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REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA AND POSSIBLE RELATED INCIDENTS

TOWN COUNCILLOR REPORTS MYSTERIOUS FLYING OBJECT--A 64-year-old town councillor claims he saw a flying object over Lanarkshire on the day six people saw a strange object flying above Edinburgh. About the same time a number of mysterious spider-shaped craters was discovered in various parts of the country. He is Councillor John Gallagher, Coatbridge, and was on duty at Whiffet North Junction signal-box last Thursday (July 25). He said last night: "A plane heading towards Renfrew attracted my attention. Just as it was disappearing the flying object came into view. It hovered about 100 feet above the centre of the town, then moved round to the north side, over the parish church." But when Mr. Gallagher, a father of eight, looked away for a few seconds to attend to a passing train, the object vanished. He said: "It must have had tremendous speed to disappear so quickly. I told only my family about it at first because I was afraid I'd be ridiculed. I never believed in such things before, but now I'm thoroughly convinced flying objects exist." Mr. Gallagher's description of the object tallied with that given by Edinburgh observers. He also logged its appearance--it came over Coatbridge at 9:45 a.m. and had disappeared at 9:56. Source: Daily Mail--London, England--8/1/63.

FLYING OBJECT OBSERVED THROUGH TELESCOPE--What was the object that hung for two hours in the sky over Gillingham on Wednesday night (July 31)? Eye witnesses described the unidentified flying object as "V-shaped--shining in the sunlight," or "like a triangle with a red glow at the bottom." Said a man who was walking down Franklin Road at about 8:30 p.m.: "I saw this thing high in the sky, travelling north to south slowly, then it went straight up, like. It was in the shape of a 'V' and shone in the sun." Another man who saw the thing was 24-year-old Mr. David Bird. He claimed the object remained still for two hours very high up from around 7:30 p.m. "I looked out of the window and saw some jetstreams and this thing in the sky. It was like a shining white light," said Mr. Bird. With the aid of some opera glasses he could see a red glow on the bottom. "I have never seen anything like it," he continued. "All the neighbors were out looking at it. It went from a 'V' to a circular shape while it hung in the air."

Mr. Bird's brother thought it resembled a triangle, however. Said Mr. Bird: "I dare say there are other people on other planets looking at us, and those triangles in Dorset make you think." Was the object a weather balloon which can reach tremendous heights and form unusual shapes? Mr. Bird discounted this on the grounds that this object remained stationary for such a long time. Viewing it through his 60-power telescope at Pump Lane, Rainham, was Mr. Cyril Shead, who described it as "like an old-fashioned humbug." He thought it might have been eight to ten thousand feet up, and seemed to be made of a shiny plastic, although with the eye it resembled a plane glinting in the sun. Source: Chatham, Rochester and Gillingham News--Gillingham, Kent, England--8/2/63

STORY OF ANOTHER LIGHT IN THE SKY--Harold and Roberta Flexter, of Cisne, wrote the Press the following account of their experience with a light in the sky. They gave no date, but it is presumed to be last week. "My husband, Harold Flexter, 28, and I, Roberta Flexter, 20, were at the farm house watching a cow that was to have a calf. We were waiting in the field sitting in our truck with the lights on and I saw this light coming up from behind some trees and it went real high in the sky and then it just hovered there. At first Harold and I did not think much about it because we were worried about the cow. I would glance at it once in a while and it was still there. It looked like a great big light. We thought it might be a star but Harold said it was too big for a star so we watched it for about 45 minutes. In the meantime the cow had moved so we started the motor and was moving when the light began to move; I told Harold to stop and turn the lights and motor off. That light was moving real fast and did not make any noise. If it did, we did not hear it. I could see the form of it as it went overhead. When I first saw it, it was a big light and when it moved overhead it looked like a kite-shaped object. There was a big light on the front and on the back was a red light which was smaller. Like I said it went real fast and after it passed us overhead it looked like the red light was closer to the big light. It faded away and then we had to get the vet for the cow. She had a dead calf. The vet said it was coming too soon. We did not know what to think of it..." Source: The Press--Fairfield, Illinois--8/12/63.

MORE LIGHTS IN WAYNE COUNTY--Fairfield, Ill. (AP)--Unexplained lights danced in the night skies over Wayne County Wednesday for the second time this week. Authorities said residents east and west of Fairfield reported seeing two bright lights, one described as kite-shaped with a comet-like tail. Both lights, they said, traveled rapidly across the skies. One of them dimmed temporarily. A Keenes family reported Monday having watched a crescent-shaped light accompanied by a motor-like noise. Officials said the lights might be beacons on aircraft. Source: The Register-News--Mt. Vernon, Illinois--8/8/63.

