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CSI NEWS LETTER

How About Those Three Secret Reports, General Kelly?

The New York Enquirer (published Sundays only) for August 20 through September 10 presented a series of four articles on UFOs by Gene Coughlin. The third article in the series (Sept. 3) quoted the eleven hard-hitting questions asked by Donald E. Keyhoe in a letter dated April 3, 1956 to his Senator, Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.). The letter dealt with the withholding of pertinent information by our Air Force in its study of "flying saucers." Among other questions, Keyhoe asked why the public has never been informed of three "top-secret" intelligence reports by Projects Saucer and Blue Book personnel. (These three reports are referred to by Edward J. Ruppelt in The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, pp. 31-32, 62-63, 285-86.)

Senator Byrd forwarded to the Air Force a copy of Keyhoe's letter, and in a letter dated May 1, 1956, Major General Joe W. Kelly, Director, Legislative Liaison, "answered" the charges. (General Kelly's answer, together with Keyhoe's letter to Senator Byrd, were printed in full in Max Miller's Saucers for June 1956. Saucers is the official publication of Flying Saucers International, located in Los Angeles.)

In a sleazy dismissal of the significance of the eleven queries, coupled with a decided innuendo regarding Keyhoe's motives, General Kelly concluded for the benefit of Senator Byrd that:

- 1.) There is a total lack of evidence that the phenomena observed have inimical or hostile forces behind them.
- 2.) There is a total lack of evidence that they are interplanetary vehicles.
- 3.) There is a total lack of evidence that they represent technological developments outside the range of present-day scientific knowledge.
- 4.) There is a total lack of evidence that they constitute any threat to the security of this country.

In other words, Kelly utterly failed to meet any of Keyhoe's vital questions head on.

What about the preliminary study of September, 1947, stating that "the reported phenomena were real?" And the Estimate of the Situation, drawn up in 1948, concluding that UFOs were non-terrestrial? And that 1952 report describing the "controlled motions" of the saucers? Why, if the subject is as closed an issue as General Kelly would have Senator Byrd believe, cannot these three reports be examined in full by the public?

Write to your Senator or Congressman and find out. Write to him immediately after the November elections. Write briefly and ask him these questions. Ask him why these questions have not been answered. Ask him why the Air Force, with an increased new budget, cannot be instructed to make a really scientific study of UFOs-- something which so far has not been done.

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Recent CSI News

CSI Meetings: Since the July 9th members' meeting, at which time Isabel Davis discussed her investigation at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, no other meetings have been held. As it looks now, the first members' meeting of the 1956-57 season will probably be held toward the end of October; members will be informed at a later date of the time, place and speaker for the meeting.

We are still in arrears one Summary Report of last season's public meetings--the Barker lecture on May 26; we shall try to have this ready by the time of our first Fall meeting.

Special Report on Hopkinsville: Miss Davis's report on the Hopkinsville affair has been delayed by unforeseen circumstances. However, new material received from Bud Ledwith, in H'ville, is being incorporated into the original, making it an even more comprehensive and solid document. It will be another month yet before it is available. Thanks to Mr. Ledwith, we now have the famous screen through which the creatures were fired upon by the Suttons.

CSI Column in "Fantastic Universe": Beginning with the February or March, 1957, edition of the monthly science fiction publication, Fantastic Universe, the editors of the CSI News Letter will be contributing a factual column on UFOs. This opportunity has come about through the interest of the F.U. editor, Hans Stefan Santesson, one of the very few science fiction editors interested in "flying saucers." Also scheduled for the February issue is a comprehensive survey of the subject by Ivan Sanderson. We urge all members and friends not to miss this. More details on the CSI column will be forthcoming later.

CSI Miscellany: Sec'y-Treasurer Lex Mebane is now in England on an extended vacation, due to return early in October. A vacation away from constant CSI commitments has long been overdue him, and we hope he has a wonderful time. However, the high quality of his editorial acuity will be missed in the current issue of News Letter.

