

FLYING OBJECTS CONTROLLED, SAYS RET. ADMIRAL

NOTED ASTRONOMER SAYS UFO'S MAY

By Jim French

COME FROM ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM

Clyde W. Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, said on January 19th, "unidentified flying objects seen in recent years may be coming from outside our own solar system."

Tombaugh, now research professor at New Mexaco A. and M. College at Las Cruces, New Mexico said there may be many worlds besides our own which could sustain life. "We believe, however, that no other of the planets in our own solar system is so favored," Tombaugh said.

Tombaugh said man is a relative newcomer to the earth, having existed no more than two million years on a planet a thousand times that old. Glacial scratches on rocks pre-dating the Paleozoic era, and other evidence point to the conclusion that conditions have not changed vastly on earth, climatically, in all that time. "Man could have existed for much longer than we have any evidence he really has," Tombaugh stated.

"When we consider the extremely rapid tapping of new energies we have seen in the past 10 years, we can imagine what a head start a race would have which passed our present point of progress a million years, or only a thousand years, before us. If they have found how to take advantage of vast sources of energy, very powerful forces of nature, nuclear for example, which we have only begun to explore, they might be able to produce the tremendous power and velocities needed for long journeys into space."

Astronomical text books say the nearest solar system to our own is more than four light years away--and a light year is five trillion, 800 billion miles. "We have to admit we simply do not know about these things and we have to be careful about the tricks radar can play on us. No one
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On January 16th, the nations major wire services broke every precedent by giving serious treatment to a story concerning aerial phenomena. They quoted a statement by Rear Adm. Delmer S. Fahrney, Ret., in which he declares that "unidentified flying objects "directed by intelligent beings" are penetrating the earth's atmosphere at speeds neither the United States nor Russia could duplicate.

Fahrney made the statement as he publicly introduced the newest UFO organization, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, of which he is chairman.

Although his announcement came as something less than a suprise to thousands of UFO fans, the dual fact that Fahrney, a famous Naval figure, made the statement and the wire services circulated it combine to mark a significant milestone in this countrys attitude toward the field of aerial phenomena.

Anyone who has worked with the wire services or served in a newsgathering profession is aware of the fishy-eyed editorial reaction to almost any so-called "UFO story." Of the three major domestic press services, Associated Press has recently refused to carry UFO reports unless released from an official government source; United Press has repeatedly treated such stories with tongue-in-check; and International News Service has disdained the entire UFO picture unless a humorous angle could be devised.

Although such news policies can hardly be condemned when little proof exists as to an explanation of the UFO's nature, the general ostrich-like attitude of the leading news agencies seemed hardly realistic in view of the mounting numbers of sightings.

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(Clyde Tombaugh, continued)

so far has sure fire, absolute proof," he said.

"In our galaxy, we have a spiral of 200 billion suns, each perhaps having its own planets and some possibly with atmosphere and temperature ranges similar to ours." There may be hundreds of thousands of worlds which could support life, Tombaugh said.

Tombaugh said we cannot assume any earth visitors came from any specific system until we have proof. "They may have a device for suspended animation preventing them from deteriorating--that is aging--or even, perhaps, the generation which started the journey may have died and those visiting us now may be a new generation born en route."

He said he personally hadn't seen any unexplainable celestial bodies since 1951 or 1952. If spatial vehicles have spanned the space between the stars, they will have traveled more than 24 trillion miles--roughly a billion times around our world.

Tombaugh said that he has seen celestial phenomena which he could not explain, but that he takes neither the cynical nor the enthusiastic view with regard to their nature or origin. "These things, which do appear to be directed, are unlike any other phenomena I ever observed," Tombaugh declared. "Their apparent lack of obedience to the ordinary laws of celestial motion gives credence."

(Credit: Member Jack Kingsley)

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But with the advent of NICAP and its well-known chairman, news policies may well be undergoing a significant change. In the UP treatment of Fahrney's statement, there was no attempt made to distinguish this private and non-official organization from a government committee. Indeed, NICAP's monicker sounds as impressive as many an official title. This possible confusion of identities can work only to the benefit of the new Washington group, and indirectly to the good of all who delv into the UFO mystery.

