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INTRODUCTION

There have been hundreds of reports of strange effects, both physical and psychological, from UFOs, ranging from the most bizarre to well-documented cases from well-trained, competent observers. Yet, even some of the more bizarre, almost unbelievable reports are well documented and come from witnesses whose reputations for honesty and integrity are undisputed. It is the purpose of this publication to detail a cross-section of these puzzling cases, excluding, of course, obvious hoaxes, psychological aberrations and wild reports obviously intended for publicity and/or mercenary purposes. Some of the more fantastic cases have been presented, even if we do consider them dubious, so readers will be able to survey all this type of evidence and thus be in a better position to judge similar future reports.

The reports have been placed into three general classifications: physiological effects, animal reactions and physical evidence. Often, these effects overlap, creating additional problems, but selection was made when the details of one category appeared to outweigh the details of the other two.

A special occupant section contains a few admittedly bizarre cases, but they are discussed because of their special interest. Included are opinions on each of these cases from members of NICAP's well-qualified, scientific Occupant Panel.

NICAP has attempted to select the most thoroughly investigated and documented cases with opinions from some scientific and technical personnel in the hope that valuable clues may someday be unearthed. Naturally, NICAP cannot vouch for the authenticity of many of the reports presented here, but, collectively, we feel, they provide an impressive body of evidence that bears closer scrutiny and careful speculation.

Such reports are clearly global in nature (see Chronology), some from areas where inhabitants would not be expected to know of such strange effect incidents.

More and more scientists now believe that these cases should be thoroughly studied. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astronomer and long-time chief scientific UFO consultant to the Air Force, in a paper delivered before the Congressional House Committee on Science and Astronautics, July 29, 1968, clearly indicated that animal reaction reports bear closer scrutiny. Dr. James E. McDonald, atmospheric physicist, has repeatedly called for a close look at such cases in speeches over the past several years. Many other scientists have urged that occupant reports be given more serious consideration and study.

The first section contains numerous accounts of physiological effects: witnesses who have suffered eye injuries, burns, mysterious blows, temporary paralysis, shock and other effects as direct or indirect results of UFO observations. We wish to stress here, however, that NICAP has no proof or even convincing evidence that any of these effects were caused as a result of direct hostility. Most appeared to be due to either a somewhat inexplicable natural course of events or the fact that witnesses approached too close to the UFOs.

Included in detail and in the chronology are approximately 95 cases from about 30 states and 10 foreign countries from 1953 to 1969. Most of the better known reports (i.e., Socorro, N.M., 4/24/64; South Hill, Va., 4/21/67, etc.), which have received widespread publicity in newspaper articles, books and magazines, will not be included in detail. Those which will be discussed will include new, significant details. Some of the reports have never been published before. Likewise, except in rare instances and where new information is available, sightings which have been reported in detail in special NICAP publications such as *The UFO Evidence* and *UFOs: A New Look* will also not be included in detail.

We urge that any readers who may know of such incidents as depicted in this publication send us their reports. They could eventually lead to important discoveries in helping us to understand what lies behind UFO operations and motives.

Section I

THE PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS

John H. Demler, a Justice of the Peace, was driving about half a mile from his home in Jonestown, Pa., at 7:45 p.m., April 5, 1967, when his car "missed" three times.

"It then stopped and [the] lights went out," he stated in his report to NICAP. "At the same time I saw an object coming towards the car about 20 feet above the street."

The slow-moving UFO was approximately "30 feet across" and "looked like it had lights in back of a painted black glass." It flew over the car as Demler lowered his window and noticed "a smell of sulphur and . . . oil." It also emitted a sound like an "electric motor running," which grew louder as the object left the area. The UFO shot off sparks similar to that of grinding on an emory wheel.

The UFO came to a stop alongside the car, tilted, started off slowly, then put on such a terrific burst of speed that Demler and his automobile "seemed to be pulled to it." The witness said "the car settled down so fast" that he was moved all the way across the front seat. When he looked up again, the object had "turned to a bluish tinge" and was "very far" in the distance.

"My condition was all nerves the next day . . .," Demler said. "I was wet with perspiration 'til about 4 p.m. . . . [The] skin peeled off my hands and feet. . . ."

Dr. James E. McDonald, following a telephone interview with Demler, feels the case "is one that I believe to be fairly strong." He also talked with one of the witness' co-workers, who confirmed that Demler was "in an obvious state of physical or psychological shock for many hours."

One other case involving skin that peeled, with facial burns, occurred about eight and one-half years earlier, in the neighboring state of Maryland.

Burns, E-M Effects in Maryland Report

At 5 p.m., Phillip Small had taken his wife to work and returned to his house at 3735 Reisterstown Road, near Baltimore. From 6-7 p.m., he sat and conversed with a friend, Alvin Cohen. Then they decided to go for a ride. They first went to downtown Baltimore, then followed an "unconscious pattern" to Loch Raven Reservoir.

It was now around 10:30 p.m., October 26, 1958. The night was clear. Stars were abundant. The '58 sedan carried the two men toward Dulaney Valley Road along Loch Raven Drive. They were "just driving around," waiting to meet their wives. Mrs. Small was working. Mrs. Cohen was bowling.

The men were now close to Bridge No. 1 over the reservoir. As they came to a bend in the road they saw a tremendous, white, egg-shaped object about 100 feet long and 75 feet high. It was glowing, and it appeared to be about 100 feet over the bridge, approximately 300 yards away.

As the witnesses slowly approached, they saw that the UFO bore none of the physical characteristics of conventional aircraft. They were about 75-150 feet from the object when Small's car headlights and motor conked out. The driver slammed on the brakes and stopped. He tried the ignition. Nothing. The entire electrical system of the vehicle had been rendered non-functionable. Both men sat "scared" for a while before deciding to get out.

Quickly surveying the area, Small and Cohen saw "there was no place to run." The reservoir was on one side of the road and a steep embankment on the other. They were face-to-face with the strange object as they crouched beside the car.

As the men watched, the object brightened, "then flashed brilliantly." They felt a wave of heat beat against their faces and heard a thunderous explosion. The UFO ascended like a shot and disappeared.

The terrified witnesses jumped back into the car. Frantically, Small turned on the ignition. The engine started and he pushed the accelerator to the floor and tore away from the area. The automobile screeched to a halt in front of nearby Loch Raven Inn. They felt they had to call someone. The thing, whatever it was, might still be in the vicinity.

Small quickly called the Ground Observer Corps (GOC) office and related the incident.

"Aw, come on," the Corps official responded. "What bar are you calling from?"

But Small was undeterred by the obvious irony of the question. The official added that a Navy blimp could be in the area and said that this was what the men had probably seen.

The two men decided to forget the GOC. Should they call the Baltimore County police? If they did, the story would probably leak out to the papers and "troublesome publicity" was something they could do without. Still, a report *should* be made. There was no telling what that thing was or where it was from. Again, they hesitated. Neither of them wanted a "flying saucer nut" tag. Then they hit upon an idea: they didn't necessarily have to report the UFO, just the noise. Surely others must have heard it. They called the nearby Towson police, asking if anyone had reported a loud thunderclap-like sound. The police said they would send someone to talk to them.

At 11:05, about one-half an hour after the object had zoomed away, a police car pulled to a halt in front of the inn. Officers Kenneth Hartmann and Richard Fink entered the inn and found the witnesses. Both observers were frightened. Shortly before the policemen had arrived, they noticed that their faces had become hot and "parched, as if sunburned." Cpl. Hartmann later confirmed that the men were sober and "scared to death."

All four men went outside and the two officers, after being told the full story of the incident, left to examine the sighting area. They reported finding nothing unusual.

Radiation Feared

Meanwhile, Small and Cohen, fearing radiation effects, drove to St. Joseph's Hospital, but there was no equipment available for a radioactivity check. A physician on duty noticed their burned faces and advised them to get a blood

count. They decided against it. If they did have a fatal dose of radiation, it was better not to know about it.

By October 27 the story had broken, probably from the police report. With it came the inevitable phone calls and visitors. By evening both men began to avoid everyone. Even former NICAP Assistant Director Richard Hall and member Richard Lechaux, who sped over from Washington, were excluded.

"By the time we . . . located the home of Phillip Small, it was about 9:40 p.m.," Hall wrote in his report. "Nevertheless, since we saw the lights in the apartment, we rang the bell, hoping to talk to Small at least briefly and possibly arrange an appointment for [the] next day. No one came to the door, so we decided to go to a phone and call to arrange an appointment. The phone wasn't listed under Small's name, and the operator wouldn't give the number. . . ."

"Then we called Alvin Cohen's home . . . Alvin was not [there] . . ."

Disappointed, Hall and Lechaux returned to Washington. On Thursday, October 30, NICAP's Director sent Small a telegram, asking him to call the NICAP office on Friday or Saturday.

Small called the next day. He said he still felt a burning sensation and the skin on his face had begun to peel. Richard Hall made an appointment to see him the following day.

On November 1, a NICAP team of four, again headed by Hall and Lechaux, returned to the Baltimore area and interviewed Small. They also took a geiger counter to the bridge only to discover that the instrument would not function. They did make a close inspection of the area, however, but found nothing conclusive. The NICAP team also took samples of curious white spots on Small's car. The "bird manure"-like spots covered the trunk, roof and windshield. There were too many to have been made by birds. An analysis turned up "nothing special."(1)

This case is listed in Air Force files as "Unidentified."

Boy's Jacket Burned

Young Gregory L. Wells, of Beallsville, Ohio, was returning from his grandmother's house to his own home next door when he saw an oval-shaped UFO hovering just over some trees. It was shortly after 8:30 p.m., March 19, 1968.

The large red object was so bright that it illuminated the road, according to Mrs. James E. Wells, the boy's mother. It had a band of dimmer red lights flashing around its center.

"I stopped," Gregory recalled. "I wanted to run or scream but suddenly a big tube came out of the bottom which moved from side to side until it came to me and a beam of light shot out."

Gregory turned away as the light beam hit the upper part of his arm, knocking him to the ground. His jacket caught fire and the boy rolled around on the ground, screaming with fright. Both his mother and grandmother responded. Mrs. James Wells also reported seeing the UFO, which "just faded away."

During the sighting, a large night light on a nearby pole went out. This was confirmed later by Gregory Wells' father. There was also E-M interference to a television set, and the grandmother's dog reacted violently.

The witness was taken to Beallsville Hospital after the encounter and was treated for second degree burns. Bruce Francis, who reported the incident to NICAP, confirmed the burns and said the scar was still visible three months later.

Sheriff F. L. Sulsberger, of Monroe County, investigated. He said he could find no explanation. The sheriff sent the burned jacket to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (OBCI) in London for analysis. OBCI officials said they found no evidence of radioactivity.

Civil Defense Director Ward Strikling, who combed the area with a geiger counter, also found no radiation. He stated, however, that there are types of radioactive beams that leave no detectable traces.

"In the course of checking this case," wrote Dr. James E. McDonald, "I interviewed a number of persons in the Beallsville area, some of whom had seen a long cylindrical object moving at very low altitude in the vicinity of the Wells' property that night. . . . My conversations with persons who know the boy, including his teacher, suggest no reason to discount the story, despite its unusual content."(2)

Witness' Hand Burned

At approximately 9:15 p.m., March 29, 1966, Charles Cozens was in a field between the Mountain Police Station and East 8th Street, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, when he saw two white, glowing oval-shaped objects, one lower than the other, descending over the center of the field. As the witness got to the center of the field, the UFOs had landed.

The objects were estimated to be three feet high, eight feet long and four feet wide.

"At about the center (vertically) of both there was a slight indentation which circled the object," wrote Hugh Tapping, who investigated the incident for NICAP. "In this indentation were lights about one inch in diameter and five inches apart. They flashed red, blue, and green, with no two lights on simultaneously."

One of the UFOs had a four-foot long antenna protruding below the lights. Cozens reached out and touched the antenna. He found it very smooth, like "a polished coffee table-top." Both the object and the antenna were glowing. As the witness passed his hand along the projection, a bright flash and what he described later as something like a buzzing sound occurred. Cozens' hand was "blown off" the UFO and his hand was "knocked back several feet."

Frightened, the witness ran home, not stopping at the police station for fear of ridicule.

Constable Arnold Read investigated the sighting later that evening and confirmed the burned hand. The following morning "superficial cuts or scratches had appeared along with the burn."

"There was considerable pain in his hand; the palm was burned," Tapping stated. "There was a yellowish curved burn three to four inches long and a half inch wide along the right side of the palm. Between the burn and the right edge of the palm was a yellowish tan 'seared' area. This area was shiny."

Three months later, Dr. James E. McDonald interviewed the witness and his father via telephone.

"Both father and son sounded to me to be very careful and reliable persons," Dr. McDonald wrote NICAP. "I am at present inclined to take that unusual account very seriously. Charles recounted in rather convincing manner what had happened, with judicious and basically very conservative attitude toward all that he was describing."

There are six cases from as many states from 1956 to 1968 in which an odor was detected by witnesses.

Giant Spinning Top

Businessman Beauford E. Parham was returning home late on the evening of June 29, 1964. He was between Carnesville and Lavonia, Georgia, in the northeast corner of the state.

"I spotted a very bright light in the sky . . . coming directly toward my car," the witness said in a letter to a NICAP member. "The next instance it was directly in front of my headlights spinning like a giant top. It was shaped like a top and made a hissing sound like a million snakes. The top part of the object was moving in a clockwise direction and the bottom part . . . in a counterclockwise direction."

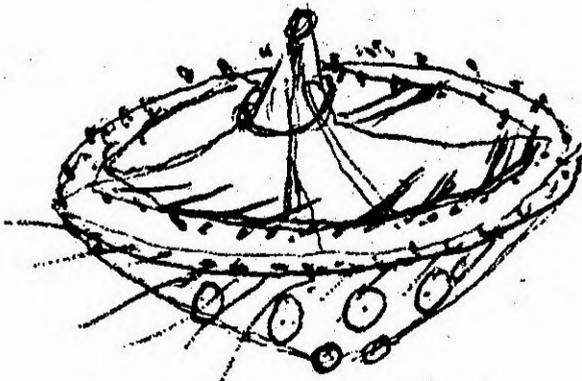
The UFO, "big enough to hold a man," was amber-colored, about six feet tall and eight feet wide. A tower-like projection with a dark band was seen at the top. Vane-like configurations were also observed. Small portholes dotted the bottom, through which "flames" could be detected.

Disappearing in a flash, the strange object reappeared a second time.

"It stayed directly in front of my headlights for at least a mile, never touching the car but spinning just in front of my lights," said Parham.

Although he was traveling at 65 m.p.h., the UFO kept an estimated five feet in front of the automobile and only one or two feet above the road. The top part of the object was tilted toward the witness. Parham said he followed in a near trance-like state.

"When the object left . . .," Parham wrote, "it suddenly went up over the top of my car, leaving a strong odor . . . like embalming fluid and a very gaseous vapor which left an oily substance all over my car."



UFO Seen by Beauford Parham, June 29, 1964.

After disappearing, the UFO reappeared for a third time, again heading directly toward the car. The vehicle's motor began to miss and the driver stopped the car. After "spinning like crazy," the object took off and disappeared in a "split second."

"By this time, my arms were beginning to burn," Parham related, "and my only thought was to get somewhere and let someone know what I had seen."

The witness drove to Lavonia, then to Anderson Air Force Base, South Carolina, to report the incident to FAA officials and newsmen. Reporter T. F. Acker told NICAP that he found Parham "intelligent, sincere and sober."

Parham said that repeated cleanings of his car still left the oily marks and the "burning sensation" remained even after his arms were washed.

NICAP adviser Dan Sheridan, former Marine Corps pilot, interviewed the witness and found him a "very sober individual." Sheridan also discovered that Parham's car hood was warped and "bubbled up paint" was on the body. Samples were taken for analysis by a local college, but no results were reported. Parham, in a local newspaper interview, said that his car radiator had been "eaten away and his water hose was collapsing.

Albert Myrick and Dean Carpenter, Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) personnel at Anderson, checked the vehicle for radioactivity. Reportedly some was detected, but the amount was not disclosed.

Meanwhile, the Air Force had labeled the UFO "ball lightning," according to The Anderson (S.C.) Independent. The witness, however, did not accept this.

"There was not a cloud in the sky," he stated. "Lightning would not rotate at top and bottom as this object did. . . . It was definitely not that because ball lightning could not have followed my car at least two miles."

Ball Lightning Theory Weak

Nor do the physical characteristics of the sighting correspond with the ball lightning explanation.

"'Ball lightning' is the name given to the luminous, roughly spherical regions of air that with some rarity occur during lightning storms," wrote personnel of the Westinghouse Research Laboratories. "They have been reported with diameters as small as 1 cm [about one-third of an inch] and as large as 150 cm [approximately 50 inches], but diameters of the order of 10 or 20 cm [about three and one-third and six and two-third inches, respectively] are most common. . . . The phenomenon usually lasts for only a few seconds, but durations of several minutes have been reported. . . . Ball lightning occurs more often on high mountains than in the lowlands."(3)

A member of the Rocket Power, Inc., Research Laboratories adds that ball lightning "may be white, blue, red, or orange in color. . . . When it disappears a pungent odor is sometimes noted. The ball may vanish silently, with a hissing noise, or often with a loud bang."(4)

Even a sister phenomenon, corona discharges, in recent years used as a frequent explanation for UFO sightings, cannot account for the report.

"Corona discharges usually last only a small fraction of a microsecond and dissipate no more energy than that consumed by a 40-watt bulb operating for a second," said an article in *Scientific American*.(5)

Dr. James E. McDonald, in a concentrated study of top-quality UFO reports, rejects the ball lightning explanation for any but a very small percentage of reports.

"The most obvious difficulty with the ball lightning hypothesis," the atmospheric physicist stated, "is that any plasmoids of that type can be naturally generated in absence of intense electrical storms. . . . Hundreds of credible observers have reported UFO phenomena without any involvement of power lines (as well as without any involvement with thunderstorms).

"About three months ago, I examined some of the 'ball lightning' cases in the Project Blue Book files at Wright-Patterson AFB, while there in the course of a current study of the entire UFO problem. Not one of the cases categorized as 'ball lightning' in the sample shown to me was at all similar to what meteorologists would call ball lightning."(6)

It is obvious then that the official explanation for the clearly detailed, spinning-top UFO observed by Beauford Parham is singularly weak.

Doctor Ponders Possible Radiation Effects

A member of NICAP's Medical Panel speculated that Parham himself may have picked up a dose of radiation.

"In a case like this," Dr. Julian G. Kirchick, of Hempstead, N.Y., wrote NICAP, "a blood count would be valuable depending upon the dosage received. . . . This . . . would have to be done immediately. Depending upon the dosage . . ., [the blood count] could show no changes or could evidence transient bone marrow suppression which would show a drop in the red . . . and . . . white blood count. This gradually might come back to normal or, if the dosage was severe enough, the count would not come back to normal. Also depending upon the dosage and amount of body exposure or the amount of inhalation of radioactive particles, the witness could show abnormal red . . . and . . . white blood cells and abnormal platelets. In a period of a few years, such a person might develop leukemia. Such a person could also develop anemia or a leukopenia or thrombocytopenia. It would seem that if the witness did not complain of such symptoms as headache, nausea, diarrhea and vomiting, the possibility is that the exposure was of too small a dose and that no changes might be found. So you can see that abnormal findings could very well depend upon the length of exposure and the strength of exposure to radioactivity. However, a blood count should be done immediately in all persons complaining of a burning sensation, following the witnessing of a UFO."

Witness Immobilized

After midnight, March 8, 1967, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Wallace were returning home to Leominster, Mass., after observing the snow-laden trees in the country. They were traveling southeast on Lancaster Street in Leominster when they noticed a heavy fog patch surrounding St. Leo's Cemetery. None was visible elsewhere in the clear night sky. It was 1:05 when they passed through this patch.

As he drove out of the mysterious fog, Wallace saw a large bright glow to the

left. Perhaps it was a fire, he pondered, and the fog was actually smoke. He turned his 1955 Cadillac around and headed back. Then they saw that the light was hovering about 400-500 feet over the cemetery.

Wallace told Raymond E. Fowler, of NICAP's Massachusetts Subcommittee, that he stopped his car, placed it in neutral gear and put the emergency brake on, with the motor still running. He lowered the windows. Then he got out and pointed toward the UFO. As he did so, his arm was pulled abruptly against the roof of the automobile. His car then stalled; the headlights went out and the radio ceased playing.

"I was unable to move," he said. "My wife was in panic. My mind was not at all affected. [I] just could not move, felt like shock or numbness."

"When the car went dead," Mrs. Wallace stated, "I was yelling for Bill to get back into the car, but he did not move from where he was standing. I then slid across the seat and reached for him."

Mrs. Wallace grabbed her husband's jacket, but the startled witness, who has a reputation of being fearless, did not move. Wallace reported that he was in this immobile state for more than 30 seconds. Then he noticed that the lights and radio came back on. The UFO, which, by then, was rocking back and forth, sped upward and disappeared, emitting a humming sound.

The frightened witness jumped back into the car and turned the ignition. The vehicle started normally. He turned the automobile around and headed for home. He was still "slow and sluggish" as he turned into his down-graded driveway to the garage. His reflexes had apparently been slowed and he didn't brake fast enough to avoid hitting the garage door.

A few minutes after arriving, the couple decided to call someone. Having no telephone, they left again and, once more, drove by the cemetery. The fog was no longer visible. Approximately 10 minutes had elapsed since the object's disappearance.

NICAP has on file several hundred reports involving the effects of E-M interference, which plays a significant part in this publication. There are cases which involve car headlights, motors and radios going dead; TV and radio interference, etc.

In this report, there are E-M effects in at least 19 cases from 1954 to 1968 in 11 states and four foreign countries. Twelve of these involve effects to cars and trucks and seven involve interference with radio and television sets. In one case an outside night light went out and in another house lights were apparently affected.

"Static Electricity" Affects Witness

Robin Peck was traveling in his automobile from King's Lynn, England, to his home in Docking shortly after midnight, June 19, 1969. He was passing through Bircham Newton at 12:25 when his headlights started to flicker. Then both his lights and motor ceased to function. Peck got out and looked under the hood. He felt something like "static electricity" and said his hair stood on end. Looking up, he saw an inverted mushroom-shaped object bigger than a house hovering at an altitude of 100-150 feet over some trees on a farm.

