m. on the Lowell School ground after returning there from lunch at home. After 1 p.m., while in class, she noticed burning sensations about the eyes and face. She and her mother believe her burns were inflicted by the thing in the sky. Sharon said she was not facing the sun while watching the thing, slightly smaller than an airplane and having no windows, speed across the sky and disappear in the distance. Her mother said the child has never had a sunburn and couldn't have gotten one in the few minutes she was outside. Her sister, Robin, 8, says she, too, saw the thing, but paid little attention to it and didn't continue to watch it. Sharon said two other children also glanced at it briefly. Sharon was treated by a doctor at Bataan Hospital last night and was kept in bed at home today with her blinds drawn to protect her inflamed eyes and eyelids. Part of her face and nose appeared to be puffy and red. She continued to complain of burn pains. Police interviewed her at length about the incident and had her draw the silvery object. Sharon's doctor said his diagnosis is conjunctivitis (membrane inflammation) of both eyes and first-degree sunburn under the eyes and on the nose, adding: "The sun exposure she had yesterday would usually be considered insufficient to cause the burns and inflammation. It appears to be the type of burns and inflammation caused by longer exposure to the sun." He said he believes there is no permanent eye damage. Mrs. Stull was extremely concerned and frightened over the incident today. She also kept Robin home from school. 17

6/29/64 BURNED GIRL GROWING TALLER

Here's a follow-up to the case above:

Is it normal for a 10-year-old girl to grow 5½ inches and gain 25 pounds in a single month? Mrs. Max Stull said today that her 10-year-old daughter, Sharon, has done just that during the past month. Mrs. Stull said she is worried because her daughter's growth began just one month

after the girl suffered eye burns while gazing at a strange egg-shaped object in the sky here on April 28. Sharon was treated at Bataan Hospital at the time for eye and facial burns. The child said at the time that her eyes began to burn after she spent five or ten minutes watching the UFO from the Lowell School grounds. Mrs. Stull said today that her daughter has recovered from the eye burns, although she still must wear dark glasses in the sunlight and can only read a few paragraphs in a book before her eyes begin to smart again. Mrs. Stull said that her daughter's personality and habits have changed during her recent and sudden growth.

"A month ago she was just a child who liked to play with dolls and paper dolls," Mrs. Stull said. "Now she is suddenly mature and grown-up, cooks meals by herself, cleans house and takes care of the younger children." Mrs. Stull said that Sharon, at the time she saw the strange object in the sky, was 4 feet, 8 inches tall and weighed about 85 pounds. Today, she said, her daughter is 5 feet, 1½ inches tall and weighs 110 pounds - and is still growing fast. Mrs. Stull said that Sharon has outgrown all her clothes and quickly outgrows new clothing and shoes. "I'm so confused I don't know what to believe," Mrs. Stull said. Sharon, who will be 11 in October, sat quietly in her home as reporters interviewed her mother. Asked how she felt, the child replied, "I just feel funny." Mrs. Stull said that a scientist from Tucson, whom she identified as C.E. Lorenzen, visited and talked at length with Sharon over the weekend. She said that a Los Angeles physician had offered to examine and treat the child free of charge if the family can get her to California this summer. She said she and her husband are not financially able to take the child to California. Mrs. Stull said her daughter has never been checked for possible radiation burns. "I know she definitely saw something in the sky that day, but I don't know what," she said. "It has been a nightmare ever since - I wish I had let her play hooky that day." 18

4/28/64 COUPLE SIGHT FLYING EGGS IN NEW MEXICO

Truck driver Napeleon Green, 37, and his wife, 35, said they sighted two UFOs traveling at about the speed of jet planes at 5:30 p.m. yesterday as they were driving toward Albuquerque on U.S. 85, 17 miles north of Socorro. "I wasn't going to report it because I didn't want to believe my eyes," Mr. Green said today. He said his wife dived beneath the truck's dashboard after seeing the egg-shaped things, about half the size of jet planes and shining brightly in the setting sun. Green said he saw them possibly two minutes before they disappeared over the eastern horizon. 19

4/28/64 SEVERAL SPOT STRANGE OBJECT AT HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

An unidentified flying object was reported to police here by two separate groups of persons late yesterday afternoon. A group of youngsters said they saw a "white round object" hover above East Byers, and then fly away to the northeast. Joe and Kenneth Tidus told police that they saw the object at 6:34 p.m. Moments later, a patrolman said a group of persons in the 1700 block of East Snyder - more than 12 blocks away - told him they had sighted a similar object. Police did not identify those who reported seeing "a bright sun-reflecting object" from their vantage points in the 1700 block of East Snyder. Their description of the object corresponded with that given by five youngsters who reported seeing the object above East Byers. The reports said an object hovered near the ground, and then flew away to the northeast. 20

4/29/64 MYSTERY "EGG" SEEN NEAR LAS VEGAS

A mysterious dome-shaped object similar to the one reported in New Mexico has been spotted within 100 miles of Las Vegas by three members of a Fontana, CA., family. "At first we thought it was a water tower," Mrs. Gloria Biggs told the *Review-Journal*. "But, as we got closer we knew it was something we'd never seen before"...Mrs. Biggs, her husband Gus, and her mother, Mrs. Lorene Ayres, were enroute to Las Vegas Wednesday with a carload of worms from their "Wiggly Worm Farm" for distribution to bait shops along the Colorado River. Mrs. Biggs spotted the object about ten miles west of Baker, CA., a short distance north of U.S. 91. The object was in the low hills nearby. Mrs. Biggs said they watched the smooth, brownish dome for about five or six minutes while the car was moving. Their attention momentarily diverted by some roadside wildflowers, the trio looked back to find the object gone from its hilltop perch. Nothing was left, they said, but a large depression in the ground where the object had been. 21

4/29/64 NEW MEXICO POLICE CHIEF: "STAY AWAY FROM UFOs"

A report that an Albuquerque elementary school student was burned while viewing an egg-shaped object hovering over her school has brought forth a warning from Santa Fe Police Chief A.B. Martinez. Martinez asked all youngsters, and everyone for that matter, to stay away from any mysterious objects. The Santa Fe police chief gave no hint as to what he might believe the UFOs really are: however, he indicated that if any are sighted by local residents they should be treated with respect and caution until more information as to their identity is available. 22

4/29/64 CHILDREN SAY MYSTERY OBJECT LANDS IN MONTANA

A through investigation was being made Tuesday into several reports of the landing and disappearance of a UFO on the shore of Canyon Ferry Lake. Residents of this resort area just east of Helena said they saw a strange bright object hover just above the west shore of the lake, touch the ground, lift again, then disappear. Newsmen who went to the scene from Helena said they found four impressions in the ground which looked as though a huge chair had been placed on the beach. The impressions were arranged in a square and were about 16 feet across. The newsmen said there was a burned area in the center of the perimeter formed by the holes. Adults said children ran to them apparently very disturbed by what they had seen. Residents said the object appeared to be round and had an almost phosphorescent glow...The Canyon Ferry object apparently was first sighted by Linda Davis, 11, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis, who live about 100 yards from the scene. The Davis girl rounded up three neighborhood friends and attempted to approach the object. It took off into the sky and disappeared, they said. Bill Beheney called this information into the county sheriff's office and was told to have an adult investigate and return the call. The reason for this, according to Sheriff Dave Middlemas is that they "frequently get calls from teenagers who are playing pranks." However, he did not call this particular incident a prank. "Since it is so close to Vigilante Day, the deputy advised the 17-year-old boy (Beheney) to have an adult examine the area after which an investigation would be made. About an hour later, an adult did call and two deputies were sent to the area. They reported that there were four indentations in the earth about 13 feet apart in a square pattern. Each hole is from six to eight inches in diameter and they are tapered towards the bottom as though made by a cone-shaped object. Each of the holes is from six to eight inches deep. Slightly off center and between the four holes is a scorched area about four feet in diameter indicating that extreme heat had been present in that area."

