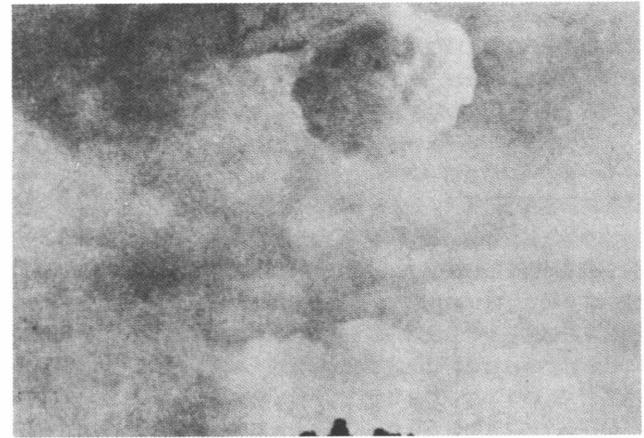
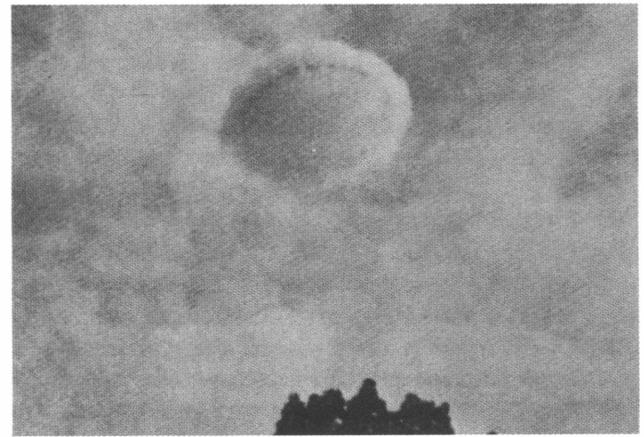
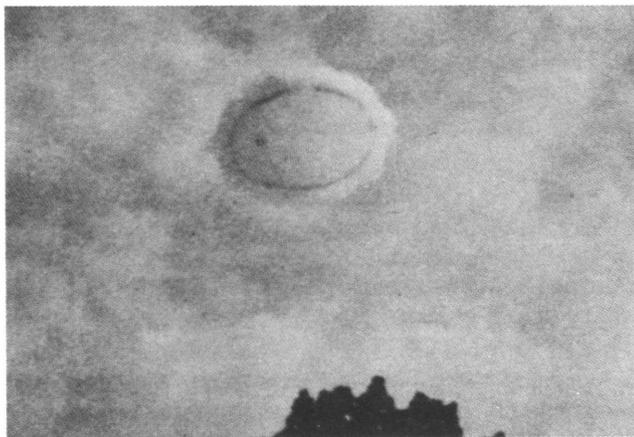
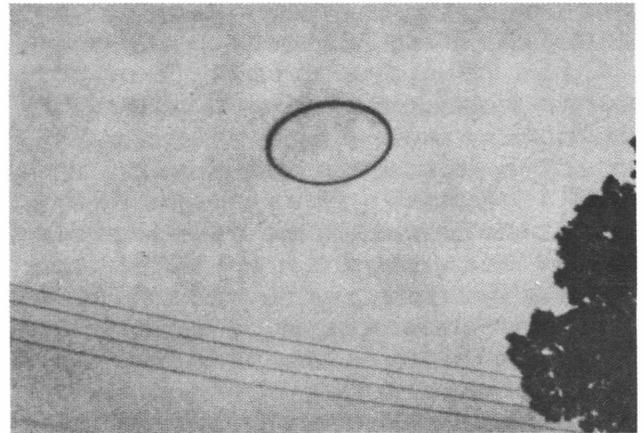
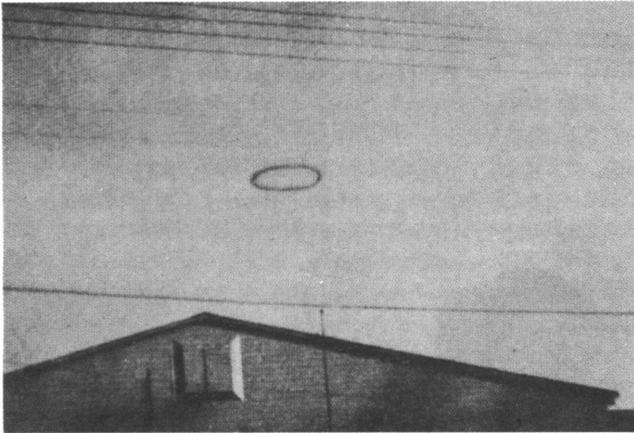


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FROM THE EDITOR
by Allan J. Manak

UFOs that become clouds, or UFOs that turn into clouds is not an idea of fantasy. It's happened quite a few times: In England on Sept. 15, 1963, In New York on April 11, 1964, In France in 1954, Poland in 1952, Argentina in 1952, the old Soviet Union in 1951 and Australia in 1951.