It has long been an axiom of the newsgathering corps to print almost any statement by almost any notable figure. And although Admiral Fahrney is now retired, his exploits as a pioneer in radio controlled aircraft and guided missiles may earn him a writeup any time he wishes to get into print. The hoped-for result of this association with the Admiral, of course, is that the country will be fed some factual and objective details on what has been uncovered privately concerning unidentified aerial phenomena. This could lead to a rational public demand for explanations from the government. And if the government stands silent or makes blanket denials, they will in effect be denying statements authorized by one of their best-known military figures

It is our belief that NICAP and the entire UFO cause has already benefitted by the fortunate cooperation of Admiral Fahrney, and that continued periodic news releases from his office will ultimately break down the paper curtain that has kept genuine UFO news out of the big newspapers and networks.

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By Max Miller

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UFO Filter Center Organized

What we believe to be the first civilian UFO filter center in the U. S., is now operating at APRG Headquarters. Now, with almost perfect accuracy, reports of unidentified flying objects are analyzed, plotted and correlated. If the objects are classified as "unknown" after being analyzed, they are pinpointed on the plotting map. They are then filed according to date and from this point APRG Investigation takes over.

The filter center is under the direction of the Executive Director, working hand-in-hand with investigations and is now on call 24 hours a day.

Naturally, we cannot guarantee 100 percent accuracy because of our inability to check on aircraft flights and weather balloon releases. But, because UFO activity has now formed a definite pattern, it is not difficult to sift out those objects which can be classified as astronomical, meteorological and man made objects.

From this date on, APRG-Headquarters will be considered as the national filter center for all reports of unidentified flying objects and other aerial phenomena.

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We are seeking the assistance of ALL members of this organization in our campaign to obtain more and more information on the UFO's. We ask that ALL members notify APRG Headquarters of ALL UFO activity in their area as soon as possible after the incident occurs. Please, when sending clippings, give name and date of publication and where published. When sending information derived from radio and television news broadcasts, please give the exact date and location of incident. We ask that all members send their information by Air Mail. Help us help you get the news faster.

Thank you for your wonderful assistance and cooperation in this matter during the past months.

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In the very near future, a large map of the United States, 5 feet high and 8 feet wide will be
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erected at APRG Headquarters. All sightings which have been classified as "unknown" will be pinpointed on this map. It is our firm belief that an organized pattern of UFO concentration will result and that many answers to the UFO's will come to light.

If you have clippings of past UFO activity which you would like to donate to this project, they will be more than welcome. At the present time there are approximately 4,000 sightings on file at APRG Headquarters. Our goal is 10,000 sightings classified as "unknown." Whether they are five or ten years old, we can use them. Don't let that valuable information go to waste. Mail yours today!

Book Review

By Lise' Lagozzino

The Report On Unidentified Flying Objects, By Edward J. Ruppelt. An accounting of the United States Air Forces exhaustive research on all UFO reports received, by the man for a period of two years was in charge of the official research group known as "Project Blue Book". The UFO classic cases are discussed, as well as the many good reports which were finally explained and those which are still marked unknown. The book can be very exasperating, at times, to a UFO enthusiast, but the high caliber investigating done with a limitation of personnel, funds, equipment and many times, official support, is to be highly admired. Mr. Ruppelt's views on the UFO can be summed up in his own words: "I wouldn't classify myself as a believer, exactly, because I've seen too many UFO reports that first appeared to be unexplainable fall to pieces when they were thoroughly investigated. But every time I begin to get skeptical I think of the other reports, the many reports made by experienced pilots and radar operators, scientists and other people who know what they're looking at. These reports were thoroughly investigated and they are still unknown."

This book should be a must for the serious student of aerial phenomena along with Major Keyhoe's books.

