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"There are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds. The way they change position in formations and override each other would indicate that their motion is directed." Adm. Delmer Fahrney, U.S.N. Ret.

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Dear Member:

Hollywood actor Stuart Whitman says he has talked to beings from another world. This is no joke. Whitman vows that during the New York blackout last November 9th two UFOs pulled up outside his hotel window and the occupants talked with him and admitted they were responsible for the blackout. Whitman is a serious-minded actor who swears he was dead sober just before dawn when the UFOs communicated with him. "I heard a sound like a whippoorwill whistling outside my 12th floor window in the hotel," he said. "One of them was orange and the other was blue. They gave off a strange luminescent light. So I couldn't see if there were portholes or who was in them. Then I heard them speaking to me as if they were on a loud speaker. They spoke to me in English. It may not have been audible to anyone else. They said they wanted to talk to me because I appeared to have no malice or hate. They said they were fearful of earth because earthlings were messing around with unknown quantities and might disrupt the balance of the universe or their planet. The people in the UFO said the blackout was just a little demonstration of their power and that they could do a lot more with almost no effort. It served as a warning. They said they could stop our whole planet from functioning. They asked me to do what I could to fight malice, prejudice and hate on earth, and then they took off. I couldn't say how big the objects were, but when they took off I felt elated. I wasn't even shocked. And I know I wasn't asleep because I was standing by the window and wide awake the entire time. I don't know why they picked me as a contact. But I'll swear on a Bible that I saw them out there and that they talked to me."

About eleven hours before the big blackout on November 9, a huge UFO was seen over central Minnesota. LeRoy Hattery, Chaska, controller at the Flying Cloud Airport, Eden Prairie, said when he saw the object he thought it was a burning airplane. He said it looked to him to be between 3,000 and 4,000 feet in the air, about 80 feet in diameter, "with a tail about 200 feet long." Patrolman John Du Bois of the Shakopee police force, said he was in the residential section of Shakopee when he saw the object "coming from west to east, about over the Minnesota River." He said it looked "about 1,000 feet up, was a bright greenish-white with a bright red-orange trail. It was moving faster than a plane. Then, after about 30 seconds, it disappeared. At first I thought it was a meteor, but a meteor would fall down, while this was moving parallel to the earth." William Bohn, Winona, a post office employe, said he was going to work at 6 a.m. when he noticed the bright object in the sky. "It looked like a big ball of intense white light," he said. "Behind the white light was a tail of red objects that looked like pieces of molten metal. It was moving at a high speed toward the northeast and passed directly over the center of Winona. It seemed low in altitude and very huge in size. It appeared to be about one-fourth the size of the moon." Mrs. Florence Othoudt, who

lives near Elk River gives this account of the object in the sky: "...at two minutes past 6 a.m. I saw an object coming from the west. It was real close, just a little above the treetops. From where I was it looked like a ball of fire about 2 to 2-1/2 feet in diameter with a streak of flame behind it about 20 feet long. It went southeast and out of sight into the red eastern sky...It was visible to me for at least half a minute, maybe more. The tail of flame looked like the tail of flame from a rocket being sent up on color television. It traveled like something manually operated and not like a falling object." Mrs. LaVerne Wahl of Lakeville reported seeing the object at 6:04 the same morning. She said she happened to look out her window and saw the object traveling east at a terrific speed. She described it as white in color, rounding in the front and tapering into a yellow tail. It appeared in size comparable to a large airplane close at hand.