TOP-SHAPED OBJECT SIGHTED OVER EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND--Another unidentified flying object has been sighted in Edinburgh. At 4 a.m. today 16-year-old Robert Brown, a vanboy with Smith's Bakeries at Hawkhill, saw an aircraft "shaped like a spinning top with a flat bottom" hovering over the city. "I heard a 'wheeing' noise and it was in my vision for two or three minutes. It was twice the size of an aeroplane, but was travelling very slowly," said Robert. He added: "It was silver and shiny and flying quite low. It took off, climbing in the direction of Arthur's Seat." Source: The Evening Dispatch--Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland--8/6/63.

LIGHT-IN-THE-SKY STORY GAINS MOMENTUM HERE; ANOTHER STRANGE OBJECT IS SEEN--Army Intelligence Man Due In Fairfield To Study Case--Story Given Big Play--The "light in the sky" story is gaining momentum! Score of people saw an unusual object in the eastern sky here Wednesday night about 9 o'clock. Descriptions of how it looked seem to vary with the location from which it was viewed. Perhaps getting the best view of the phenomenon was Chauncey Uphoff, who operates a farm on highway 15 four miles east of Fairfield and his guest that evening, Mike Hill, operator of the Hill cleaning plant here. Said Mr. Uphoff, "Mike and I were sitting in the yard talking and we hadn't had a drop to drink," Mr. Uphoff noted jokingly. "And all of a sudden Mike said, 'Did you turn your porch light on...look at that up there...it looks like a big diamond.' I quickly saw it...it was moving from the west, along over the railroad track to the east. Never saw anything like it before. I ran inside and called the police station. When I got back, Mike said, 'Look there, here comes something else...it's a jet plane.' And sure enough, there was another object but it didn't have blinker lights like a jet. Anyway, the diamond object suddenly swung

and toward the jet plane object and as it neared the plane, or whatever it was, lights on the diamond object went out. After the plane passed, there it was again. And then the light changed to a different glow and she swooped around towards us with lightning like speed and at this point looked like a kite with a long tail. Quickly it circled back to the south and seemed to hover right there in the heavens at about a 45 degree angle over what would be the village of Merriam. Finally it disappeared down toward Grayville. It was big and it was bright. It looked like it might be a thousand or more feet up. It made no sound whatever."

Continued Mr. Uphoff, "Now Mike and I weren't born yesterday...we're not getting all excited about this flying object business, but for darn sure we saw this sight in the sky...it wasn't an airplane or anything like that, but we don't know what it was. Anyway we sure didn't just imagine it." Mr. Hill noted that Mr. Uphoff's dogs went into barking spasms several times while all this was happening. He remarked that it's unusual for Mr. Uphoff's dogs to do much barking but last night he had to quiet them two or three times. This might tie in with a report following the incident near Keenes Sunday night when Ronnie Austin, 18, was chased home by a big, bright object in the sky. After that neighbors there reported how their dogs had barked so that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Padgett told a Press reporter of seeing a strange light in the sky as they drove home from Cisne at about 9 o'clock Wednesday evening. "It looked the size of a large ball, of brilliant light, with slight orangy cast, and it had light antennas or projections sticking out," Mrs. Padgett said. It moved, however, from the east and by the time the Padgetts got to Geff it was up over their car. Then it disappeared. As to what it looked like, Mrs. Padgett suggested drawing a round sun, then adding light beams sticking out from that sun. Butch Musgrave and a Brame boy from the Boyleston area reported to Deputy Sheriff Lee sighting a lighted object, four to five times the size of a star, going from east to west and "really moving." This was about 9 p.m. too. Also from the Boyleston area, a group of seven or eight persons, including Raymond L. Owen, at about dusk sighted a big bright light--"as big as a desk"--speeding across the sky. It was going west to east. What was it? "I don't know," Mr. Owen told the Press.

