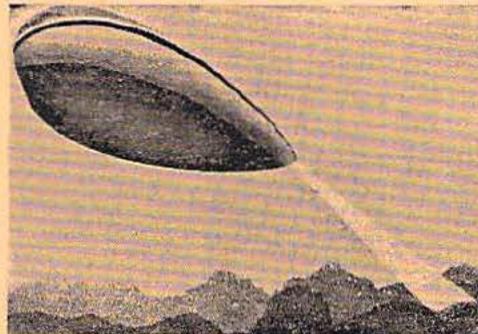


SKETCH of UFO by Maj. Riddle. The top glowed orange and beams at the sides were blue, he says.

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ARTIST'S IMPRESSION of strange, heart-shaped UFO, drawn from descriptions given by state troopers.

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Editor's Introduction January 2004

Over a year ago MUFON of Ohio member Richard Lee gave me a large collection of newspaper clippings that had been part of the files of the late Earl J. Neff. Richard gave me these clippings because of my personal interest in gathering UFO materials and finding archives to preserve them for use by researchers in the years ahead. When I looked through Earl's collection, which amounted to easily more than 2000 clippings, I found a number of articles from the *National Enquirer* that gave details of then current specific UFO sightings. I had never paid attention to this paper before, although I knew it covered the subject of UFOs on occasion. I was more than pleasantly surprised at the quality of what I found. These articles are presented here for your reading pleasure and for the purpose of preserving them for future research purposes. I am sure that this collection represents only part of what was published by the *National Enquirer*. Perhaps someday someone will collect and catalog all of the UFO information that this paper has published over the years. In the meantime, in Earl's memory, you have here his collection.

Jerry and Arlene Bowers formed the Cleveland Ufology Project (CUP) in 1956. They formed CUP as a neighborhood group to stimulate local interest in the UFO subject. During 1957 they met once a month in member's homes to discuss the subject and to gather information. Earl became its first elected chairman for the year 1959, retaining that post in 1960. Fred Sylvanus was elected to that post in 1961 but later gave it up for personal reasons. Virginia Kindt, who was the Vice Chairman, was then automatically installed and served in that post during 1962 and 1963. Allan Manak became the chairman in 1964. The meetings were moved to the old Cleveland Central YMCA building on Prospect Avenue in downtown Cleveland and then moved again in 1965 to a bank in Parma, Ohio. CUP bills itself, probably quite accurately, as the oldest continuously active UFO organization in the United States.

Earl gave UFO talks and presentations to numerous groups and organizations through out the northern Ohio area and even up into Canada. Interestingly enough, the *National Enquirer* reportedly interviewed him on occasion for some of the articles that they published.

In 1966 some of the then "old guard" put pressure on Allan Manak, the then chairman Elmer Schutt, and other newcomers in order to take control of the organization. Many of these CUP members ultimately resigned from the organization and formed the Cleveland chapter of the American UFO Committee. Up until that time CUP had published a newsletter and had held various national UFO meetings in Cleveland. Originally called the Congress of Scientific UFOlogists, these meetings were later named the National UFO Conference. The newsletter and these meeting apparently ended for CUP after the break-up occurred, although others took up these activities outside of CUP for some years afterwards.

Relatively unknown now outside of his own area of Ohio, Earl was a trailblazer in the field of ufology. There apparently is an interesting but un-written history that involves northern Ohio UFO organizations. This area of the state has always been and still is, relatively speaking, a "hot bed" of UFO interest. I hope this collection encourages and inspires someone to write a history of early Ohio ufology before all of its participants pass away into UFO oblivion.

Earl's overall clipping collection has been donated to the Archives for UFO Research in Sweden. They have one of the best (at least public) UFO collections in the world. Go to <http://www.afu.info/> for information about this organization and their collection.

For members of the MUFON of Ohio, this publication will replace two of the four issues of the newsletter promised for this membership year. To me it seems like a good trade and I hope you will all agree. Nine of the clippings included in this issue were also included in the 25th issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*. We included them here to keep Earl's collection complete. Also note that this issue number 27 is being published prior to number 26. (Yes, we can count. There is a production reason for this. And what are numbers for anyway?)