The state of Minnesota has been the target for considerable UFO activity recently. Not since the period of November-December, 1956 has there been so many reports from that area of the country. On November 15, R.H. Givens and his wife and daughter were returning to Luverne on Highway 90 from Sioux Falls, Iowa. Suddenly a brilliant object shot up in the air in front of them at a terrific speed. Mr. Givens estimated the object was about two blocks away from the car. The front part of the UFO was a white, brilliant light, and there was a brilliant reddish-white tinged color to the tail of the object. Mrs. Givens said that the object, to her, resembled "those old pictures of Haley's Comet." She said looking at the object was like looking into a clear, bright light bulb with reddish fire coming out of the tail. The family agreed that it looked like a sky rocket in reverse with a dazzling white brilliance in the forward part followed by a reddish-white tinged tail. At 11:15 that same night, Dan Hannan and Ken Wessendorf observed a pair of "comets" in the sky over Windom. Hannan said the head of the "comets" had a deep bright red color with a short "tail" and the tail or exhaust seemed like that of a jet. The objects were flying south southwest. Several objects were seen on November 16. At 3:34 a.m. Ervin Smith was enroute home from a deer hunting trip. As he turned off Highway 27 his car radio suddenly went dead. At the same time the motor began to act up and Ervin wondered, "what now?" Almost at the same instant his gaze was attracted to a bright light in the sky. The object appeared to be a few hundred feet in the air and had these intense streams of light streaming out all around it. Ervin estimates that he watched the object for about three minutes, after which it went straight up in the air and disappeared in a white cloud. That

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night at 10:30 p.m., as she was driving home to Roseville, Mrs. Thomas Murphy saw "a small object, which looked like an airplane high up. But the funny thing is," she said, "it didn't look that high. And there was no sound." Mrs. Murphy said the object--"like an elongated triangle, with a light behind it"--was "unbelievably fast and a greenish-white hue in color." As the object passed over Roseville, it was sighted by Howard Johnson, Roseville police officer. He said the UFO was about the size of a basketball, moving very fast, and shiny white. According to Johnson the object disappeared from view across the horizon in about 20 seconds. Ramsey County Sheriff Roger C. Johnson was driving near Roseville when he sighted what he described as several objects in the sky. Maplewood police reported UFOs over their town at the same time. Ten minutes later, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nelson and their daughter were driving near Fort Ripley. As their car neared the west camp entrance a brilliant object suddenly shot up into the sky like a "falling star going up." A few seconds later, another object came over the camp which Mr. Nelson estimated was about a mile high and traveling at a tremendous speed. The main part of it cast a brilliant white light and it was followed by a vapor trail.

What could have been the same object returned to Herman at 10:45 p.m.--the same time the UFOs were being seen over Fort Ripley. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schuman were driving east on Highway 27, near Herman when they saw a brightly lighted object coming towards them out of the northeast. They estimated that it almost passed over their farm house before crossing the road they were driving. They pulled over and stopped. The UFO seemed to be 400 or 500 feet above the ground and was going at a terrific rate of speed. Coming at them, it appeared to be shaped something like a football and with windows or ports of some kind on each end. It trailed a bright flame behind. They estimated that they saw it for 15 seconds while it crossed highway 27 and disappeared in the distance. They detected a whistling sound as it passed. Mrs. Schuman said, "I believe the flying object stories now." About the same time, Tom Untiedt was driving three miles west of Cyrus on Highway 28 when he spotted a large UFO north of the highway--sitting on a county road--about a quarter mile from his car. "From where I was it looked like it was about 10 feet long and about six feet in diameter. It reminded me of a stovepipe in shape, but it had a cone on the top, which seemed to be made of a red fluorescent material. There was also a white sort of glow around the entire thing," Untiedt said. He became alarmed when his car, which had been running perfectly until then, suddenly started to sputter as if it was running out of gas. "The speed of the car dropped about 40 miles an hour down to around 20 miles an hour," he said. Shortly after he had spotted it, the UFO suddenly became airborne and within 15 seconds after he first saw it, had disappeared out of sight to the northeast, leaving a short flame or vapor trail behind it.

