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SCIENTISTS IN THREE MONTH UFO STUDY--The startling results of a study conducted by a small group of prominent Redlands, California scientists may trigger a special investigation into UFOs when Congress reconvenes. Rep. Jerry Pettis, R-Loma Linda, a member of the House Science and Astronautics Committee, said he will ask for a special ad hoc (one purpose) subcommittee to study UFO reports throughout the country. Because many of these sightings have been reported by community leaders and other responsible people, I am going to request that this matter receive priority on the committee's agenda," the San Bernardino County Congressman said. Members of the entire science committee heard UFO reports during the last session, Pettis said, but there was no definite evidence introduced by witnesses either pro or con into the mysterious sightings. Pettis said since some people fear to testify publicly because of possible ridicule, some of the sessions could be held behind closed doors. He said witnesses could include scientists, military and government leaders, those who claim to have sighted UFOs, people who have made a study of the unusual sightings, as well as just plain publicity seekers. "In this way," Pettis explained, "we hope to determine once and for all if this subject is a natural phenomenon or not."

Dr. Philip Seff, University of Redlands professor, termed the congressman's announcement "a step in the right direction and one that should have been taken long ago." Seff, a geologist, headed a three-month group study of a UFO sighting over Redlands that occurred February 4, 1968. Other members of the group that worked on the study are Dr. Reinhold Krantz, Jr., director of the university's science division and a chemist; Dr. Judson Sanderson, Jr., professor of mathematics; and John Brownfield, an art instructor. Referring to the Redlands sighting, Seff said he and his colleagues "approached this in the way we would any other scientific investigation. We were very skeptical and we tried hard to prove that the sighting over Redlands was a natural phenomenon. But, what we did was prove beyond any doubt that it was not natural." Dr. Seff doesn't believe the UFO has any connection with scientific research on earth. "If we had something like this, why would we be spending millions on propulsion and navigation research?" he reasons. Team members say after an investigation of this type it's very difficult to stay neutral on the subject of UFOs. They won't say UFOs are visitors from outer space, but if there is life on other planets it could be much farther advanced than ours and then travel "such as this might be possible." Are the investigators worried about public ridicule concerning their findings? "Certainly not," said Dr. Seff. "We can't be worried about ridicule--we're scientists--and there just isn't a reasonable doubt any more that this happened." Shortly after the UFO left the Redlands area, it was seen headed towards the Air Force Flight test Center at Edwards AFB where new aircraft are tested? "More likely on its way home to the planet Zeus," replied Dr. Seff with a smile.

OPERATION 'ANGEL HAIR'--Recent reported sightings of UFOs in the St. Anne, Manitoba, Canada area have led to an analysis at the University of Manitoba on a fluffy material, termed "angel hair" found at the scenes of the reported sightings. Results of the "angel hair" tests have not yet been released nor is it likely they will, says Adrian Jubinville. Mr. Jubinville, a St. Anne teacher, said all tests of materials reportedly linked with UFO sightings have been kept secret at the request of the National Investigating Committee for Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization (APRO). "Angel hair," says Mr. Jubinville, "is a spider web-type material," that has been reported found after UFO sightings. His wife said she recently ran into some of the "angel hair" hanging from power lines, he said. There have been three reported sightings of UFOs by district farmers and each report has been accompanied with reports of the "angel hair." Mr. Jubinville said the material usually disappears on contact. But there have been reports that it has remained in the earth's atmosphere for three or four days before disintegrating.

STUDENT SAW 'WEIRD THINGS'--"They were something different and weird," an Omaha, Nebraska man said as he described seven dome-shaped craft he saw near Elk City, Nebraska. "I can't say they were UFOs because I don't believe in them," said Steve Thomas, 20, a music major at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Thomas said he was returning from a music lesson at Fremont about 9 p.m. November 3 when he saw the first of the objects about a half mile away in a field along Nebraska Highway 36 just west of Elk City. He said it was on the ground and looked as "big as a house." It looked red hot, he said, and there was smoke around it, but no flame. After going through Elk City and turning south on Nebraska Highway 31, he said, he saw six more similar craft. He said each looked about the size of a DC-3 airplane. All six were hovering in the air at an altitude perhaps of five hundred feet, he said, then two of them moved. Thomas said he did not believe they were following him, but as he looked back it appeared the two moving craft settled onto the highway.