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The Editors Have Their Say

Grand Rapids, Iowa, Gazette,
1/19/57--Here we go again. Or--
 should we say?--here they come
 again. Objects from somewhere
 in outer space are reported once
 more to be entering our atmos-
 phere. This time accounts of the
 mystery objects are given a semi-
 official status in comments by
 retired Rear Adm. Delmer S. Fahr-
 ney, former head of the U.S.
 Navy's guided missiles program.
 The reported phenomena have spar-
 ked the organization of a new
 private group called the National
 Investigations Committee on
 Aerial Phenomena. Admiral Fahr-
 ney is board chairman and retired
 General Albert C. Wedemeyer has
 been designated as the organiz-
 ations "evaluations adviser."

Thus the reports of these
 UFO's are given more or less for-
 mal recognition. Authorities
 dealing with these reported
 occurrences dole out their an-
 nouncements and information in
 cautious style, obviously re-
 membering the near panic created
 a few years ago by Orson Welles'
 radio performance portraying the
 supposed landing of men from Mars

But despite such caution,
 the semi-official recognition of
 mysterious aerial manifestations
 is bound to trigger the human im-
 agination into new action and to
 lead to further lively speculat-
 ion.

Time was when man smugly
 considered himself the center of
 the universe on this terrestrial
 ball, with the sun, moon and
 stars describing vast circles
 around him. But when man began
 to make observations seeking to
 unravel the mysteries of creation
 and expanded his knowledge of the
 cosmos with the aid of modern
 telescopes, spectroscopes and
 other scientific devices, it be-
 came apparent that he was not the
 center of all things as he had
 supposed. Instead, it developed
 that he was only a tiny speck
 moving around on the surface of a
 somewhat larger speck sailing
 through boundless space.

Rocky Mount, North Carolina,
Telegram, 1/19/57--A very signif-
 icant news story came out of
 Washington this week which could
 be the forerunner of one of the
 most tremendous developments in
 the history of mankind. And yet
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the story for the most part play-
 ed second fiddle to Marie McDon-
 ald's "abduction".

For the first time in our
 knowledge, an authoritative gov-
 ernment official, in a position
 to know what he's talking about,
 has confirmed his belief in the
 existence of FS from other worlds
 in outer space. Rear Admiral
 Delmer S. Fahrney, USN Ret.,
 former head of the Navy's guided
 missiles program, told a Wash-
 ington news conference that re-
 liable reports, which the Navy
 has investigated, indicate, and
 we quote: "There are objects com-
 ing into our atmosphere at very
 high speeds."

Admiral Fahrney went on to
 say: "No agency in this country
 or Russia is able to duplicate at
 this time the speeds and accel-
 erations which radars and obser-
 vers indicate these flying ob-
 jects are able to achieve." He
 stated there are signs that "an
 intelligence" directs such ob-
 jects "because of the way they
 fly....They are not entirely act-
 uated by automatic equipment. The
 way they change positions in for-
 mations and override each other
 would indicate that their motion
 is directed."

Numerically the odds favor
 the existence of life on other
 planets and therefore the possi-
 bility of outer space visitors.
 We know that our own sun is one
 of the more insignificant stars
 among the millions in a galaxy
 which itself is speeding through
 space out on the edge of vast
 numbers of other galaxies with
 their billions of stars and plan-
 ets. We would be presumptuous
 indeed to assume that earth alone
 in the vast universe supports
 life and a form of higher intelli-
 gence. If FS are directed by
 beings from another world, the
 purpose of their reconnaissance of
 our planet remains, of course,
 unknown. Whether they are
 friendly or hostile awaits some
 dramatic future development.

Should our out-of-this world
 visitors prove to be hostile and
 bent on destruction and conquest,
 we imagine that differences now
 existing between nations would
 soon be reconciled. Even contem-
 plating such a possibility under-
 lines the folly of humanity di-
 vided against itself.

UFO Digest for December, 1956

12/1/56--At 12:45 AM, a brightly glowing object as big as a house was seen at Pollock, So. Dakota. The object hovered about 200 feet off the ground, and gave off a yellow glow. Dogs in the area "went crazy" during the objects appearance. At 5 AM, an object with a "bump on top" and a ring of flashing red lights encircling it was reported 2 miles east of Webster, So. Dakota. At 5 PM, a white object over Aberdeen, So. Dakota underwent an inspection by an airplane which was sent up to investigate.

