

I commend the news sources listed herein for disseminating the following accounts of aerial phenomena despite the fact that dissemination of such reports by news services and news medias has been discouraged by a variety of false official statements designed to ridicule and discredit the subject. Robert Gribble, Director, N.I.C.A.P.

UFO BREAKTHROUGH IN SWEDEN--Military authorities have turned over their complete UFO files to the Swedish UFO Research Society. The Swedish government said the UFO's are not hostile; Commander-in-Chief of Sweden's armed forces announced there is no reason for secrecy. Top government official stated openly that it is possible people on other planets may have already solved the problems of space travel. Source: The Little Listening Post--Washington, D.C.--Nov.-Dec., 1962.

ARGENTINA FAVOURITE "REFUELLING" STOP FOR FLYING DISCS--Flying discs have invaded Argentina. Eye-witnesses reported seeing them in several provinces. One theory is that they are manned by strange creatures from outer space engaged in exploring the earth. A woman in La Pampa province was taken to a mental hospital suffering from shock after seeing a robot-like apparition come out of a disc. When he discovered he was being watched, the robot returned to the machine, set it in motion, and disappeared at a tremendous speed. This is the latest of a number of similar reports emanating from different parts of Argentina. In this instance the woman's story is corroborated by her husband who was able to glimpse the disc as it vanished in space. Both are farm workers.

A subsequent inspection of the spot where the disc landed showed the ground flattened and burned as if by a fierce flame. According to the scorched patch of earth the disc must have had a diameter of five metres.

Another report comes from three truck drivers. They were traveling from Bahia Blanca to La Pampa along route 33 when just before dawn they saw a strange luminous object ahead of them. "It looked like a brightly lit railway carriage" one of them said. The object remained on the ground for a minute and took off again, passing over the heads of the astonished drivers at a height of only 70 metres. They discovered there were two discs and not one, as apparently the "railway carriage" split into two parts. Where the discs had alighted the men found traces of a wet, greyish substance. They took it to the naval base at Puerto Belgrano for analysis.

Scientists are still studying photographs taken earlier this week by Miguel Thome in the vicinity of Bahia Blanca. He took several pictures of a flying disc from relatively close quarters and there seems no doubt that he photographed a solid object. Source: Argentina Herald--Buenos Aires, Argentina--5/26/62.

BOOM AND CRATER--OBJECT SEEN BY HUNDREDS--If farmers in the Zeerust area heard a noise like a cannon boom, thunder or a machine-gun rattle at 7:10 p.m. on Sunday the chances are they heard something straight from outer space. For the noise will

almost certainly be that caused by Sunday night's mysterious space object, seen by hundreds in the Transvaal, hitting the earth. The search for the object, described as a 'fluorescent light tube,' has now reached noise level. Mr. Bob Citron, of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Laboratory, today asked farmers in the area around Zeerust, Lobatsi, Gabarones, Silent Valley and Northam, to report any strange noise heard on Sunday night, by telephoning 43-7657.

As the area is 50 square miles a search is still impossible, but one more visual and noise reports are obtained and the area is narrowed down to five square miles, Mr. Citron's party will start a hunt for the crater the space object made. The object, if found soon, may be one of the greatest astrophysical discoveries of the year. Only three or four space objects are found each year and most are collected too late for studies of their radioactive properties. Source: Star--Johannesburg, Union of South Africa--10/12/62.

MYSTERY OBJECT OVER FREE STATE--Theunissen--A shiny object was again seen here yesterday. It was seen in the afternoon, then disappeared. Police said the object was high in the sky and it could not have been a weather balloon because it disappeared suddenly to the west with a white flash. Source: Star--Johannesburg, Union of South Africa--10/20/62.

OFFICIAL PROBE URGED OF MYSTERY OBJECT--RCMP are searching for the landing place of an unidentified flying object that crashed flaming to earth in the Mount Razorback area near Alexis Creek Saturday. Alexis Creek is in the Chilcotin west of Williams Lake. UBC geophysicist Prof. William Slawson said in Vancouver Wednesday, after talking with RCMP and RCAF officers, that the object was probably a meteor. Wing Commander Douglas Biden of Mt. Lolo radar base near Kamloops thought the object was a meteor, but "there's a one percent chance it could be space garbage--station debris from a satellite." He said they recommended a government investigation after reporting it to Air Defense Command Headquarters at St. Hubert, Quebec.

