
"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.

The tempo of UFO activity in the United States has tapered off again. For how long, no one knows. But, they'll be back, in large numbers, you can be sure of that. Their recent massive activity in this country has converted a lot of non-believers to firm, experienced believers--the hard way. For example, six picnicking Denver, Colorado teen-agers said they were chased for an hour by UFOs in Daniels Park south of Denver on April 7. The high school students--three boys, three girls--told Police Chief John C. MacIvor of Littleton, Colorado they witnessed unexplained, apparently "hovering" red, blue and white lights accompanied by a series of pulsating buzzing sounds which began about 9:30 p.m. The teenagers, all 17, who described what they saw hesitantly, were described by MacIvor as being "sincere, cold sober and a little shaken by what they saw. I was real skeptical at first...I don't know what they saw, but I'm convinced they saw something." Alan Scrivner gave this account: Scrivner and five friends drove to Daniels Park, 10-12 miles southeast of Littleton, about 6:30 p.m. They parked the car and walked about a city block down a small incline and up again to a stone shelter built in the side of a hill. The group was sitting around a fire they'd built inside when they heard "what sounded like a man walking on top of the shelter." The roof can easily be reached on foot from the slanting hillside. Scrivner and Don Otis stood on top of the shelter and shined a flashlight into the surrounding area. They saw nothing.

The two--leaving the others behind in the shelter--made their way through the underbrush back to the road. "I thought someone was messing around my car," Scrivner said. "Just as we got to the car," he said, "both of us heard a real weird buzzing noise. It seemed to be all around us." As they reached the car, the youths saw "two red lights--about a foot each in diameter--about two feet off the ground and parallel to each other." There was a white light in the center of the reds. The lights, about 20 feet apart, appeared to be in a field on the far side of the road "about 25 yards" from the car. The two, thinking "it might be two parked cars or something," crouched in the ditch and waited. About three minutes later, they again approached the car. They saw and heard nothing. They returned to the shelter. The four in the shelter said that, while the two had been gone, they'd heard the same "footstep-like" sound on the roof again. Two of the girls said they'd also seen a "tall man, who might've been wearing a raincoat," dart through the light showing through the window into the area. They also said they heard his footsteps. The group decided to leave. As they were walking back to the car, Otis turned and saw "a real bright flash behind the hill over the shelter and it lit up the whole area. At the car, four of us got on top and watched about 20 minutes." As we sat up there on the car, Scribner said, "Now, everybody, were seeing this, aren't we?" We saw four things that looked like footballs with domes on them, sort of squashed spheres. This strange sound was all around us. It didn't come from any one direction. It was pulsating. Three of the

things were off to the right--two that hovered and one that went up and down--and the fourth one came around from the left. The last one changed its color to red after it got close to us. The red rays seemed to be shooting on and off. We decided to drive out there. My car wouldn't work right. It's a 1954 Ford but has a new engine and works fine, but the engine kept shutting off like the ignition was going on and off. The radio was nothing but static. While we were driving, the others saw a huge light on the road behind us. It was about 30 feet behind us and came up right behind us and then it went out. The strange thing was I couldn't see the light in the rear-view mirror." Otis said, "There were four hovering objects. We could make them out very plainly. I'd guess they were about 20 feet in diameter and two would move fast and the other two would hover up and down. After seeing them, I believe anything is possible now. I didn't believe in flying objects before, but this convinced me. I feel they could have harmed us if they wanted to. They were right there with us." The others on the outing were Michael Simington, Patricia Retherford Kaye Hurley and Mary Zolar. Miss Hurley said, "A huge man was just standing there outside the shelter." Miss Retherford said, "Kay and I got scared so we got in the car. Down to the left through the bushes was one of those soft blue lights and it looked like it was coming toward us faster and faster. Right in front of us was this red light about the size of a car light. It just petrified me."

Michael Simington said, "Another light kept dipping in and out of the valley. At Alan's car--and he hadn't even touched the emergency brake--the car rocked and dipped and moved several feet down the hill. As the car left the park area, it quit "missing out" and the radio played normally, Scrivner said. In Denver, the same night, Terry Datz, 19, and Dennis Sullivan sighted about seven UFOs which appeared "garbage can lid size." The boys said the objects disappeared into the clouds after about 10 minutes. Sheriff John Hammond said that at least 50 cars were in the park the next day while the auto occupants prowled the area with geiger counters, telescopes and binoculars. "It's all a dream. There's nothing to it," said the sheriff. How about that.