Ted Bloecher spent the week of August 25 - Sept. 3 in Cincinnati as a guest of Leonard Stringfield (CRIFO) and his family. An intensive investigation of a number of reports of 3-foot bipeds, alleged to have been seen in the environs of Cincinnati last year, was undertaken. Lengthy interviews with six witnesses, involved in four specific incidents, were arranged, and two additional cases hitherto unknown were brought to light, details of which are now being sought by Len Stringfield. A special report on these peculiar happenings will be prepared by Ted Bloecher in the near future. The investigation was conducted in an attempt to ascertain whether these creatures might have been the same ones as were involved in the Hopkinsville "landing" of August; although there are several correlations, one of which is a consistent height of 3 - 3 1/2 feet, it is apparent that the bipeds involved in each specific case are markedly different.

Apologies for our error in announcing the Mars Spectacular in News Letter No. 3 without checking further on the reliability of the report; we had many calls asking why it never made its appearance, and all we can say is that NBC just doesn't know anything about it. Like so many TV productions, it probably was shelved shortly after the "talking" stage.

Our Sincere Thanks to the Following: To Victoria de Cervantes, Mary Coryn, and other members who have helped us with commitments during the summer; to all those members and friends who have sent us first-hand reports and local newspaper clippings--material we gratefully appreciate receiving; to Dr. Adolph Dittmar, of Au Sable Forks, N.Y., for his interesting tape on the Hemmingford, Quebec "landing"; to Charles Chalk, for providing us with an extra copy of Blue Book Special Report No. 14; to Maurene Chenoweth, who returned from a summer vacation in Idaho armed with extensive material, including several first-hand observations (see section on reports); and to all members who have patiently awaited this overdue edition of the CSI News Letter.

UFO Reports for Summer, 1956

The summer of 1956 promised to have been eventful, bridged by the close approaches of Venus in June, and Mars in September; it failed to live up to advance expectations. Sightings increased toward the end of July and throughout August, but there were few, if any, really spectacular or bizarre occurrences that came to the attention of the CSI Research Section. The majority of summer reports involved night lights, and a good proportion of these reports were obviously mis-identifications of both Mars and Venus. The following reports are only a sample of the summer roundup:

June 21, 1956: At Homestead, Pa., a group of Boy Scouts and their Scoutmaster observed an unstated number of disc-shaped objects in the southeastern sky at 8:35 p.m. The discs were "very silvery and shiny" and maneuvered at a rapid speed. They appeared out of the clouds, re-entered, reappeared, and darted back in again. They were in view about 40 seconds. (Homestead Messenger, 6/22)

June 27, 1956: A party of Hazelton (Pa.) residents were on a picnic in Hickory Run State Park when they saw "two fast-moving, round objects resembling bright stars." George Puhak, Jr., of Hazelton, said the objects appeared to be traveling at tremendous speed at an estimated altitude of 20,000 feet. The first, seen about 10 p.m., traveled north to south; 7 or 8 minutes later a second was seen moving east to west. One of the group who had recently spent some time at a jet air base said the objects definitely were not jets. The sky was unusually clear at the time.

The same evening at about 8:15 p.m., a group of Mahoney City residents also spotted two unidentified objects; these appeared to be hovering near each other, glistening brilliantly. Ball-shaped, they were "no higher than an airplane travels normally." Suddenly both objects shot vertically upwards, leaving a short vapor trail in their wakes. They disappeared in several seconds. One of the observers is a reporter for the local paper. (Mahoney City Record American, 6/28 & 29; Hazelton Standard Sentinel, 6/29)

June 28, 1956: Bill Leitgep, of Allentown, Pa., was getting out of a car at his home about 11 p.m. when he noticed two "tiny yellow-golden globules" high in the air, moving in a southerly direction and staying the same distance from each other. They turned, and were fading into the distance, when he called the paper. Five minutes later, Leitgep again called to report three more lights overhead. (Allentown Morning Call, 6/29)