William E. Jones

By WILLIAM DICK

A mysterious unidentified flying object (UFO), tracked on three radar screens, recently caused the Air Force to scramble two F106 fighter jets into the early morning sky over Florida and nearby coastal waters.

The supersonic interceptors, part of the Air Defense Command and each armed with four air-to-air missiles, were sent aloft from Homestead Air Force Base, south of Miami, at 6 a.m. on September 14.

Earlier, Palm Beach County Sheriff William Heidtman took a department helicopter 10 miles out to sea in an attempt to investigate the intensely bright object.

In addition, visual sightings were made by expert witnesses, including an Eastern Airlines pilot, a Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) official, and the FAA flight controller on duty at the Palm Beach International Airport.

The flight controller, Bill Brown, was first alerted to the presence of the UFO at 4 a.m. by calls from several local police departments. They told him a mysterious, very bright light could be seen northeast of Palm Beach, over the Atlantic Ocean.

"At first, I couldn't see anything.



FLIGHT CONTROLLER Bill Brown was alerted to presence of UFO by calls from police.

UFO Tracked on Radar Screens in Florida

... It Causes Air Force to Scramble Jet Fighters

Then, suddenly, there was this very bright light — as if someone had turned a switch on," Brown explained to *The ENQUIRER*.

"I looked on the radar screen and there was a definite contact. It was slightly hazy, not the sharply defined contact we get from an aircraft. Besides, I knew there were no planes in that sector of the sky.

"The contact was about 10 miles over the ocean and between 7,000 and 11,000 feet high. It was moving slower than an aircraft but seemed to be six to eight times larger.

"The radar screen showed it to be moving west (toward land) at about 5 miles an hour. Then it turned to the northwest, where it remained more or less stationary," said Brown, who has been a flight controller for seven years.

"I didn't believe what I saw, so I called Miami International Airport. They said they also had it on their screens.

"In the meantime, Sheriff Heidtman had contacted Air Defense Command at Homestead and they also reported contact.

"Homestead asked me to contact an Eastern Airlines DC9 due in at Palm Beach from Miami and ask the pilot to look out for the object. The captain of the DC9 — Capt. B.F. Ferguson — radioed back that he'd seen a very bright light and that it was not a star. The whole business began to take on an eerie quality.

"When I reported to Homestead what the DC9 pilot had told me, they scrambled the jets," Brown said.

By that time, it was 6 a.m. The jets, traveling at altitudes ranging from 500 to 15,000 feet, crisscrossed the search area but could find nothing.

"By the time the jets arrived overhead, radar contact with the object had been lost on our screen," Brown said.

The 20th Air Division headquarters at Fort Lee, Va., from where the Homestead interceptors are controlled, said "the radar contact was caused by weather phenomena."

However, a spokesman for the



EXPERT WITNESS: James Moon Jr., in charge of air traffic at Palm Beach International Airport, says there was definite radar contact.

weather bureau at Palm Beach International disagreed, saying: "There was absolutely no unusual weather that morning that could have caused such a radar contact."

After his helicopter flight, Sheriff Heidtman told *The ENQUIRER*: "I could see the light quite clearly.

"It was very bright with occasional flashes of red and green. In my opinion what I was looking at was the planet Venus."

But flight controller Brown said: "It's impossible that Venus, millions of miles away, could have been picked up on three different radar screens."

James Moon Jr., senior FAA official in charge of air traffic at the Palm Beach International Airport, told *The ENQUIRER* that he also saw a light in the sky. He added: "Taking into account the radar contacts, I believe there were two different objects in the sky and that Venus was only one of them.

"I'm not saying the second object



SHERIFF William Heidtman flew in helicopter to investigate UFO.

was something from space, but there was a definite radar contact no one seems able to explain."

UFO Seen by Superior Court Judge

By LEONARD THORNTON

Three glowing orange circles flying in triangular formation high in the sky were seen at the same time by a 12-year-old girl and a Superior Court judge.

