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"...To date, no unidentified aerial phenomena has given any indication of threat to national security." U.S. Air Force--Office of Aerial Phenomena--Washington 25, D.C.

NEWS ABOUT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO), POSSIBLE RELATED INCIDENTS AND SUBJECTS

UFO AUTHOR, INTERNATIONAL EVANGELIST, ARRESTED--Last October, Dr. Frank E. Stranges, International Evangelist and author of two books on unidentified flying objects, was convicted in California of operating a "mail order diploma mill," in that he was issuing doctor of divinity degrees for \$25.00 each. A recent form letter sent out by Dr. Stranges to his followers does not deny that he was issuing such diplomas, but contends that this activity was legal. In any case, by his own admission, Stranges was fined \$200.00 and made to spend the night in jail. He now asks for \$2,000.00 in donations to cover "court penalties, fines, and attorney's fees."

ASTRONOMERS SPOT CELESTIAL BODY--Bloomington, Nov. 2--A fast-moving celestial body, thought to be either a comet or an asteroid, has been spotted by Indiana University astronomers. The object is in the constellation Pisces, which is in the southern sky at 11 p.m. It is too dim to be seen with the naked eye. The object is moving much faster than the earth, the scientists said. Asteroids usually move more slowly. Source: The Times--Indianapolis, Indiana--11/2/63.

BY JUPITER! BOY, 15, REPORTS MYSTERY MASSES NEAR THAT PLANET--Three mysterious masses in the vicinity of the planet Jupiter were reported at 11:20 o'clock last night by Alan Powell, 15, an amateur astronomer. Alan, who lives in Kirkland, saw the masses, "looking somewhat like nebulae," through his telescope. Three of Jupiter's 12 moons were visible at the same time, he said. The masses, "not a comet," should be investigated by other astronomers, the boy said. Jupiter was in the southwest sky, about 45 degrees above the horizon, when Alan trained his scope on the planet. He said the unusual objects appeared to be moving around the planet. Young Powell is a student at Lakeside School. Source: Post Intelligencer--Seattle, Washington--11/29/63

'MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS' SEEN IN LOCAL SKIES--Twice during the past two months area police found themselves searching for mysterious lights that most certainly must be categorized as UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects). Despite a condemnation by the Air Force and a general apathy on the part of the public, UFO's refuse to die and, unlike old soldiers, are putting up a stiff fight to keep from fading away...Source: The Trentonian--Trenton, New Jersey--1/28/64.

INTELLIGENT BEINGS EXIST ON MILLIONS OF PLANETS IN MILKY WAY--New York, Jan. 23--Intelligent beings undoubtedly exist on millions of planets in the Milky Way. A \$10,000,000 program involving 20 highly trained technical personnel for 30 years would make highly probable the detection of radio signals from one of these other races.

But two-way conversations between our planet and theirs would take millenia. These statements were made today during a session on extra-terrestrial intelligence at the 31st annual meetings of the Institute of Aerospace Sciences. Dr. Lloyd Motz of Columbia University's Rutherford observatory, said that most scientists take it for granted that life exists beyond the solar system, even though there is no direct evidence. He estimated that there are in fact 600,000,000 planets in the Milky Way with life as we know it...Professor Motz estimated the galaxy contains 200,000,000 stars similar to our sun. "If we suppose that the stars we are considering have planetary systems like our own, we have, on the average, about three planets per star as abodes of an intelligent form of life. It is true that in our solar system the earth appears to be the only planet with a highly developed form of life, but both Venus and Mars could support an intelligent form of life under slightly altered conditions, he said. "We must therefore assign about three life-supporting planets to each star in accordance with the data in our own solar system." Source: The Globe and Mail--Toronto, Ontario, Canada--1/23/64. Credit: Gene Duplantier.