The object was first sighted by Chilcotin area ranchers when it fell to earth with a boom heard for 100 miles. It came to RCAF notice four hours later when it was reported by telephone to Mt. Lolo radar base 300 miles away. Wing Commander Biden said the radar equipment at the base could not pick up signals from objects traveling as fast as a meteor might. Wednesday an RCMP light plane found a charred mountain area while scouting Mt. Razorback of the Niut range, about 100 miles northeast of Mount Waddington. But RCMP said Wednesday at least six persons saw the object and others heard the boom of its landing from Hanceville 20 miles east of Alexis Lake, to the Tupper Lake area, 100 miles west. Mrs. K.A. Telford, a rancher, reported seeing a cone-shaped object flying over her land 10 miles west of Alexis. She said it was wide at the front, tapered and burning at the tail end. She thought it was about the size of a small plane, about a mile up, and said it was moving overhead and westward away from her. Prof. Slawson said he has asked government officials in Ottawa for permission to investigate in a helicopter. New snow fell Wednesday in the Mount Razorback area, to about the 8,000 foot level. Source: Province--Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada--11/8/62.

SEE BRILLIANT METEOR HERE--An unusually brilliant meteor, or falling star, was seen over Des Moines about 7:18 p.m. Tuesday. The fiery trail was seen by at least two airline pilots as they circled the Des Moines airport, by the airport tower personnel and by many householders over a wide area in the city. All said they saw it in the

southwest and that it appeared to be going a little west of south. The meteor was visible for about 2 seconds and faded into darkness just above the horizon, the reports said. The fireball also was seen elsewhere. An airline pilot reported he saw it from about 10 miles north of Kansas City, Mo. Another pilot saw it at 7:19 p.m. from south of Norfolk, Nebraska. He described it as greenish and said it was visible for about 5 seconds.

An unusual feature of the meteor was that it apparently left a visible trail after it had faded. Prof. Philip S. Riggs, head of the Drake University astronomy department, said that it is probable that this was a dust trail made visible by the full moon shining through thin cirrus clouds. Those who saw the "star" described it as a bright white light, much brighter than falling stars usually seen. It had a long blue-white trail that faded into red at the end. One of those who saw the meteor here, W.H. Cateron, of 3220 E. Douglas ave., said the head seemed to explode into a "small Fourth of July flare" just before it reached the horizon. Some of those reporting the sight wondered if it might be the same remains of an artificial satellite re-entering the atmosphere. Source: Register--Des Moines, Iowa--11/14/62.

BRILLIANT FLASH OF LIGHT EXPLODES EAST OF WICHITA--Law enforcement agencies from Wichita westward to the Dodge City area received reports Tuesday evening of a brilliant flash of light in the sky. Kansas Turnpike dispatchers at Wichita received a number of reports from motorists south of Wellington. Another report was received from a man who said only that he was south of Wichita. The Kansas Highway Patrol dispatcher at Valley Center had reports of sightings from the Greensburg and Kinsley areas east of Dodge City. Several patrol troopers were sent on a search of the area after an explosion in the air was reported. Jack Krebs, 8026 Lynwood, said it was the "damnedest thing I ever saw" and placed the flash between Kingman and Wichita. "I would have to bet you it wasn't around Greensburg or Dodge City. We (Krebs and Ted Wolthmath, were three miles north and five miles west of Harper, Kan., driving east.) The flash--we noticed it through the windshield--occurred about north-northeast to northeast from where we were. This puts it east of Kingman," Krebs said.

He estimated the flash was about 30 to 40 degrees above the horizon and lasted three to five seconds. He said he thought the time was about 7:30 p.m. "We noted it was a blue flash, not traveling in a line like a meteor, but like an explosion and moving in two directions perpendicular to our line of vision. We looked up and it was gone," Krebs said. The police department and weather bureau at Dodge City had no calls, indicating that the trail ended east of there. Reporting citizens variously described the flash in the sky as lightning in the cloudless sky, a ball of fire, an explosion and a meteor. The U.S. Weather Bureau office at Wichita had no information on the reports. Observers in the control tower at Wichita Municipal Airport provided the best description here. They said it appeared to be a meteor with a long, brilliant tail. A tower operator said it passed over Wichita from east to west in no more than two seconds. But the brilliant tail of the meteor illuminated the area for three or four seconds behind the flaming object. He described the tail as candescent or illuminated. Source: Eagle--Wichita, Kansas--11/14/62.

SKY OBJECT, SHOCK WAVE POSE PUZZLE--Mysterious shock waves were reported in a wide area of metropolitan San Diego last night at about the same time a fiery object flashed over the western skies. The sheriff's office said it received several telephone calls from Spring Valley area residents beginning at 10:54 p.m. The callers

reported hearing their doors and windows rattling. Most thought at first the sounds were caused by prowlers, deputies said. "But we realized it was something like a sonic boom when all the calls came at about the same time from the same area," a deputy said. The shock waves also were reported from San Ysidro to El Cajon.

