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Air Force Tells Results Of Long Investigation--Washington, 11/6/57--The Air Force said it has found no evidence of flying saucers of any type in the past ten years although it has investigated 5,700 reported sightings. Point by point, the Air Force rejected the idea that there are flying saucers. It said: 1. There is no physical or material evidence, not even a minute fragment, that a so-called flying saucer was ever found. 2. There is no evidence that these unknown objects are interplanetary space ships. 3. There is no evidence that they represent technological developments outside the range of our everyday scientific knowledge. 4. There is no evidence of unknown hostile objects or of any threat to the security of the country because of them.

Request Step-Up in U.S. Probe of UFO Sightings--Long Beach, Calif., 11/6/57--The former head of the Air Force's Blue Book investigation of unidentified flying objects says the government should step up its probe of UFO sightings. The intensified investigation was urged by Edward J. Ruppelt, Long Beach, former Captain in the Air Technical Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and head of the Blue Book Project from 1951 to 1953. Ruppelt, now an aircraft research engineer specializing in weapons systems, said that in 1953 his staff presented evidence of sightings to seven top scientists who were gathered by the Air Force to consider UFO reports. "The scientists decided the evidence did not justify the conclusion that the flying objects were visitors from outer space," Ruppelt said, "but they did urge a greatly increased expenditure for an intensified investigation." According to Ruppelt, the recommendation ran headon into governmental economy drives and the probe was never made. "The Air Force, therefore, adopted the position that UFO did not exist," Ruppelt said. He urged the Air Force to go back and take up the 1953 recommendation for increased investigation. (Credit: Mr. Carol Honey, Staff Correspondent.)

Hush-Hush Air Force Project?--Cape Canaveral, Florida, 10/27/57--A very hush-hush project is rumored under way at the Air Force Missile Test Center here. It is rumored to be so top secret that men working at the Cape refuse to even discuss the subject and walk away if it is mentioned. Furthermore, it is rumored that it is so important that the Vanguard, IREMs, and ICBMs are small projects in comparison. It has been said that when the time is ripe, the whole world will know about it. Underlying the rumors are eyewitness reports that "something" has been seen in the sky on at least three occasions in the past two weeks. Some describe "it" as looking like a flying saucer; others describe "it" as a bunch of stars grouped together. All agree it appeared to be lighted and had been seen only at night. (Ed. note: UFO's have been watching this base for years.) (Credit: Mr. Carol Honey, Staff Correspondent.)

We Are Not Alone--"We are not alone," says Dr. Harlow Shapley, famed Harvard Astronomer. He estimates there could be 100,000,000,000 planets capable of supporting life as we know it. There are billions upon billions of stars or suns in the universe. Even supposing that most have no planets at all, there still could be 100,000,000,000 planets situated at the right distance from a sun, possessing oxygen and all other conditions for our kind of life, Dr. Shapley reasons. Very probably, human astronauts never will be able to visit much more than the other planets of our sun--Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and others. These could be reached in days, weeks or years, depending on top speeds which space cruisers traveled. By picking up enough speed once they were in outer space, cruisers might reach any of our planets within days. Then men could learn whether there is life, even fantastically different forms of life, on these planets--some arid, some terribly hot or cold, some bathed in poisonous fumes. What is the meaning of Mars' "canals," of Jupiter's strange markings? Are the asteroids, the belt of flying chunks of matter between Jupiter and Mars, really the remains of an exploded planet? But reaching even the nearest star, to see if it has planets at all, seems impossibly beyond man's dreams. That star is Alpha Centauri. It is so far away that it takes four years and four months for its light to reach us, and light travels 186,000 miles per second. Physical laws say it is impossible for anything to travel faster than light--science as yet has no inkling even how to approach that fabulous speed.

Reports of Aerial Phenomena:

11/11/57--Tokyo, Japan--Persons in many parts of Tokyo saw a "ball of fire" shoot over the skies to the southwest of Tokyo and explode in a shower of sparks. The Tokyo Astronomical Observatory suggested the streak of light was a meteor. But the sight caused many Tokyo citizens to speculate that it was Sputnik I falling to earth.

11/8/57--Near Allentown, Pa.--It was reported that two truck drivers on their way to Philadelphia shortly after four o'clock in the morning saw something streaking through the sky with fiery particles dropping from it. One man said it seemed to explode over Center Valley although he heard no sound. Another somewhat similar report was made by the second driver who said he witnessed the phenomena from the vicinity of Doylestown. The first driver said his name was Raymond Swilp, of Tamaqua. (Credit: Member Frank A. Kehm.)

11/8/57--Near Midland, Texas--A lone woman motorist reported to police that she crashed through a mysterious, brilliantly-lighted object shortly after 2 a.m. on a deserted highway 30 miles southeast of Midland in Glasscock County. "Two 'beings' ran from it just as I reached the object and it collapsed," reported Mrs. Edith Joyce Wilson of San Angelo, almost hysterical as she reached Midland. "A few seconds later 'something' with a brilliant red light--pulled in behind me and chased me four or five miles. Glasscock Sheriff Buster Cox investigated immediately with Deputy Otto Dozier. "We searched the entire area from 2:30 until about 4:30 but we couldn't find a trace of anything," he reported. Mrs. Wilson insisted she had seen and hit something but admitted it might have been someone playing a prank--in the light of widespread reports of mysterious objects. "It was such a nice night. I was driving along enjoying the radio and I must have been five miles this side of Garden City," she said. "I had my lights dim and suddenly I saw something in front of me that looked like...well, I don't know what it looked like. It was glowing red like red lights were shining on it. Just as I reached it, it collapsed in front of me and I felt my car hit something. Two 'beings' ran from it, one on each side of the road. At first I thought I might have hit someone as it went under my car, but I guess I didn't. I don't think I would have stopped anyway. Immediately, I saw something pull onto the road behind me, with a brilliant red light shining through my rear window. I've been traveling 25 years and I've even been held up at the point of a gun. But I never had anything scare me half as much as this did." She said the object wasn't as big as a house "but it probably looked twice as big as it really was, I was so scared."

