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SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS--There now exists in the United States four private UFO organizations whose names have the initials NICAP. This duplication has caused considerable confusion, with many of the other NICAP's receiving credit for the accomplishments of the Seattle organization, and the Seattle organization receiving the blame for the uncomplimentary actions of the other NICAP's. In order that this UFO organization can separate itself from this mass of confusion, the Board of Associate Directors has decided to change the name from National Investigation Commission on Aerial Phenomena to our previous name, Aerial Phenomena Research Group. As of May 1st, we will be identified by this name. Only the name has been changed. All other operations of the organization will continue as they have in the past.

LANDING REPORTED IN VIRGINIA--A South Hill, Virginia man said he saw a UFO take off from a road as he was en route home from work on April 21. C.N. Crowder, manager of the Mobile Chemical Co. warehouse in South Hill, said he sighted the object about 9 p.m., saw it for "only about four or five seconds," but got a perfect look at it. "It was just a funny feeling," Crowder said in recounting the incident. "You can imagine how it felt to see a big thing like that sitting in the road in front of you, and all of a sudden a ball of fire flies out and it disappears. Crowder described the object, which he said was in the middle of the road, as having the appearance of a metal storage tank about 12 feet in diameter. He said the object, which looked somewhat like aluminum, was on legs that appeared to be about three to three and a half feet high. The businessman gave the following account of the incident. "I was going home from work, where I had been working on my books. When I got in my car, I drove out a dirt road leading from the warehouse and the next thing I remember I had my lights turned down and I glimpsed this object sitting in the middle of the road. I turned on my bright lights and just about the time I did this, a tremendous burst of white-looking fire came from the bottom of the object and it went right straight up in the air like a bullet. It was just a flash and it was gone, but when I had my bright lights on, I got a perfect look at it. I stopped my car and saw that the road had caught fire where the object had been sitting. The fire died down and about that time I saw another car down the road." That car, he related, turned off. Crowder said that after the fire died down, he went to the South Hill police station and reported the incident. "Two of the town police came back with me. We found a black, burned spot in the road where the thing took off. The spot was still in the road the next day. Crowder said the tar on the road apparently ignited. The businessman said he learned the next day that the other car he saw near the scene was driven by Norman Martin, another South Hill man. "I talked to him and he said he saw the flash, too," Crowder reported. Crowder was practically at a loss to explain the object, as were town police. Top-level investigators arrived on the scene shortly after the reported landing. They included Dr. J. Allen Hynek and William Powers of Northwestern University's

Dearborn Observatory, officials of the U.S. Air Force and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. An additional mystery, in the form of four half-inch wide holes around the burned spot, was discovered the morning after the reported landing. The holes were reported to be similar to those found in the area of a UFO sighting in New Mexico several years ago. Samples of the burned area, as well as photographs and plaster impressions, were taken by the investigators for analysis.

CALIFORNIA OBJECT MYSTERY--A flying object was reported seen by several persons over the Humboldt Bay region of northwest California on March 26 and Federal Aviation Agency officials at the Arcata Airport tower admitted to being mystified. "We saw what they saw, but we don't know what it was. It might have been a star but it did look strange," one tower observer said. Reports of the UFO came from Al Gray, a Humboldt County Superior Court reporter. He saw it over the Rohnerville Airport. Annette Parelli of Ferndale spotted it over the PG&E Atomic Plant at King Salmon. Ron Tharp of Samoa also saw it there. Deputy Sheriff Thomas Mac Donald at Blue Lake watched it disappear over the ocean to the southwest. The pilot of an inbound Pacific Airlines plane could not identify it, nor could the two tower controlmen on duty, Jack Provolt and Roger Speakman.