"There was an orange glow around it and there was very heavy static

electricity in the air," the witness told a local newspaper. "It was like standing under a very powerful radar transmitter. There was something there but I can't understand what it was. It was a terrifying experience."

The blue UFO hovered for about a minute, then took off and disappeared rapidly. Peck's car functioned normally after the object left the area.

Royal Air Force and U.S. Air Force installations at nearby West Raynham and Sculthorpe said they had no planes flying that night.(7)

"During the sighting," wrote Peter Johnson, who investigated the incident for NICAP, "[Peck's] luminous wrist watch glowed with greatly increased power—the light [from the watch] seemed to stream out toward him. After the sighting the watch was no longer luminous."

Compensation for UFO Effects Sought

On the night of October 2, 1956, Harry J. Sturdevant was on duty as night watchman for Herbert Elkin and Company, a Trenton, N.J., construction firm. About 3:45 a.m., he saw a cigar-shaped UFO from 60 to 100 feet long descend toward him "at phenomenal speed."

The UFO was an estimated 15 feet in diameter, and it emitted a red glow. It made a sound "like the hissing of steam" and "gave off a terrible odor . . . so rank it turned my stomach upside down with very sharp pains that caused me to vomit violently."

Sturdevant said the object swooped down past him and vanished.

"When the odor did leave my nose and mouth I found out that I had lost my sense of smell and taste and I do not have them back yet [as of about a year and a half later], not to say what it [did] to my nerves," the witness stated in his report NICAP. ". . . I am still under the care of a doctor. . . ."

"I went back the next day . . . and found the leaves as far as I could see had burned and fallen to the ground like burned tissue paper. . . ."

Sturdevant further reported that his face was burned to the point where he couldn't shave for two weeks. He also began to lose the hearing in his right ear. Unable to work, he submitted himself to a doctor's care.

On the day following the encounter, Emil Slaboda, a reporter for *The* (Trenton, N.J.) *Trentonian*; Louis Gunkel, United Press photographer; and Peter Tonti, restaurant owner, interviewed the witness.

"During my eight years as a crime reporter on *The Trentonian*," Slaboda wrote, "I have run into many instances where a hoax was perpetrated or attempted. But never have I found any person as overwrought as Mr. Sturdevant was that night. His state was such that tears actually were streaming from his eyes. Something terrified him. . . ."

Sturdevant applied for workmen's compensation medical expenses from the New Jersey Workmen's Compensation Division. After a hearing between the injured witness and his employer, referee Leonard B. Willits awarded Sturdevant compensation on the grounds "that it did not matter whether Sturdevant really saw anything. The important point was that the watchman thought he saw something and it was his duty to investigate." On April 22, 1958, however, about a year and a half after the sighting, the Division's Deputy Director, Roger W. Kelly, overruled Willits, calling the encounter an "hallucination."(8)

Woman Knocked Back by UFO Beam

Mrs. Ray Tibbetts was talking on the telephone in her home in Newfields, N.H., at 8 p.m., November 1, 1966. Her son, Dale, called out from his bedroom that there was a strange light outside. Mrs. Tibbetts' foster daughter, Anita Purrington, went into Dale's room and both became excited.

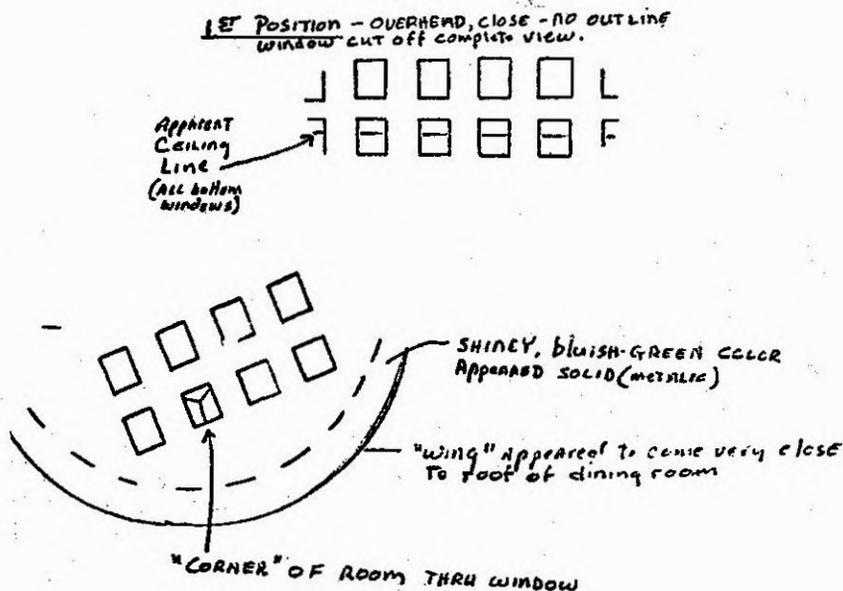
Mrs. Tibbetts ran to the dining room window as the house lights "began blinking on and off." She observed a lighted area, then went into her son's room and saw a huge object with two tiers of four windows each. The size of one of the windows, she said, was as large as her living room wall. A bright, yellowish-green light was being emitted from the windows. She observed what looked like a "ceiling line" in the bottom row. As the UFO tilted, she saw a ceiling corner through one window.

At this time, a "very intense light" was emitted from the object toward Mrs. Tibbetts. The witness was knocked backward. There were spots before her eyes. When her vision cleared, the UFO had disappeared.

The next day Mrs. Tibbetts' eyes were sensitive to light and eye irritation progressed throughout the morning. She said she had a "very dry, sandy feeling with pain in the eye. . . ." She also stated that she could not even stand the light of a match in a dark room while wearing dark glasses.

The witness drove to the Exeter Clinic and was treated by Dr. Jerome T. Nolan.

"Although she gave many of the symptoms of a radiation (arc welder's) eye irritation," reported John H. Reynolds, of NICAP's New Hampshire



"Windows" of Object Seen by Mrs. Ray Tibbetts, Newfields, N.H.
November 1, 1966.

Subcommittee, “[Dr. Nolan] could find nothing positive (red eyeball) but did observe spasm in the eyelid and tearing. . . . Dr. Nolan said that Mrs. Tibbetts . . . had been undergoing cobalt treatments. The day after the sighting, the side where she had received the treatments began to pain her.”

The work of the Chairmen and members of the NICAP investigating Subcommittees often uncovers valuable leads and detailed information concerning cases. There are about 30 such groups covering the continental U.S., Hawaii and England. All the scientists, engineers, technicians, etc.—and other members who serve as special investigators and in other investigatory capacities—spend a great deal of time on a voluntary basis investigating sightings. A detailed report is then made to NICAP headquarters, which then decides the extent of future follow-up, depending upon the quality of the case involved.

There are units in such states as California, New York, Illinois, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Texas, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Indiana, North Dakota, Colorado, Minnesota, New Jersey and the District of Columbia. Personnel with some investigatory abilities include aerospace engineers, psychologists, biologists, physicists, astronomers, photographers, businessmen, medical doctors, teachers, anthropologists, etc. Laboratory facilities and other valuable equipment for analyses are at their disposal.

Woman Develops Eye Irritation, Rash

Mrs. Leita Kuhn left her house in Madison, Ohio, and, bracing herself against the snowy, windy night, walked to the dog kennel to check on a badly overheated stove. It was “red hot.” She threw dead ashes inside to put out the fire, but the heat was almost unbearable. She decided she would have to evacuate the “most valuable dogs to the house” first: four Doberman Pinschers and seven Dachshunds. Then she removed the others in crates. Making herself a cup of tea to ward off a chill, she kept a vigil on the kennel, probably fearing a fire, and wondering whether she should call for help. It was very early morning, November 10, 1957. Mrs. Kuhn left to check the kennel again.

“It was 1:20 a.m.,” the witness said in her report to NICAP. “All was well. As I shut the kennel door I realized it was light outside. . . . There was no moon, stars, or clouds. It had stopped snowing. I stepped away from the kennel and there in back about 60 feet above ground was a huge glowing object.”

The strange object was about 40 feet wide and approximately 10 feet thick. It had a dome. The top was brighter than the bottom, which appeared to be emitting “white puffy clouds. . . .”

At first Mrs. Kuhn wasn’t frightened and felt no need to call anyone. There were no such things as UFOs—the U.S. Air Force said so. But, then, something happened.

“My eyes burned so I closed them,” she stated. “Orange sparks seemed to glow every time I closed my eyes. . . . The cloudy puffs at the bottom [of the UFO] extended twice as far as when I noticed it first. The brilliance [was] beyond description. . . . Something about this puffy cloud-like exhaust slipping out . . . and yet growing in length just unnerved me, and I ran in the house.”

Inside the house, Mrs. Kuhn looked out of a window. Darkness. Going back outside, she saw that the UFO was gone. The time was 1:55 a.m. She sat up the

rest of the night holding an apparently badly frightened dog. The animal, she stated, later "died a horrible death of cancer" after bleeding and losing weight. The dog was apparently in "perfect health" prior to the sighting.

"A few days later I had to see a doctor," Mrs. Kuhn wrote. "My eyes were troubling me, a rash was driving me insane and I hadn't slept since November 10."

Dr. E. D. Hudgens suggested that she contact Lake County Civil Defense Director Kenneth Locke for a possible radiation check, which she did. Locke said that Mrs. Kuhn had suffered shock and that the possibility of radiation damage had to be considered, according to the November 27, 1957, edition of *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

In a letter to a member of NICAP's Washington, D.C., Subcommittee, Dr. Hudgens wrote that the witness said "her skin, particularly the areas of skin exposed to the light from this object, had been quite itchy and very dry."

Mrs. Kuhn said her eyes were so irritated that she couldn't drive or sew. She became frightened of all lights and developed an abnormal craving for honey, sweets and water.

Another well-investigated physiological effect case involved a witness who was knocked unconscious in the Florida Everglades.

The Everglades Case

On Friday, March 12, 1965, James W. Flynn, rancher and former constable, of Fort Myers, Florida, climbed into his truck, with a swamp buggy in back, and headed deep into the Everglades to "work" four of his hunting dogs. He had been training dogs for his own benefit all his life and, according to his wife, "grew up in those swamps." Like the native inhabitants, the Seminoles, he is an experienced woodsman.

After driving as far as he could on the regular road, Flynn unloaded his swamp buggy and proceeded at a snail's pace through the swampy back country.

On Sunday evening, March 14, the dogs spotted a deer and gave chase. Flynn heard them baying and barking in the distance. One of the dogs returned. Then Flynn heard what sounded like a shot. Fearing for his dogs, he started the buggy and headed in the direction of the noise.

As he was still driving, at 1 a.m., March 15, he first saw a strange cone-shaped object hovering about 200 feet over some cypress trees. The UFO flew to the northeast but returned to its original position in two or three minutes. After hovering again for close to five minutes, it spurted off to the southwest, but returned a few minutes later to "a small knoll among some cypress trees." Flynn followed, thinking it might be a helicopter.

The witness approached to within a quarter of a mile and spotted the object through an opening in the dense vegetation. Looking through his binoculars, he saw it was not a helicopter. Perhaps some new device from Cape Kennedy in some sort of trouble? It appeared to be about 25 feet high, slightly larger in diameter, and it had four tiers of windows emitting a yellowish glow. After watching for about 40 minutes, Flynn decided to approach it and offer help.

As Flynn got closer he heard a noise "like a Diesel generator." The sound disturbed one of his dogs. He saw that the UFO was actually hovering about four

feet off the ground. Within 200 yards, he stopped the buggy. The dog "was howling in his cage and trying to get out." Jumping out of the vehicle, the witness approached the object, waving his arms in an attempt to elicit a response. Then, with "a jet-like noise," the UFO emitted a blast of "wind" that almost knocked him down. He very cautiously approached to within a few yards, still waving, when the object shot off a light like a "welder's torch."

Flynn Knocked Unconscious

Flynn immediately blacked out. He regained consciousness once, then blacked out again. When he finally awoke, the sun was shining. It was Tuesday morning. He had been lying unconscious in the Everglades for more than a full day's cycle. He tried to focus his vision, but discovered that he could only see a little out of his left eye. His right eye was totally blinded.

The nearly-blinded woodsman gathered his dogs and began the long trek home in his buggy, stopping at the home of a Seminole Indian, Henry Osceola. Osceola helped him back to his truck and he continued onto East Fort Myers alone, arriving about noon on Wednesday.

On the day of his return home, Flynn was examined by a Fort Myers ophthalmologist.

Flynn also had a small dark spot on his forehead, "about the size you'd make by twisting an eraser around on it." According to Mrs. Flynn, her husband suffered loss of hearing and became numb during one of his days in the hospital.

Investigation Commences

Meanwhile, a Sheriff's department investigator, Robert Daubenspeck, who did not know Flynn, investigated the sighting and remarked that the witness might have been hit by a overhanging limb. But, according to Dr. James E. McDonald, who interviewed Flynn via telephone late in 1966, the Sheriff himself, Flanders Thompson, wasn't buying his own investigator's suggestion. Neither did the editor of The Fort Myers News-Press. In an editorial entitled "A Fantastic But Legitimate Story," William R. Spear attested to Flynn's reliability: "Jimmy Flynn is a substantial citizen, a practical, down-to-earth type who has never been subject to hallucinations and who certainly tells no fibs. . . . Flynn's report may go down as one more on the long list of legitimate but unexplained sightings."

While still in the hospital, Flynn said, the Air Force became "interested" in his case and the witness offered to take officials to the site. After Flynn was discharged from the hospital, the Sheriff's office notified nearby Homestead Air Force Base that Flynn was ready to return to the site. A Colonel said that he would send a man to the site if Flynn would mark the area with lime.

The witness and four others, including Ed Smith, former manager of the Florida Power and Light Company, returned to the site. They discovered that the sawgrass was burned in a circle 72 feet in diameter. The ground was "turned up." Trees were burned and there were "scuff-marks" on some cypress tree trunks. Flynn and the others marked the area and collected soil samples for

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Re: FLYNN, James W.

Dear Dr. Arrington:

This is in answer to your letter of Dec. 13, 1967, for information on Mr. Flynn. I apologize for the lateness of this letter.

I first examined Mr. Flynn on March 17, 1965. He stated that while he was out hunting in the woods in this area two days before I saw him he noticed an unnatural light in the woods off in the distance. He stated that he went closer to the light to observe it and suddenly he was struck by "something from a space ship". He said that he was knocked out and blinded. He said he recovered some sight in the left eye but he could not see out of his right eye. Mrs. Flynn accompanied him into my office, and Mr. Flynn seemed to be in quite an agitated state of mind at that particular time. He kept repeating over and over "I know you wont believe me, but this is what happened" and then he would begin to relate the same story.

When I examined him on 3/17/65 vision was 20/800 in the right eye and 20/60 in the left eye. Intraocular tension was 2 on the right and 6 on the left using the 5.5 gm weight on the Schiötz tonometer. Examination revealed a slight bruise over the right brow and right upper lid and there was some gross hyphemia on the right. I could not see the retina on the right. The left eye appeared to be normal.

The patient was admitted to Lee Memorial Hospital for treatment of the traumatic hyphemia. He had a benign hospital course with good resorption of the hemorrhage. On 3/29/65 there was no evidence of injury. Visual acuity was 20/20 on the right and 20/15 on the left. I discharged him at that time and told him to return on a prn basis.

Re: Flynn, James W.
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I examined him again on 7/1/66 at which time the vision was 20/15 in each eye with correction. Intraocular pressure was normal and equal in each eye. Pupillary reactions were normal, but the right pupil did measure 1 mm larger than the left. Slit lamp and funduscopic examination was unremarkable. The patient did show some early presbyopia and some reading glasses were prescribed. He was instructed to return on a prn basis and I have not seen him since that visit.

He was also examined while in the hospital by Dr. Harvey Stipe here in Ft. Myers. Dr. Stipe did a brain scan with mercury 203 labeled Neohydrin and this scan was negative at that time. He found no other evidence of injury.

As best as I can tell Mr. Flynn appears to be a rather stable individual. He is not considered to be a person who likes to make up wild tales. Although his story could be a cover-up story for some other type of incident, I feel that this is quite unlikely since a more plausible story could have been thought up to cover up for him should he have felt the need for such cover-up. Since the incident Mr. Flynn quoted to me that he actually was sorry he even related the incident because it had caused him quite a bit of trouble and apparently not many people believed him anymore. At the time of the incident I was somewhat skeptical myself, but quite frankly at this stage of the game I am not quite as certain as I was before. I keep asking myself why should he have to make up a story like this. However, we must face the fact that this could have happened by tree branch or some other object striking him over the forehead. The only thing we can be sure of is that he did suffer some physical blow to the right eye.

I hope that the above information is sufficient for your purposes. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Paul R. Brown, M. D.

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analysis by Homestead. The base never responded regarding the samples and there is no record that the Air Force did any follow-up on the case.

Flynn later said he took photographs of the area and sent them to Homestead.(9)

Early in 1967, the NICAP Assistant Director, Gordon Lore, wrote Homestead concerning the sighting and received the following response, dated April 20, 1967, from Capt. Jon H. Adams, Chief, Information Division: "We here at Homestead have researched our files and find nothing concerning this particular incident. . . . Nothing concerning this specific case was found in the files of the base commander, intelligence division, civil engineering, nor this office." It is known that base level UFO reports are routinely destroyed after six months, which could explain the reply from Capt. Adams.

Planes' Cockpits Heated

Carlos Alejo Rodriguez, an experienced pilot and parachute instructor, was flying his Piper Cub between Laguna del Sauce and Pan de Azucar, near the Capitan Curbelo Naval Air Base, Uruguay. It was 3:50 p.m., May 5, 1958.

Suddenly, the pilot saw a brilliant object shaped like a "musical top" and about 15-20 meters in diameter approach his aircraft head on. About 2,000 meters from the plane the UFO stopped.

"I closed up to about 700 meters. . . ." Rodriguez said in his report to Uruguay's Centro de Investigacion de Objetos Voladores Identificados (C.I.O.V.I.). "I saw that [the UFO] rocked twice, in a balancing motion. Then it took off in the direction of the sea at a fantastic speed. It left a little trail in the form of water vapor. . . . The temperature was greatly increased, so much that I had to open the windows and door of the plane, and take off my field jacket. I almost fainted."

This case is similar to a report from Walesville, N.Y., more than four years previously. As reported by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe in his book *The Flying Saucer Conspiracy*: on July 1, 1954, a UFO was being chased by an F-94 jet with a two man crew. A severe heat wave filled the cockpit, causing the crew to bail out. The aircraft crashed into a residential section of Walesville, killing four people and injuring others. The unknown object was apparently never identified.

Mysterious Rain Pelts Witness

It was heavily overcast at 10 minutes after four on the afternoon of November 17, 1954. Iden K. Zimmerman was standing by the railing of gate number six of the Willamette Falls Locks in Oregon City, Oregon. His body was just under the roof of a shed. His hands were resting on the railing. He was wearing gloves, a heavy shirt and jacket. Then he felt something like "icy rain" on his hands, "wind driven, but there was no wind." The unusual fall seemed to penetrate his clothing and gloves "as though my arms were bare." He felt the same thing on his legs, from the knees down.

Looking up, he saw a bright orange object as large as the full moon flying in a straight line from west to east. It disappeared over the Crown Zellerbach Paper Mill roof.

Zimmerman examined the lock gate's wooden deck and cement walks but "could find no trace of rain drops on them." Nor was there any moisture on his clothing or body.

"Shortly after this experience (15 minutes) I began to feel light headed and dizzy," the witness stated in a letter to the NICAP Director. "I seemed to have difficulty in maintaining my balance. [It was] hard to keep my feet under me, like standing in water a bit over waist deep. It felt as though I had suddenly been relieved of about half my weight. I felt like a gas bag looks when it has had almost enough gas pumped into it to make it rise. I had the feeling that if I had had another shot of the rain I could have walked on air. . . . The effects wore off in about an hour, slowly at first, then more rapidly so that the sudden return to normal was noticable."

Section II

THE OCCUPANTS

It was September 4, 1964, and Donald S— was lost. The sun was well below the horizon; it would probably be dark in a matter of minutes and he had not located his two companions, Tim T— and Vincent A—.

S—, 28, a factory worker from Sacramento, and his bow and arrow hunting friends had set up camp in Cisco Grove, an isolated area of Placer County, California. They were about three miles south of Route 40, near the Loch Laven lakes. They went off together to hunt, but separated as the evening sun sank closer to the mountains.

There was no use continuing the search now. As near as Donald could tell, the camp was three mountain ridges away. He would never find his way there in the dark. He decided to climb further up the ridge he was on, locate a reasonably comfortable tree branch for protection, and try to sleep until the first light of dawn.

Approximately two hours later, after he had settled in a tree, Donald noticed a white light zig-zagging to the west at a low altitude.

"[It] looked just like a flashlight, or a lantern at first, bobbing up and down," he told NICAP, "but it was well below the horizon. . . . I saw it go up over a tree and then down and I thought maybe it's a helicopter from the ranger station."

Jumping out of the tree, the witness lit three fires in an attempt to attract attention. He then stood straight and waved his arms, illuminated somewhat by the glow from the fires. The light suddenly turned and headed straight toward him until it got about 50 or 60 yards away at a very low altitude, seemingly at eye level. There was only the light—no shape or sound.

"That's what scared me," Donald remarked to Paul Cerny, Chairman of NICAP's San Francisco Bay Area Subcommittee, who investigated the bizarre, unconventional report. "I didn't hear any noise at all."

The object was now hovering between two trees.

Witness Climbs Tree

"[It] just hung there," Donald stated, "and I was pretty sure it was no helicopter, and at that time all I could see was that little light. . . . I just threw my bow and arrow up in the tree and got up there. I had camouflage clothing on from head to toe. . . . After I got in the tree I just froze. . . . I . . . thought maybe they couldn't see me because it was dark in the tree."

Then the light maneuvered to the east, flying around the witness, and moved over a canyon to the south side of the ridge.

"It really scared me," the hunter admitted.

The UFO was now only about 50 feet away. Donald could make out the details: "three illuminated, rectangular panels arranged in a vertically stepped-down formation." The flat surface panels were spaced evenly and were illuminated like crumpled aluminum foil, shimmering. Then the panels remained motionless for about five minutes.

"Something came out of the second [panel] and all I could see was a kind of flash," Donald continued in his report. "Something went straight down the hill. . . . It went pretty fast. . . . I just saw a dark object shoot right down and there was a flash when it came out."