Middlemas then requested that Malmstrom Air Force officials take over the investigation. They were on the scene this afternoon. Newsmen investigating found four holes about the size described by the sheriff's report. They were in an imperfect rectangle, indicating that the visitors from outer space - or wherever - aren't too good at geometry. Fresh dirt was scattered around the area some distance from the holes, possibly indicating that the holes were pressed into the ground by a heavy object. Another similar hole also was noted on a steep slope near the alleged landing site. One newsman who stepped into the roped-off area for a close look and smell was immediately ordered back by an area resident. Officials had nothing to do with isolating the area. Descriptions offered by the children were generally about the same. Area residents apparently were convinced the children did see something. Since the publicity, a number of Helena residents also said they had sighted a bright object in the sky, generally about the same time as the Canyon Ferry sightings. "Bright as an arc light," one Helena resident described the object. 23

4/29/64 AIR FORCE CALLS ABOVE REPORT A PRANK - PARENTS SAY "NO"

The Air Force couldn't discredit Lonnie Zamora, so they resorted to smearing children!:

College professors and Air Force experts to the contrary, parents of children who reported seeing a UFO five days ago are still convinced there is no prank. The Air Force was quoted by the *Chicago Tribune* as saying the alleged "flying object" at Canyon Ferry Village about 25 miles from Helena was a prank of children. This was after a Northwestern University professor, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, reportedly investigated all recent UFO reports for the Air Force. Hynek was quoted as saying all but the first report, April 24 near Socorro, N.M., have been explained. Mrs. Bert Davis, whose 11-year-old daughter was the first to report the incident the night of April 29, believes there are unanswered questions related to the incident. But she does not accept the

prank story. Mrs. Davis was surprised to hear of the Air Force report. "I don't know what to say because they said they would not give out any information," she said. Another parent, Harold Rust, said he doesn't care what the Air Force or other experts say, he believes the children. "The Air Force questioned them separately and in a group for three and a half hours and never shook the story of any one of them," Rust said. There were four Air Force officers against five children, the oldest 16, Rust said. "My kids wished they never had said anything," he continued. "They are teased by other students at school and even the principal told them he didn't believe them," Rust said. Rust said the recent UFO report was not the first. A "flying object" hovered over two men fishing from a boat during daylight less than a year ago, not far from the alleged sighting last week, Rust said. "They swear to it," he said. "But they were joked so much they won't tell it any more." Officers from Malmstrom Air Force Base at Great Falls made the initial investigation April 30. They submitted their report to "Project Blue Book" at Air Force headquarters in Washington and said they could not divulge their findings. Sheriff Dave Middlemas was equally silent on his investigation. 24

4/30/64 "BOUNCING OBJECT" STARTLES TEXAS WOMAN

El Paso today had its first "flying object" scare of the spring season. Mrs. R.R. Reyes, of Lakeside, said she spotted a bright, shiny object which looked like an inverted dish plate hovering over her home this morning about 10:15 a.m. "It just scared the hell out of me," said Mrs. Reyes with intense feeling. "I was just about to sit down and look at my favorite television program," Mrs. Reyes said. "I glanced out the window to see what the weather was like and I saw this bright aluminum thing up about as high as a telephone pole. It really caught the light. At that distance it appeared to be about the size of a living room drum table, but I believe it was really much bigger, although smaller than an airplane." Mrs. Reyes said the object remained stationary for a few minutes, bounced up and down like a top, and slowly rose into the air towards Ascarate Lake. She said it made no sound at all. On first sighting the object, Mrs. Reyes called to her neice, Estella Reyes, and her six-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, to "come and look." She said they both saw the flying object in the air. "It looked like a dish plate upside down and spun away just like a plate would spin if you flung it into the air," Mrs. Reyes said. "It carried a light on the bottom, a bright light. I'm really surprised. I never expected to see anything like that around here. My husband and I had talked about the thing the people saw in New Mexico, but I didn't think I would ever see anything like that here. I'm still shaking," she said. 25

4/30/64 FAMILIES VIEW UFO AT GREEN RIVER, WYOMING

Two families peered into the sky here Thursday evening while a "silvery, shining, round" object hovered high over their heads for about 30 minutes. "We saw something - whether it was a flying object, we don't know," said Mrs. James Pace. "But we're not imaginative people." Mrs. Pace told the *Deseret News* that she, her husband and two of her children were on the front lawn with a neighbor family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cameron, about 7 p.m. They were watching two airplanes - a commercial craft and a smaller private plane - cross paths in the sky, when the children pointed higher in the sky and shouted: "There's another flying object, just like the one we saw yesterday in school." Mrs. Pace had dismissed her children's stories of flying objects over the schoolyard the day before as creations of "kids' imaginations." Mr. Pace focused binoculars on the object in the sky and viewed a "shining, round light," standing on its edge like a silver dollar. It was very high in the sky, Mrs. Pace said. The Paces theorized the shiny effect was merely a reflection of the sun's light. After the Paces and Camerons viewed the object, which appeared to be hovering, for about one-half hour, dark storm clouds obscured it. "The day before when the kids were talking about flying objects, I thought they were just making it up," Mrs. Pace said. "Then I read in the *Deseret News* of reported object sightings. I started questioning my children a little closer." Mrs. Pace found that children throughout the neighborhood and those attending nearby Roosevelt Elementary School had reported viewing unidentified flying objects Thursday. 26

4/30/64 COLORADO CHILDREN REPORT "BRIGHT OVAL" OBJECT

Four Alamosa children reported seeing and hearing a bright silver oval object flying in a curved path toward Mt. Blanca late Thursday afternoon. They said they were standing at the

north edge of Alamosa near the the Rio Grande River when the object was sighted. They told of watching it for three minutes before it disappeared into a cloud and did not re-appear. The children are Frank Moore, 13; Glen and Joanne Zubillaga, 14 and 12 respectively, and Mike Rogers, 14. Mike said the children were returning from playing on the river with homemade boats when Glen called the others' attention to the object. Mike said it appeared to move slowly in a north-easterly direction and seemed to make a low, steady hum. The children reported watching for about seven minutes after it disappeared into a cloud. It never re-appeared. Young Frank said the object appeared to have a protruding band around it. A plane flew over and drowned out the hum, he said. When the plane passed, the object had flown into the cloud and there was no more sound. Noble C. Gantvoort, associate professor of mathematics and astronomy at Adams State College, checked out the children's story. "I don't think there is any doubt that they saw something," he said, "but I don't have any idea what it could have been." He said the planet Venus was in the general direction described by the children, but according to their stories, what they saw was larger and brighter. Gantvoort, director of ASC's new planetarium and observatory, said the three children's stories seemed consistent. He would not rule out the possibility of some type of craft from another planet. 27

4/30/64 SAME OLD LINE: AIR FORCE SAYS UFOs NOT A THREAT

The Air Force has investigated more than 8,000 reported UFOs in 16 years "and has yet to discover any evidence that UFOs represent a threat" to U.S. security. It also said today that probes of such sightings back to 1947 have failed to turn up any evidence that UFOs are "alien interplanetary space vehicles under some form of intelligent control." This report was furnished to the Associated Press as the Air Force looked into a new epidemic of strange sightings in the skies over New Mexico. One of the Air Force's leading civilian consultants on UFOs has gone to Socorro, N.M., to investigate the latest reports. He is Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University. The latest report on "Project Blue Book," the congressionally ordered Air Force study of UFOs, extends throughout 1963. It shows that over that 16-year span, 7.7% of the 8,128 reported cases remain unidentified. 28

5/64 STRANGE PHOTO FROM ENGLAND

On the lonely marsh beside the Solway Firth, Jim Templeton pressed the trigger of his camera. In front of him was his five-year-old daughter Elizabeth. And in the distance the Chapel Cross atomic station and a NATO radar-tracking base. Jim, a 44-year-old Carlisle fireman, sent off his color film for processing. Back it came with a note: "Your best picture has been spoiled by a man in the background." "I don't know anything about spacemen, but there was definitely nobody in front of my camera except Elizabeth. There was nothing in sight for half a mile - except for my wife and my other daughter. And they were behind me. There wasn't even a tree or anything on the skyline which could have caused a reflection. The firm which made the film assure me that it must have been perfect." Behind Elizabeth the picture showed a "spaceman" in a white padded suit and helmet. He looked about 7 ft. tall. Jim said last night: "I took it to the Carlisle police. They were amazed. The photograph was so good and clear I don't think it could have been a technical fault." Carlisle police experts studied the pictures, Detective Chief Superintendent Tom Oldcorn said yesterday: "At first sight we thought it was a double exposure. But it's not. The picture shows someone in white, but Mr. Templeton says there was no one else about. It is very puzzling. We're not taking it seriously. It must be some sort of freak picture." Mr. Templeton's film and camera were sent to the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall. 29

5/1/64 POSSIBLE COLORADO LANDING WITH GROUND TRACES

A flying object was reported over Walsenburg about 5 p.m. last Friday. The local man who said he saw it is Ross Quintana, custodian at the Lenzi Motor Company. He told the *Huerfano World* the experience left him all "shook up." Quintana declared he was in his car, which stopped for a train to pass on the Main Street railroad crossing, when he saw the strange object in the sky north of him and apparently preparing to land on the hill facing Hill School. But he added that he lost track of the object after a few minutes because of trees in his line of vision. The object was described as huge, white, and very shiny and coming in from the west. He added that it had what seemed to be a hook near the bottom. Quintana could not hear any

noise associated with the object, possibly because of the passing train. In relating his experience, Quintana said he had planned to drive over to the area where the object appeared to be landing but he didn't get around to it at that time. The next morning, however, he did go to the area and reported that he saw a V-shaped hole in the ground but did not know if it had been made by the strange object he had seen the previous evening. Quintana was alone in his car at the time of the sighting of the object. 30

5/2/64 COUPLE SPOTS BRIGHT OVAL OBJECT IN PENNSYLVANIA

A strange object which from all appearances was shaped like a dome and had an exhaust-type extension was sighted over the rural area Saturday night by a Shamokin area man and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kerstetter, widely known residents of West Cameron Township, said they saw the brilliantly illuminated object about 8:30 Saturday night and watched it for several minutes before it disappeared at a tremendous speed over the Gowen City mountain.

