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ALIEN CRAFT CUTS RADIO, DIMS LIGHTS ON AIRLINER--The voice of Pilot Oswaldo Sanvitti crackled out over the plane's loudspeaker. "Everybody! Look out the windows to our right. There's a strange object there and it's watching us. It's a UFO." The 52 passengers and 6 other crew members stared out into the skies over Chiclayo, Peru--and saw a sight that stunned them. A luminous, cone-shaped craft--like nothing they had ever seen before--was skimming along beside them. The plane's radio suddenly went dead and its cabin lights dimmed. And for the next hour, the passengers and crew watched in fear and wonder as the craft danced around their plane. Flashing a variety of brilliant colors--red, orange, blue, white--it bobbed up and down and shot over the top of the plane from one side to the other. When it got close, the awed passengers and crew saw that it had a funnel-shaped bottom. Sanvitti, a veteran pilot with 22,000 hours flying time, estimated the craft measured about 230 feet in diameter at its top. After an hour's weird maneuvering the craft suddenly vanished with an incredible flash of speed. The plane's radio immediately came back on and its lights got bright again. Sanvitti contacted the control tower at Lima airport and was just reporting what had happened--when the alien craft suddenly reappeared out of nowhere. And this time there was a second craft with it. The two hovered around the plane a few moments and then disappeared for good with another blinding burst of speed.

When the plane landed at Lima airport a few minutes later, the shaken, frightened passengers all agreed on the details of what they had seen--and that it was something strange and terrifying that they could not understand. Among them were many who previously had scoffed at UFO reports--but who now completely changed their attitudes. One was Jorge Santa Maria Calderon, dean of the School of Engineering at the University of Piura in Peru. He said: "I never believed in UFOs for a moment--until this happened. "But I saw this with my own eyes and I observed it for more than an hour. And as an engineer, I can say that this object was something whose speed, size, shape and method of flying are not known anywhere in the world. All the people on that plane saw the same thing." Another passenger, Elmer Nunez, managing editor of a newspaper in Peru, said: "I had always heard of UFOs but I never put stock in them until this occurred. Now I am convinced. I know we were followed by a UFO and I can tell you the whole thing scared me." Captain Sanvitti thinks that when the two craft returned together, they quickly flew out of sight again because his radio message was intercepted. He explained: "It seemed to me that they became aware I was giving a message to the control tower and they immediately disappeared again. I think that's why the radio didn't go out the second time, because I had already alerted the tower." The spine-tingling experience of the 59 passengers and crewmen took place on a 6 p.m. flight from Piura to Lima last February 2. The plane was a DC-4, owned by Faucett Peruvian Airlines, and was a half hour

out of Piura when Capt. Sanvitti spotted the craft as they were passing over the city of Chiclayo. Captain Sanvitti, 40, related: "We were at an altitude of 7000 feet when I suddenly saw a luminous object to the right of the plane. It was just getting dark and the object, which shone very brightly, was shaped like an upside-down cone. "It was about 8 miles from the plane and flying at the same speed and altitude and in the same direction. In other words, it was keeping pace with the plane--as if it were watching us closely. As I watched, I saw it make many movements, all of them with fantastic speed. Several times it shot straight up into the air and then settled back down again. I alerted my crew and then told the passengers to look out and see the UFO. I told them I thought it was watching us. For some time, the object kept pace on our right, intermittently going through up-and-down maneuvers, but always keeping parallel with our plane. Then suddenly it came shooting toward us--and passed over the top of the plane. As it did so, it flashed bright colors. As it closed in on the plane, there was a bluish light at its top and a red light in the underside. But as it climbed and passed over the plane, the blue light changed to red and the red light changed to orange. When the UFO passed over us, I saw that the bottom was shaped like a funnel. I estimated that its diameter at the broad topside was 230 feet. After passing over us, the UFO settled down to keep pace at our left, 2 miles from the plane." Captain Sanvitti said he tried to contact the control tower at Lima--and discovered his radio had gone dead. He said: "The lights in the plane also had gotten very dim. I kept trying the radio but could not get any life in it at all."