The second object disappeared in the underbrush, then reappeared, moved around the witness to the ridge's north side.

"I saw this little blinking light," the witness said, "and I could see just a . . . part of a dome on top and just a little light flashing on it."

A few minutes later Donald heard something crash through the brush.

"After about five minutes . . .," S— added, "I saw this first—what do you call it—person . . . in some kind of light-colored, silver or whitish-looking uniform, with kind of puffs around the sleeves and joints."

The creature apparently wore a helmet or hood. It came to within 100 feet of the tree, stopped and appeared to be "messing around. . . ." A second figure appeared. Both approached the tree and peered up at the frightened hunter.

Donald now saw their features more clearly: large, dark eyes as "big as silver dollars."

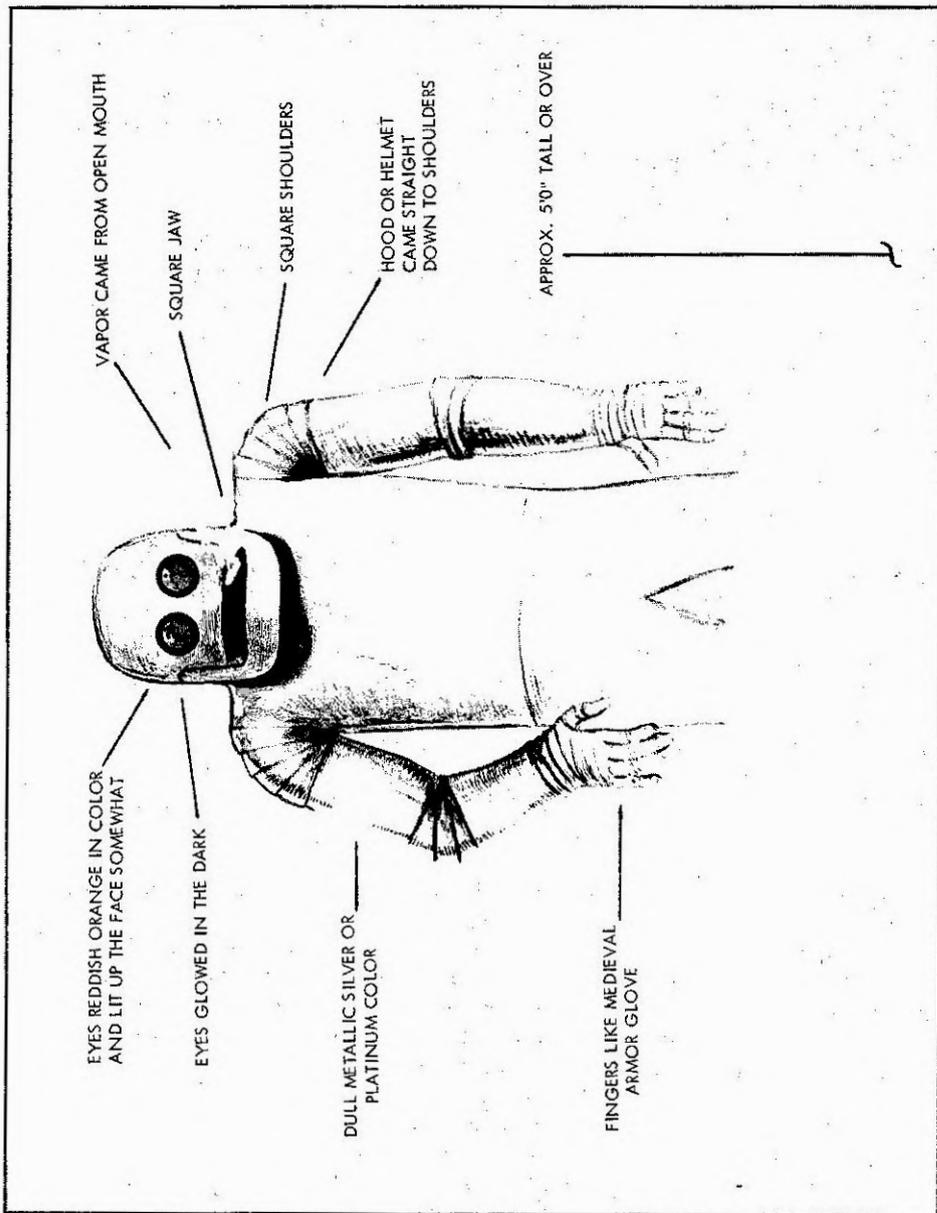
There was more rustling in the brush. A pair of reddish-orange, luminous eyes that lit up a weird face and jaw approached. This third creature was short and stocky, a "robot-like affair" wearing a metallic-looking uniform.

The three creatures stood staring at Donald for awhile. Then the robot moved over to one of the fires and, with one wide sweep of its arm, scattered the embers.

The robot returned to its humanoid companions. It put a hand up to its "square and hinged" mouth "and some kind of white vapor came out."

Hunter Blacks Out

"When this kind of white vapor . . . came out, I blacked out. . . .," Donald stated. "It was almost like a little breeze. [The robot] was upwind from me so [the vapor] just came up through the tree and acted like nitrogen would, just [like] gas. . . . I never did smell anything . . . , but I just kind of gasped for breath and then I blacked out and fell across my bow. . . . When I woke up I had the



Robot Shot by Hunter, September 4-5, 1964.

dry heaves. . . . I figured they were out to get me then. I was going to be peaceful and quiet before that. . . .

"Then I lit a book of matches . . . and threw it down, just to see if it would scare them away, and it did. They backed up, so then I started going crazy with fire. I lit my hat and I guess it had a lot of hair oil on it because it really blazed up . . . and then they backed way up. They stayed a good 50 to 75 feet away. . . . I noticed that this ship [had] shot way up into the air. . . . I could just barely see it then. . . . As soon as the fire started dying down . . . , [the creatures] started coming back."

The witness continued to throw burning articles to the ground.

"I took everything out of my pockets," Donald said, "and I ripped my camouflage clothing off, and I was burning it. . . . I just ended up with levis and T-shirt on and shoes. I burned everything I had to burn, my hunting license and everything out of my wallet that would burn, and I ended up getting just one little fire started. . . . They stayed back as long as there was . . . a good blaze going. As soon as it died down they'd come back in."

Approximately three hours had now passed since darkness had set in.

Robot Shot With Bow and Arrows

"After burning everything I could burn," S— stated, "I tried shooting the robot with my bow. . . . The other two just stood and looked. The bow . . . has the velocity of a rifle at that close range, 12 feet or so. So I just pulled it back as far as I could and hit him the first time and it shoved him back against the rocks. . . . When it hit him, it was just like a big arc flash; it just flashed up real bright. I only had three arrows with me. . . . I shot him three times and all three times it pushed him back a little bit, with just a big, bright flash."

Donald said he aimed at the robot's heart—or where the heart of a human would be located. The two humanoids scattered with each shot.

The hunter climbed further up the tree, quickly pulled his belt off and lashed himself to the tree. A second robot now came upon the scene. The first robot again approached the base of the tree and, for a second time, emitted the "gaseous vapor." Again, S— lost consciousness.

When Donald regained consciousness, he saw, to his probable consternation, that the two humanoids were climbing up the tree.

"The two . . . tried to boost each other up the tree," he remarked. "Every time they would get up, I just grabbed ahold of the tree and [would] . . . bend [it] as far as I could. . . . As soon as there would be the least little movement, they'd get down. . . . I broke the limbs off and threw them down, and I threw all the change I had in my pocket down, and anything I had with me I threw down, just to try and distract them. . . . This went on all night."

As the humanoids backed away each time, the robot would come up to the tree and emit the vapor, rendering the witness unconscious.

"As soon as I'd wake up," Donald stated, "I'd heave, and as soon as I'd come to my senses they'd be just starting to get up the tree. . . . I wasn't out very long. . . ."

The hunter threw down his canteen. One of the humanoids picked it up, appeared to examine it, then threw it away.

"I tried all kinds of goofy things . . . to distract them," S— continued. "I tried yelling and making all kinds of noises. I heard . . . coyotes off in the distance howling so I even tried . . . that. . . . They just went [about] their business like I wasn't there. . . . When I would shout, these two in human form would look up. . . ."

More Humanoids Appear

Donald now heard one or two more humanoids running around in the brush. "I could see them going over a rock every once in a while. . . .," the witness stated. "It seemed like they were scouting for something. . . ."

The hunter thought there were five or six creatures altogether, including the two robots.

As the first rays of dawn began brightening the eastern sky, the robots moved to the base of the tree and stood facing each other. Then there were "a bunch of flashes going between them, like arc flashes. . . ."

"They just lit up the whole area beneath that tree, going back and forth between these two," Donald said.

Then "large volumes of smoke" drifted up to the witness, obscuring his vision.

"I blacked out, colder than heck then," S— recalled. "When I woke up, I was hanging just by my belt. My feet . . . and . . . head [were] hanging down. It was light, but the sun hadn't come up yet, and there was no sign of them."

Donald was now shivering from the immediate post-dawn cold and was exhausted from his night-long defense. Slowly he climbed down from the tree and surveyed the miniature battlefield. Burned clothing, paper and brush were scattered around the area. S— retrieved some of the items he had thrown down, including the bow and arrows and canteen. Then he left the area and found his way back to camp.

Corroborative Sighting

Donald slept, then recounted the harrowing experience to his companions. Vincent A— said that he had seen a flying light sometime after dark. At first, he thought it was a shooting star, but soon changed his mind.

"I never saw a shooting star come in that low and last that long," he remarked.

A— sent the following letter to NICAP's Bay Area Subcommittee:

"My name is Vincent A— and I was with Don at the time he said he had his experience with the outer space people.

"I was the one that found Don as he was heading towards camp. The night had been very cold, and all he had [on] at the time I found him was a thin cotton Tee-shirt and his pants. He was weak and exhausted and tired.

"I helped him to camp, fixed some soup for him and put him to sleep, he kept on saying that he would have been all right if they had left him alone. I didn't know what he meant, so we let him sleep. He slept for about 6 hours. When he [was] awake, we asked him how he felt, he said fine. Then he said, turn

on the radio (we had a small one), there may be something on the news about the space ship that I saw. The news did say something about a light in the sky.

"I also saw the light as I was working my way thru the canyon to camp. (I got lost too that night). We asked him what had happened to his clothes and then he told us his experience. You know the rest.

"Yours truly,

"/s/ Vincent A—

"P.S. I have worked with Don for 5 or six years, and knowing him for that length of time I have no reason to doubt or question his integrity."(10)

Later, at home, Donald reported the incident to Mather Air Force Base. On September 25, an Air Force captain and sergeant interviewed the witness. S— gave the investigators one of the arrowheads and a detailed, annotated map of the sighting area.

Official "Explanations"

The officer offered three possible explanations: (1) a group of Japanese could have been in the area; (2) some teenagers may have been "trying to pull a prank" and (3) Air Force trainees were possibly on bivouac. Donald was far from convinced, however.

"I knew . . . it wasn't any Japanese," he told Paul Cerny, "and I told them I [couldn't] see a bunch of teenagers dressed in space suits way out in the middle of nowhere."

The witness had called McClelland Air Force Base to inquire about the possibility of military exercises in the Cisco Grove area the night of the encounter. There had been none.

"[Besides]," Donald added, "they'd know some way of getting me out of there if they wanted me out."

A few weeks later S— returned with three others to the scene. The place had been "picked clean."

The two remaining arrowheads were turned over to NICAP for "analysis of possible metallic fragments." These were sent to the laboratories of NICAP adviser Henry C. Kawecki, a consulting engineer.

"Our analytical people could find no trace of any substance on the arrowheads. . . ." the engineer stated.(11)

The arrowhead loaned to the Air Force was later sent to the Colorado project and never returned to Donald S—.(12)

In November, 1968, NICAP sent a group of thoroughly investigated reports involving encounters with occupants to a newly-formed Occupant Panel of well-qualified scientists, including psychiatrists, psychologists, medical doctors, anthropologists, an astronomer, a well-known writer, etc. Their full responses, detailed, interesting and sometimes surprising, will be reported in a forthcoming special publication on occupant reports.

The five cases presented here were included only because some of their characteristics included one or more of two of the three general areas of interest in this publication: physiological effects and physical evidence. They are in no way an attempt at a comprehensive review of occupant reports.

Former NICAP staff member Ted Bloecher prepared a lengthy report of the Donald S— incident for review by members of the panel.

Occupant Panel Reviews Case

"This is one of the stronger cases, in spite of its weirdness, because of partial corroboration (the other witness to the light)," wrote Dr. Norman S. Wolf, radiation biologist. "It is further strengthened by the witness burning his outer clothing and suffering from exposure as a result. No hoaxer, unless he was mad and we have some testimony that the witness is sane and stable, would be likely to chance death by exposure. The witness, being a mountain hunter and camper, no doubt would be aware of this danger."

An anthropologist member tended to agree that the report could be credible.

"The degree of elaboration of [the witness'] experience, and its duration, tend to support his credibility, in my opinion. . . ." he told NICAP. "The thing that is most interesting is the systematic hacking down of the witness by the occupants with the apparent existence of a clear-cut plan and intent from the beginning. The witness was spotted, the area was searched around him, and then the [humanoids] and robots deployed in a pattern. I find the threatening attitude somewhat different from that displayed in many cases. . . . The search tactics seem to indicate well-developed passive sensors, able to locate living things. . . . If I were asked to explain the whole incident, I would say that an attempt was made to collect a biological specimen (the witness) in a relatively unharmed state. The witness in this case seems to be far above average in his desire to avoid publicity. . . ."

A psychologist from a leading Canadian university was also interested in the "speciman" possibility.

"If the phenomenon is real," he wrote NICAP, "then it indicates that at least one group of extraterrestrials is willing to take advantage of a helpless earthman, presumably for purposes of study."

Some panel members, however, were concerned about the sparse documentation of Donald S—'s emotional reaction to the incident.

"The thing that really bothers me about this case is the almost complete lack of the emotional reaction of the witness," said Dr. Allen S. Mariner, psychiatric head of a mental health clinic. "This sounds like a terrifying nightmare of an experience. . . ."

NICAP astronomy adviser, Walter N. Webb, agrees.

"The Cisco Grove incident is, without a doubt, one of the most incredible UFO reports on record. . . .," Webb stated. "I feel we . . . know very little about Mr. S—'s . . . reactions to the nightmarish experience which he claims to have had. The fact that he apparently has not sought publicity and wishes to keep his name confidential is, to be sure, a point in his favor."

The Ririe Incident

Around 9:30 p.m., November 2, 1967, two Navajo Indians, Willie Begay and Guy Tossie, employees on the Earl Hunter farm, were ¼ mile south of Ririe, Idaho. Begay was driving a 1956 white Buick sedan on State Highway 26. Both

men had been drinking beer, but they were apparently in command of their faculties.

Suddenly, there was a "flash of white light which startled and temporarily blinded them," stated NICAP member C. Reed Ricks, who investigated the incredible incident. They thought that, at first, they had been struck by lightning, but, looking up, saw a small UFO hovering approximately five feet off the ground directly in front of the car.

The Buick slowed and came to a halt. Begay said he did not touch the brake pedal.

The object, "flashing green and orange lights through holes in a moving ring at its center joint," had a transparent dome on top. There was a color change at the bottom as the lights in the ring slowly rotated.

"The clear top opened as though hinged at one side," Ricks said.

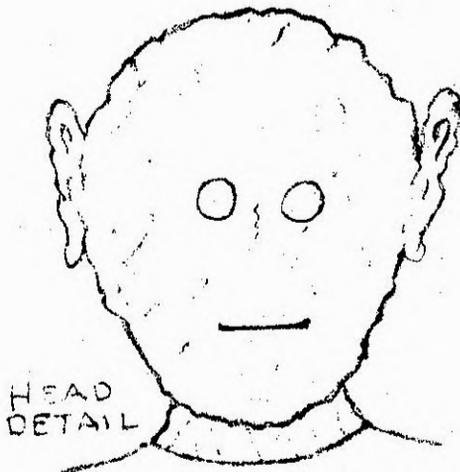
Then two small humanoid figures were observed. One of the occupants left the craft and, "with a floating movement 'like a bird,'" descended to the door at the driver's side of the automobile.

Begay and Tossie clearly saw the three to three and a half foot creature as it weirdly approached the vehicle. Its head was about six inches in diameter and its features appeared deeply scarred. It had "high" ears. The eyes were round, but no nose or lips were discernible. The frightening stranger had a deep chest and tight-fitting clothes, "like coveralls." A flat pack on its back protruded above the head and only two fingers were visible on one hand.

Humanoid Enters Car

As the startled witnesses quickly made room, the occupant entered the car and grabbed the wheel.

"The car began to move, steered by the visitor," Ricks wrote. "[The witnesses] could not explain how he reached the pedal, but further questions



Humanoid in Ririe, Idaho, case, November 2, 1967.

revealed the car may have been towed. The UFO maintained its fixed position 'like the car was fastened to it.' It was steered across an approach into a wheat stubble field and stopped about 75 feet from the highway a short distance from the normal trail at the end of the field."

Immediately, Tossie jumped from the vehicle and ran about one-fifth of a mile down the highway to the Willard Hammon farmhouse. Tossie felt that the second occupant was chasing him, but there was no definite evidence of this.

Begay reported that the creature behind the car's wheel spoke twice in a high-pitched, rapid voice, "like a woman" or "a bird." The Indian did not respond; he was so terrified that he almost fainted.

Then the creature left the car, floated up to the UFO and entered it. The top of the object closed. Its colors brightened "and it rose in a zig-zag path." A yellow light shot from the bottom center "and played like flame." The UFO disappeared at a great speed with "a whirring sound and the rush of air was heard as it rose."

Meanwhile, Willard Hammon was opening his front door after responding to loud, frantic knocking. He saw a trickle of blood flowing from the corner of Tossie's mouth. There was also a smell of beer, but the Indian was obviously not intoxicated. Hammon let him in, where the farmer's teenaged son, Bob, was standing.

The Navajo began to incoherently talk about a light that drove their car off the road and a "dead" friend. Hammon suggested that they return to the scene of the sighting, but Tossie was too frightened. The farmer finally persuaded him and the three men drove to the wheat field.

As they approached the Buick, they saw that the headlights still glowed and the motor was still running. Begay was trembling beside the steering wheel, his eyes closed. He responded upon recognizing the men and recounted the incident.

The Indians began driving toward home and the Hammons followed. When he saw that the men were able to drive all right and that the automobile was undamaged, Willard Hammon turned back toward town and stopped at a bar where the witnesses may have been drinking. Perhaps the bartender knew something.

Police Investigate

While the farmer and his son were discussing the weird story over coffee, the county deputy sheriff and a local policeman entered for a sandwich. A few minutes later, Begay and Tossie, too "afraid to go home alone," also entered. They told their story again to the police officers, who contacted the state police. An officer would be sent to investigate.

More than an hour after the disappearance of the UFO, Cpl. Tom Harper met the witnesses at the scene of the sighting. Cpl. Harper noticed that the men had been drinking, "but he emphasized they were *not* drunk" and "were still obviously scared." Once again the story was related. The state patrolman checked the car for radiation, dents or burns, with negative results.

Mrs. Rita Barnes, a store keeper and friend of Willie Begay, reported "a number of frightened dogs and stampeded cattle in the vicinity that same night."

Also, during the same evening, Mrs. Claude Mann said her cattle broke through a steel pipe gate and ran for about two miles. They were rounded up and corraled, but broke through the fence and escaped again.

About two hours after the initial observation by the Indians, Mrs. Elaine Quinn left her home in the Snake River valley, about six miles east of Ririe, and headed for the home of a relative to secure medicine for her sick child. About two miles away she saw an apparently rotating, zig-zagging light.

But the most amazing corroborating evidence of all came from a man who, for fear of ridicule, refused to allow use of his name in any published reports.

Similar Report Cited

Mr. X had spent the evening alone drinking a few beers. He did not normally indulge in alcoholic beverages, but pressing personal problems that night caused him to make an exception. At 11:30 p.m., about the same time as the sighting by Mrs. Quinn, he was driving on State Highway 48 between Ririe and Rigby when a small UFO descended in front of his truck, causing the vehicle to stop.

A small man departed from the object and approached the truck, tapping on the windshield. The terrified Mr. X thought he was going crazy, but he succeeded in shaking off the weird creature and escaping. He lay awake all night, seriously questioning his sanity.

At 7:00 the next morning, Mr. X went to work and related the incident to a friend. A few hours later the experience of Begay and Tossie was reported over a local radio station and Mr. X "turned white as a sheet," according to his friend.

"My impression of Mr. [X] was favorable," Ricks said in his report. "Although he is employed as a semi-skilled laborer, he reads extensively, listens to classical and semi-classical music . . . and otherwise shows the outward signs of an active intellect with average or above average intelligence. He is very afraid that if his story gets out, he will be ridiculed."

Ricks concluded by saying that "the Ririe people are convinced" that the story told by the two Navajos "was a true experience."

Obviously, these are fantastic reports and NICAP is hesitant about accepting them unless further convincing evidence is brought to light. The fact that the witnesses had been drinking prior to both of the "little men" encounters would cause many persons to regard the stories as tantamount to alcoholic ravings. Several members of NICAP's Occupant Panel, who carefully studied the case, are not so convinced, however.

"This, to me, is [a] most convincing case. . . ." wrote Dr. Allen S. Mariner, psychiatrist. "The single element which makes it so extremely convincing is the very strong emotional reaction of the witnesses, amounting to panic—surely an appropriate response in such a situation. Their consistency under cross-examination is another convincing element, as is the report of frightened animals in the area. . . . The fact that these witnesses may have had a beer or two does not impress me. Their panic reaction is not at all typical of reactions to alcohol; further, for two men to react with panic and to agree about the cause of their fright if the cause is not something real would be virtually unheard-of."

Alcoholic Hallucination Discounted

Dr. Mariner also said that alcoholic intake "per se does not produce hallucinations."

"Alcoholics have hallucinations in delirium tremens ('DT's')—a gross and obvious psychotic condition," he added. "The 'pink elephants' of the average social drinker are an old wives' tale; the man who 'has a bit too much' on his way home from work or at a cocktail party does *not* experience hallucinations—not even of flying saucers. Hence the almost inevitable question 'Has he been drinking?' is less relevant than it might seem. While alcohol does, of course, dim one's faculties and make one a less reliable observer of things in general, it simply does not produce the sort of phenomena with which we are dealing."