12/2/56--At 5:45 AM, five UFO's were seen near San Luis Obispo, Calif. They remained stationary in the sky for one hour and forty five minutes. At 6 PM, a mysterious green light which appeared and disappeared several times was seen northwest of Zumbrota, Minn. About the same hour a UFO was seen at Bruce, So. Dakota. A large red ball, which remained in sight for 15 minutes was seen near Greenville, So. Dakota at 6:15 PM. At the same time, an elongated object was reported west of Frankfort, So. Dakota. At 6:25 PM, a cup-shaped object with rows of small windows was seen near Ortley, So. Dakota. At 6:45 PM, a bright orange UFO--which was stationary when first seen--was reported 5 miles west of Salem, So. Dakota. A light pink UFO which moved up and down while hovering was seen during the evening hours 6 miles south of Pierpoint, So. Dakota. A glowing luminous, oblong object with points of light flashing in all directions was seen at Forest Lake, Minn., at 9:45 PM. It moved up and down and back and forth while hovering.

12/3/56--On the afternoon of the 3rd, a bright oval-shaped object was seen speeding away from an airliner over Boston, Mass. The airliner gave chase but lost out. At 6:15 PM, a UFO was seen at Bristol, So. Dakota. At 9 PM, a red ball was reported over Big Springs, So. Dakota and at 9:45 PM a zig-zagging light was seen over Alliance, Ohio.

12/4/56--A UFO was reported over Patterson, New Jersey at 5:45 AM and a silver object was reported over Reno, Nevada at 4:30 PM. At 4:35 PM, several UFO's were seen over the Navy
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Base at Fallon, Nevada. Twenty four white cigar-shaped objects were seen over Bermillion, So. Dakota at 6:45 PM.

12/5/56--A brilliant egg-shaped object was seen at 4:30 AM 5 miles south of Edessa, Minn. Dogs in the area barked violently. At 7 AM, a red light which suddenly disappeared was reported west of Mora, Minn. That night a brilliant fireball passed over Harrak, Oklahoma. Around midnight, a brilliant red disc was seen for 10 minutes at Miller, So. Dakota.

12/7/56--Four bright objects were seen at Trenton, No. Dakota.

12/8/56--On the night of the 8th, 4 bright lights were seen at Buford, No. Dakota and 2 UFO's were seen at Storden, Minn.

12/9/56--A round, red object moving up and down while hovering was seen at night 8 miles northwest of Gary, Minn.

12/10/56--During the early AM, a mysterious colored light was seen from McAlester and Ardmore, Oklahoma. The same day, a zeppelin shaped craft was seen hovering over Hawthorne, Calif. After one minute, the craft shot away.

12/11/56--A round, red object which stopped in flight for 4 minutes was seen at 4:45 PM over Ceylon, Minn.

12/14/56--At 5 PM, a bright red object, rectangular in shape, standing stationary near the ground was reported at Bristol, So. Dakota.

12/18/56--A greenish-blue, blob of light was seen near Nyack, New York at 7 PM. At the same time, a fiery object passed over Hollidaysburg, Pa. At 7:20 PM, a mysterious blue-green light was seen over Brookville, Shannondale and Reynoldsville, Pa. What could have been the same light was seen at the same time by airline pilots over Youngstown and Cleveland, Ohio. At about 10:30 that night a UFO which stopped in flight and went into a high speed verticle climb out of sight was seen at Bartlow, Florida. What could have been the same light was seen near Winter Haven, Florida.

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12/26/56--At 4:49 PM several silver, oblong objects were reported crossing each others path over Hintington Beach, Calif. At 5 PM, a round object which disappeared and reappeared was seen near Ada, Oklahoma.

12/31/56--A green fireball was seen near Prineville, Oregon at 7:04 AM.