MORE SIGHTINGS NEAR GRAND COULEE DAM--A weird, strange, reddish-orange ball, emitting star-like sparks while doing maneuvers unlike a meteor, was sighted March 20 by two Omak, Washington residents. Mrs. Mildred Pentz, wife of Omak businessman, Clair Pentz, and daughter Mrs. Sandy Thomas, were traveling back to Omak from Spokane, Washington when they sighted a bright ball of light in the sky around the Coulee Dam area. According to Mrs. Pentz, both ignored the light at first, but after driving down the road several miles and approaching Nespelem the object seemed to be trailing them. "The ball of light first appeared on the right side," Mrs. Pentz said, "then it dropped back for several minutes until it started moving slowly up to the vehicle and across the front of us. By this time both Sandy and I were starting to get a little unnerved, and decided to head back for the nearest house. But the road was so narrow we didn't want to lose time in trying to turn around. Sandy put her foot to the gas to see if we couldn't outrun whatever it was. We could now see the reddish, brightly glowing object hovering near a hillside and it appeared to have spokes protruding from it. Then it rose emitting spark-like stars and glowed all over like red hot coals--after that it disappeared," Mrs. Pentz related.

On March 23, another UFO was sighted at Quincy, Washington, about 75 miles southwest of Grand Coulee Dam. The object vanished temporarily when a jet aircraft approached, then reappeared, the Grant County sheriff's office reported. The UFO, which appeared to be white with a tint of red, was first sighted by Bill Webber of Quincy, who operates a citizens band radio. He notified other residents, who also reported the sighting, along with members of the Quincy Police Department. Undersheriff John Andrews said Webber told him the object first moved west to east at a high rate of speed. It stopped northwest of Quincy and hovered for about 20 or 30 minutes, Webber said. There were streaks of light giving a halo-like effect, but when a plane approached the UFO blacked out. As the aircraft left, the lights came on again. Webber said the object, which appeared to be at an altitude of about 7000 feet, departed about 8:55 p.m. A young couple reported seeing a bright light in the sky northwest of Coulee Dam during the second week of March. The

object descended and appeared to land in the vicinity of Strahl Canyon. Other residents of the sparsely populated area also saw either a bright light or an object. The area of the reported landing also had a pungent odor that was foreign to onlookers.

IMPRINTS LEFT BY UFO--On March 17, an object or objects landed in Mr. Percy Clark's field in Brewer, Mississippi and left four imprints in the ground which measured exactly nine feet from one imprint to the other. Several people went to investigate and came within around 200 yards of the object. Mr. K.O. Walley says he has been seeing these lights for some time now. He said, "On March 17 I didn't see anything except revolving red, white and green lights. When we came within around 200 yards of the lights, they went straight up, above the tree tops and took off across the field, south." Willie B. Odom was also on the scene and he described it this way. "I saw the light like a railroad flare about three inches in diameter. It was on the ground when I saw it, about 200 yards away. I didn't see it go up but the rest said they did." Mr. Sherman Walley says he has been seeing these lights for quite some time. He reported the lights to be red, green and yellow, and sometimes appear to land. Patrolman Weathers said he took pictures of the imprints that were on the ground.

TWO TERRORIZED BY FLYING OBJECT--It was around 8:15-8:20 p.m., March 13, at the San de Fuca, Washington home of the Cecil Perkins. A knock on the door. Revealed: A frightened young man, perhaps in his 20's, reporting strange things in the air. The man was pale and trembling, telling (and retelling in faithful detail) the story of an object "radiating a bright orange light" which had come up on his car, hovered over it--and seemed for a time contented to merely keep pace with the vehicle. Accelerating his speed, the man (youth) swung into the Perkins yard, rushed up on their porch, rapped on the door--and proceeded to inform the residents of the sighting. Although the young man (who claimed to be a member of the U.S. Air Force) did not leave his name, his story was convincing enough. Also "involved" was another teenage trio. They were driving in the San de Fuca area when they were passed by the vehicle which carried the unidentified young man and his date (or wife) to the Perkins home. "The car came up behind us at high speed and passed us," Bert James said. "There was an intense light and we thought it was a spotlight or the light from a police car. The girl in the passing auto had her hands over her eyes and we could hear her screaming. We were concerned and we were going to give pursuit if she needed help."