A Chula Vista police officer and a Del Mar resident reported seeing a fiery object in the clear night sky. Mrs. John Brown of Sun Valley Road, Del Mar, said she was driving home along Border Road between 10 and 11 last night when she saw a glowing, disc-shaped object that appeared to hang over the hills above the San Diego River bed. Chula Vista Patrolman Ralph G. Breitsch said he saw a fiery tailed object cross the southern sky from east to west and then plunge seaward. The Navy and the Air Force said they had no unusual flight activities in the San Diego area last night. Source: Tribune--San Diego, California--11/16/62.

STRANGE LIGHT ON BOLT. MT. PUZZLES MAN--Ralph Wild, out Coyote Creek way, reported seeing an unusually bright object Thursday evening about 7:15 and when first sighted, on the south slope of Bolt Mountain, was so brilliant, Wild said he could "see the tree trunks as plain as day." It was first thought by the observers, that someone was spotlighting deer, but it soon became apparent that the light was moving too fast to be carried by a person walking. As Wild watched, the "thing" kept going higher and higher on the mountain and when it reached the top, it "sailed quite a distance in the sky, then would zig-zag back and forth, go straight for a while, then start the zig-zag pattern again, until we got tired of watching it." Source: Courier--Grants Pass, Oregon--11/24/62.

OAKLAND MAN REPORTS SIGHTING FLYING OBJECT--A brilliant flying object, alternately fading and brightening, was spotted at 9:10 p.m. last Sunday night by Charles Lill, Oakland. Lill, who reported the occurrence to Evening News science writer Philip J. Del Vecchio, said that the sighting also was witnessed by his wife Beatrice and her mother Mrs. Fred Vanderpool. The Oakland man said the object looking larger than any star first appeared in the northeast and traveled toward the southeast under an overcast sky. Lill said he followed it for about three minutes until it was obscured by trees. The colors changed from orange to red to blue as the object moved south-eastward. Del Vecchio said that from the direction pointed out by Lill the object might have been the one sighted over Hawthorne several times. He would not speculate on the nature of the object.

Paterson Patrolman Patsy Affinito reportedly saw an unidentified flying object over City Hall late Saturday night. The patrolman was answering a call from James Colior who reported he had seen a shiny object in the sky near his home. Affinito said he could not see any such object in the sky in that area, but said that he later saw an object flying over City Hall. Source: News--Patterson, New Jersey--11/27/62.

POLICE HUNT FOR 'OBJECT' FROM SKY--State Police were checking a field east of Webberville Tuesday for traces of a mysterious object reported to them Monday night by a Lansing man. Martin Ross called troopers about 10:40 p.m. to report a burning flash and a streak in the sky a mile east of Webberville. Ross said the "ball of fire" appeared to crash to the ground about 200 yards south of U.S. 16, with numerous sparks flying in all directions. He added that there was considerable static on his car radio at the same time. Troopers and Ross searched the area Monday night but found nothing. Officers were back on the scene again today. Source: State Journal--Lansing, Michigan--11/27/62.

TWIN CITIES SIGHT PROBABLE METEOR--Twin Cities residents reported sighting a fiery object in the northwestern sky at about 5:25 p.m. Friday. Most of those who saw it thought it looked like an orange or green ball of flame that burned out rapidly. Airport officials said that "from what information we have received it sounds like a meteor." Source: Tribune--Minneapolis, Minnesota--12/1/62.

FIERY BALL, 'PROBABLY METEOR'--Dozens of St. Paulites spotted an unusual "flaming green ball" with an orange tail which flashed across the city at 5:25 p.m. Friday. The weather bureau station at Wold-Chamberlain field said the object probably was a meteor. The Federal Aviation Agency flight service office, also at Wold, said no unusual flights of aircraft or rockets were scheduled at 5:25 p.m. Friday. Whatever it was, the object went very fast and appeared to be about half the size of the moon. It was sighted in the northwest part of the sky, headed west. Source: Pioneer Press--St. Paul, Minnesota--12/1/62.

BRIGHT OBJECT IN SKY SEEN, NOT EXPLAINED--A bright object which changed from blue to fiery red, then seemed to explode, was sighted this morning between 1 and 5 o'clock by Mrs. Mildred Shannon of Carroll Twp. A U.S. Air Force officer at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport base said his office had received similar reports. He said that neither the Allegheny tower nor the Pittsburgh tower spotted any such object during the night. He added that they should have been able to see it since visibility was unlimited last night. The officer speculated that it might have been some sort of phenomena resulting from light shining on clouds of smoke from the plants in the area. Source: The Valley Independent--Monessen, Penn.--11/30/62.

