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The Fate of Ufology

Since the beginning of the space age in 1957 man has sent space probes to Venus and Mars, discovered countless new solar systems in the vast universe, received close-up photographs of the surface of Mars, and finally, walked in the very surface of the Moon itself. Man has indeed made great advancements in the field of space exploration.

However, there is one area in the space exploration field where man has made very little advancement in the past 23 years. This particular field is Ufology, the study of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) or more commonly called Flying Saucers.

The main reason little advancement has been made in this area is because the majority of the so called scientific investigations of UFO's has been controlled by the U.S. Government and not by legitimate scientists.

The American Government has played an important part in the investigation of UFO's. In 1948 the U.S. Air Force was put in charge of investigating all UFO sightings. This investigation, which later became known as "Project Bluebook" was finally abandoned in December of 1969. The reason, according to A.F. Secretary Robert L. Seamans Jr. was that the program "can no longer be justified on the grounds of National security or in the interest of science".

The AF's reason for shutting down "Bluebook" is either a misleading lie (which I think it is) or else the AF is actually deluded in thinking that UFO's do not pose a threat to the security of the world.

The AF, throughout its 21 year investigation, repeatedly threw first hot then cold water on the subject of UFO's. For example, in late 1948 the Air Force Intelligence Center (ATIC) out of Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, sent its then Top Secret "Estimate of the Situation" to the Pentagon. Its final conclusion - that UFO's were intelligently controlled spaceships from another planet.

In 1949 the AF turned around and closed down Project Saucer (the name it went by then) on the grounds that there was no evidence whatsoever that UFO's existed. However, they started it up again almost immediately under the new name of Project Grudge.

In the fall of 1952, after the famous July "invasion" of UFO's over the nation's capital, a controlled motion study of UFO's was set-up. After all the available evidence was thoroughly studied, the final analysis was that the motion and flight patterns of UFO's showed that they were definitely solid objects that were not from any country on the planet Earth!

In 1953 the Government set up a panel of scientists to study the UFO situation. Headed by Dr. H. P. Robertson of Caltech, the "Robertson Committee" as it came to be known, recommended to the Government that the entire UFO phenomenon be played down in the press and to the general public. Therefore, the Government began its program to debunk the flying saucer enigma.

From 1955 on the Air Force gave ridiculous explanations for the majority of UFO sightings. They ridiculed reliable witnesses to the point where the witnesses were sorry they ever gave their sightings to the AF. Most people who saw UFO's would not tell the AF's investigation group because of the ridicule they knew they would get.

Capt. Peter Killian, a pilot for American Airlines, made the mistake of reporting

his sighting to the AF after giving it to the press. Killian, two stewardesses, and at least one passenger, saw three disc-shaped, bright glowing objects flying below Killian's DC-6. Killian himself could not identify the objects.

The AF first said Killian was seeing a refueling operation between two tankers and another plane. Killian proved this was wrong by describing what three planes look like while refueling at night, and then stating that the three objects he saw did not even resemble a refueling operation.

Next, the AF said Killian had seen stars shining through broken clouds. Killian immediately disproved this statement by offering the official weather reports that showed the only clouds in the sky were above his flight path. The UFO's were below his plane so they could not have been stars seen through broken clouds.

About this time Dr. Donald Menzel of Harvard University, an arch debunker of UFO's stated that Killian had seen the reflection of three cigarettes through his cockpit window. This was disproved simply by the fact that no one was smoking in the cockpit at the time of the sighting, and also the position of the objects below the plane would have made it impossible for the objects to be reflections of any kind from the cockpit.

Finally the AF simply ordered Killian to remain silent about his sighting at the risk of losing his job. With a wife and children to support, Killian had to comply with the silencing.

The next day the Air Force issued a "statement" supposedly from Killian saying that Killian, having never seen a refueling operation at night, was mistaken at the three UFO's and that they were probably the lights from three planes refueling.

The AF, in order to find a rational, scientific explanation for a UFO sighting, simply ordered an American Airlines pilot to shut up and then issued a statement making him out to be a liar! This was not the first time or the last time that the AF has done this.

Up until 1966, the regulations concerning UFO investigations was Air Force Regulation 200-2. One portion of this regulation concerning releasing of information, stated that information concerning a UFO sighting could be released to the press or general public only after the object seen had been "positively identified as a familiar or known object". Failure to comply with this official regulation could result in a \$10,000 fine and/or a one to ten year jail sentence.

After 1966 the number of the Regulation was changed to AFR-80-17. It was the same as AFR-200-2 except that the University of Colorado would receive all UFO sightings rather than Project Bluebook. This change came about due to a new UFO investigation which I will discuss later.

In 1957 shortly before and after Russia launched her first Sputnik into orbit around the Earth, a rash of UFO sightings broke out in the Levelland, Texas area. These sightings were important because they offered a number of excellent observations of low flying unknown objects and also a series of phenomena now known as the Electro Magnetic (EM) effect.

Basically, the EM effect is the effect that UFO's have on electric systems of homes, automobiles, and in some cases, entire cities. In fact there is some speculation, and much good evidence, to attribute the 1965 Great Northeastern Blackout to the EM effect of numerous UFO's that were seen in the New York area precisely at the time the blackout occurred. These UFO's were seen by reliable people and at least one was photographed. The sightings, and the Blackout still remain a mystery despite the obvious "phony" explanations given by the Government.

Getting back to the Levelland sightings, we find the government pulling yet another "boner" with its official explanations.

The EM effects came primarily over Route 116 when automobiles, traveling on that route, stalled as low flying UFO's passed over the road. The car engines died, car lights went out, and car radios filled with static. The stalling and static caused the drivers of the cars to look around, thus seeing the strange objects.

All the incidents were in essence the same. The entire electrical systems of the cars failed when the objects appeared, and became normal again once the weird machines left the area.

The official explanation for these sightings, according to the government was simple = since it was raining, water got under the hoods of all the cars at the same time, soaking the coils at the same time, and stalling the engines at the same time. Then, as if a miracle happened, all the coils of all the cars dried up at the same time even though it was still raining out, allowing the drivers to continue on their merry way wondering if their nervous feet or hands hadn't done something wrong to the ignition switch and gas pedal.

In 1959 the Air Force issued numerous statements concerning the fact that UFO's did not exist, that all sightings could be attributed to hoaxes, hallucinations, or natural phenomena or known objects seen under adverse conditions.

The majority of the general public believed these statements until it was learned that late in 1959 the AF issued an order to all their fighter planes to shoot down any UFO that did not identify itself.

How can an AF fighter plane shoot down a hoax? Another goof by the U.S. Air Force.

When the order to shoot down UFO's was learned, many people objected to the order, especially those in the government and scientific circles. The late General Douglas MacArthur's prophesy came to mind in the thoughts of many of these people. MacArthur, in 1955, said that the nations of the world would have to unite because the next war would be an interplanetary war. Shooting down an alien spaceship could trigger such a war.

The Air Force finally cancelled the order, simply stating, that UFO's were "serious business". However, they continued to play down saucers in the press.

From 1964 to 1969, Project Bluebook issued a yearly report on their UFO investigation. This report was actually funnier than a Bugs Bunny Comic book.

The report gave the total number of all UFO sightings reported to date since 1947, and broke the total down into the number sighted for each year. It wasn't hard to see that the totals for all the years did not add up to the same total the A.F. had.

This wrong addition not only occurred in 1964 but also in 1965, 1966 and 1967, indicating that apparently the Air Force was either lousy at arithmetic or else just putting a bunch of numbers down.

The Report also had a break down into percentages of how many sightings were actually balloons, airplanes, stars, etc. It wasn't surprising to find that some of the percentages didn't work out either. Again, lousy arithmetic or just a bunch of numbers that didn't mean a thing?

In late July and early August of 1965 thousands of persons in the midwestern

United States watched UFO's as they flew all over the night skies. Objects were photographed, picked up on radar, and seen by reliable persons such as policemen, state troopers, soldiers, reporters, politicians, scientists, doctors etc. Some of the persons saw UFO's on more than one occasion.

The official explanation was quick in coming - the people were seeing certain objects in a certain constellation. It took a professional astronomer about five minutes to throw this explanation out the window. The stars named were on the other side of the Earth at the time of the sightings! The witnesses would have had to look through the Earth to see them! Once again the Air Force was caught with its foot in its mouth!

In October 1966 the A.F. announced that the University of Colorado had been awarded a Department of Defense contract to investigate UFO's. The investigation was to be scientific, unbiased, and with no government involvement at all. The final report was to be studied by a group of scientists from the National Academy of Sciences, with full results eventually made public.

As the Project progressed under the direction of Dr. Edward U. Condon, noted nuclear physicist, it became quite evident that the project was anything but scientific or unbiased. The Government still had its hands in the picture since the Project was being financed by over a half million dollars in tax-payers money.

In early 1967 Dr. Condon, in a lecture at Corning, New York implied that there was nothing whatsoever to the UFO mystery, and that the Government should get out of it. Does this sound like being unbiased?

About half way through the 18 month study Dr. Robert J. Low was fired as Project Coordinator for releasing what was supposed to be a "confidential memo". According to this "Memo", the aims of the Colorado UFO Project was to look like a scientific effort to prove the existance of UFO's, when in effect it would be doing just the opposite. In other words, instead of trying to prove that the strange objects being seen were spaceships, the Project was to prove that the strange objects being seen were anything but spaceships! This is not a scientific method in proving or disproving something.

The final Report of The University of Colorado's UFO Project clearly showed that the Project did not live up to original expectations, and nor did it live up to the \$525,000 in tax-payers money.

According to the final Report, a phenomenon did exist, but UFO's were not spaceships from another planet. The planet Earth should not expect to be visited by aliens for at least another 10,000 years (how could they know this).

The Report also said that UFO's had not influenced science, or done anything for science in the past 21 years. This, in essence, was one of the most misleading statements in the entire Report. UFO's have indeed played an important part in the field of Science.

Science does follow the flying saucers! In 1896 a strange airship or airships were seen all over the United States. These sightings were important because they represented the first major "wave" of UFO sightings. Six years later, in 1903, the Wright Brothers flew in the first airplane. Coincidence?

Due to a large number of UFO sightings around the polar regions of Earth, a few of the first U.S. satellites were launched in a North to South trajectory. This resulted in the discovery of the Van Allen Radiation Belt, a doughnut-shaped belt of

intense radiation circling the Earth. The "holes" of this doughnut are directly above the North and South Pole. Coincidence?

In 1956 what seemed to be intelligent radio signals were picked up coming from the planet Venus. The first Mariner Space Probe was sent to the planet Venus. Coincidence?

Mars has always offered much speculation for man. In 1877 the "Canals" were discovered and since then have been the main argument of scientists. Numerous photographs taken of the surface of Mars have claimed to prove the existence of the canals. To end the argument, NASA sent Mariner IV flying to Mars to take 22 photographs of the Martian surface. When the photographs were radiod back to Earth scientists were shocked to find that Mars looked very similar to the Moon. Since a few of the Martian photographs were almost identical to photographs of the moon's surface, was it a coincidence, or did NASA "cover-up" something on the surface of Mars by releasing photographs of the Moon's surface?

Throughout history the Moon has also been a focal point for much of man's interest and speculation. Primarily since 1939 many strange objects have been seen on her surface; ranging from white orbs, a cross, and six Washington-Monument-shaped objects; the latter two items being picked up on NASA photographs.

Why the big rush to thoroughly study the Moon, which we are told is nothing more than a dead, barren piece of Rock? Perhaps the secret of the elusive Unidentified Flying Objects can be found there, somewhere on the surface of man's closest neighbor in space.

All these "coincidences" point to a possible conclusion; that we are following the Flying Saucers to the stars. This could prove to be very fatal if we move ahead too fast or too soon in the wrong direction.

These "coincidences" also disprove the statement that was printed in the Colorado UFO Project Report and in the latest A.F. statement of December 1969. UFO's are very much an interest to science!

Another misleading statement in the Condon Report, and also in the December 1969 A.F. statement, is that UFO's do not pose a threat to the security of the United States (or world for that matter). This is not only misleading but down right ridiculous.

In the past 21 years there have been many documented cases of hostility on the part of UFO's. Also, many cases that indicate a threat to our national security. These two reasons alone should be enough to force a definite scientific UFO study.

On 7 January 1948 Air National Guard pilot Capt. Thomas Mantell was killed while pursuing a red glowing cone-shaped UFO over Fort Knox, Kentucky. The case has never been fully explained by the USAF, and it was never fully stated whether Mantell was killed by accident or on purpose. However, whatever the case, Mantell was killed while in pursuit of an unknown flying object.