Moments later the car turned into the Perkins' drive. James and his party saw the man leave the vehicle and go to the Perkins door. They became aware, almost simultaneously that the light still remained. Suddenly, the James car came to a stop, the motor died, headlights inoperable. "It was as if someone, something, had turned off the engine. There was no power. We couldn't get the car started," James said. "It was then that we noticed this flying object. For a moment or two we could see it hovering on the brow of a hill, behind the trees and then it would disappear. It was sort of like it was playing peek-a-boo. As if it was watching us. One moment it was visible, the next moment gone." The boys said the object hung over the automobile which had passed them in a rush to the Perkins and that it gave off a "pulsating light." When the UFO disappeared the boys decided unanimously to depart the scene. For home and its protection. Meanwhile, the plot thickens as observers from as far east as Mount Vernon, Washington observed the same object, the same time.

MISSOURI WOMAN REPORTS UFO--A St. Charles, Missouri woman joined the growing list of persons who have reported seeing a strange, flying object over Northeast Arkansas. Mrs. Joy Braden Hackmann, 33, said she, two daughters and a boy friend of one of the girls saw a disc-shaped object early March 12. "I had a feeling we were being watched," she said. Mrs. Hackmann said she and the others were outside when they saw the object floating about 50 yards away and 20 to 50 feet in the air. She said it had bright white lights searching the ground. When she ran toward it she said, the lights went out. "Then red lights, something on the order of roman candles began shooting out all sides at unbelievable speed," she said. "In a few seconds it was gone." Mrs. Hackmann said while the object was nearby she felt vibrations and heard an alternating beep coming from it. She said when she ran toward the object she called out, "Come closer, let us see you," and the machine stopped.

THREE UFO's GLOW OVER LAKE ERIE--UFO's were reported soaring about Ashtabula, Ohio harbor on March 10. A host of persons, including an industrial engineer, reported seeing as many as three objects in the skies over Lake Erie and near the lakefront about 8 p.m. Thomas J. Weiss, 33, an engineer at Reliance Electric & Engineering Co., said he and several other persons viewed the objects for some ten minutes. The first object came from the northeast skies, Mr. Weiss said, followed by a second which came from below the horizon. Mr. Weiss said the object at one point was so low it could not be seen because of house levels across the street. "At first, I thought it was a helicopter with a flare," he said, "then I realized it could not be a helicopter." Five minutes after the first two appeared, a third object arrived, Mr. Weiss said. All were round in shape, made no noise and were not like airplanes, he said. It was impossible to determine size, he said. While the objects were in the sky, an airplane did appear, Mr. Weiss said, and a difference between the two types of craft could be noted, especially in the travel pattern, he said. "The UFO's seemed to be traveling in slow motion," he said. Neighbors across the street saw it, too. "We listened to a radio station in Erie, Pennsylvania later and heard a report from a man who said he saw 13 in formation about the time we saw these, Weiss said. Weiss said the objects appeared from the general direction of Erie and went back the same direction.

UFO's OVERHEAD--POWER FAILS--The possibility that sightings of flying objects in the sky is linked with power outages was suggested with reports that members of the James Zellner family of Escanaba, Michigan watched a lighted object in the sky for more than an hour on March 7, just ahead of several sightings in Delta County, Michigan, and a report by Edison Sault Electric Company that it could find no reason why lights were out in Hiawatha Township the same night. Lights in the Zellner home went out at 7:05 p.m. Lights in other homes in the area also failed. About 8 p.m. Mrs. Zellner noted the lighted object in the sky. The UFO appeared to hang motionless in the air then faded away shortly before power was restored, Mrs. Zellner said. One person reported putting in fuses constantly, only to have them go out again.

