

What NASA won't tell us

FILE ON THE UNEXPLAINED

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There are some things that the general public has never been told about astronauts' flights into space. Missing from all the reports released by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is any mention of the objects that our astronauts and astronomers have seen in space and that were not launched by anyone we know of.

Unidentified objects have been seen by both American and Russian space pilots and they have been recorded by tracking stations here on earth as well. But officially not a word has been made public. One of the earliest leaks concerning such an encounter came via the radio transmission of a Russian cosmonaut. On Oct. 12, 1964, the spacecraft Voskehod One, was in orbit in a flight that was to have lasted five days. But only a few hours after that spacecraft had entered its orbital pattern, the frightened astronaut radioed back that he had encountered another space object so alarming that the flight of Voskehod One was terminated immediately.

Thirteen years later, the Russians had still not told the world what it was that Karmarov had seen in the black void so high above the earth.

The cancellation of the Russian flight under conditions of near panic came as

no great surprise to American observers; as early as February 1960 the United States department of defence had known of the existence of a mystery satellite. A huge object, weighing at least 15 tons, it was a much larger satellite than either the Russians or Americans were capable of putting aloft in those relatively early days of space exploration. But it was there, all right, circling the earth over the north and south poles. Then, as suddenly as it appeared, the mysterious satellite disappeared.

Nothing more was reported by American astronauts until June of 1965. At that time, astronauts Edward White and James McDivitt were high over Hawaii in their Gemini space craft. There they came, almost literally, face to face with an astonishing looking metal object. Although they managed to film the object, pictures were never released by NASA.

Perhaps the world's most famous witness of an unidentified flying object is

Jimmy Carter. In 1969, when he was governor of Georgia, Carter stood with ten members of his Lions Club one October evening and for several minutes watched the antics of a flying saucer. During his first election campaign, Carter promised that he would make public all information concerning UFO sightings, but he failed to do so.

One respected nuclear physicist believes that the American government is withholding information that, if released, would confirm that flying saucers have been, and still are, landing on earth. Dr. Paul Solomons of California considers himself to be the only space scientist in North America devoting all his research and energy to the study of UFOs. He says that we are in for a cosmic Watergate. Solomons made his charge a few years ago in an authoritative U.S. publication, which alarmed

serious investigators of unidentified flying objects. The article claimed that the U.S. government was about to make some startling disclosures about UFOs.

Solomons is convinced that on many occasions aliens from outer space have made contact with earthlings, but that these contacts have been hushed up to avoid panic. He is sure that proof of extraterrestrial beings would threaten all the organized religions, none of which allow in their dogma for the existence of humanoids in outer space, as well as causing chaos on the stock market.

For the past quarter of a century, the world has been tantalized by the enigmatic UFOs. Perhaps at last we are on the threshold of one of the greatest discoveries since the beginning of mankind.