In 1952 the classic "invasion" of saucers occurred over the nation's Capitol. For two nights, 19 July and 26 July, strange objects flirted in restricted areas such as over the Capitol, Pentagon, White House, etc.

The objects were picked up on three different radar sets and seen simultaneously by persons on the ground and Air Force pilots in pursuit in fighter planes.

The sightings are still unidentified despite official explanations that the objects on radar were caused by temperature inversions.

In November of 1953 two AF pilots were killed over Lake Superior when their plane "merged" with an unknown object. No trace of the plane or pilots were ever found despite an extensive search.

There have been literally hundreds of other cases of apparent hostility, where witnesses have been burned, or have experienced severe headaches, partial loss of hearing, voice or sight. Witnesses have been partially or totally paralyzed for the duration of the sighting, and shock has followed many, many UFO sightings.

UFO's do indeed pose a threat to mankind and the security of our planet. This fact alone should warrant a scientific investigation.



"Saucer Fragments" From the Past

In the early days of UFO research there were many claims of persons having recovered parts of the mysterious flying saucers. Most, if not all of these reports, later turned out to be clever - and sometimes not so clever hoaxes. Everything from old saw blades to paper plates were found, with newspapers giving full coverage to these silly events. But even though the published reports were skeptical regarding the validity of the "evidence", who is to say that behind the screen of joking sarcasm erected by the newspapers of that time there was some truth to the stories?

Early in the saucer era, on July 6, 1947, a jeweler named Norman Hargraves found an aluminum disk floating in the water on a beach near Trinity Bay, Texas. At first the papers gave little space to the find, Hargraves later saying the whole incident "...was all a joke". However, THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE said, "There are some mysterious facts contained in Hargraves first report that lend credence to the tale." Supposedly the following was written on the disk: "Military secret of the United States of America, Army, Air Force M4339658. Anyone damaging or revealing description or whereabouts of this missile subject to prosecution by the U.S. Government. Call collect at once, LD 446, Army Air Forces Depot, Spokane, Washington.

Supposedly, Hargraves told a reporter from the same paper that a "Colonel Voyce" from Spokane Depot had cautioned him about revealing information about the disk. Hargraves also said the officer instructed him to turn the find over to the local police. The police in nearby Pelly denied that they had the disk in their possession. At this time Colonel R. W. Warren Commanding Officer at Ellington Field, said his office would investigate the matter.

The following report was carried in the HOUSTON PRESS of July 8th: "Norman Hargraves, former Boy Scout executive, admitted today it was he who perpetrated a flying saucer hoax that even Army authorities took seriously.

"A disk that made a crash landing near his home bore lettering and directions to notify an Army Air Force officer in Spokane, Washington, Mr. Hargraves told newspapermen.

"Ellington Field officers investigated the report late yesterday and pronounced it as false."

An aluminum disk twenty inches in diameter...quite an expensive hoax! Possibly Norman Hargraves indeed did find a crashed airfoil on the beach, and from his description it seems hardly like a machine from outer space. It seems to me quite possible that Hargraves found some sort of Army test "saucer", as rumors from all parts of the country at that time told of secret U. S. tests to duplicate the saucers flight. Assuming that he did find a crashed American flying saucer, it would seem logical that the authorities would want the whole story squelched, hence the "confession" made by Hargraves.

While the Hargraves incident was being written off as a hoax, a man in Hillsboro, Texas found some mysterious "stuff" in his garden that just melted away when he touched it.

Bob Scott said that he found pieces of a four inch saucer-shaped object in his garden. It appeared "spidery and dusty" and gave off a light so bright he could not look directly at it. The object was about as thick as four pieces of tinfoil or silver but was translucent when examined on its side.

When Scott picked it up it seemed to dissolve slowly in his hand without any heat being felt. Again a strange object found, this time with some sort of built-in "self-destruct" mechanism. Was the Army playing with its little saucer prototypes that week?

Other saucer fragments were claimed found in October of 1948 by cattlemen near Montrose, Colorado. In April of the following year a Noah L. Clubb told he was requested to turn the fragments he had in his possession over to Air Force intelligence men. The Air Force men were reported to have spent two days searching a mile square section of rugged country some fifteen miles west of Delta, where a second and longer segment was reportedly found.

The original segment of the circular rim-shaped piece was found by cattlemen identified only as the Calhoun brothers. When the two finds were pieced together they looked as if they were part of a wheel shaped instrument about four feet in diameter. The aluminum appearing device was about two inches across and one inch thick.

On the outer edge of the wheel were tube-like wicks about two inches long and made of brass. Some said that these even numbered wicks may have been part of some fuel feeding system.

Clubb said that the Air Force intelligence men were taking the two segments, one 14 and the other 26 inches long, to Lawry Field near Denver for examination. No more was heard about the fragments.

On December 18, 1950 the University of New Mexico announced that they were investigating, without success, an eighteen-inch sphere that was found by deer hunters a month previous. Dr. Lincoln LaPaz was unable to come up with any answer as to what the object was or who made it.

The find included the sphere, built of a light material possibly duraluminum, weighing seven pounds two ounces; an object resembling a large flower pot made of plastic embedded with nylon fibers; a cheap alarm clock equipped with an expensive micro switch, and three packages of photographic film of a type used in nuclear research. LaPaz suspected that the object was aloft on November 29, as the number 29 was written in ink with a ditto mark on a segment of the film. The film was manufactured by Ilford Limited of London, England and dated November 14, 1949.

Dr. LaPaz stated that only a few days after November 29 he received two reports of green fireballs in the general area of where the sphere was found. When asked whether he thought the find could be a hoax he stated, "You could hardly find a place to leave a hoax where it would be less likely to be found."

In all of the mentioned reports the finds seemed to be more than quickly fabricated hoaxes. They were all parts of some sort of real operating object. From examination, all the finds were identified as terrestrial material, in some cases common material. Then, may we not speculate that in the first few years after the increase in UFO reports following the war the government built and flew small craft in an attempt to duplicate the saucers? From the evidence at hand we may also speculate that these primitive devices crashed on several occasions, their parts being found by civilians.

What happened to the "mini saucer" project, if it existed, and what did they find about the design and flight of the mysterious UFO's?

The Challenge of the Green Fireballs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Lightning Type Fireballs" have been measured from a fraction of an inch, to five feet in diameter, but the average size is around four to eight inches in diameter. They glow eerily, often red, but occasionally blue-green, gold or white. Some pulsate, but most have a bluish halo encircling them. Sometimes there are noises associated with their appearance, like a hissing or humming. The "lightning ball" can appear for as short as a fraction of a second to as long as fifteen minutes. When they leave an area, they sometimes fade out gradually, or simply disappear. Some "pop", and some leave with an explosion, often shooting streamers or flames in all directions, leaving an evil smelling blue mist. But, more importantly, these "fireballs" occur only during a thunderstorm, usually toward the tail end, most often following a normal lightning bolt. Hardly an explanation for the Green Fireballs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In 1963, reports increased in frequency once again. They came from all over the Western Hemisphere, but this time it was almost predictable. I say almost, because it is not until after Ufologists record or designate a flap year, that the phenomenon of the Green Fireballs is also seen on the upsurge. Thus, it can be shown that so-called UFO flaps coincide with great increases in the incidence of Green Fireballs, and, it would seem that both are actually related.

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



Giant Saucer Flap Stirs the Nation ! ! !

Those UFO investigators who said that the saucers had left us after years of observation have been wrong lately. Three short years ago I can recall cynical articles stating that it was time to get out of Ufology because there was no longer anything to investigate.

For a while I was inclined to take such statements seriously, for it was plain to see that few good reports were coming in. A look at the saucer publications of the period shows that many were reporting observations of meteors in their pages, trying to somehow mold them into reports of UFO.

Fortunately things began to improve in 1963. In that year reports began to pick up to the point where morals was almost back to normal. The strange craters found in Charlton, England and elsewhere were topics of much interest.

And we all know what happened in 1964! After Lonnie Zamora sighted an egg-shaped machine on the desert, a great wave of flying saucers struck the United States. Some may say that the current flap is but an extension of the 1964 wave, indeed this may be correct. However, there was a large gap in the fall and winter that seems to show that the late winter reports in Virginia, and the current activity are separate activities of saucer observation.

The current reports have received much publicity. For the first time in many years the national press has devoted large amounts of space to UFO reports. It can also be said that the attitude and tone of the press reports is somewhat improved over the skeptical and tongue-in-cheek methods used previously. This can probably be traced to the fact that many newsmen (and men of science) have finally realized that the saucers are not just a summer madness to be laughed-off, but a serious scientific problem.

Probably the clincher to many was the fact that UFO reports started to build in intensity during the Mariner fly-by of Mars. Were the Martians (or whoever uses Mars as a base) sending their own Mariners to earth? Were they angry at us for violating their privacy? This interesting question is, of course, impossible to answer.

The reports you are about to read are just a small sample of those available. To report fully on the flap would take scores of pages in small type, yet they are sufficient to give a picture of the current activity.

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3 If I were asked for the first report of the flap, I would probably say the one reported in newspapers from coast-to-coast regarding a lens-shaped object at the South Pole would be "it".

On that date came official reports that a mysterious lens-shaped flying object, maneuvering and moving at a great speed, was sighted.

Mario Jahn Barrera, commander of a Chilean base, radioed his defense ministry that the object was "something real" and that it caused interference in the electromagnetic apparatus. In Buenos Aires the navy issued a communique saying the object was seen and photographed at Argentina's Antarctic base.

The colors were given as "yellowing red, changing to green, yellow, white and

orange".

The Argentine dispatch from a detachment at Deception, said the object was "neither balloon nor star nor aircraft". The report stressed the lack of sound and noted that the object stood still in space at times.

A Chilean corporal took pictures-but in total darkness. Further, the base has no facilities for developing film. The men must wait eight months to be relieved and have the film developed on the mainland.¹

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Strange objects moving through space were reported sighted in two widely separated areas of Portugal. The Azores weather bureau said interference from one stopped its electromagnetic clocks.

The first reported mysterious flying object appeared in Motosinhos, near the northern city of Oporto, where Manuel Fernandes and his wife at first saw "some sort of luminous flattened balloon".

Fernandes, an employee of the fisherman's union, said "The strange object at first looked like a flattened balloon, but then as we both watched, it looked like a plate turned over.

"The thing was very luminous, and had orange coloring and was nearly red at times," the couple said. "The saucer stopped at rather high altitude, near the coast, for about three minutes. Then, with an incredible velocity, it sped towards the north".

Some sort of interference stopped the electromagnetic clocks of the Villa Do Porto weather bureau in the Portuguese Azores archipelago, a spokesman said. He added a "cylindrical white object" circled around in the sky. He said the object was moving slowly northeast at an altitude of 24,000 to 30,000 feet.²

12 Marion, South Carolina

UFOs were reported in the Pee Dee area at night-one case outside Florence and the other outside Marion.

The Marion report said that a "real bright object" flew along outside Marion. Jerry Coleman and Sonny Foxworth, both of Latta, reported seeing the object as they approached Marion from Latta. They said the object was flat and gave off a bright light.

About a half-hour later, Robert Sims of Florence said he sighted an object going west over Florence. The time was 8 p.m. and Sims said the object appeared to land near the Timmonsville Highway.

About the object Sims saw, he said it looked like "a big ball of fire and left a smoke trail". It is quite possible that Mr. Sims may have spotted a meteor.³

Pepper Pike, Ohio

Mrs. William W. Kehres of Chagrin Falls, Ohio and her 11-year-old son, Grant, saw a brilliant and hovering UFO along Shaker Blvd. near Lander Road.

"I stopped the car so we could watch", she said. "It was oblong and very shiny-sort of metallic-and appeared to be hovering at about 5,000 feet."

In a moment the object disappeared, she reported. As the car started the object reappeared. It began accelerating at a rapid rate and disappeared in the distance, she said.⁴

Greenwood, Indiana

Two youngsters in northeast Greenwood viewed unidentified lights in the sky about 11 p.m. that evening.

"The first looked cigar-shaped and was larger than the second one which was more round and was only half as far away," described Michael Hughes, an 18-year-old, who was visiting his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. William C. Miller.

Teresa Owen, who was putting her bicycle into the garage, said she only saw the first light which she too described as cigar-shaped. She viewed the strange sight at her home in Greenwood. Teresa, who will be a sixth-grader, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Owen.

Teresa said the cylindrical light "moved fast and was pretty high". She commented, "It didn't look like an airplane to me. It looked like a long streak and kept moving about. It didn't make any noise."

"The first one looked like a cigar in shape and moved faster and was higher than any jet I've ever seen," said the Hughes youth, who has taken an interest in science since high school.

