

# Air Defense Chiefs Admit: We've Tracked UFOs on Radar—For a Second Time in Less Than a Year

For the second time in less than a year the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) has admitted tracking UFOs.

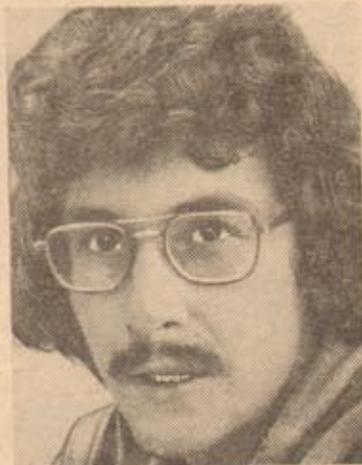
"Radar operators of the 754th Radar Squadron at Port Austin Air Force Station in Michigan reported tracking five unknown objects for about 30 minutes early on the morning of September 7," Maj. William Frensley, an information officer at NORAD headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo., told *The ENQUIRER*.

He also confirmed that two policemen and a civilian who observed the UFOs from the ground were questioned by NORAD.

On Nov. 11, 1975, NORAD admitted scrambling two F-106 jet fighters in an unsuccessful attempt to intercept a UFO over Sudbury, Canada. But no jets were dispatched in the Port Austin sighting because the objects did not pose a threat to national security, Maj. Frensley said.

"Determining whether an unknown object is a threat is based on certain criteria, such as point of origin, direction and speed and a number of other things I cannot discuss for security reasons," he said.

The UFOs were first reported to the police at 9:30 p.m.,



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September 6, by Carl Bailey, 28, one of the eyewitnesses questioned by NORAD. He said the objects were shaped like "batwings."

"There were a lot of them. It seemed like a whole fleet. It was amazing. They were moving up and down and left and right, just sort of floating."

Bailey said he got a phone

call at home from the radar base at about 2:30 a.m., September 7. "They asked me to go outside and see if I could still spot something. I took a look and they were still up there."

When Bailey, who manages a campground, reported what he saw, he was connected with the senior officer in charge at the 23rd NORAD Region Headquarters in Duluth, Minn.

"He asked me what the objects looked like. I told him and he asked a couple more questions and then said: 'Well, the Air Force doesn't investigate UFOs anymore, Mr. Bailey,' and he thanked me."

But Huron County sheriff's deputies Greg Gordon and Gary Krug were also interviewed about what they saw.

Gordon, 24, reported: "We observed one object that was a very bright light in the sky. It would descend very rapidly, looking as though it was going to land. It would then return to its original height. It moved so quickly it was unbelievable."

"At one point, one of the objects was over Lake Huron and the next instant it was



**RADAR ROOM** of 754th Radar Station, Port Austin, Mich., where five unknown flying objects were tracked for 30 minutes on September 7.

over the Port Austin Shores Campground. It moved so quickly our eyes were unable to follow it.

"At 5 a.m., two men from the 754th Radar Squadron came out to the scene."

Maj. Frensley said it's not unusual for NORAD to question people who've reported seeing unidentified flying objects.

"We like to talk to as many people as possible so we can correlate these sightings, if possible, with something like a straying aircraft or flares that are dropped."

But the Port Austin UFOs remain a mystery. "We don't know what the objects were," Maj. Frensley admitted.

— BOB PRATT



**MAP** shows where five UFOs were tracked by radar and seen by two sheriff's deputies and a campground manager.