"If I had been alone I would not have believed what both my husband and I saw," Mrs. Kerstetter told the *News-Dispatch*. "But I know both of us could not have imagined the same thing."

Mrs. Kerstetter said she and her husband were riding in the family car heading toward Gowen City from West Cameron Township. Driving the car, Mrs. Kerstetter said, she looked out toward the mountain top and saw a brilliantly lighted, oval-shaped object. Her husband saw the object at the same time.

"I slowed down the car and both of us watched the object which appeared to have been all lit up," Mrs. Kerstetter said. "It seemed to be at a high altitude and just disappeared over the mountain toward Shamokin. From what we could see of it, the shape appeared to be oval and there was an object protruding from it. It definitely was not any type of aircraft such as a high flying jet."

Report of the sighting was made by Mrs. Kerstetter to determine if any other persons of the area may have spotted the same object. 31

5/8/64 STRANGE GROUND MARKINGS FOUND IN PENNSYLVANIA

Warren Fiester, well known Sullivan County resident, informed the *Daily Review* Friday evening that he is very curious about the source of two strange markings he found on two different fields on his farm - one yesterday and the other two weeks ago. Mr. Fiester says he does not believe they were made by spacecraft from Mars, but he is curious just the same, particularly since reading of the "Men from Mars" reported to have landed on a farm near Newark Valley recently. The Sullivan Countain reports that the marks in the two fields are identical. The marks are a perfect circle about eight feet in diameter. The exterior of the circle is a scorched ring six to eight inches wide. Inside this burned ring, the vegetation, Mr. Fiester said, is very green - much greener than the vegetation outside the circle. He is confident that something made the circle (perhaps a space ship blasting off?) but just what he does not know. A week or so ago, newspapers carried reports of such markings in the Far West which were investigated by federal authorities charged with investigating reports of "Flying Objects." 32

5/13/64 MANY REPORT STRANGE OBJECT IN CALIFORNIA

Reports of a flying object ran rampant in Rio Vista Thursday of last week. Many persons have reported seeing such a space vehicle touch down near the Rio Vista airport Wednesday night. Scorched earth, where the craft is said to have landed before again taking flight, was reported in the area. A Rio Vista police squad and Air Force officers are said to be investigating the incident. The appearance - broadcast on radio news - was first reported to KKIS station by a woman who is a teacher in the Rio Vista schools and who lives near the location where the object is supposed to have landed. Interviewed by the *Tribune*, she asked her name be withheld because of the ridicule usually heaped on the head of anyone who suggests seriously they have seen such a craft. She described the flying object as being "in the shape of a banana, flattened and thin, not circular, belching fire and streaks along its under side. It had two white lights," she declared, "and came down close to the ground, hovering or touching the earth, then took off in a red haze at great speed. Next day several members of my own teenage class reported seeing it as did the wife of an official of the Rio Vista school system." At least at dozen

neighbors in the vicinity also sighted the strange occurrence. Crowds of Rio Vista people have gone out to see where the earth was scorched but someone has covered the spot over with a canvas. That some new and strange flying object touched down at Rio Vista there can be no doubt.

Police department headquarters in Rio Vista advised the *Tribune* it was investigating the incident and later sent a squad of officers to the scene. A trusted observer, however, was on the scene when officers arrived and told the *Tribune* they took the investigation lightly and looked around with considerable jollity. "Bring on those little green men," was their attitude. "We want to meet them." An official of the Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce indicated he would head a welcoming committee to greet visitors from outer space - provided they come to the river town peacefully. Opinions were sharply divided. This was either a big hoax or an event worth remembering. 33

5/15/64 DAYLIGHT DISK OVER MONTANA CITY, MONTANA

The fourth report of sighting a UFO in Montana this week came from office workers in a cement plant near Helena. Mrs. Bonnie Lamping, an employee of the Permanente Cement plant at Montana City, said "four of us saw it about 11 a.m." What it was, she couldn't say, but Mrs. Lamping said it was flat and shiny silver in color. "We couldn't see any indication of any wings or tail or anything," she said. "We didn't hear any noise." She said the object was in view about three minutes and seemed to be heading toward Butte. 34

5/15/64 UFO TAKES OFF FROM BESIDE OHIO HIGHWAY

A UFO near Geneva on Interstate 90 was reported to the Ohio State Highway Patrol at 11:51 p.m. Friday, the patrol said. According to the Patrol's report a resident of Long Beach, Calif., eastbound on Rt. 90, observed a large object on the ground in the bushes on the south side of the eastbound lane between Rt. 534 and Rt. 45. It was the size of a big tractor trailer truck, he said. The caller said the object changed color, turning to bright orange or flame color, hovered about eight feet off the ground and then took off and soared to about 300 to 400 feet. At this point the flame color became a blur and zoomed into the sky. This happened about 11:30 p.m. The motorist said a driver of a semi-trailer rig also saw the UFO and stopped. The Californian called the Patrol from a pay station near a service station on Rt. 45, the Patrol said...Ohio Highway Patrol Sgt. Rizzo Lisban, duty officer for the Ashtabula area, said a geiger counter recorded slight activity at the spot pointed out by the men, who were described by police as being perfectly sincere in their stories. 35

5/17/64 SEVERAL CLAIM SIGHTINGS IN OHIO

The third and fourth sightings of the UFO seen Sunday in the North Lawrence and Wooster-Smithville areas were reported to the *Evening Independent* today. A.E. Candusso of the Flying Object Investigation Committee of Akron said the UFO was sighted Sunday night by Steve Toth, who operates a service station in Burbank, near Medina. Toth said the UFO was a ball of light, deep red-orange in color. It was hovering due east 25 degrees. After hovering for 5 minutes, the object started drifting south and rose to 45 degrees elevation, then proceeded across the sky, changing to a pale white glow of light. The sighting began at 9:25 and lasted 15 to 20 minutes, Toth said. Mrs. Frank Brakefield of North Lawrence told Henry Hodgson, chief of the North Lawrence volunteer fire department, that she saw a UFO make a landing in a field just west of North Lawrence Sunday at about 9:30 p.m. With her were two daughters and a neighbor girl. She described the object as a large round ball, flashing on and off from orange to crystal white as it passed overhead. And shortly after Mrs. Brakefield's sighting, a man who resides on Route 5 between Wooster and Smithville told the Wooster barracks of the state highway patrol that he had seen a similar UFO. His report said the object was seen north of the airport and that it moved up and down. It remained in the area from 45 minutes to an hour. 36

5/17/64 LAWYERS AND OTHERS SIGHT STRANGE LIGHT IN INDIANA

State Trooper James Bradley is convinced - beyond all reasonable doubt - that UFOs exist. He observed one Sunday evening...and still can hardly believe what he saw. Sheriff Verle Grimme of Tipton County received a phone call from a farmer living 1½ miles north and one mile east of Union. The farmer said he and his family sighted a flying object, "changing color and size as it hovered in the night sky." "The Tipton sheriff asked me to drive to the farm from the

south. He approached from the north," Trooper Bradley explained. "The night sky was clear and visibility good when we arrived about 10:15 p.m. The farmer pointed to the hovering light and all we could do was stand there with our mouths open. It was the darndest thing I'd ever seen," Trooper Bradley said. "As we looked toward the west, the object dipped, seemed to change color from dull red to a whiter, more brilliant light. It also seemed to flatten shape as it resumed forward flight," Bradley added. Sheriff Grimme decided to head north on the county road between Elkin and Tetersburg. Arriving at Tetersburg, Grimme radioed he still had the object in sight. Minutes later it "disappeared" in the west the same time Bradley and the East Union family lost track of the object. Air Force officials at Peru announced Monday they're still attempting to classify the flying object. 37

5/18/64 SQUARE OBJECT SCARES OREGON BOY

Ten-year-old Michael Bizon of Hubbard isn't allowed to watch science fiction on television or read comic books. His parents don't believe such things are good for Michael or their other children - four boys and a girl. Otherwise, Mike enjoys activities that any other boy his age participate in. He is in his third year of cub scouting, he likes to fish and he loves baseball. But he got the fright of his life Monday. Mike was letting the cow out to pasture on the family farm before joining his fifth grade classmates at St. Lukes Parochial School in Woodburn. He turned for a moment toward the farm's 40-acre wheat field and spotted a bright shiny object "about the size of our kitchen table." Suddenly the object began to make a "beep beep" noise as Mike stood about 200 feet from it and it began to raise into the air. Mike later told his mother that after it reached about the height of the telephone poles nearby "it took off like a rocket." Mrs. L.M. Bizon, wife of the Hubbard postmaster, said her son came into the house "half crying and upset." He tried to tell her what happened.