Back in the plane's cabin, the passengers were agog. Newspaperman Nunez said: "We were passing over Chiclayo when the pilot said to us over the speaker, 'Look to the right of the plane and you will be able to see a rare object that has been watching us. It's a UFO.' My seat was on the right side. I turned my head and looked out, and saw a very luminous object. It was 6:30 p.m. The object attracted everyone's attention by its light and its dizzying speed. It was leaping up and down so fast it was hard to follow. By loudspeaker, the captain cried, 'The UFO is now coming over our plane.' After a few more moments, the captain said, 'Now it is to the left of the plane.' I went to the left side and saw it again. It was close to us. It was shaped like a spinning top. It flashed orange lights on its underside. The UFO stayed there watching us for an hour. There was light in the plane but it was quite dim. Night had fallen when the captain said, 'It is moving away from the plane.' The UFO, flashing brilliantly luminous light, shot up and disappeared with unbelievable speed." Nunez said that many of the passengers were scared and some women were near hysteria. He said: "One woman burst into loud tears, but one of the other passengers talked to her and calmed her down. The children on the plane were the ones who enjoyed it. It was just great fun to them. But I was very nervous and fearful. I tried not to show it. Nobody aboard had a camera to take pictures of the UFO. I usually have one with me but this time I had forgotten it. I was very put out by that."

After the UFO vanished, Capt. Sanvitti quickly tried to contact the Lima tower. He said: "I found the radio was working perfectly again, and the plane's lights were back to normal. I got the control tower and was just telling them we had seen a UFO when suddenly I saw the craft coming back. Beside it was a second UFO. They hovered over our plane. They both were the same size and shape. I started to tell the tower that there were two UFOs around us when suddenly both of them shot away with

fantastic speed and disappeared. That's the last we saw of them." Calderon, the university dean, said he observed the craft for the entire hour. He related: "It just seemed to be playing around the plane. It was cone-shaped and flashed intermittent lights. When it was flying parallel to us it emitted white lights. When it rose or descended, its colors changed to blue, red and orange. It was a complete shock to me. The object was completely alien to anything I know about. Its smoothness, maneuverability and speed were almost beyond belief. All the passengers saw the same things I did. Some boys on the plane had an enjoyable time of it, but the rest of us were baffled and worried. What I and the others saw does not relate to anything known throughout the world. It was a UFO--and one that I cannot explain or understand. This was something really mystifying, and I don't think it can be explained by anyone."

Edwin Boris, radio officer at the Lima control tower, said: "I was very worried because Captain Sanvitti had not contacted us. I could get no communication with him and his plane. Suddenly, his voice came over, telling us what was occurring. He said, 'A UFO has been flying around us, watching us. The passengers are frightened.' I told him we were ready to receive him at the airport and had emergency equipment, doctors and nurses on hand. But a few minutes after 7:30 the plane landed and none of the passengers needed medical treatment, although many were shaken up and still trembling. They all told of seeing the strange UFO." Peruvian Army Colonel Alberto Rosell, a passenger on the plane, also confirmed the complete details of the UFO. Col. Rosell who was sent on a European assignment shortly afterward, said: "All the passengers and crew had plenty of time to see what was going on. And all of us agreed in practically every detail about what we had seen. It was a UFO of unexplained origin." Col. Rosell and Dean Calderon said that they asked that investigations be conducted by military authorities and by scientists, but thus far nothing has come of it. For Capt. Sanvitti, it was a repeat performance--for he had reported a UFO sighting in 1953. He recalled: "It was 6 a.m. and I was flying a small plane about 10 miles from the airport at Barcelona, Venezuela. Suddenly I saw an object resembling a silver plate looming over the control tower. I radioed the tower and told them about it. They all dashed out onto the field to observe it, but about all they saw was a streak as it suddenly vanished with incredible speed.

