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## AIRLINER FORCED TO DODGE FIERY OBJECT

Blue "Canals" On Mars Seen By  
Scientists

Something new on Mars--a network of irregular blue lines running through the bright red desert areas of the planet--is reported by a California astronomer. The strange new markings were seen fleetingly by Dr. Robert S. Richardson through the Mt. Wilson 60-inch telescope in the pre-dawn hours of June 3, 1956.

Dr. Richardson noted other details as the planet approached the earth but never saw the intriguing blue lines again. His report, one of the first to come from the 1956 observations, was published by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

Mars then was 74 million miles away. It was coming toward the earth but did not reach its closest point until September 7th. The crooked blue lines probably are canals, Dr. Richardson said. But they are different from the long, straight lines heretofore seen by astronomers. The straight lines also have been called canals but they are a matter of much speculation. Dr. Richardson noted that the canals were "distinctly blue" and looked something like veins running through a chunk of mineral.

Sky Object Flits Over Houston,

Texas At 2,000 Miles Per Hour

An unidentified flying object swept across Houston skies the night of February 28th at a speed estimated by an Air Force Lieutenant at 2,000 miles per hour. The object was reported to Ellington Air Force Base by F.J. Cornell of a Ground Observer Corps crew who said he saw it make several sweeps across the sky between 8 and 9 p.m.

Then seven men of a radar crew in an Air Defense detachment at Ellington saw the object and tried unsuccessfully to pick it up on the radar scope. Lt. J.R.  
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PILOT TELLS OWN STORY OF FLYING  
MYSTERY OBJECT

By Capt. Matthew A. Van Winkle  
(Pilot of Pan American Flight 257 from New York to San Juan, P.R.)

Here is an eyewitness story of the Pan American Airways pilot who swerved his plane sharply on March 9th to avoid a collision with a "luminous flying object" that veered into his path.

It looked like it was coming right at me from at most a few hundred yards. But as to what "it" was, I have less an idea now than when I tried to evade it. And then, frankly, I didn't know what it was. My impression was that the flying object looked like a big spotlight. I believe it was round. It appeared to be on a collision course ahead of my plane, a little below and to the right. As far as I know it "came out of nowhere."

My flight engineer, John Washuta, spotted it the same instant I did. I heard him catching his breath. My co-pilot, Dion W. Taylor had his back turned from the cockpit window taking a reading on our position from navigation instruments behind him.

For a split second I was bewildered. My reflex, and instantly--as you have the responsibility of passenger safety in your hands--I reasoned something like this: We were considerably west of our normal track because I was trying to avoid the worst of a storm. But my position was known through periodic radio reports. My first reaction, therefore, that it might be a jet fighter intercept must be erroneous. I had thought of jets by reflex because the light from the object seemed to be like the afterglow from a jet exhaust.

But again in the same split second I ruled out an intercept because they always come at least by twos--one pulling alongside of you ready for action, the other  
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Poole of the crew said it moved across the sky and disappeared in 45 seconds. It looked like a star. Lt. Poole estimated its height at 40,000 to 50,000 feet and its speed at 2,000 miles per hour, judging by its size and the lack of sound. He said Cornell had looked at the object through binoculars and reported it looked white and "seemed to have fare coming out of the back end."

### Two Veteran Pilots Chase UFO

By Ray Stanford

A.P.R.G. Staff Correspondent

Two experienced Houston, Texas pilots on a return trip from Beaumont to Houston spent approximately 10 minutes attempting to follow an unidentified flying object that hovered as close as one quarter mile from their plane, then darted away "at speeds way in excess of ours."

I got the idea that it was at least the size of our plane, I felt that it was just messing around with us. I know that it knew that we were following it," said Victor Hancock, who was flying a Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. DC-3 at 9:45 pm on March 9th when the object was first spotted over the Pasadena area. The only other person in the plane at the time was another pilot, Guy Miller, who has been flying for 12 years.