From his description he had seen a square-like object about 3 feet wide and 5 or 6 feet long, she said. He told her that the object appeared to have legs. "I tried to tell him that he was seeing things," Mrs. Bizon said, "but he was so frightened that I could tell he saw something...You could tell it wasn't a dream." Mrs. Bizon called the authorities. Meanwhile, Ray Mortenson, who is doing carpentry work on the Bizon place, and Mike's father went into the field. The wheat was flattened down and three impressions were found in the ground "about the size of a dinner plate," Mrs. Bizon said. She said the wheat was spread down toward the ground as if a fan had cut into it. Marion County Sheriff's Deputy Sherlie Davidson arrived about an hour after Mike had sighted the object, commonly referred to by the military as an unidentified flying object and by laymen as a flying object. He was able to view where the object had been although the area has since been marred by the many who followed him. Later in the afternoon, a team from Adair Air Base at Corvallis joined in the probe. The team spent a little over an hour at the scene, taking pictures and remaining mum. But Davidson said he could not substantiate the report. He said the investigation would be closed unless more sightings are reported. 38

5/18/64 OREGON BOY STICKS TO HIS STORY

Here's a follow-up report on the Oregon boy scared by a strange object as detailed above:

A ten-year-old Hubbard boy's account of seeing a "square-shaped flying object" continued under investigation Thursday as repeated questioning failed to shake the boy's story. Mike Bizon, Rt. 1, Hubbard, was doing his chore of turning the cow out of the barn when he saw a "bright silver" object in the adjacent wheat field. He said as he watched, it rose slowly into the air to about telephone-pole height then "whooshed" off straight up. Mike said it was emitting a beeping sound during the first of the take off period. Mike's mother, Mrs. L.M. Bizon, reports that the boy ran into the house Monday morning "pale as a ghost" and "so scared his lips were quivering." She said he wanted her to go to the field with him but said she, too, was afraid and called a Marion County deputy sheriff, Sherlie H. Davidson. Davidson reports he was on the scene at 8:30 a.m. and was convinced enough by the look of the so-called landing area to call the Air Force Base. "Something had crushed the wheat and there were three particular areas about three feet apart that looked as if something had rested there," Davidson said. "That boy either saw something or had hallucinations," he deputy sheriff added. "He wasn't lying."

Lt. Frank Rezac, public relations director, Portland air defense sector, accompanied the inspection team which reached the Bizon farm in the early afternoon. Rezac said the

investigating officers "did not go there to confirm or deny the presence of any said object, only to ascertain facts to send on to higher headquarters...in this case McChord Air Force Base. Rezac noted there was no variance in the boy's story after repeated questioning. "That's one of the things that makes me wonder," said Rezac. "Everyone's story remains the same. The boy's father and mother, the Marion county sheriff, the carpenter working there...they all back the boy up." Ray Mortenson, a Hubbard carpenter, was the first adult to see the "landing area" of the UFO. He said he arrived at the Bizon home about 8 a.m. "Mike ran out to meet me, which he had never done before," said Mortenson. "He wanted me to go out in the field with him. I was pretty skeptical until I saw the spot. The wheat was flattened out like the petals of a flower, as if a terrific wind blast had flattened it out from the center. It was even in all directions, not like an animal would trample and mess up the wheat. I saw the three dinner-plate size spots where Mike said the legs had rested. The fourth was dim because it was on ground a tractor had run over and the earth was harder there." Mortenson said Mike was really "shook up" when he first saw him. "He wasn't lying," stated the carpenter. "He saw something." Added Mortenson, "I was raised on a farm. I know cows don't get frightened because they imagine something. Mike said that cow was really scared." Air Force Lt. Rezac said that this is the first UFO report in the 22 months he has been on the job. Asked if it could be one of our own spacecraft he admitted doubt. 39

5/25/64 SEVERAL SPOT LIGHTED OBJECT IN WEST VIRGINIA

Reports of a UFO spotted by several area residents between 8 and 8:30 last night increased today. The first report was received by the State Police and Lake Central Airlines about 8 p.m. A Granville resident reported seeing what she thought was a blazing airplane in the skies over Laurel Point area. The police investigated but found no signs of a crash. A few minutes later the FAA received a call from Rik Harkness reporting that his wife had also seen a UFO. Charles Derry of FAA said that both the Granville woman and Mrs. Harkness, reports of time and place coincided. *The Post* received a call this morning from a man on Bunner's Ridge reporting that he too had seen a glowing object about the same time last evening. Another man called the morning paper saying he saw what looked like a burst of fire about 1½ miles in the sky to the north of Morgantown. Mrs. Harkness, who first spotted it about 8:15 p.m. as she left church on Wiles Hill, watched the object for more than 10 minutes, gave the most vivid description. She described the object as "top-shaped and glowing like an overheated stove." From her vantage point on Wiles Hill, the object was located between the Medical Center and Agricultural Engineering School at a height that was later estimated at about 10,000 feet. The object moved slowly through the air for a distance then hovered for several minutes and shot upward leaving behind a vapor trail similar to one left by a jet, Mrs. Harkness said. Mr. Derry reported this morning that he had contacted the control center in Cleveland, Ohio, and reports had been received there of an unidentified object being spotted in Pittsburgh, Pa., Youngstown, Ohio and DuBois, Pa., in addition to Morgantown. Three airline pilots also spotted the object, Mr. Derry said. 40

6/2/64 MYSTERY OBJECT BURNS BOY IN NEW MEXICO

An eight-year-old Hobbs boy was seriously burned here yesterday afternoon by a mysterious flying object which sent police and medical authorities here into a so-far fruitless search for the cause of the burns. The burned youngster, Charles Keith Davis, son of Mrs. Joann Hughins, told police that a flying object burned him. He was listed in good condition at Lea General Hospital here this morning after being treated for second degree burns which covered his face and left him bald. Exactly what caused the burns had police and doctors baffled. Police said no clues as to what burned the youth have been found. The boy's attending physician said the burns were caused by some sort of open flame. Young Charles said he was burned by a fire which came out of the sky. His grandmother - who was standing about three feet from the youngster when the incident occurred about 4 p.m. - said she heard a strange sound and then saw Charles "covered in black with his hair standing on end and burning. Charles was just as black as he could be...his hair was standing up on top of his head. I grabbed him and tried to smother out his hair, which was on fire," related Mrs. Frank Smith, the boy's grandmother. The strange incident occurred at the rear of the DeLuxe Laundry.

Charles was standing just outside the rear door of the laundry. Mrs. Smith was just inside the door. "I heard this sound, like something whizzing by real fast...and then I heard Charles screaming and I turned and saw him," she continued. Mrs. Smith said that after her efforts to smother the fire failed, an employee of the cleaners poured water on the boy's head and extinguished the fire. Charles' grandfather, Frank Smith, took the youth to Lea General Hospital. Questioned by police, doctors, and relatives, Charles said only that he saw something coming toward him out of the sky from the south of the building. His grandmother quoted him as saying the object was black. Mrs. Smith said she turned up no other witnesses to the phenomenon. However, police said there was absolutely no trace of the fire or what caused it. There were no ashes found in the area, nor were there any scorched marks around the building, according to Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith added that there are no electrical or gas connections near where the youth was standing when the incident occurred. "There was no loud sound when it happened, just a sort of whoosh," Mrs. Smith added. This apparently would rule out the possibility of lightning, although light thundershowers were nearing Hobbs at the time. "There's nothing...not one clue as to what it was," Mrs. Smith asserted. 41

6/7&8/64 SEVERAL SIGHT WEIRD OBJECTS IN WYOMING

Seven persons, including the Big Horn county sheriff, spotted an unidentified object in a badlands area near Burlington late Monday which blinded them with a powerful light. Sheriff L.C. Brinkerhoff said Gary Brown and Richard Briggs, two Burlington teenagers, reported having seen a UFO near a pasture late Sunday. Brinkerhoff said himself, Harvey Balison of the Basin *Republican-Rustler* newspaper, Dr. Walter Fallon and Jim Haycock, all of Basin, accompanied Brown and Briggs, and an unidentified teenager to the area late Monday. "We saw something very strange, but I couldn't say what it was," Brinkerhoff said. He said it was raining and mud was thick off the highway. He said it was impossible to get to where the object was spotted because of the mud and rugged terrain. "But no wheeled vehicle could have been traveling across the surface of the ground that fast in that mud," Brinkerhoff said. "It stopped real sudden when I was driving more than 60 miles an hour (on the highway), then took off again." The Sheriff said he had an aircraft landing light on his car he used for a spotlight. "It's good for 3,000 yards, and I turned it on. Then whatever it was shined the brightest light I ever saw into our car. It was 10 or 15 times as bright as my landing light."