Police officers in Addison, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Northlake, Berwyn and Cicero, Illinois were unnerved by a blazing white UFO with a blinking red light on its underside as it glided silently through the night sky on March 25. They described the object as bright as a car headlight, big as a basketball...darting, dipping, dancing from telephone pole to telephone pole...burning like a magnesium ball, sometimes moving at tremendous speed, sometimes hovering above parked cars and darkened suburban homes. "It sounds crazy I know," said Bernard Gallimore of the DuPage County sheriff's department. "It didn't appear to be a star." Neither was it a star to Gallimore's partner, Scotty MacKay. They first spotted the object in the western sky at 3:30 a.m. To MacKay, the whole thing was unnerving. "I think I'm screwy myself," the deputy said. I can't be convinced it was a star. While driving west, MacKay said the UFO followed alongside the squad, then gradually dropped behind. "It definitely changed directions," he said. "Just to make sure we weren't going batty," the deputy continued, "we had a radio call put out to police stations throughout Michigan, Chicago, and Indiana. Those stations which heard the call reported seeing the same object we did." According to MacKay, had a road existed through a nearby field, he and Gallimore could have driven right under the hovering object. "It was that close," he said. "I just can't believe it was a star." From Downers Grove, the UFO moved northeast and at 4:30 a.m. the

the entire midnight shift of the Berwyn police department reportedly spotted the UFO. "It was like a burning ball of magnesium," one Berwyn detective said. "I spotted it three miles east of Rt. 45," he continued. "It was ten times brighter than any star. It moved southeast at a tremendous rate of speed." It swooped over Berwyn and into Cicero, he said. Then it hovered over Hawthorne Park. Though Adler Planetarium in Chicago said Venus is "quite conspicuous in the southeast sky at about 4 a.m." and that it might be interpreted mistakenly as a UFO, even this explanation does not satisfy bewildered police or answer questions posed. Surely Venus could not be so low that an officer would whip out his service revolver and empty it toward the hovering sphere. Yet such was the reported action of one object-spotting officer. Surely Venus could not cause windows on the west side of Berwyn homes to rattle. Yet, though there was no wind, windows--only on the west side--rattled, it is reported, as if someone, or something was trying to penetrate the building.

A "bright white light" which alternately "hovered and then took off" was sighted five times in the northern and eastern skies over Mansfield, Ohio on April 7, by Deputy Sheriff Robert Ray and Special Deputy Richard Hoffman. Sightings by the deputies followed a citizens report of a strange white light in the eastern sky at 8:27 p.m. Deputies Ray and Hoffman, on patrol at the time, were relayed the report by radio. Both said they looked east and saw a "bright round object, moving east to north at a high rate of speed." They said it was visible only about 15 seconds. Four more sightings followed within a few minutes. When sighted the fourth time, the officers said they saw the object hovering in the northern sky and that it went "straight up and disappeared." Sheriff Weikel said he had questioned Deputy Ray at length on the sightings and was convinced the officer had made an observation which was not immediately explained. This was the second report of UFO activity in the northeast section of Mansfield. A week earlier, a man who asked that his identity not be disclosed reported parking his car near the new Mansfield-OSU campus between 10 p.m. and midnight and sighting a round object with two lights which landed near the new Campus building. The informant said a door in the UFO opened and that he was able to see a child-sized figure, "very thin." He said the object moved toward his car and then rose rapidly and disappeared.

Low-level UFO activity over cities is becoming more and more frequent. UFO landings and near landings in large cities are also on the increase. On March 25, Johnny Sparks, 11, witnessed the landing of two UFOs next to his home in Wichita, Kansas. Here is the story the way he told it: "I had been upstairs to my mother's room and then I heard this funny noise. It went ~~mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm~~--like a flying top. I started to go back to bed when I heard it. Then I looked out the window and I saw it. I saw this flying object that people have been talking about. It had colored lights and was spinning. It was bigger than a car and the colors were purple and red and orange and green. When I saw them at first, they were up in the sky. Then I saw them laying right by my window. It didn't look like it had any windows and it landed like an airplane. When it started landing it had legs and put them on the ground. The top part spun, but the rest didn't. It was like a big fat doughnut. The top had something like a cap that kept going round and round. The second one looked just like the first one. One came down and the other came up. The other one just sat there and spun, too. I was too scared to wake anyone up. When it started leaving I covered up my head." Mrs. Thomas said that about 5 a.m. Johnny came running

up to her room nearly hysterical. "He was crying that he had seen two flying objects," she recalled. Johnny said his UFOs landed on a driveway on the north side of the house. The boy estimated that each UFO stayed about five minutes, and his story did not vary with each repeated telling. Also, Johnny and his mother found something near the landing site. Along the driveway lay pieces of concrete that once served as a reinforcement sheet along the house's foundation. Mrs. Thomas said she never noticed it breaking off until Friday. Pieces were scattered into the driveway. Sand had also swirled into the driveway area.

