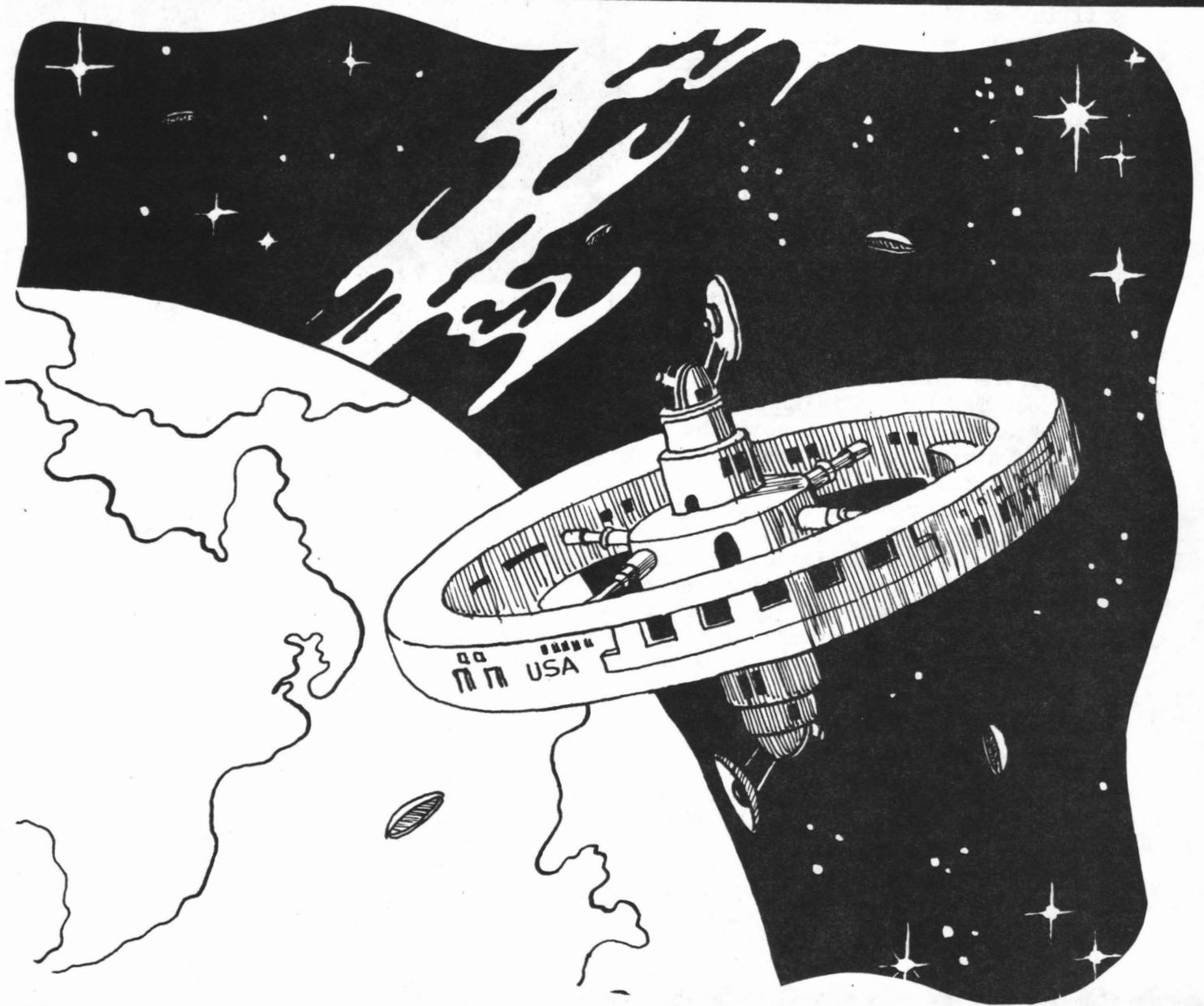


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FROM THE EDITOR

PHENOMENA, NOTES AND COMMENTARY:

It is with very deep regret and sorrow that I now comment on the death of Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Although he had been in poor health for some time, his death on 27 April in Scottsdale, Arizona, was a shock to us here at UAPA.

Dr. Hynek was the astronomical consultant for Project Blue Book from 1948 to 1969, and was most noted for his swamp gas statement during a Detroit, Michigan, press conference in 1966. His statement, printed incorrectly and out-of-context, brought him much undeserved ridicule.

