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## INTRODUCTION TO SIGHTING REPORTS

Because some of the reports which started the big flaps have already been covered by most newspapers and read by most of the readers, we are not repeating them in this issue. Instead, we will confine the reports to those which may not have reached all the readers, thereby giving a better cross-section of UFO news about the country. Credit is hereby given to the Aerial Phenomena Research Group and their publications for a good share of the material used in this issue of the Flying Saucer Digest.

10/2/57 - Lancaster, Pa.- A Lancaster woman said she saw a UFO hover over the downtown area about noon. She described it as white, disc-shaped with a tail, and said it appeared to revolve. Several other reports of unidentified flying objects were made in that area during the same week.

10/3/57 - Near Las Cruces, New Mexico An El Paso couple saw three glowing objects just east of Las Cruces while they were returning to El Paso after visiting friends in Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Monte Beranek, saw the objects with her husband about 8 p.m. "The first object was 200 feet to the right of the road," Mrs. Beranek said. "It seemed to be the size of a wash-tub and sort of oblong with an uneven top and bottom, the bottom part was not quite as round as the top part. As we approached, and before we were even with it, it rose into the air,

It didn't zip, nor did it go slowly. It went up with moderate speed. When it was about 200 feet, it disintegrated with a huge glare which lit up the whole countryside. Of course we were startled. We heard no noise. We felt no heat. We were almost underneath it when it disintegrated. I had to stick my head out the window and look up to see it. My husband didn't see the disintegration, but he saw the glare. The next one was farther away, more than 200 feet off to the left. It went up when we were almost even with it. I didn't see this one disintegrate on account of its position, but I saw the flash. Then we saw the third one. It was at the left and farther away, toward White Sands. The same thing happened. It rose up and disintegrated." Mrs. Beranek said she and her husband saw all three objects within a period of about 10 minutes. State Police officer Robert Gilliland of Anthony, on the New Mexico-Texas border reported on the same night that he had seen fiery objects followed by an extremely bright flash. Gilliland immediately got in radio contact with a patrolling Dona Ana County deputy sheriff about 12 miles north of Gilliland's observation point. At that time, another fiery object went up. The deputy asked Gilliland if he saw a bright object which he had just then ranged skyward. The state officer observed it at the same moment. While they remained in radio contact with each other, they saw several other objects. When Gilliland had gone to his home to obtain sandwiches and coffee, the objects were still visible from the house.

10/7/57 - Pharr, Texas,- A red UFO in the sky chased by at least two jet planes caused a mild sensation in this Texas town. The UFO appeared in the sky at about 8.30 p.m.,

coming out of the north and seemed to be more over San Juan or even over Alamo than over Pharr. By 8.40 it disappeared to the south. By 8.45 long vapor trails showing the route of at least two jets were plainly visible in the sky. One Pharr couple said they could see two jets chasing the UFO which glowed brightly and was moving ahead of the jets.

10/7/57 - Ketchikan, Alaska. - (The foregoing report was received directly from the witness) - On October 7, 1957, at 9.15 p.m. I observed a blueish-green fireball cross a section of the sky moving in a westerly direction. The ball of light crossed this area almost as fast as I could follow it with my eyes. At that time I thought it was dropping straight down but after thinking about it since, I believe that it must have been moving parallel with the earth. I have no idea as to how far away it was or how big it was. It appeared to me about the same size compared with the stars as a quarter appears when you hold it at arms length with the stars as a background. I have read the recent reports of the sightings in Texas and they sound similar to what I saw except that what I saw was high up and moving at a great rate of speed.

10/9/57 - Scranton, Pa. - A UFO was sighted in the eastern sky at 7 a.m. by a number of regional residents, including newspaper reporters. Shortly after it was spotted, three jet fighters were seen streaking towards the object. But the fighters and the object soon were obscured by drifting clouds.

10/10/57 - Kendallville, Indiana - Bright objects were seen speeding through the skies during the afternoon and evening. Clyde Copeland said he and a group of his musicians were at the athletic field and reported they saw a bright shining light passing across the sky at rapid speed. He was certain it was not a fantasy.