June 29, 1956: Lowell Bonnett, of Las Vegas, Nev., reported that he saw eight dull orange elliptical objects south of Austin at about 3:10 a.m. He was driving north on Highway 8A, near the junction of Highway 50, when he noticed two objects to the east. First seen hovering some distance apart, they suddenly crossed paths. Getting out of his car, he trained a pair of 7 x 50 binoculars

on the objects and found there were six more "moving in sweeping arcs around (the) two others." Due east, toward Eureka, they appeared to be about "twice as high as the Ruby Mountains (100 miles away and 10,000 feet high)." He watched for about 5 minutes, then drove a mile to an all-night roadstand-motel, where he asked the proprietress to view the objects; they both observed them for another 8-to-12 minutes. Then the objects on the rim of the group "seemed to disperse violently, and they were followed by the two in the middle of the pattern." Bonnett said "they were traveling at least twice as fast as any jet I have ever seen." (Las Vegas Sun, 7/8)

July 4, 1956: Mr. & Mrs. William Stevenson and their son were driving between Oolitic and Springville, Indiana, at about 11 p.m., when they saw a round object emitting a bluish light and trailing a tail of blue that was slightly more intense. Mrs. Stevenson described the round part of the object as "about the size of a washpan" (distance of washpan not stated). The object would appear nearly overhead, move in a large circle to the west of Springville, then appear again overhead. It never stood still, but moved into the west disappeared, and came into view again. They were quite certain that this was not a reflected light; there were scattered clouds, but the object appeared as bright and distinct against the clear portions of the sky as against the clouds. No sound was reported. (Bedford, Ind., Times Mail 7/5)

July 17, 1956: At Idaho Falls, Idaho, an unnamed woman and her husband observed a "real bright" light about 1:30 a.m. Seen first in the west, it later moved rapidly toward the northeast, appearing to be a "good-size" and "quite a way off." The light grew alternately bright and dim, and was observed for ten minutes. (Idaho Falls Post-Register, 7/17)

July 17, 1956: At Ontario, Oregon (on the Oregon-Idaho border), Mrs. Mary Potter observed a slender, cigar-shaped object to the west, just above the buildings on the opposite side of Oregon Street (running north-south). Although the object was silhouetted against the sky of the setting sun, it appeared to be self-luminous, glowing orange-red. Its length was greater than a silver dollar held at arm's length; its width was one-tenth of its length. When Mrs. Potter first noticed the object, she called it to the attention of two girls nearby; they too saw it. The object moved slowly toward the northwest, stopping briefly several times. Moving, its speed was considerably slower than a jet's, although an official explanation later explained the object away as the vapor trail from a jet. The object was in view for several minutes. The witness' sister, CSI member Maurene Chenoweth, obtained these details personally.

Also about sunset on July 17 (according to the Ontario Argus-Observer, of July 23) four people in Payette, Idaho, across the river from Ontario, saw a round, flat orange disc hovering in the "northern" sky. They saw it clearly for about a half an hour, then watched it move off at a rapid pace.

July 17, 1956: At 9:30 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Van R. Webb, their daughter and two sons, observed a brightly lit object from their home 13 miles southwest of Blackfoot, Idaho. It was first seen by Elaine (15), who called the rest of the family. They saw a very bright object (about the size of a nickel at arm's length) at about a 15° elevation and moving on a northwest-southeast heading at tremendous speed. The Webbs' home is in a valley surrounded by high mountains and the object passed below the summits of the range to the east. It was white, and brighter than an automobile's headlights, but its outline was clearly defined.

Immediately after the whole family had seen the object, it then turned from white to bright blue, and became somewhat smaller. It turned sharply to the north or northeast, flashing a very bright white light once as it did so.

Going north, it appeared to have two lights on either side; after several seconds, these lights abruptly disappeared, leaving just a round bright greenish-blue light. As it moved north, the light had also decreased its original speed by two-thirds.

The object abruptly stopped, and hovered at an estimated 2000 feet above the ground for 2 or 3 seconds. Then it dipped abruptly to the ground, dropping out of view.