He founded the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in 1973, and coined the phrase "close encounters of the third kind" in his 1972 book THE UFO EXPERIENCE.

That phrase went on to become the title of a very popular movie which Hynek briefly appeared in and acted as scientific consultant on.

His other books included THE EDGE OF REALITY (1975, with Jacques Vallee) and THE HYNEK UFO REPORT (1977). Dr. Hynek's only non-UFO book was the 1962 National Science Teachers Association/Vistas of Science book CHALLENGE OF THE UNIVERSE with Norman Anderson. He also authored hundreds of articles for UFO publications, national magazines and scientific journals.

I had the opportunity of meeting with Dr. Hynek on three occasions (1969, 1974 and 1975), and recall each one with much warmth and kindness.

His passing leaves a big void in the UFO field, a void that will never be filled! He will be missed!

20 YEARS OF THE FOIA:

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year by coming under attack by the Reagan Administration. They are once again proposing executive laws and congressional rules to severely weaken this much-needed law.

The FOIA has been an important tool to the UFOlogist, a tool that we must not lose! If you do not know why it is an important tool I suggest you write to William L. Moore's FAIR-WITNESS PROJECT, INC., 4219 W. Olive St., Suite 247, Burbank, California, 91505; or read the highly recommended book CLEAR INTENT by Lawrence Fawcett



Dr. J. ALLEN HYNEK

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and Barry Greenwood (available from William Moore at \$9.00 per copy).

We should all write to our Congressmen and Senators and demand that the FOIA is not weakened or re-pealed. The FOIA is the only means we have in keeping tabs on the U. S. Government involvement not only in UFOs but all other vital areas as well.

UAPA IN THE COMING YEAR:

Despite summer, baseball and outdoor barbecues, Al Manak and I have been hard at work making UAPA an important UFO organization. Part of our "effort" is enclosed with this FSD issue. Our first UFO Catalog is being sent out free to all our subscribers and friends. We hope you like it and will use it to purchase UFO related materials. As you can see, our prices are cheap!

The illustration at the right is the cover of our next FSD issue (#96). We are already hard at work on it, and it is currently scheduled to go to the printer in mid-October for a 1 November mailing date. We know you will find this issue fascinating!

We are also working on two very special up-coming issues. Issue #98 (Summer 1987) will commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the UFO mystery, and Issue #100 (Winter 1987) is simply that - our 100th issue! A surprise is indeed in store for readers of the FLYING SAUCER DIGEST!



GREETINGS FROM UP NORTH:

We recently heard from our good friend and colleague, Gene Duplantier, and are glad to announce that he is doing fine. His 1986 UFO book catalog is free for the asking at the address listed below. Gene has also put together Issue #1 of a new publication called DELVE, for \$3.00 per copy. It's a magazine collection of the strange and unusual from the past right up to the present. DELVE is highly recommended! Write to Gene at 17 Shetland Street, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2M 1X5.

NEW POLL FINDINGS:

Jon D. Miller, director of the Public Opinion Laboratory at Northern Illinois University, recently released findings of his telephone poll of 2,000 randomly selected adults late last year, which was sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Of interest to FSD readers, Miller found that "forty-three percent agreed with the statement that 'it is likely that some of the unidentified flying objects that have been reported are really space vehicles from other civilizations,'" and "forty-one percent agreed that 'rocket launchings and other space activities have caused changes in our weather.'

"With 11 percent and 12 percent, respectively, saying they weren't sure about the two statements, that left less than 50 percent disagreeing in both cases. Miller said that suggests, 'a substantial level of confusion between real or likely technologies and fictional technologies.'"

Other findings showed that seventy percent agreed with the theory that "in the entire universe, it is likely that there are thousands of planets like our own on which life could have developed," and forty percent gave some scientific credibility to the belief in astrology.

THE AMAZING VOYAGER II SPACECRAFT:

Voyager II was launched in August of 1977, reached Jupiter in 1979, Saturn in 1981, Uranus on 24 January 1986, and is now headed to Neptune where it will fly-by that planet in August of 1989. Although the NASA spacecraft is slowly going "brain death," it has far surpassed it's planned lifetime as it was only designed to study Jupiter and Saturn.