POSSIBLE LANDING IN CALIFORNIA--A little girl playing in the yard at dusk on March 7 called her mothers attention to a large fire near the top of a mountain about 8 miles north-northeast of Burney, California. The glow and the pulsing light were below the horizon, thus eliminating the possibility of the glowing object being a star. Smoke ascended from the spot where the UFO landed, and was seen for hours after the object lifted

off. It was there one instant and was gone the next. Two days later, smoke was seen in the same area leading to the belief that it was a possible landing point for UFO's. Two high school boys notified their science teacher that they had been seeing the flying objects every night for a week.

SIGHT UFO WHILE FLYING--The sighting of a possible UFO on March 6 at 8 p.m. between Kansas City, Kansas and Macon, Missouri at an altitude of 30,000 feet by W.A. Voorhees, president of the Electric Wheel Division of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and Fred Schott, president of Schott Aviation and manager of Baldwin Field. Schott was piloting Voorhees to Quincy, Illinois from a business meeting in Kansas City when the sighting occurred. Schott said they first noticed a long, white exhaust trail extending straight north. A craft was not clearly visible although a light could be seen. The observation lasted only four seconds when the exhaust trail was abruptly cut off. Schott radioed the Kansas City tower, receiving a report that it had not picked up the object on radar. The sky was clear with a visibility of 15 miles. On returning to Quincy, Schott said that he was not aware of aircraft that could travel that speed and that the exhaust was totally different.

CAR FOLLOWED BY FLYING OBJECT--The Russell Carter Jrs., of Pierre, South Dakota became believers in UFO's on March 5. Mr. and Mrs. Carter and two of their three children were on their way back from visiting Carter's mother and father-in-law in Midland, South Dakota when they noticed a bright light low in the sky and apparently following their car. Carter said the object kept closing the distance between it and the car until there "was less than a mile difference." The 'object' came closest to the car about 10 miles east of Hayes, South Dakota and according to Mrs. Carter "was as low as the telephone wires." Mrs. Carter said the 'thing' seemed to be V-shaped with a bright light coming from it. The hairiest part of the experience came when the object was nearest the car. Carter reported the road and an area around the car was bathed in a light bright enough "so you could drive without headlights." The couple also reported a humming sound and a feeling of 'numbness' during the time the road and the area around the car were lit up. Carter said, "The area was lit up less than five minutes and while the area was lit up a funny feeling went through my body. My wife said her face seemed to go numb." After veering near the car the 'object' took an erratic but rapid path into the distance and eventually went out of sight.

SOUND LINKED TO UFO--A brightly-colored object in the sky that may have emitted a "beep-beep" sound heard about the same time was reported by a Blodgett, Oregon woman and her three daughters. Mrs. Lucky Newell, who resides on a ranch four miles north of Blodgett, said she heard the sounds at one time, and saw the light at another. "I didn't make the connection at first," she admitted. All this took place between 8-8:30 p.m., March 3. The noise was described as a continuous rhythmic "metallic beep" then beep-beep. "My 11-year-old heard it first and I thought it might be the cattle," Mrs. Newell said. "But I heard it later and it was eerie!" The round light that gave off a yellow-orange and blue-green glow was seen by all three daughters. The first sighting was thought to be the car lights of Newell returning home. The girls said the light appeared near the gate and close to the ground. However, Mrs. Newell said she spotted it later "just over the tree tops. I feel kind of stupid about this. My first reaction was: 'Are they going to believe it?' "