In our featured case (see front cover), the unknown object was photographed six times by an army private stationed at Fort Belvoir, VA. He claims (the army private wishes to remain anonymous) that someone yelled to him while he and six other men were working in the engineers office on Post, to come outside and see this ring-like UFO. It was in September (he could not remember the date) but, it was around the 13th of Sept., 1957.

After a few seconds, with about seven other witnesses, he remembered he had a camera. The camera was in his car parked beside the engineers office. He ran to his car, retrieved his camera (a Brownie 127 Kodak) and took six photographs, in a matter of seconds.

It was nine years before he finally sent them to NICAP, as he feared that the object might be an army secret device.

NICAP in turn sent copies to Dr. James McDonald and Professor Charles A. Maney. How I got copies, is another story.

Professor Maney, after viewing the photographs said, "There is more to it than meets the eye. There are laws of physics yet to be discovered, and in this case, I believe that the human eye and the camera saw only a part of the aerial object."

Oh, and one more thing: the public was told by NICAP that they would investigate and make public all reports of UFOs. This just goes to show you why NICAP was not taken too seriously by the Air Force. It also tells one why they are no longer in business.

UFO RETROSPECTIVE

The following article from the Alameda, California Times-Star of August 10, 1965, is a classic example of how our government has debunked the UFO subject for almost fifty years:

According to Air Force spokesmen two weeks ago, a powerful assortment of police officials, sheriff's deputies and various other individuals, including even some members of the Air Force itself, were suffering a mild form of anomia - the loss of the ability to name an object correctly - as evidenced by their failure to recognize such obviously common things as weather balloons, planets, comets, etc., when they spotted them in the skies over an area of some eight states. They saw the objects plainly enough, of course, but their error lay in terming them unidentified flying

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objects, more commonly called flying saucers.

Just how the Air Force spokesmen were able to tell that the hundreds of reports of UFOs from an area about as large as Free Europe were faulty - and especially how they were able to do it within 24 hours of the time the reports came in - ought to rank as one of the most remarkable examples of lightning-like mass diagnosis of all time.

That is, it ought to if the Air Force spokesmen were actually correct.

However, it now appears that - as countless thousands of well informed persons have suspected for years now - the Air Force spokesmen were wrong. According to a UPI story from Houghton, Mich., this past weekend, personnel at the U.S. Air Force radar base in the Keweenaw Peninsula reported "solid radar contact" with 7 to 10 unidentified flying objects moving in a V formation over Lake Superior. The objects were moving out of the Southwest and were heading North-Northeast at about 9,000 miles an hour, at an elevation ranging from 5,200 to 17,000 feet.

What distinguishes that story from many others involving Air Force personnel during the past several years, is that it was not accompanied by a paragraph or two explaining that the objects had finally been identified as a flight of ducks, comets, balloons or something else equally commonplace.

Why wasn't it?

The most likely reason is that the Air Force spokesmen, whose job it is to explain away the seemingly improbable in terms of the commonplace, have been getting such a workout lately that either they are starting to break down or their superiors are finally coming to the conclusion that they are making the Air Force appear ridiculous.

Of the two, the latter seems more likely. The business of attempting to protect the public from panic - the obvious reason for the Air Force's traditional policy of identifying unidentified flying objects as weather balloons, etc. - is something that cannot be indefinitely sustained, particularly when the source of the presumed potential panic is a mass of peculiar things that persist in flying around where large numbers of persons can see them. To do that is no more possible than it is for panic to be sustained by individuals for more than a few hours at most. It's too exhausting. One can flee a horde of little green men from outer space only so long. Presently one gets tired and decides to do something else, even if it is no more than sitting down.

But whatever the reason may be why the Air Force spokesmen are becoming less vocal, the time is long overdue for the Government to disclose to the public all it knows about the UFOs.

It is generally admitted in the scientific fraternity that Earth is not the only heavenly body to have intelligent life, and since it would be nonsensical to suppose that the inhabitants of other worlds have not already done so.

In other words, it would surprise almost no one today to learn that some UFOs are spacecraft from elsewhere in the solar system or beyond. In fact, it would be even more surprising to learn that they were not. Hence, the only way in which the public interest can be served in this matter is for the Government to disclose what it knows about these phenomena.

