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UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED ON INCREASE--After a six month lull UFO reports are coming in. On the evening of January 9 at 8:30 p.m., a single bright light moving up river from the area of the dam was observed and reported by residents at Keokuk, Iowa. It was first seen moving north over the river on a parallel course to the witnesses car. At first, it kept pace with the car, then sped ahead suddenly, stopped and hovered. The light changed to amber and was observed for about ten minutes hanging approximately 400 feet over the river. It then dimmed and moved over Iowa and disappeared. It was noted that as it disappeared in the distance a plane came in from the east to land at Keokuk airport. This is the fifth UFO reported within the last month. A blueish light which may have been on the ground was watched north of Hamilton; a bright white light was seen east of Hamilton; a fiery orange ball traveling up-river was observed; and a silver disc was seen in dayling moving north of Warsaw. All sightings were made by at least two persons.

OFFICIALS SPOT ALIEN OBJECT--Law enforcement officials chased an UFO 12 miles southwest of Harvey, North Dakota January 18 but failed to get close enough to get a picture. State Highway patrolman Everett Grosgebauer and Harvey police captain Willie Muscha were parked near the Harvey Livestock Sales barn checking the flow of traffic on the highway 52 city route when Muscha called Grosgebauer's attention to a strange light west of the city. Muscha said, "I saw the light, which changed color, in about the same location several evenings earlier, but I didn't say anything to anybody about it because I was afraid they would think I was crazy." I saw it again earlier the night of the 18th before I pointed it out to the patrolman," he went on. Grosgebauer said they first sighted the changing colored light about 9:20 p.m. "It appeared to be about 500 to 1000 feet off the ground about five miles straight west of Harvey." It appeared stationary at first but as we drove toward it, it moved. When it moved the light got red, but when it hovered, the light dimmed and turned a bluish-white." In continuing his description of the sighting Grosgebauer said, "I looked at it through my 7X50 binoculars and in the clear night I could see the object was cigar-shaped and that part of it was not lit. The size would be difficult to estimate because of the distance. However, the light was bigger than that from any aircraft and it sure didn't look like any aircraft I've ever seen." The two law enforcement officials reported the sighting to highway patrol radio headquarters and then proceeded to try to get closer to the light. It moved spasmodically to the southwest as Grosgebauer and Muscha followed on county roads toward Goodrich. A few miles north of Goodrich they lost sight of the light when they drove into a valley and when they got back on the hill they could no longer spot the light. Grosgebauer said the thought to himself that "this might be hard to believe." But then in a few seconds he heard on the two-way radio that the Chief of

Police in McClusky had sighted a strange light to the east of that city. David Markwick, the McClusky chief, and the Sheridan County Sheriff, Leonard Hanson, had been alerted by the State Patrol Radio network to be on the lookout for the light. Markwick had his family with him and the whole group sighted the light which "looked to us like a very bright red star except that the light seemed to be oscillating. The closest way to describe it would be to say that it looked like the flashing beacon on a police car," he said.

MYSTERY OBJECT OVER CANADA--Was it a thing from space or was it the reflection of the sun on a jet's vapor trail? Four residents of Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada claim they saw a mysterious object hovering over the area of the Blomidon Country Club December 30, 1968 but RCMP who investigated say there is nothing to substantiate the report that it was an UFO. One woman, who wished to remain anonymous, said she was looking out a neighbor's living room window that overlooked the golf course when the object suddenly appeared out of nowhere. She said the object, which hovered still over the ground, had a mirrored sphere with a flashing white light on the bottom. On top of the shiny sphere were two perpendicular sections, which appeared like six-foot, flame red cylinders. "It was beautiful." The woman, her neighbor and two boys--all in the same house--say they watched the object for about three minutes. Then it appeared to slowly disappear from the line of vision by slowly gaining altitude beyond a line of trees. The woman said the object made no sound.

UFO KISSOFF UNCONVINCING--A University of Colorado team of researchers, headed by Dr. Edward U. Condon, has issued its final report on its two-year study of UFOs. The Condon team said it found no evidence that UFOs were spacecraft visiting earth from outer space. Isn't that nice? The only problem is that the result was as predictable as a fixed horse race. The Air Force, under extreme pressure during reported sightings of UFOs, figured to get the monkey off its back by hiring a scientist of high standing and unimpeachable reputation to handle the investigation. Dr. Condon fit the description to a tee. But things changed before the study was many months old. Several of Condon's top assistants left the program, bitterly attacking Condon's unscientific approach. They charged that their boss seemed bent on proving a prior conclusion that UFOs do not exist rather than sifting the evidence impartially and letting it produce the answer by its weight on each side of the issue. In the wake of the final report, L.F. Lorenzen, director of Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, charged that, "it cannot logically be said that a certain thing does not exist because there was a failure to find it." Lorenzen said the Condon committee's contract with the Air Force did not require it to research the possibility of "extraterrestrial intelligence" and the committee "decided not to do so." Doubts cast upon the validity of the researcher's findings--both during and after the investigation--have discredited the Condon committee and its report. The Air Force, therefore, has not gotten itself off the hook. All it has accomplished was the waste of a lot of taxpayers money. The public is still asking the same questions as it did before Condon's committee undertook its study project: Are UFOs really from outer space and how does the Air Force account for the 697 UFO sightings which it says remain unidentified?

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