At 11:00 p.m. that same night (November 16), John Hup saw "something" in the sky over Minnesota. "My wife and I were coming from Sioux Falls," said Hup, "and we were getting ready to turn into Steen. Just then my wife said 'look up there in the sky' and I slowed way down." Hup said "it looked like a shooting star going up instead of down." He estimated the brilliant white object was about a quarter mile away, going up rapidly at a 45 degree angle, going southwest. Thirty minutes later, a highway patrolman two miles south of Erskine sighted a huge UFO traveling at a very high rate of speed. The patrolman said he reported the object on the radio and was notified that two patrol cars in Brainerd area reported

seeing an object about the same time as an object was seen near Erskine. The highway patrolman from Erskine said he noticed the object as it flashed across the highway in front of his car. The patrolman later disclosed that an object, which may have been similar to the one he sighted, had landed in a corn field on a farm near Woodside which is southwest of Erskine. A farmers wife had seen an object land during the day in their corn field during the harvest season. The UFO only remained for a few minutes and when she went out to the field to check, a large circle had been made in the corn field surrounded by a ring which was about three or four feet wide where the corn had been pressed down into the earth. According to the highway patrolman several other persons in the Woodside area had reported seeing UFOs, both during the day and at night.

The Minnesota story continues. On November 18, several children on a school bus spotted a UFO about 8 in the morning, seven miles south of Hoffman. The children told bus driver Leon Gran about the sighting and he stopped the bus and got out in time to see it disappear behind a large black cloud. The object was described as being terribly bright, quite large, flat on the bottom and dome-shaped on top. It was going very fast in an easterly direction. Strange things were happening in St. Paul on the night of November 26. Nick DeVara said he and a friend, Mark Wilcox, saw a light "like someone welding in the sky" shortly after 8 p.m. It was a huge light, like an airplane in the sky, DeVara said, and as it passed overhead, the lights in a nearby service station went out momentarily. "I was astounded," DeVara said. Nearby, at the Don Roush residence, all lights and electric appliances went dead. That was at 8:15 p.m., Mrs. Roush said, and shortly afterward, her son came home and said he had seen a blue light in the sky at about the same time. A motorist in the area also saw the light then, and his radio and lights went out as he saw it. The phenomenon moved southward after that. Shortly before 9 p.m., Michael Rodriguez who was driving eastward near Highway 61 saw a blue light--this time apparently on the ground--toward the south. As the light appeared, Rodriguez related, the drivers of two cars behind him stopped and got out to look at the light. The light appeared and disappeared three times as he was driving. At about the same time, Russell Hoff saw flashes that were "like looking at daylight through a blue windshield." He saw four such flashes, separated by 20 or 30 seconds. Each was red at first, but changed to blue almost immediately. Later, he noticed that power seemed to be off in the area. Police and Northern States Power Co. received calls from residents of the Totem Town area along Highway 61, who reported that all their lights were out. Several also reported having orange and blue lights in the sky, NSP was unable to determine what was causing the outages. The U.S. Weather Bureau, which also received reports of the lights, could offer no explanation for them. A spokesman definitely ruled out lightning, however.

Another UFO was spotted in a Minnesota community on December 5. The object was first spotted by the Hubert Kleinschmidt family, who were returning to Glenwood after visiting Long Prairie. About three miles west of Sauk Centre on Highway 28, the Kleinschmidt's saw a bright white object in the sky. They followed it in a westerly direction all the way to Glenwood, keeping it in sight for nearly an hour. "It seemed to stop at times, and never did move very fast," Mr. Kleinschmidt said. Wanting more corroboration for what he saw, Mr. Kleinschmidt contacted Chief of Police Charles Kettells, who was off duty at home. Mr. Kettells then got in his car and, along with several other persons who had also seen it

followed the object westerly toward Starbuck. "When we got to Starbuck, it seemed to veer to the south in the direction of Benson, and then we couldn't see it any more," Chief Kettells said. More visible proof that something weird was occurring came when television sets in the area didn't receive any transmission for around five minutes, just about the same time that the UFO was in the area.