10/10/57 - Near Enterprise, Mississippi, members of a hunting party say they believe they sighted the "huge fireball" that hurtled over several western states. J.A. Reed said he and several other persons were hunting approximately three miles west of

Enterprise around 1.a.m. when they saw a blue, oblong object in the sky travelling in a northwesterly direction at a terrific speed.

10/10/57 - Oelwein, Iowa - H.C. Nauholz reported that he saw two shiny objects flying through the air about 6 a.m. Others in the area have given almost the same descriptions. He said the two objects were round, shiny, with two tails streaming out behind them. One was coming toward the ground, and the other was heading south. They were not balloons or jets.

10/10/57 - Acworth, Georgia - A woman said she saw a "real bright ball of light" flash across the sky shortly after sunset. Mrs. Quida Roton said she first noticed the object while watching the jet-stream from a high flying aircraft. She said the ball of light moved from south to north and disappeared over the horizon. It was visible for about two minutes, she said.

10/11/57 - Southern Japan - The following news item was released over the Far Eastern Network: "Two fighter aircraft chased an unidentified flying object over southern Japan during daylight hours. Although the aircraft were in the 800 MPH class, the object rapidly pulled away from the pursuing fighters. Pilots stated that the object appeared to be approximately 250 feet in diameter and was golden in color."

10/13/57 - Elkin, North Carolina - Mrs. Claude Yates said she and two other persons were sitting on her front porch about 4.30 p.m. when all three observed a long, unidentified flying object travelling south. Mrs. Yates said the object glowed faintly. She said that as she and her companions watched, the object made a 90 degree turn from its southerly course and headed west and was soon lost to sight.

10/13/57 - Near Corry, Pa., - An auto carrying five Harborcreek men was passed overhead at 8.30 p.m. by a redish object that landed in a field about 50 feet from the road, according to Harborcreek Township Supervisor Frank Szklenski, one of the

men in the car. "It was a small object, and seemed to be travelling from northeast to southwest," Szklen-ski said. "It was real, all five of us saw it!" Officials returned to the area the following day but found nothing.

10/15/57 - Covington, Indiana - Mrs. Robert Moudy said her husband saw an unidentified flying object but told no one because they feared ridicule. She said her husband related the engine of his combine went dead when the object--flat, oval-shaped, about 200 feet long, with what appeared to be a large ball of fire in the center, zoomed over a farm near Foster, Ind. Her husband said the object made a screaming noise.

10/18/57 - DeLand, Florida - A report of a UFO puzzled Air Force officers in Orlando, who said they had no information on the sighting. They said the sighting definitely was not of the Russian Sputnik. Several persons reported seeing a golden ball in the sky, going from north to south to the east of DeLand, about 10 p.m.

10/18/57 - Hancock, Michigan - Scores of persons saw a "glaring light" descending slowly toward earth, and reports of the phenomena came from Ontonagon, the Victoria Dam district near Rockland, Baraga County and Green Bay, Wisconsin. Edward Hower, ground observer corps officer, said he "Trained my glass on it for some time". Robert Clayton, conservation officer at Greenland, said it looked like a slow falling meteor travelling in an arc toward earth.

10/19/57 - DeLand, Fla.- An observer reported seeing a burning sphere about the size of a softball pass over from east to west about 8.30 p.m. The sphere had a long tail, the observer said, of an orange-blue color. When questioned about the sighting, Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby said he had no information on the object and said half-humorously, "it very well could be " Martians, as far as he was concerned.

10/20/57 - Columbia, South Carolina -- Four persons said they had seen strange objects in the sky during the afternoon and early evening. N.W.

Allread, Jr., of Atlanta, said he was about 55 miles from Columbia on Hwy. 378 when he glanced in the sky about 6.54 and saw a huge explosion with a long tail of burning material. At approximately the same time, Thomas A. Duncan of the CAA said he was looking toward the northeast from the tower at Columbia airport and saw a bright object in the sky which went out suddenly. Mr. Duncan said the object resembled and had about the same brilliance of a flash bulb. He said the object was falling at an angle of about 70 degrees at a high rate of speed. The object did not have a tail like meteors he had seen, Duncan said. An unidentified person reported she saw an object in the sky about 4.27 that resembled a star. She said the object was moving at an even speed across the sky and was in view about 45 seconds. Henry W. Walker of near Congaree, said he and five members of his family saw an object in the sky toward the west at approximately 6 o'clock. He said the silvery looking object appeared to be round with a tail behind it, and was visible for about a minute.