"But that sighting didn't compare with this recent one. For a full hour, 59 of us watched that UFO--and what we saw was unbelievable. For nearly 200 miles it followed us, all the time doing the strangest and most fantastic maneuvers. And then it disappeared almost with the speed of light. One instant it was here--and then it was gone. The same thing occurred when it came back with the second UFO, although, at that time, we only had a few moments to observe them." One and all, the passengers and crew said they were convinced the UFO was something that was not explainable by ordinary means. Dean Calderon summed it up by saying: "Anyone who went on that flight not believing in UFOs came off it with an entirely different viewpoint. All I can say now is, 'I believe in them.' "

NEWFIELD, NEW YORK SIGHTINGS CONTINUE--Continued sightings of alien craft are generating growing interest among residents of Newfield, New York as well as federal researchers. No tangible evidence, however, is available to substantiate the accounts being related by numerous residents of

Newfield. One unusual report from two young boys says they observed a metallic craft at close range and peered into its interior through a window when the craft tilted slightly. The majority of the witnesses to the strange events say they saw only unusual lights or, when aided with binoculars or a telescope, discerned an oval object. According to Barbara Waris whose family, with salesman T. James Orr initially sighted the craft, the first sightings revealed a large white light. Barbara, 17, described the 80 or 90 craft she claimed to observe as having red and white flashing lights turning all white when they came closer. One craft also shot a stream of light out. Most of the Waris' family sightings occurred in the area of their home. In the same area Danny Jones, 18, and a friend, Peggy Bower, 15, were out the evening of October 29 when a bright light suddenly illuminated the interior of the car. According to Peggy, "The light was so bright it was like a car in daylight. There were no shadows." Only the car was lighted, the pair said. They drove away, but were followed by the light at a speed constant with theirs. Finally, the light disappeared. Danny said he never was able to see the actual source of light even though he got out of the automobile at one point. The unusual observation by two young boys, Donald Chiszar, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Chiszar, and Pat Crosier, 10, still stands as the most curious. According to the pair, Pat drew Donald's attention to an alien craft hovering across a road near his home. The craft was described as silverish with white markings which did not appear to the boys as writing. When the craft tilted, the boys claim they looked through a six-foot-wide window and saw a chamber lit up with various controls and knobs. Additionally, the boys claim two figures which appeared to be "creatures" standing were frozen in place in front of the window. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of Northwestern University's astronomy department, served as moderator of a discussion recently in Newfield. Reacting to the boys story, Hynek was quoted as saying at the session, "This is not as wild a report as you might think."

CLOSE APPROACHES REPORTED IN CANADA--Alien craft sighted in the area of Tway and Crystal Springs, Sask., Canada on December 3 appeared to be having a field day, according to reports from two witnesses. John Hrytzak and Gary Kostiuik said they spent two hours chasing first one craft and then another. The area is located in a farming district approximately 100 miles northeast of Saskatoon. The first craft was sighted at 7:45 p.m. by Mr. Hrytzak from Highway 20 about four miles from Crystal Springs.. "I knew it wasn't a star, but I didn't think too much about it," he said. Mr. Kosiutk said his sister and brother-in-law finished visiting the farm first, "and just when we said good-bye, I mentioned this thing I had seen. We all laughed," "Then about 20 minutes later my sister phoned but she could hardly talk," said Mr. Kostiuik. A large, radiant craft had passed almost in front of their car causing them to stop." It was then that Mr. Kostiuik, his father and Mr. Hrytzak decided to investigate. "Up to 10 p.m. we saw three or four, but then they would vanish just like that and pop up somewhere else so it's hard to say how many there were," they said. At one point, a dome-like craft rested about 500 feet from them "and you can't imagine how it lit up the area. We had stopped the car and were out watching but my dad soon got back in. He wasn't skeptical any more," said Mr. Kostiuik. The bright light seemed to be coming from within. Further down the road, a glowing, red craft came towards them and when it was almost over the car, about 70 or 100 feet up, it changed color. There were no sounds at any time, just flashing red or orange lights that became brilliant and then disappeared.