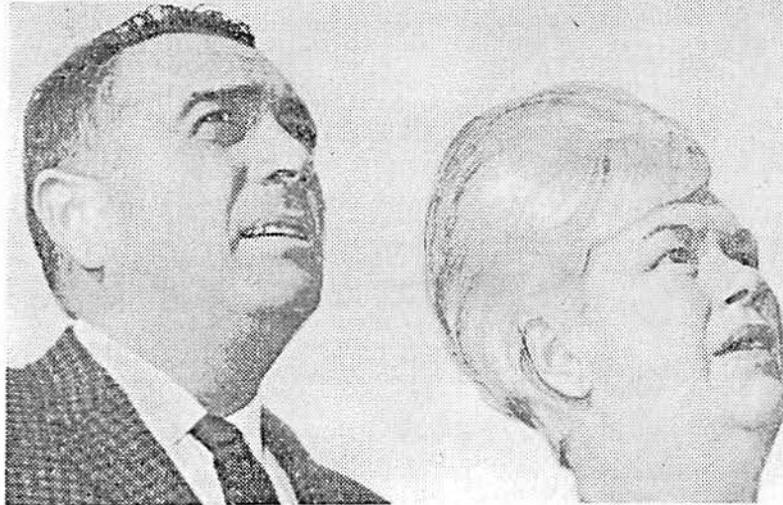
Judge Charles Bennett, of Denver, Colo., said: "I don't know whether the three circles were joined or if they were the extremities of a Flying Saucer or what else they might have been.

"I only know what I saw and I can't explain it."

The sighting occurred on the evening of October 5. Judge Bennett was sitting in his parked car talking to his wife, Patty, and his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Bennett, who were standing on the sidewalk outside the senior Mrs. Bennett's house.

"I was looking up at my wife from the car," he later explained to this ENQUIRER reporter. "Suddenly, I caught a movement just by her head. I yelled to them both: 'Look at that,' and they both looked up and saw exactly what I saw.

"It was a series of lights in a triangular formation flying fast toward the southeast. They moved faster than any jet I ever saw and the lights were



SAW UFO: Judge Charles Bennett spotted three circles flying in formation, then called his wife's attention to them.

in such formation that I'm convinced they couldn't have been on any conventional aircraft."

Bennett estimated the lights at about 50 or 75 feet in diameter and flying at 2,000 or 3,000 feet.

"I couldn't distinguish what was between the bright orange lights," he said. "I couldn't see any superstructure."

He added that at the same time as they saw

the lights, he and his wife and mother heard a humming sound in the air.

At the same time, in another part of Denver, Carla Batchler, 12, ran from her bedroom to tell her mother, Mrs. Roy Batchler, she could hear a humming sound in the sky.

"I was engrossed in writing a letter," said Mrs. Batchler, "and I hadn't noticed the humming but when Carla pointed it out to me, I stopped to listen. I heard it quite clearly.

"Neither of us went outside and when the noise stopped abruptly, I sent Carla back to bed. Then I went back to my letter and forgot about the noise.

"Next morning I read in the newspaper about Judge Bennett's sighting of the lights and I wondered if there could have been some connection.

"This was before Carla had come down for breakfast and she certainly hadn't read the newspaper. When she came down, before I got a chance to mention it, she told me she had seen something from her bedroom window.

"She described it to me as three bright rings flying together in a triangle — exactly what Judge Bennett saw."

Experts at the University of Colorado's government-sponsored UFO program interviewed Judge Bennett but a spokesman said afterwards: "It was a very interesting sighting but we have not been able to make any definite analysis or reach any conclusion on the basis of the information we have."

UFO Is Tracked on Radar at 'Unbelievable Speed' as It Chases

A UFO terrified an Indiana farmer and his wife by chasing the farmer's truck as he raced for home before the object disappeared in a dazzling burst of speed. At the same time, the UFO was tracked on nearby radar moving at "unbelievable speed."

The following evening, the deputy sheriff who investigated the farm couple's frightening experience saw mysterious lights in the sky — as did a city councilman and his wife.

"I was so frightened I couldn't think straight," said Mrs. Richard Pape as she described the UFO she and



UP THERE! Huntington Councilman Allen Young and his wife show where they saw UFO.

A Terrified Farmer

her husband saw near Huntington, Ind., at dusk on October 15.

She had driven her husband to a field 2 miles from their farmhouse to pick up a truck he had left there.

As Pape got out of the car, he noticed an unusual light in the sky — and it rapidly grew larger.

"Dick shouted at me to get in the car and head for home," Mrs. Pape said. "Dick drove off in the truck and I followed right behind him.