On the same date, what could have been another UFO landing occurred at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Emile Grenier, 55, an aeronautical engineer said he watched "a brilliant light in the sky" for a total of approximately two minutes as it made what he described as "an impossible maneuver," and apparently settled into a grove of trees near the Veterans Administration Hospital. "I was outside making an adjustment to my television antenna," said Grenier, "when my attention was attracted by a light of unusual intensity moving slowly across the sky along the Huron River." Grenier said he at first thought the light might be coming from an aircraft, but then realized that it was far too bright to be made by any known aircraft. He estimated that the light was traveling at between 150 and 200 miles per hour at about 3,000 feet when he first observed it. "It continued in level flight for about 20 seconds," he said, "and then came to an instant stop. There was no slowing down and no apparent change in direction. It simply stopped and remained stationary for a second or two. It then went off to the north for a few seconds, then took off like a skyrocket and rose about 1,000 feet in the space of four to five seconds." After its slight jog to the north and its meteoric rise, Grenier said, the object "started right down with continuously diminishing light intensity. But it was not as if something was burning out, it was more as if someone were turning down a rheostat." Grenier said the light "dropped in" behind the Veterans Hospital and settled into the grove of trees. "I would estimate that it reached a point about five to 10 feet from the ground when all lights disappeared," he said. Grenier said there was no sound of any kind. "I would estimate that the lights covered a span about the size of a small two-place airplane, with the maximum thickness about 20 percent of the width and occurring in the center." Grenier's sighting of the UFO was confirmed, he said, by Lawrence Espey, a University physiologist, who arrived on the scene moments later in his station wagon and described seeing essentially the same thing through his windshield. Grenier, a 1931 graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said he is familiar with most types of aircraft and the object he saw definitely was not an aircraft. "This was a solid soft red light of tremendous brilliance with no apparent definition in terms of supporting structure."

Another UFO landing involving a teenage boy occurred on March 29. Charles Cozens, 13, said two strange "ships" landed in a field behind the police station in the city of Mountain, Ontario, Canada. Police Constable Arnold Read, summoned to the boys home after his parents had repeatedly questioned their son before reporting the incident, verified Charles had a three-inch yellowish burn mark on his hand that he claims came from touching the "antenna" of a soft glowing "flying ship." Charles said he ran behind a fence at 9:15 p.m. to the open grade behind the police station after seeing one ship come down, closely followed by another. He described the objects as "eight feet long, four feet wide and three feet high" with "red, blue and green lights set into the rim and flickering like a

computer." Charles said the objects "lit up the grass around" and were making "a buzzing sound." He said they were hard and smooth to the touch and "I could not feel hot or cold so they must have been about body temperature." Only one had an antenna, he said. "It was thicker at the base and narrowed to the size of a nickel at the top." When he touched the antenna he received an electric shock and a three-foot flash "of electricity" occurred, he said. "I was running to tell someone at the police station but when I looked back they were gone and I thought the police would not believe me so I ran home to tell my parents." His father, James Cozens, a draftsman, said he took his son to a doctor 48 hours after the incident on the suggestion of Charles' teacher.

Mr. Cozens said he questioned and re-questioned his son and explained the seriousness of calling the police "but Charles was emphatic and could not be shaken." His mother said Charles is a "serious boy and would never involve us with the police unless he was telling the truth. Mr. and Mrs. Cozens had not said anything about the incident because they were afraid Charles would be hurt or ridiculed "but he remembers every detail vividly and has always been a serious hard-working kid, not the type to look for attention." At 11:15 p.m. the following night, the UFOs returned to the city of Mountain. Laverne Emery, 18, and his brother Owen, 14, sighted two objects "flying low over the city." The boys told their father and the police were called. Mr. Emery, an engineer, said his sons were "extremely shaken up by what they had seen." He said they described the two objects as "unlike anything they had ever seen before" and they said they were "making a whirring noise not at all like an aircraft." Both LaVern and Owen said they saw flashing red, blue and green lights. "They were very frightened and these kids are truthful kids," said Mr. Emery.

