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CITY TROOPER TELLS OF 'OBJECT' SIGHTED IN SKY--A state trooper was on television March 5 explaining his reaction to the reported UFO that drifted across the Billings, Nebraska area the night of March 4. Trooper DeWayne Barnes said he didn't have any idea what the object was and as far as he knows neither does anyone else who observed the "bright object" flying through the skies. Vance Air Base officials would not confirm their radar screen picked up the object, although it was reported they did see something cross their screen. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hostetler, southeast of Billings, said they first spotted the object about 8 p.m. and reported it to the patrol. The highway patrol headquarters at Pawnee said one of the units spotted the reddish object and troopers who went to the Hostetler homes verified the sighting. Barnes said he looked at the object through binoculars and it appeared to be cone-shaped and very bright. He said it was moving slowly across the sky. Hostetler said the object went west northwest from Billings and got dimmer and dimmer. "It didn't look perfectly round, sorta different on one side from the other," Hostetler said. A spokesman at the OHP headquarters in Enid said, "All I know is there was an object on the radar (from Vance Air Force Base) and the location was confirmed by the Highway Patrol units as being the same place as the Hostetlers reported. It was not a helicopter, it was not an airplane...the object was on radar, but we have no idea what it was."

STRANGE LIGHTS TERRIFY TARADALE, NEW ZEALAND--Two Taradale youths who leapt from their car seconds before it ploughed into a shop window say they had to bail out because they were being chased by a diving, flying object. Their story has been accepted by Napier police, who have since been patrolling areas where UFOs have been spotted. And at least two constables have confirmed seeing strange lights in the sky. Many Taradale residents are jittery about reports of flashing lights in the night sky and ominous rumblings around the hills. And they are frightened of traveling alone at night. The youths claim they had to abandon their car last September after being chased by a bright light. The car smashed into a fruiterer's shop. A resident who rushed outdoors when he heard the crash, Mr. V. Walker, said the youths hobbled from the scene "trembling with fear. Apparently they had been hunting the flying object for the last few days," he said. "On the previous Friday night they heard an explosion near the Taradale dump and saw a massive flashing object rise from the ground." Mr. Walker added: "They said they saw some of these things flying in formation and told the cops, who laughed at them." On September 9, the youths set out again and reported another sighting to the police. The following evening they said they had seen a flying object and had followed it by driving round the town. "They reckoned it dived on them," said Mr. Walker, "and one of the youths called out 'Bail out, it's got us.'" The car is supposed to have been

traveling at between 30 and 40 mph when they jumped. The boys, one works for Mr. Walker, don't want to talk about the incident. But their fear has become infectious. At least a score of people say they have seen UFOs. Said one resident: "I wouldn't go to the UFO area in a million years. There's evidently something in it because the whole town knows about it now." It is also understood that the insurance company handling the crash damage claim has accepted the UFO story. But it refused to comment.

UFOs 'ANGEL FUZZ' PUZZLING SCIENTISTS--A chemical analysis has failed to provide an identity for a substance which allegedly floated down from an UFO over Houston, Texas November 3. The report, released by Gene Senter, president of the Houston Discussion Group on UFOs, said the mysterious substance, which resembled "angel hair," would be sent to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson, Arizona for further analysis. Robert Hubbard, 15, and David Kelley, 17, both students at Spring Branch High School, retold how they had observed the UFO, and like others, gathered the curious substance from the area. "Look at the funny jet," Hubbard said he heard a child shout to his mother as he played football at 4:15 p.m. that Sunday. "I looked up and it looked like a coin on its side with a dome and black dots like windows. I looked at it for about two minutes. It started going up slowly and disappeared when a commercial jet came out of the north," Hubbard said. "A few minutes later a Delta wing jet circled the area and left," he said. Kelley said he and Hubbard retrieved the hairlike fibers which began falling over the area before the jet arrived. Some of the substance reached the hands of David Wulger, a professor of music at the University of Houston with an avid interest in UFOs. Wulger said a chemist, who requested anonymity for himself and his company agreed to analyze it in the laboratory of a multi-million dollar petroleum industry company on November 9. "Microscopic and tactile examination indicates the substance is fibrous, elastic, relatively strong, somewhat sticky and white in color," Wulger said. "It looked like a rope with many fibers under a powerful microscope, but after being carbonized, appeared to have a honeycomb structure. The fact it only changed color when it was heated, indicated it was organic," Wulger said the chemist told him. "I assure you it was a tremendous lab. The chemist was unable to determine with his methods and materials what the substance was."

UFO MYSTIFIES MONTANA RESIDENTS--An UFO hovered over Miles City, Montana in the vicinity of the airport around midnight March 15 for about 15 minutes and then moved on to the Dickinson, North Dakota area. The object was seen by a number of Miles City residents, including an FAA employee, Ray Bishop, and city Police Officer Jim Pace. They described it as a large egg-shaped object with a pulsating orange color. Although it apparently was quite close to the airport, it made no audible sound. Bishop said it definitely was not a conventional aircraft. Pace and Bishop observed the object with binoculars. They report that a beam of light shown upward apparently hitting on something above. They couldn't make out any structural design, however. Bishop contacted the FAA station at Dickinson which visually observed the same object coming toward them. They watched it about 15 minutes as it turned north and went out of sight.

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