"I watched it fly toward the moon and cut across a bright star before it was gone."⁵

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland

An unidentified flying object-or objects-spotted in the sky had thousands of persons and numerous agencies in at least four states baffled.

The general consensus of "experts" was that the object was a weather balloon. But if it was a balloon, no one was able to find out where it came from!

The Federal Aviation Agency, which is generally informed on such matters, said it had no reports of any weather balloons being launched that day except one in Tyler, Texas. A spokesman said, however, that the Tyler balloon was launched only a short time before the first UFO report was made in Ohio that morning.

Late that night, the FAA at Columbus said to disregard its earlier information that the object was a weather balloon. It would not comment further.

A spokesman at Lockbourne AFB, near Columbus, said the object spotted in the Mideastern states was a satellite. He too declined further comment.

A report that the object was "definitely" Venus came from Friend Kierstead, orbit analyst for the Akron-Canton Satellite Tracking Group which traces satellites for the government. Kierstead said the planet had become visible after moving within close range of the sun.

There was speculation by the FAA and research officials at Ohio State University, however, that the object spotted in Akron may not have been the same one seen in other states.

Lockbourne sent up a jet plane to get a closer look at the object, reported by several sources to have been hovering at about 60,000 to 80,000 feet. The pilot reported that he was no closer to the object at 31,000 feet-the highest he went-than when he was on the ground.

Officials at Wright Patterson AFB, near Dayton-home of the Air Force UFO center-said they did not know for sure what the object was or where it came from.

The chief meteorologist at the Columbus Weather Bureau said it appeared as "an inverted flow-through tea bag." Descriptions by others who watched the object through telescopes ranged from "tier-shaped", "cigar-shaped", "bell-shaped" to "round". Reports on the color varied widely from white to silver to orange.

Thousands of bewildered persons who saw it telephoned news media, weather bureaus, police officers-jamming switchboards.⁶

17 Uruguay-Argentina

A youth was reported as saying he saw a four-legged object touch down for two minutes in broad daylight on a beach just across the River Plate in Uruguay.

He was quoted in Buenos Aires as saying the object shot skywards in a blinding flash after a tug hooted a siren.

One of several Uruguayans who claimed to have seen the object on Honda Beach said it had a circular center, with flattened, oval extensions on either side.

A local Roman Catholic review, commenting on the recent spate of strange sightings in Latin America, said if there had been visitors from other worlds one could be glad that they did not appear to harbor sinister intentions.

The description by the Uruguayan tallied with a photograph published in Buenos Aires on the front page of Sunday's tabloid newspaper El Mundo. It was claimed to have been taken as an unidentified flying object hovered over a gas plant in the southern city of Bahia Blanca.

El Mundo said it was submitting the negatives for local scientific investigation.⁷

21 Anaheim, California

An Anaheim woman, her husband, and 13-year-old son reported that they saw a round, color-changing UFO in the skies over Orange County.

Mrs. Stephen Pallow said the object was first spotted by her son at 8:55 p.m. The boy raced home from Maxwell Park, where he had been watching an outdoor program, and told his mother he had seen the object.

"I was a little skeptical," she said, "but I went into the back yard and I saw it, too."

Mrs. Pallow said the object, traveling in a straight line from southeast to northwest, gave off "a white glow, but slowly changed colors." She indicated it had "arms of light, like rays."

"It slowly turned yellow-orange, then became a bright orange," she added.

Mrs. Pallow's husband, who returned home in the midst of the 25 minute "UFO watch"

also saw the object but, she said, "didn't want us to tell anybody because they would think we were crazy". However she said, "I'm sure we saw something."

Mrs. Pallow said she also watched the object through binoculars and it "appeared to be about the size of a nickel" as it moved toward Los Angeles.

"It wasn't a plane, I'm sure," she said, "because of the change of colors and the fact that it hovered."

22 Saco, Montana

Young Jeff and Tana Kappel were enjoying the warm summer evening and riding their horses around the yard of their home. Jeff called to his mother that he wanted to be helped off the horse.

As she came out of the house she glanced up and noted the sun glinted on something shiny. She saw an object that appeared to be shaped like a gourd or a slightly tipped bowling pin. She dashed into the house for the binoculars and observed the silver-colored object floating around about a quarter-mile high above the ground.

It left no vapor, emitted no sound, and in a few seconds drifted completely out of sight, leaving "an eerie feeling" with Mrs. Kappel.⁹

AUGUST

(July) 31-1-2 Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Wyoming

Unidentified "blips" on the radar screen at the Wichita Weather Bureau (see cover) has confirmed the presence of unidentified flying objects in the Southwest.

Visual sightings were reported from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said that Tinker Air Force Base, at Oklahoma City, was tracking as many as four. Tinker has refused to confirm or deny the report.

John Shockley, Wichita weatherman, tracked "them" at different times between two and six a.m. "mostly on the south side of the city".

"I don't know what we've got here," he said. "It looks about the size of a Cessna on the screen." Altitudes were from 6,000 to 9,000 feet.

P. H. Messner, in charge of air traffic control installations for the Federal Aviation Agency, said, "We have no information on unidentified flying objects. I have no reports of any observed on our electronic equipment."

A spokesman at McConnell confirmed that the FAA report, but noted that the FAA radar covers only a 30-mile radius, while the Weather Bureau covers about all of Kansas.

Numerous reports from citizens and law enforcement officials agree on the objects' bright lights. Descriptions of movement and shapes vary.

Deputy Sheriff Everett Tucker, of Wellington, Kansas, said he and his wife saw one about 4:50 a.m., "moving rapidly to the north". He said a red vapor trailed behind the egg-shaped object.

Sightings of four mysterious craft flying in a diamond formation came from Chickasha, Cushing, Shawnee and Chandler, Oklahoma. Officers in three patrol cars at Shawnee said they watched the diamond formation shortly after 9 p.m. They said the strange craft moved in a northerly direction, and changed colors from red to white to blue-green, and moved from side to side at times.

Jack Sheets, Wellington, Kansas, said he and four other men watched the objects from between 4:50 and 5:30 a.m.

The five were working in the yards of Santa Fe Railroad and watching the sky because of earlier reports concerning flying objects in the area. Sheets recalled four different aircraft "or whatever they were" passing across the sky in intervals of seven or eight minutes.

"The first two were a solid red light, no flashing or anything. They seemed to be at a very high altitude on a steady and even course at an even speed.

"The third was red, and after it passed straight over us, it turned white. The fourth was white from the first sighting until after it was gone.

"They all seemed about the same type of movement, and pretty evenly-spaced in time. The third was the only one that changed color," Sheets emphasized.

Police in Dallas said the lights formed two triangular patterns and flashed from red to green to blue-white. They criss-crossed the area from 2:20 a.m. until dawn.¹⁰

Tower guards at the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, watched a bluish-white light about 20 minutes before it faded. It came back, brighter than before, and disappeared.¹¹

Two Police officers from Caldwell, Kansas, said they were close enough to a flying saucer "to get a picture". The two, Dave Lowe and Eddie Roberts, are both rookies on the force.

"They can call me a liar or anything they want, but I saw it," Lowe said. "I used to think all those people were crazy...I saw 'em in the sky myself and still thought I was nuts...but when I got close it was so-ething other than like I've seen made by man and that's all there is to it."

Lowe and Roberts heard reports over the police radio that UFOs were moving in a southerly direction toward Wellington, South Haven and Caldwell.

The two headed for the Caldwell Airport on the east edge of town. They spotted a couple hovering high in the sky, but could not see them clearly.

When the objects disappeared, they went back to sipping coffee and telling each other how absurd people were who said that they could tell definitely that the objects were not stars.

A radio report of a UFO tracked by radar north of Caldwell interrupted the conversation. They saw nothing at first, then Lowe noticed something behind a rise in the ground about 50 yards away. He thought at first it was car headlights.

"It looked like the halo of light a city has at night," Lowe related. "I jumped up on the car running board to take a closer look and there it was, bright as a hundred search lights."

Lowe described it as being white, red and bluish-green in color. It was impossible to separate the colors; they all blended together, he said.

"It didn't look at all like what I thought a flying saucer would. It wasn't round and it was much longer than it was wide. Actually, it looked like an egg," he said. "It was a hundred yards long."

After regaining their composure, the two jumped in the squad car and raced after the object to get a closer look. As they pulled onto U.S. 81 and headed east, the object ducked behind a hedge row and they lost sight of it.

"When it went behind the hedge row, the darn thing must have turned out the lights so we couldn't follow it," Lowe said. "Anyway we never saw the thing again."

Total time the object was seen at close-hand was approximately three minutes, they said.

"I mentioned several minutes before we saw it that I heard an engine running," Lowe said. "I thought it was an airplane, but we never saw one come in afterwards."

"It was nothing manmade like I've seen. It might have been something experimental, but I don't think so," Roberts said.

When the sun came up Monday morning, the pair returned to the field where it was thought the object touched down. The search failed to turn up any evidence that the saucer made a landing.¹²

Some residents of the Justin and Ponder areas of north Texas said they saw a "flying saucer" land near Texas Highway 156 Monday night. However, investigation by authorities failed to turn up any evidence of a landing.¹³

3 Hennepin and Anoka Counties, Minnesota (near Minneapolis)

At 12:25 a.m. law enforcement officers stared at the sky. Reports of UFOs had been received over the last three days in at least eight states. The nation was in the grip of another big saucer flap, similar to the one in 1952. The Air Force tried to brush-off the saucers currently being sighted as stars...only trouble was that the stars they mentioned were not visible in the Northern Hemisphere at the time.

Sky-gazing in the Minneapolis area began as Shorewood Patrolman Bob Force drove along Highway 7 in western Hennepin County. "Don't think I'm nuts or something," he told the radio dispatcher. "But something funny is going on. I just saw a star pass me up." Force later elaborated, "It appeared to go alongside me. Then, suddenly it was out in front. You got to see it to believe it."

For more than two hours afterward, other officers vindicated Force's eyesight, to say nothing of his sanity. Something was up there, all right.

"It bobs like a cork...it dips like a falling star, then stops...it darts...it has a jerkey motion...It's traveling northeastward...it's on the horizon...it's at a 20 degree angle...It changes colors...it's got a white glow in the middle, green lights on the sides and a red light on top...It's round...it's wedge-shaped...it's making U-turns..."

Among those calling in was a Blaine patrolman who reported sighting an object just before 1 a.m. Anoka County dispatcher G. R. Van Dusen, reacted skeptically.

"Say," Van Dusen said. "Blaine's got an ordance against flying saucers doesn't it?"

Along Highway 12 in western Hennepin County, within shouting distance of the Wayzata Country Club, stood seven squad cars, doors flung open. Officers had gathered there after Long Lake Police Chief Bill Kearin reported seeing a formation of strange objects.

Hennepin County Sgt. Chet Seviola, who remained dubious to the last, heard of Kearin's sighting and hurried to the scene. "I wanted to catch Bill in the act," Seviola said. "And there he was, pointing out seven objects in the shape of a cup."

"It was the Big Dipper. Why, he was even counting headlights on passing cars."

But Kearin insisted he had sighted phenomena that were neither stars, planets nor headlights. Officers from Spring Park and Wayzata agreed. "Those two over there," Kearin said, pointing to a pair of heavenly objects that seemed to bob and twinkle in red-and-green. "You can't tell me...."

While Hennepin and Anoka County officials staggered under the mystery of it all, the Ramsey County Sheriff's office was getting no flying object reports whatsoever.

"No sir," said Patrolman Walter Fowler, the Ramsey County radio dispatcher. "Our men have too many better things to do than chase flying objects."¹⁴

4 Abilene, Kansas

Don Tenopir, 44, a truck driver from Beatrice, Oklahoma, reported that he was buzzed by a flying saucer about 25 miles south of Abilene shortly before two a.m.

He gave this account to newsmen:

"I was driving north on Highway 15 about 25 miles south of Abilene. I was carrying a full load of peanuts and was en route to Lincoln, Nebraska. I guess it was about 1:30 a.m. when all of a sudden the lights on my truck went out. Then they came back on again.

"About this time this thing, saucer, or whatever, went over my truck with a sizzling or wind-like blowing sound. It scared the hell out of me. It seemed to almost touch the cab, maybe it was 20 feet in the air, and it just swooped down over the road and hovered there not more than 100 feet in front of me.

"I tell you I was standing on those brakes. I just don't know what was happening. It looked like it was going to fall right in the middle of the road, but it didn't.

"I got my rig stopped and about that time this thing raised up a bit and slowly took off to the west and then headed south. I don't know how long it was there. It seemed longer than 20 seconds, but I was just too damned scared to tell time.