OREGON COUPLE REPORTS MYSTERIOUS MISHAP--An Agate Beach, Oregon couple Wednesday night reported a mysterious mishap to their car while they were driving on Highway 99 eight or nine miles north of Tacoma, the Associated Press reported from Newport, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Saxon reported they were heading south when something fell out of the sky on their car. "It caught my husbands eye just a minute before it hit," Mrs. Saxon said. He said it looked like a sheet of rocks coming down. He could see because there was light reflected from an exit sign. When it hit the car, it sounded like somebody hit the windshield with a baseball bat or something," Whatever it was shattered the windshield in front of Mrs. Saxon. She said the laminated windshield was not broken through, nor was it shattered on her husbands side. "It scared us and we did not stop until we got to Tacoma," she said. They found no fragments of whatever it was. Mrs. Saxon said they were on a straight stretch of highway with no other cars in sight. She said they found a few pitted places in the windshield, and also a few places on the hood and roof where paint had been chipped from their eight-month-old car. She speculated that meteorite fragments hit them, or that something fell from an airplane. Source: The News Tribune--Tacoma, Washington--2/21/64.

METALLIC OBJECT--FLAMING MYSTERY HITS IN BENBROOK--By Barbara Richardson--An erratic, flaming phenomena fell from the skies in Benbrook Monday night. It was described as definitely not a meteorite. There was speculation the object may have been part of a missile. The high sailing light was sighted as it bobbed slowly through the sky by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Jones about 8 p.m. They followed its wandering course about eight blocks from the home of Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. L.C. Eberhard to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Lewis. "It hovered for two or three minutes over the house," Jones said, "then fell and burst into flames, setting fire to the Lewis' lawn." After the Joneses alerted the Lewis family and extinguished the fire, they found particles of a brittle, metallic-type material. "It was lightweight and looked charred," Jones said. It also smelled of sulphur. When he first sighted the dancing light, Jones estimated it to be the size of a basket ball. Oscar Monnig, considered one of the Southwest's leading authorities on meteorities, said, "This is contrary to what you would expect from an ordinary meteorite." Monnig visited the scene and obtained samples of the mysterious object. He estimated the total weight at less than an ounce. "Meteorites generally are not hot when they land, they don't smell of sulphur, they are stone-like rather than metallic, and they have a high density and aren't flaming," he said. The samples he studied tended to show gas bubbles, he added. Source: The Morning Star Telegram--Fort Worth, Texas--1/28/64.

SEES 'FLYING COMPACT' IN MORNING SKY--"It was about the size of a compact," said Mrs. Wayne Elliott as she described the object she saw in the sky Monday morning. Mrs. Elliott said she was driving west on 28th St. west of S. Division Ave. about 9:30 a.m. when she saw the object "glittering in the sun, about a half-mile away." The object appeared to be suspended, motionless, for some time, she said. Then it tipped up on edge and moved rapidly off to the southeast, out of sight. As it moved away, she said, "it looked like a pancake." Mrs. Elliott said she had a good opportunity to observe the object, when she stopped at Buchanan Ave. for a traffic signal. She believed she held the object under observation about three minutes. There were no other reports of unidentified flying objects here Monday. Source: The Press--Grand Rapids, Michigan--12/2/63

UFO ARRIVES HERE?--The "legend" of the Unidentified Flying Object has returned with an eye-witness report from a Carson City resident who testifies that she saw a disc-shaped object, "tremendous" in size, hovering in the skies southwest of here early this morning. Blance Pritchett, Carson City, reported seeing the object as it hovered above the clouds at about 4:45 this morning with a brilliant shaft of light illuminating a hill northwest of town. The huge object, she said, stood stationary in space while she watched it from a window in her home. The disc, she said, gave off an "odd bluish-green color with a golden cast. A vibratory hum came from the object," she said. "I've never seen anything like it in my life," she added. She first noticed the object early this morning after seeing the drapes on a bedroom window "lighting up" from a glow outside the window. Then she looked out the window to see the object. At first she said that she thought it was a fire. A radio station which she had been listening to went off the air while the object was lighting the skies, she said. Then the skies suddenly went "pitch black" when the object disappeared, after which the radio station came back on, she said. Other persons reportedly called the police, the weatherman and a radio station in Reno this morning to report "a glow in the sky" southwest of Reno. Source: The Appeal--Carson City, Nevada--11/14/63.

