

# THE GREAT FLYING SAUCER SCANDAL?

SIR, — So far as I am aware this newspaper has never hesitated or been afraid to give reports of, or discussion of certain phenomena the share of time and space that its importance warrants. I refer to what have become known as UFO's or flying saucers.

What prompts this present letter is the falling into my hands, within recent days, of a newly-published book written by Charles Berlitz, author of the best-selling "The Bermuda Triangle". He wrote from New York some while back now saying that he intended to call and interview me in connection with an unspecified projected work.

This latest book is entitled "The Roswell Incident" and I understand that it has recently become available from the local public library. It provides further and more startling evidence than has hitherto come to hand in support of the belief, held by myself and countless others, that such craft have not only visited this planet, but that in at least a few instances they have crashed here. Where this has happened the occupants have been captured if alive or removed for autopsy if dead, along with the remains of their craft, and every effort made to hush the whole thing up.

In view of this, and of the overwhelming evidence independent of such incidents for their existence and physical and objective reality, much of it emanating from the most respected and impeccable witnesses whose testimony would not be

doubted for one moment were something else involved and at stake, one finds official attitudes, to say the least, somewhat puzzling. Nonetheless here, in the USA and elsewhere those charged with the defence of the country will go to any lengths to engineer a cover-up and will postulate the most ridiculous and often completely childish causes for alleged sightings or contacts.

Now one does not, having appointed somebody to run a household or manage a business, thereafter countenance any attempt on the part of that person to withhold one's own secrets from one. Nor is the state in any sense a privileged party in this, as is acknowledged by the United States Government

in the not very old Freedom Of Information Act. Which makes its action in refusing, up to now, to take the public into its confidence even more difficult to understand. Not that it is going to be able to hold out much longer against the mounting pressure.

There is no kind of divine prerogative operating in Westminster, Whitehall, at the White House or in the Pentagon and enabling the denizens of those places to pre-empt any smallest part of the sovereignty which rightfully belongs to and is vested in the people, or to withhold any secret from them on the pretext that it is "all for their own good".

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MISSILE LAUNCH COMPLAINED

## Mystery light appears again

A mysterious red light was spotted again by residents and air controllers Thursday night in San Jose skies.

"It was flying real slow, then all of a sudden it took off fast and headed down," said Al Backer, 63, of San Jose, who lives near the airport.

"We saw it too," said a controller in the tower at San Jose Municipal Airport. "It was a steady red light when it passed over us. Then it started flashing and went straight out so fast it went out of the line of sight. And again, it didn't show up on the radar."

Another red light was officially logged as an unidentified flying object by San Jose tower air controllers Feb. 9 after it buzzed and followed a private plane, then shot out of sight.

Although seen by controllers and pilots, the object did not show on San Jose or Oakland Bay Approach radar.

A Mercury story about last week's sighting brought several calls from area residents, from San Jose to Fremont, who had also spotted a similar red light at varying times on different days.