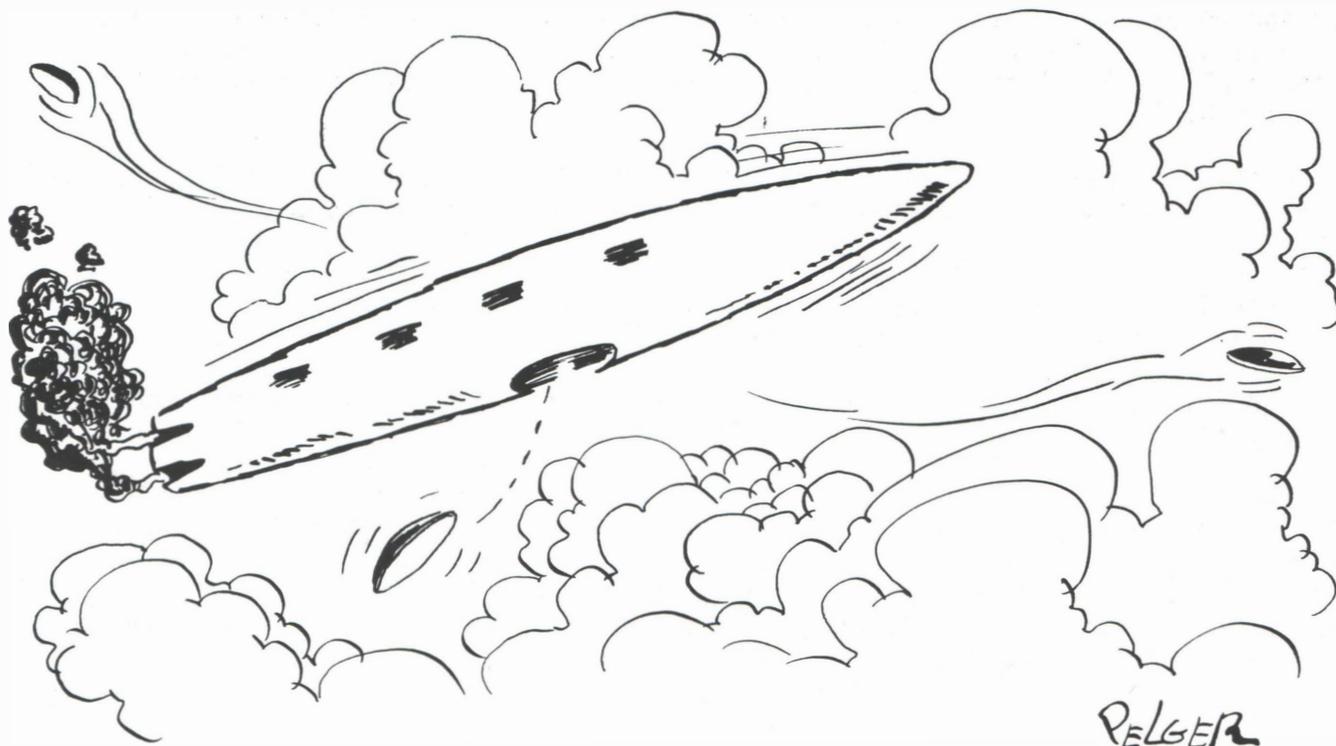
"The thing looked round to me. I'd guess it was about 14 or 15 feet in diameter and sort of orange-colored. This thing was shooting off reddisy rays, kind of in spurts. The rays weren't really steady, kind of flashing.

"The object appeared to be like a saucer. I'd guess it was about two feet thick and the edge was round. There was a hump, or something like that, in the middle. This hump stuck up about four feet or so. There was a dark spot in the hump, and this might have been a window or something. I just don't know."¹⁵

These reports prove that something was going on in our skies in early August. Stars do not land, unless the Air Force is keeping some world-shaking news concerning astronomy from us. Likewise, the machines sighted were not "moon dust" as one "scientist" tried to have us believe. If you would tell those people in the Southwest that what they saw was no more than moon dust, they would say you had not moon dust on your mind, but rocks in your head !

Footnotes

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The Zeta Reticuli Incident and Controversy

In the December 1974 issue of Astronomy Magazine Terence Dickinson, the magazine's Editor, wrote an article entitled "The Zeta Reticuli Incident". That article resulted in more interest than any other article in the history of Astronomy Magazine.

The incident begins back on September 19, 1961 with the classic Barney and Betty Hill UFO sighting and their subsequent abduction aboard the UFO.

Their sighting first came out in the open following hypnosis by Dr. Benjamin Simon and the writing of a best-selling book, The Interrupted Journey, by John G. Fuller.

During the March 14, 1964 session with the Hills, Dr. Simon, while questioning Betty under hypnosis, heard the following: "And it was a map - it was an oblong map. It wasn't square. It was a lot wider than it was long. And there were all these dots on it. And they were scattered all over it. Some were little, just pin points. And others were as big as a nickel. And there were lines, there were on some of the dots, there were curved lines going from one dot to another. And there was one big circle, and it had a lot of lines coming out from it. A lot of lines going to another circle quite close, but not as big. And there were heavy lines. And I asked him what they meant. And he said that the heavy lines were trade routes. And then the other lines, the other lines, the solid lines were places they went occasionally. And he said the broken lines were expeditions."

Betty drew the map that she saw while aboard the UFO and then one year later, after seeing a map of the constellation Pegasus in the April 13, 1965 issue of The New York Times, Betty noticed a similarity between her map and the New York Times map.

The incident then remained dormant until Ms. Marjorie Fish, an amateur astronomer and research assistant at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, talked to Mrs. Hill about her map. Ms. Fish, in 1969, then began to construct three-dimensional models of the stars in an attempt to discover the same pattern of stars as in the Hill map.

After five years of hard, diligent work, Ms. Fish discovered that the Hill map was very similar to the positions of 16 stars as seen from the double star Zeta Reticuli.

Assuming that the Hill map is correct, we now have substantial evidence using astronomical methods of an extraterrestrial visitation!

The Zeta Reticuli incident took just over 13 years to evolve whereas the controversy took just the issuance of the December 1974 Astronomy Magazine.

Ben Bova, editor of Analog Science Fiction / Science Fact, uses the Zeta Reticuli controversy as the background for his article "The Search for Intelligence" (Astronomy Magazine, May 1975). Meanwhile, Jeffrey L. Kretsch, a student of astronomy under the advisement of Dr. J. Allen Hynek at Northwestern University, uses the controversy for his article "The Age of Nearby Stars" in the July 1975 issue of Astronomy Magazine.

Kretsch states that two of the characteristics of the Fish - Hill pattern stars are as follows: "All 16 stars are main sequence type stars between spectral class F5 and K5, and thus have sufficient lifespans to allow life to evolve on any Earth-like planets; and are all within 50 light-years of the sun."

The 16 stars of the Fish - Hill map have been determined through Kretsch's study to be from 1 to 10 billion years old. Kretsch also notes that "It is curious that the stars connected by the alleged 'trade routes' are the older and occasionally metal deficient ones - while the stars connected by dotted lines (expeditions) seem to be younger Population 1 (1 to 4 billion years old) objects."

From the Bova article we learn that as yet there is no definite evidence to support the theory that there are planets circling the 16 Fish - Hill pattern stars. Reason for this being that our technology has yet to devise instruments and methods to study the heavens at such great distances. As yet there is no scientific way to determine if a star 50 light-years away has planets circling it.

On the other hand many scientists follow the words of noted astronomer and exobiologist Carl Sagan: "...I think there can be an enormous number of civilizations in the Milky Way galaxy, all technologically more advanced than ours."

Through the study of metal deficiencies of stars, we find that all 16 Fish - Hill stars are somewhat deficient in heavy metals, or elements. Whether a metal deficient star can have planets or not is still another mystery to Science since there is no method yet for determining this.

As Kretsch points out "This whole speculation certainly is not strong enough to rule out the Fish interpretation of the Hill map given our present state of knowledge. Actually in some respects, the metal deficiencies support the Fish hypothesis because they support an advanced age for several of the stars - suggesting that if cultures exist in these star systems, they might well be advanced over our own. The fact that none of the stars in the pattern is seriously metal deficient (especially the vital branch high velocity stars Eridani 82 and Gliese 86) is an encouragement to the Fish interpretation - if terrestrial planets can form in the first place and give rise to technical civilizations."

As can be seen, there are many controversial points, theories and possibilities that have been brought up by the Hill map and Fish interpretation. However, with scientists like Bova, Kretsch, Sagan, Fish and Robert Sheaffer (of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center) studying the problem, perhaps we'll someday have the answer to this mystery.

Terence Dickinson of Astronomy Magazine sums it up best: "We too are demanding rigorous standards of evidence to establish the reality of extraterrestrial intelligence. If there is even the slightest possibility that the Hills' encounter can provide information about such life, we feel it is worth pursuing. The map is worthy of examination by as many critical minds as possible."



TERRA II

As I sit here trying to think of something to write that would be interesting and informative, I happened to glance up at the calendar--not once--but two or three times. It didn't ring a bell at first, but now I've got it.

Thirty years ago man was jettisoned into the atomic age--yes, on July sixteenth, nineteen forty-five man set off the first thermonuclear device. Twenty days later man used this same device on other men. Five months after the Second World War, UFO's were spotted all over the world. So numerous were the sightings that the governments of the world wanted an explanation and wanted it fast. The great war was over and men wanted to get home, they along with the rest of the world were tired. So tired that the governments of various countries put aside the flying saucer enigma.

A little over a year later, the now infamous Arnold sighting took place and now the public was alerted to the flying saucer mystery.

But, as in most cases involving the governments of nations, when anything leaks out, it is out only because that particular government wanted it so. In this specific incident, I do not believe anything leaked out, so to speak. I believe the news media just came across an interesting news item and played with it. At this time there was no official investigating going on, or at least the government didn't admit it. It wasn't until January of the next year that the news media wanted an explanation as to why airplanes were chasing flying saucers to their death. Since then, the UFO has really been with us. Oh, some will argue that flying objects were with man throughout history. True, but not like they were since January 1948. Today, the world watches, or at least there are people really interested, in the subject.

I sincerely believe the flying saucers stepped up their surveillance of Earth after the atomic weapons were fired.

There are many theories, such as:

1. Coming from another planet in our solar system.
2. Coming from another planet, in our galaxy.
3. Coming from another planet outside our galaxy.
4. Coming from inside the earth.
5. Coming from another dimension.
6. Coming from the future.
7. Coming from the past.
8. Coming from the atmosphere.
9. Coming from some place in time.
10. Coming from a secret organization on earth.
11. Coming from our imaginations.
12. Coming from space energy.

How about coming from another planet on earth's orbit? This theory is not so ridiculous. Look at an atom. Some atoms include electrons with more than one in the same orbit around its respective proton, neutron system.

Just suppose earth has another planet on its orbit. If the other planet was on the same plane, and directly opposite the earth, we could not detect it. Unless man would travel quite a distance from earth, or travel in the opposite direction the earth travels in orbit and meet, so to speak, the other planet.

Now, if this other planet, let's call it Terra II, is responsible for the flying saucers enigma on earth, then beyond a question of a doubt, they are the more intelligent. Just for the simple matter that they (Terra II) are here.

So, just like an electron is taken out of its orbit, the other electrons act differently and most time react violently. Therefore, if earth is into atomic bombs that can destroy its planet, it will have a most dreadful effect on Terra II. If earth blows itself up, Terra II will probably jump out of orbit, or tilt or be sent into the sun.

If you lived on Terra II and you knew that earth was experimenting with atomic energy, would you come to earth and see what was happening? Or would you forget it? Certainly not.

This then is just another theory to be thrown into the already overflowing UFO mess.



SAUCERS OF '73

After several years of spotty and half-hearted coverage by the news media, it appears as if the UFOs have once again captured the national interest as in years past. The current flap is still going on strong as we prepare this issue for publication. Several films of the elusive question marks have been made by news film crews and shown on national network television. Witnesses range from housewives, factory workers, police officers, to the Governor of the State of Ohio. We are even surprised to hear that the well-known Dr. J. Allen Hynek has led credence to a reported UFO contact case.

The following is just a small sampling of what has come into our office in the past few weeks. However, we have picked the cases that we feel are the most illuminating for our limited space. In our future issues we will publish details of the cases that will no doubt pour in after our publishing deadline.

Although there were reports from residents of Florida during the last two weeks of August telling of seeing varied-colored lights in the sky, a photograph touched things off on the first day of September. The photograph was taken by Chester A. Tatum, publisher of the local newspaper in the southern Georgia town of Camilla. It was a night shot taken with a Polaroid camera of an object that he said had a ribbed design and "some sort of center down the middle". The photo itself shows what appears to be an illuminated oval with a small rectangular dark area in the center.