A FLYING OBJECT SHOCKED BREAD CARTER--A bread carter was frightened by an unidentified flying object at Dalston, near Wonthaggi, at 4.15 last Thursday morning. He stopped his panel van for 10 seconds in the pre-dawn darkness before driving up a hill beyond which he thought the UFO had landed. When he topped the hill 30 seconds later the UFO was miles away. The bread carter is Jim Davidson, 28, of Hagelthorn St., Wonthaggi. He said: "It started with a slight glow in the sky to my left. It got bigger as it came towards me. When it reached me it turned and took up my course. It stayed 100 yards ahead, and 80-ft. up. It was 8-ft. to 12-ft. long, and glowed orange, except for two tail fin sections at the rear that glowed red. It was weird. It was not metallic or any substance like metal: it was more like a cloud. But it was not a cloud. I followed it for two miles. At times I closed my eyes hard to make sure I was not seeing things. It gave me a fright when it moved across the road to my right, and continued to pace me. Then it moved further to the right, accelerated up a hill, and started to descend. I stopped. I was frightened. I did not want to go on. Then I realized I had bread to deliver to Nyora, and drove on. I expected to see it on the ground on the other side of the hill. But nothing was there. I looked around, and several miles out to sea I could just make out a moving, orange glow." At the same time as Davidson made his sighting two other breadcarters within a three-mile distant of Wonthaggi saw a red glow over Dalyston. They are Frank Coleman, 43, and Norm Veal, 42. Veal said: "We thought it was a fire. But it did not give off the skywards glow of a fire. We watched for a while, trying to establish what it was. It was most peculiar..." Source: The Express--Wonthaggi, Victoria, Australia--11/7/63. Credit: Victorian UFO Research Society.

OBJECTS ARE SEEN IN BUFFALO SKIES--Buffalo, Wyo. (AP)--Two unidentified flying objects had the town of Buffalo in a stir Thursday night. The objects were described the same as a previous one spotted near Cody Sunday night. Al Baily, a Buffalo radio announcer, said police called him around 8 p.m. to report the first object. Bailey said he watched the object through field glasses for about an hour before it disappeared. He said the object was stationary all the time he observed it. Just before the first object disappeared, Bailey said, a second object was seen further to the east. He described both as being large, sphere-shaped and with two lights--one red and one blue or green--at each end. He said the lights appeared to rotate slowly about the body of the object. Source: The Press--Sheridan, Wyoming--9/27/63.

MYSTERY LIGHTS SEEN AT ROSCOE--Roscoe--Another report of mysterious lights in the night sky came Tuesday from Mrs. Cornelius Ostrum of Roscoe, who wrote the Gazette about sighting the phenomenon last Thursday night. Mrs. Ostrum said that she, her husband and son and a friend saw the lights about 9 p.m. She described them this way: "There were four objects a certain distance apart and in a straight line, with yellow and green flashing lights, coming across the sky from the east above the mountains and going in a western direction. Then they made a circle, going back again and as they turned around to go west again, more objects were appearing from all over, with the same flashing lights. We counted nine more. They all seemed to gather and disappear in a southwestern direction. We never did hear a sound of any kind....It really left us with a rather spooky feeling..." Source: The Gazette--Billings, Montana--10/2/63.