UFO BITS AND PIECES

by Allan J. Manak

THE HOLLOW EARTH INSIDER: A subscription magazine by Dennis G. Crenshaw that deals mainly with the hollow earth theory of UFOs, is a magazine

that all true investigators of UFO theories should read. I'm sure you'll enjoy this one. Send to: D.G. Crenshaw, P.O.B 918, Yulee, FL 32097. For a sample copy send Dennis \$3.00. It's well worth it.

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GLOBAL COOLING: The Hubble Space Telescope recently photographed Mars when the planet was nearly totally shrouded by high cirrus clouds. Mars is now cloudier than it has been for years. The reason for this is that the planet's average temperature has fallen by almost 20°C. What little water vapor exists in the atmosphere freezes out into cirrus clouds. Why has Mars cooled so drastically? Because the huge dust storms of the Viking years have mysteriously abated. Now, we have to explain why dust storms no longer envelope the planet. Source: Science Frontiers No. 100, July-August 1995.

NEW TELESCOPE: A joint effort of Mexico and the United States, the Large Millimeter Telescope will be fully steerable and will have the highest sensitivity of any telescope operating at millimeter wavelengths. The 50-meter-diameter scope will be located in Mexico, giving it a good view of both hemispheres. The University of Massachusetts leads the U.S. group and the Instituto Nacional de Astrofisica, Optica y Electronica in Puebla leads the group in Mexico.

Although testing of several sites is underway to determine the best location for the scope, it will sit at an altitude of at least 9,000 feet to get above water vapor in Earth's atmosphere. Water vapor reduces the ability of millimeter scopes to see short-wavelength radiation.

The scope has some novel design concepts. It uses a segmented reflector like the mirror of the 10-meter Keck telescope. An active control system will keep each segment properly aligned as the dish moves. Instead of a metal dome, the scope will have a fabric-covered radome like those housing radars. The radome, which is transparent to millimeter waves, always covers the scope and shields it from wind, making it easier to aim the large dish. Source: Astronomy magazine. Issue August, 1995.

COLLECTORS CORNER: The following magazines are one of a kind, unless otherwise specified. These magazines are extremely rare. Each magazine will be mailed in plastic sheets with backing board for extra protection with the collector in mind. They also come post-free. Here is this issue's list of rare items:

Bob Loftin's Ghost Lights 1962 - photos, 32 pages - \$3.00. True Flying Saucers and Ufo's No. 1, 1976 - many photos - \$6.00. Ray Palmer's Flying saucers No. F-18 Feb. 1961 - IGY UFO photos - \$5.00, No. 70 Sept. 1970 - \$5.00. SBI Report No. 44, 1984 - \$2.00. FSIC Bulletin May 1964 - \$2.00. UFO Daze 1990, 40 pages - \$2.50. Cufos Associate Newsletter Vol. 2, No. 1 - \$3.00, Vol. 2, No. 6 - \$3.00. Phenomena No. 2 June 1968 - \$2.00. Saucer album - Two - \$2.00. Delve No. 5 1990 - \$2.00. UFO Universe July 1990 - \$2.50. Nexus Vol. 2, No. 6 - \$3.00, Vol. 2., No. 16 - \$3.00. Strange Magazine No. 12 - \$4.00. Fate Magazine specials: No. 218 May 1968 Little men from UFOs - \$4.00, No. 227 Feb 1969 - UFOs over N.Y. - \$4.00,

No. 231 June 1969 - Condon report, UFOs over the arctic - \$4.00, No. 246 Sept. 1970 - UFOs over Nebraska - \$4.00, No. 257 Aug. 1971 - \$3.50, No. 261 Dec. 1971 (half back cover missing) - It came out of the sky - \$3.50. This issues science fiction special: Odyssey Magazine Summer 1976 - 84 pages - \$3.50. Hard back books: The Gods And Their Grand Design - \$6.00, The UFO Cover-up - \$6.00 and Secret Places Of The Lion 1958 by G.H. Williamson - only \$7.00. Send to: UAPA-CC Box 347032, Cleveland, OH 44134.

AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD

by Rick R. Hilberg

BOOK REVIEW

UFOs : A Manual For The Millennium by Phil Cousineau, Harper Collins, 258 pp. paperback, ISBN 0-06-258638-6, \$5.99. Before even opening this book one sees on the cover that it was simultaneously published under the title of UFO Secrets Revealed, a move that is confusing, to say the least. Actually, neither title is really descriptive of its contents, as this book is basically an overview aimed at the casual reader new to UFOs.