On the night of September 3, a visibly frightened motorist rushed into a police station in Athens, Georgia to report that a "bright - flashing object" had swooped down towards his car. Police said that the unidentified man reported that the object, with "one bright light and four flashing lights", came to within 15 feet of the ground before swerving off into the sky. The officers gave the opinion that the motorist had really seen something.

Early on September 8 two Army MPs had a frightening experience while on patrol at the deactivated Hunter Air Force Base outside of Savannah, Georgia. Randy Shade and Burt Burns were on patrol when they first spotted the mysterious intruder. According to Burns, it was first spotted as "a cluster of lights in the sky about two thousand feet up. The lights tracked across the sky flashing red and orange, blue and white."

After disappearing behind some trees in the distance for some minutes, the visitor returned some time around 2:45 A.M. After hovering over one end of the now-deserted military base runway, it began moving toward the car containing the two startled MPs. They then saw that the object was saucer-shaped and apparently metallic. As the saucer neared the car Shade raced away with the UFO in hot pursuit at speeds up to 100 m.p.h. The 75 foot diameter craft seemed to follow the car only several feet above the roof.

Shade kept up the high speed flight from the UFO for nearly a mile only to finally cut the wheels of the car, and slide onto the grass on the side of the pavement. Said Shade, "The UFO then went back up to tree-top level and skimmed off into the distance." The two MPs reported that the lighted disk made no sound during the encounter.

Georgia was again the scene of an unusual aerial report, when on September 10 Ress Clanton of Griffin saw a "golden ball" fall from the sky. Clanton said that the object was not in free fall, but seemed to be under control as it descended. The roughly egg-sized thing apparently destroyed itself when it hit the ground leaving

a hole a foot long and four to five inches deep. Researchers from a nearby agricultural experiment station took soil samples, and reported that the ground at the impact site was 300 degrees.

On the evening of September 24 Shelby County Sheriff's Deputy P. L. Pilalas and his partner J. O. Davis spotted a UFO on U.S. 70 just east of Memphis. They reported that the craft was hovering at from 500 to 1000 feet altitude, and that it had two bright spotlights that were shining beams downward, and two red lights glowing at the extremities of the craft.

According to the two, the object was making a whirring noise, and disappeared after twice flashing its spotlights.

On September 29 Memphis again was the scene for further UFO reports. On that Saturday evening an object, alternately shining brightly and faintly, was visible over the Memphis area for about four hours. "I know it sounds fantastic, but it's true," said Policeman Flanning Glover of suburban Collierville. "If I was by myself I'd say I was nuts, but there were plenty of witnesses." At least four other Shelby County law officers saw the object. Glover said that the moving light appeared orange at times, and then changed back to white.

"I wouldn't say it had more than one light," he said. "The light I saw was kind of orange and then it would get bright and seemed to turn white. Then it would go out and come back on a different color. We put a spotlight on it and it just went out, then it reappeared in a different place."

In Obion County, fronting the Kentucky border, Sheriff Nathan Cunningham said he saw three different UFOs the next night, and heard one as it flew over his house. Cunningham reported that he talked to 20 people who had similar UFO sightings.

In the same area as the Cunningham report, George and Vicki Rogers said a bright red light swooped close enough to the earth to light up an acre and a half of land that same evening, nearly causing a seven-car accident near Reelfoot Lake on Highway 78. "We were just coming home and I just glanced over to my left in a field, and there was a six or seven foot bright red light. It was so bright I couldn't see what caused it," said Rogers.

On September 30 Mrs. Barbara Marquardt was driving on Bagley Road in Olmsted Twp., Ohio and saw a green ball-like object hovering in the sky at about 3:30 A.M. "It was about three normal houses in height above the ground," she said. "Suddenly it fell to the ground, not straight down, but in a curve." Police said another woman in the area called, and reported that she heard some sort of small explosion near the scene at about the same time.

A physics professor investigating a reported encounter with a UFO by a truck driver near Cape Girardeau, Missouri the third, said it caused the driver's eyeglasses to be damaged by internal heat from an unknown source. Eddie Doyle Webb was blinded for several hours after the incident. He is recovering his vision, but is seeing an eye specialist in St. Louis.

Webb said he was driving his rig about dawn that morning when he saw a bright light or aluminum object in the air behind him, "coming up real fast." Webb then awakened his wife who was in the cab with him, but she said that she couldn't see anything. "Then, I stuck my head out of the window and a large ball of fire struck me in the face," Webb said. "My glasses fell off and I couldn't see. But I got the truck stopped." One of the lenses of his glasses fell out of the plastic frame

which was warped. Sgt. Ed Wright of the Highway Patrol took Webb's glasses to Dr. Harley Rutledge, head of the Southwest Missouri State physics department, for an analysis.

Rutledge, who has been working for some months to identify the elusive UFOs, said he put the glasses under a microscope and "it appeared they were heated internally. The plastic apparently got hot and the mold came to the surface. The heat warped the plastic, causing the lens to fall out."

Rutledge said he planned more tests on the glasses. He stated that there appears to be "some residue which we hope to put through some chemical tests".

Later on the evening of the third, a National Park Ranger saw a UFO the size of a two-bedroom house over the Tupelo, Mississippi area. The object was in sight about fifteen minutes and was flashing red, green and yellow lights. The Ranger, Thomas E. Westmoreland, said the object he saw had lights different from those used on aircraft.

"I know it sounds strange, and I can assure you I'm sober," he said. "It was approximately 1,000 feet in altitude and roughly the size of a two-bedroom house or a little smaller. It had red, green and yellow flashing lights-not the standard beacon type you have on aircraft. They were circular and they were rotating continuously. Westmoreland in later interviews said he thought the object was some United States test device.

At the same time in the city of Cornith not far from the Ranger's encounter, Arlin Mohundro, sales manager for a local radio station, said he saw an object that hovered about 100 feet off the ground behind the radio station. "Its lights are red and green and white," Mohundro said. "When it gets close it has kind of a black color. The lights are flashing and it looks like it might be the size of an automobile, but it's oval in shape."

On the evening of October 9, at least fifteen sightings of UFOs, all "covered with red, green and blue lights" were reported in southwestern Ohio flying about at near tree top level. The UFOs, sighted in the Dayton-Cincinnati area, were reported to have not been picked up on radar by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The first sighting was reported shortly after 8 P.M. by a policeman in New Lebanon Twp. "He didn't want to say he saw it, but he said it," according to Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Sullivan.

"The officer said it was oblong and covered with lights. It appeared stationary in the sky about tree top level for several minutes until he tried to shine his spot light on it," Sullivan said. It then zoomed toward him and then shot straight up in the air after he turned out his light, and disappeared.

Sullivan said the reported sightings lasted from a split second in time to as much as twelve minutes. "They would be behind the trees and come up and fly away... as if you startled them or something."

On the same night police in Eaton, Indiana said they tracked a strange flying object that flashed red, white and blue lights for several hours. Military radar at nearby Baer Field picked up the UFO, but could not identify it.

Sheriff's Deputies in Pine, Louisiana were following UFOs with their cruisers on

the evening of the 10th. Deputy Michael Moore said that one of the five orange-reddish objects almost "attacked" a police car.

"One of our deputies was scared pretty bad," Moore said. "He turned on his red lights, and they came down at his patrol car. He turned them off and they just vanished like in a cloud...Our deputies spotted five of them, and a bunch of witnesses saw them too."

In another sighting reported near Slidell, across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans, Lloyd Mercier said he saw an object while he was driving home that was "approximately 15 or 20 feet in diameter, and it had a streak about a foot wide straight through the middle. I'd say it was approximately 125 to 200 feet in the air, and gradually it disappeared. It took five or six minutes. All I could see was a red glow. It looked like it came straight out of the water of Lake Pontchartrain."

On the evening of the 11th two shipyard workers from Gautier, Mississippi were fishing from an old pier on the Pascagoula River when a "fish-shaped" object, emitting a bluish hase, approached from the sky. Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker have maintained throughout intense questioning that they were taken aboard the craft by three creatures with wrinkled skin, crab-claw hands and pointed ears. The two men said the creatures gave them some sort of examination by an eye-like scanning device.

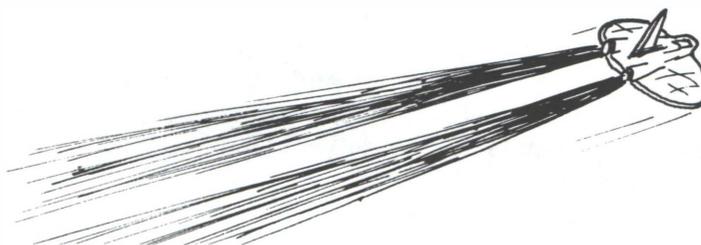
Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Dr. James Harder flew in to give the men an interview during hypnosis. Said Hynek afterward, "There is no question in my mind that these men have had a very terrifying experience. Under no circumstances should they be ridiculed. Let's protect these men." We expect to have more details on this contact case in our next issue, when more is released of the Hynek-Harder questioning.

On the 16th an Ohio woman claimed that three UFOs forced her car off the road. Said Mrs. Shirley Johnson of Chillicothe, "The kids and I were driving home from my mother's home when three huge lights - two white and one greenish - zoomed down. Two white lights were on either side of my car while the green one was in front.

She said the lights suddenly swooped back up into the sky and left without emitting any sound.

While police officers of the town of Greenfield, Ohio were sighting UFO at the same time Mrs. Johnson and her children were, one Greenfield officer said he chased one for several miles in his cruiser. Patrolman Mike Conlin said it was an object about 100 feet in diameter, and glowed with a bright white light." It had a red area on top of it as if it was overheated. There was a dull humming sound that increased in frequency as the object increased its speed."

The next day Ohio Governor Gilligan admitted that he and his wife had spotted a UFO on the 15, while on the way home from a trip to Michigan. He said the object was in sight for about 35 minutes along Route 23 out of Ann Arbor. The Governor described the object as a vertical beam of light, amber in color.



MICROCOSM VS. MACROCOSM

Here is a subject to think and ponder over concerning the UFO enigma.

Miniature UFO's, that's right little flying saucers. Probably most people into UFology never thought of or heard anything about "little flying saucers". But, do you know when little flying discs were first seen? October 12, 13, 1943 in Germany. During a bombing run by the United States Air Force, over Schwienfort, the ball-baking capital of wartime Germany.

Many Air Force personnel saw and even open fired on these strange little discs. After these particular bombing runs were completed, these airmen reported what they saw. Some claimed these strange little objects were transparent. Some said they went through the wings and horizontal stabilizers without any damage to the flying fortress bombers or the mini saucers themselves.

At the end of the war, when under interrogation, the German command asked the allies what these strange little objects were. The United States in return asked the same question. So both Germany and the U.S. were confused as to what these little discs were. A very fine account of these discs is in the book, "Black Thursday".

During the early years of modern UFology (1947-1954), many reports of small objects were first recorded.

Even in this early stage, the Air Force tried to cover up these sightings. At one time, they tried to suggest that these strange little disc-like objects were aircraft mail bags dropped from aircrafts by accident. I can still see the picture now. Three or four of these circular bags lie on the ground, a man in uniform standing over the objects and another man (civilian) stooping, looking at the mail bags. By this time, the Air Force had to try something different on the public. Because they already used the terms Venus, balloons or practical jokers. Sounds a little like the terms used today: moon dust, swamp gas or orions belt. Someone would think these were names of houses rather than an explanation as to what people see. But I must say the explanations were a little more intelligent in the early years.

A young man on a farm came across a mini-saucer, about 3 feet in diameter. He picked the disc up. It started to vibrate, then broke from his hold and flew away at a tremendous speed.

Another man, while driving on a dirt road near a small town in Central United States saw a strange disc-shaped object, then shot up into the sky and disappeared in a hurry.

A pilot, while flying his Mustang Fighter at night near an Air Force Base, had a mock dog fight with a small ball-like object.

A couple, while on a camping trip, came across a small 2 foot diameter saucer during a hike in one of our national parks. When the man picked the object up, he felt a shock and dropped it. It then began to hum and after a few seconds, flew off in the wild blue yonder.

A young boy, while playing in a school yard, chasing his ball, almost fell over a tiny 6 inch silver disc. He called his friend over to the object. After watching the disc for a few seconds, one of the boys picked the object up. The mini saucer vibrated, then flew out of his hands as he tried to pass the disc to a friend.

A man on a hiking trip in Europe found a small five inch saucer-shaped object. He put it into his napsack. When he returned to his home, he reached into the sack to show it to his family. The object was no longer there.