The psychologist also found the case "most credible."

"Because [the witnesses] were observed before and after the sighting and were obviously terrified afterwards," he stated, "they are credible. The circumstances: one witness running for help, the other terrified, were highly convincing. So was their willingness to talk to police, and their later reluctance to be named or sought out. . . . This is [a] most credible, yet . . . most fantastic case. The social implications are apparent: an unsuccessful effort at communication; individual terror in reaction; great technological power."

Astronomer Walter N. Webb considers the report "one of the most convincing . . . on record."

"Despite the comic-book nature of certain aspects of the story," he stated, "the significant things here are (1) the credibility of the two Indian witnesses attested to by everyone who had anything to do with the case, (2) two possible supporting sightings including another similar contact claim, and (3) numerous examples of frightened animals in the vicinity the same night."

Dr. Norman S. Wolf, radiation biologist, called the case "a very convincing report, especially with the indirect confirmation of another contact made that same night."

The anthropologist had some interesting comments about what the occupants in the case were wearing.

"The appearance of the occupants, or more precisely, their appearance *and* their back-pack equipment is interesting," he said. "The deep chest noted is often found in human populations living at high altitudes . . . as a micro-evolutionary response to rarified atmosphere. The back-packs may have been life-support equipment feeding direct into their suits or bodies, or it may have been personal propulsion, testing or communications gear (possibly a combination of these). The fact that no masks or helmets were present does not, in my opinion, rule out some life-support functions for the packs."

Obviously, in such unusual, seemingly sensational cases, careful investigation and good witness character references are necessary. Without them such reports would fall apart and could not be taken seriously.

Two and one-half years later, still another strange "creature" case allegedly occurred in Ohio.

Car Strikes Creature

Around 2:25 a.m., March 28, 1967, just "after an electrical storm," David Morris, a 20-year old finish grinder employed by the Lamb Electric Company, Kent, Ohio, had completed working the night shift and was returning home to Munroe Falls when he spotted a reddish-orange, cone-shaped object 25-30 feet off the left side of the road.

"The object was about 12 feet wide at the base, which appeared to be slightly off the ground," said Charles E. Toner, Jr., of NICAP's now defunct Pennsylvania Unit No. 1, who investigated the case. "It tapered to a point about 25 feet high, at which point there appeared to be a ball-shaped object. The entire object appeared to be translucent, as though the light, intense yet soft and uniform throughout, were being viewed through frosted glass."

There was a heavy fog and the driver was traveling at about 30 m.p.h. Then he saw, moving "extremely rapidly . . . back and forth across the road," four or five small creatures. They were "like midgets," with heads "disproportionally large" and no distinguishable features. They were emitting the same colored glow as the UFO.

As Morris slammed hard on the brake, he felt and heard a thump. An arm, "like a thumbless mitten," flew up and down "as though struck by the right front corner of his car."

Terrified, the witness sped from the scene.

"Morris returned to the area that afternoon with a friend, but found no evidence of what had occurred except his skid marks," Toner wrote in his report. "There were three dents in the front bumper and right headlight ring, all of which had been inflicted within the past 24 hours, Morris stated, because he washes his car daily, and the dents had not been there the day before."

The reactions of the Occupant Panel to this report were slightly divided.

The Panel Review

"The reaction of the boy [Morris] is very believable, especially [to] the hit-run sequence," said Dr. Norman S. Wolf. "The reddish color of the figures could have been a reflection of the glow from the ship if they were suited in reflective metallic suits. . . ."

Dr. Allen S. Mariner concurred that the witness' emotional reaction appeared believable.

"The overall picture of the witness . . . does not suggest any significant psychological aberration," he added.

The psychologist also felt the witness' reactions were believable.

The anthropologist had reservations, however.

"[Morris] worked the night shift and had worked overtime on the night of the incident," he stated. "The situation seems ideal for some type of hypnagogic phenomenon, particularly if the witness had been using No-Doz, coffee or other stimulants. These phenomena are very striking things and can be quite realistic. They are often highly structured and leave a lasting impression. . . . [They] are well known in the psychology literature and were investigated with some interest relatively recently by researchers working on sensory deprivation

phenomena. . . . Truck drivers using No-Doz in large quantities report that the pills seem to heighten the effects of the imagery. A substantial portion of trucking accidents is believed to result from drivers swerving to avoid cars, people, houses, etc., that suddenly appear in the middle of the road. My opinion of this case is that it should be placed in an indeterminate category pending further work."

NICAP is still somewhat dubious about the authenticity of such bizarre reports as the ones just presented here. Unlike many occupant reports, however, they were thoroughly investigated. Also, some of the Occupant Panel scientists tend to believe them credible and, despite the admitted indulgence in alcohol in one case, there was nothing detrimental enough in any of the witnesses' backgrounds or reputations to discount their claims.

Although NICAP has been criticized for "ignoring" such reports, the detailed cases presented here, added to those already discussed in *The UFO Investigator* and others to be presented in future publications, should serve to dispel this misconception. We believe that occupant reports are important and should be thoroughly investigated. But, because so many of these cases prove to be hoaxes, we do require thorough documentation before we can accept them as authentic. If even one of the previous claims is true, the implications are both tremendous and extremely important.

Figures Seen on UFO

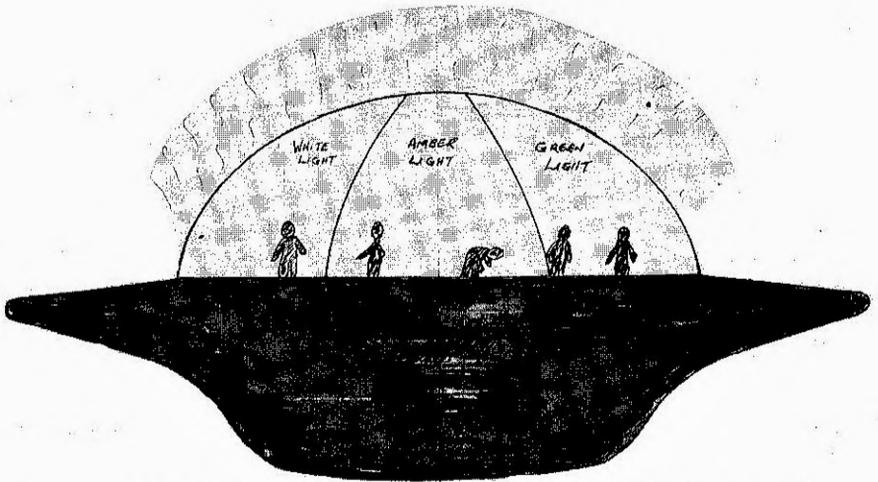
The small, dank mining town of Hednesford, Staffordshire, England, lies near the southern end of Cannock Chase. Mr. and Mrs. Milin Milakovic and their 11 children live at 432 Cannock Road. On the afternoon of November 20, 1968, the Yugoslavian couple and their 11-year old son, Slavic, left Hednesford on a house-hunting trip. They journeyed through the English countryside to Rugeley, Abbots Bromley, and stopped at Hanbury to view Hanbury Hall.

Hanbury, on the Staffordshire-Derbyshire border, is midway between Uttoxeter and Burton-on-Trent. Three and one-half miles to the northwest is Central Workshop 32 R.E.M.E., an army installation. Two miles to the northwest is a Royal Air Force station, used as an ammunition dump "and there are very vague rumors that nuclear weapons are stored there." Three miles to the south is a World War II airfield, used by the Ind Coope brewery firm for light aircraft.

On the road home, the Milakovics stopped just outside Hanbury to look at an old house for sale. As they continued on, dusk was rapidly approaching. It was between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m.

The couple saw a rabbit scurry across the road, followed by a number of other rabbits from a hedge on the left side of the road. Glancing to the left, the witnesses saw a brilliant object in the field. Milakovic stopped the car as the UFO rose slowly and flew over the car. The couple got out of the automobile and watched as the object moved over a field on the right side of the road toward a house about 100 yards away. As it got over the house, it stopped, hovered, and quivered "like a jelly."

Doris Milakovic said that the air temperature appeared considerably warmer as the UFO flew overhead, but, as it moved on, the temperature dropped. She also said that the object looked "as wide as the house."



UFO and Occupants as reportedly Seen Near Hanbury, England,
November 20, 1968.

For approximately five minutes, Mrs. Milakovic, her husband and son saw what appeared to be several humanoid figures walking across the bright top of the UFO. Intermittently, "some of the figures were seen to bend down as though looking at something in the part of the object below the rim. . . ."

Then the object began moving up in a "pulsating or jerky" movement. Its light intensity greatly increased and Milakovic felt his eyes were burning.

Thoroughly frightened, Milakovic, normally a brave man, pushed his wife and son into the car and sped away from the scene.

N. M. H. Turner and W. Daniels investigated the report.

Fiji Islanders See Occupant

On the evening of October 8, 1957, four Fiji Islanders in a boat off Nawaka saw a white disc descend to about 20 feet altitude, then stop and hover. The UFO was revolving and they saw what "appeared to be the figure of a man" on it.

As the native islanders got closer, a brilliant light beam was emitted from the object which "dazzled them and made them feel weak." The UFO then ascended straight up and disappeared.

At the same time, at a different spot, R. O. Aveling, a Seventh Day Adventist Church official, saw the object swinging in the sky at about 5,000 feet altitude. Its color varied from white to flashing red.

A third independent report from a group fishing off Suva said that "an object shaped like a jelly fish glowing bright red and fading to a white speck" was seen. Still another report said that the same or a similar object was seen at Korolevu.(13)

French Farmer Sees Humanoid

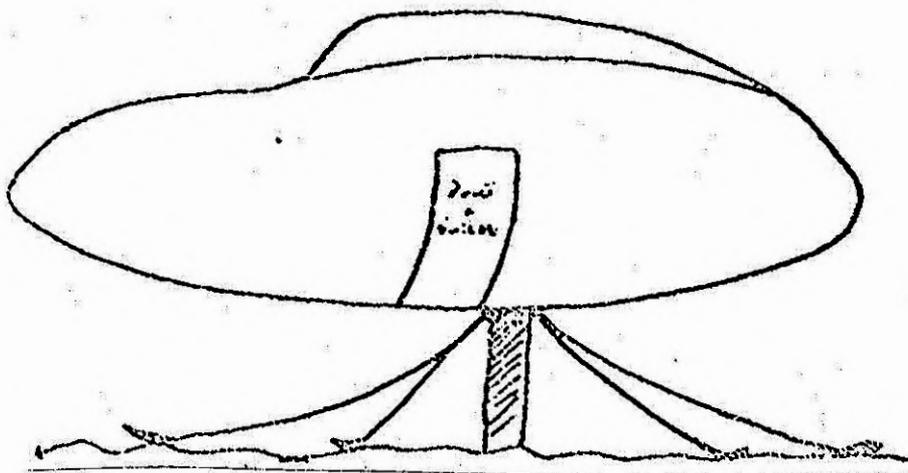
Farmer Maurice Masse said he saw a football-shaped UFO as large as an automobile land on four "crutch-like legs and a central pivot" in Valensole, France, at 5 a.m., July 1, 1965.

From a reported distance of 60 to 70 yards, Masse said he saw a door slide open. A stout, three-foot tall humanoid dressed in what looked like a space suit stepped out. As the farmer approached, the figure quickly re-entered the object, which took off "with a whistling sound."

Local gendarmes later investigated and found four shallow depressions of cross-shaped prints and a central hole.(14)

The incident occurred during the beginning of the big Summer, 1965, worldwide sighting flap. This huge wave, which probably officially began with this sighting, moved to the Antarctic, to the Azores and other countries, then to the United States, particularly the Southwest. Such sightings as those in and around Oklahoma City, July 31, Exeter, N.H., and Angleton, Texas, both on September 3, created unprecedented interest among the public and news media in UFOs. This flap, combined with the late winter and early spring, 1966, flap resulted in such a public demand for answers that, for the first time, the Congressional House Armed Services Committee held a hearing on the subject. In late 1966, of course, the University of Colorado project was launched. Interest remained at its highest peak until the House hearing before the Committee on Science and Astronautics on July 29, 1968, the most important and significant action Congress has taken on the subject to date.

It was during these peaks that UFOs were considered by millions, perhaps for the first time, a respectable subject. More and more scientists and others of high standing took an avid interest.



Landed Object Reported Seen by French Farmer, July 1, 1965.

THE ANIMAL REACTIONS

A Lancaster, Missouri, housewife was traveling in her 1964 Corvair toward her home from Glenwood on Highway 202 at 10:30 in the morning, March 10, 1969. Her dog was on the back seat.

She saw a large, bright beam of light that almost completely covered the highway in front of her. The beam was being emitted from the bottom of a gray disc with a dome on top that was hovering at about a thousand feet altitude. The cone-shaped beam was narrow at the top and wide at the bottom.

As the witness drove into the beam, her automobile slowed.

"My car's speed dropped from 50 m.p.h. to 8 m.p.h.," she told NICAP. "It did not start to miss; it merely slowed to that speed, although I had the footpedal on the floor."

When the car left the beam, it again functioned normally.

Both the witness and the dog were frightened. The animal jumped from the back seat to the front and was "highly agitated." The housewife also said that her eyes hurt for several days after the sighting.

The case was investigated by NICAP member Robert Smulling.

Cases of UFO light beams apparently causing E-M effects are, as far as we know, only about a year old. The first report came from Albany, Georgia, when Conway Jones' car was affected as he drove through a light beam being emitted from an object hovering at a low altitude. A thorough study of such cases could conceivably afford important clues to at least one method UFOs apparently have of creating E-M effects.

UFO Flies Over Farmyard

It was 2 a.m., April 23, 1969, when Mrs. Virginia A. Guinn and a boarder were awakened by violent reactions from dogs and cats at her farm in Silver Spring, Md. Most of the dogs were "barking and howling" but the boarder's German Shepherd "was barking in a peculiar manner—a series of short barks." Outside, Mrs. Guinn's four cats were climbing up the screen door, yowling and fighting, "something they had never done before."

Going outside, the witnesses saw a round UFO "as large as two rooms" that was "...bluish-white ... like the glow around a welder's arc..." The object was moving beyond the barn, toward the north-northeast. Then the observers heard a humming noise and the object went "out like a light..." When the UFO disappeared, the animals quieted down.

Mrs. Guinn discovered later that morning that the horses in the barn "had broken free of their ... tie-stalls ... and had knocked harnesses, etc., off the walls..." She also said that a neighbor's barn had been "torn up" by horses during the sighting.

Karl T. Pfllock, Chairman of NICAP's Capitol Area Subcommittee, investigated the report.

Object Frightens Dogs

Denis Crowe, a former British aircraft commercial artist, saw a glow emanating from a huge green disc resting on a beach in Vaucluse, Australia, at about 5:30 p.m., July 19, 1965.

The witness, reported by the New Zealand Press Association as a former diplomat at the British High Commission, Delhi, India, said the object was an estimated 20 feet in diameter. Its height was about nine feet and it had legs at the bottom. The rim of the saucer was a glowing greenish-blue; the top and bottom were silver-gray. A hollow-appearing section at the top may have been a glass dome.

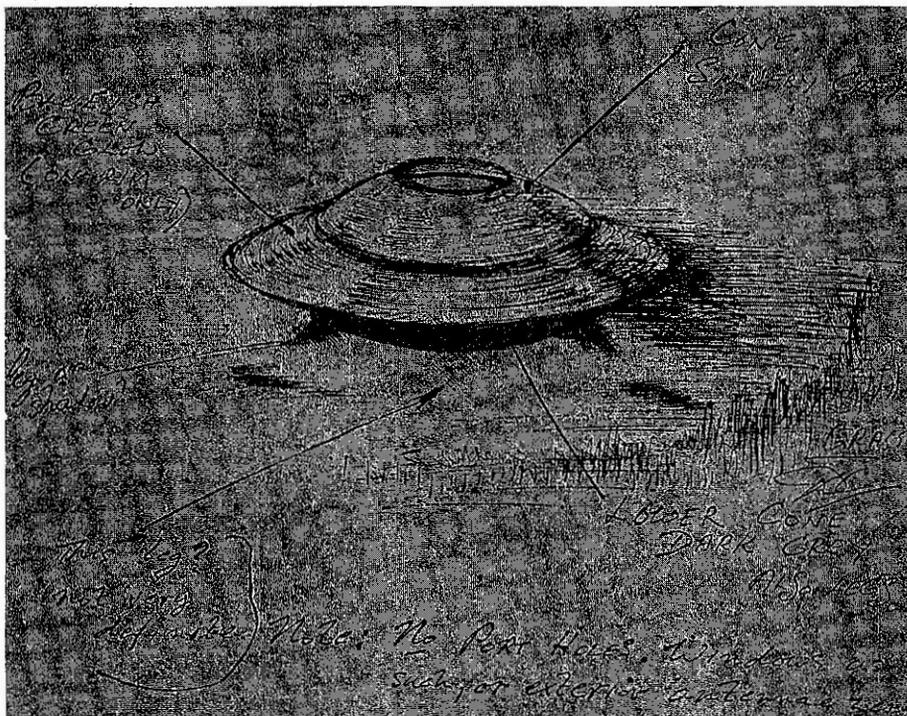
As Crowe got to within 50 or 60 feet of the object, it began to take off.

"It took off with a noise like air forcibly released from a balloon," Crowe stated.

The witness watched for about 10 seconds as the UFO disappeared in the clouds over Manly.

There were no other human witnesses.

"My only company was about a dozen or so dogs," Crowe reported. "While the object was stationary, they were all barking loudly at it. After it took off, they were strangely silent."(15)



Witness' Sketch of UFO at Vaucluse, Australia, July 19, 1965.

Dogs React

As Mrs. James A Clevenger, of Milton, Indiana, stood by her kitchen sink at 6:30 a.m., February 22, 1967, she saw her collie dog jump against the kitchen window, then race around the yard, "barking and jumping." (16) Then she saw the UFO.

"It appeared as [the] headlights of a car except there was only a solid light in an oval shape," the housewife told NICAP.

She also saw a white row of lights along the object.

Mrs. Clevenger let her dog into the house. The frightened animal raced into the living room and hid.

The witness, clad in only her night clothes and with no shoes, ran to the end of her walk in front of the house in the near-zero weather. She saw the object moving slowly at approximately 100 to 200 feet altitude. It followed the course of a creek.

Returning to her house, Mrs. Clevenger called a neighbor one quarter of a mile to the south, Mrs. Judd Alford.

"I could see a circle of white lights some 200 or so feet in the air," Mrs. Alford said. "The object appeared like a saucer to me."

Several minutes later, she added, the UFO disappeared behind some trees.

Mrs. Alford also said her fox terrier ran into the house "at full speed" and hid under a chair.

On that same evening, Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Lutz and their son, David, saw an oblong UFO that looked like "two headlight-looking affairs" with colored lights near Hagerstown, Indiana.

UFO Light Beam Frightens Observers

Mrs. Lucille Drzonek and her two daughters, Joyce and Rosemarie, were riding on U.S. 20 near Keeneyville, Illinois. It was 12:30 a.m., March 7, 1967. Joyce was driving.

After passing Keeneyville, Joyce Drzonek told NICAP, the three women saw a "solid object, outlined in bright white lights with two big beams in front." It was approximately 15 feet in diameter. As it came close to the ground, she stated, the witnesses could see "flashing green and red lights." Then it "seemed to take on a round or disc shape and started blinking at us."

The Drzoneks' dog, Bugle, also in the car, was so frightened that his "hair stood straight on his back."

As the women turned off Rt. 20 toward Bartlett, the UFO appeared to descend into the woods, lighting the area in a red glare, according to the March 9, 1967, edition of *The Elgin (Ill.) Courier-News*. Then "something zoomed up out of the woods and headed straight at the back of our car window," Mrs. Drzonek said. The UFO projected two white beams of light through the back window of the automobile. The witnesses were "frightened yet curious" and the dog "just stood stiffly with his hair up on his back."

Arriving home, Joyce blew the car horn and screamed for Mr. Drzonek, who was asleep. The UFO was still following them and was now about 10 feet over a tree in their yard.

Then a strange "gray mist appeared only in our backyard," Joyce stated in her report. As the mist cleared away, the UFO had disappeared.

Mrs. Drzonek said Bugle "was upset for two days." An unidentified veterinarian said the dog may have been frightened by a high-pitched noise inaudible to humans.

Other area sightings occurred that same night and the following evening in Moline, Galesburg, Peoria, Canton, Pekin, Salem and Centralia, although some of the reports are suspected to be the planet Venus, very bright in the west at that time of year.

The "Flying Cross" Case

Angus Brooks, a former flight administrative officer for British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), was walking his Dalmatian and Alsatian dogs at Moigne Downs, Dorset, England, on October 26, 1967. At 11:25 a.m., he decided to lie down in an indentation on a hill to shelter himself from the strong wind.

"Almost immediately" he saw what appeared to be a contrail high in the sky. Then the contrail disappeared and in its place, a UFO descended "at lightning speed" to 200 or 300 feet altitude.

"The shape of the 'craft' prior to leveling out to 'hover' position was of a central circular chamber with a leading fuselage in the front and three separate fuselages together at the rear," the former World War II photographic interpreter stated. "On slowing to 'hover' position the two outer fuselages at the rear moved to position at [the] side of [the] 'craft' to form four fuselages at equidistant position around [the] center chamber. . . . On attaining 'hover' the 'craft' rotated 90 degrees clockwise and then remained motionless, unaffected by very strong wind."

For 22 minutes the strange object remained motionless in the sky. The Alsatian, back from foraging for game, stood "distracted" beside the witness.

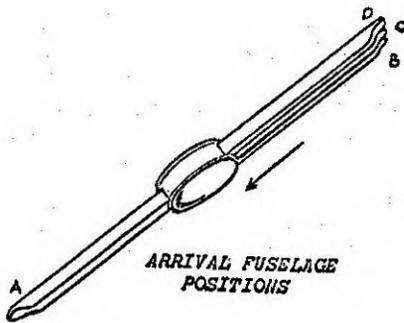
"The dog was standing here and her ears were pricked straight up like she does when her ears heard sounds that she was worried about," Brooks said.

The witness, who served with a Royal Air Force Middle East Command unit, said the UFO was made "of a translucent material." Dark shadows were dotted along the bottoms of the fuselages and center chamber. Nose cones and "groove fins" were seen along the bases of the fuselages. The center chamber was an estimated 25 feet in diameter and 12 feet high. Each of the fuselages was thought to be about 75 feet long, seven feet high and eight feet wide.