"As we left, the object zoomed straight in on us and took a position directly over Dick's truck. It was as big as a huge living room and round like a disc.

"We tried to lose it by speeding up . . . but it stayed right with us. Then we slowed — but it always kept pace.

"When we got home, I jumped out of the car, left the motor running and ran in the house.

"The object hovered over the barn for a minute and then moved off. I've never seen anything so fast."

At about the same time, Neal Rupert was on duty in the Federal Aviation Administration air traffic control tow-

er at Fort Wayne's Baer Field, 35 miles away.

"I got a call that there had been reports of UFOs in the area so I checked the radar scope — but couldn't see anything," said Rupert, a veteran of more than 30 years in traffic control towers.

"Then all of a sudden something appeared on the screen, moving very slowly. There were four of us in the tower and we all looked around with binoculars but couldn't see anything.

"We watched the object on the radar scope — and suddenly it took off at an unbelievable speed. I've never seen anything move so fast."

The following evening, Deputy Sheriff Dale Smitley was out on patrol when he saw mysterious lights.

"There were three of them moving in formation in a straight line," Smitley said. "They were extremely bright and considerably larger than anything else in the sky."

Huntington City Councilman Allen Young and his wife who were out driving, also saw the lights.

"They were in a perfect line and extremely bright," Young told *The ENQUIRER*. "We followed one for



AIRPORT employe Neal Rupert saw something on his radar scope.

about 10 minutes — and then all of a sudden it just took off at a fantastic speed."

— GARY STEIN

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LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY PAPER IN AMERICA

MAY 13, 1973

Unidentified flying objects described as "flying Christmas trees" swept across the darkened sky over a small town in eastern Pennsylvania two nights in March, according to area residents.

"I was there for about 30 minutes and saw four objects passing from west to east," said State Trooper Jeffrey Hontz, called by excited residents of Saylorsburg to watch the mysterious aerial display on March 1.

"My first assumption was that they were airplanes, but I didn't hear any noise coming from them. And they were so close to the ground that we should have been able to hear something if they'd been conventional aircraft."

"Some had white lights, some had blue and some had both. They looked like flying Christmas trees."

Said Mrs. Shirley Pfeiffer, 33, one of the first to spy the objects: "Each one had four very bright lights, with another light in the center of their saucer-shaped, silver bottoms. They didn't even make a whisper. We estimated their height at about 1,500 feet."

Mrs. Pfeiffer said she saw 42 UFOs that night, while neighbor Mrs. Jan Young reported spotting 25.

"The first I saw," said Mrs. Young, "appeared to be totally red until it got really close. Then we saw it had four lights forming a circle with a blue light in the middle that was blinking on and off."

A third neighbor, Carlo Uccio, 56, said: "I saw five of the objects that night. They had bright lights at each corner and appeared to stand still for a while and then disappear into the distance, some flying slowly and

some traveling at tremendous speeds.

"I was just one of a gang of people who came out to watch when the commotion was going on and Trooper Hontz arrived. None of us had ever seen anything like that before."

The residents said they heard the policeman radio headquarters and receive a report that no known aircraft were supposed to be in the area.

On March 4, said Uccio, he spotted four more UFOs. Mrs. Pfeiffer reported 12 more.

Also on the scene March 1 was newsman Paul Flores of radio station WVPO in nearby Stroudsburg. He told **THE ENQUIRER**:

"We got a call that people were seeing these things and I drove over to check them out."

"As I scrambled out of my car, I saw this



UFO SPOTTERS: Mrs. Jan Young (left), Mrs. Shirley Pfeiffer and her son Alan saw lights in the sky.

UFOs Like 'Flying Christmas Trees' Are Sighted Over Small Pa. Town

object right above me. I couldn't make out its shape, but I could quite easily see that it had four lights in the shape of a cross.

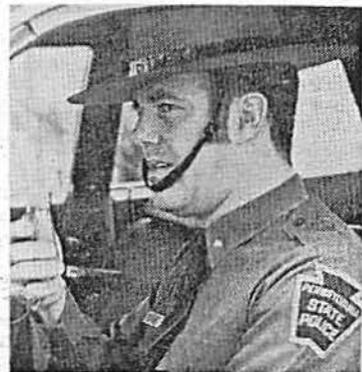
"I'm sure that the things were not airplanes.