The Burlington teenagers said they had been looking for stray cows in an isolated area near a pasture late Sunday. They said they heard shrill sounds overhead and from what seemed to be three different directions at once. They said they looked over the pasture and saw a "greenish-blue glow." They said the object was on the ground, went into the air at about an 80 degree angle, and then came back down. Balison said that according to the boys, the object they saw late Sunday was the same as seen late Monday. "We couldn't find any evidence of anything having been there," Balison said, "and then as we were leaving - over in another field about a mile from where they had seen this one Sunday night - we saw this glow over there. We watched for quite a while, and it seemed to have a center object that was a brighter light than the rest of it," he said. He said when Brinkerhoff shined his spotlight, "whatever this object was turned a spotlight on us and it lit up the whole inside of the car. I never saw anything like that," Balison said, "we couldn't get closer because the roads were just mud." Balison said the light would disappear then come back on, until "finally it went out and stayed out quite a while. We gave up and went back to town. We don't know what it was." He said none of the shrill sounds described by the boys were heard late Monday. "There's absolutely nothing that's supposed to be in there," Balison said. "It's just grazing land that's deserted. But there was something in there - that's definite." 42

6/11/64 ELMORE, OHIO POLICE CHIEF SIGHTS MYSTERY OBJECT

The citizens of this village have their necks craned today, scanning the sky for a possible invasion from outer space. The village was left in an uproar after Police Chief Richard Crawford spotted a UFO hovering over the area last night. With search-light and radio Crawford gave chase to the object, which he reported hung suspended over Elmore at an elevation of approximately 2,000 feet. Crawford told of three witnesses to the phenomena when he conferred with the highway patrol from the Fremont post. The patrol was summoned but the "flying

object," flashing pink lights and all, had disappeared by the time they arrived. Crawford told of seeing the object with three pinkish lights, which pulsated for 20 minute intervals. The police chief flashed a spotlight on the object and it moved two-tenths of a mile north. Determined to reveal the source of the light, Crawford gave chase. At the time he radioed for the Patrol the object took off in a north to northwest direction. The object is gone, but the mystery of the strange invader still hovers over Elmore today. 43

6/14/64 "BLUE BOOK" INVESTIGATES INDIANA LANDING

William T. Powers, civilian investigator for the U.S. Air Force, "Project Blue Book" visited the Gilbert Engelbrecht farm located about two miles northwest of Dale, Indiana, Tuesday to investigate the "glowing object" seen by the Engelbrecht's 18-year-old son, Charles. Powers' work is devoted to investigating "Unidentified Flying Objects" at Dearborn Observatory, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Charles Engelbrecht told police Sunday night he was held frozen to his tracks as he watched a glowing object cavort in the backyard and then streak away. The youth saw the object around 9 p.m. Sunday. The Spencer County youth said he was alone in his darkened home watching television when a bright flash of light at the window attracted his attention. Engelbrecht said the television and light is in an adjoining room then blacked out. The youth said the "thing" was already on the ground near the back steps when he got outside, but "some strange power" held him away from it. He said a water trough had been overturned, a large can of chicken feed knocked from the table, and the power lawn mower was 10 feet away from where he left it. "I was numb," he said, "I didn't know what to do."

As he watched, unable to move, the boy said, "It began to rise and then disappeared over the barn." He said, "a smell of sulfur filled the air." Charles' parents said they saw a similar light last Wednesday but thought it was a falling star. Authorities found a burned spot in the grass about the size of a saucer. There were three holes or indentations on the burned spot forming an isosceles triangle shape with a two-inch base. The Air Force investigator measured the holes which were each approximately ½ inch deep. An Indiana University astronomy professor said the glowing object seen by the Dale youth may have been lightning. Powers, after examining the spot, said the Indiana University professor might change his mind if he were to come to Dale. Powers said when he first heard of it, he thought a "ball of lightning" was the explanation. However, he said, he had never heard of lightning rising from the ground and streaking away. After examining the spot, Powers said he did not believe the spot or "thing" was either lightning or a meteor. The investigator retrieved material from the burned spot. A small piece that looked like metal, was light in weight, and examination with a jewelers glass revealed that the object was grooved on the surface like a walnut. Powers said he could not explain the three impressions left on the burned ground.

Charles Engelbrecht told Powers that others in the area, including Dale, Newburgh and Gentryville, also have reported seeing a "thing." He said, "I don't feel so bad now that others have reported seeing it." Powers spent the past week investigating 11 different flying objects at Lansing, Michigan. Some of these were identified by the investigator. However, one object seen by four different persons, was an object with a "bright light which came straight down and made a lot of noise." This object has not been identified. 44

6/14/64 TWO MORE WITNESS TO OBJECT REPORTED ABOVE

The "UFO" seen by Charles Engelbrecht was also witnessed by Paul Sellner, 19, and John Sellner, 16, of Boonville, about 1:30 a.m. Sunday morning, along the river road southeast of Yankeetown. The two boys had been fishing and were driving toward Rockport, when they noticed the big object on the Kentucky side of the river. It then veered to the Indiana side of the river and headed directly towards them, at treetop level according to their phone conversation Monday. When it was within about 200 yards it again veered away, going out of sight at the same level. It made no sound, but appeared to be about 10 to 15 yards in diameter and was visible for about 10 minutes. They admitted they were plenty scared and left the area at high speed. It was reported by an Evansville radio station, according to these boys, that it hit a farmhouse in the vicinity, causing a television set to blow up. This could not be confirmed. But the boys were steadfast in their story, claiming at no time did it touch the ground. 45

6/29/64 UFO BUZZES CAR IN GEORGIA

This excellent report was later "explained" by the Air Force as "ball lightning!" I wonder what liquid refreshments were being served at the Pentagon that day?:

A Wellford, S.C. man related Friday a strange story of how a flying object dipped down on his automobile on a Georgia highway Monday night blistering the paint and burning his arm. Beauford E. Parham said, "I saw it so clearly I believe I could build one of the things." Mr. Parham said he was returning from a business trip to Atlanta and was near Lavonia, Georgia when the circular object came hissing down and "stopped in the air like a humming bird" over his car. "I was traveling about 65 or 70 miles per hour, but when the object approached the car's engine began to slow down." He said the object, "about the size of my car top and about 6 feet high, seemed attracted by the car's headlights. The bottom portion was whirling one direction and the upper part in the opposite direction. It resembled a giant top," Mr. Parham said. Mr. Parham, district manager in Spartanburg, South Carolina, for the Family Record Plan, Inc., said his arm was burned and the object left a substance on the chrome portion of the car. There were marks on the roof. Mr. Parham said the object made two passes, coming from high in the sky. After pausing in front of the headlights it swooshed over the top of the car, leaving behind an odor somewhat like embalming fluid, he said.

On the second pass it followed his car for about two miles, again attracted by the lights. On the third pass Mr. Parham said he stopped the car and turned off the lights. The object whizzed away and quickly disappeared, he said. Mr. Parham said the object gave off terrific heat and he could see through numerous holes or openings, a yellow flame inside. There were fin-like attachments around the outer edges, he added. "I drove on to Lavonia and by this time my arm was really burning. I don't mind telling you I was mighty frightened," he said. Albert Myrick, an FAA employee at the Anderson, SC airport, said he and other FAA personnel looked over Parham's car and relayed his story to Warner Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia. Myrick said the top of Parham's late model car was covered with oily spots which Parham thought may have been fuel from the flying object. A Geiger counter test did not indicate the car had come in contact with a radio-active object, Myrick said. 46

7/7/64 NINE SPOT OBJECT OVER TURNERVILLE, GEORGIA

An unidentified flying object was sighted here by nine persons. Two women who witnessed the object, definitely described as a machine, reported they felt a stinging or burning sensation after the object had flown out of sight. Miss Diane Hickman, 16, said she awoke Wednesday morning with a red, puffed face, and her eyes were bloodshot. She said she had not been in the sun the day before. The most vivid account was given by Jimmy Ivester of Demorest, who with his wife were visiting his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ivester of Turnerville. Ivester said it was about 9 o'clock Tuesday night. He, his wife, mother and father and sisters Judy, Janey and Joanne Ivester and a neighbor, were inside the Ivester home at Turnerville. They decided to turn on the television set. The set broadcast static, and the adjustments would not bring in a picture. So they went out onto the front porch. One of them looked up and sighted an object moving towards the earth, almost directly towards the Ivester home. At first, Ivester said, "We thought it was a plane about to crash...but it wasn't." Ivester said there were three blinking lights atop the object: a red one, a clear one and another red one, all in a row and blinking on and off. He said the object appeared to be about as large as an automobile. As it drew closer to the Ivester home, he said the human spectators became aware of a peculiar odor that none of them could identify. A survey of the witnesses produced descriptions of "brake fluid, formaldehyde and embalming fluid."