11/7/57--Weatherly, Pa.--More reports of unidentified flying objects over the Lehigh Valley have turned up. One of the most descriptive came from a group of teenagers in Weatherly in Central Carbon County southeast of Hazleton. Their report was confirmed later by Norman Koch, secretary of the borough. Koch said he had seen an object similar to the one reported by the youngsters while he was on his way to Tamaqua that evening. The eight teenagers in Weatherly were talking on the public steps of Kline Street shortly after 7 o'clock. One of the group, Joseph Furmanchin Jr., 13, reported it this way. "A large oval-shaped thing zoomed into sight at tremendous speed with a sort of hissing or sizzling sound. It had four bright red lights, diamond shaped. It made a kind of dip and then shot upward in the direction of Hudsondale. It was over in three or four seconds. We were scared stiff. The girls got hysterical. We got down off the steps and ran to my house." Not knowing, of course, that the youngsters had seen an "object" until later, Koch reported he and his wife were driving to meet a train at Tamaqua when they saw it. "Halfway out in the middle of the Quakake Valley near the 'Roundhead', a small rounded mountain, we saw a cluster of four or five red lights high in the sky. The cluster was stationary. If it moved it was very slowly and it was hard to make out any outline because of the height," he said. The couple watched the cluster from several different points, stopping to see if it was moving. On the return an hour later, Koch said the lights were gone. (Credit: Member Frank A. Kehm.)

11/7/57--Anaheim, Calif.--A mysterious cigar-shaped object, bearing a sharp resemblance to a twin jet bomber without wings, was photographed by Edwin G. Leadford. Air Force Intelligence officers, Leadford said, were inclined to brush off his picture. However, Col. Dean Hess, public information officer, said that he would take one to Air Research and Development Command at Dayton, Ohio. Leadford said he first saw the object in the northwest skies at 12:10 a.m. as he drove east over

the Katella overpass at Santa Ana Freeway, a mile east of Disneyland. He stopped his car and took the picture. Then the object suddenly disappeared. It was standing still when he snapped the shutter, he said. Members of the Garden Grove Ground Observer Post also saw the object Leadford said, but it was not reported to the Air Defense Filter center at Pasadena. Leadford said he telephoned the FBI and was referred to the Air Force counter intelligence group at Cheli AFB, Maywood. All they said was "get fingerprints on the negative, he said. He took the picture to the filter center where it was viewed briefly without comment. He also took it to Dr. Dinsmore Alter at Griffith Park Observatory. "I don't know what to say about it," he quoted Dr. Alter. "I'm only an astronomer and familiar with only celestial objects." (Credit: Mr. Carol Honey, Staff Correspondent.)

11/7/57--Amarillo, Texas--Blinding-bright objects flashing red, white and green lights hovered for some 30 minutes over the Pantex Atomic Energy Commission ordnance plant, 15 miles east of Amarillo, according to plant guards. The brilliant objects were reported to the State Highway Patrol office by plant guards at 7:46 p.m. A Highway Patrolman who was dispatched to the plant immediately arrived about 8:15 p.m. and reported he, too, sighted "a strange light." The patrolman said when he arrived the guards "were all shook up." Guards said three objects had been floating over the plant some 50 feet above the ground "for some time." "When I got there," the patrolman said, "the guards said one of the objects had landed on Farm Road 2373 three miles north of Highway 60. We drove to the area but nothing was there. But I'm convinced," he continued, "that the guards saw something land. I saw one of them, too," he said. "I was parked on the farm road where one was supposed to have landed--I had my lights off--and I saw this bright reddish-tinted object really moving. It was zig-zagging in and out of the clouds. It didn't make any noise." The patrolman also said he spotted a commercial airplane at the same time the "strange light" was above his patrol car. "The plane was making noise and had completely different lights--nothing like what I saw," he said. "I may have seen another, too," he said. "But the second light I spotted was higher and farther away and I couldn't be sure it wasn't an airplane light." The patrolman said guards told him they had tried to slip up on the objects by turning off their lights "but the things would just slip away from them when they got near," he said.

According to the guards, one of the objects circled the east side of the plant area time and again. "They said it had bright lights--blinking fast--and appeared to be very sizeable." The guards were unable to estimate the size of the objects "because they couldn't get close enough to them." He also said the guards seemed positive "they saw more than just lights--that objects were in the sky." (Credit:P. Gaither)

11/7/57--Alamogordo, New Mexico--A report of a daytime sighting of an unidentified flying object in the White Sands Proving Ground Area of Southern New Mexico came from an Alamogordo insurance man. Trent Lindsey told the Alamogordo Daily News that he, his wife and his son, Byron, 22, saw the object in the morning as they were driving on U.S. 54 only a few miles north of the spot where an Air Force Missile Development Center engineer, James W. Stokes, 46, reported seeing a UFO. Lindsey said he spotted a silvery object traveling at "tremendous" speed out of the northeast. He estimated it was about 10,000 feet high and 30 miles away. He said it was very large, as even at that distance he could see it was not a conventional aircraft. Both Lindsey and his son described the object as being cylindrical or oval in shape.

11/7/57--Spokane, Washington--Two Deputy Sheriff's searched around Newman Lake in vain after getting a call that a strange cigar-shaped object in the sky was scaring cows in a pasture. Quickly dubbed the "cigarnik", the object was described by the unidentified caller as orange and green in color and hovering about 150 feet off the ground. Then David Olson, 22, a hunter reported a similar description to a Spokane radio station. Officers Edward Burke and Dean Lydig drove out the 17 miles to Newman Lake, looked around a couple hours, and said they couldn't find anything. (Credit: Mrs. Roy Atkinson, Staff Corr.)

11/7/57--Midland, Texas--A strangely-lighted object zoomed across Midland skies, supervisor of the Ground Observer Corps said. Leonard Measures, the supervisor, said he and other volunteers tracked a brilliant blue-white object across the western skies from 7 until 8:30 p.m. before it disappeared from view. Measures said the UFO was round-shaped and when last seen gave off a brilliant red light.