'EITHER PUT UP OR SHUT UP,' SAYS TOP UFO INVESTIGATOR--(Editor's Note: Dr. J. Allen Hynek has been the U.S. Air Force's chief scientific consultant on unidentified flying objects since 1953 and has been closely connected with "Project Blue Book," the official Air Force report on UFOs. He is also an internationally known astronomer and director of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University. Dr. Hynek was in Richmond, Virginia on a speaking engagement on January 13 as a guest of the Richmond Public School's Mathematics-Science Center, and in this interview with aviation writer Jon R. Donnelly attempts to give some insight into the UFO controversy.)

Q. Dr. Hynek, what in your opinion are some of the reasons in favor of the existence of UFOs?

A. To my mind, the best reason for taking UFOs seriously is the caliber of the reporters. There have been some very reputable people making UFO reports, not all of them in this country. My position is this: we have had confusion and controversy over the issue for the past 20 years. I see no point in it going on for another 20 years with thousands of more reports. We should either put up or shut up on this UFO issue.

Q. What, if any, advances have been made in the study of the UFO phenomena in the past 20 years?

A. Essentially no advances whatsoever have been made in techniques of studying the phenomena. The matter has never been given an FBI-type treatment and therefore there has been no progress. Interestingly enough, all of the books and articles on UFOs usually dig up the "classic" reports of sightings. Yet the sightings reported during the 1965-66 period alone could be the basis of a major investigation into UFOs. The best reports, by the way, usually don't make the newspapers.

Q. What is your position on the existence of UFOs? Are they beings from another planet?

A. The phenomena of UFOs is real. The reports we have received from all over the world are real. Striking similarities have been evident, whether the reports come from the United States or elsewhere. Nearly every nation has a term in its language which means unidentified flying object. But UFOs do not necessarily mean extraterrestrial beings. I have been accused by some of debunking the UFO reports and by others of being a believer. I repeat, the phenomena of UFOs is real.

Q. There have been thousands of photographs alleged to be of UFOs. Are there any photos of UFOs that you consider to be authentic?

A. Again, I have often been accused of debunking UFO photos. I think the best answer would be to list what it would take, what would be the criterion for taking a photo seriously. First I would want affidavits from two independent witnesses. Secondly, I would want the original negative and the original camera. So far, I haven't gotten all of these, although I have been promised them. I have the original camera and negative in one particular case. The negative is quite good. But I still haven't gotten the affidavits, although I have been promised them.

Q. How are scientists divided over the UFO controversy? Are there scientists who believe in UFOs, or at least take them seriously?

A. There is definitely a growing number of "believers," what I call the "invisible college." I believe that if I had a green light to fully investigate the UFO issue, I could mobilize a large number of "card-carrying" scientists who would be more than willing to devote their time to a serious study of the phenomena.

Q. Your connection with the Air Force's famous Project Blue Book study of UFO reports is well known. The Air Force has been accused of hiding

things and glazing over the existence of UFOs. Would you care to comment?

A. As you can tell, I am not a policy setter for the Air Force and I have needed them on more than one occasion. The main problem with Project Blue Book is the fact that we have such a tiny staff. I wonder how far J. Edgar Hoover could get with a staff the size that Blue Book's is. The matter does deserve more serious consideration than it has been getting, however.

Q. Do you have any comments on the independent committee headed by Dr. Edward Condon of the University of Colorado and its research on UFOs. What will happen if the Condon report is negative?

A. I am not eligible for membership on the Condon committee since it is to be an unbiased look into the UFO issue and some might consider me to be biased. Therefore, I can't really say anything about it. It will be interesting, however, to see the results of the committee's investigation, particularly if it is negative. I have an idea of what will follow if that is the case but I had better not comment on it.