Meanwhile, despite these super - achievements, planetary explorations are in a fight for their very existence. Although they are a very small part of the NASA budget, it is planned missions to planets that keep getting cut due to lack of funds.

Exploration of the planets can only continue as long as the public believes it is worth the taxpayers money. I, for one, believe it is! The entire cost of all planetary exploration since the early '60s is less than one-tenth of one percent of the projected cost of Reagan's Star Wars system.

President Reagan obviously has to come to his senses and re-adjust his priorities! (From The Editor written by Robert S. Easley)

NEWS UPDATE

Early findings from Voyager II concerning Uranus indicate that: Uranus has 15 moons, significant geologic activity, 11 rings which revolve around the planet once every eight hours, and a mysterious hydrogen cloud that surrounds the planet (no other planet has one). It will take years to decipher all the data and photographs radiod back to Earth. What caused the death of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago is still a hotly contested debate in scientific circles. The asteroid - impact theory, however, seems to be gaining more acceptance everyday. The May 1986 issue of SCIENCE DIGEST looks at this question in detail in an excellent article by Boyce Rensberger. Needless to say, the article is highly recommended reading. Leading Bigfoot researcher Grover Krantz, professor of anthropology at Washington State University, is apparently leaning towards shooting a Bigfoot to obtain proof of its existence. In a lecture to the Pacific Northwest Archaeological Society on 25 April 1986 Krantz is quoted as saying "Movies can be faked. Footprints can be faked. Hair is indeterminable. People at the Smithsonian keep telling me, 'Put a skull on my table and I'll believe you.'" As bad as shooting a Sasquatch sounds, it may just be the only way to get the needed proof that the creature does exist. According to Princeton University astrophysical science Professor Edwin Turner, astronomers have found evidence of a mysterious object in space that could be the most massive known in the universe, containing apparently 10,000 times the mass of the Milky Way galaxy. Turner feels the object could be of a type not yet known, whereas Craig Wheeler, astronomy professor at the University of Texas at Austin, does not discount the possibility of a black hole. But, he said, "it would have to be an immensely more massive black hole than any other astronomy would have led us to consider up to this point." After obtaining about 10 billion bits of information between December 1980 and June 1982 from radio telescopes in New Mexico, West Virginia and Massachusetts, astronomers now feel that Earth is 23,000 light years from the center of the Milky Way. In other words, it takes light 23,000 years to travel that distance at its constant speed of 186,000 miles per second. The finding implies that the Milky Way is about 70,000 light years across rather than 100,000 light years, as was commonly thought. The Milky Way galaxy, therefore, is about 30 percent smaller than previously estimated. The famous Archaeopteryx fossil, first discovered in 1861 which appears to show the evolutionary transition between dinosaurs and birds, has been thoroughly retested and confirmed as authentic by a team of experts from the British Museum of Natural History. The 150 million - year - old fossil has been under much debate because it shows the concept of organic evolution. A radio telescope in Socorro, New Mexico, that is powerful enough to read the lettering on a dime a mile away is being expanded into a network of radio telescopes that will allow the astronomical equivalent of "reading a newspaper in San Francisco while standing in Washington, D. C." This network of 11 radio telescopes, which could be in operation as early as 1990, will give astronomers clear images of electromagnetic activity in the far reaches of the universe. (News Update compiled and written by Robert S. Easley)

GUEST ARTICLE

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BLUE BOOK'S PURPOSE: "TO ALLAY HYSTERIA BY. . . SQUELCHING RUMORS AND ILLUSIONS"

Air Force Project Blue Book, successor to two earlier projects (Sign and Grudge), held sway as the U. S. government's publicly visible effort to cope with the problem of unidentified flying objects in America's skies from 1952 through 1969. Its records, now in the National Archives, are still frequently cited as final authority on the subject by a variety of government agencies charged with responding to publicly generated Freedom of Information requests. The project has also remained the subject of an on-going debate amongst UFO researchers both pro and con as to whether it was a true investigative unit organized to provide useful intelligence to the Air Force, or a poorly staffed and funded front-office operation designed to keep the press, and through them the public, convinced that the flurry of UFO activity throughout the '50s and '60s was a tempest in a teapot generated by those who had either misinterpreted conventional phenomena or had a psychological need to see things which weren't really there.