Five seconds later it was seen ascending sharply into the sky toward the east, rising above the range of mountains and growing smaller and dimmer as it disappeared. Nearly all of the object's performance took place below the level of the mountains 20 miles to the east. The data were obtained directly from the witnesses by CSI member Ronald Wilson, of Idaho Falls.

July 18, 1956: A cigar-shaped object was seen by two observers at Hansen, Idaho, moving on a west-northwesterly heading toward Filer. The object appeared wider in the center and gave off a red glow along its entire length. One observer said it gave off a red-and-white glow. It was impossible to estimate its height since the observers had no way of judging its size. The information was released to the press by Twin Falls GOC personnel. (Salt Lake Tribune, 8/1)

July 18, 1956: Mr. & Mrs. Harold Vent, and three neighbors, watched several flights of at least 4 objects over Whitestone, L.I. The observations were made between 9:30 and 11 p.m. First a single object was seen flying rapidly from south to north; a short time later, three more objects, a silvery-chartreuse in color, shot from the southeast to the northwest; these were in v-formation, and as they watched, the one behind suddenly accelerated, joining the other two in a straight line. The objects' color turned to deep pink as they accelerated. When the objects were directly overhead, they were round; elliptical when at a low angle in the sky. Their speed was fantastic. Several more flights were observed during the next hour. The details were obtained from the witnesses by Leonie Lance and passed on the CSI.

July 19, 1956: 15-year-old Michael Savage, of San Bernardino, California, was taking pictures with his new camera when his eye was caught by a strange object in the sky. "Immediately on seeing it, I turned my camera and took a quick shot at it because of its strange shape," he said. As he cranked the film for another shot, the object receded into the sky rapidly, disappearing within 30 seconds. George Air Force Base officials expressed interest in the photo and asked the observer for a full report. (San Bernardino Sun, 7/25)

July 20, 1956: Another photograph was taken of an object to the east of Wichita, Kansas at 4:30 a.m. by Jim Nelson, of the Wichita Eagle. This report followed numerous accounts of flying objects sighted over parts of south central Kansas the preceding morning. Several of these Kansas observations appear to be mis-identifications of Mars and/or Venus. The object photographed by Nelson was obviously neither. (Life, 7/30)

July 22, 1956: At about 11 a.m., a C-141D Twin-engine Convair flying at 16,000 ft. over Pixley, California, encountered an acute attack of "metal-fatigue" which wrenched off about half of the left elevator control surface. "It was as if we had struck a brick wall," said Major Merwin Stenvers, the pilot. "It looked like something struck from above," an Air Force spokesman was quoted as saying. The plane went into an estimated 7,000-foot dive, the crew having lost control temporarily under the "impact." The plane miraculously pulled out under its own power, however, and was landed safely by Stenvers at the county airport at Bakersfield. "The Air Force does not anticipate finding that the incident was caused by 'little green men' flying around in saucers," clucked PIO officer Maj. Fred McIntosh at Edwards AFB. (Bakersfield Californian, 7/23-25; Fresno Bee, 7/23)

Nevertheless, the air around Pixley and other immediate areas had been visited a few hours earlier, if not by "little green men," at least by some unaccounted-for aerial objects. To wit:

1.) A "strange object which appeared to be burning in the air" was seen at 5:30 a.m. by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth McMullins while driving north between Bakersfield and Pixley. The "jetlike object" flew westbound at high speed and exploded, falling in two pieces. The witnesses said it had a bluish-green light.

2.) Mrs. Ray Brown, of Highway City, reported observing an "egg-shaped" object at 5:30 a.m. flying southward in the sky above Piedra. She said it emitted a bright greenish light, like a flame, from the back. It made no sound and is also reported to have exploded and crashed. Both incidents were reported to the Fresno CAA, who said they failed to find any traces of the objects. (Bakersfield Californian, 7/23; Fresno Bee, 7/23)

3.) Farther north came a report from El Camino; here a woman named Mrs. Beal reported seeing a "green flying saucer" in the early morning sky.