Airplanes have been hit by strange little objects, sometimes causing severe damage. Could this be the cause of some of the worlds tragic air crashes?

Monitors, telephoto devices, robot saucers for testing our air, water, spying equipment? Or are these mini saucers manned by mini cosmonauts? Impossible, why? Just because we think anything that small would have to be remote controlled. Conversely then, we are giants to someone that would be, say, one quarter inch tall. We humans tend to put everything we know into special categories. For instances: "There can be no life on Venus because the ground temperature is 700 to 800 degrees Fahrenheit." "Life as we know it cannot live there." Did you get the magical phrase? "Life as we know it," How about like as we don't know it?

We know there are stars millions of times larger than our sun. Suppose these super giants suns have giant planets, and suppose a planet was a million times the times the size of earth. If this planet had life the size of earthlings in comparison, then the beings would stand to be millions of feet tall. Truly a giant. If there can be such giants, stars, planets, etc., then there can be small planets, for instance, a half mile in diameter, with life sources one, one-hundredth of an inch tall. Now suppose these beings developed in technology surpassing us today, and they developed spaceships that could travel through the universe. Their ships would be approximately one inch long. They almost certainly would not come to Planet Earth, because there are giants on the third planet from that star.

Why not saucers three to four inches in diameter? Remember, we are talking about "life as we don't know it".

Just recently, physicists have announced that new experiments were taken place with sub-atomic particles.

They can now measure these particles by a millibarn. A millibarn is a thousandth of a billionth of a billionth of a billionth of a square centimeter.

Could there be planets the size of such a thing so small? If so, then, is there life???



The Search For Life On Mars

"No one would have believed...that this world was being watched keenly and closely by intelligences greater than man's and yet as mortal as his own... No one gave a thought to the older worlds of space as sources of human danger, or thought of them only to dismiss the idea of life upon them as impossible or improbable... Yet across the gulf of space, minds that are to our minds as ours are to those of the beasts that perish, intellects vast and cool and unsympathetic, regarded this earth with envious eyes, and slowly and surely drew their plans against us."

-from The War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells

"And presumably the Martians, an intelligent race, would be feverishly hunting around for other planets to which they might migrate. Earth was the closest, most suitable neighbor."

-from Readers Digest, April 1953 by Morton Clurman

The speculation of life on Mars, which started when man first looked into the sky and is now more intense than ever before, hopefully will be solved on our nation's 200th anniversary when the \$950 million dollar Viking Mars space probe lands on the surface of the Red Planet in the first direct search for extraterrestrial life. Whether the probe finds evidence of extinct, expected or existing life, the implications of it will be staggering.

Although scientists are split on 'the question of life on Mars, there is pretty much agreement as to life elsewhere in the universe. Astronomer Carl Sagan, the foremost expert on Exobiology, feels that there could be one million civilizations in our galaxy. One of these civilizations could very well be on the planet Mars.

Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, in his "Paradox of Mars" (1964) writes: "If the word 'evidence' refers to observations which suggest intelligence on Mars, which are at present easily interpreted on the basis of intelligence and not yet easily interpreted in any other way, then I hold that there is indeed evidence in favor of intelligent life on Mars."

There are presently five basic observations that could suggest intelligent life on Mars. These are: (1) markings, (2) canal systems, (3) satellites, (4) flares and (5) UFOs.

(1) It appears that, as the polar ice caps melt, there is a definite color change on the planet's surface. The density of this color is greater than the surrounding desert areas. In September of 1954 Dr. E. C. Slipher, head of the International Mars Committee, stated that "This last year must have been a very good and fertile year on Mars" after studying the seasonal color changes.

(2) Although there is still great controversy over the supposed canal system, which was first discovered in 1877 by Italian astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli, it is still a constant topic of conversation. Dr. Slipher felt that the canals were artificial waterways, whereas Dr. Sagan, in his book Intelligent Life In The Universe with I. S. Shklovskii, feels that "... while the canals are almost certainly not the massive engineering works of an advanced Martian civilization, their study may yet give us some further insights into the Martian environment."

(3) First discovered in 1877, the two Martian satellites are very strange indeed. Their size, closeness to Mars, and their almost circular equatorial orbits make them impossible to be explained in a normal manner. Since the inner satellite

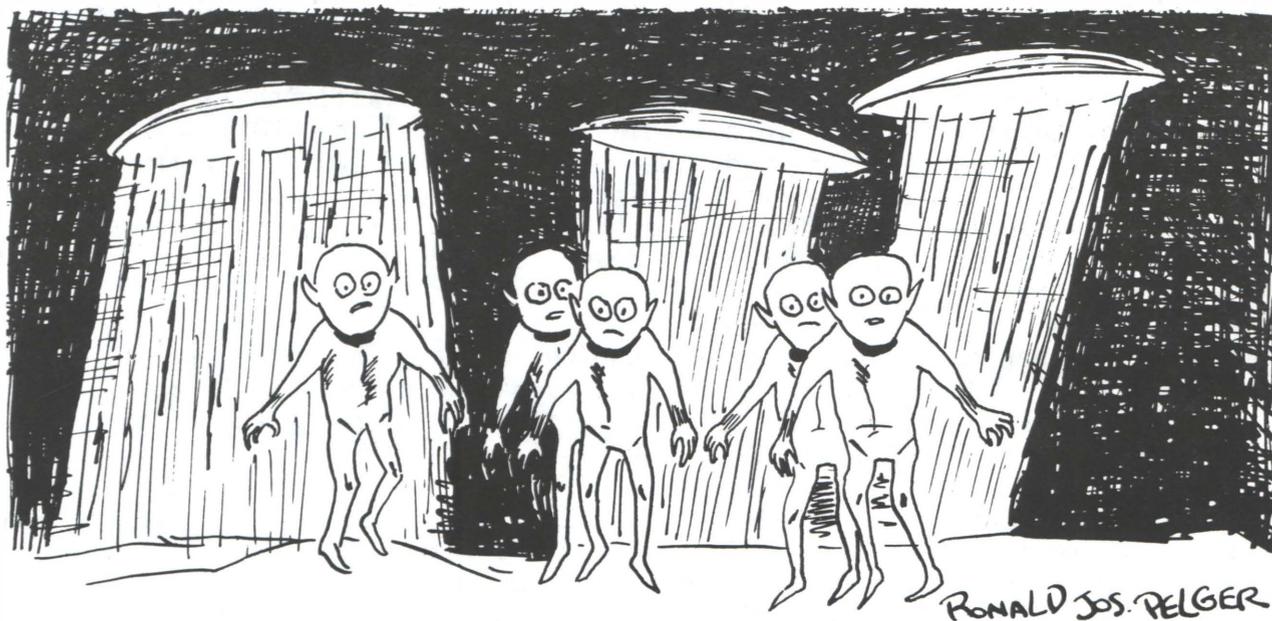
is acting like a hollow sphere, it is highly plausible to think of them as artificial, launched into orbit by the same highly advanced beings who built the canal system.

(4) The relatively new phenomena of the flares, which were first seen in 1939, are extremely bright flashes of light seen on the surface of Mars from time to time. Since these flashes last anywhere from a few seconds to five minutes, the possibility of them being sunlight reflections or meteor impacts are nil. Volcanic activity would be a red light and last for a much longer time. As Dr. Salisbury states, "...it might be easiest to explain these flares by assuming that they are a product of intelligence, although there is certainly nothing conclusive about this argument."

(5) As far as UFOs go in connection with Mars, there has been an apparent increase in reliable UFO reports when Mars is at its closest point to Earth. No other planet seems to show this correlation, so we can assume that perhaps with less distances to "drive" more Martian ships visit the Earth.

Using Dr. Salisbury's criteria for evidence and observations, we can assume that Mars is not a dead planet but rather a planet teeming with life. As Salisbury states, "As the arguments have developed, each fact has seemed to lead more and more to the conclusion that Mars supports not only life but an advanced technology."

In any event, we can only hope that the landing of the Mars Viking space probe on 4 July 1976 will find the evidence needed to either prove that Mars is a dead planet, or a planet full of intelligent, or non-intelligent, life.



A SAUCER "WINDOW" AREA

Much has been written in recent years about areas located in scattered parts of the country where there has been a constant UFO activity. These were termed "windows" by researcher-writer John Keel. Keel found these areas by watching and tabulating current UFO and related subphenomena reports. Often, looking into old newspaper files, he found that constant activity reached back into the 1800's.

When news of these window areas was made public in several articles in popular magazines in 1966-67, many researchers (our staff included) thought that by going to these areas one would find real, solid UFO "bases"- complete with hangers, equipment and Ufonauts. However, much to the chagrin of the ETH fans, no such physical equipment could be found. All that was ever found were more UFO reports. Period. This led many to scoff at claims of window areas outright.

After much time had passed, and we were able to keep close watch on UFO reports in claimed high activity areas, we had to admit a striking correlation. This coincided with a diminishing belief in the ETH on our part in the last four years.

The past twenty-three years of futility experienced by the outer space saucer hunters is significant to the efficacy of the ETH itself. No ufo's have been tracked actually entering or leaving the atmosphere. It is true that astronauts have spotted unknown objects in the vicinity of the earth, but these unknowns could well be optical and/or natural space phenomena. Again, no astronaut has ever seen a giant mother ship from Venus roaring toward the earth from deep space. One can only assume that the elusive disks are "native" to the environs of our earth!

The ETH people are stuck with solid, material saucers. The ET saucers are piloted by living creatures they say' living creatures that need solid, physical UFO's to transport them. But, not all UFO's are material objects. Hundreds of cases describe objects that have the ability to appear and disappear at will. Scores of cases and with words such as, "It just disappeared like one would turn off a light bulb."

Just like a light bulb! "Well," say the outer space fans, "the UFO's appear and disappear by turning their EM force fields on and off," the UFO's physical effects are invented to fit phenomena observed. We cannot prove ET UFO's, let alone fantastic equipment able to make the craft invisible! There have also been a number of cases where seemingly solid UFO's have passed through terrestrial objects. This would explain why terrestrial weapons have never "shot down" a ship from outer space.

Added with other incidents, and other sub-phenomena such as the "men in black" and the confusing contactee phenomena, we find events which do not conform to our physical laws. These events are discussed at great length in such books as PASSPORT TO MAGONIA and OPERATION TROJAN HORSE.

So if the UFO's and their related phenomena are not physical, we must explore other areas in order to find a workable answer. The theory that UFO's are non-physical (in our sense) manifestations from outer place or reality seems to fit the data. This would explain the "window" areas, where UFO's seemingly appear year after year. They do not have bases there, the area is just where they "appear" from someplace else.

Looking back in this light I can see parts of the puzzle fall into place. Over

the years I have participated in many attempts to spot the UFO's. These "skywatches" were often held in rural areas or in the city, at the home of one of the participants.

A curious fact emerged during the period from 1964 to 1966. Phenomena were seen in a particular area of Cleveland on an almost constant basis. This fact was discussed at length informally at the 1967 Congress in New York with Allen Greenfield, Eugene Steinberg, Robert Easley and others.

It is difficult for a UFO writer to tell of his own UFO reports, for many readers assume immediately that he is making up the reports - or worse yet, he is a little on the strange side! But the fact remains that I, along with others, have sighted unknown phenomena on occasions from various locations. The important part being that one particular location in Cleveland was an almost constant source of activity - a window area, if you will. To give the reader some idea of the kinds of phenomena sighted in this small window I will briefly cite some of the more interesting reports.

In July of 1965 three objects, like satellites, were sighted at fifteen minute intervals coming from, respectively, the north, south and east. One of these "lights" was photographed by this writer using a two minute exposure on Tri-X film. The object appeared as a faint line on the negative, too weak to reproduce in print, but in my files for anyone who is interested. On this particular night the objects were spotted with both the naked eye and binoculars. They did not correspond to flyovers of any scheduled satellites. There were many other sightings of similar objects from 1964-1966.

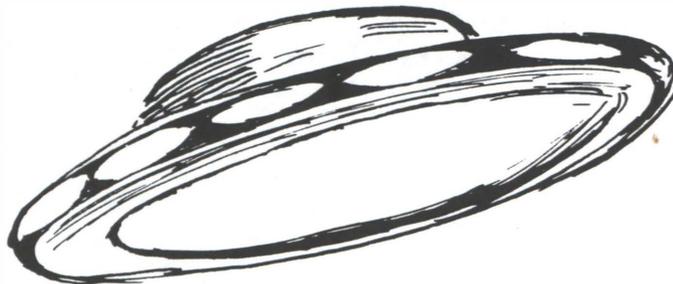
Another particularly interesting report came from the same location on October 9, 1965, when a round object with flashing lights completely around its edge, was sighted by hundreds of persons on Cleveland's West Side. There was a 2200 foot cloud cover with light drizzle that evening, so the object had to be flying below that altitude.