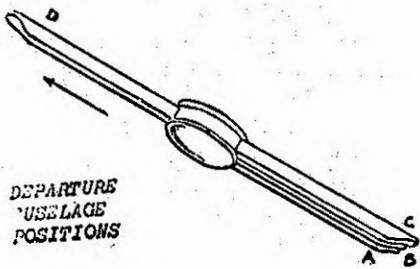
The UFO appeared to be hovering somewhere between the Winfrith Atomic Station and the Portland Underwater Defence Station "and about a mile inland from the USAF Communications Unit at Ringstead Bay."

At 11:47 a.m., the craft flew to the east-northeast and disappeared.

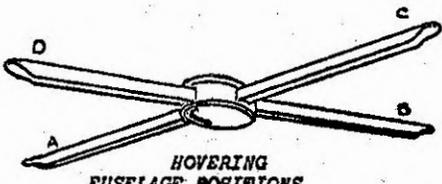
Brooks said that, on future visits to the area, his Alsatian dog appeared nervous. The animal died of "acute cystitis" (a disorder of the urinary bladder) about six weeks later.



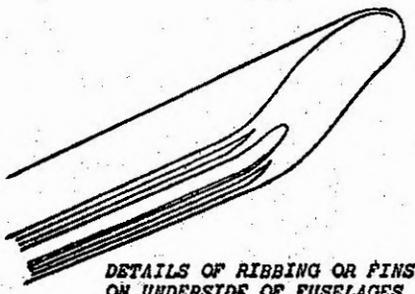
ARRIVAL FUSELAGE POSITIONS



DEPARTURE FUSELAGE POSITIONS



HOVERING FUSELAGE POSITIONS



DETAILS OF RIBBING OR FINS ON UNDERSIDE OF FUSELAGES

Details of Moigne Downs, England, 'Craft,' October 26, 1967.

The Official Attitude

The witness reported the incident to the Ministry of Defence in London and received an official reply from L. W. Akhurst, who investigated the sighting.

"We do not doubt that the experience which you have described was a very vivid one, nor have we overlooked your long association with aviation," Akhurst wrote. "However, we are unable to agree with your conclusion that you saw a controlled flying vehicle of unique design and performance."

The Ministry official went on to expound a theory that Brooks, who experienced "some years ago" a corneal transplant as a result of an eye injury, actually saw "a vitreous floater—a piece of loose matter (a dead cell) floating in the fluid of the eyeball." These floaters, Akhurst said, sometimes appear as rods or discs and can be more pronounced by a corneal transplant.

"However," Akhurst added, "it is unlikely that the floater would have remained stationary for as long as 22 minutes."

The London official further stated that the recent UFO publicity and the floater could have triggered a dream state while Brooks was resting.

Brooks responded that his eye doctor informed him that the eye muscle "moves upwards and downwards and, as the craft entered the vision circle at 30

degrees, moved across descending to center of vision, hovered for 22 minutes, then exited vision circle at 320 degrees, this hardly conforms" with Akhurst's theory. The corneal transplant, Brooks said, greatly improved his vision.

"In your conclusion," Brooks added, "your disadvantage is, of course, that I was there at the time and any Investigation Commission can only work on the creditability of second hand report details combined with technical, medical and scientific assistance, so, with reciprocal respect, your conclusions have not given me cause to alter my opinion of the Moigne Downs UFO."

Julian J. A. Hennessey, Chairman of NICAP's European Subcommittee #1, investigated the incident.

Object Paces Car, Frightens Occupants

Shortly after 11 p.m., January 20, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ballard were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ballard, near Vermillion, South Dakota. Robert had just left the house to start his car so it would be warm for his infant son during the trip home. Then he saw a "very, very large" object and called to his father.

From the yard, the two men observed, to the east, something resembling "a big ball of red and orange fire." (17) The witnesses at first thought they were viewing the moon and returned to the house. The younger couple then returned to the car with their son. Robert Ballard's wife, Lynn, also thought the "ball" was the moon.

But, then, the object emitted a "real bright" flash and "one of the dogs was barking unusually loud and long." The couple left in the car and headed toward the object, which appeared to be flickering in a field.

"It was a solid form and it spun at a very high rate of speed," Ballard stated in his report to NICAP. He also said the UFO was "20 feet above the ground at times and very close to the ground at other times."

As Ballard turned onto Highway 50, he saw that the object was following him. He accelerated to 60 m.p.h. The UFO suddenly "jumped or leaped" to a spot directly behind the automobile. At one point it hovered "about three feet or so above the ground at [an] intersection." At the top of a hill, the object caught up with them and grew brighter, then dimmer. Its altitude was about the height of the telephone poles.

Ballard speeded up to approximately 100 m.p.h., but the UFO kept following. The road was bathed in light. Passing another car, the driver then hit 110 m.p.h. Then Mrs. Ballard saw the object coming straight at them.

"I was very frightened," Ballard reported. "I actually thought the craft was going to pick us up. It kept diving at my car, as though it was trying to grab us."

The UFO followed the car, then rose and disappeared toward the east.

The witnesses said the orange-red object appeared about 30 feet in diameter and "at times had a white ring around it." They reported the incident to the police. They also said their dog "barked for two nights like it had never done before."

Between midnight and 1 a.m. that night, the couple "heard an unusual humming or buzzing" sound. They also heard it the following evening.

Upon arriving home the night of the sighting, Ballard called his father.

"We didn't know what it was 'til our son phoned us," Howard Ballard told NICAP. "He and his wife were very frightened."

A University of South Dakota astronomy professor and Dean of Student Affairs, Robert Adams, interviewed the witnesses, but reportedly came to no conclusion.

"Terrified" Witnesses Observe Near-Landing

At 1 a.m., a manufacturing plant worker was carrying two buckets of water toward his garden in Claremont, New Hampshire, when he saw "a bright round object float in a gentle arc low in the sky to the northeast." It looked like a full moon but was at an extremely low altitude.

The UFO disappeared behind some trees. Running back into his apartment, the witness checked the time. It was 1:12 a.m., July 30, 1968.

Shortly thereafter, a land surveyor and his wife had retired after working in the rock garden of their new home less than two miles from the residence of the plant worker. It was 2 a.m. when they saw a dome-shaped object. It was about 20 feet wide and hovered approximately 10 feet above the ground. They estimated its distance from them at 230 feet.

"The object . . . was moving slowly; causing shadows on some freshly cut hay," the husband reported to NICAP. "These shadows made effects of people moving."

The UFO shone a 20-foot wide gray-colored beam of light onto the ground. The frightened witnesses said their children and dogs were highly disturbed.

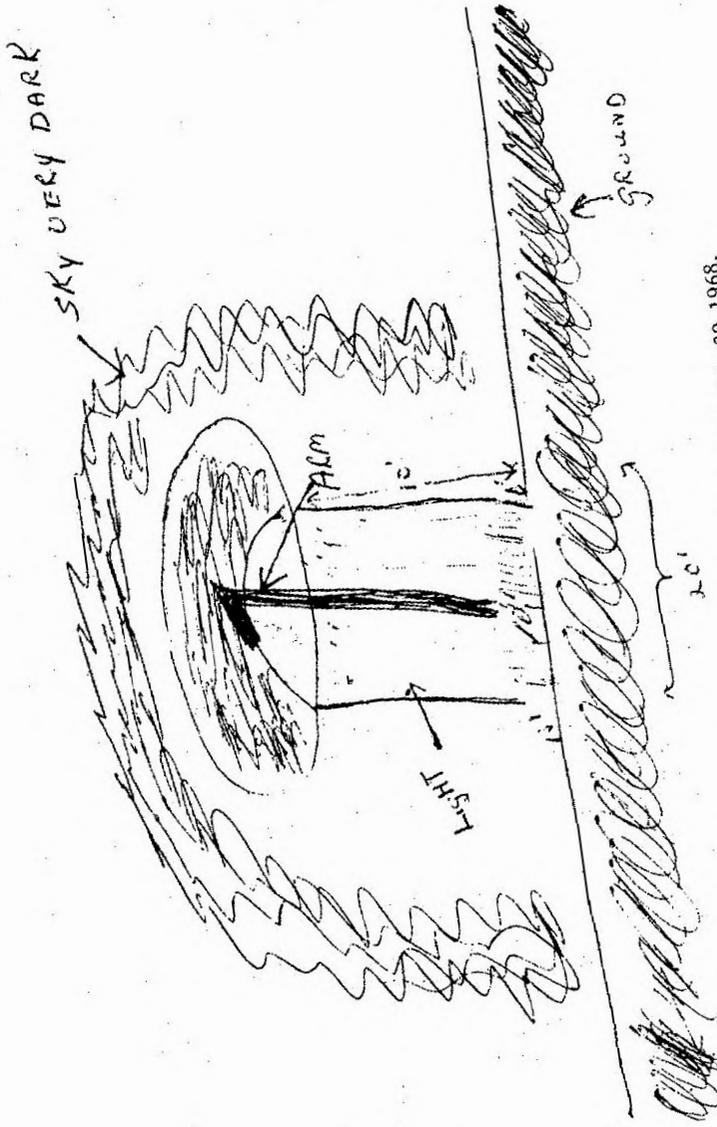
"Our children . . . were very restless," the wife stated. "They were moaning as if something was hurting them. . . . They were actually crying out in their sleep. The children are both very quiet sleepers and once they are in bed they do not wake up unless they are sick. . . . Our German shepherd . . . was . . . whimpering and whining as if something was hurting her. . . . My poodle . . . was most upset. He sleeps in our bedroom . . . and he pawed the side of the bed until I put him in bed with us. He was actually shaking from being so upset. As soon as the object left both dogs quieted down and went to sleep. . . . My fear for the children was what upset me most. I kept saying to my husband, what was going to happen to the poor children if someone should come to the house."

Both witnesses "felt isolated and terrified." The husband wanted to drive for help, but his wife refused to let him leave. The observers heard a high-pitched humming sound, like that of a utility pole transformer.

A few minutes later the object moved about 25 feet to the east and remained there until 4:30 a.m. At this time the humming sound grew "very loud." The light brightened to "high intensity" and the UFO started moving to the west, clearing the trees and disappearing. The shepherd dog "whined loudly."

"During this time," the wife said, "I thought of all kinds of things. I keep hearing sounds throughout the house. Any other night they wouldn't have meant a thing, but tonight they were most terrifying."

While they were watching the object, the witnesses saw a projection from it descend toward the ground.



Witness' Sketch of Claremont, N.H., UFO, July 30, 1968.

"Our experience was very terrifying and I hope that it never happens again," the wife concluded. "However, if it should, I hope that my husband and I will be prepared by then to handle the matter in a better way. . . ."

Several hours later, the husband reported the incident to Claremont Police Captain Ernest M. Fausse, who confirmed to John Meloney, of NICAP's New Hampshire Subcommittee, that the witness appeared nervous and apprehensive.

E-M Effects, Animal Reaction Highlight Case

At 6 p.m., November 25, 1968, Mrs. Elaine Pelchy dropped her husband at work in Marcellus, N.Y., then headed with her son to the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Oliver Pelchy. The elder Mrs. Pelchy was to baby sit while Mrs. Pelchy returned home to pack Christmas toys. She was to take the Lee-Mulroy Road route, which included a left turn on Route 174, a right turn on Route 20 and a final left turn on Amber Road.

After covering about half of the distance on Route 174, both mother and son saw approximately five round, red blinking lights.

"Then our car radio got very static," Mrs. Pelchy wrote NICAP.

The witness said the UFO was approximately 100 feet in front of the car and heading southeast. Then her English setter "started crying, fighting, clawing first to get out the window, then in my lap, covering his eyes and ears, falling off the back seat. . . ." Her two-year old son also began crying, but was quiet after a stern command from his mother. Then the car began "acting up—like it no longer had power and might be running on two cylinders instead of eight. To say the least, I was all over the road . . . and chugging along."

The object executed a U-turn and headed rapidly back toward the northwest. As it turned, the lights changed to a blinking blue and white color "like in a pattern as in a neon light, but not in sequence." Mrs. Pelchy said, as it turned, it moved "faster than I had ever seen anything travel."

Suddenly, the UFO stopped and appeared to change to a white, dome-shaped object with an object like a "fluorescent star" next to it. The larger object seemed to merge into the "star" and disappear. The "star" grew "larger and brighter." Mrs. Pelchy kept observing the object between the hills and trees.

"At first I was calm, then apprehensive about having my son and dog involved," she admitted. "Then I was frightened and tense and couldn't wait to get safely home."

After the witness dropped her son off, she returned via the same route. She was at the approximate location of the initial observation.

"I had the feeling that someone was looking over my shoulder when again the car repeated the action of losing power and [the] dog started to cry as if in pain again and go through the previous business, whining, barking, etc.," Mrs. Pelchy reported. "I looked over my left shoulder. The devil couldn't have startled me more than this huge, bright fluorescent light the size of a basketball this time. . . . If you looked at it directly it would have been blinding, like a welding torch. It also had these fuzzy lights around it."

The New York housewife said the UFO got "brighter, then duller, then brighter, then blinding" as it also got smaller. The witness halted at a stop sign and watched as the UFO performed "a zig zag circular motion."

When she arrived home, Mrs. Pelchy called Mr. and Mrs. William King, who also witnessed the phenomenon. Then she called her next door neighbor, Mrs. Betsy Paranteau, who accompanied her back to the area of the sighting.

Again the object was spotted in front of the car and at an approximate altitude of 100 feet. It zig zagged "as a bird looking for a place to light." It also appeared to change shape to an "inverted cone."

"After watching a few more minutes and not seeing the light disappear, we came home with qualmy stomachs," Mrs. Pelchy stated. "I would rather escape the whole episode by putting it out of my mind, but the fact is that something very mysterious did happen. . . . I'll not be driving on that road or area alone at night."

The witness reported that a Lakeland woman, Joan Nagen, and her husband saw "unusual moving lights" at 7:15 p.m. that same evening, at about the same time Mrs. Pelchy and Mrs. Paranteau returned home.

E-M Waves Researched

Prof. Clyde E. Ingalls, of Cornell University, has conducted experiments and research showing that electro-magnetic (E-M) waves can be "heard." (See *The UFO Investigator*, November-December, 1965, p. 5).

"It appears," Prof. Ingalls stated, "that this takes place by direct stimulation of the nervous system, perhaps in the brain, thus by-passing the ear and much of the associated hearing problem."

The Cornell scholar used a radar beam in his human experiments. By immersing himself in the edge of the beam, the subject could "hear" the radar. It was proved that the sound apparently by-passed the ear and was probably picked up by the brain's nervous system, originating, in most cases, a few feet above the head.

By use of screening tests, it was established that the radar could be "heard" at a point above the forehead. This, it appears, is proof that E-M waves do not use the normal auditory channels.

We may speculate that animals reacting while a UFO was in the area did so as a result of "hearing" E-M waves emitted from the object.

Horse, Wagon Overturned on UFO Encounter

Scores of Ohio River valley residents reported seeing a huge object flying up the river. Lewis Summers, owner and operator of Summers Pharmacy, New Haven, West Virginia, told NICAP that he first saw the UFO, as "big as a C-45 airplane," at about 500 feet altitude at approximately 8:45 p.m., April 17, 1967.

Summers got into his car and followed the object along Route 33 until it "crossed the highway about one-half mile ahead of me and disappeared behind the hills." The UFO circled, however, and headed back toward the witness. It was emitting two large beams of light to the ground from its bottom. Again, the UFO turned toward the river and Summers continued following.

"I stopped the car and flashed the headlights off and on several times," the registered pharmacist stated. "The spotlights [on the craft] also were turned off

and on several times, but I do not know whether they were answering my signals or not."

Meanwhile, three miles to the north, a young boy in a pony-drawn wagon broke his glasses when the animal bucked upon seeing the UFO, wrecking the wagon. The youngster's father did not believe his son's story until the horse was found "with its feet sticking straight up." The animal reportedly suffered no lasting ill effects, however.

A Summers employee, Mrs. Lewis Capehart, also saw the object and reported that her two German shepherd dogs strongly reacted. One of the animals "broke the chain with which it was tied." Mrs. Capehart sent a sketch of the object to NICAP.

While Summers was following the UFO, Louis Ellis, working at the Vanadium Corporation of America near New Haven, also saw it. He said it stopped, hovered, then reversed and passed overhead at 400 or 500 feet altitude. Bright lights were shining from the windows or portholes and "there was also a row of red lights around the object."

In Middleport, Ohio, just across the Ohio River, several witnesses, including Sheriff Robert C. Hartenbach, also saw it. It had "a bright yellow light" and "feeder-type objects protruding off its main part."

Summers also reported that there was electro-magnetic interference to television sets in the area.

Radio Station WMPO reportedly received hundreds of calls from witnesses.

Less than two years earlier a carefully investigated, almost classic animal reaction case occurred in New York.

Bull Bends Pipe

Sixteen year old Harold Butcher was milking the cows in his father's barn in Cherry Creek, N.Y. As he was working, he was listening to Radio Station WKBW. Just outside a three-year old bull was tied by the nose to a metal pipe. It was about 8:20 p.m., August 19, 1965.

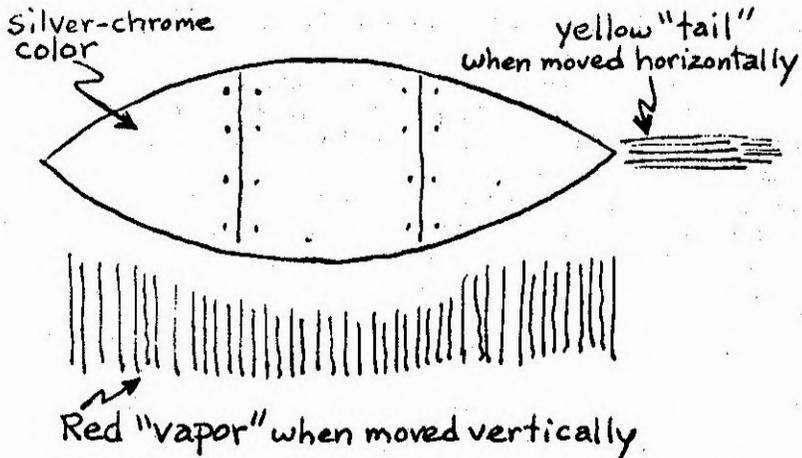
Harold heard the bull make a noise "like I have never heard come from an animal before." Looking out of the window, the teen-ager saw the animal was actually bending the pipe. Simultaneously he saw a metallic-looking, football-shaped UFO about 50 feet long and approximately 20 feet thick hovering just above the trees an estimated 450 feet from the barn.

Slowly, the object descended behind a maple tree, emitting a red vapor from around its edges and a "beep-beep" sound as it did so. Meanwhile, the radio was emitting a lot of static, even though WKBW usually has a clear signal in that area.

The witness, using a connecting telephone, called the house, then ran outside. As he approached the bull, the UFO rose to behind some clouds "as fast as a snap of my fingers."

"As it began to rise," reported Jeffrey J. Gow, who investigated the sighting for NICAP, "the red vapor, which was about 50 inches wide, shot from the edges toward the ground, then bounced back to the ship as it hovered about 10 feet in the air."

The noise pitch of the object also increased to a level approximating a sonic



The Cherry Creek, N.Y., UFO, August 19, 1965.

boom as it rose. As the UFO disappeared behind the clouds, the clouds became green.

Harold ran into the farmhouse. Inside, the boy's mother, Mrs. William Butcher, noted that there was "definite interference" in her radio reception. Harold's brother, Robert, also went outside and the two boys saw that the UFO had reappeared, this time hovering over a pine grove. Again it ascended, emitting the red vapor and turning the clouds green. Others in the house included Mrs. Butcher, William Butcher, Jr., and Kathleen Brougham, a friend. They did not see the object at this time.

Immediately Mrs. Butcher telephoned the Fredonia State Police Station. They said they would dispatch an officer to the scene. Then all except Mrs. Butcher, who was looking after a small daughter, went outside to look for the object. They saw nothing. Harold and Robert returned to the house. William, Jr., entered the milk house.

Object Sighted Again

At 9 p.m., Kathleen Brougham rushed screaming into the house, stumbling over the Butchers' small daughter.

"It's here again!" she exclaimed.

All but Mrs. Butcher rushed outside. The witnesses saw the UFO hovering "with a glowing yellow vapor trail." There was still a green glow to the clouds. The object headed southwest toward Jamestown.

Trooper C. J. Haas and a fellow officer arrived on the scene shortly thereafter. As the policemen and witnesses walked out to inspect the area of the initial sighting, all noticed a pungent odor. Harold and the young daughter suffered from upset stomachs. Mrs. Butcher said that the cows gave only one can of milk that evening as opposed to their usual two and a half cans.

At the same time as the sighting, Mrs. Butcher's niece, Mrs. Sharon Rouland,

who lives five miles from the Butcher farm, reported that her television set experienced interference.

Harold discovered a purple liquid oily-smelling substance and gave a sample of it to the state police who turned it over to Capt. James A. Dorsey and five others from the Niagara Falls Air Force Base, who came to investigate the report the following afternoon.

When Jeffrey Gow arrived on the scene, he noticed the foot tall grass in the area "seemed to be bent over in long curved sweeps."

"I picked up plants which seemed to be singed on one side but were still green on the other," Gow said in his report to NICAP. "I also dug up a one-foot-round area which seemed to be very slightly singed. . . . We discovered parallel two-inch-wide tracks separated by two inches of sod. The tracks were two inches deep. . . . In the tracks, the soil had been just recently exposed. The sod that appeared to be scooped out in these tracks could not be found at the site."

The physical evidence was sent to Henry C. Hawecki, consulting engineer and NICAP adviser, who reported that the presence of phosphorous in the grass could have accounted for the odor of phosphene.

Cattle React

At 7:10 a.m., February 15, 1963, Charles Brew was milking his cows on his farm in Willow Grove, Australia, about 80 miles southeast of Melbourne, when he saw a UFO descend fast out of the east at about a 45-degree angle. As the object got to within 75 feet—and about the same altitude—of the witness, it stopped and hovered.