"If they were, you would have expected the colors to be the normal red and green running lights.

"It was a very clear night and we had a good view.

"There were about a dozen other people there and all of them saw the lights, too."

— EDWARD B. CAMLIN



TROOPER Jeffrey Hontz watched UFOs for half an hour.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY PAPER IN AMERICA

JUNE 24, 1973

A few months ago, Mayor Robert McGuire didn't believe in Unidentified Flying Objects. It was all a "lot of nonsense," he said, when reports of UFO sightings in and around his town began to crop up.

But that's all changed now.

The Lexington, Ala., mayor has seen UFOs four times during the last three months — and he was followed by one while in his car in early March.

McGuire is only one of hundreds of residents in the Lexington area, including the chief of police, the town magistrate, the Civil Defense chief, and a minister, who have reported repeated sightings of UFOs since the first of the year.

The UFOs are so common in the area, in fact, that many townspeople gather at night in expectation of seeing one or more of the fiery balls of light. The townspeople are joined by the curious from other parts of Alabama and neighboring Tennessee, according to Civil Defense Chief Wilsey Mashburn.

"I'm really amazed," Mayor McGuire told The ENQUIRER. "It seems to be some sort of spaceship and has caused a great deal of controversy."

"The best sighting I had was on March 3, when I was in the car with my wife, Jo, and my daughter, Susan, coming home from a cookout.

"It looked like a large ball of white light — different from the first time I saw it when it showed red, blue and green flashing lights," he said.

"It was following us, making no

Hundreds See UFOs in Alabama

... Including Mayor, Magistrate, noise and leaving no trail. I estimated its speed to be 60 miles per hour and it was about 3 miles away from the road. We must have watched it for five minutes as we drove along before it suddenly vanished, as if a light had been switched off."

Magistrate Don White saw it in the company of 15 other people at a barbecue about 4 miles from Lexington the night the UFO followed McGuire.

"We were all talking and joking about the UFO sightings we'd heard about recently when suddenly this object rose up on the horizon in the west. At first it appeared a whitish-yellow, but changed to dark red as it



CHECKING: Stanley L. Ingram, newspaperman from nearby Pulaski, Tenn., examines reported UFO landing site close to Lexington, Ala., where he saw five lights in the sky. Ingram says, "I am convinced the area is being observed, or spied on, by UFOs."

Civil Defense Chief and Police Chief of One Town

moved. It looked to be about a half mile away, traveling at a slow speed and making no noise. We all watched it for four or five minutes before it disappeared."

At the nearest Air Force base, in Huntsville, Ala., a spokesman said they had heard of the Lexington sightings but had not investigated.

"Air Force planes were not involved," he said.

Lexington Police Chief Larry Hardman said his office has been swamped with reports of UFO sightings. "I've



ROBERT MCGUIRE
... Mayor now a
believer in UFOs.

seen the object three times myself while on patrol. The last time was on March 12 when it was no more than 400 yards from me. It was a large glowing, oblong-shaped thing. There was no sound and it didn't move very fast," said the chief. "And each time I saw it, the shortwave radio in my car cut out."

The Rev. Gordon Ware and his wife, Beverly, tried to chase the UFO in their car in mid-March, but it disappeared.

Civil Defense Chief Mashburn said he's seen it eight or 10 times. "My feeling is that it's from another planet."

— WILLIAM DICK

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3 Astonished Policemen Watch UFOs Put On Awesome Aerial Circus Over Missouri

By **BRIAN G. WELLS**

Three veteran policemen, a former radar operator and his wife say they watched Unidentified Flying Objects put on an awesome "aerial circus" over eastern Missouri.

"I saw about five of them," said Deputy Pete Bishop of the St. Charles County, Mo., sheriff's department. "They were a bright white color — small, like stars. I thought at first they must be planes. But I've never seen planes move like that. They were UFOs, they couldn't have been anything else.

"They'd go along in a straight line at incredible speeds, stop and shoot up at a 90-degree angle. It was weird, knowing you were watching something from outer space."