"I still don't know what it was. When it wanted to, it kept ahead of us easily. It would stop, or seem to stop, just under us. We would bank around, get close to it and it would be gone again," Miller said. Hancock, 32, who's been flying since 1942, said Miller first spotted the object when it darted across the front of their DC-3. "It was going from south to north. We were going at least 200 miles per hour and it went by us easily."

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throwing a spotlight on your identification markings from a distance to find out who you are. After reasoning this out, I felt there was only one thing for me to do to save my passengers and my ship. That was to pull up sharply, to take evasive action. I did so at once.

We had been on instrument flight until minutes before I saw the object and it was pitch black outside. I was in routine communication with five other Pan American planes, an Eastern Airlines plane and a Trans-Caribbean plane, all of which were headed in the same direction in a line about 250 miles long. It took me about four minutes to quiet the plane which had whipped violently on the tail when I pulled her up. I heard the co-pilot shouting: "What's wrong, Rip? For heaven's sake push her over--push her over

But I was too busy to answer I saw whatever it was slip by under my right wing and knew in an instant it hadn't hit us. Then I had to report to the ground by radio and start worrying about the passengers. When I picked up the mike, all, or most, of the other pilots seemed to be chattering at once. I could make out a word here and there: "Brilliant light to starboard"; "UFO report"; "What is it?" This last voice I recognized as that of Capt. Ed. Perry, piloting Pan Am's Flight 269 about 175 miles behind me. He had seen it almost the same instant I had!

I have been flying all over the world for the last 15 years, but I've never seen anything like this before. I know it wasn't a meteor because they come at you from above, headed downward. We see hundreds of them. I won't hazard a guess about it being "something from outer space." I believe it can be explained, but, I don't know the answer. And if the Air Force does, they're not talking. (Perry, who lives at Centerport, L.I., described the object as being "almost a magnesium flash white with pale greenish tints around it...At first I thought it was a flare, then I thought it could be another one of those 'misguided' guided missiles. I saw it for about five seconds. It must have been moving at a terrific speed!")

As many as 50,000 individual galaxies have been found in a section of the sky no larger than the bowl of the big dipper.

UFO Digest For January, 1957

1-day unknown-57--A mysterious object shaped like a half-moon was seen near Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It exploded into six balls of fire. The object was stationary when first seen and was in sight for four minutes. At Bowman, North Dakota three discs were seen maneuvering violently at 9 a.m.

1-1-57--At midnight a triangular-shaped object was reported over Ashby, Minn. At 4:30 a.m., a citizen of Savannah, Georgia assaulted a disc with a gun. The disc was hovering about 30 feet off the ground. Nine shots were fired at the craft. That afternoon, a portion of Seattle, Wash. was shaken by a sky quake. At 6 p.m. a blue-green UFO passed over San Francisco and Vallejo, Calif.

1-2-57--A red and green UFO which moved from side to side was seen N.W. of Herrid, So. Dakota at 9:30 p.m. A green light which dropped toward earth was seen at Warren, Conn. at 10:45 p.m.

1-3-57--A mysterious fireball fell toward earth N.W. of Marseilles, Ill. at 6 p.m. Another fireball fell toward earth that night near Barrington, Ill.

1-4-57--A red fireball was seen over Webster Groves, Clayton and So. St. Louis, Mo. at 7 p.m.

1-5-57--An orange oval-shaped object was seen 7 miles N.W. of Williston, No. Dakota. It was in sight for 5 minutes.

1-6-57--At 5:45 a.m. a red ball which dipped close to the ground was seen for 15 minutes two miles south of Montevideo, Minn. That night a red UFO was seen at Hamill, So. Dakota.

1-10-57--2 lights, which stopped in flight, were seen at 8 a.m. near Arcata, Calif.

1-14-57--A UFO which moved up and down was seen for 30 minutes near Garvin, Minn. at 6:30 a.m. At 9:55 a.m. a sky quake shook Glendale, Calif.

1-15-57--At 5:30 p.m. a fireball was seen over Nampa, Idaho. Ash-like material fell from the object.