Meanwhile at their home north of Keenes, the Orval Austin family remains steadfast in the story of what they witnessed Sunday night. The Press was unable to reach Mr. and Mrs. Austin, or son Ronnie Thursday (today), but it did interview Mr. Austin's mother and father, who live nearby, Mr. and Mrs. Ebbie Austin. When told by the reporter that their son, Orval had been quoted Tuesday as saying what he saw was nothing more than the morning star, the mother said, "I don't know where you got that. Orval was here last night talking about it. His father told him that he wished that he'd been called...that he didn't think it would have scared him." Then she quoted her son as replying, "Oh, yes it would...it did look horrible." Source: The Press--Fairfield, Illinois--8/8/63.

FLYING OBJECTS OVER KING CITY--"FIREBALL" HOVERS OVER EX-MT. V. MAYOR'S HOME--A fireball as big as a washtub hovered over the home of a former Mt. Vernon mayor last night. More flying object reports poured into both the police station and sheriff's office during the night as numerous people reported "strange lighted objects in the sky." Harry L. Bishop, former mayor who lives at the north edge of town on the Centralia Road, said the fireball he saw "coming right down the Central Road from the north" was "the brightest red light I have ever seen. It appeared to be only about 300 or 400 feet high, was oval shaped and was about the size of a washtub," said Bishop. The ex-mayor said his wife saw the fireball first and called him about 10:10 p.m. "I could hardly believe my eyes," he said. "I first saw the lighted object

following the route of the Centralia Road," he said. "When it got over my house, it stopped and I could see it very clearly. Although it was bright red, it did not light up the neighborhood." Bishop said the fireball then moved westward, went out of sight for a moment "like somebody had turned the light off." He said it then reappeared in the west and seemed to be traveling at a high rate of speed. It seemed to be making a light whirring sound," he said. "I thought those people at Fairfield were crazy when I read about the strange things they have been seeing in the sky," said Bishop, "but I've changed my mind after last night. (Many lights in the sky have been reported in the Fairfield area.) His first thought, he said, was that he had better call some neighbors to watch the fireball "or everyone would think I was crazy. I called neighbors and they also watched the strange lighted object," he said. "I noticed a car coming down the Centralia Road. It stopped suddenly and the driver jumped out and looked upwards. He saw the object, too, and it startled him to a stop." Bishop estimated that the fireball was in sight for from ten to 15 minutes. Many other residents reported seeing a strange light in the western sky and one resident of east Mt. Vernon said he saw two lights moving across the sky at the same time. Source: Register-News--Mt. Vernon, Illinois--8/10/63.

FLYING OBJECT OR LIGHT? THIS TRIO SAW IT--Have those mystery lights which have been plaguing the residents of Fairfield, Ill., and Wayne County moved to Evansville? At least three Evansville residents believe so. Rozetta Galloway, 15, said she was sitting with her aunt, Mrs. Walter Weibert and Mrs. Weibert's child in a car on Bromm Road four miles north of Evansville Saturday night when they saw an unusual light circling the car. "It stayed there maybe four or five minutes. It was white, and it reminded me of a flashlight but it was bigger than anything I ever saw and it was so high in the air," she said. Walter Weibert said his wife tried the lights and ignition in the car four or five times, but nothing would work. He said his wife told him that the younger girl screamed and hid on the floor. She said dogs were barking "all over the place." "When I looked up, I saw the light disappearing and then the car worked okay," Rozeeta Galloway said. Weibert said they had driven to the Broom Road address to pick up some fishing gear from a cousin. He was at the house and did not see the lights. Source: Sunday Courier & Press--Evansville, Indiana--8/11/63.

AND STILL THEY COME--The stories continue this week of new sightings of strange lights in Wayne county skies. About 1:30 Tuesday morning, Marvin Howard of Mt. Erie, saw a bright light in the sky and awakened his wife, Mary. Shortly after 11:30 Tuesday evening, Mrs. Virgil McKinney, east of Mt. Erie, telephoned the Fairfield Police Department to report a light in the sky "three or four times the size of a star." Also on Tuesday evening, about 10:20, Mrs. Henry Linder saw a low-flying object in the sky, which seemed to skim down to tree-top level. "It was egg-shaped, seemed about three foot long and it lighted up a tree between my home and Route 45 like a Christmas tree," Mrs. Linder told the Press. Source: The Press--Fairfield, Illinois--8/15/63.