11/6/57--Bonners Ferry, Idaho--Several residents reported seeing a mysterious fireball crash to earth near here but searchers could turn up no trace of such an object. Boundary County Sheriff Jim Mulvaney said deputies searching the area where the object was reported to have gone down west of town could find only a brush fire started by the Forest Service. Jimmy Burkholder, who lives on the north side of town, reported seeing a "big ball of fire" that appeared to land about a mile west of here. Mrs. Ted Lozier, who lives near the center of town, said she and her family had also seen a fireball fall, but they thought it landed about seven miles west with an explosion. Joe Guthrie said he saw the object and it appeared to fall farther south. The Sheriff's wife said she heard an explosion from her upstairs quarters but deputies below reported hearing nothing.

11/6/57--Dugger, Indiana--Varnie Gilham, 34, told a doctor he got an eye inflammation after looking at an unidentified flying object that hovered over him for ten minutes.

11/6/57--Amity, Washington--While walking to school, John Orr, Amity High School principal sighted an oval-shaped, grey object the size of a small house which was suspended over a group of fir trees on Finley's ridge. Orr did a double take, but on second glance it was gone. However it was enough to convince even a skeptic.

11/6/57--Knoxville, Tenn.--A terrified youngster, Everett Clark, 12, who is said to be "not given to telling stories", said he was alone in his home about 6:30 a.m. when a "long and round spaceship" landed in a cow pasture across the road. Everett said two men and two women stepped out of the ship talking "like German soldiers in war movies" he had seen on television. The boy said one of the men grabbed at his dog, Frisky, who backed away. He then picked up another dog, Everett said. This dog growled and appeared to be about to bite, and the man put him down, the boy said. Everett said the ship took off "without a sound. It climbed rather sharply, like a helicopter." He said that when the men and women entered it, "it looked as though they were walking through glass." Reporter Carson Brewer and photographer Bill Dye of the Knoxville News-Sentinel accompanied the youngster to the pasture after he told his story to them, the sheriff and school authorities. "I saw something which nearly made me jump," Brewer said. "About 10 feet from where Everett was standing I saw a peculiar imprint in the thick grass. Everett did not point it out. Dye and I saw it first. It was in the shape of a fat cigar or a slender egg. I stepped off the length of the thing as about 24 feet. It probably was about five feet wide at the thickest portion." (Credit: Mr. Carol Honey, Staff Cora)

11/6/57--Long Beach, Calif.--^{EM. Landing} The motors of three cars traveling along Vista del Mar at Playa del Rey conked out simultaneously at 5:40 a.m., and the drivers emerged to see a mysterious egg-shaped space ship "in a blue haze on the beach. That's what Richard Keyhoe of Long Beach, told the Mirror-News, adding: "I don't expect anyone will believe me--except someone else who's seen the same thing." Further, Keyhoe said, two men from the object spoke to him and the drivers of the other two cars "in broken english," then departed in the ship with a whoosh "straight up." Keyhoe, identified the other drivers as Ronald Burke, Redondo Beach, and Joe Thomas, Torrance. "Thomas called the Los Angeles police," Keyhoe said, "and the sergeant or whoever it was answered wanted to know if we'd been drinking." Keyhoe said he didn't get the street addresses of the other two drivers. "We were so frightened, we couldn't think of much of anything," he said. The phantom ship appeared on the beach in the area between Imperial and Century Blvds. while he was driving to work at the General Telephone Company shops in Santa Monica, Keyhoe said. He described the space ship as "solid metal, tan or cream in color, with two metal rings around it on which it rested." Keyhoe described the space men as "both about 5 feet 5 inches, wearing black leather pants, white belt and light-colored jerseys." "They wanted to know where we were going, who we were, what time it was and questions like that," Keyhoe said. "Their skin seemed to be sort of yellowish-green in the early light, but they looked like earth people to me." Keyhoe, a single man who lives with his parents said he'd tried "to think if I've had a nightmare, but I don't believe it. I've never seen 'flying saucers' before or anything like that." Keyhoe said he and the other two drivers watched the ship zoom into the sky and disappear-- then all of the cars started right away. (Credit: Mr. Carol Honey, Staff Correspondent.)

11/5/57--McMinnville, Oregon--A strange type of airship hovered over the farm of Sam Kelchner for nearly half an hour. He said he first sighted the ship over his house at 6:33 p.m. and ran into his house to alert his family. Kelchner, who operates a poultry farm, said the egg-shaped craft moved slightly southward and hovered over his farm as he and his family watched through binoculars. The strange ship moved and halted a second time before taking off swiftly across the darkened night sky. Kelchner described the craft as having an orange glow with a lighter colored top and said it appeared as "some kind of a ship." He said a glow from the ship illuminated the ground of his farm.

11/5/57--Corona del Mar, Calif.--Mrs. Charles Weitzel saw an object at 6:04 p.m. like "an orange jack-o'-lantern" over the ocean. It vanished in a few seconds. (Credit: Mr. Carol Honey, Staff Correspondent.)

11/5/57--Sunbury-On-Thames, England--An object said to range in size between a tennis ball and a football, barely missed a 3-year-old girl. It was taken away by Air Ministry investigators who first said it appeared to be a meteorite. But British Museum experts who examined a piece said it was "certainly not a meteorite."

11/5/57--Long Beach, Calif.--A trio of weather observers spotted six "saucer-shaped flying objects" at an altitude of about 7,000 feet at the base of a cloud bank at mid-afternoon. First to sight the objects was Major Louis F. Baker, the commanding officer of the spotting unit. Airmen Joseph Abramavage and William Nieland, weather observers, also said they saw the objects. Abramavage who made the report, said the objects were "circular in shape and shiny like spun aluminum, changing course instantaneously without loss of speed like planes in a mock dog-fight. They were larger than a C-46 aircraft (twin-engine transport plane) and were in sight for about a minute and a half," Abramavage reported. The sighting took place at 3:50 p.m. The observers said they rejected a theory that the objects were sheet-ice in the cumulo-nimbus clouds because of their regular, circular shapes. (Credit: Mr. Carol Honey, Staff Correspondent.)

