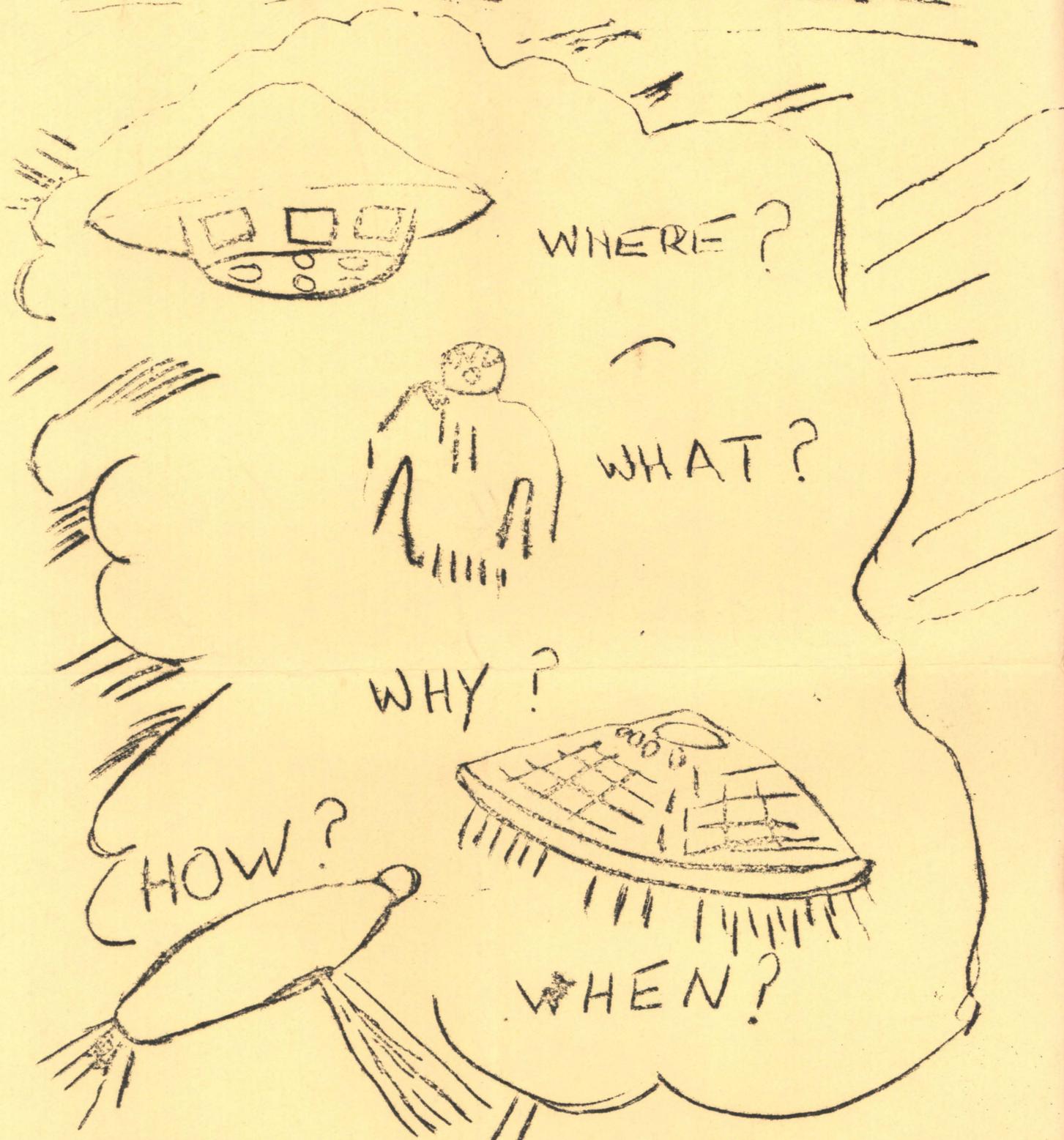


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Boffins Probe UFO Seen over Lincs. Continued.

Mr. Hastings and his wife stood outside watching the object from 9.15 to 10. Gradually, he said, it faded away towards the west. "It was rather like a small rugby ball in shape," he said, "but there was no limit to its shape - it was diffused, tending to shimmer. We wondered at first if it was some light from the ground. It was like a searchlight hitting a cloud, but there was no cloud." Neighbours of Mr. Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson, also watched the phenomenon.

This morning at school two children living at Luddington told Mr. Hastings of having seen it. One child said he and his parents saw a similar object on Sunday.

Also in the same edition of the Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph under STOP Press column was the following:

UFO Over Lincs.

Glasgow Weather Centre later said object was fluorescent chemical cloud at height of about 50 miles which had been ejected by meteorological research rocket launched from South Uist.

UFO Sighting From Hill Top. Gainsborough News, Friday 10.9.71.

The strange light in the sky which mystified observers from the North of Scotland to the Continent on Tuesday night was spotted over Gainsborough.

Several local people reported seeing a strange glowing object which experts thought at first was a reflection of the moon but which others have listed as an unidentified flying object.

At about 9.30pm, 17 year old Grammar School pupil David Bow was at the top of Spital Hill.

"I gazed up and saw what looked like a full moon on a misty evening," he told the "NEWS".