Evidence that the latter was more the case than the former has recently come to light in the form of a document obtained under the F.O.I.A. by FWP Advisory Board member Brian Parks. The document in question, dated 1956 and originally classified Secret, was part of the records of the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron, which for a time was one of the units responsible for conducting field investigations of UFO (or "UFOB") incidents for Air Force Intelligence. Referring to the highly negative press releases on UFOs and the purported conclusions of "Blue Book Special Report 14" by A.F. Secretary Donald Quarles in October, 1955 (a statement which still seems to represent the official position of the U.S. government on the subject), the document reads as follows:

"UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT PROGRAM Considering the nationwide press release, by the Secretary of the Air Force, of the 'UFOB Summary and Study' and the statement that 'the Air Force has ended its Project Blue Book', one would judge that the UFOB program had fulfilled its goal. This was especially true if one considered that the primary purpose of the program was to allay hysteria by systematically squelching rumors and illusions. Reassuring the public mind that no tangible evidence existed to support fears of an 'invasion from outer space', or that 'radical technological advances and developments by the enemy' do not exist, was imperative."

Those scholars and skeptics who have previously seen fit to characterize Project Blue Book as a systematic study of the UFO phenomenon, please take note.

"I really do believe that the most optimistic thing about the human race is its relative stupidity. There would be little hope if the human race was as bright as it thinks it is and still got itself into so much trouble."

Edward de Bono

UFO RETROSPECTIVE

What Do You Think of UFOs?

Part II

So with JANAP 146(B) in existence, and for those that don't know what JANAP 146(B) is, it's a communication instructions for reporting vital intelligence sightings from aircraft, including UFOs, the contents of which will be classified. Project "Twinkle", the study of green fireballs, came to an end. The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) was founded. Project Blue Book was established, replacing Project Grudge, and the Canadian Government announced the establishment of Project Twinkle. And UFOs were still being seen all over the world.

In the mid-50's the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) was established. Eisenhower was President, coffee was still only a nickel and we were all dancing to Rock and Roll.

The new name for flying saucers was UFOs, and they were still violating the air space of all nations. But now the U.S. Air Force had a "shoot down" order given to U.S. planes against all UFOs.

A British BOAC Air Transport hit something over the Mediterranean, and England grounded all BOAC air traffic.

Towards the end of the decade the USSR placed in orbit a Sputnik. What's a Sputnik?

Now the world had a new theory about UFOs. That's it, they are satellites.

In the Sixties there were the Beatles, Rolling Stones and space shots. The USSR with theirs and the USA with the Mercury Program, Gemini Program and the Apollo Program. President Kennedy proclaimed a man on the moon by the end of this decade.

On June 5, 1965 Astronaut James McDivitt reported three different sightings of UFOs during the Gemini 4 orbiting mission. And on December 4, 1965 Astronauts Frank Borman and James Lovell in the Gemini 7 mission reported sighting a UFO.

In October 1966 the United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA) was founded. But earlier in 1966 there were three sightings worth mentioning: the Wanaqua Reservoir case of January 11, the Frank Manner case of March 20 and the Hillsdale College case of March 21.

We found out what these things were. Finally we were told, and told good by a doctor no less. You guessed it. They are swamp gas.

New names now appeared in writings: Vallee, Sanderson, von Daniken, Drake, and Constance. But the name of Frank Edwards stands alone. Here is a quote from his book Flying Saucers - Here and Now (page 15):

"This upsurge in prominence for the UFOs in 1966 was the direct outgrowth of their dramatic mass appearances in 1965, culminating in the night of August 2 - 3, when an estimated quarter of a million persons stood out in the great plains states of the United States and watched the formations of unusual lights maneuvering overhead."

The Condon UFO Study Report was released in late 1968. The end of the year saw the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) hold a symposium on UFOs.

In July of 1969 the United States landed a man on the Moon. In December of the same year Project Blue Book closed its doors. And people all over the world were reporting UFOs. (Written by Allan J. Manak)

Next Installment: Part III.

FOREMOST SIGHTING THIS ISSUE

The following "mini-flap" caused quite a stir here in the United States. Included here are two articles, one from the Associated Press and the other from United Press International. The AP report was printed in the 22 May edition of the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Multicolored UFOs the size of pingpong balls were seen in the skies over Brazil on Monday and the government sent fighter jets to chase them, the air force minister said on television.

"Because they saturated our radar system in Sao Paulo and because they were interfering with air traffic, it was decided to send up planes to pursue them," Brigadier Gen. Otavio Moreira Lima said yesterday.