The UFO had a dome that appeared to be made of some kind of "glass material." At the top of the dome was a metallic-looking protrusion five or six feet long. The gray middle section appeared metallic and the bottom was rotating in a counter-clockwise direction. There were also "scoop-like protrusions around the side" which seemed to be making a "swishing noise." The object itself was "about 25 feet across" and nine feet high.

The cattle in the area reacted.

"They done everything bar turn somersaults. . . ." Brew said in a tape-recorded interview with Peter Norris, President of the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society. "They certainly played up."

The UFO then "took off instantly . . . with a bang."

Brew reported that, as he was observing the dome, he got "an awful headache just behind the eyes." Medication had no effect, but the ailment wore off that night.

Both the Australian Air Force and F. A. Berson, of the Division of Meteorological Physics of the official Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization investigated the report. Rock samples were taken for analysis.

"We are unable to come to any firm conclusion as to the nature of the object or manifestation reported," Berson wrote the Australian UFO group.

THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Chaput were awakened in their home by the barking of their dog two miles northeast of Pembroke, Ontario, Canada, at 2 a.m., May 11, 1969. A bright light was shining in their window.

Chaput, in his report to NICAP member Henry H. McKay, said the stationary light was close to—or on—the ground and was “illuminating the surrounding fields. . . . The light was so intense the witness had to avert his eyes. . . .”

The light revealed a dome-shaped object with a flat bottom that was emitting “a soft purring. . . .” As Chaput turned his eyes away, the UFO disappeared.

Three large ring-like impressions, each measuring about 27 feet in diameter, were found on the ground the next morning. Within these impressions the ground was scorched. Two small balsam trees and a pine tree branch within the landing or near-landing area which appeared slightly burned were taken to the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests for analysis.(18) A letter to Henry McKay from a Department official revealed that nothing unusual was found.

NICAP has on file hundreds of reports involving physical evidence, including holes and burned areas on ground and road areas; “craters”; crushed and burned foliage and trees; odd-shaped impressions and flattened areas; disturbed rocks and logs; and even disturbed yard utensils.

Bobbing UFO Startles Witnesses

On the evening of April 23, 1966, Mrs. Jeanne Kalnicki, of the Dorchester section of Boston, Mass., was listening to a WMEX Radio talk show. At about 10:45 (EST), Steve Fredericks, the moderator, took a call from a woman who said she had seen an unidentified flying object moving over Dorchester Avenue. Grabbing her daughters, Judy, 11, and Robin, 9, Mrs. Kalnicki hurried to the front bedroom of her third-floor apartment. Looking out over Dorchester Avenue, they saw the object—low over Ernie’s Auto Repair across the street.

The large, near-oval shaped UFO had a ring of blinking red lights around it. A bubble-like dome was above the lights and a brilliant yellow light was on top of the dome. As the yellow light alternately flashed on, the red lights flashed off. The nocturnal craft, bobbing up and down, moved south, stopped and hovered over a sign on top of the Osterbilt Company building. The witnesses ran back to the living room and peered out of the windows as the UFO moved across Dorchester Avenue. It appeared to be coming straight toward them, at eye level. The Kalnickis drew back apprehensively as the UFO emitted a low humming sound and passed between their apartment building and the one next door.

As it got almost to the end of the alleyway between the buildings, it stopped and hovered for several minutes. Looking intently, Mrs. Kalnicki noticed a transparent dome. As the yellow light on top went off, the dome appeared to generate a glow from within. The strange craft then moved erratically toward the east and disappeared.

Returning to the front bedroom, the excited witnesses began to discuss what they had just observed. As they did so, Mrs. Kalnicki’s other son, David, 17, who

had been walking the dog, entered the apartment. After hearing the report, he called the area newspapers and discovered that numerous people had reported seeing UFOs. Many of the sightings, however, were thought to be of the Sky Lite advertising plane which frequently flies in that area at night trailing a brightly lit sign.

Raymond Fowler, Chairman of NICAP's Massachusetts Subcommittee, obtained the Sky Lite plane's schedule for that night. The aircraft began its run at 8 p.m., passed over Dorchester at 9 o'clock and landed at Danvers, about 20 miles north, at 10:30. Due to the time discrepancy, it was obvious that the Kalnickis had not seen the plane.

The frightened family decided to remain awake for the rest of the night. At 2 a.m. the nation converted to Daylight Savings Time. At 5 a.m. (EDT), Judy Kalnicki was lying awake in her bed, still too upset to sleep. Her sister, Robin, was asleep in the bed between Judy and the window.

Windows and Bed Shaken

As she was contemplating what she had seen earlier, Judy was startled by a brilliant flash of light that penetrated the venetian blinds and lit up her bed. Fear-stricken, the girl called softly to her mother, afraid to raise her voice. There was no response. Then she got out of bed and cautiously approached the window. There was the object again—this time so close that she could have touched it had the window been open. The UFO was about the size of David Kalnicki's 1955 Lincoln and was emitting the bright light from the yellow circular light on top of the dome. There was a disc shape below with red lights "on little spokes or shafts." The lights flashed on and off in the same alternating pattern as before. The object was also giving off "a humming sound and some weird, whirring, mechanical noises."

The UFO began bobbing in front of the window. The girl, nearly paralyzed with fear and possibly afraid that the object was going to crash through the window, screamed. Seeming to respond, the object increased its rapid bobbing. Then there was a heavy, dull, thudding sound, as if a gigantic sledge hammer had pounded against the side of the house. The windows rattled and Judy's bed rocked. Then—blackness. All the lights in the house had gone out.

Judy, no longer able to retain control of herself, ran screaming into the hallway. Downstairs, she heard their German shepherd excitedly whining and scratching at the back porch door. Almost immediately, Mrs. Kalnicki, David and two friends, Mrs. Mary Burdick and Helen Litchfield, joined her. All five witnesses rushed to the back porch.

They saw it, to the north toward downtown Boston: "a glowing, elongated object with red lights on one end. . . ." It looked as if it was a few miles away. They watched it for about 12 minutes. During this time the house lights came back on.

Reentering the apartment, David called Dorchester Police Station No. 11. Four policemen quickly responded, but they thought that Judy had experienced a nightmare. They had already checked with Logan Airport officials, who said the girl might have seen a flash of lightning. (There was a light rain and mist, but no thunderstorm activity).

Between 5:30 and 6 o'clock, Richard Fallon, a Boston Globe photographer who was at the police station when the call came in, entered the apartment. At about the same time, Roland Oxlon, a Boston Record American photographer, also arrived. According to Oxlon, the children were then "still hysterical and crying."

Walter N. Webb, who investigated the sighting, later talked with Sam Carchidi, District Manager of the Boston Edison Company. Carchidi said that a power failure affecting approximately 2,500 homes in the area had started at 4:57 a.m., April 24. Two cables, he said, on Pole No. 2 on East Street, a block northwest of the Kalnicki apartment, had burned open, probably resulting from a breakdown in the insulation. Partial restoration of power occurred about 25 minutes later and full restoration in a little more than an hour. Carchidi said he knew of the UFO sighting, but was convinced the blackout was not caused by the object.

Radioactive Particle Discovered

That evening Subcommittee member Ernest Reid visited the Kalnicki apartment with a CDV-700 geiger counter. Scanning the window sill, he found one particle registering "a strong reading of .025 milliroentgens per hour." The particle and "other normal dust from the sill" were turned over to Subcommittee member Peter Poulsen, a graduate student in radiation physics, for analysis.

"After questioning the family," Webb stated in his report, "I believe it is highly probable the events happened as described. Judy, an honor student at school, insisted she was awake when her own terrifying experience took place, that it was not a dream. If it were a hoax, she was a very good actress to cry as convincingly as she did. Police officers and news photographers found the whole family upset. . . . I questioned Judy very closely. I don't think someone perpetrating a hoax could make a child stick to such a detailed story under repeated interrogations over such a long period. Her account impressed me, to say the least. . . ."

"Although a conventional explanation was suggested by Boston Edison for the April 24 blackout, I believe a UFO correlation is a definite probability here not only because the time of the power failure coincided closely with the UFO sighting but also because the trouble was traced to a cable breakdown quite near the Kalnicki apartment. This all seems beyond the realm of ordinary coincidence to me. . . . David estimated their house lights were out no more than four minutes while the broader power interruption was not even partially corrected for 25 minutes. Mrs. Kalnicki disputed her son's estimate and thought the lights were out for a longer period. . . ."

"Raymond Fowler . . . reported . . . that in the past few months power lines have 'vaporized' mysteriously in the Framingham area west of Boston. The source for this information is an employee of Boston Edison and is considered reliable. The employee said the cause of this problem is as yet unexplained, and nothing like this has happened in the past 50 years. . . ."

"Thunderous Explosion" Rocks Car

It was a little after 9:30 p.m., September 6, 1968, when John Dow and a friend, Paul Franklin, were driving around the town dump of Taradale, New Zealand. The dump is about one-half mile from the Redcliffe Power Station, where 11,000-volt lines travel from the main East Coast grid supplier, Tuai Station, through the outer fringes of the dump to Taradale, Napier, Pakowhai and Fernhill Station.

As they traveled on Springfield Road, the two young men noticed between 20 and 30 red and green lights "flying aimlessly above the . . . dump." Pulling off the road, they watched. Then "a thunderous explosion" ripped through the air. The ground and the car, a 1957 Austin A55, shook and vibrated. Immediately, the lights "appeared to group," ascended straight up and disappeared.

The frightened witnesses reported the incident to the duty officer at the Taradale police station. The policeman said they had seen "flashing power cables impregnated with salt spray."

Dow and Franklin returned to the dump the following night, but saw nothing unusual.

At 7:30 on the evening of the 8th, the youths were driving around the Puketapu area when they observed a small light rise from a field to about 1,000 feet altitude, stop, expand, and disappear.

On the following evening they were again in the Puketapu area and watched a light for 10 minutes.

But it was the evening of September 10 that the boys would never forget.

They were returning to Taradale over the Omarunui Road when they saw a circular object with a red and green light that was only a few feet in diameter and was glowing white. Heading toward the source, they watched as the UFO disappeared, apparently behind a cloud.

Dow turned onto Highway 50 and crossed the Tutaekuri River bridge. Then Franklin saw the UFO again, hovering on the opposite side of the river. The object glowed intensely and sped toward the automobile from the rear.

"Bail out, it's got us!" Franklin screamed, flinging open the door.

As he fell out of the car, which was traveling at about 35 m.p.h., Franklin's feet became entangled with Dow's legs, lifting the driver's feet from the gas pedal and brake, throwing the car out of control. Both witnesses fell through the left door. Franklin hit the ground hard on his back, Dow nearby, landing on his chest.

As the brilliant UFO hovered about two feet over the car roof, Franklin, thinking he was about to be blinded, covered his eyes with his arm.

"The light, the light. . .," he exclaimed.

Dow started to get up, but Franklin stopped him.

"For God's sake, stay down," he cautioned. "They are after us."

Automobile Crashes Into Store

Meantime, the car had careened to the right and crashed into the store of a fruit dealer on Gloucester Street, between 100-200 yards away. There was the



Car Damaged After Crash, September 10, 1968.

sound of shattered glass as a window was smashed. The fender protecting the right front wheel was almost completely ripped from the body and the headlight was nearly pulled from its socket (see photo below). The automobile was later considered a complete "write off."

Almost immediately a crowd gathered around Dow and Franklin, still lying dazed alongside the road. One of the first to arrive on the scene was V. Walker, who said he found the boys "trembling with fear." About 15 minutes later the police arrived and, 15 minutes after that, a tow truck pulled up in front of the store. Its driver afterward confirmed that the two young men appeared "badly shocked. . . ." Soon thereafter, Dow's father arrived and drove the boys home.

Nearly 24 hours later the witnesses were treated for "bruises and abrasions" at the Napier Hospital out-patient clinic because "their clothes were sticking to them." The hospital staff, they said, laughed at their story.

More than a month later, on October 12, Dow received a court summons to answer charges of reckless driving. The hearing was set for the 15th, but a postponement until November 11 was attained.

On the 11th, Dow appeared before the Napier Magistrate's Court, W. K. L. Dougall presiding. He pleaded not guilty. A Napier policeman, Constable Barry Martin-Bus, testified that he had arrived on the scene and found both youngsters "in an hysterical condition."

Mr. Dougall said that "Dow's state of mind at the time had made him lose control of the car" and dismissed the case.

Dow's insurance company was apparently satisfied with the boy's account of the incident.

"We [indemified] Mr. Dow in respect of accidental damage to his motor vehicle and were quite satisfied, on the facts presented to us, that the damage to his car arose from an accident in the legal sense of that word," the company stated.

NICAP member Claude L. Elmes investigated the report.(19)

An unusual strange effect case involving a small truck occurred one wintery night in the mid-West.

Truck Displaced

It was 11:45 p.m., December 20, 1965. Edward A. Bruns was driving his father's 1962 Ford pick-up truck home. As he was heading west, south of Route 27, near Herman, Minnesota, he saw a bright, oval-shaped object hovering several feet above the road. The large UFO "covered the entire road" and was shaped like two saucers with a dome on top. A window-like structure surrounded the dome. A green light was emitted from the window.

Suddenly, the truck engine stopped, the headlights went out, and the vehicle was spun violently to the right.

"He [Bruns] thinks the truck began to coast to a stop. . . ." reported Dr. James E. McDonald, who interviewed the witness via phone. "It ended up on the south side of the road, whereas he had been heading west."

Bruns said the truck came down lightly into a ditch. The ice around the vehicle was left unbroken. The stunned boy stared at the UFO. Then, with a whistling sound and emitting sparks from the underbelly, the object ascended and disappeared.

Young Bruns ran about a mile and a half to his home. His mother described him as "white as a ghost" and "wringing wet." She also said he was "very nervous and disturbed about the whole event."

The witness' father went to the site. He attempted to drive the four-wheel drive truck out of the ditch, but to no avail. A flashlight examination of the area revealed no tire tracks around the immediate area.

"I phoned [Herman Review] reporter Willis Klason. . . ." Dr. McDonald continued. "He confirmed that he found the truck in the ditch with complete absence of skid marks in the snow to account for how it got there. . . . He said . . . Edward . . . was known as a reliable boy with no negative reports from anyone in town. He took photos of the truck in the ditch. . . . It seems like a strong case to me."

Mass Displacement Cases Rare

Such mass displacement cases are extremely rare. Combined with reports of cars being "buffeted violently," most of which have apparently occurred in the last few years, they could constitute a new and interesting pattern.

What is the possible significance of such reports? Are such violent physical encounters purposely executed or do they happen merely as a result of the vehicles being caught up in the possible sucking backwash of the UFOs? We, of course, do not know the answer, but the latter does not appear to be the case in such obvious displacement reports. Could the UFOs be experimenting with—or

testing—our vehicles and/or their occupants? Perhaps. If direct communication is not possible, theoretically, because of great physiological and psychological differences, the UFOs' occupants could be testing our reactions by such maneuvers. Science fiction has made wide use of planes, cars, etc., being "drawn" to UFOs, but, as far as we know, there is no authenticated case of a vehicle being "kidnapped" by a UFO. It was speculated that this is what occurred in the disappearance of one or two planes known to have been chasing unknown flying objects, but, again, we have no reliable documentation. If such "kidnappings" were planned in the reports of buffeted cars and, in this case, a truck, for possible study and experimentation by extraterrestrials, we have no evidence. It is, however, a possible, if somewhat unnerving, answer. If such reports increase we may be able to hit upon a workable pattern.

Burned Area, Impressions Found

Young John C. Stephens was walking his dog along the edge of a field four miles south of Galt, Ontario, Canada, at 10:30 a.m., July 30, 1957. Looking up, he saw an aluminum-colored object with a dome on top. It circled, stopped and hovered, then landed in a gully surrounded by woods and a field, beside a 100-foot tower with high tension power lines, next to a lake.

The object was luminous and was a "flattened bell shape," said Wilbert Smith in a letter to NICAP, reporting on the investigation by Alfred Emerson. Smith conducted Project Magnet, a semi-official Canadian project investigating UFO reports in the 1950s.

John estimated the object's size as between 30 and 35 feet in diameter.

"I was just plain scared and my dog snarled and barked. . . ." the witness told J. Roy Francis, a reporter for *The Galt Evening Reporter*. "I heard [a] humming, like a ball swung around on an elastic."

John said he was "rooted to the spot" for 45 minutes, afraid to either approach the strange object or retreat. He added that the UFO emitted flames from the bottom while it was on the ground.

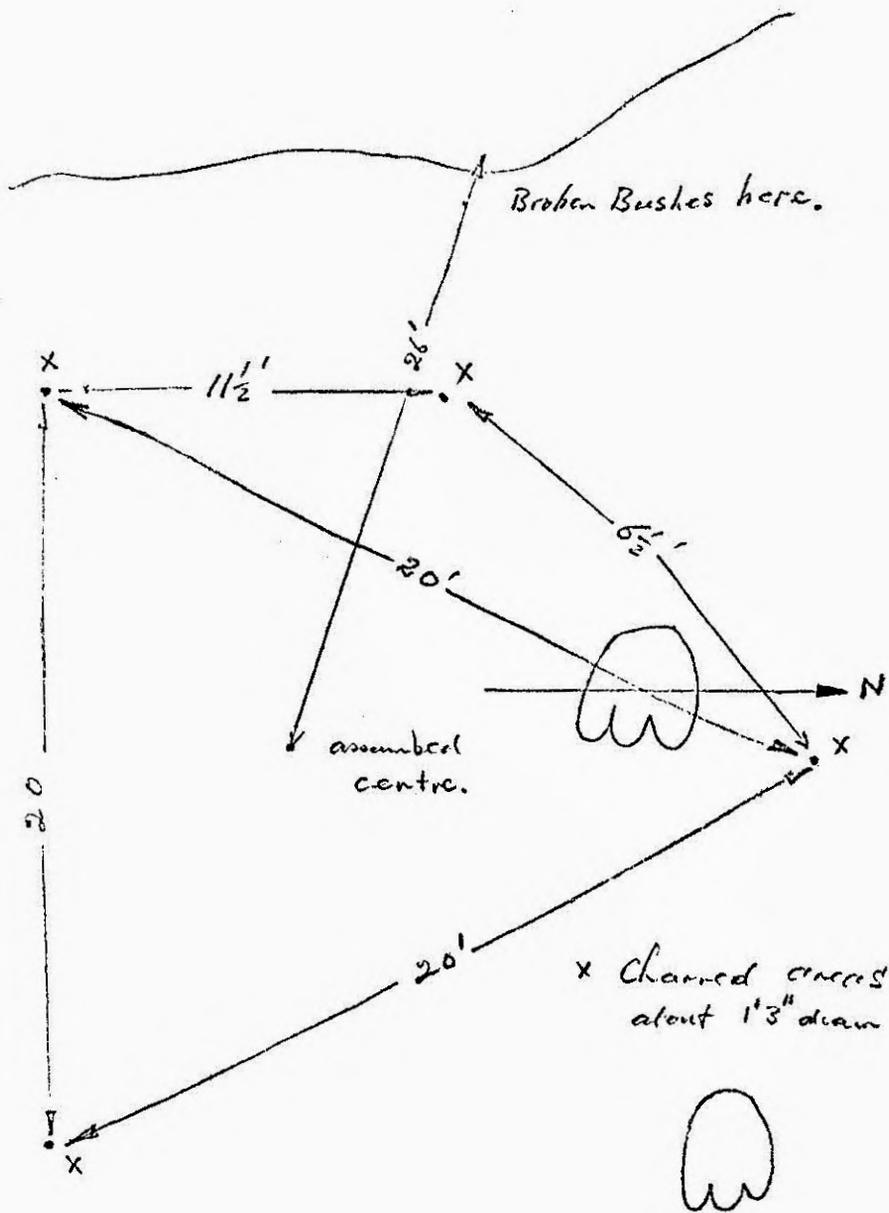
Finally, the object rose.

"When the object took off," Smith said in his report, "it first acquired a glow, rose into the air at about 45 degrees until it was well clear of the power line, after which it became quite luminous with a bright orange glow and shot away into the distance (west)."

Numerous area residents examined the area after the sighting. There were four burned patches from six and one-half to 20 feet apart. A small copse nearby had been disturbed, with small trees and limbs broken off. But the most curious find was that of two huge three-toed prints in the ground.

"The prints . . . are about 18 inches long—very weird looking," said J. Roy Francis, one of the investigators. "There is a sort of large palm and three toes or claws."

Another of the investigators was Peter Heggs, an electronics engineer with training at London's Royal College of Science. The engineer also served as a research and development radar officer in the British Royal Air Force for six years.



Claw-like Impressions at Galt, Ontario, July 30, 1957.

"Mr. DeWitt Lee and myself made a thorough examination of the site. . . ." Heggs said in his report to NICAP. "Samples of earth from various places were taken. These were tested for Beta and Gamma radiation at McMaster University."

NICAP did not receive the results, if any, of these tests.

Of the approximately 95 reports in this publication, 35 include sounds apparently emitted from the UFOs observed. These include sightings from 18 states from 1953 to 1969. Reports also came from France, New Zealand and Australia. Four sightings, with sounds, are from Canada and three from England.

Of these 35 cases, 19, or more than half, include animal reactions. Fifteen of these involve dogs that reacted. Others include reactions from cattle, horses and birds.

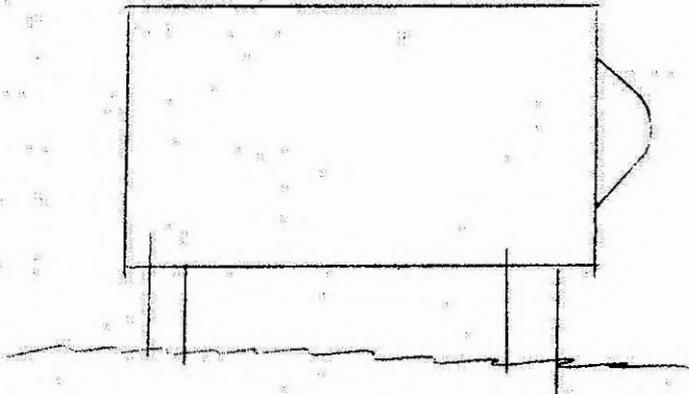
Landed UFO Frightens Boy, Cow

Young Michael J. Bizon had gone outside his home in Hubbard, Oregon, to let the cow out of her stall. His mother, Mrs. Leonard M. Bizon, was inside the house. The time was about 7:30 a.m., May 19, 1964.