MYSTERY LIGHTS OVER CHICAGO SUBURBS--Dozens of citizens reported sighting seven white objects, moving over Homewood and Chicago Heights, Illinois without a sound on March 3. They were visible for 6 to 10 minutes. Patrolman Eugene LaBelle of Chicago Heights, cruising in his squad car, saw the objects moving south. He estimated the altitude between 2000 and 2500 feet. Homewood police between 8:04 and 8:20 p.m. received 10 to 12 calls from the southeast part of the community about the movement of "orange lights" in the area of the Nike base. An officer at the base said a half dozen inquiries had been received. Eric R. Zeimer, 22, a member of the Adler Planetarium astronomy staff, said reports were received from Flossmoor, in addition to Chicago Heights and Homewood. "It is very difficult to make an absolute statement, but it appears these were powered craft moving together," he said. Sherman Larsen, Glenview, president of the Chicago affiliate of NICAP, said he received calls about the sightings. In addition, he said Mrs. June Larson, Seattle NICAP affiliate head, reported three UFO's had been sighted at Point Barrow, Alaska, and that all power there went out.

MORE OBJECTS OVER NORTHEAST, ARKANSAS--Six residents of Piggott, Arkansas and vicinity reported sighting "strange, silent UFO's again March 7. One of them, two observers said, appeared to approach within 15 feet of the ground. Miss Barbara Hester, 24, and her brother Barry, 17, reported seeing the low one. "It was east of our house. We live about two miles southeast of Piggott," she said. "We have seen them before around here, but this is the lowest we've seen. It seemed to go down behind some trees about a mile from our house." Barry Hester said, "At first it appeared as a dim light. Then it turned red, then white. It glided along over some tree tops, then appeared to drop down behind them. I saw it go over Marvin Owen's house. It wasn't 20 feet above the top. It was about 20 feet by 20 feet in size. This was about 10 p.m. Floyd Bellers, farmer living three miles southeast of Piggott, who reported his farm has been visited several times by the UFO's recently, also said he saw the same object. "My brother-in-law, a deputy, watched with us. He saw them and agreed they weren't planes of any type," he said. "Two men came to see me during the weekend from around Black Rock. One of them told me, 'They're about to drive them crazy over there. They get so low sometimes, you can hit them with a baseball.' I felt sorry for these two men. They seemed so upset by what they said they had seen near their homes. One of them said one of the UFO's had actually landed on a road and left scars where it touched down."

MORE LANDINGS REPORTED--Mrs. Ernestine Brower, who lives 7 miles north of Hoquiam, Washington called Hoquiam police about 8:20 p.m. March 1 to report that she saw a flying object with flashing lights along its side land in a field near her home. Mrs. Brower reported that the strange object moved about quickly and made a "beep-beep" noise. Hoquiam police called the Washington State Patrol and the Grays Harbor Sheriff's office and investigating officers were soon on the scene. They didn't see the UFO, but they did report that they heard the ominous "beep-beep" noise. Mrs. Elsie Tuffree, Humptulips, said she has tape recorded some beep-beep noises similar to the ones Mrs. Brower heard. Mrs. Tuffree told deputies that there are 120 beeps to a minute on the tape recording she made. That some night, around 9 p.m., several Towanda, Kansas youths were parked along a road northwest of town when they observed revolving red, white and blue lights flashing in the sky above the Wilson field in the vicinity of the city water well. Jim Summers and Fred Fatuch drove into town to relate their experience to City Marshal Virgil Osborne, who returned the

two boys to the area. Osborne said he had just turned into the road leading to the wells when they observed the lights, either on the ground or hovering overhead, then immediately thereafter observed the flashing lights rise to an estimated height of 300 feet and take off in a southwesterly direction at a high rate of speed. Osborne said it was too dark to detect the actual object and has no idea as to the size or shape, nor did he hear any sound coming from it, however, he said the trees along the river were lighted up from the reflection as the mysterious object moved over them. The trio, followed by several other cars, drove toward Benton observing the UFO as it continued its course without changing direction or altitude until out of sight. Marshal Osborne and several local youths believe a craft or object of some nature either landed in the field or hovered over the area for quite some time.