11/5/57--Los Alamitos, Calif.--Unidentified flying objects flitted about the sky over the Naval Air Station almost continuously between 6:05 and 7:25 p.m. "It was not a star and it was not a plane," said Lt. Richard Spencer. (Credit: Mr. Carol Honey, Staff Correspondent.)

11/5/57--Kearney, Nebraska--R.O. Schmidt, 48, of Brawley, Calif. told police officials and newspaper men that he had been an invited visitor inside what appeared to be a space ship manned by four men and two women who spoke broken english and perfect German. This is his story. He entered a field of milo about two miles south and a mile east of Kearney to inspect the grain. When ready to leave, he drove down the side road seeking a place to turn around. As he neared the bank of the Platte River, he saw what appeared to be a wrecked balloon resting on the sandy bank. About 60 to 70 feet away his car suddenly stopped. He got out and started walking toward the object which now appeared to be about 100 feet long and 30 feet wide and about 14 feet high. About 30 feet away from it he was stopped short by a beam of light that shot from the object and "sort of froze me. I couldn't move." "Then two men came down a set of steps from the machine and asked if I had any weapons." Schmidt replied he didn't. Then, after he was searched, the men said that as long as they were going to be there for a time "you might as well come in and see things for a few minutes." Schmidt entered the silvery looking machine, the windows of which permitted one to see out but not see in. Inside, the two women and the other men were busy working on wires and instruments. "I was pretty scared but I noticed when they wanted to go from one place to another they would just step on certain places on the floor and they would be pulled to the new location without so far as I could see the floor moving. Like magnetic power. "The men who greeted me told me to tell my people they were not here to do any harm. But they told me they could not say anything about the machine or tell where they came from. They did say there might be an announcement in the near future. The occupants talked among themselves in high German which I understand to an extent. Schmidt was inside the machine about 30 minutes to the best of his knowledge. Then he was told to leave but not to try to start his car because it wouldn't start anyway. He left and walked a short distance away. There was a flash, the machine arose to a height of about 100 feet and then disappeared, blending into the grey skies and appearing to be headed southwest. Associates of Schmidt in Brawley said he is a quiet man, reliable and a non-drinker. His Boss, Donald Woodill, said "he's not the type to fabricate something."

11/5/57--The Coast Guard cutter Sebago sighted and unidentified flying object over the Gulf of Mexico at 5:21 a.m. The object, seen for about three seconds, resembled a brilliant planet moving at tremendous speed. Coast Guard headquarters in New Orleans received a radio message which said the object had been tracked on the Sebago's radar screen for 11 minutes before the visual contact and for 16 minutes afterward. During these periods, the object darted off the screen every few minutes but soon returned. Commander James. Schrader, head of search-and-rescue operations in the Gulf, said the object had been seen at Latitude 25.47 North, Longitude 89.24 West, or about 200 miles directly south of the mouth of the Mississippi River. Commander Schrader said the radio message gave this log of the morning incident: 5:10 a.m.--The object was seen on the radar screen, moving north and south, about 14 miles from the cutter. The object continued to move closer, shifting toward the port side. 5:14--Contact was lost. 5:16--Contact was regained, with the object about 22 miles north of the cutter. 5:18--The object, about 55 miles from the Sebago, faded off the screen. 5:20--Contact was regained. The object appeared stationary, seven miles due north. 5:21--The object was seen, moving horizontally south to north. It was seen for about three seconds and resembled a brilliant planet with a high rate of speed. 5:21--Radar contact was resumed. 5:37--The cutter reported its last radar contact with the object about 175 miles north of the ship.

11/5/57--Midland, Texas--A glowing, "cigar-shaped" object was viewed by three members of the Ground Observer Corps at night, according to Leonard Measures, supervisor of the GOC post. "It first appeared as a cigar-shaped red light with a white rim around it, visible about two or three seconds in that position, then it turned so the round part of the object was toward us," Measures said. The GOC supervisor said his group first estimated the distance of the object at 25 miles. However, later reports came in from other cities--even before the Midland report went on the air--and it was determined through calculations, that the object was about eight miles southwest of the observation post, Measures said. It was flying at an altitude of about 250 feet and "lit up with a brilliant light that was visible to all. Immediately after this, we observed a ruby-red glow on the horizon, about due west. This lasted about 60 seconds.

11/4/57--Tacoma, Washington--A shiny silver ball "brighter than any star" hovered over the Tacoma area for more than half an hour in the afternoon and then exploded into "hundreds of pieces," five Tacoma Coast Guardsmen reported. Richard C. Warner, gunners mate third class, said the silverish object disintegrated before the Coast Guardsmen's eyes in what looked like "a fireworks display." "Then the sky seemed to fog over in that spot and you couldn't see a thing," he added. Warner and other Coast Guardsmen were taking down the colors about 4:10 p.m. when Warner looked up the flagpole and saw the shiny object. He said the others also saw the strange object and one of the men rushed for binoculars. For the next 35 minutes, said Warner, the three men took turns watching it. Warner and two other companions, Don Rowe, fireman, and Marvin Fenton, seaman, said the shiny object was "absolutely stationary" until it fell apart. (Credit: Mrs. Roy H. Atkinson, Staff Correspondent.)

11/4/57--Salkum, Washington--Mrs. George Maloney spotted an unidentified object "with two lights coming from it--one above and one below with a ring separating the beams." She reported a terrific amount of light visible. Mrs. Maloney said the object hovered and moved from place to place. It was visible for about 20 minutes. (Credit: Mem. Carl Newton.)

11/4/57--Garden Grove, Calif.--Two youths reported they saw a strange object in the sky at night. They said it was an egg-shaped object flashing across the sky toward Los Angeles at 5:30 p.m. They said it was bluish, red in color and they watched it for several seconds. (Credit: Mr. Carol Honey, Staff Correspondent.)

11/4/57--Seattle, Washington--A brilliant unidentified flying object "glowing red all over" was spotted over the northeast section of the city at 10:20 p.m. It gave off a roaring sound.