The Minnesota story to this writing ends with the following incident. On December 20, 15-year-old Edward Bruns was driving his dad's pickup truck toward home about 11:45 p.m. When he was about a quarter mile from the turn into the neighbors farm, his headlights picked up a dark, oval-shaped object hovering about six feet over the road ahead of him. This was about five miles west and two miles south of Herman. He said the UFO covered the entire road, and looked like a huge light, a mixture of red and white. He came within about a telephone pole distance of the object before he saw it, and then immediately the engine and lights on his pickup went out. He felt his truck moving and wound up in the ditch. As Edward looked at the UFO, he claims he saw "something" inside moving about. That "something," he says, was shaped like a man--but was all green. Edward sat in his truck in the ditch looking. Then in a flash, the UFO began rising into the air. As it rose it seemed to take on a red interior glow and sparks seemed to be shooting out from underneath it. He was able to start his truck again, but as he attempted to back out of the ditch he bogged down in the snow. He jumped from the truck and raced on foot a mile and a half to his home to tell the story to his parents. His dad returned with him to the spot, but they could see no sign of anything appearing to be a flying object. When the truck went into the ditch--which it certainly did--it was turned nearly completely around, with the back end on the far bank of the ditch, and the front end pointing at an angle toward the road. And the real frosting on the cake...there was absolutely no sign of any wheel or tire mark leading from the road into the ditch.

The state of California continues to be a 'hot spot' for UFO activity. On December 9, four California Highway Patrol officers in California's Humboldt County watched the flight of a huge object which they described as having a greenish glow and a tail. About the same time--12:02 a.m.--pilots of four planes flying in from the Pacific reported seeing a monstrous fireball in the sky over the California coast. Two brilliant UFOs flashed over San Mateo County less than five hours apart on December 14. The objects were spotted at 1 and 5:40 a.m. from Burlingame. Patrolmen Charles Seril and Clark Mears, who saw the first, described it as very bright, green in color, and traveling south above the western hills. The second object appeared farther west, over the coastline, but was also traveling south. It was described as "a big blob of light making a dash through the sky." On December 31, three college students said they pursued a huge UFO near Thousand Oaks--which they described as being about seven times bigger than a large star. They said the object was glimmering white and was drifting westward across the sky between 6 and 7:30 p.m. The observers were Jeff Brookner, Stuart Stein and Gary Kelly. They were driving to a dance in Thousand Oaks when they spotted the object. The trio pursued the UFO as far as Agoura, hoping to see it land. The glowing object vanished from sight, however. When the Hayward, California Police Department got calls on January 1, reporting that a bright object had landed somewhere in South Hayward, they were a little skeptical. It was, after all, New Years Day--hangover's and all. But

when two Hayward policemen, an Alameda County Sheriff's deputy, control tower operators at Oakland Airport and three in-flight pilots also reported seeing an object land somewhere in or near Hayward, Hayward police units began a search. They were unable to locate the object. Hayward policemen David Koller and Mike Barbour, who were on patrol at the time, both saw the object at 10:25 p.m. and said it appeared to fall straight down to an area in South Hayward. Koller said the object alternately flared up and diminished in intensity, before it disappeared. About the same time, Julie Herrick, 17, and Mike Wilburn were driving to Sonoma from Santa Rosa when they sighted a huge glowing object streaking through the sky. Miss Herrick said that she and her friend watched the UFO for nearly 15 seconds before it appeared to hit the ground about seven or eight miles from Sonoma. She told her mother the huge object changed colors as it streaked through the sky from east to west. A strange glowing object fell to earth on Mather Air Force Base about 10:30 the same night. Captain Barbara Williams of the Mather public information office said the object was seen by men in the base control tower. "They said it glowed bright, and seemed to drift down between the two runways," Captain Williams said. "Someone went out to look for it but they have found nothing." About 90 minutes earlier, something fell from the sky onto the hills of Ventura County in Southwestern California. Dozens of residents in Ventura, Santa Paula, and the Simi and Conejo valleys called sheriff's offices to report sighting "something like a sparkler" falling to earth. People in Thousand Oaks, including deputies from East Valley Sheriff's Substation, said one of the objects fell in a field near California Lutheran College about 9 p.m. Venturans said one fell in the hills above General Hospital.