MYSTERIOUS LIGHT BACK IN AREA?--The mysterious light evidently has returned to the Evansville area. Seven Evansville residents Tuesday night reported seeing the strange light or lights and have been reported throughout southern Indiana and Illinois. Mrs. Charles Martin saw a "big light which traveled at a tremendous rate of speed, slowed down and speeded up again, at about 10:30 p.m." She said the light seemed to get higher and smaller, and as it went away it got a reddish tinge. Mrs. Martin said she showed the light to her daughters, Beverly Jo, Shirley Jean, and Dona, and to a friend of Donna's, Dave Marshall. Marshall, a 19-year-old I.U. sophomore, said the light

ed northwest, away from the city. He also said the light slowed down and then ed up. On his way home Marshall said he saw the light again, at about 11 p.m., this time hovering over a field on Mill Road between St. Joseph Avenue and Kratzville Road. He said that it was about 500 feet above the field and looked like an orange kite 3 or 4 feet in diameter. The light moved away at a high rate of speed. Source: The Courier--Evansville, Indiana--8/14/63.

AERIAL EXPLOSIONS HIT LOS ANGELES AREA--Two aerial explosions hit the Los Angeles area last night and flooded police switchboards with inquiries, officers reported today. The first explosion--at about 5:30 p.m.--was relatively mild, but the second, at 8:57 p.m., was heavy enough to set off buglar alarms across the city. Source: The Herald-Examiner--Los Angeles, California--8/14/63.

ENGLAND'S BLACK COUNTRY REPORTS MORE FLYING OBJECTS--Two well-authenticated viewings of the Black Country's special unidentified flying object with a dangling tail have been reported to the Express and Star today, one of them by a man who confessed he had always been sceptical about such stories. First sighting report came from Mr. S.J. Day, who was in his garden at about 10:26 p.m. last night armed with binoculars. He was looking towards the east when he saw "a bright, pear shaped white light, blue at the bottom, which appeared to be dropping other white lights. I counted eleven of these lights dropping off the bottom, and of the eleven five were double lights." He described the light as brighter than any star. It moved towards the south, maintained an even altitude (although he could not guess what the altitude was) and seemed to disappear as quickly as it came into his sight. Mr. Day said he saw the object for out one and a half minutes. It then disappeared for half a minute, but came back into sight with a bright flash, and about three and one half minutes after the first sighting there was a dull bang in the sky.

The second sighting was reported by Mr. J. Challenger, of Gibbons Hill Road, Sedgley, a Wolverhampton bus inspector, who said: "I have always treated these stories with a certain amount of suspicion." Mr. Challenger was walking from the main Wolverhampton-Sedgley road towards his home with a family party at 10:24 p.m. last night when he saw in the sky to the south-east a large white light; "much larger than a star" underneath a lot of low cloud. According to Mr. Challenger, the light was stationary, but this light, too, appeared to drop other smaller lights. When he got home his twelve-year-old daughter told him she had seen something similar on Saturday night. Can anyone suggest an explanation of this phenomena? Is someone flying a luminous kite? Walsall police also received two reports of an unidentified object, showing an orange light, hovering over Birchills power station and Ocker Hill, Tipton. One report came from Mrs. Kathleen Edwards, Walsall, whose family was motoring home from Sedgley, and the other from Mr. Raymond Laban, Walsall, who saw an object over the power station.

Yet another sighting report of the same object came later from Mr. A. Orme, Moxley, who, just about 10:30 p.m. yesterday, was riding a motor cycle from Moxley roundabout, towards Darlaston, when the object attracted his attention to his right. He stopped. Mr. Orme described the object as "like a flare in the sky. At first I thought it was a rocket or a firework," he said. Looking to his right "...over towards Wessons and the isolation hospital," the light was orange and seemed about a mile away. There was no sound and, said Mr. Orme, it was definitely not an aircraft. He described the behaviour of subsidiary lights underneath much as other witnesses have done, but said they went "up and down" underneath the main light. Some of them, he went on, went above the main light for about the same distance as they went below it. At one time there were as many as three subsidiary lights visible. The whole performance, Mr. Orme said, lasted about three minutes. Source: The Express and Star--Wolverhampton, Stafford, England--8/13/63.