11/4/57--Chicago, Ill.--Three policemen in suburban Elmwood Park said they saw a reddish cigar-shaped object in the sky in the morning. They said the headlights of their automobile dimmed when the object dipped over them and then sped away.

11/4/57--Alamagordo, New Mexico--A missile engineer reported seeing a "brilliant colored egg-shaped object" which stalled autos in New Mexico. James Stokes, 45, and engineer from the Air Force Missile Development Center at Holloman Air Force Base, Alamagordo, New Mexico, told news director Terry Clark of KALG, Alamagordo, 10 autos were stopped on an isolated desert highway, U.S. 54, between White Sands Proving Grounds and Alamagordo. Clark said the Air Force at Holloman gave him permission to use Stokes' story. He said Stokes told him occupants of cars saw a strange, unidentified flying object flying toward them from the northeast. He said his auto radio faded and died, then his engine stopped. He said several other cars were also stalled. Looking up, he told Clark, "I saw a brilliant colored egg-shaped object making a shallow dive across the sky to the northeast. Then it turned and made a pass at the highway and crossed it not more than two miles ahead. Then it moved away toward White Sands Proving Grounds to the southwest. As it passed...I could feel a kind of heat wave, like radiation from a giant sun lamp. But there was no sound. It had no visible portholes and there was no vapor trail. When I got back to my car and checked the engine, I found it intact but the battery was steaming. But the engine started with no difficulty. I called officials at the Air Force Development Center and notified them of the sighting," he said. He said the object moved very rapidly and its surface looked like "glowing mother of pearl." He said Allan D. Baker of Las Cruces, New Mexico shot some pictures of the object. Clark said he was unable to get a statement from Holloman officials and was unable to reach Baker. (Credit: Mr. Carol Honey, Staff Correspondent.)

11/4/57--Kodiak, Alaska--A Kodiak policeman and a 15-year-old girl said they saw an object resembling a bright ball of fire in the skies over Kodiak at about 10:00 p.m. Policeman John Boucher, in a patrol car at the time, said he saw the object, shedding blue sparks and emitting intense light. It was described as about the size of four basketballs. "I was near the Kodiak high school when I saw the school and school-grounds light up with a greenish color," Boucher said. "I looked up and saw a large red ball falling rapidly. It had a short vapor tail chartreuse in color and was visible for three seconds before falling behind the school." He searched for the object but could not locate it. Dolores Gallagher, 15, said she also saw the object about 10 p.m. She was waiting in a parked car for her mother north of the city limits. "It seemed to be on a level with the car traveling from northeast to southwest and seemed very near," she said. Blue sparks were coming from it and it was curving slightly downward. I was scared and thought it would hit the car." Boucher said his car radio was affected when the object appeared. (Credit: Mrs. Ivan Jones, Staff Correspondent)

11/4/57--Amarillo, Texas--Airman Fred Smith, 21, who was home from Amarillo Air Force Base to visit relatives near Levelland, said he saw what appeared to be a plane on fire as he was driving about 5 miles east of town. "But then I saw there wasn't any red blinking light an aircraft would carry, and it was too low and moving too slowly to have been a plane," he said. Smith estimated the object was 1,000 feet off the ground and about 10 miles distant. (Credit: Paul G. Gaither.)

11/4/57--Odessa, Texas--Theater executives Wallace Scott and Milton Namkin told of watching a greenish light flash through the clouds northeast of town between 2 and 2:15 a.m. They said they were convinced it was not lightning but had no explanation. Rep. J.T. Rutherford (D-Texas), at his Odessa home, called for a statement from the Pentagon. He said he was dispatching a telegram asking for an explanation from Air Force officials in Washington. "If this thing is American, there should be some explanation--at least to people in the area--that it is an American experiment so they will not be alarmed," the congressman declared. "If it's not American, the people also should be notified so they can do something--declare open season on it." (Credit: Paul Gaither)

11/3/57--Amarillo, Texas--A Navy pilot, reporting to CAA authorities at 11:53 p.m. as he flew over the city, saw an object in the southeast which he described as glowing brilliantly; then dim; low on the horizon, then high; moving swiftly, then slowly. The Navy pilot, flying northeast to Amarillo as called for in his flight plan, said that he was on a bearing of 40 degrees (northeast) and saw the object 80 degrees to his right, which would place it in the southeast quadrant. He was watching the gyrations of the object while he described it to the communicator on duty. (Credit: Paul G. Gaither)

✓ 11/3/57--A couple, returning to Amarillo from Palo Duro Canyon, saw a glowing object on the road at about 8 p.m. The object was surrounded by a fog, and as they drove closer to investigate, they said their car's motor went dead. The object was in the middle of the road, glowing brightly, and surrounded by fog. As they drove into the fog, the car motor died and the battery went dead. The couple told a police officer that another motorist pushed them into town, where they had their battery recharged. The couple did not leave their names. Highway Patrolman Gilbert Ray of Canyon reported when he checked the road later that cars were lined bumper to bumper on the road, searching for the glowing object. (Credit: Paul G. Gaither.)

11/3/57--Levelland, Texas--Ronald Martin, 18, said he saw a mysterious unidentified flying object--light orange in color and moving at a great speed--above Highway 116 about 6 miles west of Levelland at 12:45 a.m. Martin said the object "stopped about 200 feet off the ground, came straight down and landed on the highway about 300 to 400 feet in front of my truck, sat there for awhile and took off straight up again." The object, which did not cut off his truck engine or lights, was about the size of two cars and "round as a ball." (Credit: Paul G. Gaither.)