As the new year progressed, UFO activity in California continued. Santa Barbara police and sheriff's departments reported numerous calls about a fiery object over the area about 1 a.m. on January 2. That night, in Long Beach, a sheriff's helicopter searched in vain over the Cherry Avenue-Carson Street area for a clue to the "falling, flaming object" reported there a few minutes before midnight. Ground searchers also found no clue, the Lakewood Sheriff's Station reported. Nearly 100 persons telephoned the station to report seeing "something burning and falling" about 11:30 p.m. over an unpopulated field north of Carson and east of Cherry. On January 3, a Banning housewife reported seeing a fireball about 4 a.m. Mrs. Marie Knox said she woke up "and couldn't believe what I saw. It was sparkling white with a long, wide, wide tail--so low that it looked like it was right outside the window. I waited for the fire department siren because I thought the thing was going to hit the ground. It was so very, very large, then it looked like it just disappeared. A bat of an eye and it was gone." Mrs. Knox said her husband woke up about 5 a.m. and the two of them watched what looked like stars falling. "There were 20 or 25 of those with tails. Gene (her husband) thought I was nuts, that I had flipped, when I first told him about the fireball. But then he began to see the others."

Residents in the states of Oregon and Idaho have also been seeing goings-on in the sky. On December 8, H.H. Blatchford, who lives six miles southeast of Albany, Oregon reported seeing a luminous object shaped like a giant donut over a period of several hours as it hovered first near the ground and then over Peterson Butte east of where he lives. "It began at 4:30, about dusk," Blatchford said, "with a red glare off toward Lebanon," east of his farm. "Later I came back out in the yard, but

there was nothing there. Then I came out again and there was this big white donut. There were luminous loops all around. That thing moved back, rising a little bit higher and traveling east." Blatchford said he saw it about 8 p.m. when it was over Peterson Butte. On the following night, a bright orange UFO was seen moving east to west about 9:30 p.m. by Idaho Falls, Idaho residents. The object was cigar-shaped, swooped toward the ground, then headed back into the sky and disappeared. Donald Gentzler who lives near Stayton, Oregon said he saw a bright UFO over Stayton at 6:10 p.m. on December 15. He went to get his son and when he came back outside the object was gone, but there was a bright puff, like steam or fog, traveling very fast. Several high flying and bright UFOs were seen on December 19 by Dee Lee Price and several friends at Twin Falls, Idaho about 6:03 p.m. A descending "fireball," described as "slower than a meteor," was spotted by several residents of Klamath Falls, Oregon on December 23. William J. George said the "fireball" dropped at a 30 degree angle, apparently landing in the vicinity of Upper Klamath Lake. He said he spotted the object at about 6:30 a.m. Several residents at Boise, Twin Falls, Hagerman and Mountain Home, Idaho watched a huge UFO descend from the sky about 7:30 a.m. the same morning. Three days later a West Lynn, Oregon family sighted two UFOs over their home. Nellis Alexander said she and her family saw two ringed-shaped objects flying through the air and then hovering over their house. She said they appeared to be tied together with a beam of light and emitted a throbbing noise. She said the objects then flew over the Tualatin River toward Pete's Mtn. On January 6, the UFOs returned to the Twin Falls, Idaho area. Several witnesses observed a glowing object at a low altitude about 10:45 p.m. When asked what he thought it was, Twin Falls County Sheriff James Benham said, "We don't know, we just don't know."