4.) Mrs. Guy Hacker of Red Bluff reported to Deputy Sheriff George Hare that she had seen a fast-moving object early in the morning as she and her family prepared to leave for the mountains. She said the object trailed a stream of "green-colored fragments." (Red Bluff News, 7/24)

5.) Back near Bakersfield, in the vicinity of Maricopa, we have the report of five or six large, round, spherical-shaped objects flying in a horizontal formation at 5:45 a.m. According to Albert Peters, a Richfield Oil employee, the objects were flying in a southwesterly direction. (Bakersfield Californian, 7/24)

6.) At Lake Mary, in the High Sierras, Miss Imogene Okes saw a ball of light followed by a short cone-shaped tail. The ball of light was blue, and the tail green, yellow, orange and trailing red sparks. The whole object, with the tail, looked like "a cone with the axis in a roughly horizontal position." In view 3 or 4 seconds, it moved from east to west. (CRIFO Orbit, 9/7/56)

July 26, 1956: Several GOC members at Plymouth, N.H., reported seeing a bright yellow object from 8 to 8:30 p.m. The object left a trail similar to that of a jet--except that the trail quickly disappeared. First sighted by Chief Observer Mrs. Evelyn Spencer, she contacted the GOC post where the object was observed "a number of times" until it finally disappeared. It was moving very slowly in a northwesterly direction and appeared to be very high. They heard no sound. An independent observation came from Mr. & Mrs. H. Brackett who apparently observed the same object over Fairlee, Vermont. They described it as an "oblong oval object, gleaming gold from the setting sun." For part of the time they saw "a slight tail." It moved slowly and finally disappeared into the northwest, the Bracketts said. They too heard no noise. (Lawrence, Mass. Evening News (AP), 7/27; Valley News, Lebanon & Hanover, N.H. and White River Junction, Vt., 7/27 & 8/1) More details are being sought by Dick Anderson, who lives in the area of the sighting.

July 28, 1956: Six or seven residents of Brentwood, Calif., reported to the Sheriff that they saw a "green flash going through the sky," landing in a nearby orchard. TV reception was disrupted at the same time. The object shot off "green sparks" after crashing, and deputies reported finding fragments of light metal and pieces of cardboard impregnated with "unknown substances." According to reports, Hamilton AFB officials displayed interest at first, made no further investigative efforts. (Oakland Tribune & Martinez Contra Costra Gazette)

July 28 - August 1, 1956: Another series of night lights was reported from a number of towns in Michigan, including Saginaw, Bad Axe, Cadillac, Port Austin, Bay City and Mt. Pleasant; in spite of a dearth of news clippings, it is impossible to reach any conclusions concerning these reports. Again, spurious sightings involving Mars and Venus are to be noted, but it is difficult to determine where the spurious leaves off and the curious begins. See papers of this period for the above-mentioned towns.

July 29, 1956: A brilliant white light was observed by a number of people between San Bernardino and Riverside, California. The Air Defense Filter Center at Pasadena reported that radar had been following the object's maneuvers. No further comments were forthcoming. (San Bernardino Sun, 7/30)

August 8, 1956: Weatherman Malcolm Dayton, of Durango, Colorado, reported watching a "foot-ball shaped" object "with one side pushed in" in the sky west of Durango for nearly an hour, sometime before midnight. It gave off a constant blue-red "radiation", and was occasionally obscured by a "steam-like haze." After changing position several times, the object streaked away in a matter of seconds. It was observed through high-powered binoculars. An independent report of presumably the same object came from Mrs. Ethel Dunn of Hesperus, 9 miles west of Durango. She said the object appeared to be very high between the two towns (thus ruling out an astronomical explanation). She saw it swing in the air "like a clock pendulum" and described its color as white. She watched it from 9 p.m. until midnight. An Air Force spokesman made the following brilliant comments: "As far as we can discover, it was an unusually bright light reflected from Mars--only a glow about the size of a grapefruit. There's just about the right distance between earth and Mars now (35,200,000 miles--Eds.) to produce such a glow." (How's that again, Sir?) (Rocky Mt. News, 8/10)

August 12, 1956: Denver, Colorado, was the scene of another unusual UFO appearance; Mrs. McCaffrey and her son watched an oval disc "blazing with white lights" through a window to the west. The object moved eastward, stopped and hovered for several minutes, "fairly low in the sky," and then moved westward again over its original path. "It was bigger than the largest airplane," Mrs. McCaffrey said, "and its edges were clearly defined."