News Of Spitzbergen UFO Revealed

By William H. Noordhoek Hegt

A.P.R.G. Staff Correspondent

It will be remembered, that in his book "Flying Saucers From Outer Space", Donald Keyhoe mentions a report on a large disc found near Spitzbergen by Norwegian jet fighters, as revealed in the Zaarbruecker Zeitung of June 28, 1952. According to the report, the disc was dismantled and taken to Narvick, Norway for further examination and among other things was said to contain instruments bearing Russian symbols. In this report the following account from the Stuttgarter Tageblatt of Sept. 5, 1955 and brought to my attention by the Dutch UFO-Gids, which ran an article on it in its November 1956 issue, is of considerable interest.

Oslo, Norway, Sept. 4, 1955. Only now a board of inquiry of the Norwegian General Staff is preparing a publication of the report on the examination of the remains of a UFO crashed near Spitzbergen presumably early in 1952. Chairman of the board, Colonel Gernod Darnbyl, during an instruction lesson for Air Force Officers stated: "The crashing of the Spitzbergen disc was highly important. Although our present scientific knowledge does not yet enable us to solve all riddles, I am confident that these remains from Spitzbergen will prove to be of utmost importance in this respect. Some time ago a misunderstanding was caused by saying that the disc probably was of Soviet Russian origin. It has --this we wish to state emphatically--not been built in any country on earth. The materials used in its construction are completely unknown to all experts having participated in the investigation, and at any rate only

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to be obtained after physical and chemical processes still unknown to us."

According to Colonel Darnbyl the board of inquiry is, however, not going to publish an extensive report until "some sensational facts have been discussed with U.S. and British experts. We should reveal what we found out, as misplaced secrecy might well lead to panic." Contrary to information from American and other sources, Second Lieutenants Brobs and Tyllensen, who have been assigned as special observers of the Artic regions since the event at Spitzbergen, claim that flying discs have already landed in the polar regions several times. Said Lieutenant Tyllensen: "I think that the Artic is serving as a kind of air base for the unknowns especially during snow storms when we are being forced back to our bases, the flying discs in my opinion take this opportunity to land. Shortly after such adverse weather conditions, I have seen them land and take off on three seperate occasions. I noticed then that after having landed, they execute a speedy rotation around their discs. A brilliant glow of light, the intensity of which being variable with regard to speed and at landing and take-off, prevents any view of the things happening behind this curtain of light and on or inside the disc itself."

In circles of the Norwegian board of inquiry, reports from Swedish owners of TV sets on disturbances of reception any time when appearances of flying discs were reported over Northern Sweden, was held significant. Colonel Darnbyl is hoping that these phenomena will give them a lead as to the nature of the UFO's system of communication.

(UFO-Gids, November, 1956)

Late Bulletins

Hongkong--February 22nd--The Communist Radio Peiping announced that the Purple Mountain observatory in Nanking had discovered four small unrecorded planets.

Burbank, Calif.--Feb. 13th--Officer Robert Wells confirmed the presence of two flying discs over Burbank at 6:45 PM. The officer said the objects would dart across the sky for a time, stand still briefly, then whiz off again.

The Universe

By Carol Honey

Insight To Astronomy

This is the first of a series of articles designed to inform the members of APRG with astronomical facts not generally known to the public. The mere pinpoints of light seen in our heavens are in reality great suns similar to our own sun, each of which has its own system of satellites. These great suns are at great distances from each other and from us. In order to make sense out of the coming articles, it will be necessary to explain some of the common terms used in astronomy. For example, some star systems are nine billion, billion miles away. Others are even farther. In order to write these great distances we use a term called a Parsec. One Parsec is 19,200 billion miles. The 200 inch telescope on Mt. Palomar has photographed galaxies more than 450 million Parsecs away. It is easier to say a star is 450 thousand Parsecs away than it is to say it is 8,640 followed by 15 zeros.

Another term used is galaxy. A galaxy is a system or group of suns, each of which may have its own planets. Our own sun is a star in the galaxy commonly called the Milky Way. In the Milky Way there are approximately 100,000 million stars. Each could have planets with intelligent life. The 200" telescope at Palomar has revealed more than one thousand million galaxies, each with more than 100,000 million stars, each of which may have planets and intelligent life.