10/21/57 - Gaydon, Warwickshire, England -- A mysterious flying object seen over Warwickshire was still unidentified by the Air Ministry. The object was spotted over the R.A.F. station at Gaydon by a night fighter pilot. It was also picked up by ground radar. It was spotted at 9.18 p.m. by Flying Officer D.W. Sweeney who was flying a Meteor on a training exercise from the R.A.F. Station, North Luffenham. Apparently at 28,000 feet and flying west, he almost collided with an object which, he is reported to have said, was moving slowly and showing six lights. He was then over Gaydon, where atom bomber crews train in Valiants. His report fitted in with a radar sighting a few minutes earlier from R.A.F. station, Langtoft. A check on military and civil aircraft movements showed that the meteor was the only aircraft in the area at the time.

10/30/57 - Galveston, Texas -- Galveston residents watched in awe as a UFO flew across the sky, changed colors from yellow to lavender and hanging for five minutes over the Gulf of Mexico. Radio station KILE disc

Jockey Steve Canyon said he and two other men at the station watched the object for about an hour. The station switchboard received from 50 to 60 calls, he said, from persons who also saw the object. Canyon said it came from the southwest and moved at a "terrific rate of speed" directly over Galveston and back out into the Gulf. There, he said, it hung suspended for several minutes, changing colors rapidly from green, orange, blue yellow and lavender. When directly over the city, he said, it appeared as large as a billiard ball.

10/30/57 - Carbonado, Washington, - Sixteen-year-old twin brothers reported seeing a "big and blue" glowing object that made a strange buzzing noise at 5.45 p.m. The object knocked out TV and radio broadcasting reception and caused the house lights to dim and pulsate. "As the noise got louder the TV got dimmer," said David Welcome, who's backed up brother Donald. "Then the TV, radio and house lights went out." The brothers said they saw the object pass over their home and then disappear behind a hill several thousand feet away. His parents and other brothers heard the noise and saw the light, too, David said.

10/31/57 - Lumberton, North Carolina, ~~Bobby and~~ Bobby Jean Stokes, 22 and her husband Paul and Jean Sinclair and her husband all said they saw what appeared to be a big fireball hovering over a road near their home about 8 p.m. Bobby Jean said she drove away from her home and saw what appeared to be a man sitting beside the road a block from the highway. She turned around and raced back to get her husband and neighbors. All four returned to the scene on foot and were surprised when they found the "man" gone. Looking up they saw what appeared to be a big red glowing object in the sky about 200 feet off the ground. In a few seconds the object moved up and disappeared. The four said they fled the scene on foot as fast as they could move.

11/57 - Noblesville, Indiana -- Two men reported sighting a UFO near

Noblesville during the last week in November. Reporting their sighting to the proper authorities, they said their attention was first focused upon an Air Force jet fighter flying in tight circles only three hundred to five hundred feet off the ground. Directly overhead the aircraft, circling in the open countryside, was a huge disc-shaped object estimated to be at 5,000 feet or higher. Both reputable businessmen could scarcely believe their sight when seconds after stopping their moving automobile, the round silver disc, disappeared from sight in a cloudless sky.

11/2/57 - near Logansport, La. - Airman Basic James D. Childress and Airman 2/c Howard T. Green reported to the Bakersdale Air Force Base Public Information Office that they were driving near Logansport about 7.30 p.m. when they saw a bright object about the color of the setting sun, rise up over a hill some distance away. Childress and Green said the round-shaped object stopped as it got up over the hill, lingered a few seconds, then disappeared down. They said the car in front of them almost went off the road, then stopped. The airmen stopped briefly then continued. That same night, a Shreveport, La., man and his wife spotted a glowing object 15 miles south of Shreveport, just north of Logansport. Mrs. Alford said the object, a brilliant yellow, settled near the ground at a distance she thought was about 300 yards. As the object settled it turned a deep red. She said she could not tell whether it faded out or rose behind the trees. It didn't have any particular shape she said. The appearance was accompanied by no flash, no sound nor odor, and there was no heat generated from the object.