The object, whatever it was, was dark except for the flashing red and clear lights, Ivester said. It moved across the horizon and down, moving and hovering, moving and hovering, Ivester said, until it came within 200 feet of the Ivester home. At that point, all witnesses agreed that it swooped down and hovered over a garden, not far from the house about five feet from the ground. It was over the garden that the red and clear lights on top of the object were turned off and a brilliant green light shown from the bottom of the object towards the ground. Ivester said the object then moved upward again, and the green light filled the forest beneath it. The green light then was turned off and the object would move along, slowly, he said, but each time it

hovered the green light would come on and it appeared to be searching the forest floor. Everyone who witnessed the object's descent to earth agreed, by testimony, that the preceding is the way it happened. The object then moved away and suddenly disappeared. Later, about 10:30, it was sighted again, just before Sheriff A.J. Chapman of Habersham County arrived. But the second time it did not swoop to the ground to hover and move off again. Ivester said it came back over the Ivester house at a rather high altitude. Sheriff Chapman said when he arrived he smelled the "most peculiar odor I've ever smelled." He said he wasn't sure of what it was but "the closest I could come to is brake fluid."

The object had no exhaust that could be seen and moved silently, making no noise, according to the nine witnesses. When the green light flashed on while the object was hovering over the garden, it reflected off the ground against the object and Ivester said there is no doubt in his mind that it was made of metal. The bottom, he said, "was shaped like a bowl. It had a ridge around the bottom like you sit a bowl on and the sides came around it." Another witness to the spectacle was not at the Ivester house. Mrs. Fred Rodaker was on her back porch. The cuckoo clock struck 9 p.m. She saw something, a light, in the sky. She went back into the house and, her curiosity aroused, looked out the window. Then she saw it, coming down. She ran out on the front porch and called her husband who was inside, already in bed. She said the object had a light "as big as a tub." And although she thought at first it must be a plane "it was not an airplane." When she called her husband, he replied, "Aw, come on and go to bed...you're just seeing things." She said, "I know it sounds silly...and I never believed it before...but it would be still and then it would dip and level off...I saw something...I just don't know what it was." Mrs. Rodaker made one statement the others wouldn't venture to say: "I believe there was a man in that thing." Mrs. Russell Hickman, Diane's mother, was across the street from the Ivester home and was inside. She didn't see the object but felt a "stinging, burning sensation on my arms and face." She said it felt like a sunburn through an automobile windshield. Nine persons saw the object, 11 smelled the odor it left behind. The night was dark, almost pitch dark, according to Ivester. 41

7/16/64 BOYS CLAIM SEEING UFO AND UFONAUT IN NEW YORK

Five young boys from the Woodside Avenue area in the town of Conklin say they saw what appeared to be a spaceman and his vehicle yesterday in a field about two miles from their homes. The boys said they were walking in the field, which is favored by the youngsters because of its huckleberry bushes, and saw the spaceman 50 to 75 yards away, according to the mother of one of them. The boys insisted they were telling the truth and broke into tears of protest when they were told they would be punished if they were fibbing, the mother said. Mrs. Edmond Travis of Woodside Avenue identified the boys as her two sons, Edmond, 9, and Randy, 7, and Floyd Moore, 10, Billy Dunlap, 7, and Gary Dunlap, 5. The Moore youth lives on Woodside Avenue and the Dunlap boys on Edison Avenue. Mrs. Travis said she first learned of the experience when three of the boys came running into her house shortly after 12:30 p.m. yesterday seeking a jar of water. "They said they were taking some water over to the spaceman," she said. "They said they couldn't understand what he said but that it sounded like he needed water." An adult was sent after the two other boys, who were found walking on their way home from the field. The field is about two miles out Woodside Avenue from the Travis home.

These two youngsters at first denied they had seen a spaceman, but later said they had, Mrs. Travis said. They explained they said they hadn't seen the creature at first because they were afraid their grandfather, who had picked them up, would not believe them and would "give them a licking," for fibbing, Mrs. Travis said. The children then were separated and required to tell about what they had seen, she said. Each gave the same story. They said the creature was about the size of a little boy, and had a human-looking face and wore a black suit and black helmet. The helmet bore antenna-like wires on its top and had white lettering across its front, Mrs. Travis said. The creature was wearing a plastic or glass lens over his eyes and was making a peculiar noise that the boys described as sounding as if it came out of a pipe. They also described it as the kind of noise a child's kazoo makes. The spaceman walked toward a vehicle, part of which was obscured by foliage, that was "shiny like a car bumper," the children told Mrs. Travis. The creature stepped up on top of the vehicle, the children said, whereupon they asked

him if he needed help or water, Mrs. Travis said. Then the creature seemed to fall backwards from the top of the vehicle, the children told Mrs. Travis. The youngsters then left the field and ran toward home, she said. An observer who visited the field later noticed matted foliage where the boys said the vehicle was. There were also three depressions around the matted area, as though whatever had crushed the foliage was supported by columns or legs. 48

WEEK OF 7/26/64 MAN REPORTS LANDING CASE IN NEW JERSEY

A Raritan township man reports sighting "flying objects" flying over the Fleming area recently and said one of them even landed in a field close to his home. Jack Hall, who lives on Route 12, just west of Fleming, told the *Democrat* this week he was driving home one night and when he got to the Route 12 circle he saw a "strange glow" in the sky. "It followed along on my left," he said "up quite high." When he turned into his driveway, the UFO turned too. "I stopped my car behind the barn - and it came down in the middle of a 14-acre field. I crossed the fence and walked toward it. When I got to where it was about 500 feet from me, it started to move my way." What did Hall do at that point? Logically, he ran. "It was a big white thing," he said, "sort of egg-shaped and at least 30 feet around. It had a glow coming from underneath it." Hall said he went to his house and woke his wife and daughter, who saw the glow from the machine, but not the UFO itself. State Police were called, but a tour of the neighborhood turned up nothing unusual, Hall said. Hall says he sights strange flying objects from time to time in the sky over that area late at night. "One night there were two of them - they looked triangular - flying together." 49

8/14/64 FOUR UFOs MANEUVER OVER MONTANA

Four spherical-shaped UFOs were seen over the Jocko Valley Friday night and early Saturday morning by two men cutting wood in the mountains. Earl Johnston and Carmen McClure, both of Arlee, said they saw the objects come in over the valley from a great distance. One of the spheres came within a mile and a half of their cabin and appeared to be about 500 feet in diameter. They said it was brightly lighted and trailed a blue tail of light behind it. At times the lighted sphere seemed to dim, they reported. Johnston said the object moved "back and forth, occasionally circling the area" until 3 or 3:30 a.m. Saturday. He said it moved in no definite pattern, but rather like a "drunken man driving a car." The UFO made no noise as it passed but the men could feel a "funny vibration, something like a sonic boom without the noise." The object joined its three companions and "slowly left" the valley. Johnston said they did not fly in formation but appeared to be traveling together. McClure's father, Snoos McClure, also of Arlee, reportedly sighted similar objects a few days earlier. 50

9/11/64 STRANGE ENCOUNTER ON A KANSAS HIGHWAY

Know what will really shake you up? Be driving down the road and meet a flying object. Mrs. Karen Campbell says it happened to her about 5 a.m. last Friday at the west edge of Ulysses, Kansas. Enroute to Ponca City from Denver, Colorado, she had slowed down upon entering a 40-mph speed zone when the lights of her car suddenly picked up this "thing" skimming down the highway toward her. Appearing to be about three feet above the roadway when she first saw it, it started climbing and banked sharply to avoid colliding with her car, Mrs. Campbell said. Traveling at a "tremendous" speed as it went past, it made a noise like a rushing wind. There was no sound of a motor. Mrs. Campbell described the object as circular in shape, about four feet high and a little farther across than the width of a lane on the highway. It was a dull copper color and no lights were visible on it. There was an oval bubble on top, and when the object banked a center piece could be seen on the underside. "It all happened in a split second," Mrs. Campbell said. "I was scared and my main thought was to get away from there. So I stepped on the gas and must have got up to 90 before stopping at a cafe about a mile down the highway. "I was shaking and couldn't even talk at first. I ordered a cup of coffee and a glass of milk, and was shaking so that I spilled the milk down the front of my dress. I stayed about an hour, until it was good and light, drinking about 15 cups of coffee and smoking about 20 or 30 cigarettes. I started to tell one man what I had seen, but he acted like he thought I was drunk or something." Leaving Ulysses about 6 a.m., the 22-year-old blond mother of two small daughters had an uneventful drive home, arriving here about 1 p.m. "But my hair was standing on end the whole way," she declared. Mrs. Baker confided that her daughter slept with a light

on in her room Friday night. And she definitely doesn't plan to make the Denver trip again other than in daylight. She called the encounter with the flying object the "biggest shock of my life. I had never witnessed anything like it." 51

9/22/64 BAY AREA RESIDENTS IN CALIFORNIA SPOT "FLYING SUBMARINE"