✓ 11/3/57--White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico--The Army reported that a huge, oval object "nearly as bright as the sun" was spotted hovering near bunkers used in the first A-bomb explosion. The sightings were made 17 hours apart by two different military police patrols on this southern New Mexico missile testing range. The first atomic bomb was touched off on the northern edge of the area July 16, 1946. The commanding officer of the MP's said none of the men had heard radio reports or seen newspaper accounts of other similar sightings in other areas of the country. Both sightings were in the area of the now abandoned bunkers used by technicians who observed the world's first atomic explosion. First Lt. Miles F. Penney, commanding officer of the Stallion site camp about 90 miles north of WSPG headquarters, said one sighting was made by a two-man patrol at around 8 p.m. S.P. 3. Forest R. Oakes and S.P.3. Barlow reported that about that time their patrol saw a bright light, Oakes thought hanging about 50 feet above the old A-bomb bunker. Oakes said the large bright light took off at a 45-degree angle and went up into the sky and started blinking on and off. Then it disappeared. This patrol estimated the object's sizes as 200 or 300 feet long. "It was very bright," Oakes said. He said his patrol was about two or three miles west of the light. The earlier sighting came at 3 a.m. Another two-man jeep patrol consisting of Cpl. Glenn H. Toy and Pfc. Wilbanks made the report. Lt. Penney quoted them that they were on routine patrol on the missile range when they noticed a "very bright object" high in the sky. The object descended until it was about 50 yards above the A-bomb bunkers when it went out. A few minutes later, Toy said, "the object became real bright, like the sun, then fell in an angle to the ground and went out." He described the object as about 75 to 100 yards in diameter and shaped like an egg. He said it landed near the old bunkers about three miles from where the MP jeep was parked. Lt. Penney said he had accompanied some of the MPs to the sight in an effort to find some physical evidence of the object's visit, but could find no burned or charred areas around the bunkers. (Credit: George Wilson, Staff Correspondent)

✓ 11/2/57--Near Oklahoma City, Oklahoma--Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Myer, of Joliet, Ill. were approaching Oklahoma City about 8:30 p.m. when "a flash like a flash bulb on a camera suddenly illuminated the car and the ground around it." "The flash moved right through the car making a clicking sound as it went," Myer said. (Credit: Paul G. Gaither.)

11/2/57--Amarillo, Texas--Two Civil Aeronautics Authority control tower workers at Amarillo Air Terminal saw a blue, gaseous object which moved swiftly southeast of the city at 11:20 p.m. Calvin Harris and Sandy McKean were on duty in the control tower when the blue object appeared south of the airfield. The object, which was three degrees above the horizon, looked like a dissipating meteor. McKean said, "We frequently see things which the layman calls falling stars, but we never saw anything this spectacular before." (Credit: Paul G. Gaither)

11/2/57--Midland, Texas--The Ground Observer Corps reported that an unidentified mother and her two children saw "a large object of bluish color flying west and very low" at night. (Credit: Paul G. Gaither.)

11/2/57--Near Levelland, Texas--Newell Wright, 19, a student at the Texas Tech in Lubbock, was en route to his home in Levelland around 10:50 p.m. when he saw an unidentified object sitting on the highway. He said he was driving west on State Highway 116 when his car engine and lights suddenly quit working. Thinking something wrong under the hood he got out to investigate, but could find nothing wrong. As he slammed the hood and turned around he suddenly saw the object on the highway up ahead. Wright said he jumped back in his car and hoped someone else would drive up, but the object left after about four minutes. He said it appeared to be made of material similar to aluminum and glowed with a bluish-greenish light. He estimated it to be from 100 to 125 feet long on the side he saw, although he did not know how close he was to it. He said it appeared to be oval in shape, but did not know whether he was looking at it from the side or an end. It was flat on bottom. After about four minutes he said it suddenly took off, going almost straight up and a little to the north, at a terrific speed. Within seconds it was out of sight, he said.
(Credit: Paul G. Gaither.)

11/2/57--Near Levelland, Texas--James D. Long, a truck driver, said he drove up on an egg-shaped object until about 200 feet away when it cut off his engine and lights on a farm-to-market road about 4 miles west of Levelland. He said it gave off a blinding light. When he started to get out of his cab and investigate, the object shot up about 200 feet and streaked away on a horizontal path, Long said. His headlights and motor came back on when the object flew away.

11/2/57--Near Levelland, Texas--Pedro Saucedo, 30, a farm hand and part time barber at Levelland told police officers he was driving out to a farm near the Pettit Community west of Levelland with a friend, Joe Salaz, when he first saw a flash of light in a field to their right, but thought nothing of it at first. "When I got near, the lights of my truck went out and the motor died. I jumped out of the truck and hit the dirt because I was afraid. I called to Joe but he didn't get out. The thing passed directly over my truck with a great sound and a rush of wind. It sounded like thunder and my truck rocked from the blast. I felt a lot of heat. Then I got up and watched it go out of sight toward Levelland," he said. Saucedo, a Korean War veteran, said it was "torpedo-shaped" or like a rocket, but much larger.

10/30/57--Carbonado, Washington--Sixteen-year-old twin brothers reported seeing a "big and blue" flying object that made a strange buzzing noise at 5:45 p.m. The object knocked out TV and radio reception and caused the house lights to dim and pulsate. "As the noise got louder the TV got dimmer," said David Welcome, who's backed up by brother Donald. "Then the TV, radio and house lights went out." The brothers said they saw the object pass over their home and then disappear behind a hill several thousand feet away. His parents and other brothers heard the noise and saw the light, too, David said.

10/29/57--Central Florida--A terrific skyquake cracked windows and frightened residents of central Florida.

10/29/57--Los Angeles, Calif.--Two terrific skyquakes rocked this area during the morning. At least 30 reports of structural damage had been received, ranging from broken windows and china to cracked plaster.
(Credit: Mr. Carol Honey, Staff Correspondent.)

10/20/57--Columbia, South Carolina--Four persons said they had seen strange objects in the sky during the afternoon and early evening. N.W. Allread, Jr., of Atlanta, said he was about 55 miles from Columbia on Highway 378 when he glanced in the sky about 6:54 and saw a huge explosion with a long tail of burning material. At approximately the same time, Thomas A. Duncan of the CAA said he was looking toward the northeast from the tower at Columbia airport and saw a bright object in the sky which went out suddenly. Mr. Duncan said the object resembled and had about the same brilliance of a flash bulb. He said the object was falling at an angle of about 70 degrees at a high rate of speed. The object did not have a tail like meteors he had seen, Duncan said. An unidentified person reported she saw an object in the sky about 4:27 that resembled a star. She said the object was moving at an even speed across the sky and was in view about 45 seconds. Henry W. Walker of near Congaree, said he and five members of his family saw an object in the sky toward the west at approximately 6 o'clock. He said the silvery looking object appeared to be round with a tail behind it, and was visible for about a minute.