On December 9, several UFOs were seen over a wide area of Northeastern United States. With these sightings came many accounts of "things" falling to the ground. For example, three Chippewa Township, Pennsylvania boys sighted an object as it dropped into the woods near their home about 4:30 p.m. Edward Bozic, 11, one of the witnesses, said "a great big square brown thing" fell into the woods and "there was fire all around it and a big puff of smoke, but nothing burned. The smoke stayed and stayed." Trees in the area were scarred and broken, but there was no hole in the ground. At the same time, two Ingham County, Michigan sheriff's detectives--Donald Hilton and Robert Murphy, were driving near Marshall when they sighted a UFO descending from the sky. Hilton described it as having a head about 3 feet in diameter and a trailing smoke tail. The object appeared to be 100 feet in the air and about 80 feet away from the detectives car. While Hilton and Murphy were deciding what course of action to take, the UFO disintegrated, leaving a black thin substance which dropped to the ground. At 4:45 p.m., an object was sighted falling to earth by Mrs. Arnold Kalp and her two children. "Nevin saw it first," Mrs. Kalp said. "He said it looked like a flaming star. It left a trail of flames behind it and it fell in the woods. Then I came out to look and I saw some smoke. Then it turned sort of cloudy, and went away almost like it buried itself in the ground. Dale Howard, who lives about a mile from the scene of the reported landing, reported "feeling a vibration" and "a thump" about the time the object fell. Two 11-year-old Livonia, Michigan boys saw an object fall from the sky into a field and found a baseball-size chunk of lightweight fused metal at the spot. "It was still smoking when I picked it up," said Brian Parent. "But it didn't seem to be warm to the touch." The metallic chunk was partly buried in the ground.

It ranged in color from light gray to black, with traces of brown, and had a "terrible smell." Some smaller chunks of what appeared to be the same sort of material were found by a group of children in Warren, Mich., who said the marble-sized particles fell near them. Near Jackson, Mich., 13-year-old Roy Root found a 15-pound metallic object in a field near his farm home at Concord. He said the object was in a hole two feet deep and was still hot when it was discovered. About 10 grass fires suddenly broke out west of Cleveland, Ohio about 4:50 p.m. where observers saw a fiery UFO fall. The majority of the UFO sightings on December 9 came from Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Much of this area was shaken by a sharp earthquake on January 1.

Close approaches involving UFOs continue to increase. Rita Goracke and Bill Miller were driving near Agra, Kansas on November 17 when they spotted a bright object in the sky. "I saw it coming down, then going back up in the sky. Then it got real bright and started coming down and toward us. They drove back to town and picked up Van Bradley and Carol Herbel and returned to the spot where they had seen the object. "We parked and turned off our lights to see if we could see it. We didn't see it for about five minutes, then it came in from behind us. I turned on the lights and it got real bright and came close to the car. It lit up the whole car! I started the car and it stayed alongside the car and followed us back to town," Bill explained. The other teenagers in the car have similar stories. Says Rita, "The first time we saw it, the light was in the west and dropped down out of the sky and followed along the horizon. The second time it moved into the east and dropped down and came at the car." Van Bradley says, "It was a big bright light and low to the ground. We couldn't see an outline but it looked like there were three windows and a big bright light at the back." A group of boys riding in a car west of DeRidder, Louisiana on December 4 sighted a light hovering about tree-top height in the night sky. They stopped their car and turned their headlights toward it. They said "it came toward us. We got out of there." The driver said he told his passengers to keep an eye on the light, "but one of them was crying and the other was praying and nobody had time to watch what finally happened to it." Several people in the Merryville Highway area reported seeing the object, "some 15 to 20 feet across" hovering over houses, and later in the vicinity of the airport.

A Catholic priest in Buenos Aires, Argentina says he photographed three UFOs which could have come from another planet. Father Benito Reyna, a Jesuit and mathematics professor who directs a privately-owned observatory on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, said he photographed the objects passing across the surface of the moon. At a press conference he produced copies of the photograph. It showed three circular black dots of different sizes against the background of the moon's surface..... Journalist Arthur Shuttlewood photographed a cigar-shaped UFO near Warminster, England recently. While photographing it, he said, his watch stopped, his left eye was affected, one side of his face was numbed, and for days, he could only type with one finger.

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The regular N.I.C.A.P. monthly meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Friday, February 4, on the 7th floor of the Fischer Studio Building--1519 3rd Av., Seattle. Admission: 25¢. The program will include the motion picture "UNIVERSE;" The showing of a 35mm slide photograph of a UFO over Hawaii; A special report on the massive UFO activity over America last August, plus two special reports from England, one involving possible hostility. Audience participation will follow the scheduled program. These meetings are open to the public. Free coffee, tea and goodies. See you there.

Robert J. Gribble, Nat. Dir., N.I.C.A.P.