1-16-57--A bluish-white round ob-  
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ject, which stopped in flight for ten seconds then went into a high speed verticle climb and shot out of sight was seen at 12:30a.m. over Nampa, Idaho. At 6:30 a.m., a UFO which moved up and down was seen at Garvin, Minn. At 7:20 a.m., a round golden object was seen at Peoria, Ill.

1-17-57--At 5 a.m., a mysterious white ball was seen at Las Vegas, Nevada. At 10:30 a.m. a giant sky quake rocked Pekin, Bloomington and Peoria, Ill. At about 6:40 p.m., a fireball passed under an airliner near Salt Lake City, Utah. At about the same time fireballs were seen at Reno, Nevada, Battle Ground, Spokane, Yakima, Orchards and Ellensburg, Wash., and at Portland, Oregon, Boise and Twin Falls, Idaho.

1-18-57--At 5:30 p.m. a mysterious yellow light was seen at Prince George, B.C., Canada. At 8 p.m., a whirring fireball fell toward earth at Mount Dora, Florida.

1-19-57--Two sky quakes rocked Sacramento, Calif. at 9:25 a.m.

1-20-57--At 5 a.m., four round objects moving in a straight line were seen at Covington, Indiana.

1-21-57--A mysterious UFO was seen near Cle Elum, Wash. at 7a.m. At 6:45 p.m. a silver, cigar-shaped object which hovered in flight and lit up the ground was seen at Wenatchee, Wash. It was estimated to be 15 to 20 feet in length. At 6:52 p.m. a streak of fire exploded over Wenatchee. A few minutes later, a bright sky flash was seen by airline pilots over Selah and Easton, Wash. The cockpit of the plane over Selah was lit up like daylight for 15 seconds according to the pilots. At 6:55 a blue sky flash accompanied by a sky quake was seen at Yakima and Wenatchee, Wash. At 7 p.m. an orange ball of light was seen falling toward the earth at Wenatchee, Wash. It broke up into 5 parts. At the same time a fireball was seen falling toward the ground near Leavenworth, Wash. At 7:20 p.m. a blue sky flash was seen at Ellensburg, Wash.

1-23-57--A golden disc was seen over Peoria, Ill., at 7:20 p.m. It left a trail of mist.

1-24-57--A dome-shaped object was seen for 30 minutes over Fergus Falls, Minn. at 4:10 a.m. It flew a zig-zag course in ascent.

## The Universe

By Carol Honey

To the layman, our moon is the most intriguing body of the heavens. This is because it is the only body in the heavens that can be observed distinctly and clearly. No other planet can be observed close enough to determine accurately its physical characteristics or climate. The stars, even with the strongest scopes, remain a pinpoint of light.

The moon itself has been the subject of great controversy in the past few decades. At various times in the last two hundred years, flares and moving lights have been observed on its surface. One very prominent crater disappeared entirely never to return. White inverted cones have been observed apparently resting upon the moon's surface. In July 1953, a bridge was discovered across a deep gorge in the wall around the Mare Crisium. About a month later the bridge was confirmed by the best known authority on the moon, Dr. H. Percy Wilkins of England. Dr. Wilkins stated it looked like a definite job of engineering.

Needless to say, someone from somewhere has apparently been using our moon as a base of operation for observing our planet. For complete information regarding the strange happenings on the moon, pick up a copy of the book "Our Moon" by Dr. H.P. Wilkins, the noted moon authority. This all boils down to the fact that scientists today do not know too much for sure about the only object close enough to us for direct observation. In line with this it must be remembered that nearly all of our present astronomical knowledge is in fact only theory and may or may not be factual.

As an example, last month we presented the conventional theory concerning our own sun. We stated that the surface temperature was 10,000 degrees. Millions of degrees temperature exist inside the sun and millions more in the outside space near the sun. Scientists also say that a hydrogen atmosphere exists for thousands of miles into space around the sun. Scientists do not say however, why these super-heated gasses react magnetically. That a substance loses its magnetism

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when heated is a very basic fact of science. Magnetic effects are recorded continually upon the surface of the sun. This provides a direct conflict between accepted scientific theory and the evident true nature of the sun.