Cousineau writes in a very straightforward and breezy way, and the book is loaded with much graphic and sidebar material. The only serious flaw with this book is the rather large number of errors regarding dates and times. As an example, the author has the classic Lonnie Zamora Socorro case taking place at night, when in fact it happened in the afternoon.

A little less haste, perhaps, and a bit more research could have made this a good book for the UFO novice.

UFO OR MYSTERY AIRCRAFT IN ALABAMA?

The Clarke County Democrat reported on this June 16th case in its edition of June 22nd:

Did some residents near Walker Springs have a close encounter of a third kind Saturday night or was it just some wayward airplane or helicopter pilot that disturbed the night's peacefulness?

Clay Larrimore, director of the Clarke County Emergency Management Agency, said state officials reported no filed flight plans for any aircraft in the area at that time Saturday night.

But Mrs. Morris Moore knows that something - a UFO since it is an "unidentified flying object" - hovered over their home near the intersection of County Routes 10 and 19 northwest of Walker Springs around 11:20 p.m. making a terrible racket.

"I said, 'Morris, wake up,' what is that noise?" she said.

She said the object had been right over their home when they awoke, making a "suction sound."

"I went out the front door and Morris went out the back," to investigate. By then the object was "across a 40-acre field" but still just above the tree tops.

She couldn't make out a shape but said there was a "round red glowing light" on top of it. She said her husband said once it moved away from their house it didn't make much noise.

"It rattled the dishes and the whole house shook," she said. "The cows even went to bellowing."

She said she didn't know how the UFO moved in so close above their home, given all of the tall trees nearby.

John Waddill is a neighbor. He said he didn't hear anything but it "shook up" his son and daughter-in-law, the Warren Waddills, who live nearby.

Waddill said another neighbor, Arvis Lolley, "thought the thing was going to land in his garden."

Larrimore told Mrs. Moore if anything happens again to report it.

She hopes that won't be necessary though. "I don't know what it was but I hope it never comes back."

MYSTERY LIGHTS VISIT DEL NORTE, COLORADO

Staffer Erin Smith reported on this March 22nd case in the Pueblo Chieftain of March 25th:

The lights on Greenie Mountain, up Rock Creek Canyon southwest of Monte Vista, are back.

Rio Grande County Undersheriff Brian Norton said his office received calls Wednesday night from two people regarding strange lights around the mountain, so he and several others went to check out the situation.

Norton identified the others as another sheriff's deputy, a detention officer, a search and rescue member, a volunteer fireman from Del Norte Fire Department and two Monte Vista police officers.

What they saw from about 11:45 p.m. Wednesday until about 1 a.m. Thursday were three different lights glowing red, blue and white, although not in sequence.

The lights were hovering, stationary and at treetop level, before moving off and vanishing, Norton said.

The three lights separated and were located at three different points of the area, at the southeast corner of Greenie Mountain, near the mountain midway from Rock Creek, and at Bishop Rock, Norton said.

The lights "stood still. They made no noise. We were close enough that if there had been noise, we would have heard it," Norton said.

The undersheriff said at one point the lights were "as bright as a lightning bolt, but would only last as long as a flash on a camera.

"They put out a beam of light lighting up the ground" but it was too dark to see whether there was any shape behind them.

"I won't speculate what they were. I enjoy people calling and reporting them, but I don't know what to do. We have no equipment to track them," Norton said.

There were no reports of downed aircraft and the lights, which Norton described as "like a yard light sitting out there" were not consistent with what is seen on aircraft.

Norton said he thought about calling NORAD as he did when strange blue lights were spotted in the same area in January 1994 but decided there was no point because NORAD "wouldn't tell us anything and they'd deny it's on radar."

LIGHTED UFO SIGHTED IN OREGON

Twenty-three year old Bryan Baquet told his mother not to tell anyone what they had witnessed in the wilderness sky over his parents home between 8:30 and 9:30 on Monday night, March 27.

Bryan lives at Corral Creek Ranch, three miles down the Imnaha River from where his parents live near the confluence of Horse Creek and Imnaha River on the Dug Bar road.

"No one will believe us," Bryan told his mother.

But when Rick Swart and Barbara Kriley of the Wallowa County Chieftain caught up with Diane Baquet on the road to Dug Bar the next day, she'd had second thoughts after discussing the happenings with her husband, Russ, and employer, area rancher Don Hubbard.

"I'm getting old," Mrs. Baquet, 50, told the Chieftain journalists,

"and I don't care if anybody believes me. I know what I saw."

What Bryan and Diane Baquet believe they saw was a hovering alien space craft. At first what they saw looked like a meteor. Then the streaking light stopped over the middle of the river above their place, where it hovered for nearly an hour.