ALIEN ACTIVITY OVER ARKANSAS FARM--An elderly, unidentified Moko, Arkansas farmer has reported to Missouri Highway Patrol officers and to Arkansas State Police officials that several dirigible-shaped craft have recently been hovering over his property and dumping liquid like gasoline. The man reported that gasoline-like liquid from the craft had killed several of his cattle. He added that as many as 50 of the craft had been sighted over his property at one time. The man said he was unable to get a good description of the craft because they arrive about dusk.

UFOs REPORTED OVER NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA--"These things are real...they are here," Prof. R.H. MacNeill, of Acadia University said following recent reports of alien activity over the South Shore of Nova Scotia, Canada. Prof. MacNeill, a member of the meteorite committee of the National Research Council, said that no more is known about UFOs today than was known a year ago, despite frequent sightings. One of the witnesses to the South Shore activity, Blaine Henshaw, a news reporter, said one of the craft somewhat resembled pictures of the planet Saturn. He said the craft came down from the sky and hovered over the trees on the horizon, then rose rapidly until it appeared to be the size of a star. Then two came down and hovered, with one eventually going straight up and the other moving off horizontally. Mr. Henshaw said the craft moved faster than jet planes and alternated in color from white to red.

PILOTS SIGHT UFO OVER TEXAS--An alien object was sighted by two pilots flying separate courses on October 27, 1968 over an area southeast of Del Rio, Texas. One of the pilots, Jim Mulgannon of Del Rio, said he had the bright object in sight for 28 minutes. Mulgannon, chief pilot for the Del Rio Flying Service, said he was flying a Cessna 182 at 4500 feet over Cotulla when he first saw a bright light moving southward on a course parallel to that he was flying en route to Del Rio. "It was hard to tell the size of the object because of the distance," Mulgannon said. "When I first saw it, it was rather dim and very small, but it became brighter and larger, appearing to be about the size of a dime. It dimmed again, then returned to a steady intensity. I first sighted it at 7:15 p.m. and watched it until it turned to the south, about 30 degrees above the horizon, and disappeared," the pilot said. "I was flying northwest in the vicinity of Cotulla and I made several tests to determine it was not a star and that it was moving," Mulgannon said. "Everyone thinks you're some sort of a nut when you say you see these things and I hesitated a while about reporting it. I was flying alone and after a few tests, I reported it. Both the Federal Aviation Agency and the U.S. Air Force have the information I gathered." The other pilot who sighted the alien object was the owner of the Henson Flying Service at Laredo, whose report matched that of Mulgannon.

MYSTERY OBJECT OBSERVED FROM AIRLINER--"I think I've been a witness, one of many, to a bonafide UFO flight. It happened on December 11, on Aeronaves de Mexico Flight 111 from Tijuana to Mexico City. We left Tijuana about 4:45 p.m. Five minutes later over the left wing I saw this grouping of flame-colored lights. I shrugged it off as a forest fire. But it stayed right there for the next five minutes, about 500 yards off the left wing tip. They came in closer and drifted out again...I'm a licensed pilot and have been since 1942. Whatever was out there was holding our altitude and speed. I went to the cockpit and was relieved to learn the captain had radioed Tijuana for information on possible aircraft in our area and they assured him nothing was supposed to be up there but our flight...After 19 minutes the object turned off to its left and descended out of sight. The Aeronaves flight log for that date will support my letter." From: Larry Jones, Jai Alai Fronton, Tijuana, Mexico.