LEAD RESIDENTS SIGHT RED 'STAR'--A bright red star was seen by several Lead residents early Saturday morning as it coursed its way in a southeasterly direction over the city. The strange object was first sighted by Mrs. Agnes Quam about 7 a.m., who watched it for 20 minutes before calling Police Chief Art Rasmussen. Rasmussen drove up onto Skyline drive where he also saw the unidentified object. The police chief said that it seemed to be about the size of a star and traveling very high. It was not blinking like a star, but a solid red object, he said, after watching it for several minutes. A group of children who gathered also saw the object, Rasmussen reported. The incident was reported to the Ellsworth Air Force Base and Civil Defense headquarters in Rapid City but they had received no other reports, the police chief said. Source: Daily Call--Lead, South Dakota--12/1/62.

'SKY FIRES' SIGHTED OVER CITY--Erie residents joined residents from Akron, Ohio to Syracuse, N.Y. in speculation about the flashes of fire seen in the sky about 8:45 p.m. Sunday. Erie Coastguardmen searched the Lake Erie area for a plane reported down by one who told them he was certain he saw a plane engulfed in flames plunge into the lake. Control tower personnel at Port Erie Airport said they had no reports of any plane missing in the area. They said they received reports from Akron; Youngsville, Pa.; Erie; Olean, N.Y.; Jamestown, N.Y. and other points, all within minutes of each other, of flashes of fire seen in the sky moving from the southwest to the north. The Erie Weather Bureau offered no explanation for the phenomena. They said they had no knowledge of any meteors or comets being visible in the night sky.

A source said the sky fires may be scientific tests conducted by the Air Force to test atmospheric conditions with the use of flares. A Coast Guard spokesman said he doubted the Air Force atmospheric testing theory was valid because such testing

procedures would require that all federal agencies concerned be notified in advance. A report was received from the Hanover, N.Y. police chief that one of his patrolmen saw a blue object flashing red sparks disappear into Lake Erie near Silver Creek. He said at least two other witnesses reported the same sight. The Coast Guard Cutter Objiva out of Buffalo was searching the area from Silver Creek to Dunkirk for the mysterious object. In the morning planes throughout the area are expected to initiate a search for what may be a downed plane although no planes have been reported missing. Source: News--Erie, Penn.--12/3/62.

FIERY FALLING OBJECT CLIMAX DAY OF SUN, FOG--Skywatchers had quite a day Sunday as a fiery falling object climaxed a remarkable few hours during which bright autumnal sunlight was succeeded by a dense fog bank which moved in off Lake Erie to blanket the Lake Erie plain. The falling object, first thought to be a burning aircraft or debris from an old space vehicle, was later tentatively identified as a large meteor. It was reported at 8:41 p.m., by town of Hanover police, who said "a strange blue light" appeared to move from south to north and crash into Lake Erie west of Silver Creek. At the same time, Robert Altweis, Town of Dunkirk, reported he got a north, northwest compass bearing on the object from his home a quarter-mile east of the city line. Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon Machamer, of Hanford Bay, east of Silver Creek, took a compass bearing of 30 degrees west of north.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carlson, Fredonia, said they were driving north near Cattaraugus when they saw the object north, northwest from their position. When first seen, it had what looked like a fiery tail. Then the tail disappeared, leaving a bluish-green ball that disappeared on the northern horizon. Adelbert Slocum, of Kenmore, from his car at the intersection of Route 20 and 77, said he had a good view of the object and was quite certain it was a meteor. Source: Observer--Dunkirk, New York--12/3/62.

HAMILTON FIRE BALL LIKE METEOR--Hamilton--A ball of flame resembling a meteor was seen crashing near the Dundas marsh last night. It is believed to be the same one sighted by U.S. residents near Dunkirk, N.Y., which triggered a fruitless U.S. Coast Guard search of Lake Erie. Mr. & Mrs. Earl Wardell were visiting Mr. & Mrs. Donald Trice in Hamilton when Mr. Wardell spotted "a ball of flame. I couldn't believe it at first," he said. "It looked like stars were shooting out of the tail. It disappeared over the horizon near the Dundas marsh." Source: Star--Toronto, Ontario, Canada--12/3/62.

NO TRACE OF PLANE AFTER CRASH REPORT--Taberg--A helicopter and a ground search party combed a wooded area about nine miles northeast of here early today after reports of a plane crash were received by Taberg volunteer firemen. Taberg and Lee Center firemen searched the Empyville area after: 1. Ralph Mattson, of Tompkins Corners Road, said he saw lights falling into the woods. 2. Mr. & Mrs. Alton Selden, of Empyville, said they heard an explosion. But there were no further reports of lights--and no fires were seen in the woods. Source: Press--Utica, New York--12/3/62.

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