11/2/57 - near Levelland, Texas -- Newell Wright, 19, a student at the Texas Tech in Lubbock, was en route to his home in Levelland around 10.50 p.m. when he saw an unidentified object sitting on the highway. He said he was driving west on State Highway 116 when his car engine and lights suddenly quit working. Thinking something wrong under the hood he got out to investigate, but could find nothing wrong. As he slammed the hood and turn

turned around he suddenly saw the object on the highway up ahead. Wright said he jumped back in his car and hoped someone else would drive up, but the object left after about four minutes. He said it appeared to be made of material similar to aluminum and glowed with a bluish-greenish light. He estimated it to be from 100 to 125 feet long on the side he saw, although he did not know how close he was to it. He said it appeared to be oval in shape, but did not know whether he was looking at it from the side or an end. It was flat on the bottom. After about four minutes he said it suddenly took off, going almost straight up and a little to the north, at a terrific speed. Within seconds it was out of sight.

11/2/57 - Near Levelland, Texas -- Pedro Sausedo, 30, a farm hand and part time barber at Levelland told police officers he was driving out to a farm near the Pettit Community west of Levelland with a friend, Joe Salaz, when he first saw a flash of light in a field to their right, but thought nothing of it at first. "When I got near, the lights of my truck went out and the motor died. I jumped out of the truck and hit the dirt because I was afraid. I called to Joe but he didn't get out. The thing passed directly over my truck with a great sound and a rush of wind. It sounded like thunder and my truck rocked from the blast. I felt a lot of heat. Then I got up and watched it go out of sight toward Levelland." Sausedo, a Korean War veteran, said it was "torpedo-shaped" or like a rocket, but much larger.

11/2/57 - Near Oklahoma City, Oklahoma -- Mr. and Mrs. E. Myer, of Joliet, Ill., were approaching Oklahoma City about 8.30 p.m. when "a flash like a flash bulb on a camera suddenly illuminated the car and the ground around it." "The flash moved right through the car making a clicking sound as it went," Myer said.

11/2/57 - Amarillo, Texas - Two Civil Aeronautics Authority control tower workers at Amarillo Air Terminal saw a blue, gaseous object which moved swiftly southeast of the city at #

11.20 p.m. Calvin Harris and Sandy McKean were on duty in the control tower when the blue object appeared south of the airfield. The object, which was three degrees above the horizon, looked like a dissipating meteor. McKean said, "We frequently see things which the layman calls falling stars, but we never saw anything this spectacular before.

11/2/57 - Midland, Texas - The Ground Observer Corps reported that an unidentified mother and her two children saw "a large object of bluish color flying west and very low" at night.

11/3/57 - A couple, returning to Amarillo from Palo Duro Canyon, saw a glowing object on the road at about 8 p.m. The object was surrounded by a fog, and as they drove closer to investigate, they said their car's motor went dead. The object was in the middle of the road, glowing brightly, and surrounded by fog. As they drove into the fog, the car motor died and the battery went dead. The couple told a police officer that another motorist pushed them into town, where they had their battery recharged. The couple did not leave their name. Highway patrolman Gilbert Ray of Canyon reported when he checked the road later that cars were lined bumper to bumper on the road, searching for the glowing object.

11/3/57 - Leveland, Texas -- Ronald Martin, 18, said he saw a mysterious UFO, light orange in color and moving at a great speed, above Hwy. 116 about 6 miles west of Levelland at 12.45 a.m. Martin said the object "stopped about 200 feet off the ground, came straight down and landed on the highway about 300 to 400 feet in front of my truck, sat there for awhile and took off straight up again." The object, which did not cut off his truck engine or lights, was about the size of two cars and "round as a ball."

11/3/57 - Amarillo, Texas - A Navy pilot, reporting to CAA authorities at 11.53 p.m. as he flew over the city, saw an object in the southeast

which he described as glowing brilliantly, then dim, low on the horizon, then high, moving swiftly, then slowly. The Navy pilot, flying northeast to Amarillo as called for in his flight plan, said that he was on a bearing of 40 degrees (northeast) and saw the object 80 degrees to his right, which would place it in the southeast quadrant. He was watching the gyrations of the object while he described it to the communicator on duty.