These galaxies are at tremendous distances from us. Galaxy M-81 is $2\frac{1}{2}$ Parsecs away. Galaxy NGC-4594 (also known as Sombrero Hat) is 10,000,000 Parsecs away and has 100,000 million stars. Each of these stars may have planets and intelligent life. Hydra 9-A, a cluster of galaxies, is 400,000,000 Parsecs away. Now as you begin to realize the great distances involved, and the un-

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believable numbers of stars and planets, it becomes more and more conceivable that intelligent life could exist on some of the billions of other planets.

The brightest star we see in the sky is called Sirius. It is 25 times brighter than our sun and is 8.8 light years away. A light year is the distance light travels in one year at the rate of 186,000 miles per second. 8.8 light years is roughly 51 trillion miles. Sirius is the bright star seen in the southeast in the evening. It appears to flash several colors and has been reported as a UFO several times. Actually the flashing colors is due to haze and dust etc. interrupting the light. This is the same thing that causes the apparent twinkling of the other stars.

Due to its small size, our sun is called a yellow dwarf star. It is called a dwarf only in the sense it is so much smaller than most other bodies in the universe. Our sun is 865,390 miles in diameter. Its surface is equivalent to that of 12,000 earths. Its volume is roughly 1,300,000 times that of our earth. The temperatures of the sun is only about 10,000 degrees F. The temperature at the center is estimated at 30 million degrees. The heat and energy of the sun is derived from enormous chain reaction of atomic energy. This is matter converted into energy in accordance with Einstein's basic formula.

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New Planet Found By Palomar Scope

Palomar Observatory astronomers have named a recently discovered small planet "Geographos" in honor of the National Geographic Society, Dr. Ira Sprague Bowen, director of the Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories, announced on November 26, 1956.

Geographos is of great interest to science, Dr. Bowen said because, with the exception of the moon, it comes closer to the earth than any other celestial object having a known orbit. Geographos' elliptical orbit around the sun actually cuts across the earth's orbit, and in 1969 the little planet or asteroid will be less than four million miles away

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"The name is especially appropriate for two reasons," Dr. Bowen said. "First, Geographos was discovered on photographic plates made through Palomar's big Schmidt telescope during production of the National Geographic Society-Palomar Observatory Sky Survey. The Survey, now completed after seven years of work, maps the sky visible from Palomar out to approximately one Billion light years."

"Secondly, Geographos, coming as close to the earth as it does, undoubtedly will be an important help to astronomers and map-makers in charting distances in the solar system. It may well be a primary tool in persuing the cartography of the sky."

Geographos was discovered on the night of August 31, 1951, by Dr. Rudolph Minkowski and Dr. Albert G. Wilson. Dr. Minkowski, then as now, was in over-all charge of the Palomar Sky Survey. Dr. Wilson, then chief Astronomical observer for the Survey, has since become director of the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. As discoverers, they were privileged to choose the planets name and they chose Geographos with, as Dr. Bowen remarked, "the approbation of the Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories."

Difficult and precise observations and mathematical calculations of Geographos' travels around the sun were completed last summer by Dr. Samuel Herrick of the University of California at Los Angeles. Announcing that he and his colleagues had computed the orbit, Dr. Herrick said, "In 1969, Geographos will come within less than four million miles of the earth. Only the moon, among astronomical objects, is closer to us. Indeed, Geographos is the closest approaching of all asteroids in captivity. By 'captivity', I mean asteroids whose orbits are well determined and whose return we can predict."

Geographos' year is about 17 months, but its size is not precisely known. Probably it is not much more than a mile in diameter. The little planet is too small to be a naked-eye object, but during its close approaches to the earth it can be captured as a streak of light on photographic plates made through telescopes of comparatively low power.

Long John and "The Party Line"

Who Is Long John?...Long John is the UFO's best friend in the United States Today. Long John conducts a unique forum from 1:00 to 5:30 A.M., seven days a week, on Mutuals station WOR in New York. In a few months time a miracle has happened for UFO. Long John's program has changed from a disc-jockey program into the worlds most broad-minded public forum on what Long John calls "Off Beat" subjects: UFO's, reincarnation, occultism, extra-sensory perception---in short: the "borderland sciences".