MORE REPORT MYSTERIOUS LIGHT, BUT EXPERTS SAY IT'S 'AIRCRAFT'--By Janice Perkins--
At least seven Evansville people saw the "mystery light" again Wednesday night, but air, weather, and astronomy experts here are inclined to think the sightings have been aircraft...The first sighting of the mystery light Wednesday night was reported by Mrs. Louis B. Richardt whose three sons, Mike, 14, Mark, 13, and Jeff, 10, saw the light while sitting in the front yard, awaiting company. Mike, who spotted it first, said it reminded him of comets he's studied about in school science classes, but "it was traveling so fast, moving up." The youths said the light darted behind a small cloud and never came out. They described it as yellowish in color, very bright, and four times as big as a star. Mrs. Richardt said the family's television set "went wackey" about the same time, that the picture suddenly began zig zagging, then started rolling and just as suddenly cleared up. A short time later, Mrs. Margaret Monroe called to ask just what "those lights are everyone has been seeing." She said she and her children, David, 13, and Rosanna, 12, and a neighbor youth, Jimmy Browning, 19, had seen a light about 9 p.m. She described it as the size of a table saucer, white, and moving very fast, disappearing within seconds behind trees. She said Browning and her son got into Browning's car to follow it down the street, but when they found it again, it had "dimmed, turned green and came right at them." They turned around and sped away, they told Mrs. Monroe. Source: The Courier--Evansville, Indiana--8/15/63.

TIMES RECEIVES MORE REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS--David and Michael Saunders of Ft. Kent looked up from their play about dusk to see a silver disc glide through the sky from north to south. This is the second recent sighting of an unidentified flying object in the Valley. They called their mother and grandmother from the house, but by the time the adults arrived, the object had disappeared over the hill. The boys, aged nine and eight, are sons of David Saunders of the Immigration Service in Ft. Kent. They saw the object while playing outside their home on the Frenchville Road on Sunday, August 18, 1963. Their father was away at work at the time. He said that he paid little attention to the story until he saw an item in last week's Times reporting a similar incident and asking for reports of other sightings. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders agree that their boys are not inclined to make up stories. "Especially the older one," Saunders said; "I've learned from experience that when he says he saw something, he saw it." The boys said the object hummed intermittently as it passed, something like a radio which isn't working very well being turned on and off. The object was shaped like two dinner plates stacked with their tops together. It was flying very low, they said; when it passed over the hill, it just cleared the trees. They said that they are familiar with the appearance of airplanes. "It didn't have a tail like a helicopter," David said. "It didn't have propellers or wings," Michael said. "It was going too slow to be a plane." They judged that it must have crossed the river on its way south. Their father said that this is strange since aircraft are not supposed to cross the border.

Lieutenant Rice of the Public Information Office at Loring Air Force Base said that experimental aircraft, whether American or Canadian, would be very unlikely to cross the international border. Thus the explanation that the object was the product of some Air Force experiment becomes unlikely. The first sighting of an unidentified flying object in the Valley occurred at 3:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, about 40 hours before the boys in Ft. Kent saw something. A lone hiker stopped to rest at a road junction about two miles north of Cyr mountain on the road from Birch Point to St. David. Looking toward the sky south, he saw an object moving slowly toward the northwest. The object seemed oval-shaped. It gave off a yellow light, the same color light as the moon. The observer could not determine the altitude, but it seemed to be as high as the orbit of one of the man-made satellites he saw a couple of years ago. It moved along an extremely irregular course making frequent turns as sharp as

hundred degrees or more. No airplane could make such turns. The speed was hard to determine due to the uncertainty about distance. It appeared to be moving slowly. The observer watched it for about fifteen minutes during which time it moved from the vicinity of the planet Saturn to the vicinity of the constellation Orion. The Times ran a notice about this sighting in last week's issue. But this notice could not have spurred the imaginations of the Boys in Ft. Kent, because it was not printed until four days after they had seen their object. If it's not any kind of conventional aircraft, if it is not an Air Force experimental craft, then... Source: St. John Valley Times--St. John, Maine--8/29/63.

FLAMING OBJECT IN N.-W. SKY--Wyndham, Tues: A silver object trailing flames was seen in the sky over the Ord River and Turner River stations, 150 miles south of here, today. The sightings were preceded by a loud high-altitude explosion which shook station buildings and alarmed native residents. The Darwin Department of Civil Aviation declared an emergency until all aircraft in the area were accounted for. A D.C.A. spokesman in Perth said the Darwin emergency message was received at 9:13 a.m. No explanation could be given for the sightings. There were no firings from Woomera last night but Canberra bombers were reported to be in the Kimberley area. Source: West Australian--Perth, West Australia, Australia--8/21/63.