11/4/57 - Kodiak, Alaska - A Kodiak policeman and a 15-year-old girl said they saw an object resembling a bright ball of fire in the skies over Kodiak at about 10.00 p.m. Policeman John Boucher, in a patrol car at the time, said he saw the object, shedding blue sparks and emitting intense light. It was described as about the size of four basketballs. "I was near the Kodiak high school when I saw the school and school-grounds light up with a greenish color," Boucher said. "I looked up and saw a large red ball falling rapidly. It had a short vapor trail chartreuse in color and was visible for three seconds before falling behind the school." He searched for the object but could not locate it. Dolores Gallagher, 15, said she also saw the object about 10 p.m. She was waiting in a parked car for her mother north of the city limits. "It seemed to be on a level with the car travelling from northeast to southwest and seemed very near." Blue sparks were coming from it and it was curving slightly downward. I was scared and thought it would hit the car. Boucher said his car radio was effected when the object appeared.

11/4/57 - Amarillo, Texas - Airman Fred Smith, 21, who was home from Amarillo Air Force Base to visit relatives near Levelland, said he saw what appeared to be a plane on fire as he was driving about 5 miles east of town. "But then I saw there wasn't any red blinking light an aircraft would carry, and it was too low and moving too slowly to have been a plane," he said. Smith estimated the object was 1,000 feet off the ground and about 10 miles distant.

11/4/57 - Odessa, Texas - Theater executives Wallace Scott and Milton Namkin told of watching a greenish light flash through the clouds northeast of town between 2 and 2.15 a.m. They said they were convinced it was not lightning but had no explanation. Rep. J.T. Rutherford (D-Texas), at his Odessa home, called for a statement from the Pentagon. He said he was dispatching a telegram asking for an explanation from Air Force Officials in Washington. "If this thing is American, there should be some explanation--at least to people in the area--that it is an American experiment so they will not be alarmed." ~~The~~ the congressman declared. "If it's not American, the people also should be notified so they can do something--declare open season on it."

11/4/57 - Tacoma, Washington - A shiny silver ball "brighter than any star" hovered over the Tacoma area for more than half an hour in the afternoon and then exploded into "hundreds of pieces," five Tacoma Coast Guardsmen reported. Richard C. Warner, gunners mate third class, said the silverish object disintegrated before the Coast Guardsmen's eyes in what looked like a "fireworks display." "Then the sky seemed to fog over in that spot and you couldn't see a thing," he added. Warner and other Coast Guardsmen were taking down the colors about 4.10 p.m. when Warner looked up the flagpole and saw the shiny object. He said the others also saw the strange object and one of the men rushed for binoculars. For the next 35 minutes, said Warner, the three men took turns watching it. Warner and two other companions, Don Rowe, fireman, and Marvin Fenton, Seaman, said the shiny object was "absolutely stationary" until it fell apart.

11/4/57 - Garden Grove, Calif. - Two youths reported they saw a strange object in the sky at night. They said it was an egg-shaped object flashing across the sky toward Los Angeles at 5.30 p.m. They said it was bluish-red in color and watched it for seconds.

11/4/57 - Seattle, Wash. - a brilliant UFO "glowing red all over" gave a roaring sound at 10.20 p.m in NE city part.

11/4/57 - New Orleans, La. - Frank Manning, well known New Orleans astronomer, said he and a group of ten persons spotted a brilliant UFO moving directly north about 90 to 100 miles high. It was travelling very fast. Shaped like a dirigible, it radiated a brilliant light. Manning said the object was seen at 9.p.m. and was visible to the naked eye.

11/5/57 - Midland, Texas, - A glowing, "cigar-shaped" object was viewed by 2 three members of the Ground Observer Corps at night, according to Leonard Measures, supervisor of the GOC post. "It first appeared as a cigar-shaped red light with a white rim around it, visible about two or three seconds in that position, then it turned so the round part of the object was toward us. The GOC supervisor said his group first estimated the distance of the object at 25 miles. However, later reports came in from other cities -- even before the Midland report went on the air--and it was determined through calculations, that the object was about 8 miles southwest of the observation post. It was flying at an altitude of about 250 feet and "lit up with a brilliant light that was visible to all." "Immediately after this, we observed a ruby-red glow on the horizon, about due west. This lasted about 60 seconds.