ELECTROCUTION OF COWS PROBED--An investigation is under way in Round Hill, Virginia to determine the cause of an accident? which electrocuted 23 prime Holstein cows out of a herd of 41. The deaths were discovered January 13 by a farm hand on the Thomas Shedd farm near Round Hill. Their owner, Thomas Shedd, said there was no known way for electricity to reach the stalls. He placed the loss at \$10,000.

ALIEN CRAFT SIGHTED BY AIR FORCE VETERAN--A four-year Air Force veteran said he always took reports of UFOs with a grain of salt. He did, that is, until he says he saw one himself. Robert LeChance, 29, of Whitesville, New Jersey reported the craft to Jackson Township Police on January 8. LeChance, his wife and a neighbor, Mrs. Gertrude Gifford, all said they spotted what appeared to be a bowl-shaped, orange red, glowing craft shortly before midnight. The salesman said he and his wife watched it for more than an hour as it slowly descended toward the horizon, about a mile behind his home in a deserted area. All three witnesses said they have lived in the area, about two miles north of the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, for almost 10 years and are familiar with military planes and helicopters. "This was no airplane or anything like I've ever seen," LeChance said. He flew in various conventional aircraft during his four years of military service. "I was watching television in the den when the colors faded out," he said. He said he got up to adjust this set, glanced out the den window and saw the craft. "At first glance I thought it was the moon, but then, at once realized it wasn't too far away," he said. "It was really glowing, too, and lowering toward the earth."

LeChance called his wife, who had been in the kitchen, and they both went outside in the sub-freezing weather. They said the craft made no sound. Mrs. Gifford, in her home not far away, was home with her baby. "My television set went out completely and my lights dimmed," she said. "But the lights and television came right back on and I didn't pay too much attention. But a few minutes later I went into the kitchen to make a cup of instant coffee and I glanced out the back window and saw it," she said. "It went down behind the tree line and came up again and then went down again and I could see it glowing through the trees until it finally disappeared into the woods completely. I was so scared I went back into the living room and tried to forget it. I probably wouldn't have told anyone except for Mr. LeChance coming over a few minutes later and asking

me if I had seen anything funny. I told him what I had seen and then we called the police." The area where the craft is reported to have gone down is completely undeveloped for more than six miles. Jackson Township patrol cars checked the barren area as well as they could and reported finding nothing. The location is only about three miles southwest of an area where a car full of teenagers was frightened by a tall, unidentified "being" in the middle of the night about six years ago. One of the youths, a boy, passed out from fright and was unconscious when brought into the Paul Kimball Hospital in Lakewood. Others in the group were in near hysteria. The next day police found fresh 14-inch long "shoe" prints in the area and were unable to discover what made them.

SONIC BOOMS SEEN--BUT NOT HEARD?--Does this sound familiar? Electrical charges may eliminate the problem of the sonic boom, research scientists in Hawthorne, California said January 18. G.M. Andrew and M.S. Cahn, working on the problem for the Northrop Corp., said a discharge of electricity into the air ahead of the craft may not only lessen the intensity of the booms, but cut the aerodynamic drag and save fuel. Cahn said discharging electricity in front of the plane repels the molecules of air ahead, causing them to move out of the way. The molecules tend to flow smoothly around the craft instead of causing a barrier. Normally, air molecules compressing ahead of the supersonic craft creates a pressure wave that results in a sonic boom when it hits the ground. The electrical discharge might take the physical form of a bright bluish light that could be seen from the ground on a clear night, Cahn said. The electricity would be discharged from the plane by increasing its voltage. A Northrop spokesman explained that a piece of metal that has a small electric charge would give a person a shock when he touches it. If the voltage were increased, the electric field would be expanded and the charge could be felt some distance from the piece of metal. This is what happens to the front of the plane, he said. Cahn emphasized the research is in preliminary stages. He has been considering the idea for five or six years, but Northrop has been working on it for a little more than a year, he said. In preliminary experiments with model craft, the charge went half the length of the vehicle. He said this may not be the case in the full-size version. While solving one problem, the sonic boom, the concept could cause others. It might interfere with television reception or aircraft communication. No tests have been made to substantiate it, he said.