According to The Chieftain account, Mrs. Baquet described the image as a round circle of white light with a column of light rising straight up from the center and two other columns of light extending out of the bottom in a triangular pattern. In addition, she said. the white ball was emitting bars of white towards the ground and around the walls of the canyon, and red, blue and white light from what appeared to be some sort of beacon.

Bryan Baquet said that from a distance the image looked like a saucer but through binoculars it looked "more round above the lights." His mother described the magnified appearance of the image "like a brain... with veins running over the top of it."

"With the reflection from the lights we couldn't see the bottom but could see a round dome, just like an outline, above the lights," Bryan said.

Both Baquets said the image moved from point to point at lightning speed, including right angles, and there was no motor noise associated with the lights.

According to separate accounts from both witnesses, the image darted over a knob on the west side of the Imnaha River referred to by locals as "Crazyman's Point," where it seemed to hover for another five minutes before all signs of light disappeared.

By 11 p.m. the image was gone and Bryan decided to leave for home. Mrs. Baquet said she worried that what they just witnessed might have been an alien spacecraft and that it might follow Bryan's headlights.

As Bryan was leaving, his mother told him, "If they come back and chase you, shut off your lights and crawl under your pickup."

Diane Baquet later described the incident: "It's an eerie feeling, because it's like something you have no control over...you know what you see but your mind doesn't want to accept it." At one point she considered going back into the house and turning off the kerosene lamps but decided that if the object was an alien spacecraft its occupants were already aware of the family's presence. She estimated the object was about the size of a helicopter.

The Chieftain checked with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, who that week had been using a helicopter crew to spot salmon redds on the Imnaha River.

Vic Coggins, ODFW area biologist, said his crew and chopper had been out on Monday morning but had not flown after dark that day. Source: Hells Canyon Journal, Halfway, OR April 5, 1995.

UFO OR STARS OVER WAYNESBORO, PENNSYLVANIA?

Amy Giancoli of the Waynesboro Record-Herald reported on this June 19th case in the paper's June 20th edition:

Did anyone see an unidentified flying object in the sky just after midnight Monday?

Mary Geiger did - and she's wondering what it was.

It was hot and humid, and Geiger had woken up hot and sweaty and decided to sit outside to cool off. The sky was clear and there were a few stars out.

Geiger, 79, of Clayton Ave., was sitting on her porch around midnight when she saw what looked like two headlights and what appeared to

be a tail of lights behind it. It looked strange, she said.

The object didn't look like it was moving, but it was - very slowly. Geiger said she used the downspouting on the corner of her porch as a gauge, and after an hour, the object had moved across part of the sky.

The object also seemed to turn in different directions because it looked different from time to time, as if it were facing west and then facing north. "It would present a different picture in the sky," Geiger explained.

"It looked to me as if it were taking reconnaissance of the area," she said.

Geiger tried to get someone to verify what she was seeing, so she called the police department, hoping they would at least send a squad car by to get a look at it. They told her it probably was a cluster of stars.

Geiger said she knows it wasn't a cluster of stars - one can't detect star movement in the sky.

"I just wanted verification," Geiger said.

She is positive she saw something. It was southeast in the night sky and looked like it may have been over Dulles or Washington International airports. Dulles is only 50 miles away, Geiger said, and 50 miles as the crow flies isn't very far.

The object was about as high as a plane would be, but there were no flashing red lights where the wings or tail would be, she said. The lights were white and steady.

At first, she thought it was a helicopter, the kind that makes traffic reports, but she said a craft like that wouldn't be out at that time of night.

"I was concerned it was a foreign agent doing reconnaissance," she explained.

Geiger said she's not the kind of person who ignored things that go on around her; if she feels it's important, she reports it and follows through.

Geiger doesn't know what she saw. She even concedes it could have been a UFO. "It didn't look like anything I could compare it to," she said. But one thing is certain, Geiger is positive she saw something.

When the police didn't do anything about it, she called the Record Herald later that morning. "I didn't know what else to do," she said.

It bothered her a little that there wasn't a formal report of the object, but she feels better knowing she told someone about it; they can take it from there, she said. Someone else may have seen it, too.

"There was definitely something there, and it was not moving very fast," Geiger said. "I'm not accustomed to seeing strange things."

A spokeswoman for the Washington County Regional Airport in Hagerstown said her description sounds like there might have been something going on at Camp David. "Things can be going on there at any time," the spokeswoman said.

Washington County Airport's tower closes at 10 p.m., she said, and Geiger saw the object around midnight.

Neither the flight center in Leesburg, VA nor Fort Ritchie had any unusual activity overnight Sunday, according to spokesmen.