Meanwhile, in Aurora, callers jammed police switchboards with reports of three white mystery lights bobbing in the sky to the northeast. Some witnesses said the lights changed colors and appeared as if "they were suspended from balloons at an altitude of 500 to 1000 feet." (Rocky Mt. News, 8/13)

August 21, 1956: Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley residents reported seeing a "red-orange, elongated object" bobbing up and down in the sky at 9:30 p.m. A number of calls to papers described a "wild-missile" cruising across the skies. No word of any loose missiles could be confirmed. (L.A. Times, 8/22; North Hollywood Times, 8/22; L.A. Examiner, 8/23)

August 22, 1956: Another sighting in Ontario, Oregon: the observers were Maurene Chenoweth and her sister, Mary Potter (see her sighting July 17). Walking on the west side of Oregon Street at 5:40 p.m., they saw a cigar-shaped object come out of the southeast and move directly northwest, passing about 10° N.E. of the zenith at its closest point of passage. The sun made the object appear brilliant, although it was still bright as it disappeared from view in the N.W. The length of the object exceeded the diameter of a quarter at its closest proximity, and was very slender, appearing to have a slightly "bulb-shaped" front end. When the object moved away into the northwest, it appeared circular, as if being viewed end-on. It had been so bright that the edges were not clearly discernable, and it was seen against a sky of deep blue. The data were secured directly from CSI member Maurene Chenoweth.

August 23, 1956: Three youngsters of Fullerton, California, told police they had seen a large, round object hovering overhead for about a minute, moving slowly off in a southerly direction and suddenly zooming out of sight. It was described as having "a weird blue color with white trim." (Fullerton News-Trib. 8/24)

August 25, 1956: At 2:30 a.m., Mrs. Alfred H. Parsonson, of Reading, Mass., saw through her window what first appeared as an "orange star" in the northeast. The light traveled westward and increased in size as it approached, appearing first round, then oval. At its closest proximity, it was equal in size to a full moon, and the speed equaled that of an airliner. The entire center was a solid mass of brilliant white light, and there was "a beautiful orange glow about the perimeter." The white light was as "brilliant as a Fourth of July sparkler," and she could discern a faint steady hum from the direction of the object. It passed out of view inside 20 seconds. (Boston American, 8/29) CSI member Steve Putnam, of Egypt, Mass., interviewed the witness and obtained further data not included in the news account.

Also that same night, one hour earlier, at 1:35 a.m., a Mrs. Lyman, of Charlestown, also saw a UFO. It appeared northeast of Charlestown, and was "pear-shaped," its size "3 or 4 times that of a star." The entire body was a glowing white, the outer sides glowing an orange color. The brilliance of the object lit up Mrs. Lyman's room. She described it as traveling toward the north. The data were obtained by the Parsonson's in a phone conversation with the woman.