HUGE FLYING OBJECT REPORTED OVER SOUTH WALES; ENGLAND--Still wondering whether he could believe his eyes, Swansea bank manager, Mr. W.D. Evans, told me today of the mysterious object he saw in the sky off Llangland soon after midnight. "As large as a double-decker bus, shaped like a jellyfish, and emitting a red-orange pulsating light, it travelled silently from east to west on a steady course between 40 m.p.h. and 60 m.p.h. at between 2,000 and 3,000 feet," he said. And, smilingly, he added: "I had not been drinking. It was a fantastic experience. Looking back on it now, I find it very hard to believe it happened. It was extraordinarily eerie." So convinced was Mr. Evans, an ex-R.A.F. operations control officer that what he had witnessed for a full minute-and-a-half was unearthly, that he rang Swansea police and gave them a full description. He called out near neighbour in Beaufort Close, Llangland, Mr. Desmond King, a production manager, who saw the object for about 15 seconds before it disappeared low down in the direction of Mumbles lighthouse. Mr. Evans' wife also saw the object, and the police had reports from two taxi drivers who had seen things in the sky. One of them thought it was a flare which had come down at Southend. Police searched the beach at Southend but found nothing.

R.A.F. air traffic control at Uxbridge were informed but they had had no report of a distress flare. Said Mr. Evans: "My wife and I were returning home after taking an accident case to hospital. Looking up, towards Llangland Bay Golf Club, I saw this thing which I first thought was a very large flare. But it passed directly overhead, completely soundless and on a definite track, unaffected by the wind. There was a tremendous glow from the thing. It was obviously going to a plan. It was either controlled from the ground or from inside. But who could live in such an inferno? The fact that it was so low and such a tremendous spectacle, cuts out any suggestion of a meteor. "It was the shape of a shuttlecock or jelly fish, and travelled low, steadily and majestically. It was something sufficiently unusual to be quite frightening. I have always been sceptical about flying objects, but this is something clear outside normal human experience so far as I am concerned." Mr. King confirmed that the object emitted an orange light, was moving in a straight line at a steady altitude, was silent and travelling from east to west. "I had not seen anything like it in my life. I was quite fascinated, but cannot think of any explanation. It was nothing like a meteorite, and I would not have thought it was a flare," he said. Source: South Wales Evening Post--Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales, England--8/23/63.

ROUNDUP OF MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS

AIR FORCE REPORT--The following, in substance, is the report issued Wednesday by the Air Force in Washington on its intensive investigation of reported sightings of unknown flying objects here: Chan Uphoff and Mike Hill, the report said, saw a jet bomber refueling operation. Interviewed, Mike Hill said emphatically, "I can't believe it." On August 7th Mr. Hill and Mr. Uphoff reported an unknown object in the sky, diamond-shaped, kite-shaped with a tail. What they saw was a jet bomber refueling operation. (The long hose assumed to be the tail of the "kite".) The object that circled around past them was the tanker getting away after the breakup. During such a refueling there is a high frequency in the atmosphere and this would cause the dogs to bark as Mr. Uphoff reported. Source: The Press--Fairfield, Illinois--8/15/63.

A-BLASTS REPORTED ON MARS--Washington--Today, mushroom clouds of the kind associated on earth with atomic explosions, have been observed on Mars, according to scientific magazines in Russia and the U.S.A. The Moscow magazine, Smena, said recently that bright flares had often been observed on the surface of Mars and, after some of them, mushroom-shaped clouds had been seen. The magazine suggested that a space-craft flying within 600 miles of Mars would be able to take telescopic photographs which might reveal details of the phenomena. Smena added: "Attention should be given to those details whose real nature would be disclosed by the photographs--details which observed from the earth are so ill-defined that skeptics are inclined to deny their existence." This was not the first reference to the Martian flares and cloud formations. Dr. Frank Salisbury, of Colorado State University, alluded to them in an article in the U.S. magazine Science last year. "On several occasions," Dr. Salisbury wrote, "observers of Mars have noticed a bright spot of light lasting about five minutes. Sometimes this has been followed by a rather distinctive white cloud, which grew in size and faded after about an hour." Dr. Salisbury reported many reasons for believing that some sort of life exists on Mars. Many Russians share this belief. Russian scientists reported recently the discovery of minute primitive insects among the lichens and stone moss in the Antarctic. They said the discovery was of interest to astro-botanists. "The fact that living organisms can exist for a prolonged length of time under extreme subzero temperatures," the Russian report said, "may change views as to the possibility of the existence of life on other planets." Source: The News--Adelaide, S.A., Australia--10/24/63. Credit: Fred P. Stone--Kilburn, Aust.

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