On March 31, a large UFO set itself down in the city of San Francisco, California. On that particular day, staffers at the National JACL office came to work at 6 a.m. Mrs. Helen Sugiyama was the first to notice something unusual parked in the area being dug for construction of the Japanese Cultural and Trade Center across the street from the National JACL office. It was foggy and the visibility was poor. Mrs. Sugiyama, who works near the window, held her attention to this something that was pulsating with bluish light on top and orange at bottom. There were several antennas sticking out of the body. When the fog lifted somewhat around 6:30 a.m., Mrs. Sugiyama saw the thing. She called Mrs. Chiz Satow, secretary to her husband, Executive Director Mas Satow. Later, Mrs. Satow said: "Yes, I saw it. It was about 60 feet long and 30 feet from top to bottom. It was pulsating with blue and orange light. There were three windows on the side. I saw creatures moving inside. I can't say they looked like humans. Anyway, when it took off I saw one of them near one of the windows. It looked like it was waving. So I waved too and said Sayonara..." Mrs. Satow was too excited to make herself coherent. Both Mrs. Sugiyama and Mrs. Satow, however, were very definite that this Unidentified Flying Object zoomed off the ground and disappeared over Twin Peaks in a split second. It was 6:41 a.m., they said. Police were notified and officers were seen making an investigation around 8 a.m.

Obviously, whoever was in control of the craft reported in the preceding landings, were not hostile--at least, no hostile action was taken against the witnesses. But, what about the UFO that collided with a car near Baytown, Texas on March 29. Miss Donella Banning, 20, her

mother, Mrs. Doyle Havard, 49, and Debbie Carrico, 10, were driving over the Wade Road overpass on Interstate 10, when little Debbie screamed: "Look, there's a ball heading for us." The two women caught a fleeting glimpse of something. Then smack! Something hit the roof of their car, shook it and, they thought, blew up. There were no other cars near. Miss Banning drove off the overpass and stopped. On the roof of her car were two dents in the red painted metal. The paint had been scraped off. The dents were about five inches in diameter and about 15 inches apart. The marks were there for all to see. But the UFO had vanished. Whatever it was, the two women say they saw something resembling a dark ball hurtling toward them. Neither mentioned any fire or sparks. At 8:02 p.m., Deputy Sheriff R.A. Kinsey was dispatched to investigate the incident. At nearby Houston, police got a call from an unidentified woman at 8 p.m. saying there was a UFO in the sky. Incidentally, Armand Yramategui, director of the Burke Baker Planetarium says he knows what hit Miss Banning's car. It was a meteor. "Nothing else could have caused that kind of damage," he said. He did not see the object.

Another one of those wild meteors collided with a house trailer near Trinity, North Carolina on April 19. At least there were marks near the roof line of the metal mobile home. Two children, ages 12 and 9, said the damage was caused by a round, black and shiny ball which had a white ring around it. The children, Evelyn, 12, and Eddie Baker said the event occurred about 8 p.m. The two children, in company with a couple other youngsters, were riding a bicycle along the lane beside their home. Suddenly, Evelyn said, they were startled by a loud noise at the trailer. Looking up they saw a round, black object sailing away. Evelyn said that the sight scared her and she ran as fast as she could to summon her parents. Eddie, who admitted that he, too, was scared, waited long enough to watch the ball go away. He said the UFO sailed up and between the tops of two tall trees about 50 or 60 feet northwest of the trailer. He then lost sight of it in the woods. Eddie said, "It buzzed a little." The trailer appeared to have been struck just above the roof line. Part of the metal stripping around the roof edge had been pulled loose from its base, and there was a dent in the side just below the roof.

If the two UFOs involved in the above incidents were intelligently controlled, they could have been directed against the witnesses as easily as the vehicles. This would have been hostility as we know it. Whatever the reason for their actions, this type of incident does not occur frequently. More concern should be directed toward the ever increasing number of cases where witnesses perform hostile acts against the UFOs. One of the recent such incidents took place on March 24 when a John King fired four shots at a UFO hovering close to the ground on the outskirts of Bangor, Maine just before midnight. He said he first noticed lights in the field "that I knew shouldn't have been there, but at first I thought that a car had overturned." He said he stopped his car and got out to investigate. "I couldn't believe my eyes," King said. "I took off my eyeglasses, rubbed my eyes and it started towards me at about 200 feet. I ran back to the car, loaded a 22 caliber pistol, rested my arm on the car and fired two shots. It was about 100 feet away then." King described the object as a "frosty orange color, about two car lengths long and about 15 feet high. When I fired the shots," King said, "it took off and as it did I saw lights on the underside that reflected in a pool of water. I fired two more shots at it as it took off and disappeared.