The air force immediately dispatched four fighter jets - two Mirages and two F-5s - to find the unidentified flying objects, which the Air Space Defense Center had located over the cities of Sao Paulo, Sao Jose dos Campos and Rio de Janeiro.

One of the F-5 pilots reported seeing objects that he said were multicolored, Moreira Lima said, adding, "He reported that 13 of these objects accompanied his aircraft, seven on one side of his jet and six on the other side."

Another pilot described the objects as "the shape and size of a ping-pong ball flying at a speed of (840 miles)," TV GLOBO, the country's leading news network, reported yesterday.

The UPI wire report, from the 23 May edition of the Defiance, Ohio, Crescent News, gave the following information:

From Brasilia, Brazil, came the report that Ozires Silva, head of the state oil company, was preparing to land his plane when he saw three colored lights darting like pingpong balls through the night sky and detected three objects on radar.

He canceled his landing, informed the Brazilian Defense Center and chased the fast-moving lights. The Defense Center went on alert and sent jet fighters in pursuit of the lights.

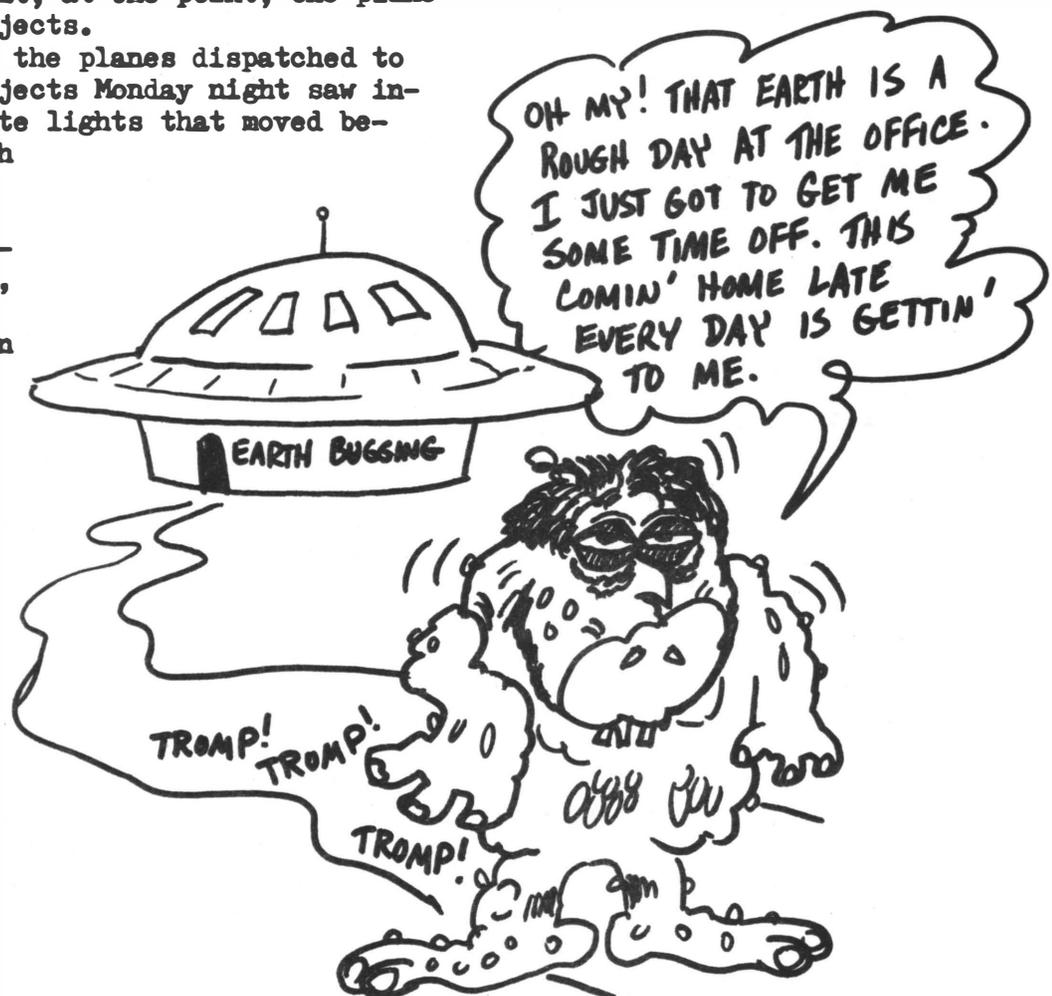
Air Force Minister Octavio Moreira Lima said Thursday six air force jet fighters chased more than a dozen UFOs and that, at one point, one plane was surrounded by the objects.