A bright "cigar-shaped" object cutting across the sky was reported by police and residents just after dawn today in the Bay area. Police in Redwood City and San Rafael said they thought the object was a jet plane, but that it had a strange appearance because of the pall of smoke from the Napa-Sonoma fires. Vandenberg Air Force Base officials in Santa Barbara said they fired an intercontinental ballistic missile at 6:10 a.m. downrange towards the south Pacific, but it could not have been seen in this area. Three patrolmen going to work in Alameda said the object looked like a "flying submarine." 52

10/23/64 MANY REPORT UNKNOWN OBJECTS IN UTAH

The *Deseret News* and law enforcement agencies were deluged with calls Friday night and early Saturday about unidentified objects seen over southeast Salt Lake City Friday about 3:30 p.m. An unidentified woman said she watched the objects as she was doing her laundry. Her description was essentially the same as that given by several other observers: "They were white and disk-shaped." She said she watched them through binoculars as they flew out of sight beyond Mt. Olympus. "I didn't know what to think when I looked into the binoculars," said Thomas McLelland, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent McLelland. "Frankly, I was scared. There were two of them and they definitely looked like disks, with the bottoms rounded and the tops not so rounded. I saw them fly north and east and follow the contour of Mt. Olympus until they disappeared into the trees." He said he kept watching the area but they had not reappeared by 4:40 p.m. Lee Sjoblom, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sjoblom, also described the objects as "white and disk-shaped." They rendezvoused over Mt. Olympus and Millcreek Canyon area, he said. A few descriptions differed from the majority. One woman, a resident of the east bench, said "one was orange-red and one silver. Both were shaped like eggs" One boy said there was only one object and it was round-shaped with a dome on top, while Leon Ottley, 15, saw the object as "a platform with four boxes on it. It was white or silver and was in the vicinity of Mt. Olympus." The FAA, when asked about the sightings by The *Deseret News*, said: "We're discounting the reports. None of our towers spotted anything and no weather balloons were up at that time," a spokesman said. 53

11/2/64 TWO SPOT "LONG OBJECT" IN BELMONT, CALIFORNIA

A mysterious object "with a big green light on top" was spotted about 7 p.m. Monday night above the city's hillside trees - about an hour before a similar object was seen near Pescadero. Linda Varady, 14, told police that she saw the flying object near the top of Ruth Avenue near the hairpin while riding in a car with her grandfather, Anthony Varady. She told police: "I looked up and I saw above the trees there, a very long object standing still in the air. The object was too big to be an airplane and on the bottom two rows of lights were flashing 1,7,1,7, then 1-7. The object then began to move away very slowly and as we approached the top of North Road, our headlights hit it and it zoomed away as if frightened." She emphasized that the object was too long and slender to be any type of plane. Her grandmother, Mrs. Varady, said today that Linda had told her and her parents about seeing the object, but hadn't bothered to report it to police until she noticed the stories on an object being seen near Pescadero. 54

11/2/64 UFO ANSWERS SIGNALS IN CALIFORNIA

Here's what was sighted an hour later in the Pescadero area:

Maybe it wasn't a flying object, but it was a flying something or other and four residents of the Pescadero area swear that it was as real as life. A thoroughly flabbergasted Rulolph Huizen said the object, making a white light bright enough to illuminate the entire Butano Canyon, hovered over his home last night, blinked its lights in response to a signal from his flashlight, and finally dived towards him and his wife and two friends before disappearing over the hill. "It gave me the creeps," Huizen confessed. "I used to laugh at people who said they saw flying objects. But I won't laugh at them anymore, I promise you." Huizen said he debated at first whether he should report the incident to the sheriff's office. "People would think I'm some kind of a nut," he explained. Ray Cavallero, assistant ranger in charge of the Division of Forestry

station at Pescadero, talked with Huizen and his wife, Henny, and their friends, Duane and Diana Myers, shortly after the eerie object was seen. They were sober, Cavallero announced, putting to rest the most obvious explanation likely to be offered by skeptics. Sheriff's Deputies William Ganley and George Rist also talked with Huizen and the others and were convinced of the sincerity of their report. Huizen, who is caretaker at the Girl Scout Camp in Butano Canyon, said it happened around 8 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Myers had come over to play cards, he said, and he and Myers had gone out to check when his dog started barking. They walked about 100 yards from the house across the road and, finding nothing started back. "I commented about how bright the stars were," Huizen said, "and then I saw one was moving, fast. Myers said it must be a satellite but I said it was going too fast for that, and it was swaying, from left to right and back again." Huizen said he playfully pointed his flashlight at the object, which was going in a northeast direction, and flashed an "SOS" signal. The object, which appeared to be the size of a silver dollar, suddenly turned to the right, circled around and came back to where he and Myers were standing. It then stood still, blinked its lights, "on and off, on and off, like we did." Huizen said they couldn't make out the shape of the object because of the bright light coming from it. "It looked like a big piece of crystal," he said. "It came down and settled over the trees about half a mile away and moved back and forth. When I flashed my flashlight at it again it lit up the sky like a full moon. It was about as big as a football."

Huizen and Myers ran into the house, fetched their wives Henny and Diana. The four watched the object for a while, and signaled once more. Then it moved towards them. They fled into the house. "If you were standing in my shoes, you would have run too," said Huizen. The four peeked out of the doorway, saw the light back away, and grow dim. "Then it took off," said Huizen. "No jet or any plane could go so fast." 55

12/21/64 STRANGE ENCOUNTER NEAR FISHERSVILLE, VIRGINIA

The reported sighting of a 80-to-90 foot UFO near here brought a two-man Air Force investigating team here Tuesday to the site where the object is believed to have landed. But there was no indications that the object had been there. The UFO was reportedly seen by Horace Burns, a gunsmith who lives at Grottoes, while driving to Waynesboro. No one else had reported seeing the object. After a field inspection with a Geiger counter, Air Force Sgt. David Moody said only that there is no radioactivity now in the area where Burns said the craft landed. He did not rule out the possibility that there could have been radiation earlier. Burns' sighting of the UFO was reported to the Air Force in a letter from a resident of this area of the Shenandoah Valley. Sergeant Moody said he could not disclose the name of the person. Reports of sightings have to be filed with the Air Force before they are investigated, he said. Sergeant Moody headed the two-man team from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, who investigated the reported sighting along U.S. Rt. 250 east of here in an open meadow near the entrance to the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Augusta county. "This is an unusual sighting," said Sgt. Moody, who has had four years experience checking out similar reports. "It's not routine. If it was routine we wouldn't be here." All reports to the Air Force on UFOs are checked at Wright-Patterson under what is called Project Blue Book. During his four years with Project Blue Book, Sgt. Moody said he has never run across an object of the shape described by Burns.

Burns said he was driving toward Waynesboro about 5 p.m. on Monday, December 21, when he saw a large metallic object coming out of the sky north of the highway. As it crossed Rt. 250 about 200 feet ahead of him, his car's engine cut off "just as if I'd run out of gas." The UFO landed in the field about 100 yards from him. He got out of his car to look at the craft which resembled an upside-down ice cream cone. "It was 125 feet in diameter, at least, and 80-to-90 feet high," said Burns. He is not sure of what material the object was made although it looked like spun aluminum, he said. Around the perimeter of the base of the machine there was a band of bluish glow about a foot wide. It had no visible windows or doors, he said. The UFO rested in the meadow about one to one and one-half minutes, Burns said, then it suddenly rose perpendicularly for several hundred feet and took off in a northeasterly direction at a very fast speed. It made only a soft "whooshing sound," he said. He was then able to restart his car. Burns said he was still so shocked at seeing the object he cannot recall whether any other cars

came by while the object was on the ground.

Sgt. Moody said that although his office had 16 out of 500 reports last year for which they could not find answers, Project Blue Book has had "zero reports like this. It does not conform with any known aircraft." Ernest Gehman, professor of German at Eastern Mennonite College at Harrisburg who sponsors a UFO investigators club at the school, said he was contacted about Burns' sighting several days after the occurrence. He visited the site on December 30 to take a radiation reading with a Geiger counter. He had heard that in other areas of the country where similar objects have been spotted the ground was found radioactive. "It knocked the thing (needle) off the dial," Gehman said, indicating a high concentration of radiation. He said his meter registered over 60,000 counts per minute...Sgt. Moody said it is possible that the radiation, if there was any, could have worn off by now. This rules out the existence of certain types of radiation, he said. The two servicemen, Burns, Gehman and a student at Eastern Mennonite spent about one-half hour Tuesday walking over the area where Burns said he saw the craft land. The field is covered with snow. After Burns saw the UFO he told his wife about it but decided not to mention it to anyone because "they'd think I'm crazy." However, six days later by coincidence, The *Times-Dispatch* carried an article about Gehman's club. Burns heard about it indirectly and told Gehman the entire story. Sgt. Moody said he has no explanation for the strange happenings. "I wish I did. It would certainly ease Mr. Burns," he said. Normally all such reports are first investigated by officials from the nearest Air Force base, but Moody said this was of such an unusual nature that it was decided to check it directly. Once he has completed his investigation here, he will return to Wright-Patterson to report on his findings. 56

1/11/65 ARMY SPECIALISTS SEE OBJECTS OVER WASHINGTON, D.C.