"I didn't take much notice at first but then I realised that the moon was in the east, and this was further northwards.

"It really stood out in the blackness, and I watched it for a few seconds before continuing on my way," he said.

When David, of Ropery Road, Gainsborough, looked for it again at about 10 o'clock there was nothing to be seen.

A number of theories have been put forward to explain the phenomenon, some likely, others sounding less than authentic.

The latest comes from Glasgow meteorological centre, claiming that it may have been caused by the reflection of the moon on a vapour ball from a meteorological rocket launched on Tuesday evening.

Sky Mystery. Daily Express. 28.10.71.

A formation of three unidentified flying objects were sighted last night over Kent and Essex.

Bridgnorth family report sighting mystery UFO. Bridgnorth Journal, Friday, 29.10.71.

Five members of a Bridgnorth, Shropshire, family are puzzled about a mystery UFO that they saw early on Wednesday morning over the town. They have described it as being white and cigar-shaped, and say that it remained stationary in the sky for 10 minutes before disappearing. Mrs. Pauline Caron, of The Bungalow, Andersons Lane, said her husband Fred. and their three children - Michelle (15), Judith (11), and Paul (7) - all watched the object.

It was also seen by Lisa Rushton (10), of Cricket Meadow, Bridgnorth, as she looked out of her bedroom window at home. Lisa is a friend of the Caron family.

It was at 7.58am that Judith Caron spotted the object from the kitchen at her home. She called the rest of the family and, dressed in their night-clothes, they all watched it over the dome of St. Mary's Church. "We couldn't really tell how far away it was and so it was difficult to estimate its size," said Mrs. Caron. "I did see an aeroplane later in the day, at about the same height, and I would say that the UFO was larger.

"It was cigar-shaped and very white - rather like looking at the

colour of an electric light. The sun was just rising at the time, and the sky was red. We wondered as the sun got higher whether the object would change colour, but it didn't.

"After staying in the sky for about ten minutes it disappeared towards the Kidderminster direction. It took about nine minutes to disappear from view, and travelled very slowly. It left no vapour trail, and it's height from the ground did not seem to alter.

"I have really never seen anything quite like it before. There doesn't seem to be an explanation for it. It did not look like a weather balloon, or like any type of aircraft that I can think of," she concluded.

While the family were watching, Mr. Fred Caron, an insurance agent in Wolverhampton, took photographs with his movie camera, and is awaiting the results. Mrs. Caron reported the family's findings to the Bridgnorth police, who had no explanation to offer.

The only member of the Caron family who claims to have seen a UFO before is Michelle, a pupil at the Bridgnorth Grammar School. She recalled an evening when at the foot of Tasley Bank, she saw an object like a fireball in the sky.

A spokesman at the Meteorological Office at Shawbury said that high-flying aircraft were around on Wednesday morning, but he could give no explanation for anything being observed in the Bridgnorth district.

Is Somebody Up There Watching Us? Lincs. Free Press. 2.11.71.

Three West Pinchbeck schoolboys are convinced they saw an unidentified flying object on two successive nights as they stood talking near the Jockey cross-roads in the village.

They described on Thursday how they had seen a bright shiny object appear in the sky from the west, appear to stop for a while and then disappear towards the north.

The three, Lawrence Padoan, of Elizabeth Crescent, West Pinchbeck, and his two friends, Graham Wakefield, and David Abrams, of Six House Bank, West Pinchbeck, are sure that what they saw was not an aeroplane. Lawrence, who is 14 years, said the object was like a star. All saw it as they stood talking at about 8 o'clock on both nights.

Graham said he did not think it was a plane because there were no navigation lights. Had it been a comet there would have been a tail and a shooting star was out because it changed direction.

It was very high whatever it was, he said, and appeared to be going very fast "like a white light."

The following account of the above sightings was obtained from one of the boys by Mr. Sands.

On Tuesday of that week (26th. Oct. 1971.) we saw an aeroplane. We followed this through the sky then suddenly we saw a bright light moving across the sky. It passed under the moon in a west to south direction, but we soon lost interest in it. The following night, at about 8 o'clock, we again saw a bright light moving across the night sky. It came from the west, this took about 10-15 seconds, stopped above us and mingled with the stars. Several minutes passed then it started to move again from where we had lost sight of it. This time it moved in the opposite direction east to west. It stopped and we lost it for a bit less than a minute then it started again this time it was moving in a northerly direction for about 1 minute when it went out of sight. We then saw it again the next night, Thursday. This time it moved from a south-west direction to a north-east direction. None of these objects gave off any engine noise at all. At the height it was it looked just the size of an ordinary star in the sky. Its speed, at the height it was, which was very high indeed, was fast. If a ruler 1 foot in length was held at arm's length it would move from one end to the other in about 8 seconds.

There were only two lights in the area but I had my back to them some of the time and we stood some way apart.

G.S.Wakefield.

Seagulls or UFOs? Sent in by N. Watson.

Residents of the Sunnyside Area of Queens in New York City, complaining about loud jet engine noises in the early hours, found that officials at the nearby airfield said that this wasn't possible as all flight patterns of that period lead to the north west. Noisy seagulls or jet engined UFOs?