The UFOs were first spotted by Bob Baumbach, 31, a postal clerk and former Air Force radar operator. He and his wife, Patricia, 26, were walking near their house in St. Charles at about 9:30 p.m. last June 12.



THE BAUMBACHS:
"We were scared."

"I just happened to glance up and see this object streaking across the sky," Baumbach said. "I blinked a couple of times. I didn't believe it.

"It was a pretty clear night but there were two massive clouds about 20 miles apart. This thing would dart between the clouds.

"Then another one shot out of the clouds and then another — about four in all. They were icy blue in color and the strange thing was there was no noise coming from them. They didn't



DETECTIVE

Ray Clarke said:
"They sure did zip around."

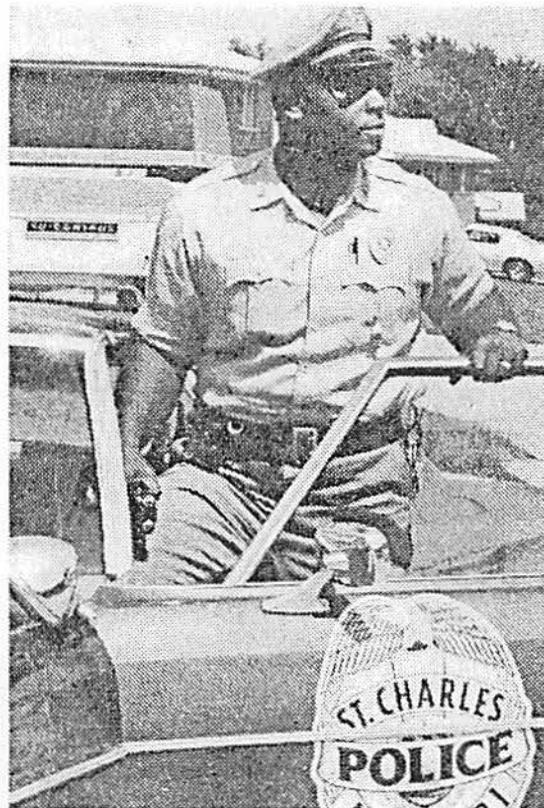
leave any vapor trail or anything like that. They zipped backward and forward across the sky at fantastic speeds.

"It was like an aerial circus, like they were playing around up there. It shook us because we'd never seen anything like it before."

Said Mrs. Baumbach: "We were scared. Whatever it was, it was something that shouldn't have been there."

Baumbach said he called the police "because we wanted someone in authority to back up what we'd seen." The first to come was Patrolman Reuben Abbington, 31.

"When the police radio said this dude had seen a UFO, I



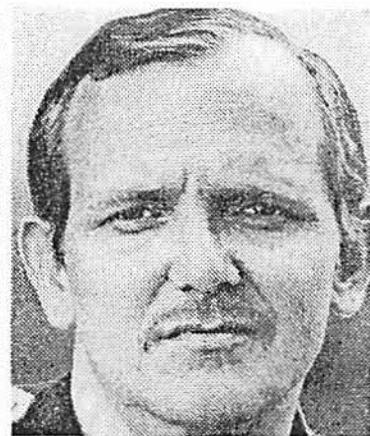
PATROLMAN Reuben Abbington: "The maneuverability was unbelievable. I never saw anything like it in my life."

had a quiet chuckle," Abbington said.

"And when I got there, I couldn't see anything at first. But suddenly I saw this object zip across the sky at lightning speed. I watched for about 50 minutes and saw three of them in all. Their maneuverability was unbelievable. I never saw anything like it in my life."

Deputy Bishop and Detective Ray Clarke, also of the St. Charles County police, arrived and joined Abbington and the Baumbachs in watching the sky. As they did, an airliner from St. Louis International Airport passed overhead.

"One UFO was maybe 10-20 miles away, but it shot across



DEPUTY Pete Bishop: "It was weird, knowing you were watching something from outer space."

the sky at lightning speed and caught up with the airliner in 2 seconds," said Baumbach.

"I doubt that the pilot saw it, as it took a sort of watching position directly above the plane and then suddenly darted off into a cloud."

Abbington radioed the police dispatcher to call the airport and ask whether radar had detected the UFO. The airport tower said no.

"We didn't know what to think when the airport said they weren't picking up anything but the airliner on their radar," said St. Charles Detective Ray Clarke, 29.