ANYBODY'S GUESS--MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS, OBJECTS SEEN NEAR JOLIET--Space satellites? Martians? Helicopters? Just what the twinkling lights spotted moving through the skies southwest of Joliet Thursday night really were is anybody's guess. Mrs. Mary Hashisaki of Joliet called Billings police Friday morning to report that she and other members of her family had seen long cigar-shaped objects moving through skies between 8:30 and 9:15 p.m. First there were three objects, then five, then 16 or 17 circling, then moving away toward the Beartooth Mountains, she told police. She said it appeared that the objects were two miles away and about a mile and one-half high. They were star-like in color at first, but changed to green, then red before they disappeared. Joe Israel, a science-mathematics teacher at Joliet High School, said he thought the objects appeared to be seven or eight helicopters. Israel said they moved slowly, and were flying low. Helicopter night lights would explain the twinkling flashes of color, Israel said. Officials at Logan Field's control tower had no explanation of the report. "I'm curious myself," a flight man said. He said there were no flight plans filed with Billings authorities to account for aircraft in that area. There were no indications Thursday night of anything in that area, he said. Source: The Gazette--Billings, Montana--9/28/63.

MYSTERY OBJECTS OVER HUDDERSFIELD, ENGLAND--Mr. James L. Brooke, 33, Birkby Lodge Road, was in his garden shortly after half-past seven this morning when he saw two strange circular objects, apparently attached to each other, in the sky. They shone quite brightly, like a couple of stars, he said. They were not travelling very fast, but kept in a perfectly straight line towards the east. I turned to go into the house to get some binoculars, but when I looked round again they had disappeared. Mr. Brooke, who has served in the R.A.F., said he had never seen any objects like them before. Source: Daily Examiner--Huddersfield, York, England--9/27/63.

FLYING OBJECTS AGAIN REPORTED IN AREA--Reports of "unidentified flying objects in the skies over Walsh county were made over the weekend. Friday night numerous area residents reported seeing several "objects" passing over Grafton at about 7 o'clock. Some persons reported seeing up to five "objects" which appeared to be flying in formation and moving slowly westward. Saturday night, a Park River party reported to Chuck Johnston, local civil defense director, that she had seen an object which appeared to be "tumbling" through the air while driving on highway 32. She said she was positive that the "object" was not a plane. Johnston reported the sightings to officials at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. Source: Walsh County Record--Grafton, North Dakota--9/30/63.

SIGHT OBJECT IN SKY--Fred Johnson went out to see what his dogs were barking about Friday night just in time to see a lighted object streaking across the sky, leaving a brownish blue trail behind it. It stopped in the southeast and hung in the sky in one spot the rest of the evening, or until they went to bed. He called the neighbors, who also saw it. It looked like an undersized moon, and appeared to be hundreds of miles away. Source: Tobacco Valley News--Eureka, Montana--10/3/63.

'OBJECTS' CRASH IN WEST GERMANY--Dillingen, Germany (AP)--German police said Sunday night two mysterious unmanned "flying objects," presumably launched from a U.S. military base, crashed in western Bavaria during the past 48 hours. One plunged to earth in flames and exploded near Limbach about 50 yards from the Munich-Stuttgart highway. A piece of wreckage cracked the windshield of a passing car. The other, police said, came down in a wooded area near Dillingen without causing any damage. Police officials said U.S. Army helicopters arrived at the scene shortly after both crashes and the area was later sealed off by American troops. They said Army teams collected even the tiniest wreckage parts of the flying objects. Unofficial reports described the objects as about 13 feet long, and apparently equipped for remote control operation. Source: The Avalanche-Journal--Lubbock, Texas--9/30/63.

FIERY OBJECT LIGHTS SKY--Several persons in the Lewiston-Clarkston area last night reported seeing a brightly burning object float slowly across the sky from the southeast to the northwest, disintegrate and fall about two miles west of the Clarkston city limits. A search of the area provided no clues to what the object might have been. It was reported about 9:45 and fell apart into flaming orange hunks and fell earthward in five minutes. Numerous individuals telephoned the Lewiston Morning Tribune to report what they had seen. Two Clarkston men, Donald R. Spiegel and Russell D. Spencer, said they saw the object very clearly from Spencers home. Both are Tribune advertising employes. They reported it appeared to be between 1,000 and 1,500 feet in the air about 50 feet long. "It was glowing orange, like it was on fire," Spiegel said. The flames seemed to be burning from the center toward the outside edge. It was traveling very slowly and after a few minutes, the flames shot out of the center and it began to fall apart, and it fell." Both Spencer and Spiegel said the object was shaped like a cylinder and was floating rather than flying at a high speed. Source: Tribune--Lewiston, Idaho--9/29/63.