On the evening of May 6, 1966 this writer along with others, including Edward Biebel, sighted a large oval of ghostly-white light swiftly moving from west to east. The object seemed to have bands of a duller color running along the bottom. It was soundless, and seemed to be at a low altitude.

A particularly interesting series of sightings took place in October-November, 1966 when V-formations of bluish-white lights were seen flying over, and sometimes maneuvering in turns. These objects were also spotted with both binoculars and the naked eye.

Why the concentration of sightings in one particular area? Is it indeed a small window where who knows what appears from goodness knows where? Why weren't sightings made other times at locations only blocks away?

There have been no further watches at this location since November, 1966. Currently plans are being formed to revisit the spot and do further investigation, possibly with instrumentation. While this West Cleveland "window" may be small in scope, it may yield some interesting results.



NASA SPACE MISSIONS, EXO BIOLOGY AND THE SAUCER

America's first venture into space (if one doesn't take into consideration the Wright Brothers) took place on May 5, 1961 when Alan Shepard made the first sub-orbital flight from Pad 19 at Cape Canaveral, Florida. John Glenn then followed, after one other sub-orbital flight, with his three orbits around the Earth on February 20, 1962.

Following the success of Project Mercury, Project Gemini came into existence. Whereas Mercury was a one man affair, Gemini was a two man capsule; first being launched on March 23, 1965 with Gus Grissom and John Young. The next Gemini flight saw Ed White become the first American to walk in space.

Success followed success until the tragic fire in the Apollo One capsule that took the lives of Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee. This set back our space program for 21 months, and even had many Americans calling for an end to space exploration.

Finally, on July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldren became the first men to set foot on the Moon. This historic incident occurred 68 years after H. G. Wells wrote his classic novel The First Men In The Moon. Man had finally conquered the vastness of space between the Earth and the Moon.

After continuing lunar landings, Project Skylab was initiated. The eighty-four day duration of Skylab 4 succeeded in showing that Man one day could theoretically survive a trip to the planet Mars. Man had indeed learned to live in outer space.

Between the manned space flights NASA was conducting many un-manned flights of capsules and probes, not only to study the Earth but also to learn more about our solar system. These flights included the many Mariner fly-bys of Mars and Venus.

Because of Man's journeys into space, it was inevitable that the search for extraterrestrial life would begin. The age old question of life elsewhere began to take on new meaning as we further advanced into space.

The search for life on other worlds even became a new science. Called Exobiology, it is rapidly becoming a very respected area of research by such eminent scientists as Walter Sullivan, Isaac Asimov and Carl Sagan.

Dr. Sagan, Professor of Astronomy and Space Science at Cornell University, has become the most knowledgeable and articulate spokesman for the field of Exo-biology. His work includes not only listening for radio signals from distant galaxies but also being the leading scientist charged with researching all the data received by the Viking Probes presently sitting on Mars. These probes are the first such machines designed to search for life on another planet.

Dr. Sagan has estimated that there may be over 100,000 planets suitable for life as we know it throughout the galaxy. The implications of this life ever meeting up face-to-face with Earthlings is in itself a staggering thought.

Some scientists today feel that our planet has been visited in the past by extraterrestrial astronauts. The works of Raymond Drake and Erich von Daniken and others detail the possibilities of ancient astronauts helping to shape our beginnings as a civilized culture.

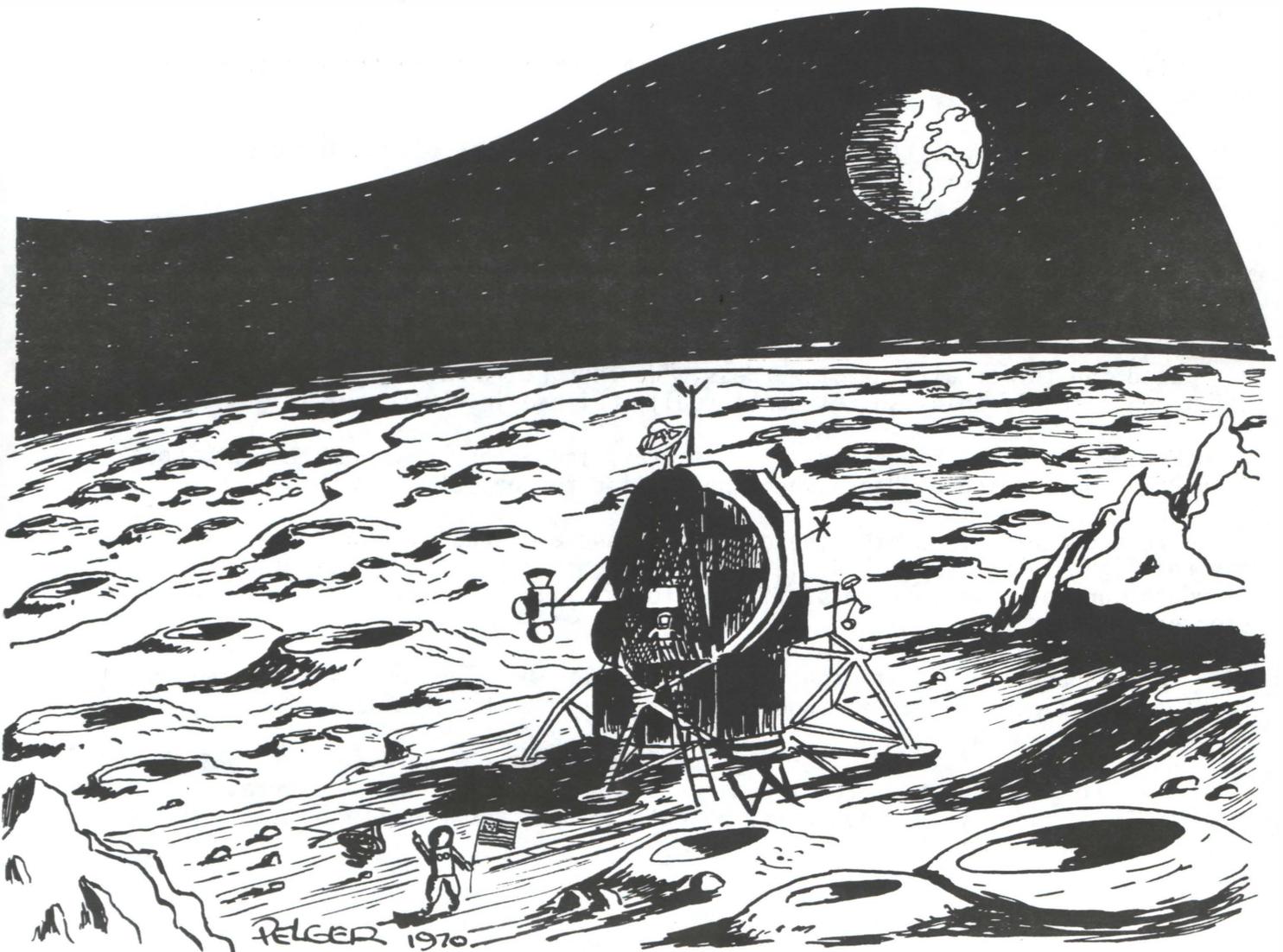
There are many relics and artifacts on our planet that does seem to implicate the existence of ancient astronauts. These include the Lines of Nazca, the Pyramids, Dogu Statues, Stonehenge, Easter Island statues and the many stories and fables of "Gods from the Sky."

The idea of extraterrestrial life visiting Earth today is in itself nothing new. All one has to do is look at all the magazines and books that deal with flying saucers and UFOs. Research has even shown us that these mysterious objects have been around since the dawn of time.

With Earth's entry into outer space and our ability to constantly get into wars, this time above all would be the logical advent for visitors from another planet. These beings, realizing that we pose a threat to the security of the universe, may well want to keep a close eye on us.

The increasing evidence for the existence of UFOs does indicate that these aliens - if indeed they do exist - are keeping a wary, watchful eye on our every movement. Perhaps, someday, they will allow us to join their "League of Worlds" and become citizens of their interplanetary union.

The many space missions that signified our entry into space, along with the birth of Exobiology, has increased the UFO sightings in this Country and the World. Are they trying to tell us something about ourselves?



THE BRIXHAM AIRSHIP

A Brixham, England woman had a close look at a spectacular aerial intruder that was sighted by many in South Devon, on October 6, 1969. Miss Lillian Eyre was with the Royal Air Force during the war, and had an opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of aircraft and their operations. She knows what an aircraft should look and sound like, as she has flown considerably during the years.

At 10:10 P. M. on the sixth, she was standing on Windmill Hill, Brixham, looking at the sky. It was an extremely clear night as she was picking out the various star groups. Suddenly she saw what she thought was a flare on the coast near Sidmouth.

"I had been there about two to three minutes and was just turning round to go in when I saw this tiny red light. At first I thought it was stationary.

"Then it got larger and larger. Then it appeared to be not one but three pulsating red lights. Over Berry Head there was suddenly a blinding white light lasting about three seconds. It seemed it was not higher than 2-3000 feet. It was lowish and the nearest estimation of speed would be about 250 m.p.h."

"It looked just like an aircraft fuselage without any wings. Then I heard an engine and thought 'well it's just an aircraft after all'. But the engine was not like any jet or piston engine. It was a slow thudding sound as if it was on low power."

Miss Eyre lost sight of the object as it continued on in the direction of Dartmouth.

She was by no means the only person to see the eerie sight, for others in the vicinity also caught a glimpse of the craft.

Mrs. J. Kimberly of Brixham was with her husband at the Brixham Yacht Club when she saw three red lights coming from the direction of Torquay headed towards Brixham. As the object got near she saw a bright white light flash on which she described as being similiar to an aircraft landing light.

Said the former airline stewardess, "We thought it might have been a helicopter. But I don't really think so. I don't really believe in UFO's, but it was very odd."

Mrs. P. Giret of Kingskerswell, was traveling in her husband's car at about 9:45 P.M. near Oddicombe Beach when she spotted the object.

"We had gone out to give the dog a run, and as I was sitting in the car I saw one red light in the sky. Then it became much brighter. It appeared to be above Sidmouth, and after remaining stationary for a while, it moved a short distance and stopped again.

"My husband thought it might be a helicopter, but for some reason I wasn't convinced. It was still there when we left about ten minutes later."

Another to sight the visitor was Mr. T. Blackmore of Dartmouth who was at home when the object approached from the direction of Brixham. Mr. Blackmore, who served in the RAF for five years, heard the object making a slow thudding sound and saw "intense bright lights."

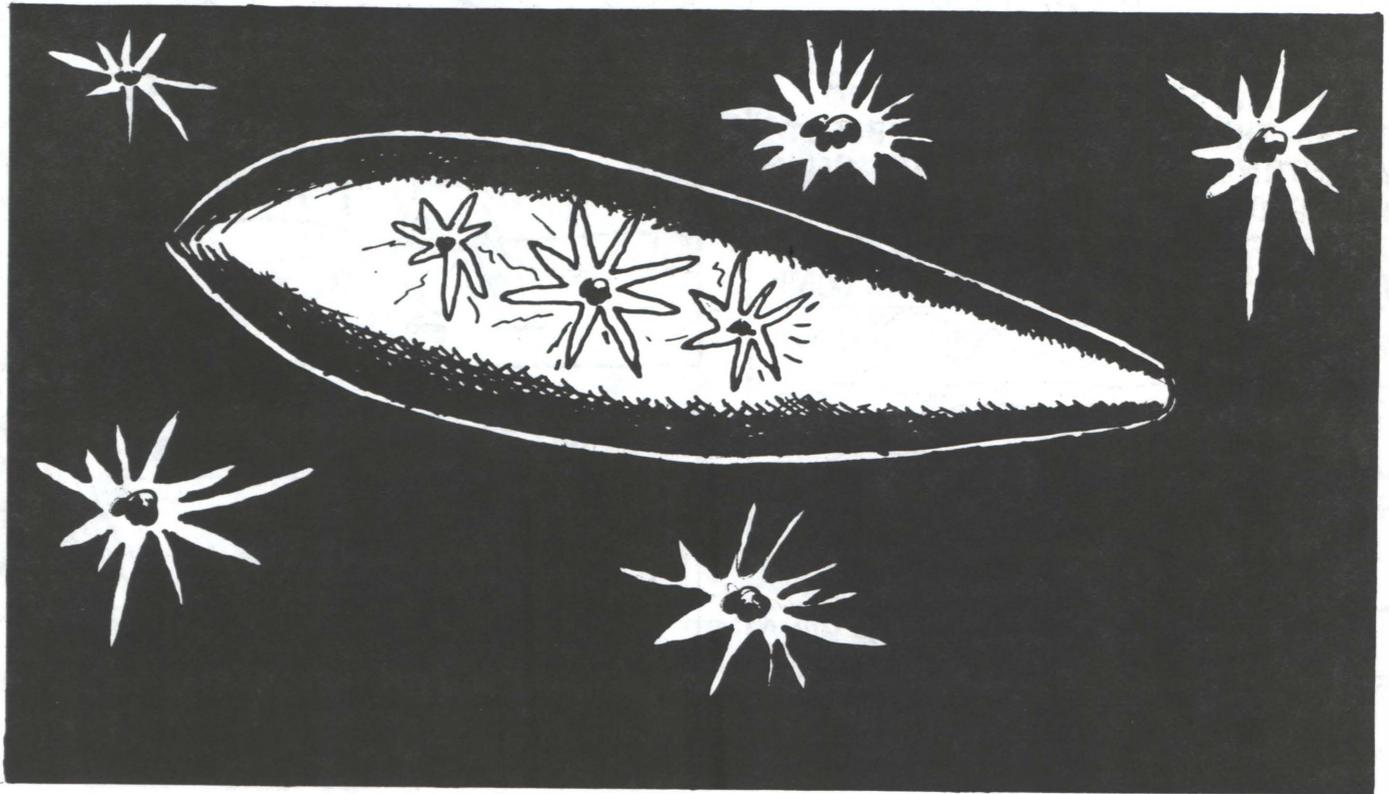
Mr. H. G. Shepherd of Torquay was driving down Fleet Street when he saw the cluster of red lights passing over the Riviera Hotel. "It was extremely low for an aircraft and I could not see any navigational lights." After first sighting the object at 8:15 P.M., he saw it off and on for almost a half hour.