10/19/57--DeLand, Florida--An observer reported seeing a burning sphere about the size of a softball pass over from east to west about 8:30 pm. The sphere had a long tail, the observer said, of a orange-blue color. When questioned about the sighting, Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby said he had no information on the object and said, half-humorously, "it very well could be" Martians, as far as he was concerned.

10/18/57--DeLand, Florida--A report of an unidentified flying object puzzled Air Force officers in Orlando, who said they had no information on the sighting. They said the sighting definitely was not of the Russian Sputnik. Several persons reported seeing a golden ball in the sky, going from north to south to the east of DeLand, about 10 p.m.

10/18/57--Hancock, Michigan--Scores of persons saw a "glaring light" descending slowly toward earth, and reports of the phenomena came from Ontonagon, the Victoria Dam district near Rockland, Baraga County and Green Bay, Wisconsin. Edward Hower, ground observer corps officer, said he "trained my glass on it for some time" Robert Clayton, conservation officer at Greenland, said it looked like a slow falling meteor traveling in an arc toward earth.

10/15/57--Covington, Indiana--Mrs. Robert Moudy said her husband saw an unidentified flying object but told no one because they feared ridicule. She said her husband related the engine of his combine went dead when the object--flat, oval-shaped, about 200 feet long, with what appeared to be a large ball of fire in the center--zoomed over a farm near Foster, Indiana. Her husband said the object made a screaming noise.

10/11/57--Southern Japan--The following news item was released over the Far Eastern Network: "Two fighter aircraft chased an Unidentified flying object over souther Japan during daylight hours. Although the aircraft were in the 800 MPH class, the object rapidly pulled away from the pursuing fighters. Pilots stated that the object appeared to be approximately 250 feet in diameter and was golden in color." (Credit: Delmaine H. Oveson, Staff Correspondent.)

10/10/57--Kendallville, Indiana--Bright objects were seen speeding through the skies during the afternoon and evening. Clyde Copeland said he and a group of his musicians were at the athletic field and reported they saw a bright shining light passing across the sky at rapid speed. He was certain it was not a fantasy.

10/10/57--Near Enterprise, Mississippi--Members of a hunting party say they believe they sighted the "huge fireball" that hurtled over several western states. J.A. Reed said he and several other persons were hunting approximately three miles west of Enterprise around 1 a.m. when they saw a blue, oblong object in the sky traveling in a northwesterly direction at a terrific speed.

10/10/57--Oelwein, Iowa--H.C. Nauholz reported that he saw two shiny objects flying through the air about 6 a.m. Others in the area have given almost the same descriptions. He said the two objects were round, shiny, with two tails streaming out behind them. One was coming toward the ground, and the other was heading south. They were not balloons or jets.

10/10/57--Acworth, Georgia--A woman said she saw a "real bright ball of light" flash across the sky shortly after sunset. Mrs. Quida Roton said she first noticed the object while watching the jet-stream from a high flying aircraft. She said the ball of light moved from south to north and disappeared over the horizon. It was visible for about two minutes, she said.

10/7/57--Ketchikan, Alaska--(The foregoing report was received directly from the witness)--On October 7, 1957 at 9:15 p.m. I observed a blueish-green fireball cross a section of the sky moving in a westerly direction. The ball of light crossed this area almost as fast as I could follow it with my eyes. At that time I thought it was dropping straight down but after thinking about it since, I believe that it must have been moving parallel with the earth. I have no idea as to how far away it was or how big it was. It appeared to me about the same size compared with the stars as a quarter appears when you hold it at arms length with the stars as a background. I have read the recent reports of the sightings in Texas and they sound similar to what I saw except that what I saw was high up and moving at a great rate of speed.

Flying Objects Stir Inquiry By Pentagon--Los Angeles, Calif., 11/6/57--
The Pentagon is "greatly concerned" about the many reports of UFO's flitting about the country, and is "directing a very thorough investigation," Col. Dean Hess, Air Force Public Information officer here, said today. The Korean war ace called the office of the Secretary of the Air Force to ask a thorough investigation "so the public may know" the real nature of the objects. "I'm not going to be satisfied with one of these routine inquiries," said Col. Hess. "I am sure the American people would be receptive to information as to whether these objects are of terrestrial or celestial origin." (Editors Note: Col. Hess was sharply reprimanded for his public statement.)
(Credit: Mr. Carol Honey, Staff Correspondent.)

Military Would Like To See Auto-'Staller'--Washington, D.C., 11/5/57--
A device capable of disrupting the operation of motor vehicles or other mechanical equipment is one of the things the armed forces would like to see developed. But Leonard Hardland, chief engineer of the National Inventors' Council, said in response to an inquiry that he does not know of any research in this country aimed at producing a device that could stall automobiles or cause radios to fade. Asked how a "mystery object"--if it exists--could conceivably cause automobiles to stall and radios to fade, Hardland said his guess would be that it would involve some form of electromagnetic radiation. Such radiation, in the case of the internal-combustion engine operating on an ignition system, might cause a short circuiting of that system, he said. As for radio fading, Hardland said this, too, might involve electro-magnetic radiation. "You can block a radio by putting a high-intensity signal that will block the receiver completely," he said, adding: "It's a very common phenomenon in the vicinity of powerful radio transmitters" for nearby radios to be "blocked."