FIREBALL STREAKS OVER AREA--A brilliant ball of fire streaked across the sky above the Hobbs area at 8:43 a.m. today. It was sighted by a Federal Aviation Agency tower operator and numerous residents of this vicinity. Bobby Horton, FAA air traffic control specialist, said the object appeared to be "fairly small," that it was traveling in a westerly direction, and that it had a "long bright tail." He said it

disappeared within two seconds of the time he first noticed it. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. McFarland, who live on the Knowles Road, were on the Carlsbad Highway at the time. They said it was directly above the highway west of them and going south to north. The McFarlands said it appeared to be black at first, then turned into a big orange streak, burned for quite a distance, and then exploded into sparks. They described it as "more or less like a shooting star." Woodrow Simmons, a resident of Oil Center who saw the phenomenon while he was at Arkansas Junction, said the fireball seemed to hit the ground west of Arkansas Junction. The Hobbs Police Department received three or four calls from residents of the area, and three patrolmen reported the object. One of the calls received by police was relayed by Woodruff Answering Service from Truman Wilson, employe of B&W, Inc., who was at Buckeye. He said it appeared to be about 4,000 feet in the air, and described it as "a big ball of fire." Mrs. Norman Fee, who was traveling west on Taylor Street at the time, described the object as "a streak of brilliant light" due west of her. Mrs. Nat Howry, who lives a mile east and a half mile north of Humble City, was looking out her kitchen window toward the west. She saw what she described as "a blazing object traveling from south to north at a steep angle." She said it appeared to strike the ground "somewhere on the Duncan Shipp Ranch. She thought it was a burning aircraft falling from the sky. Source: The News-Sun--Hobbs, New Mexico--9/30/63.

MYSTERIOUS CRASH IS REPORTED--Was it a plane exploding that Muleshoe, Texas farmer Virgil Nowell saw above his farm Monday? Nowell told authorities he saw a plane explode about a mile from his farm near West Camp while he was driving a tractor in his fields. Police and other authorities near Muleshoe immediately joined pilots from Cannon Air Force Base and nearby Muleshoe Flying Service in a search for the wreckage. Clovis News-Journal Managing Editor Dave Molina, who went to the area where Nowell said he saw the plane disintegrate, said the plane may have been a crop duster. At press time, Molina was still at the scene and said reports had neither been confirmed nor denied. However, United Press International in Albuquerque said they had received reports of a flaming object streaking across eastern New Mexico and Texas. Clovis Police said their radio had been jammed with reports from Albuquerque, Roswell, and other locations of people spotting an object come down. Source: The News-Journal--Clovis, New Mexico--9/30/63.

FIREBALL SEEN BY S F PEOPLE--The Federal Aviation Agency today is checking into reports from three Santa Fe area residents on what appeared to be a fireball streaking to earth early this morning. FAA officials said first reports were received shortly before 9 a.m. from residents near the Casa Solana area. One woman in Casa Solana reported seeing the bright fireball streak toward earth in the area of the development. Another woman reported the bright light streaking downward in an area apparently north of Casa Solana. Federal Aviation Agency officials said they saw only a reflection of the fireball in the big glass windows of the control tower at the Santa Fe Airport. "It must have been pretty bright," said one official. He pointed out that the object would have to be bright in order to cause a reflection in the tower glass even during bright sunlight. They described the fireball as an apparent "brilliant orange flash." They said it "made a good trail." Source: The New Mexican--Santa Fe, New Mexico--9/30/63.

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