So excited about sighting the UFO, Mr. Shepherd called his friend Mr. R. Smith and told him to have a look at it.

Mr. Smith hurried over to Ilsham to observe the object along with Mr. Shepherd. With the aid of a pair of binoculars of Smith's they could see "three or four closely clustered lights and then two flashing lights slightly higher." Shepherd estimated the altitude of the UFO to be about 500 feet, and noted that it was moving slowly. They lost sight of the object as it moved out into Lyme Bay.

Mr. Shepherd was interested to note that his father had seen a similar object the same night from their house in Watcombe.

What was the object that flew around the Brixham area that Thursday night? From the descriptions given by witnesses it certainly was no aircraft, and hardly some sort of natural phenomena. This multiple witness case must be chalked up as an unknown.



THE STEEP ROCK CASE JULY 2, 1950

AN EXECUTIVE AND HIS WIFE WERE ON AN OUTING OFF STEEP ROCK LAKE IN ONTARIO, CANADA WHEN THEY WERE ALARMED BY A SUDDEN SHOCK WAVE

RUMBLE

WHAT WAS THAT VIBRATION?

UPON INVESTIGATION

WHAT A STRANGE LOOKING CRAFT, AND THOSE BEINGS, WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

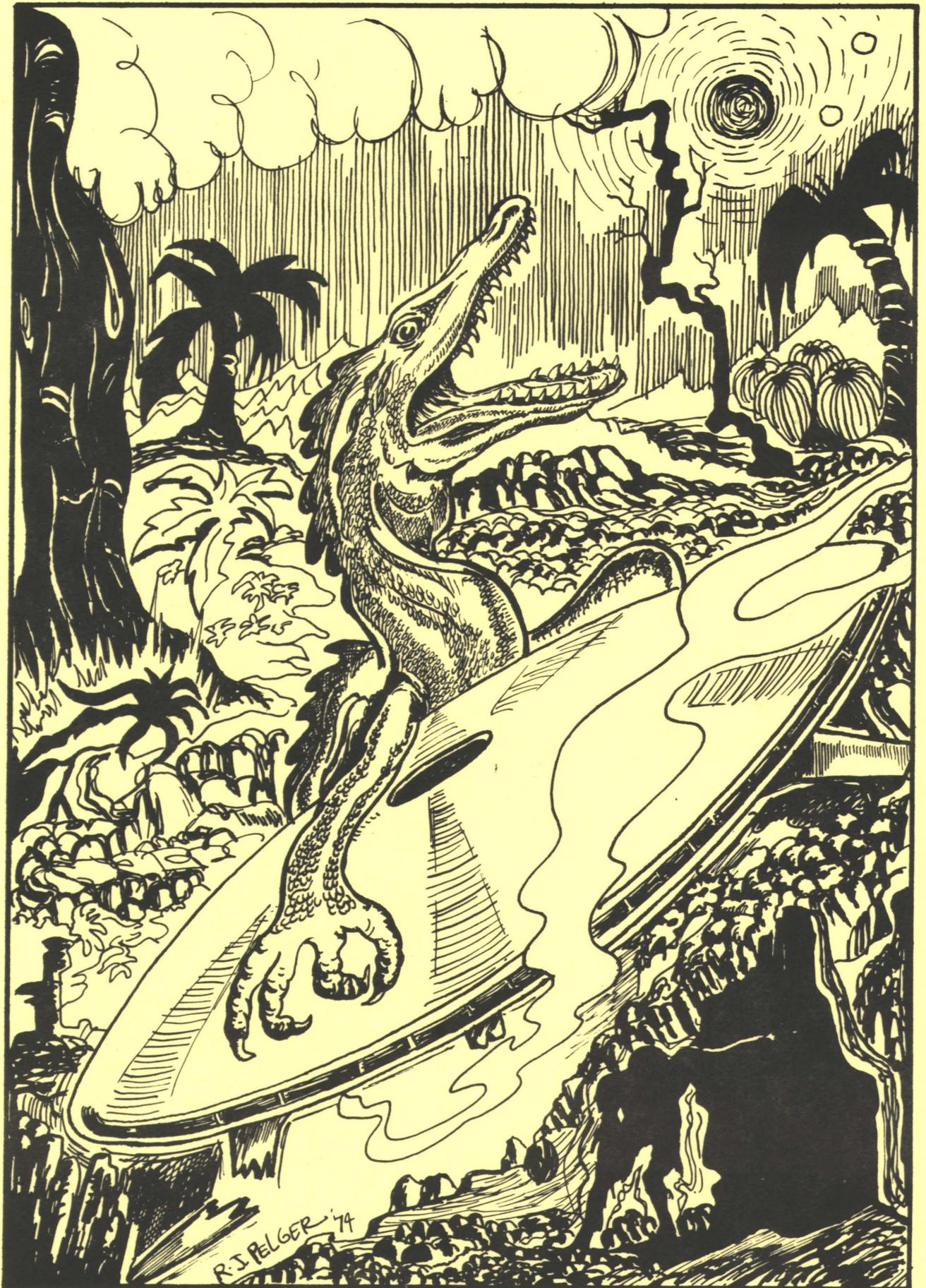
THE EXECUTIVE SUMMONED HIS WIFE TO WITNESS THE OCCURANCE, THE OBJECT WAS RESTING ON THE WATER. THE BEINGS WERE SIPHONING WATER IN AND OUT OF THEIR CRAFT AS A STRANGE HOOP WAS ROTATING FROM THE TOP OF THE DOME.

THE TINY FIGURES MOVED ABOUT LIKE "AUTOMATONS"

THE BEINGS JUMPED INTO THE STRANGE CRAFT AND.....

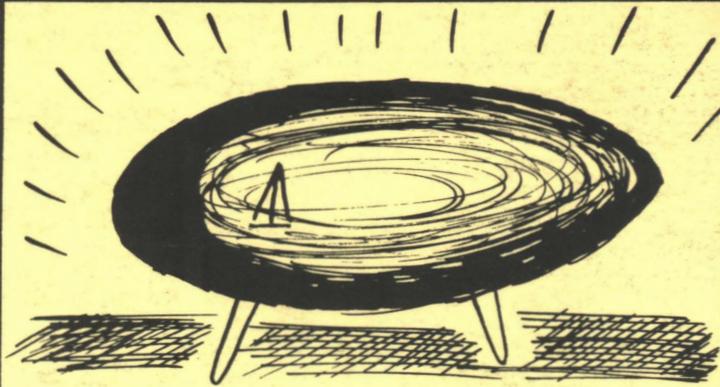
THERE WAS A RUSH OF WIND AS THE OBJECT SUDDENLY TOOK OFF AND VANISHED TO THE SKY.

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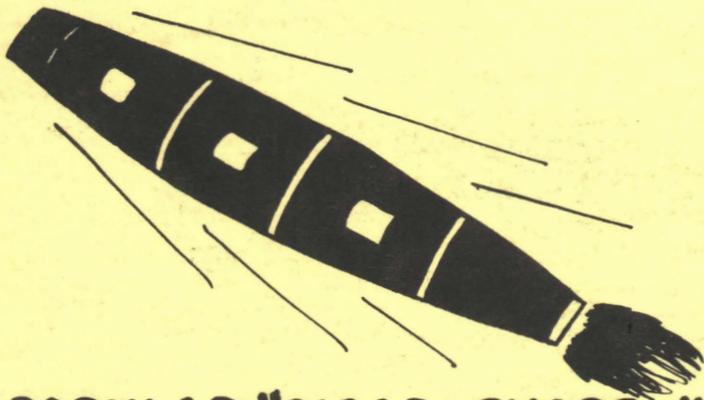




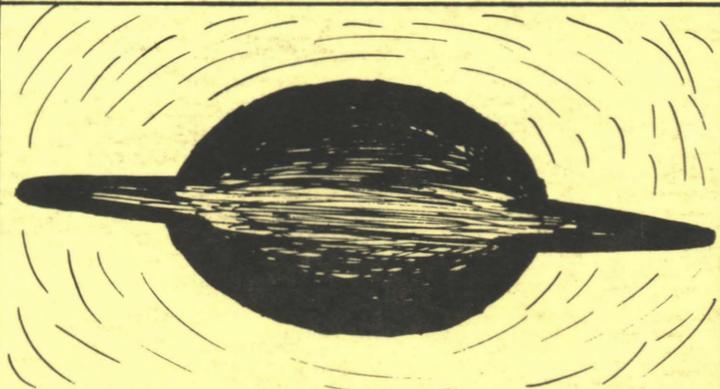
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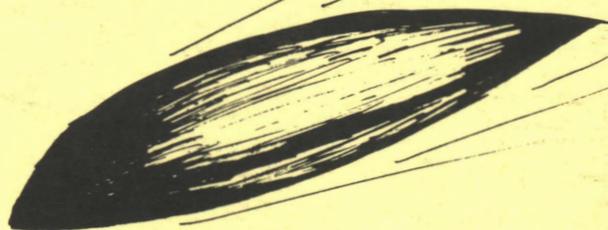
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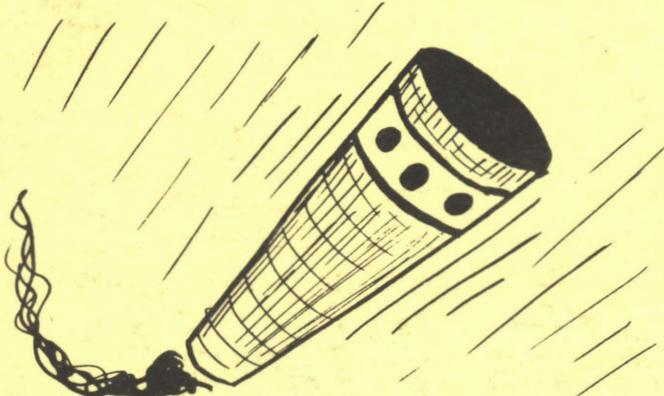
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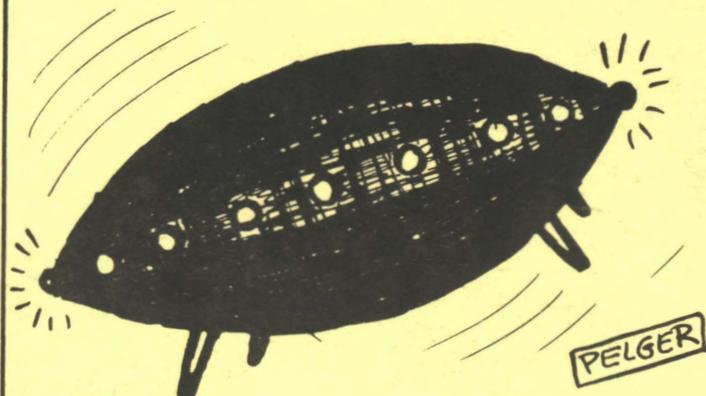
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