"We definitely saw something and they weren't planes. As far as I'm concerned they were UFOs. I saw three of them in all. They were small, white, star-like objects.

"I only watched them for about 15 minutes but those things were unbelievable. They sure did zip around the sky."

Baumbach and his wife watched the UFOs for 1½ hours "until they just faded out," said Baumbach. "I'm just glad they flew away from us instead of coming our way."

UFO Investigators Baffled by . . .

Mysterious Saucer-Shaped Depressions Surrounded by Scorched Crops Found on 2 Iowa Farms

By **BOB PRATT**

Authorities are baffled by mysterious saucer-shaped depressions found on two northern Iowa farms only 14 miles apart. In the center of each depression the earth was baked and blackened, and surrounding crops were scorched.

The most recent incident occurred in July on the farm of Howard Groves in Clarion, Iowa.

"Something pretty strange landed in my bean patch and took off again," Groves told an ENQUIRER reporter. "I hadn't been near that field for maybe three weeks. When I finally walked down there, I discovered a burned area maybe 40 feet across.

"Right in the middle was what I can only call a blast area. It was about 18 inches across. The soil had turned black and it was hard as a rock. When I broke up a piece, it was full of bits of metal, like silver.

"Stranger still, there were four holes about a foot across and a foot deep at the corners of the burned patch — like something had sat there on four legs before taking off."

Thirteen months earlier, in June 1972, Donald Slaikeu made a similar discovery in

a remote soybean field on his farm in Goldfield, 14 miles away — a depression in the ground and a burned spot, with identical holes at the corners.

"It didn't look like anyone could have caused the damage — there weren't any tracks leading to it," Slaikeu told The ENQUIRER. "The ground in the center was baked, but a few inches below, the soil was moist. Inside the holes was a silver-like dust."

Slaikeu examined the depression on Groves' farm and said: "It's exactly the same as what happened in my field — same blast area, holes in the ground, metal in the soil."

Both depressions were inspected by Wright County Sheriff Robert Shaw, who said: "The marks on the ground and the burned areas were identical. Maybe I lean to the idea that it was lightning. But that doesn't explain those dang holes in the ground.

"Both incidents were very strange. I'm not going to come right out and say it wasn't a UFO that landed on those fields. It's so much of a coincidence, the same thing happening on two farms 14 miles apart. It certainly makes you think.

In Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Kevin Randle, a member of Aerial Phenomenon Research Organ-

ization, a worldwide group of UFO watchers, said:

"Last year there were many UFO sightings in the area. I am a helicopter pilot, so I know they were not helicopters. The marks made in the Groves field were not caused by lightning. I am convinced they were made by some kind of space vehicle."

A soil sample from Groves' farm was tested at Iowa State University. Analyst Kalku Eik told The ENQUIRER:

"We discovered a reduction in the soil's phosphorous content, suggesting it had been subjected to terrific heat. We found no trace of metal deposits, but Mr. Groves may have seen a glazing of the soil caused by the intense heat. This may have shown silvery in the sunlight. When the soil was broken up for samples, this glazing would disappear."

Asked what he thought the cause was, Eik said: "I honestly don't know. The official explanation is lightning, and

I don't rule this out, but the sheer size of the blasted area, plus the holes in the ground, leave room for doubt. I just don't know . . ."

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City Councilmen Break Up Meeting To Chase UFO

A UFO broke up a city council meeting in Michigan and "made believers" out of five city officials . . . Sighting was first of dozens reported in month by Michigan officials and residents

The September 11 sighting was the first of dozens reported by central Michigan officials and residents during the month.

A frantic phone call reached the Howard City town hall at 10 p.m. On



COUNCILMAN Dave Germain raced after the UFO with his car for 4 miles, until it disappeared.

the line was the wife of Councilman David Germain, exclaiming that she had just seen a diamond-bright object flash over their home.

"We all forgot about the meeting, jumped into my car and took off," said Germain. "With me were Max Gondre, our town manager, and three other councilmen: Fred Blanchard, Eugene Bouwkamp and Henry Hunt. They're all reliable and respectable people.

"We came upon the UFO just outside the city limits. We couldn't make out any shape. It was just a big, bright, round light almost too bright to look at directly.