Flying Objects Discounted By Air Force--Washington, 11/15/57--The Air Force said that five "sightings" of unidentified flying objects shortly after Russia launched Sputnik II were either hoaxes or caused by natural phenomena. The so-called "big light" observed in Levelland, Texas was said to have been a "weather phenomenon" known as "ball lightning" or "St. Elmo's Fire," and caused by stormy conditions. (Editors Note: There is now such thing as ball lightning the size which was described by the witnesses. Also, the weather conditions in that area at the time of the sightings ranged from clear to partly cloudy. No storms.) The Air Force said an investigation on the scene revealed that only three persons, rather than dozens as originally reported had seen the "big light." (Editors Note: We have the names of five witnesses who saw the ships on the ground.) A report of stalled autos, radio fadeouts and "heat" light in Alamogordo, New Mexico was described as a "hoax" suggested by the Levelland incident. (Editors Note: I wonder if James Stokes, a missile engineer at the Air Force Missile Development Center at Holloman Air Force Base has lost his job for reporting his "hoax".) No actual cause was determined for the stalled cars but the Air Force said electrical storms were said to have been possible cause. Ho Hum.

Brazilian UFO Review, by Dr. Olavo Fontes--Av. Atlantica, 1588-APTO. 901--Rio de Janeiro, Brazil--South America, (Continued from October issue.) I have classified these 27 sightings into five categories on the basis of their shapes: 1. Saucer or disc-shape (15 cases); 2. Spherical or Round shape (8 cases); 3. Cylinder or Cigar-shape (3 cases); 4. Oval-shape (1 case); 5. Fireball (1 case). Here we have the first important point: the "unknowns" showed a great consistency in shape. They didn't show the bewildering variety in shape reported by Major E.J. Ruppelt, regarding the unknowns investigated by Project Bluebook. I believe that the difference can be explained by the fact that, in Brazil, we had not (and we still have not) stratospheric balloons, supersecret aircraft and guided missiles. Many of the dissimilar objects which have been sighted in the skies of North America may be unconventional aircraft, secret missiles or "skyhook" balloons--wrongly described as UFO's. If more accurate data were available, the unknowns sighted over USA might well show a greater consistency in shape. The second important point: the statistical data showed that UFO operations over Brazil, at least in its early stage, were performed mostly by two kinds of craft--the disc or saucer-shaped objects, plus the spherical or round-shaped craft--which accounted for 85 percent of the sightings; the flying cigar seems to have another mission, still unknown to us, and was seen in rare instances--always traveling at tremendous speed, high in the sky, and never stopping (at least in our three cases) to hover or to maneuver over selected areas; the so-called fireball was not

common in this early stage of the UFO's survey--maybe because they were not interested in our aircraft, yet. I believe that this kind of device is used chiefly in the observation of aircraft. The group of sightings according to their geographical location, together with their chronological order, showed the following: August, 1954--Two casual sightings, including a round, luminous object over Sao Paulo city; and a "cat and mouse play" between a fireball and an airliner over four states. On the same occasion, the UFO activity over Europe was rapidly stepping up. September, 1954--No UFO activity over Brazil. Mass reconnaissance over Europe, particularly in France, England and Italy. October, 1954--The UFO operations in Europe reached their peak over France and Italy, but dropped in other countries. At the same time, the first UFO mass-survey over Brazil was started. First sighting was reported on October 12th. Total number of sightings: 15. There was, clearly, a geographic clustering of unknowns over Rio Grande do Sul State, in this early stage of the survey: 12 of the 15 sightings came from there; Poeto Alegre, the Capital, got more sightings (6). It may be interesting to know that the sightings outside Rio do Sul came only at the end of October (27 and 28); that, in all of them, the UFO was traveling toward the south (in the direction of Rio Grande do Sul) when sighted; that, in one case, the UFO--a glowing, disc-shaped object--was sighted over Lages, a small town in Danta Catarina State, at 8:00 p.m. and a similar object appeared over Porto Alegre half an hour later; that in another case, the UFO--a bright spherically-shaped object--crossed the skies of Vitoria, Espirito do Santo State, at 6:00 p.m., and a similar unknown was spotted over Porto Alegre at 8:40 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., the same night. Because of this, I believe they were, in both cases, on their way toward their point of concentration (Porto Alegre) when sighted. As the third UFO was a cigar-shaped object (the first to be reported here), which flashed across the skies of Ibia, Minas Gerais, also going southward, I am sure that Rio do Sul State was, in fact, the only target of the UFO's in this first stage of their survey. This is the third important point to be remembered. November, 1954--The UFO activity over France and Italy stopped suddenly in the first two weeks of this period; but, at the same time, the sighting curve was rapidly raising upwards in Brazil--suggesting that a growing number of craft was being transferred, as soon as they became available. The survey over Europe was stopped, apparently, because of the bad weather (the coming of the winter). The statistical data available here, showed that, from November 2nd to November 6th, the UFO's changed their objectives toward regions on the north and outside R.G.S. It was the beginning of the second stage of their survey--a country-wide reconnaissance. During this period, about 12 sightings were reported--but only 2 came from R.G.S. (from Porto Alegre); the rest was reported from towns of medium and large size in three of the nearby states to the north of it. Sao Paulo city, the largest industrial concentration in South America, with 3,000,000 inhabitants, got more attention (4 sightings), particularly at the end of the period (3 sightings on Nov. 6th). I am going through these details to show that there was, really, a shift on the geographical location of sightings, in early November, 1954. This is the fourth important point to be recorded. A few words regarding some other characteristics of the unknowns will be told, before finishing this preliminary evaluation of data obtained from our 27 "good unknowns", stressing only the basic facts about each one: Times of observation: 21 sightings were made at night; only 6 reports described day time sightings. Size of the objects: Because of the misjudgements commonly observed in estimations of distance and altitude, no attempt was made to evaluate the size of the "unknowns". Color of the objects: At daylight (in order), silvery, metallic, silvery-white, metallic-grey. At night (in order of percentages), all UFO's were brightly luminous, with one exception (a faintly luminous spherical object); green, yellow, orange-yellow, orange-red, red and violet (for saucers or discs); orange-red, red, white, orange and bluish-green (for spherical or round-shaped objects); and, bluish-white or red (for cigars). Sound: All UFO's were absolutely soundless. Speed: Reported as high, faster than jets', fantastic or tremendous. But no exact classification of speeds is possible. (Continued next month).

New Book On UFO's--Highly recommended--"Inside Saucer Post...3-0 Blue",
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