POLICY ON UFOs ATTACKED--A noted physicist charged on January 26, that federal authorities have "badly mishandled" investigation of UFOs and advised fellow scientists to "stop laughing smugly" at UFO reports. Dr. J.E. McDonald, a University of Arizona professor associated with the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, said his lengthy studies of UFO reports have brought him to the point where "I almost wish someone would come along and show conclusively that UFOs are just something seen by a lot of nuts." McDonald said his research into the subject over the past 18 months has led him "even farther" toward the conclusion that some form of extraterrestrial survey does exist. The physicist and atmospheric expert spoke at the United Aircraft Corp. research laboratories in East Hartford, Conn. "Current scientific attitudes towards the UFO problem must be radically altered," he said. "We must stop laughing smugly at 'all those nuts' who see UFOs, stop accepting hollow assurances from the official agency that has so long and so incredibly mishandled the UFO problem, and stop assuming that the very idea of our being under extraterrestrial survey is so amusingly absurd." McDonald said the Air

Force Project Blue Book, an organization set up several years ago to study and evaluate all UFO reports, "badly mishandled" the whole problem for "many years" and the official attitude apparently remains the same, "zero-point-zero." There is no "grand conspiracy" to hush up details, the physicist said, but there are "a lot of little cover-ups of the type that can become all too common in a military milieu, especially when a highly visible official position would be embarrassed by a policy of candor." McDonald said he regarded the "grand foul-up" as being more likely than "the grand conspiracy." One of the reasons that UFO reports are so often written off as absurd, McDonald said, is because of "cultist and crackpot ideas which abound in a garish literature of paperbacks and magazine articles mainly aimed at the suggestion that the 'space brothers' from Venus, Mars and Saturn are here to save us from such hazards as 'unbalancing the atomic state of the upper atmosphere.' "

WOMAN SAYS CAR STOPPED BY ALIEN CRAFT--A Tompkins County, New York woman claims to have had her car "operated and stopped" by an alien craft and says she received a message from voices apparently from within the craft on December 12. She refuses to be identified. In describing her experience, the woman said she was driving towards her home about 7:15 p.m. with her five-year-old son on the back seat of the car. She said she noticed through the plastic rear window of her convertible, flashing lights. Her first thought was that police were stopping her. Before she had time to act, the flashing lights appeared to become "suddenly airborne," she said. Then she noticed an unusual craft pacing her car. She said she could see both red and green flashing lights, could tell the craft was elliptical and flying. The car motor began to reduce in RPM's until it was "less than idling," the lights dimmed, and neither the power brakes nor power steering was working. The woman said that the car seemed to "be in someone else's control." It stopped on the shoulder of the road, 120 feet from the first point of contact. Jamming the accelerator to the floor brought no response. The craft tilted its bottom upwards in the direction of the car and its red and green lights continued to circle the rim and flash, although the craft remained stationary. A diffused white light beamed from the center of the bottom to the ground. The woman said her car radio was not on, but that she began to hear "static" which sounded like a choral group, "speaking simultaneously and in the same tone, but in another language." A single voice then seemed to be speaking in English but with an accent and in stilted manner as though reading from a news tape. She was told not to be afraid and that her son would remember nothing except the stopping and starting of the car. After receiving her message, the craft righted itself. The car and alien craft moved along together at what seemed to be the same speed and with no control on the part of the auto's driver "for about two miles. When four cars appeared from the opposite direction, the craft elevated itself and soared away and the woman found herself again in control of her convertible..

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