What Is The Party Line?... Long John calls his program "The Party Line", and it is in reality almost that very thing. Guests of the Party Line sit in informal groups, munch crackers and drink coffee, around a big table loaded with microphones, in a building full of glowing transmitter tubes flickering lights, fluctuating meters and big copper coils. They hold completely uninhabited bull-sessions on topics not usually given time on the air. Red neon lights flutter and blink on the phones; Long John answers and party-liners as far away as Canada and Illinois (Florida too), join in the lively discussions. Within the bounds of propriety, no holds or topics are barred. There are now an estimated 1,500,000 UFO party-liners, and fan mail often runs to several hundred letters a day. Pillow cuddlers are staying awake until dawn maintaining the "High Watch" and hearing their pet subjects propounded...and Ufology has come into its own.

What Can You Do?...Write to the Mutual Broadcasting Co., 1440 Broadway, New York 18, New York, and insist that the Party Line be put on the Mutual network, so that all of us can hear it. (Remember: Frank Edwards had 10,000,000 UFO listeners.) Write at least three friends in distant parts of the USA, Mexico and Canada, urging them to ask Mutual to make this a truly North American network program. Listen to Long John's Party Line for every phase of Ufology and "Off Beat" topics. Phone WOR and participate in Long John's Party Line. Write to Long John, care of Radio WOR, New York 18, New York; tell him you are grateful for the helpful program...make suggestions and ask questions, now, today.

The Brazilian UFO Review

By Olavo Fontes

A.P.R.G. Staff Correspondent

Part IV

The Guaiba-Tapes Road Incident

(continued from January issue)

As the car was running away at top speed down the road, they looked back and saw the lights change color to a very bright white, then grow dimmer and dimmer, and finally switch off. This happened at about twenty-eight kilometers away from Tapes. When the car was coming near that city at about two kilometers from it, they sighted a light again, now hovering just ahead of the car. It was silvery-white and very bright, and stood motionless--not on the ground as before--but above it, about five hundred meters high. Mr. Rebelo then stopped the car to calm down his frightened wife. He told her they were quite near the city and could so observe the "phenomenon" with no danger.

- The light grew in size. It was now like polished metal reflecting the sunlight, and apparently larger than a full moon. After a few minutes, a similar light appeared at a point about two kilometers away from the first one (to the left of it). This one was also high in the sky and was moving slowly toward the other light. It approached and stopped at about five hundred meters from it--and at some distance from the car.

Mr. Rebelo wanted to watch a little more the "things", whatever it was that he saw. But his little son, Paulo Antonio, now awake, started to cry when he sighted the two lights hovering in mid-air. Of course, he was scared. Then, considering that they had a lot of emotion for one night; that he was alone with his people in that deserted place watching strange events; and that his "crew" was badly shaken, Mr. Rebelo decided to get away as fast as possible. And so he did. But this time the lights kept motionless and unchanged, even when the car passed just under one of them. But soon they faded into the darkness and, at last, the car entered the sleeping city of Tapes.

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Of all the eerie UFO stories I have heard, this was one of the weirdest. Of course, the whole incident could have been a hoax, or merely a case of autosuggestion and hysteria. But, even if there was nothing to the story, one fact stuck in my mind: The Air Force had ordered a careful investigation by Major Hungaretti, Chief of Air Force special investigation of UFO's in Rio Grande do Sul, instead of a routine check by some Intelligence officer. Further, this was done secretly to avoid public attention. Officially, the Air Force had apparently ignored the case. In my opinion, this attitude was to give no hint that they were deeply impressed by the report.