King said the object was definitely not an aircraft and that it had a bluish light on one end and a white light on the other end. King said he heard a humming noise coming from the object.....This late report has just arrived at NICAP. On March 21, Roy LaMark was driving west in Ralston, Nebraska when his auto was hit by a UFO which left a three-foot dent in the hood and fender regions. "My wife and I, along with a passing motorist searched that night for the object, but without success," Roy explained. Further hunting the next several days also failed to uncover any clues. "It was a black-looking object with what looked like flames on the edges," Roy said. "I first saw it when it was just about to hit the car coming in at a height of six feet," he added.

By March 21, UFO fever was sweeping the country. Although UFO sightings increased greatly starting the second week of March, it was not until the landings at Dexter on the 20th and Hillsdale, Michigan on the 21st that the news-wire services made the information available for release to the public. Even with the national news coverage, the full extent of the alien activity was not published. NICAP has received hundreds of reports and will continue to publish these eyewitness accounts until the full extent of the survey has been brought to your attention. --even though some may become slightly back-dated.

At 2:20 a.m., March 21, a huge glowing object was seen descending from the sky near Little Rock, Washington. Such a report might seem rather unimportant except for the fact the another glowing object was sighted descending from the sky near Central Park, Washington--which is not too far from Little Rock--about 30 minutes later. About 7:30 that night, a brilliantly bright UFO was seen by hundreds of people as it sped through the sky over San Gabriel Valley, California. Mrs. Belle Roth of Hollywood said the object looked like a big ball of fire and appeared to be over the Sunset Strip. At Canoga Park, the UFO was described as "the size of a baseball...bluish in color...with a white ring around it, and lasted about 10 seconds. Officials at Lockheed confirmed that a UFO had been sighted moving over the airport. Additional reports came from Pasadena, Temple City, Covina, and Burbank. At 7:40 p.m., two men at Pittsfield, Illinois sighted a high-flying glowing UFO. They are Ron Tanner and Bryan McAllister. Tanner described the object as cigar-shaped with an intense light. He said, "I never saw anything so bright." Tanner said it had a steady white glow and as it moved away it had the appearance of a flashing light. It disappeared to the north, then turned to the east, and disappeared to the south. The two men watched the UFO for 10 to 15 minutes as it maneuvered through the sky. The same night, an egg-shaped UFO with a bluish light surrounded by a row of orange colored lights was sighted over Indiana, Pennsylvania. Another object was seen by a motorist in Honesdale, Pennsylvania. The UFO was flying very low, had green and white lights, stopped in mid-air and remained stationary in the sky. At 11 p.m., the UFOs returned to California. Six persons in Port Hueneme reported seeing two objects in the sky. Mrs. J.A. Corey told police she was awakened by a continuous roaring noise. She went outside and observed two flying objects, one which was red and green and the other white. Sgt. Bill Nugent and Patrolman Phil Askins went to Mrs. Corey's house. Through binoculars they observed two UFOs in the sky which were a white and goldish color and appeared to be over the Seabee base. The two officers said what they saw was unidentifiable. At 11:10 p.m., Bill Strickland sighted a flying

object in the area of Snow Camp, North Carolina. "It lit up the whole sky and was a reddish or orange color. It was traveling at a tremendous speed," he said, "but it was in my view for about 10 seconds." About twenty minutes later, another UFO was spotted over Caswell County, North Carolina by commuters who were driving between Casville and Providence, shortly after they left work in Reidsville.