He said pilots of the planes dispatched to pursue the mysterious objects Monday night saw intense green, red and white lights that moved between 160 mph and 990 mph and picked up solid objects on the radar.

"It is not a question of believing or not, Lima said. "This requires technical information and we have neither replies nor technical explanations for what happened," Lima said.

Silva first saw 3 colored lights in his path as he prepared to land his Brazilian-made Xingu aircraft Monday night at an air force base 66 miles from the industrial heartland of Sao Paulo.

He gave chase and notified the military, which dispatched three F-5E jet fighters after the lights. The fighters pursued the ob-



jects for 30 minutes toward the Sao Paulo coast before they ran out of fuel and had to give up the chase, the O Globo newspaper reported.

Lima said the three jet fighters came as close as 4 miles to the objects.

"At one point the chase was inverted and a F-5E fighter was surrounded by 13 colored lights, and chased with seven on one side and six on the other," Lima said.

After the F-5Es ran out of fuel, three supersonic Mirage-3 fighters armed with Sidewinder and Matra 530 missiles were sent to continue the chase. They detected the objects on radar but they were unable to see the lights, Lima said.

President Jose Sarney was told late Monday night about the chase. Lima said Sarney was "interested and curious" about the event.

RECENT UFO SIGHTINGS

The UPI wire report of the Brazilian UFO sightings also carried the following account: More than a dozen people, including a police officer, reported seeing a UFO that was shaped like a "large, orange X" hovering and darting over a suburban city north of San Francisco.

"I looked up and saw several orange lights hovering in the sky," said Sue Hart, who was delivering newspapers with a companion at around 4:30 a.m. PDT Thursday when the mysterious object was sighted.

"I stared at them and they moved on rapidly several hundred yards, hovering again and took off again to the east. We were kind of joking around about it but then I started to think and I got scared."

A California Highway Patrolman, who declined to give his name, said he saw the object flying east near Petaluma at a high rate of speed.

He described it as a "large, orange X with white lights on the front."

The patrolman and other witnesses agreed that the object was shaped like an X, had small green, white and orange lights - and was not an airplane.

"I saw tiny lights in the northeast, hovering along the hilltops," said Arlett Cohen, a radio news director who was driving north on U.S. 101 toward Petaluma. "At first I thought it was an airplane, but then it came overhead and I saw that it wasn't."

Air traffic controllers in the San Francisco area and military spokesmen for air bases in the region were unable to explain the object.

From the 10 February 1986 News & Record of Greensboro, North Carolina, we learn of the following incident: Frances Shaw was driving south on N.C. 226 near her home in Shelby Sunday night when she had a close encounter with a "perfectly round orange thing" hovering in the sky.

As Shaw kept driving, she said the object grew larger and the orange light it was emitting intensified and began blinking.

"It scared me to death," said Shaw, an employee of Fasco Controls in Cleveland County. "My only thought was that it was going to land in my front yard."

The unidentified object didn't land. Shaw said it disappeared just as she was pulling up to her house. When the object disappeared, she said it left a trail of smoke.

Shaw said she was afraid that she was the only one who saw the "blinding light" in the southern sky at about 7:15 p.m., but the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department said three people called, all within 15 minutes of each other, to report a bright light traveling west to east.

"We've got no idea what it was," said a Sheriff's department spokesman who asked not to be identified. The three callers all gave the same description of the object, he said.

The sheriff's department contacted the Federal Aviation Administration in Charlotte, which reported no unusual flight experiments over the area or planes in distress.

Shaw said she didn't think the object she saw was a plane. At first, she said she thought it might have been a blinking light on top of a tower. But as it grew in size and intensity, she could tell that it wasn't.

The Bellingham, Washington, Herald of 26 March 1986 printed the following report: Two Bellingham women reported seeing a gigantic bank of bright lights hovering over Bellingham Tuesday night, but law enforcement and aviation officials did not confirm the sighting today.