On February 25, two Fargo, South Dakota youths took two pictures of an object they described as a bright light. The boys, one 16 and the other 18, were driving from West Fargo when they spotted the object. They stopped the car, grabbed a Polaroid camera and when they saw the object start to lift off the ground took a picture. They thought the UFO might be three to five feet in diameter, somewhat disc-shaped, quite round and entirely lit up with a plain bright light. Another landing was reported in the Lynden, Washington area by Kenneth Lyon who spotted the soaring object one afternoon last December, that he at first thought was a balloon. "It looked partially round, about as wide as it was high, maybe six feet in size, and darkish in color," Lyon said. "The day was quiet but cloudy, and the object landed on the ground in a field about 600 feet from the house while I was sitting at the dinner table. The UFO didn't make any sound and took off again in about 15 seconds moving through some trees and apparently hitting some branches which didn't damage it. It climbed fast and headed over Lynden." Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holste and family reported they saw a UFO in a field in Norton County, Kansas last December. Holste said the object was the size of a good-sized apartment house with three rows of six windows.

RUSSIANS ADMIT UFO'S FOR REAL--A Soviet space expert agrees that the many American reports of Unidentified Flying Objects are not simply capitalistic imagination. The Russians have been seeing them, too--for the past twenty years. And for once they admit the UFO's are as much a puzzler to Soviet scientists as to their western counterparts. Most of the U.S. reports have come from eye-witnesses. But the Russians have been picking them up on radar screens. One scientist--identified only as F. Zigel--says the UFO's may really be from outer space. And there's a hint that while Americans considered the objects might be some new secret weapon from Russia, the Soviets had their own suspicions--in reverse. Raising of the subject in Moscow represents a breakthrough of several years strict silence on the subject, after an initial period of Soviet ridicule of such reports. Scientist Zigel notes that similar observations have been made not only in Russia and the U.S., but also in Australia, India, and Japan. The Russian states: "The phenomena of the UFO's today should be considered global." And he concludes: "There can be no doubt that UFO's exist." Of the five possibilities listed by Zigel as to what flying objects are, one is that they may be spaceships from an advanced civilization on another planet. One thing they are not, in the Russian scientists view, is "a new secret flying apparatus of one of the military powers on earth." In the words of Zigel: "No one holds this view now."

PILOT, RADAR SPOT UFO--A Southern Jersey Airways mechanic who is a student pilot reported spotting a flying object near Atlantic City, New Jersey on February 24 shortly before 10 p.m. And a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Agency's experimental center in Pomona, New Jersey said a UFO appeared on radar screens there at approximately the same time and location as the man, Robert King, sighted the object. King said he was driving his car on the parkway about 20 miles south of Atlantic City when he spotted a glowing orange object streaking toward the ground. The UFO, traveling about 100 mph, at 1500 feet, suddenly disappeared, King said. Moments later it reappeared and headed south toward Cape May. The night was clear. The object acted very unlike an airplane, King said, making a turn which wouldn't be possible with an ordinary plane. A spokesman for the FAA said the object had been on the radar screens for approximately two minutes.

STIR CREATED BY VANISHING OF SATELLITE--A Soviet communications satellite that was supposed to stay up for years and years has disappeared. The development has upset space experts because satellites aren't supposed to do that sort of thing. "It's incredible," one U.S. space official said. "It would be contrary to the laws of science for a spacecraft in an orbit to decay unless there were some means of propulsion aboard to change the orbit." The National Aeronautics and Space Administration confirmed on April 3 the unexplained disappearance of the second of the Soviet Molniya satellites. When they put it up in October 1955, the Russians had estimated its orbit life in terms of decades.

UFO's--POWER FAILURE--RINGING TELEPHONES--A power failure in Las Cruces, New Mexico caused little commotion, but kept phone lines tied up longer than the power was out. The phones in the El Paso Electric Company office began to ring almost immediately after the lights went out, and kept on ringing. The company said the cause was not determined. UFO's were seen in the area at the time. The police, fire station and city hall phones rang for quite a while during the emergency, too--but no one was calling. The police and city hall switch board operators said all their lines kept ringing, but when they answered them, the lines were dead.

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