The story for March 22 didn't change much. Residents in Portola, Nevada reported a visitor over their city about 4:15 a.m. First sighted in the east, the object traveled northward toward Portola, then hovered low over the city for about 45 minutes. The shape seemed to be constantly changing, at times appearing flat, as a disc, then seemingly to quickly shift over to a thin, wafer-like shape. A celestial object of considerable size was spotted over Jensen Beach, Florida during the early morning hours. It was clearly octagonal in shape and glowed softly, and trailed streamers or wires. Reported by Mrs. Lee Anderson and Mrs. Edith Settersfield, they said it was first sighted northeast of their home, and that its course was southerly. A few hours later, at 11 a.m., a woman living west of Paris, Illinois reported a football-shaped object in the sky. At noon, students at Muncie, Illinois Grade School reported they also saw a flying object. Steve Harmeson, 12, said, "It was a shiny thing and looked like a football. It had three things coming down from the bottom and they looked like antennas. It was moving pretty fast toward the north and didn't make a bit of noise." Several Medford, Oregon residents saw a "sort of roundish" white object in the sky traveling south about 2:45 p.m. At 7:15 p.m., nine residents of Normal, Illinois observed a large oval-shaped object in the sky. It soared soundlessly at heights estimated at 200 to 300 feet and had four blinking lights. The witnesses said the UFO flew over them, hovered near a group of trees several blocks away and then proceeded southeasterly.. This sighting was investigated by Astronomer William Powers from Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University. "I don't know what it was, but it is interesting. was his only definite conclusion after quizzing members of two families.

Mrs. Jason Merrill, her 12-year-old daughter, Susan and Mrs. Jimmie Jones sighted three UFOs northeast of Hillsdale, Michigan on March 22, between 7:30 and 8 p.m. The three gave essentially the same description of three objects which hovered in a horizontal-triangular formation. Mrs. Merrill said the objects stayed in formation for about 10 minutes. Then, two of the objects moved rapidly in a northeasterly direction, fading out of sight into the distance. The other object remained, hovering with a fluttering motion. Mrs. Jones said the object twirled. She also said it glowed with a yellow-like light but thought it was some sort of surface glow, rather than the emission of light from within. While the two women were viewing the three UFOs from near their homes, Susan Merrill was in a swamp area east of there. She said she saw only one object. She diagramed the object in the shape of a football. She said the UFO she viewed was hovering at tree-top level. It then moved to the right and stopped; moved to the right again and stopped; moved down again and stopped and then moved off in an easterly direction, dropping below a line of trees. (A football-shaped UFO landed near Hillsdale on March 21.) That evening, a strange glowing object was observed over the golf course at the west side of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; And an eerie bluish UFO flying extremely low followed alongside a car near Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. Another oval-shaped object was sighted over Paspoin, Mississippi at 8 p.m. The object was moving at tremendous speed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Peck of Alpena, Michigan sighted a UFO at 9 p.m. "I don't know what it was we saw, but we did see it," said Mrs. Peck. "It looked like a star, yet much brighter, and darted from one direction to another with great speed and then would stop just as quickly...it moved closer to our home and higher in the sky. In order to get a better view of it, we had to move into the children's room...it still moved back and forth in fast movements, stopping quickly and would then seem to glide up and down diagonally. (This summary of the March-April UFO Flap will be continued in the July issue of the Reporter.)

The following report just arrived from NICAPs representative in Jamestown, New York. On April 24, about 8:30 p.m., John Orazio, 13, sighted a silver-gray disc-shaped object hovering close to the ground across from his parents farm near Sinclairville, New York. Young John called to 51-year-old Robert Howard to view the disc hovering in back of a low barn at the farm of William Beckman. Howard walked down a hill where the disc appeared to be hovering. "I'd have gone on down there if I hadn't run into that barb-wire fence," he said, "but I didn't see the fence in the dark. I wanted to get down where it was because I was going to talk to whoever was inside that thing." Asked if the prospect of a discussion with extra-terrestrial visitors wasn't frightening, Mr. Howard just shrugged. "I guess if they had wanted to kill me they could have done it without waiting for me to start talking to them." It was at this point that Mr. Howard and the others had their best view of the UFO. Estimated at between 12 and 14 feet in diameter, the disc-shaped object had lights around the edge which witnesses said gradually changed from white to red and then back to white. Mr. Howard said the craft appeared to have a light about two inches in diameter which cast a bright, funnel-shaped beam across open fields to a section of woods a quarter of a mile away. He pointed to his left eye, citing it as a "casualty" of the encounter. The eye appeared to be slightly puffy and bloodshot.

After hovering for a few moments near the Beckman barn, Mr. Howard said, the disc moved sharply to the right, "bobbed up and down a few times" and, after rising higher into the air, streaked across the open fields and halted over a stretch of woods and marshland to the southwest. The observers said the UFO then seemed to bob up and down a few times before sinking slowly out of sight. Although they watched until after 1 a.m. the 25th, the disc did not reappear from the woods. Mr. Howard admits the sighting "made a believer out of me."

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