11/5/57 - McMinnville, Oregon - A strange type of airship hovered over the farm of Sam Kelchner for nearly half an hour. He said he first sighted the ship over his house at 6.33 p.m. and ran into his house to alert his family. Kelchner, who operates a poultry farm, said the egg-shaped craft moved slightly southward and hovered over his farm as he and his family watched through binoculars. The strange ship moved and halted a second time before taking off swiftly across the darkened night sky. Kelchner described the craft as having an orange glow with a lighter colored top and said it appeared as "some kind of a ship." He said a glow from the ship illuminated the ground of his farm.

11/5/57 - Corona del Mar, California - Mrs. Charles Weitzel saw an object at 6.04 p.m. like "an orange jack-o'-lantern" over the ocean. It vanished in a few seconds.

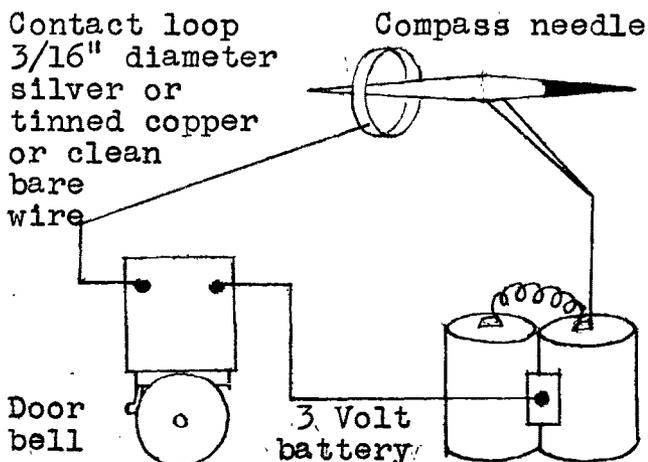
11/5/57 - Sunbury-On-Thames, England, - An object said to range in size between a tennis ball and a football, barely missed a 3-year-old girl. It was taken away by Air Ministry investigators who first said it appeared to be a meteorite. But British Museum experts who examined a piece said it was "certainly not a meteorite."

11/5/57 - Long Beach, Calif. - A trio of weather observers spotted six "saucer-shaped flying objects" at an altitude of about 7,000 feet at the base of a cloud bank at mid-afternoon. First to sight the objects was Major Louis F. Baker, the commanding officer of the spotting unit. Airmen Joseph Abramavage and William Nieland, weather observers, also said they saw the objects. Abramavage who made the report, said the objects were "circular in shape and shiny like spun aluminum, changing course instantaneously without loss of speed like planes in a mock dog-fight. "They were larger than a C-46 aircraft (twin-engine transport plane) and were in sight for about a minute and a half," Abramavage said. The sighting took place at 3.50 p.m. The observers said they rejected a theory that the objects were sheet-ice in the cumulo-nimbus clouds because of their regular, circular shapes.

11/5/57 - Los Alamitos, California, - An unidentified flying object flitted about the sky over the Naval Air Station almost continuously between 6.05 and 7.25 p.m. "It was not a star and it was not a plane," said Lt. Richard Spencer.

11/5/57 - Near San Antonio, Texas - Lackland Air Force Base employee Lon Yarborough reported seeing an extremely bright object settle down in a ravine about 200 yards from him. The egg-shaped object caused his 1957 ford engine to stop and its headlights to go out, temporarily. It took off in a few minutes toward San Antonio. Two hours before Yarborough saw the object, phone calls were flooding radio switchboards in San Antonio, coming from persons who saw strang lights or fireballs in the sky.

## MARK 2 "CARTWRIGHT" SAUCER DETECTOR



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Australian Saucer Record reports... "Magnetic compasses go haywire when UFO are in the area. The Cartwright Saucer Detector deflects the needle from magnetic north and completes a circuit that rings a bell. However it would be well to have all equipment immediately available for instant use.