August 26, 1956: Gerry Malo, of Lynn, Mass., reported seeing eleven oval objects "spinning around like mad," through the window of his bedroom. They were seen to the west southwest, gaining altitude and leaving bright luminous trails twice the length of the objects themselves. The trails appeared from the center of the discs (as seen from below) and were bright yellow, trailing off into blue. As they gained altitude, they appeared to approach the viewer, who lost sight of them as they passed beyond the upper left corner of his bedroom window. This observer was also interviewed by Mr. Putnam. (Boston Record, 8/27)

August 27, 1956: At 10:55 p.m., an unnamed Altoona (Pa.) housewife stepped out on her back porch and saw in the center of her neighbor's yard "a disc-like object about 2 or 3 feet in diameter, about 4 feet above the ground. It was twirling like a top." As soon as she saw it, the object, which "looked like it had a plastic dome," began to ascend rapidly. The witness felt a "cold wind" on her as it rose, and a brilliant light was thrown on the yards, "making them as bright as day. I could see each blade of grass, the flowers, the trees and the fence palings," 100 feet away. "It wasn't white light like a fluorescent light," she explained, "more like a bright light globe." She watched it gradually diminish in size as it gained altitude. Later, with the aid of a long extension cord and a 75 watt bulb, she and her husband made a thorough search of the ground, but found nothing. She withheld her name for fear of ridicule. (The Pittsburgh Journal, 8/28)

August 24, 26, 27 & 29, 1956: Another series of night-light observations from Harmony, Fort Collins and Loveland, Colorado, and Cheyenne & Laramie, Wyoming strongly suggest further mis-identification of Mars, but more data are needed.

September 2, 1956: Three people watched a hovering light in the vicinity of Stony Brook, L.I., from 9:30 until 11 p.m. Hearing a plane, the observers looked up and saw a helicopter in the south; they also saw, at an elevation of approximately 500, a white light. Twice the size of a bright star, the witnesses saw flashes of red and green (one witness failed to see the green flashes.) They watched the object make quick even darts to the left, then back, up and down,

and several times to the right. The object always returned to its original position. To make sure of its movement, they lined the light up in the fork of a tree. Mars was clearly visible to the left of the observers, in the east. *obtained* Details were ~~observed~~ from one of the witnesses, Miss Joan Chamberlain, of New York City, by Ted Bloecher. Miss Marguerita Madrigal (also of N.Y.C.) and Mr. John Gates (Stoney Brook), were the other observers.

September 3, 1956: Another night light was seen by a young couple on the boardwalk at Coney Island, New York, about 10 p.m. Mars was clearly visible in the E.S.E. sky, and the light was seen in the southwest quadrant, nearer to the zenith. It appeared white, and, when hovering, "starlike," although it was "somewhat larger than a star." It moved erratically back and forth, in abrupt, straight paths of 3 or 4 degrees, although remaining in a relatively small area of the sky. Its movements were "similar to the way a paramecium moves." The light's edges were at times sharp, then fuzzy. The observers had an impression that it was disc-shaped, for it appeared at times to be "broad, then flat." While they watched, a plane passed over and the light ceased its movements entirely until the plane had disappeared. The observers were Michael Mallies and Miss Sandy Markowitz, both of Brooklyn, and the duration of the sighting was approximately ten minutes. It was still there when they left. Data were secured from Mr. Mallies by Maurene Chenoweth and Ted Bloecher.

September 3, 1956: John Adamescu, of Mansfield, Ohio, was seeding his lawn at 5:29 p.m. when his attention was drawn to the sky by a plane's motors. Beyond the plane he saw a silver saucer-like object, in the eastern part of the sky. "It took an estimated five seconds to pass from the far eastern part of the sky on an arc to the northwestern section...where it passed out of sight." The state highway patrol was informed by CAA that the object was presumably a jet, but Adamescu said, "I've observed jet planes many times in the past and feel certain this was not such a plane." (Mansfield News-Journal, 9/4)

September 7, 1956: The headline writers had great fun with the report from Money-more, Ireland, describing Thomas Hutchinson's brief encounter with a small 3-foot cigar-shaped device which landed in a nearby bog. Hutchinson struggled with the thing in an attempt to take it to the local constabulary, but it eluded his grasp, began spinning, and rose out of sight. It was described as being red, with three red stripes around the center, and two pointed ends, also darker red. It had a "saucer-shaped base." Reports indicated that the local police regarded the story seriously; said an RAF official: an escaped weather balloon. (AP & Reuters, in nearly all papers)