SPACE SCIENTIST DOUBTS UFO REAL--A leading space scientist says there is only a "minute possibility" that UFOs have ever been sighted. Dr. Robert Jastrow, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, told a youth seminar at the Explorers Club in New York that there are some trillion galaxies containing several billion stars each and the distance between them is so great it is almost impossible for beings in interplanetary vehicles to stumble across us. "There is only a microscopic chance somebody will stop off and visit us out of curiosity," he maintained. He said he was forced to the conclusion that sightings of UFOs must be attributed to atmospheric electricity or imagination, but that one must not close one's eyes to the possibility of their existence. He said he expected only in 200 to 300 years that earthlings will become preoccupied with erecting transmitters to send signals into interstellar space, which could be used to guide visitors from space. As far as exploring out of the solar system, he said it would be possible only when powers of energy are available to achieve half the speed of light. "We will go to places like the moon to find precursors of living organisms," Jastrow said. "We will learn much from the lunar rocks brought back by the astronauts."

ALIEN CRAFT MAKES CLOSE APPROACH--A Moravia, New York man, Francis Johnson, reported a UFO sighting to Schuyler County Sheriff's Department. Officers said Johnson was about seven miles west of Watkins Glen about 10 p.m., October 17, 1968, headed east when he noticed a brilliant white light flooding his vehicle. As he slowed down he could see the light lift over his car from the rear. The object, which he estimated as being about two-stories above ground was reported as to bright for him to discern shape or size. For a brief time the lights were white, turning a brilliant orange-red and a blinding green. Johnson said he heard no sound, but learned that his car motor, lights and radio were not functioning. He did not leave the car nor lean out the windows. After a short time, the craft moved southwest and Johnson's car could be operated in a normal manner.

MYSTERY OBJECT TRACKED OVER MICHIGAN--Brighton, Michigan Police Chief Walt LaMoria said that a glowing object was sighted by four children on August 27, 1968. LaMoria said the children told him they spotted a large glowing object about "as big as a house" flying over a field about "as high as the clouds," with fire coming from the "back-end." LaMoria said he found out later in the day that the astronomical laboratories at Michigan State University were tracking an object crossing the western sky that same afternoon. The description of the object fit the description of the UFO the children gave him.

MORE ALIEN ACTIVITY OVER PENNSYLVANIA--Several residents of the Castlewood area in Shenango Township, Penn. reported seeing UFOs the last three weeks of September, 1968. Keith D. Price, 19, saw a disc-shaped craft Sept. 12 about 8:30 p.m. He and his brothers again saw the craft above a cornfield behind their home Sept. 19 about dusk. The youth's father, Keith, reported viewing an object hovering around the WKST radio tower. The Price's and several other residents of the area who wished to remain nameless gave the same general description of the UFOs. They are round and appear oblong at a sideview except for a dome-like protrusion at the top. There are multi-colored lights around the top which flicker faster than airplane lights. Several objects were sighted over Amity, Penn. on November 13, 1968, and a resident reported he trailed one by car to within a quarter-mile of where it hovered about 20 feet from the ground. Sightings were first reported at 7:30 p.m. by the Chester Bailey family. They said a single moving light appeared over the horizon, and was soon joined by several others. They were described as small varying in color from white to green and red. About 10 or 12 of the objects hovered over the area for some time before moving out of sight. At about 9 p.m., 16-year-old Dan Bailey and his mother drove to where a light had suddenly appeared in a neighbor's field. "We got close enough to get a good look at it," Dan said. "It looked exactly like a large, steel ball-bearing--about the size of a Volkswagen. It was hovering about 20 feet off the ground and giving off a silver glow." The ball moved out of sight behind a hill before the pair could get a picture of it. "The light just seemed to go out after it went behind the hill," Dan said. A sighting was also received from a waitress at the Greene County Airport restaurant shortly after the Amity sighting. The observer reported seeing around 10 lights in the sky. "One seemed more prominent than the others and appeared to descend just over a hilltop."

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