"I went to put the cow out in the field," Mike told a local newspaper reporter. "Usually she can't wait to get out there. . . . She was crosswise in the stanchion and seemed very nervous. . . . She was bucking all the way."

Then he saw a square object about four feet high. The silver-colored UFO was sitting in the middle of a wheat field. It had four shiny legs.

"It started with a soft beep and started to go up," the boy told Marion County Deputy Sheriff Shirly H. Davidson, who sent his official report to NICAP. "It went up slow until it got to about the height of a telephone pole. Then it shot up just like a rocket. . . ."



Denver Young, Sheriff
By *Shirly H. Davidson* Deputy
Shirly H. Davidson

Sketch by Deputy Sheriff Davidson of Hubbard, Ore., Object, May 19, 1964.

Mike said the UFO emitted a smell like gas fumes as it rose. He then ran into the house. Mrs. Bizon said her son "had been very frightened and half crying when he made the report to her."

At about this time, Ray Mortenson, the Bizons' carpenter, arrived on the scene. He went with the boy to the wheat field and they found a spot where the wheat had been flattened out.

"I would say the area was between three and four feet across," the carpenter stated, "with the wheat being pushed out in a flower-shaped pattern."

After being notified of the incident, Officer Davidson also arrived on the scene and saw the flattened area.

"The grain appeared to have been pushed down by some object," Davidson wrote in his report. "Three particular spots were noted. These were spaced about 36 inches apart. . . ."

Later, an officer from Adair Air Force Base also inspected the site, but NICAP is unaware of any Air Force comment on the case.

A Sequel to Socorro

Only 31 hours after the famous sighting at Socorro, New Mexico, a similar event took place at La Madera in the same state.

Just after midnight, April 26, 1964, Orlando Gallegos and his family were visiting his father, Frank, just north of the town. Between 12:30 and 1 a.m., Orlando left the house to chase some horses from the cattle corral. Suddenly, he saw a bright, metallic, egg-shaped object resembling a butane gas tank resting in the dry bed of the Vellecitos Creek, about 300 feet from the house. The witness said it was "as long as a telephone pole" and approximately 14 feet high. He went to within 200 feet of the UFO, but was too frightened to get closer.

As Gallegos watched, the object emitted a ring of blue fire from jets at the bottom. The fire burned brightly, then was extinguished.

The witness ran into the house and his wife said he was "badly shaken."

The next day Gallegos discovered that the landing site was smoldering and rocks in the area were scorched. Several markings on the ground were also discovered.

Gallegos reported the incident to the police in nearby Espanola. State Police Captain Martin E. Vigil dispatched Officer Albert Vega to the scene with the witness. After examining the area, Officer Vega requested that Captain Vigil and Officer David Kingsbury hurry to the scene.

"Officer Vega advised that he had observed four depressions on the ground," Captain Vigil stated in his official report, "one of which was quite clear, the other three having been obliterated due to windy weather conditions. Officer Vega stated that this depression was approximately eight by 12 inches in size, about three or four inches deep, and sort of 'V'-shaped at the bottom.

"There were also numerous oval-shaped, or 'cat-paw-like' markings around the scorched area. They were approximately three and one-half inches in diameter.

"Upon arrival at the scene, I personally interviewed Mr. Gallegos. . . .

"Mr. Gallegos . . . is obviously not the type of person that would make up such a story."

Captain Vigil said that none of the family knew of the Socorro sighting. The police reported the results of their investigation to Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, and to the FBI. Major William Connors, of Kirtland, interviewed Gallegos at the landing site.

Pioneer Woman Sees UFO

Mrs. Pearl Christiansen is one of the few surviving pioneer women still left in the western United States. In 1920 she migrated to Gleeson, Colorado, to teach the children of mining community settlers. She had experienced many things in this sparsely populated country, including floods and droughts, but she had never seen a UFO. Then, at 7:50 p.m., August 26, 1968, she was driving to her ranch from Gleeson. She had stopped to unfasten the chain protecting her private driveway.

"I saw this big, round, silver disk with a trail of flickering lights and haze (perhaps smoke) which quickly burned out," she stated in her report to NICAP.

The former school teacher watched the object for five minutes. Then she saw a second UFO—"very shiny and gold." Both objects were hovering and both glowed. The second UFO was also round and "rich gold" in color with a pink band.

"It hurt my eyes to look at its brightness," she said.(20)

The UFOs appeared to be sitting on top of 7,200-foot high Brown's Peak. Just before midnight the objects "seemed to back off into the valley behind the peak" and disappear.

A corroborating witness was Mrs. Willard Mayfield, who, with her husband, operates the Gleeson Museum. Mrs. Mayfield, however, saw three objects.

"They looked like round dimmed headlights. . . ." she told NICAP. "The larger of the three was sitting to the west of the two smaller objects."

Daily Citizen reporter Cecil James and photographer Dan Tortorell traveled to the landing site.

"Strange fires . . . had scorched parts of the peak," James wrote. "The burning pattern of cactus and grass was erratic."

Other investigators included James and Coral Lorenzen, of APRO. James Lorenzen told the reporter that he believed Mrs. Christiansen probably saw UFOs, but he thought the fire may have been set by members of a nearby hippie settlement. Cecil James, however, disagrees.

"I doubt if [the hippies] set the fires," he countered. "Individual sotol cactus plants . . . were badly charred at their bases, but not burned at the top. Others were burned by a fierce heat which left only the blackened base of the plant. A direct row of four plants—measuring about 40 feet in length—appeared to have been hit by a flame thrower. Still, a plant near the fourth one hardly was singed. Also the peak . . . had burned spots no more than four to eight inches in diameter. And there were many dead clumps of grass and pieces of dry wood which were not touched at all. Rocks showed signs of terrific heat. None of the fires appeared to have resulted from lightning strikes."

Forty-eight hours after the sighting, Mrs. Mayfield's husband, accompanied by an unidentified Army major and Mrs. Christiansen, inspected the peak. In a

report to NICAP, Mayfield confirmed the physical evidence discovered by the Citizen employees.

"In the burned area," Mayfield added, "the rocks . . . were still too hot to hold my hands on. There was a peculiar [acid-like] odor about the place."

Object Leaves Crater-Like Depression

Early on the morning of May 5, 1964, farmer Alfred Ernst, of Barnesville, Minnesota, drove his truck up to his grain drill. He got out and began loading the drill for the continued wheat seeding of his land, which had begun the day before. He stopped for a moment and surveyed the flat prairie that was his farm, about six miles east of Comstock. Then, at 8 a.m., he saw a UFO on the ground.

"It was a glowing oval object approximately 1,500 feet away," the former Barnesville Mayor told Norman Mess, NICAP Minnesota Subcommittee member. "It appeared to be about three to four feet long and almost as wide."

The witness, in a later telephone conversation with Dr. James E. McDonald, said the object was "like the tub of a washing machine, round-bottomed." There was a bright glow to it and it was "hard to look at."

Ernst saw the object as it was taking off. It rose quickly and disappeared into the clouds in five seconds. The witness said he felt "rather uncomfortable" when the UFO disappeared.

The farmer then drove to the farm of his brother, Leo A. Ernst, and the two men returned to the landing site. There they discovered a crater-like depression about three feet in diameter. At the center of this depression was a hole about three or four inches in diameter. Four other holes approximately one and one-half inches in diameter and two feet apart formed a square around the central hole. The depressed area was unusually dry.

Around the rim of the depression a white substance, later analyzed as alkaline, was found. Ernst said the black soil in that area did not contain alkaline.

WDAY-TV, of Fargo, North Dakota, took an unusual interest in the report and sent a man to investigate and obtain photographs of the area. The results of this investigation were made public on Dewey Berquist's weather program.

"The holes are exactly the type I've seen many times and I'm sure they were caused by lightning," Berquist wrote NICAP. "I believe Mr. Ernst saw an uncommon phenomena called 'ball' or 'globe' lightning."

Ball Lightning Theory Disputed

The witness himself does not agree. Nor does Dr. McDonald.

"While I was quizzing [Ernst] about the state of the weather," Dr. McDonald said in a report to NICAP, "he made reference to the ball lightning explanation and said that was quite unreasonable. He pointed out that he and his father and grandfather had farmed in that area (his grandfather homesteaded there) and nobody in the area had ever seen any fireball or ball lightning or anything like that before. . . . Having heard directly from Ernst his description of the very precise pattern of the holes, which obviously impressed him greatly, and adding



Photograph of Depression Left by UFO, Barnesville, Minn., May 5, 1964.

that to his description of the weather, I would say that any type of ball lightning hypothesis will not fit the report. I would say that this is a fairly strong case.”

The Arizona atmospheric physicist said thunderstorm activity is needed to produce ball lightning, but “there is no mention of any thunderstorm occurring at the time, nor does any of the material indicate lightning activity.”

“The descriptions of the geometric pattern of holes in the blown-out area are quite atypical of ball lightning....” Dr. McDonald continued. “Ernst mentioned that it was hard to look at the object due to its luminosity. I have never heard of ball lightning so luminous that it would be hard to look at at a distance of a quarter of a mile. . . .

“It is true that lightning sometimes makes a hole or tear in the ground and it is also true that when it hits sand it vitrifies the sand, but I would not be satisfied with Berquist’s easy explanation of the holes on such a basis, in view of the reported geometric pattern. . . .

"Ball lightning fairly frequently ends by exploding (occasionally with damaging force, usually just with a loud noise). One might hypothesize that the hole which Ernst reported was due to explosive termination of a lightning ball; however, then one would be left high and dry with respect to accounting for the ascent of the luminous mass. If, alternatively, one argued that the hole was made by an ordinary cloud-to-ground stroke which then generated a lightning ball, it would be unreasonable to think that Ernst could have failed to hear a very loud crash of thunder. No mention of any such thunder is made."

Air Force "Unidentified"

At 7:30 a.m., September 13, 1966, young Randy E. Rotenberger was waiting for the school bus outside his home in Gwinner, North Dakota. His mother was baby sitting and his father was at work in the Melroe Manufacturing Company, a farm equipment factory.

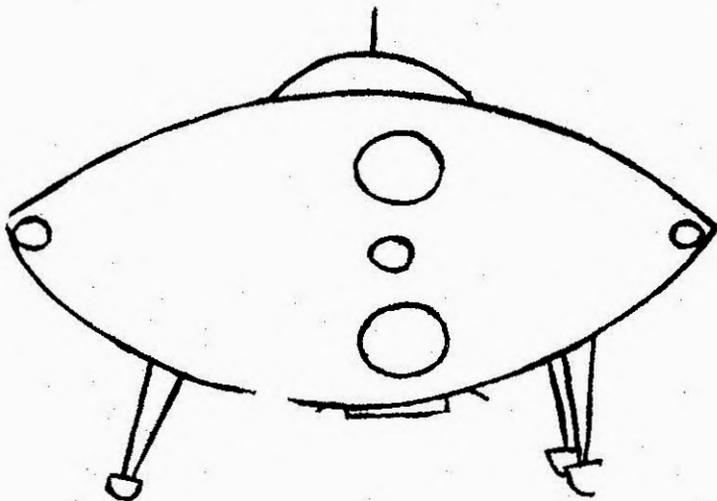
Randy saw "some flashing lights," then an object.

"It looked like two bowls put together," the witness told an Associated Press reporter.

He saw three "pegs" on the bottom and antennae projecting from the top of the silver-colored object. It also had red and green lights and was about eight feet thick. It was hovering just above the ground. Running into the house, Randy called his mother.

"The tone of his voice convinced me there was something wrong," Mrs. Emmanuel Rotenberger stated. "He was scared."

Mrs. Rotenberger told her son to lock the door and remain in the house. A moment later he called her back. He said the UFO was taking off and emitting a sound.



UFO Which Hovered Just Above Ground at Gwinner, N.D., September 13, 1966,
Sketched by Witness.

"I could hear a noise over the phone," Mrs. Rotenberger remarked. "It was a whirring sound."

The following day Randy and two friends inspected the area where the object was seen. They found "some burnt marks" and tapered holes, each about a foot in diameter and five inches deep. The holes formed a triangle. One side measured 26 feet, the second 23 feet and the third 22 feet.

Cliff Melroe, President of the Melroe Manufacturing Company, also inspected the holes.

"I've been around equipment all my life," Melroe stated. "Only a heavy piece of equipment could have made these prints. . . . Something made those holes other than someone trying to be funny."

Another of the witnesses to the physical evidence was General Homer Goebel, commander of the Fargo, North Dakota, Air National Guard base. General Goebel was not so impressed, however.

"There was a light rain at the time," he said. "There could have been . . . 'ball' lightning."

But the Air Force itself did not agree with the General.

"The . . . depressions in the ground . . . were compacted solidly," said Major James H. Aikman, of the Department of the Air Force, in a letter to NICAP. "For this reason, the sighting is carried as UNIDENTIFIED in Air Force files."

The official non-acceptance of the ball-lightning explanation in this case is reminiscent of the campaign of Philip Klass, an editor of *Aviation Week and Space Technology*, to explain most good UFO sightings as plasma/ball lightning. In an interview with the late Frank Edwards, famed news commentator and NICAP Board member, Klass publicly offered \$10,000 to anyone who could prove the extraterrestrial theory of UFOs. Edwards countered by offering the same amount to Klass if he (Klass) could uncover a single report that the Air Force explained as ball lightning. The betting reached a stalemate.

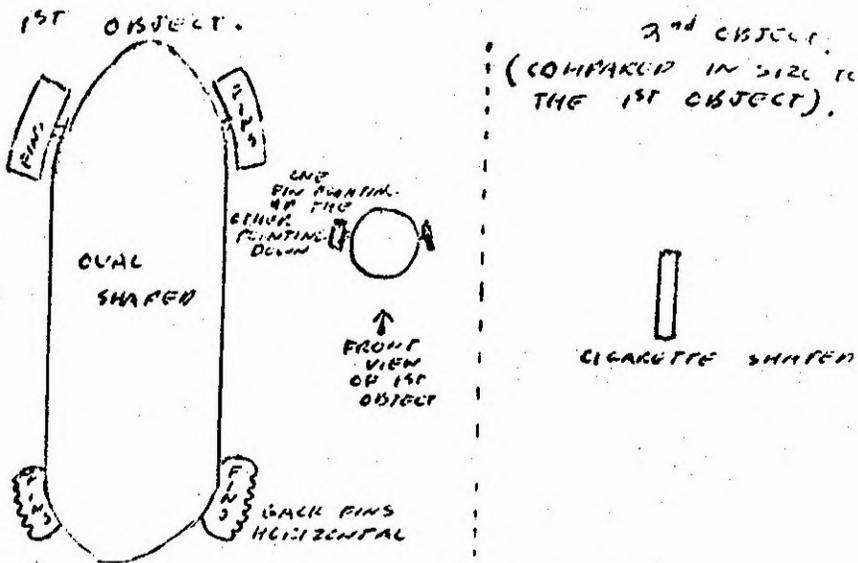
Seaman Sees Object on Beach

Two Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia, Canada, sightings in late November, 1965, created considerable interest.

Early on the morning of November 30, Seaman Ian Kinsey, of Her Majesty's Coastal Service, was on his two to four a.m. watch at the Cornwallis station. He was making his rounds of one of the barracks and was to "pass by a certain window in this barracks two times between these duty hours." Through the window he could see a small beach approximately 500 paces long and about 50 paces wide at low tide. (This section of Canada boasts the world's largest tides).

It was 3:30 when Kinsey passed by the window the second time. He looked out, expecting to see the usual things: "pitch blackness, the lights of the shoreline, the communications station, and radio antennae." He also saw something else: a sharply oval, yellow object resting on the beach. The UFO was "lit up," but not glaring.

Five minutes later a sliding door on the object's side opened, emitting a white light. Then a smaller, cigarette-shaped UFO entered the larger object through the door. The larger object rose, "slowly cruised over the mountain and [was] gone for good."



Witness' Sketch of Cornwallis UFO, November 30, 1965.

The witness said that, as the UFO took off, it apparently pushed "rocks, logs and other material" away from the center of the beach.

In a series of letters to Assistant Director Gordon Lore, Kinsey said that no one believed his story. The seaman stated that he was sent to doctors to test his sanity, "but no tests were taken."

"There's a good chance that they will give me a medical discharge. . . ." Kinsey told NICAP. "They say I am emotionally disturbed. Since I took no tests, I can't see how they came to a conclusion like this. . . . They put me in the hospital under treatment. . . . They say if I stick to my story, I will be thrown out of the navy."

Intimidation Claim Denied

Concerned about the situation, NICAP wrote to Kinsey's commanding officer, Captain J. M. Paul.

"I wish to assure you that Ordinary Seaman Kinsey is not being released because he refused to deny the sighting of an unidentified flying object," Captain Paul responded. "This man is in fact being released, but for reasons which are in no way connected with this incident."

Just a few hours before, late on the evening of the 29th, young Kevin Davis and Gary Jardine saw a UFO supporting a blinking red dome near Springhill, according to *The Springhill Record*. The object had portholes and emitted an exhaust and a humming sound.

Then, as the youngsters watched, a long bar-like object was emitted from the largest porthole. It reentered and emerged a second time. Then "something like smoke" emerged from the large UFO "and sparks flew upward."

The snow in the area was blown around and some of the bushes were flattened.

Springhill is about 125 miles northeast of Cornwallis.

Fifty-four of the sightings in this report include landings or near landings from 1954 to 1969 in 20 states and eight foreign countries. Of these, 31, or more than half, involve the discovery of physical evidence. Twenty-seven, or exactly half, include animal reactions. Of these, five involve reactions from more than one kind of animal.

Landing/Communication Theories

The landing and near landing cases are of special significance, particularly if we consider the tremendous success of our Apollo program and man's walk on the moon. President Richard M. Nixon has predicted that, by the end of the century, we will have explored other planets and come in contact with some form of life. This has prompted some skeptics to the extraterrestrial theory of UFOs to take a second look and ask the vital question: if we can land and walk on an extraterrestrial body, is it not possible that members of some extraterrestrial civilization could do the same to earth? Most astronomers now believe that there is life, intelligent and otherwise, on millions of other planets. Even the noted UFO skeptic, astronomer Dr. Carl Sagan, of Princeton University, has said that, if there are extraterrestrial civilizations somewhere in space, many are probably more highly developed, at least scientifically, than the human race.

This, of course, still does not answer the frequently-asked question: if extraterrestrial beings have landed here on earth, why have they not established contact? We cannot answer this question. Nor will we be able to do so until actual contact is made. (Thus far, NICAP has not found a single authenticated report of verbal or physical contact between a human and an extraterrestrial being, the reports of certain questionable individuals and fringe groups to the contrary). However, we can offer some educational speculation.

One interesting theory is that the beings who possibly man UFOs are so different from us in physiological and psychological makeup that they may look upon us as we look upon the lower forms of animals. "After all," Dr. James E. McDonald said, "we don't try to communicate with the kangaroo in Australia." In dealing with this problem we may be forced to alter our "human" way of reasoning, as difficult as it may be. Dr. Frank Halsted, the late astronomer, said that we too often tend to judge conditions in the universe by conditions here on earth.

There have been a few reports of alleged extraterrestrial beings beside landed UFOs who appeared to be studying the terrain and collecting earth samples. Although of questionable documentation, this is certainly no longer as far-fetched as it once was. The collecting of moon rocks by our own astronauts may be cited as a good back-up.

Witness Shocked, Yard Utensils Disturbed

Charles Englebrecht was watching television in his home in Dale, Indiana, at 8:55 p.m., June 14, 1964, when he saw a light pass by the kitchen window. As he went to investigate, the television set and house lights went out.

Outside, the witness saw an orange object as large as a basketball resting on the ground in the back yard. As he attempted a closer approach, Englebrecht said he felt something pressing him back—or his frightened state may have induced this sensation. A NICAP Vincennes, Indiana, Subcommittee investigator said the sensation was “much like being shocked by a small electrical charge.”

Calling his parents, the witness saw the UFO take off and move to the west over the barn roof.

Englebrecht and his parents noticed a strong “sulfurous” smell around the area where the object had landed. This was confirmed about half an hour later when Police Chief Leroy Musgrave arrived to investigate. Musgrave said he noted the odor “at least ¼ mile from the house.”

There were other things out of order in the yard. A power lawn mower had apparently rolled about 10 feet from its normal place toward the landing site. Cans that were on a table had fallen off in the same direction. A hoe was located 50 feet away from its stand against the house. It, too, was near the landing site. A water trough had been overturned, according to a local newspaper account. There was also a small burned area with three indentations forming a triangle and measuring nearly an inch in depth and diameter.(21)

In a telephone interview with Dr. James E. McDonald, Mrs. Gilbert Englebrecht, the witness' mother, said her son lost weight in the weeks following the sighting and he did not feel his normal self until the end of the summer. She added that all the cherry trees and garden plants around the landing area died after the sighting. She also confirmed the permeating odor and the E-M effects.

Object Leaves Circle, Disturbed Leaves

Mrs. Thelma B. Schumaker was visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Blackburn, five miles north of Airy, North Carolina. Both were asleep at 3 a.m., August 19, 1965. Suddenly, Mrs. Schumaker was awakened by an “explosive” noise in the back yard.

“The noise was nearing the north side of the house and by my window,” the witness told NICAP. “It had changed to . . . that of a giant top spinning. It sounded as though air currents were inside metal and extremely powerful. I could feel them against the house and could hear the limbs of an evergreen seemingly being almost pulled from it. This tree was possibly 12 feet from my window. I must admit I was frightened by this time, as I thought it would surely hit the house.”

Mrs. Schumaker thought she had been struck by an “immobilizing power,” for she could neither “move or speak.” Then the noise appeared to rise and travel west. The frightened woman woke her mother. Both women saw a bright golden cigar hovering to the north. The UFO then moved to the right, then left, then up and down, left again, then disappeared behind some high oak trees.

The next morning the witnesses found, in the back yard, a “six inch wide circle of depressed sod” that was, in places, “worn to the soil.” The circle was 12 feet in diameter. There were strewn leaves from the oak trees. Leaves on the other trees also appeared disheveled. Mrs. Schumaker also reported a large hole on the roof of her house which had not been noticed prior to the sighting.

Commercial Pilot Observes Landed UFO

James W. Tilse, a licensed senior commercial pilot with about 12,000 hours flying time and hotel owner; Eric Juden, a hotel guest; and John Burgess, a truck driver, were standing outside Tilse's Retreat Hotel 42 miles from Mackay, Australia, at 12:05 a.m., May 24, 1965, when they saw a "well defined machine, solid and metallic" on a ridge.

