

# Spectacular Show Makes Believer Out of Doubting Man of Science

Social scientist John W. and his wife were driving home along a deserted stretch of country road between Shipman and Gillespie, Ill., 30 miles from St. Louis, when they met up with their first UFO.

It was a startling revelation. Previous to the incident, which occurred on May 4, John had been outspoken in his denial of the existence of such craft. His scientific training simply told him they did not exist.

But this light in the western sky was something he could not deny.

The light was bright, but nothing out of the ordinary. If located anywhere else, it might have been a bulb burning on a farm.

But John was familiar with the area, familiar with every bit of the road. He knew that there was no farm at that locale, nor any reason for there to be a light.

AS THE couple continued driving north along the highway,

the light grew closer. By the time they were a few hundred feet away, they could see it clearly in the sky above.

Similar to European UFOs sighted last year, the craft was emitting a searchlight and scanning the ground toward the south. Every few seconds, the searchlight would dim and go out.

The couple was fascinated. They rolled the car to a stop and turned out their lights, as they prepared for the most startling air show they had ever seen.

The UFO moved toward the east and the other side of the road, as the couple left the auto for a better view.

As they did, the strange craft began moving slowly toward the south. It soon was joined by a flashing red light, trailed quickly by a flashing green light.

THEY CONTINUED moving in the direction from which the pair had come. The couple returned to

their car, turned it around and began the pursuit.

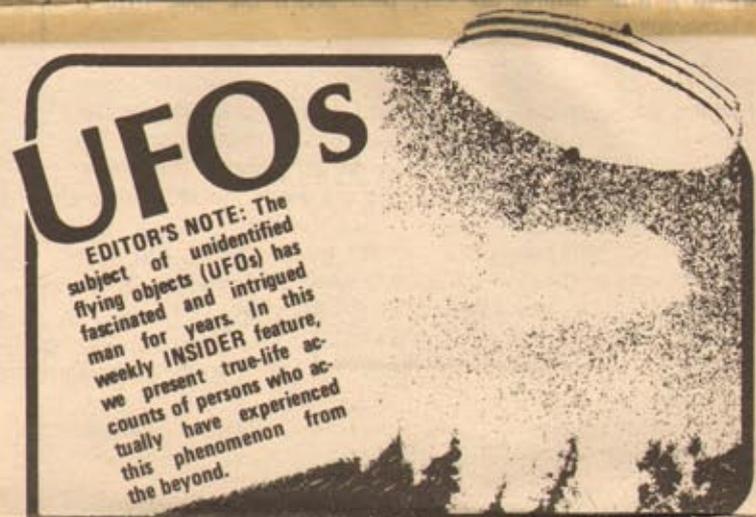
The lights were hovering only 100 to 150 feet in the air, yet moving up to 50 miles per hour. The chase continued for a few miles before the strange craft changed course toward the southwest and zoomed quickly out of sight.

All the while, the three lights and spotlight continued to shine, the red and green ones appearing alternately.

Thinking that the phenomenon was complete, John turned the car north and drove toward home. But before he could reach the spot where the sighting occurred, another began.

Again, the white light. Again, the couple stopped to watch.

QUITE SOON, however, the single light was joined by another. Both were in the eastern skies. The second had only alternating red and green



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The subject of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) has fascinated and intrigued man for years. In this weekly INSIDER feature, we present true-life accounts of persons who actually have experienced this phenomenon from the beyond.

signals. As the two shifted course toward the south, they were joined by another.

This one came out of the south and moved to the north. It continued on its path until it disappeared.

With the other two objects passing out of view and after an airplane passed overhead, John and his wife recall seeing two more UFOs.

The first stood stationary in the skies to the northwest a long distance off. It had the single white, red and green lights. But they were faint and far away.

The second was similar in appearance, but moved from due north to due south at a rapid pace. Its lights burned constantly.

The couple was stunned by the show. They drove home sure of what they had seen but unsure about what the strange craft could have been.

One thing is certain, however. Never again will John doubt the existence of UFOs.