It is also stated emphatically that the speed of light is the ultimate speed. Nothing can possibly go faster. Now engineer after engineer has reported that the speed of light has been exceeded in the laboratory. Dumont Labs for example has reported the photography of an electron beam traveling greater than 202,000 miles per second.

Future installments of this science series will cover conventional theories of our neighboring planets. Back of it all, remember that the eminent astronomer Sir William Herschel was among the first to suggest that the sun was perhaps a cool body and not hot flaming gas at all. If, someday this should be found true, it would mean that all our other planets could have a moderate temperature to support human life as we know it. This, because the distance of the sun from a planet would not determine the temperature or climate. Today, much new evidence is being found that Herschel may not have been so far wrong after all.

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The solar system is about to be visited by a hitherto-unknown comet which may strike the earth's atmosphere and create as dazzling a heavenly display as did the famous Halley's Comet of 1910. The ball of fire is known as the Arend-Roland Comet, and is approaching at some 300 miles a second. Even if it should collide with us, a possibility, comets are mostly made of gas and our atmosphere can be counted on to burn them up. However, some spectacular fireworks might ensue. At present the comet cannot be seen with the naked eye. But telescopes can detect it in the far south, moving north, close to the sun. By late April or early May, the comet may be seen in the northwest as the sun sets. It may be that the comet now approaching first visited the earth millions of years ago and will be returning again in the far distant future,

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De Cheseaux's comet sometimes is considered one of the seven wonders of space because it has six tails.

The Brazilian UFO Review

By Olavo Fontes

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The visitor came by night... He certainly was curious, showing more curiosity than any other of his kind. He was not in a contemplative frame of mind, like the ones that came in the first years of the great survey. To ride quietly in the sky far above the earth was not enough, now. It may be that their interests had shifted a bit; or it may be that he was different from the other ones. Anyway, he came daringly closer to the surface of that alien place and finally decided to land. But he was cautious too, and he knew it would be unwise to be discovered. So, he selected a lonely spot to land, an island in the middle of a river in a deserted region. It was a good landing. But he had miscalculated, for one thing: he was spotted...

At exactly 5:45 a.m. on November 20, 1954, a military plane --the T-15-1166--scrambled from an Air Force Base in Uberaba, Mina Gerais, on a scheduled trip towards Sao Paulo with no intermediate stops between. It was conveying military air mail, in a mission connected with the "National Air Post", an Air Force service. The crew had passed the night at Uberaba. The pilot, Lieutenant A. Sobral, was a man hardened by thousands and thousands of hours of flight over the most desolate and wild regions of Brazil. Lieutenant Francisco was the co-pilot.

They were flying for fifteen minutes. The airplane was approaching the Rio Grande river, natural frontier between the states of Minas Gerais and Sao Paulo. Lieut. Hardy strained his eyes trying to find the river, still far ahead. After a few moments he saw it, vaguely outlined in the dim light of the oncoming day. But suddenly he noticed another thing too. It was a bright glow that seemed to come from a little island in the middle of the river. A strange, eerie glow...The Lieut. described the events which came next in a written report made a few hours later--addressed to the Sao Paulo Air Force Base Command. Here is his report, transcribed verbatim:  
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"I kept my eyes on the spot and watched the glow growing steadily in size, as the plane closed in. Soon I saw it as a round light apparently attached to the ground, or a little above it. But a few minutes later, I realized that this light--now ten to fifteen meters in diameter--was being emitted by a glowing object landed on the island, or hovering in the air near the ground. As the plane came nearer it, I could see better through the luminous halo surrounding entirely the object. This glowing halo was chrome-yellow in color at the center: and silver-white at the extremities.

The object appeared to be metallic and its upper surface was shaped like a spherical dome (I was seeing it from above). Around the base of the dome there was some kind of platform. I estimated the diameter of the object to be about eight to ten meters; and the height, about three to four meters. At this point I was frightened and, of course, excited about my observations. I cried, to alert the pilot against the approaching danger. Lieut. Sobral lost no time. As he sighted the scene below, he quickly maneuvered the aircraft, which changed course abruptly and went into a high-speed dive--straight towards the alien craft. Then, for a few seconds I couldn't see it; it had disappeared behind the left wing of our plane. But soon I saw it again--and it was moving now.