This report, and the one to follow, are included in our overview of the 1964 flap because they happened immediately after the Horace Burns case, and are from the same region of the country:

A group of Army communications systems specialists was gathered around windows in the Munitions Building, 19th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, at 4:20 p.m. Monday. According to Paul M. Dickey Jr. and Ed Shad, who were two of a dozen observers at those windows, there were 12 to 15 white, oval-shaped objects moving in erratic courses about 12,000 to 15,000 feet above Capitol Hill. And they were being chased by two jet planes with delta wings. The sight was visible for several minutes, the men said. The Defense Department, which has been up to its ears in reports of unidentified flying objects so long that the things are now known by initials, UFO, said simply: "There was no such incident. It just didn't happen." A spokesman for military installations in the Washington area had the same comment. Nevertheless, Dickey and Shad and three other communications specialists employed by the Army - Sam Webb, Jack McBride and Sam Marrone - are convinced they saw what they think they saw. They agree on the shape and approximate number of the disks and the fact that the things were speeding faster than the jet interceptors. They agree that they saw a commercial aircraft near the flying things. An Eastern Airlines plane landed at National Airport at about that time, but Eastern reported no unidentified objects. 57

1/19/65 MAN SAYS HE SAW "LITTLE MEN" IN VIRGINIA

People from the NICAP organization claim that the witness to this encounter was later told by someone from the government to "keep quiet" about his experience:

A Waynesborian has reported being confronted by beings apparently from outer space. The witness, a local industrial worker who asked not to be named, said he was at the Augusta Archer's archery range at Brand's Flats on Tuesday, chopping wood for a group of archers who were to practice that day. He said he saw two noiseless, unlighted flying craft, one about 20 yards across, one about 80. He did not see the crafts land and does not know if the smaller one came from within the larger; when he looked up they were both at rest on the ground some distance from him. According to the report, three beings debarked from the smaller ship and approached to within 12 yards of him. He said he froze, a double-edged axe in his hand. The beings were from 35 to 37 inches tall, in his estimation. They were shaped very much like humans, except that one had very long fingers. In addition, the witness remarked about the beings' eyes. "They seemed to look through you," he said. He said they uttered sounds which

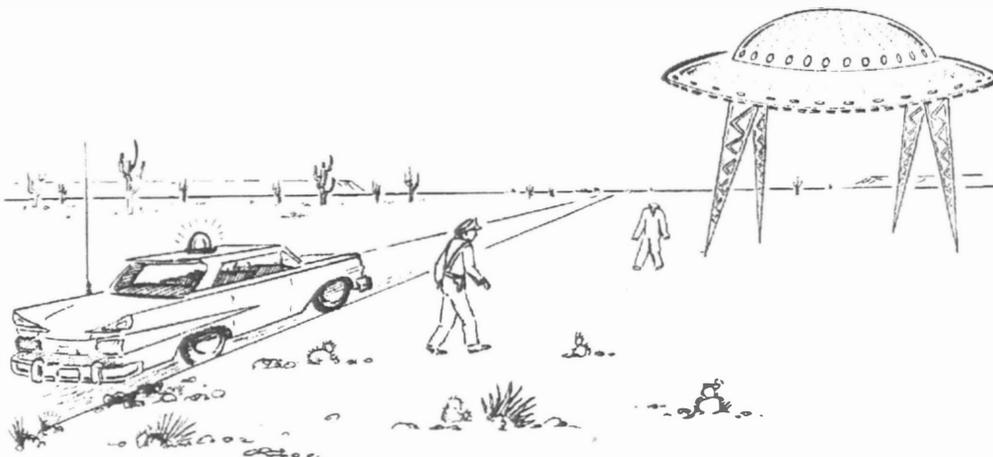
were unintelligible to him, then turned around and walked back to the craft from which they had emerged. A door opened, according to the report, and the three entered. The door closed and the opening "seemed to mold itself to the ship" - there was no evidence of a door after it had closed.

The witness said the beings carried no weapons and did not appear hostile. He described them as dark in color and wearing clothes the same color as the "vaguely" disk-shaped vehicle. The vehicle he described as "shiny looking," of a highly polished metal or glass. He said there were no exterior lights, but as the crafts took off, there seemed to be a glow from within them. The witness said he is "not a brave man" - he simply froze when he was approached. He estimates the duration of the confrontation as about 35 minutes, beginning at about 5:40 p.m. "I am sure I didn't have an hallucination...I didn't used to believe in these things. This made me a believer." The witness was reluctant to reveal his experience because of the effects it could have on other persons. He emphasized that the beings carried no weapons and made no hostile motions. His recollections were revealed from memory this morning. He reports that immediately after the confrontation he wrote the experience up and mailed it to to himself in a sealed envelope, to be opened only for confirmation if someone else reports a similar experience. Reports of UFOs have flooded area news for the past few weeks, but this is the first record of any inhabitants of such craft revealing themselves. 58

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ADDENDUM

9/4/64 FEATURE STORY : THE CISCO GROVE ENCOUNTER (see cover)

On the night of September 4, 1964, in Cisco Grove, an isolated area in Placer County, CA, Donald Shrum with two other men, Vinie Alvare, and Tim Trueblood, were on a bow hunting trip.

The men became separated during the day. As night approached, they were all to meet back at the camp site.

As Shrum was heading back to camp, he heard a sound in the brush that he thought was a bear. He climbed up a tree, to let the bear pass. After awhile he didn't hear the sound anymore, so he came back down from the tree. At this point he noticed an odd light hovering motionless in the night sky, and saw two other lights keeping a distance from the main one. In fright he climbed back up the tree. The main light circled the tree, when a dark object seemed to fall from the light onto the ground. The object that seemed to fall from the light was about 300 feet away. It was dome-shaped and saucer-like. Two alien figures approached and stood under the tree. The two aliens, dressed in silver clad clothing just stood there, when a third figure came up to the other two. Shrum said "The third figure or humanoid looked like a robot."

Shrum described the alien figures as about five and one half feet tall, wearing silver clothing that looked to be uniforms. They had a sort of helmet over their heads.

According to Shrum, he saved himself from being captured by using his belt to fasten himself to the tree. All through the night, the robot creature would expel a white vapor from time to time, from his mouth that was directed at him.

Shrum said he would throw pieces of his clothing that he had set on fire towards the creatures. The vapor or smoke that came from the robot's mouth would drift upwards towards him and he would become light-headed and then pass out. He would repeatedly awaken only to pass out again.

At one point, Shrum said "I shot three arrows at the robot creature, when it hit him it was just like a big arc flash; it just flashed up real bright. Every time I shot him it pushed him back a little bit, with just a big, bright flash."

When Shrum awoke after passing out numerous times, it was morning, and the aliens were gone.

He managed to get back to camp and found that the two other men only saw a strange light the previous night when Shrum was having his ordeal. Source: Allan J. Manak, *Flying Saucer Digest* Winter 1996.

5/1/64 COLORADO "OVAL" REPORTED OVER PUEBLO

A UFO sighting was observed over Pueblo about 8:30 a.m. Friday by Leonard Jiminez and four neighbors. The youth said the round, shiny, oval-shaped object was moving very high toward the southwest, where it disappeared in clouds. "It was making a real funny whirring noise," he noted.

Other observers of the aerial phenomenon included his mother, Mrs. J. Jiminez, and Mrs. Paul Swartz. Source: Pueblo CO *Chieftan* May 2, 1964.

8/17/64 POLICE SAY TWO "SOMETHINGS" SPOTTED IN OHIO

Police in northeast Ohio communities reported today they had seen or received reports of two unidentified objects in the southern skies between 3 and 3:30 a.m.

The objects were described as orange in color, round in shape, and decorated by a sort of halo or ring. They were reported as hovering about 3000 to 4000 feet, and then to have disappeared.

The Cleveland Ufology Report Center, according to Earl Neff, received no reports of the event, although he said, there have been many reports of others lately.

One Willoughby patrolman said it appeared that sparks dropped from the bottom of one of the objects, and another reported that what appeared to be flames were exhausted from both. Source: *Cleveland Press* August 17, 1964.

10/21/64 "RED BALL" SIGHTED IN ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS

An object in the sky, appearing early this morning, was being discussed today at the police department, although no official report was forthcoming.

It was said an officer was stopped by a motorist on E. Chestnut Ave. and the driver told of a red ball in the sky east of the city. The officer drove east about two miles. The red ball was said to have moved northerly and then returned before disappearing. Source: Arkansas City *Daily Traveler* 10/21/64.



One of the alleged Socorro "landing marks"
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Rick, Carol and Jeremie Hilberg enjoy a day of trolley riding at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum. Rick and Jeremie are avid railroad fans.