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The ASR elaborated: the type of needle and the pivot on which the needle rests should be cleaned with emery paper so that good contact with the loop can be made.

The Mark II detector is so sensitive that the bell may be set ringing by iron or steel objects being moved in the vicinity. Therefore, it should be set up in a quiet corner, away from electrical equipment, steel furniture, etc."

ASR continues: "Mr. A. J. Milliken, of Robertown, made one as directed. His own report of an experience with it: On the night of Dec. 27, 1955 at about 10.15 p.m. the bell rang. I thought I had jolted the needle,

and didn't take much notice for a few moments. Then I thought, "it won't hurt to take a look", so I went outside and was looking up when a very bright blue-white object shot across the sky. It seemed to be very low and headed for the earth in a slight curve like a meteor, yet it seemed to flutter like so, (here he drew a zig-zag line). It was more or less like a medium sized sky rocket, with a glowing tail. It travelled with a speed comparable to a toy rocket. Just before it burned out it turned a decided greenish color. There was no sound, and it was visible for perhaps 2 to 3 seconds. The sky was clear except for an odd cloud or two."

Fifteen minutes later, people in Adelaide saw a cigar-shaped object giving off a red glow, which cannot be accounted for.

The Adelaide ADVERTISER reported the above sighting on Dec. 28, 1955. A Mr. L.E. Grant of Percy Street, Cheltenham with a friend saw the object at 10.30 p.m. for several minutes. A smaller body detached itself while they were watching.

A man from Port Kilkenny, not identified, also saw it.

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FLYING OBJECTS DISCOUNTED BY AIR FORCE

Washington, 11/15/57--The Air Force said that five "sightings" of unidentified flying objects shortly after Russia launched Sputnik II were either hoaxes or caused by natural phenomena. The so-called "big light" observed in Levelland, Texas was said to have been a "weather phenomenon" know as "ball lightning" or "St. Elmo's Fire," and caused by stormy conditions. (Editors Note: There is ~~na~~ such thing as ball lightning the size which was described by the witnesses. Also, the weather conditions in that area at the time of the sightings ranged from clear to partly

cloudy. No storms.) The Air Force said an investigation on the scene revealed that only three persons, rather than dozens as originally reported had seen the "big light". (Editors Note: We have the names of five witnesses who saw the ships on the ground.) A report of stalled autos, radio fadeouts and "heat" light in Alamo, New Mexico was described as a "hoax" suggested by the Levelland incident. No actual cause was determined for the stalled cars but the Air Force said electrical storms were said to have been a possible cause. Ho Hum.

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Wayne Stanley, Manitoba  
Lee McCormick, Florida  
Bob Carr, Ontario

A late, but just as hardy welcome is extended also to previously opened DHQs whose mention in the last issue of the FSD was neglected:

Doug Mapes, New York  
Joe Cangialosi, New Jersey  
Jim Roddy, Massachusetts  
Bob Lambeck, Connecticut  
Rudy Orosz, Ohio  
Louis Jarosch, ~~Mississippi~~  
Bill Cote, Michigan  
Chuck Throne, Illinois  
Wayne Roberts, Texas  
Bob Stone, Missouri

Also to: Bob Ricke, who has taken over the full direction of the Amateur Radio Operators' UFO Tracking Network, and to Bob Saur, who is temporarily operating our Minnesota DHQ until a more permanent arrangement can be effected.

We also want to welcome all the new observer posts and research teams, and other assisting members, and we regret, because of lack of space, that we cannot list the names of every one, but we are happy to have you with us and we look forward to a long and enjoyable future working together toward our common goal.

Good luck to Bob Ricke, and the ARO UFO Tracking Network. All Hams interested in joining the ARO Network should write to the address below, giving full information as to their equipment, call, bands, operating schedules, etc.,

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Special thanks to Donna Heathcote on her wonderful work for ICARF as director of the Ontario Filter Center. Donna has withdrawn temporarily to

immerse herself in the wonderful waters of matrimony, and we want to wish her all the best from all her friends in ICARF.

Warmest wishes are also extended to Wayne Stanley of our Manitoba DHQ, on his coming marriage, We wonder if she shares his avid interest in UFOs.

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