Robin Henley, 24, and Katie James, 23, both of 1026 N. Forest St., said they saw three rows of bright, white lights about 50 feet long hovering at 10:55 p.m. between the Georgia-Pacific Corp. mill and Squalicum Harbor Marina.

The object - which Henley said she at first thought was a blimp - remained over the city for about five minutes, then moved "ever so slowly" to the north, until it disappeared over the hills, James said.

Officials from the Federal Aviation Administration, Whatcom County Sheriff and Bellingham Police reported no sightings from employees or the public.

Nor was there any unusual activity scheduled at G-P last night that would cause such lights, according to Tom Spink, pulp and chemical operations manager.

Pacific Southwest Airlines officials this morning said the last DC-9 landed at Bellingham International Airport at 10:54 p.m. The last San Juan Airlines flight arrived at 11:05.

But both women maintained they observed the PSA flight approaching from over the bay from the southwest about the same time they saw the lights. They said they also saw a helicopter, which seemed to be almost tailing the object.

The women spotted the lights while heading toward the city on Boulevard. They were so stunned that Henley pulled into one of the Boulevard Park parking spots overlooking the bay, James said.

The object was a "flat cylinder" with the bottom and top lights brighter than those running down the center, according to Henley. The bottom lights beamed down, while the top lights appeared to shine upward, she said.

From the Sunday Mirror of London, England, for 2 March 1986 we read that: Prince Charles is at the centre of a bizarre UFO mystery.

The Prince had a close encounter during a flight home from the U.S.A. last week. The pilot of his RAF VC-10 radiod air traffic control to say he had been startled by a "glowing red object" in the sky.

Incredibly, four other aircraft reported sighting the "UFO" over the same stretch of the Irish Sea.

An immediate investigation was launched - but no trace of the unidentified aircraft has been found.

Other explanations - such as meteors or debris from a satellite - have also been ruled out by experts.



Charles was nearing the end of a 12-hour flight from California when the incident happened.

A source at West Drayton air traffic control near London's Heathrow airport said: "The object was reported by five different aircraft, including the Prince's."

"The pilot described seeing a red glowing object. The light from it lit up his cockpit.

"We just didn't know what it was. It's a complete mystery."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman confirmed: "Prince Charles's pilot did report seeing a bright flash, but we are satisfied there was no danger to the Prince's aircraft."

UFO expert Tim Good, an author and lecturer, said last week: "It may not be pure coincidence.

"It is likely that any creature from outer space that is more advanced than us would be aware of the significance of a Royal flight."

Prince Philip has been a keen UFO follower for the past 30 years.

He is a keen reader of the magazine, *Flying Saucer Review*.

And he once invited a man who claimed to have seen a UFO landing to come to Buckingham Palace to tell his story to a Royal aide.

Philip's uncle, the late Lord Mountbatten, was also obsessed with alien spacecraft.

FORTY-SEVEN ENCOUNTERS

From Coventry, England, we read the 3 March 1986 edition of the Evening Telegraph to learn that: Children at a Coventry primary school had a narrow escape when a large block of ice plummeted out of the sky on to their classroom.

The ice block, about the size of a football, smashed through the roof of a classroom at Potters Green Infants School where 32 children were in the middle of a lesson.

It is believed to have fallen from a plane. The Civil Aviation Authority is to launch an investigation into the incident. A spokesman for CAA said the ice probably had fallen from a plane. Such an accident was very rare, he added.

The 18 April 1986 Albuquerque, New Mexico Journal tells of the following mystery: Fire Chief Paul Sorensen said Thursday a cloud of gas that sent more than two dozen Roswell residents to the hospital could not be identified because it apparently dispersed within minutes.

He said his officers who arrived in the six-block area of the reported gas cloud could find no evidence of what it was or where it came from.

"The men said it had a smell like tear gas; it was an eye and throat irritant," he said. "But they saw no cloud or smoke or anything."

Twenty-seven people, most of them children, were treated for nausea, breathing difficulties and smarting eyes and throats.

The Sunday Express of London, England, for 9 March 1986 intrigues us with the following account: Police were mystified yesterday over the discovery of a human finger which fell from the sky with a thump on to a car roof in West Berlin. So far, no explanation has emerged.

"Sincerity and logic have this in common: neither need have anything to do with truth."

Theodore Sturgeon

"Most history is just gossip that has grown old gracefully."

Sydney J. Harris