The May 30 edition of The (Brisbane) Sunday Mail described the UFO as "an upturned saucer." The top was "jet black." Three triangular legs were at the bottom. A bright light "which appeared to contract and expand continually" was observed at the top of each leg. Around the main body was a string of about 30 lights. The object was an estimated 300 yards from the hotel and moved over the treetops "at one stage."

As the UFO approached them, Tilse stated in his report, the Mackay Police Station was alerted.

"The object remained for about 20 minutes after the report," Tilse, also a Justice of the Peace, said. "During the period on the ground (or hovering) the undersides of the trees were illuminated."

"Get the rifle and shoot at it," someone yelled as the UFO approached.

"No fear, they might shoot back," Tilse responded.

The UFO rose quickly and disappeared to the northeast.

"A circular impression was found on the ground in the vicinity . . . and was measured by the local policeman," Tilse also reported. "The centre of the circle was untouched. The outside impression was 20 feet from inside to inside and extended three feet two inches outwards. It was a *perfect* circle. [The] diameter did not vary. It was practically under a telephone line. No evidence of damage can be seen to the phone line or poles."

Constable B. Self of the Nebo police department confirmed that the treetops and grass near the hotel were scorched.(22)

The witnesses were reportedly "extremely frightened and upset by the sighting."

Hunter Shoots at UFO

It was clear during the early evening as teen-agers Mark Muza and Harold Moore headed on a hunting trip into Big Marsh, an expansive, almost hostile lowland on the fringes of the small town of Poquoson, Virginia. The ominous sign just inside the marsh did not deter them: "WARNING-DANGER AREA, BOMBING RANGE. LIVE AMMUNITION AND BOMBS. WARRANTED FOR TRESPASSING. . . ."

Inside the marsh, the boys separated. Muza trudged through the mud and water, then stopped to inspect his 12-gauge shotgun. It was 6:15 p.m., October 19, 1959.

Then the youngster heard a sound like "a flock of wild birds." Looking up, the startled boy saw a circular UFO about four feet in diameter coming straight down toward him. Almost instinctively, he raised his gun and pulled the trigger, unleashing a barrel of #4 shot. He heard the "ring of metal striking metal." At about 50 feet altitude, the UFO stopped. Muza quickly reloaded and fired again.

He reloaded a second time, this time using a steel bearing. He clearly heard the loud ping as the slug hit the object.

Meanwhile, Moore, about 100 yards away, saw the UFO as his companion fired the first time. He said that a "whirring noise" was heard during the entire incident. After the third shot, he said, the object, "spinning like a toy top," went straight up and disappeared in seconds.(23)

NICAP member Larry Bryant investigated the incident.

A second incident of a witness shooting at—and hitting—a UFO occurred almost seven years earlier.

Farm Animals React

At 11:15 p.m., January 29, 1953, Lloyd C. Booth left his general store eight miles north of Conway, South Carolina, and drove to his farm about a mile away. After washing, he put on a pot of coffee and sat down to read the newspaper. Then he began to think of his cow that had died the night before. The animal "hadn't even been sick at all."

"Even stranger," Booth stated, "in the past few weeks about 20 cows in the county had met the same unusual death. Examinations by veterinaries showed that they had all died of poisoning. . . . Also, hogs were dying in amazingly large numbers. One man lost 75. Nobody could explain the deaths."

As he was contemplating the strange demise of the farm animals, he heard his own farm animals outside.

"A bunch of ducks, the chickens, and two mules began making more noise than usual, and I got up and went out to see what was molesting the animals," the general store owner stated.

As he went outside, Booth, thinking a prowler might be on the farm, grabbed his Harrison and Richards .22 revolver. As he reached the mule stalls, he saw something about 10 feet over the treetops.

"It looked like an egg, cut end to end," he stated. "There was a [white] light in the back, but the glass was tinted, smoked, or too thick to see through. The entire body was very streamlined. It was from 24'-26' long, and 12'-14' broad, and 8'-10' deep, not to include the (apparently) countersunk round object on the bottom. The bottom appeared to be flat except for the protrusion on the bottom which appeared to be 3'-3½' broad extending down about 3½' from the fuselage or main body and extending about one-half the overall length of the object. . . . There were two glassed-over areas in front, like cockpits, but there weren't any bubbles as our craft have. . . . In the back was another cockpit, and light was pouring through what seemed like tinted glass. . . . Underneath was an opening about three feet wide, and from this protruded a crescent-shaped object that looked like part of a large wheel. . . ."

The witness said his Army training in an anti-aircraft unit had taught him to notice minute details of all types of aircraft: helicopters, blimps, jets, conventional planes, etc.

"I know that the strange craft that hovered over me . . . was something I had never seen before," he remarked.

The UFO was "drifting" toward Booth from the east. It was making a "slight humming noise." He yelled toward the house, hoping to awaken his family, but was unsuccessful.

The strange flying object passed overhead at an approximate altitude of 90 feet, heading west. Clutching his pistol, Booth followed the slow-moving UFO. It flew over the trees and the witness entered a small clearing in the woods. But there was a swamp ahead. He knew he couldn't go much further.

Shot Hits UFO

Then the object again approached Booth and flew overhead. The frightened, part-time farmer aimed the pistol and pulled the trigger. Ping! The bullet had hit something metallic. He fired again but heard nothing because the nocturnal craft increased its noise, "like a stepped up electric motor."

"As soon as the [first] shot hit the object . . .," Booth wrote, "it seemed to tilt upward just a bit and soared into the air at about a 65-degree angle. It continued this upward move at about 600 m.p.h. until it vanished. . . ."

The UFO disappeared at a speed greater than any aircraft, Booth said.

Reentering the house, the witness found that his mother, father and brother were awake. His mother had heard the shots.

Booth pondered as to whether to report the incident. He decided not to, fearing ridicule. A week passed before he informed a friend, Rev. Elwell Jones, pastor of the Horry County Carolina Baptist Church, who broke the story.

"In a few hours I was surrounded by curiosity seekers and I found debunkers on all sides," Booth lamented.

A Civil Aviation Agency (CAA) man said the witness had shot at one of a fleet of Navy blimps en route from Georgia to North Carolina. But Booth wasn't satisfied.

"I have seen many blimps," he said, "and I've been in one. I'd certainly know a blimp when I saw one 80 feet over my head."

Booth was known as an "honest, Christian man" in his area.

"I have known Lloyd Booth all my life," Rev. Jones said. "I have known him to be a good Christian man and when he says he saw something, he did."

"Lloyd Booth is of good character and a truthful man," a neighbor concurred. "I have never known him to misrepresent anything."

Even the local newspaper attested to the witness' honesty.

"Booth is . . . a member of the Poplar Methodist Church and of exceedingly high character throughout the area in which he is known," said a story in *The Field*. "There is no doubt in the minds of those who know him well, including ministers, that he is by nature truthful and of high moral integrity. What he saw was no hoax, and he had ample time to study it in great detail."

Even a writer who did a story on the incident for *The Journal of Space Flight* was impressed by the witness.

"It is the author's opinion, based upon Mr. Booth's personality and the manner in which the story was told and questions answered, that this is not a hoax," wrote H. B. Ketchum. "It appears that the man did see a strange craft of

a design wholly unfamiliar and with an unknown but powerful means of propulsion.”

Finally, Dr. James E. McDonald interviewed the witness.

“Booth’s account was given to me in a seemingly quite straightforward manner, no evident embarrassments or visible dramatization,” Dr. McDonald told NICAP. “He sounded like a person of . . . entirely honest manner.”(24)

APPENDIX

Chronology

Date and Location	Description	Physical Effects
1/29/53; Conway, S.C.	Witness shot at UFO, which soared up with noise.	Ducks, chickens, mules reacted.
7/1/54; Walesville, N.Y.	Unknown object pursued by F-94 jet with two-man crew.	Severe heat caused plane crew to bail out; aircraft crashed, killing four people on ground.
9/10/54; near Quarouble, France.	Dog's barking and howling attracted witness; dark object seen on ground, observed rising.	Animal reaction (dog); blinding light from UFO; paralysis; physical markings at site.
9/26/54; Chabeuil, France.	Disc observed taking off emitting whistling sound.	Dog barked and howled; 10' circle of crushed foliage found.
10/3/54; Ronsenac, France.	Circular object, first dark then increasingly luminous, observed rising from roadside.	Grass flattened at take-off site.
10/15/54; Rovigo, Italy.	Circular object seen landing, taking off after few minutes.	"Crater" almost 20 feet in diameter found; six poplar trees nearby "carbonized."
11/8/54; La-Tessoualle, France.	Blue disc approached car.	E-M effects to car; witness felt "pricklings" and was unable to move or speak.
11/17/54; Oregon City, Ore.	Orange UFO flies overhead.	Strange rain pelts witness; dizziness.
11/2/55; Williston, Fla.	Policeman saw UFO fly directly overhead.	Witness felt stinging sensation as object passed over.
10/2/56; Trenton, N.J.	Special guard saw solid-appearing red UFO descend, then ascend and disappear.	Object emitted strong odor; nausea, burning sensation on face and eyes; medical treatment required.
7/30/57; near Galt, Ont., Canada.	Silvery disc descended close to ground; emitted humming sound, flames from underside.	Dog reacted; landing site burned and charred; large, claw-like impressions found.
10/8/57; near Nawaka, Fiji Islands.	Revolving UFO with "figure of a man" on it	Light beam made witnesses "feel weak."

Date and Location	Description	Physical Effects
11/3/57; Scotia, Nebr.	UFO at low altitude emitted "humming noise."	Witness temporarily paralyzed; strong odor of "fumes" in air.
11/6/57; Merom, Ind.	Two objects maneuvered, made "whirring noise."	Witness suffered facial burns; medical treatment required.
11/6/57; Montville, Ohio.	UFO landed 500 feet from car.	Nearby automobile found abnormally radioactive.
11/10/57; Madison, Ohio.	Disc-like UFO with dome hovered at low altitude.	Witness suffered eye burns, rash, other physiological effects; dogs in kennel also affected.
5/5/58; near San Carlos, Uruguay.	Top-like UFO approached small aircraft.	Pilot felt intense heat, aircraft engine reacted.
7/30/58; north of Arequipa, Peru.	Saucer descended to 150' altitude, hovered, then disappeared.	E-M effects to car, truck and bus; witnesses felt "nervous shock."
10/26/58; Baltimore, Md.	Huge, egg-shaped UFO hovered over bridge.	E-M effects to car; witnesses felt much heat from the object; skin peeled.
9/7/59; near Lexington, Ky.	Dome-shaped UFO hovered near ground, took off vertically, moved away horizontally.	13-foot stained ring found on ground.
10/19/59; Poquoson, Va.	Object came straight down toward observer, emitted "whirring noise."	Witness shoots at—and hits—UFO three times.
1/9/63; Trail, Ore.	Large, bright UFO emitted cone-shaped tail and humming sound.	Dog reacted.
2/15/63; near Melbourne, Australia.	Large disc with protrusions hovered close to ground.	Horses and cattle frightened.
4/24/64; Socorro, N.M.	Policeman saw oval object with four legs resting in gully, emitted flame and took off.	Four holes surrounding burned area on ground.
4/26/64; La Madera, N.M.	Huge metallic object on ground; emitted flame.	Burned landing site, marks on ground verified by state policemen.
5/2/64; Conn.	White object with tail.	Dogs reacted.
5/4/64; Barnesville, Minn.	Oval object on ground, took off and disappeared.	Witness felt "uncomfortable"; depression and five holes discovered on ground.
5/19/64; Hubbard, Ore.	Squarish UFO with four legs ascended from field.	Object emitted odor; witness frightened; cow reacted; flattened area found on ground.

Date and Location	Description	Physical Effects
6/14/64; Dale, Ind.	UFO rested in yard.	Witness felt shock, lost weight; trees and plants died; yard utensils disturbed; burned area and triangular indentations discovered at landing site.
6/29/64; near Lavonia, Ga.	Disc-like, revolving UFO descended into car headlights; made two passes at car; emitted strong odor and hissing noise.	Car E-M interference; witness felt heat wave, arms burned; "oily substance" found on car.
7/64; near Missoula, Mont.	Huge UFO shone light beam onto house and landed.	Ranch animals affected.
7/26/64; near Florence, Mont.	Bright, glowing object hovered at low altitude, then ascended and disappeared.	Dogs reacted.
9/4-5/64; Cisco Grove, Calif.	Hunter saw UFO land; several occupants, including robots, terrorized observer.	Witness shot robot with bow and arrows; physical evidence, including arrowheads, burned articles, etc.
12/21/64; near Staunton, Va.	Huge cone-shaped UFO crossed low over highway, landed in meadow; took off fast with "whoosh" sound.	Automobile engine failed; very high radiation count reading at landing site.
2/3/65; near Christ Church, New Zealand.	Large UFO ascended from beach, emitted "whistling noise."	Dog highly agitated; flattened grass on sand discovered at site.
3/15/65; Everglades, Fla.	Huge cone with portholes at low altitude; object emitted jet and wind blast.	Witness knocked unconscious for more than full day, hospitalization required; dog reacted; large burned circle and marks on trees at landing site.
5/23/65; near Mackay, Australia.	Commercial pilot and others saw UFO with spotlights and legs land near hotel; object rose and disappeared quickly.	Trees and grass scorched.
7/1/65; Valensole, France.	Farmer saw humanoid emerge from UFO with legs resting on ground; "whistling sound" heard.	Four depressions and a central hole in ground discovered.
7/19/65; near Melbourne, Australia.	Huge disc with legs landed on beach, took off glowing and emitting sound.	Dogs reacted.
8/2/65; Lake Park, Minn.	Orange UFO emitting "dynamo" sound hovered just above ground.	Animals reacted.

Date and Location	Description	Physical Effects
8/4/65; Jackson, Miss.	White-red, football-shaped object seen in sky.	Dogs howled.
8/19/65; Cherry Creek, N.Y.	Football-shaped UFO descended, emitting red vapor and "beep-beep" sound.	Odor noticed in area; livestock reacted; witnesses had "upset stomachs"; radio and TV E-M interference; purple liquid, burned grass and markings discovered at site.
8/19/65; near Mt. Airy, N.C.	Gold UFO moved erratically with explosive sounds.	Witness frightened and felt immobilized; large circle on ground; disturbed leaves; hole in roof of house.
9/20/65; Felixstowe, England	Orange, oval object emitting hum passed low over observers.	Witnesses "terrified"; one observer hospitalized for shock.
11/30/65; Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, Canada.	Canadian military seaman saw cylindrical UFO on beach; smaller object merged with it.	Rocks, logs, etc., on beach disturbed.
12/20/65; Herman, Minn.	Large, red UFO with dome hovered just over road, emitted sparks and took off with whistling sound.	E-M interference to truck; vehicle was spun around and deposited in ditch, stunning witness and leaving no tracks in the snow.
1/7/66; Wilmslow, Cheshire, England.	Policeman saw metallic UFO, emitting sounds close to ground.	Dogs reacted.
3/13/66; Black River Falls, Wisc.	Green-white object seen from house, emitted loud beeps.	Dogs reacted; radio-TV-stereo E-M interference.
3/20/66; Dexter, Mich.	Witnesses, including policemen, saw UFO hover over swamp, then ascend over patrol car.	Dogs and cattle strongly reacted.
3/29/66; Hamilton, Ont., Can.	Two glowing half-spheres, one with antenna, landed in field.	Witness touched antenna, hand blown off projection and burned.
3/31/66; near Vicksburg, Mich.	Lighted disc hovered just above road; emitted humming sound, sped up quickly and disappeared.	Witness frightened; possible E-M effects to automobile; car "buffeted violently."
4/23/66; Clarinda, Iowa.	Huge cigar with legs and light beam, making roaring noise, landed.	Deep impressions found at site; cattle frightened.
4/23/66; Boston, Mass.	UFO illuminated girl's bedroom, emitted "humming sound."	Dog reacted; windows and bed shook; house lights went out; witness terrified.

Date and Location	Description	Physical Effects
4/29/66; near Stamford, Eng.	Two spheres maneuvered, then disappeared; flash seen and bang heard.	Witness experienced sensation of "moving at fantastic speed" while in van; birds screeched.
9/13/66; Gwinner, North Dakota.	Object with projections hovered near ground, then took off; emitted whirring sound.	Witness frightened; burned marks and triangular-shaped holes found on ground.
10/8/66; Rushville, Ind.	Red and white object at treetop level; "screaming sound."	TV E-M effects; police dogs howled.
11/1/66; Newfields, N.H.	Huge object with portholes.	Witness knocked back by UFO light beam; eyes affected, medical attention required.
11/4/66; Alton, Va.	Huge UFO hovered over ground, moved under utility lines and left area.	TV E-M interference; witness "shaken"; dogs reacted.
12/25/66; Monroe, Ore.	Three UFOs rose from field with "screaming" noise, maneuvered in sky, paced car.	UFO blast on take-off knocked witness against car; flattened grass found at landing site.
2/3/67; Piggott, Ark.	Numerous witnesses saw UFOs with flashing lights and domes maneuvering in sky; satellite and merging objects also seen.	Dogs reacted.
2/22/67; Milton, Ind.	Saucer traveled low along creek.	Dogs highly agitated.
3/7/67; Keeneyville, Ill.	Descending disc emitted light beams onto car.	Witnesses frightened; dog extremely agitated.
3/8/67; Leominster, Mass.	Large light, surrounded by mysterious fog, seen in cemetery.	E-M interference to car; witness paralyzed and arm thrown upward.
3/15/67; Nebo, North Carolina	Huge tear-shaped object hovered near transformer, then disappeared quickly.	Witness "shocked"; dog very frightened.
3/28/67; near Munroe Falls, Ohio.	Cone-shaped object on ground; small creatures were seen.	Car hit occupant; dent in automobile.
4/5/67; Jonestown, Pa.	UFO flew over car, emitting odor, sound and sparks.	Car suffered E-M effects and was rocked as object took off; witness very nervous, skin peeled.
4/17/67; New Haven, W. Va.	Large UFO with light beams flew along Ohio River; scores of witnesses.	Horse reacted, overturning wagon and driver; dogs frightened; TV E-M interference.

Date and Location	Description	Physical Effects
4/21/67; South Hill, Va.	Tank-shaped object with four legs rested on road, emitted flame, ascended and disappeared.	Four holes surrounding burned area on road.
4/23/67; Elizabeth, Ill.	Huge object with colored lights hovered just above ground, sped away as car headlights picked it up.	Cattle in area extremely restless.
5/20/67; Falcon Lake, Manitoba, Canada.	Spinning, humming UFO on ground; witness approached and touched object, which emitted a heat blast.	Witness suffered chest burns and other ill effects; hospitalization required.
6/21/67; Mechanicsville, Va.	Huge object with dome rose from woods emitting rocket sound.	Sound affected witness' ears; dogs agitated; trees disturbed and broken.
7/11-15/67; near Lone Butte, Canada.	Erratically maneuvering UFOs with "drone or hum."	Cattle, horses, dogs reacted.
7/20/67; Jewfish Creek, Fla.	Blinding light just above road paced car.	Dog reacted violently.
7/25/67; Garrison, North Dakota.	Plate-shaped UFO moved erratically, almost touching ground.	Dogs and cattle reacted.
8/12/67; near Ogema, Wisc.	Large object emitted light beam near witnesses; sound like footsteps heard.	Witnesses frightened; dog barked.
10/26/67; near Weymouth, England.	Former BOAC flying officer saw "flying cross" UFO near atomic and military installations.	Dogs highly agitated; one dog died after sighting.
11/2/67; near Ririe, Idaho.	Occupant "glided" from UFO and entered car.	Witnesses temporarily blinded and terrified; dogs and cattle reacted.
11/22/67; Petrila, Rumania.	Disc hovered, then disappeared at "a bewildering speed."	Chickens reacted.
1/20/68; Vermillion, South Dakota.	Spinning object paced car close to ground.	Witnesses frightened; dog reacted.
2/19/68; Bengough, Saskatchewan, Canada.	UFO, emitting high-pitched sound, circled and maneuvered low over farmyard.	Witness frightened and felt mild physical shock; dog and cattle highly agitated.
3/19/68; Wilson, Ohio.	Hovering UFO emitted light beam onto witness.	Witness suffered second degree burns; clothes also burned.
4/5/68; Grand Marais, Manitoba, Canada.	Orange object emitted white light.	Radio E-M interference; dogs reacted.

Date and Location	Description	Physical Effects
5/31/68; near Elvia, Iowa.	Car-like UFO in field, revolved counterclockwise, got smaller and disappeared.	Baby ducks reacted.
7/6/68; La Habra, Calif.	Hovering cigar into which two lights merged.	Dog "agitated."
7/24/68; Oldeboorn, Netherlands.	Cigar with bright light flew behind trees; smaller object flew between houses close to ground.	Witness "terrified"; dogs reacted.
7/30/68; Claremont, N.H.	Dome-shaped UFO close to ground emitted light beam and high-pitched sound.	Dogs and children reacted; witnesses "terrified."
8/26/68; Gleeson, Colo.	Two discs atop a mountain peak; UFOs backed off into a valley.	Witness' eyes hurt when looking at objects; plants and grass on peak scorched.
9/10/68; Taradale, New Zealand.	Object chased car.	Witnesses jumped from automobile, suffered slight injuries; car badly damaged when crashed.
11/20/68; near Hanbury, England.	Object with humanoids on top seen.	Rabbits reacted; witness felt eyes burn; air temperature rose, then dropped.
11/25/68; Marcellus, N.Y.	Several sightings of merging, zig-zagging, shape-changing objects.	E-M interference to automobile; witnesses frightened; dog affected.
3/10/69; near Lancaster, Mo.	Automobile drove through UFO light beam.	E-M interference to car; dog reacted.
4/23/69; Silver Spring, Md.	Huge UFO flew over barnyard, emitted "humming noise."	Dogs, cats, horses reacted.
5/11/69; Pembroke, Ont., Canada.	Dome-shaped object close to ground, emitted purring sound.	Dog reacted; scorched impressions found on ground; trees singed.
6/19/69; Bircham Newton, Norfolk, England.	Large UFO hovered over trees.	E-M interference to car; witness felt "static electricity."
7/13/69; near Vinton, Iowa.	Black, metallic UFO seen over field.	Fifteen-foot, circular burned area found in soybean field.

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