Another peculiar angle was the silence of the press, the well informed press. Daily, the Rio de Janeiro's papers had been publishing the accounts of the sightings made in the country. But they carried no reports of this incident. Why? Local papers, I was informed, had published it, in an attempt to win general attention with no results. The case was un-believable. Then a few weeks later, a Rio magazine decided finally to take the plunge. A first rate reporter, Mr. J. Martins, was sent to interview personally Mr. Rebelo in Porto Alegre. His article, published on December 4, 1954, was well documented and confirmed the report described above, which was --I was told--what the Air Force believed to be the basic facts. But it also gave new facts that added more interest to the case. By the way, there was another version of the incident, published by some local paper: Mr. Rebelo had seen four UFO's to land at one hundred meters from the car. The lights changed color, etc. Then, two "beings" came out of one of the crafts. They were of normal stature, had long hair which hung down their backs, and dressed some kind of overalls. They approached the car quietly. Rebelo opened the door to meet them, but his wife and sons started to yell and then the visitors ran back to the crafts, which took off swiftly.

This version was denied categorically and vehemently by Mr. Rebelo when interviewed by J. Martins. Moreover, the papers which printed it got the story from other persons--not from the

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witnesses--and made big mistakes, like telling that Rebelo was an engineer; that he was with his two daughters; and that his wife suffered a nervous breakdown and was in a hospital.

I am convinced that Mr. Rebelo made a point in his favor when he discarded this second account of the incident as all nonsense. If he was a hoaxer, he would accept every suggestion making his tale more sensational.

Anyway, the Air Force made no attempt to debunk the case, but ordered a careful investigation. The area where the incident had taken place--a cultivated land--was searched inch by inch. No marks or tracks were found on the ground. The blades of grass over which the UFO's supposedly hovered, were not mashed or burned. Nothing was found to contradict the story. On the other hand, it was verified that no tractors had been in the area that night. In fact, no ground vehicle could have been there, because no tracks were found on the soft earth. Could the lights be some kind of reflection of the car's own lights? No. The car's headlights were switched on all the time (even when it was stopped) but the lights came in from the wrong direction, from the side of the road, entirely out of the headlights field; and moved even when the car was stopped. The dashboard lights were burnt. There was no indication of marsh gas or swamp fire. All possible explanations suggested were thoroughly checked. Nothing.

Mrs. Rebelo and the two boys were questioned carefully and all they said confirmed the story told by Mr. Rebelo. This was repeated again and again, but no discrepancy was ever found. If the whole thing was a hoax, they were not in it. They were undoubtedly impressed by the story and believed it. Every new lead dug up in the investigation pointed to the same thing, true story.

A new investigation was started in the city of Tapes and surroundings, being questioned people who might have been in a position to also observe something. The result was startling: A few persons had also seen strange lights moving in the sky, that night. If they are to be
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believed, there is only one answer for the puzzle. Look through this report, then form your own conclusion--your guess is as good as mine.

To finish the account of this story quite without precedent, I must add one more thing. It is about the interview between the reporter J. Martins and Mr. Rebelo. Martins went to Rebelo's home with a friend, Joao Crisostomo, who was to be a witness at the meeting. Rebelo was waiting, but he also had a friend (and witness) with him. It was Major Hungaretti, Chief of Air Force investigation on UFO's in Rio Grande do Sul. The Major said he had been told about the meeting and, being interested in the matter, decided to come in. But he was not there as a censor, he said. In fact, he discussed the case openly with the reporter. And further, he helped Rebelo in his report, recalling some details on the case. And, of course, his presence was new evidence that the Air Force was deeply interested in the incident.

It was also an official Air Force admission that they had found nothing to contradict the story told by Mr. Rebelo.

But one question bothered me. Why did the Major come to the meeting? What was the real reason behind his decision to be there that night? I don't know. But of one thing we can have no doubt: We could go into a long discourse on the possible explanations for this sighting, but in the end there would be only one positive answer--the UFO's could not be identified as something we knew about. They could have been interplanetary spacecraft. If we take this positive approach, we must ask: Why did these visitors play that cat-and-mouse game with the people in the car? Did they want to take them with them? Maybe. But I don't think so. I can only imagine that their purpose was to learn about us, about our intelligence, about our psychological reactions, and about our mental attitude when in danger. If this is the case, they are neither friends or foes. They are on a scientific expedition. So, they made a cold-blooded test, an "experiment"--and the Rebelos were the guinea-pigs they used.

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