The unidentified craft climbed up sharply and rushed away from the airplane in a flash of speed. It pulled away from the ground at an angle of 30 degrees, going swiftly to the east. When it started this maneuver the glow around it became very strong, as if the whole object had been glowing more brightly--and not as if more lights had been switched on around it. The glow had now too much of a definitely cigar-shaped outline, ten to fifteen meters in length. No detail of the objects structure could be observed behind the glare, because of its extreme brightness.

The "unknown"--looking like a beam of light--flashed through the skies at incredible speed. It covered the distance towards the far horizon in a split-second. It was almost instantaneous.  
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New BookOther Tongues--Other Flesh

By George Hunt Williamson

In more recent times, there has been a growing realization that on other worlds than ours, even in other universes, there are other living beings. The idea that earthbound man may someday journey into the heavens to discover other men and women, like or unlike himself, grows by leaps and bounds. Within man lies the truth--mortals exist on other spheres!

Here is a book that brings home this tremendous fact with a dynamic force and sweep that will astound the reader, and convince him beyond doubt. Here is a history, a collection of proof, and a tremendous theory.

While man in his heart knows that other worlds are also inhabited, he is reluctant to admit that Earth is only one small planet of trillions. But the truth stares him in the face, and now, having arrived at a place in his civilization where only truth will be able to survive, it has become necessary to reaffirm and establish three truths, namely: 1) Science and religion are one in the same thing; 2) The entire universe is magnetic in nature, and even culture is influenced by the laws of magnetism; 3) Space visitors, mentioned in the bible and ancient mythology, have been coming to Earth throughout the ages, and are now making themselves known to mankind.

In this book, many references and quotations are given from the latest authentic reports on UFO phenomena. Because many believe there are contradictions in some of the reported happenings, it has been necessary to show that there is a great story and purpose behind all these experiences.

Here is the history of other tongues, and of other flesh; calm, scientific evidence that there are friends of ours in the skies overhead.

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Germans Had Discs, Says Author

Nazi Germany developed flying discs that flew more than 1,000 miles an hour, according to Rudolf Lussar who, during World War Two, was head of the technical arms department of the German war ministry. His disclosures are contained in a book, "German Weapons and Secret Weapons of World War Two and Their Development." According to the author, the flying discs were designed by three German engineers and an Italian. They were 138 feet in diameter. The first flew February 14, 1945 at Prague, and reached a height of more than 40,000 feet and a speed of 1,250 miles an hour.

Germans Had No Flying DiscsSays James Doolittle

James H. Doolittle says it "just ain't so" that Nazi Germany developed a flying disc. The veteran airman, chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics discounted the claim of a German author that the Germans had developed a flying disc during World War Two.

Hugh L. Dryden, director of the advisory committee said there is no truth in a statement that Germany designed a flying disc.

UFO Forum Bibliography--666 references of UFO organizations, books, magazines, magazine articles, etc. \$1.00 Mr. John d'Aquin, 4955 Bluebonnet Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Flying Objects--An analysis of the Air Force Blue Book report No. 14. Includes 86 page photo-offset copy of full text. Most tables omitted. 96 pages, 8 1/2 X 11. Price: \$1.00 postpaid, check or money order. Leon Davidson, Box G-40, 640 Prospect Street, White Plains, New York.

The following advertisement was published in a Corpus Christi, Texas newspaper recently; "Evangelist Johnnie Robinson... Preaching Nightly 7:45 p.m. at the Corpus Christi Tabernacle, Elizabeth and Alameda Sts... The Bible Proves It... America Will Be Destroyed By Flying Saucers... These Living Creatures Are From Another World... This Message Will Stagger And Astound Your Imagination (Editors note: Now I have heard everything, I think.)"