September 7, 1956: Inez Robb reported another bizarre happening--a steer was heisted by a saucer out near Twin Falls, Idaho. The witnesses were a prominent Twin Falls attorney and two of his employees at his farm. They saw a 200-ft. saucer settle to earth in the vicinity of the luckless animal, and when it sped off, poof! the steer was gone. This is obviously a case requiring further investigation; fortunately, Maurene Chenoweth has many relatives out Idaho-way, and more information will be forthcoming shortly. If true, it will be a significantly new development in UFO behavior. (World Telegram & Sun, 9/14)

September: 11, 1956: A "Saturn-like" object was seen by two women, Mrs. Bryant Gilliam and Helen Williams, in Durham, N.C. between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. It was moving toward the east "about the height an airplane flies," silvery in color and spinning. It was in view for about five minutes. (Durham Sun, 9/12; Durham Herald, 9/12)

September 16, 1956: A deep-yellow, pulsating, cigar-shaped object was seen at 5 a.m. over the Bronx, northeast of 176th Street and Jerome Avenue. More details are now being secured by CSI member Yeaman Condict.

Letters To The Editors

I see that in your latest News Letter (No. 4, June 24), you have done your best to discredit my radiation story as given in SAUCER NEWS (June-July, 1956 issue). I...do not have time to spend any great amount of time or space answering your objections; but I would like to point out a few things:

First, my information does not come from any pseudo-scientist, restaurateur or professional swindler. But, as I cannot identify the source, there is no use for me to go into details about this.

I think that you will find that not all scientists agree (even publicly) with your optimistic views on radiation. Just as an example, I came across an article on Page 24 of the N.Y. News (6/21)--an account of a speech by an atomic scientist, in which he said in essence that the atmosphere will be dangerously radioactive by 1962 if bomb tests continue at the present rate--the AEC and the National Academy of Sciences to the contrary. Perhaps you would do well to read this article.

I don't know what you mean by "open" science (p. 6). You just don't seem to understand the censorship and so forth that is involved in a government scientist's statements on anything.

What I have said all along is that the "true" saucers are Earth-made, but that there are apparently other phenomena (such as given in Fort, etc.) which are generally classed as UFO's also, and which, whatever they are, are apparently not Earth-made vehicles. Perhaps the latter are spaceships or perhaps not. I have no way of knowing, nor does anyone else. But these are not the disc-shaped and cigar-shaped saucers referred to in my article.

Further, I do not claim a complete solution of the saucer mystery, but simply an identification of the cause of the official silence regarding the UFO situation.

I can't imagine what you hope to find out by submitting my story to professional physicists. Do you really imagine for a moment that if one of them saw that I had hit on something, that he would confirm it for you, or for me--or anyone?

- James Moseley
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Post Scripts

Captain Hardin is no longer in charge of Blue Book; his replacement is one Captain Gregory who, rumor has it, is really interested in doing his new job as thoroughly as possible.....one of CSI's members is now actively involved with the local GOC.....Derek Dempster has resigned as editor of Flying Saucer Review, the job now assumed by Brinsley LePoer Trench.....The British Flying Saucer Club has closed down, although the Flying Saucer News will continue publishing through the British Flying Saucer Bureau.....Gray Barker's current Saucerian Bulletin has a thoroughly stimulating article by Michel concerning the European "flap" of September-October, 1954, and its general significance in UFO behavior. He predicts the next "flap" will commence after this coming October, probably to the east of Europe, basing his prediction on the 26-month saucer cycle.....Edith Kermit Roosevelt says of Keyhoe's F.S. Conspiracy (Holt, 1955) in American Mercury (Sept. 1956): "Major Keyhoe's book marshals too many unexplained and curious phenomena to warrant a light dismissal." Her own experience leads her to doubt serious "conspiracy" charges by Keyhoe: The difference between those who do believe and those who don't doesn't add up to a conspiracy. Miss Roosevelt's remarks emerge from the review as a somewhat puzzling combination of objective commentary and inaccuracy.