"It was flying rapidly. I drove up to 85 miles an hour for four miles and couldn't get near it. Then we lost it.

"Everybody in the car saw the same thing. And what we saw was confirmed by dozens of other people.

"It wasn't an airplane. I'm a licensed pilot myself, and what I saw didn't belong to any plane or helicopter. We had the windows of the car open and there was absolutely no sound at all from the UFO.

"Man, I'll tell you, that thing made believers out of us all." Councilman Eugene Bouwkamp agreed. "We chased that thing just as Germain told you," he said.

"A large bright light flying swiftly through the sky. I just couldn't believe it."

The next sightings occurred on September 29 over the village of Six Lakes, Mich., 19 miles east of Howard City. Montcalm County Deputy Sheriffs Gale Bensinger and Duane Straley saw a UFO while on patrol.

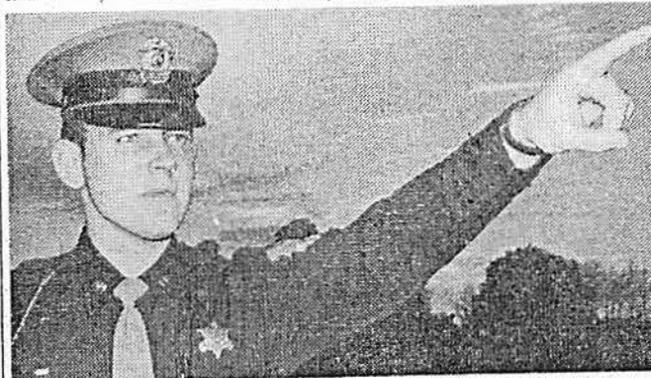
Deputy Bensinger said: "Seeing is believing and I saw it — a large light hovering over the trees just east of the highway, Michigan 46. It was round, about twice the size of a car and almost too bright to look at.

"I used to be a mechanic in the Air Force. I know what planes and helicopters sound and look like.

"The object I saw wasn't either one."

The UFO was seen moments later by Lester Link, a truck driver, and his 16-year-old son, David.

"I could have sworn the thing landed in the woods," said the elder Link, "so my boy and I took a light and went toward the place. All of a sudden, the entire woods lit



SEEING IS BELIEVING, says Deputy Sheriff Gale Bensinger, shown pointing to where he saw UFO hovering.



Eyewitness Larry Helms

. . . describes UFO he and five friends sighted as 'an upside-down coffee cup.'

up. We were scared as hell.

"Then the thing rose slowly up and when it reached treetop height, it just darted off to the east.

"I tell you, it was a weird thing to see."

The next night in Six Lakes,



Police Chief Larry Imhoff

. . . says the UFOs always seemed to appear in threes — making a triangle.

Larry Helms, 16, tried to photograph a UFO without much luck.

He and five friends watched the object for five minutes, Helms said.

"It was about the size of a big car and shaped like an upside-down coffee cup," he said. "The thing was about 500 yards away and really bright white in the middle with the ends red, blue and smoky. It just suddenly shot off."

"We had lots of calls from police who saw the objects," The ENQUIRER was told by Lakeview Police Chief Larry Imhoff.

"We've checked a lot of authorities, but we can't find anybody who can explain these odd sightings.

"I think it's possible we've had visitors from other planets," said Chief Imhoff.

— JOHN M. CATHCART

UFOs Buzz Tennessee Town

... Claim Sheriff, Firemen & Citizens Who Saw Strange Objects in Sky
By STEWART DICKSON

Strange objects seen repeatedly whizzing through the night skies of northwest Tennessee — in one case by an entire company of city firemen — have officials and citizens alike in an uproar.

"One UFO passed so low that I could hear a humming noise coming from it," declared Sheriff Nathan Cunningham of Obion County.

Sheriff Cunningham, 43, told The ENQUIRER his first sighting was on Saturday, September 29, just before 9 p.m., about 18 miles from Union City.

"Someone pointed out a shining object in the sky that was obviously not a star," he said. "I watched it from the ground, then from a high fire tower with binoculars. It had a central white light and smaller colored outer lights. As I watched, a second, identical object came from the north and hovered over the first. They seemed to be stationary, then moved out of sight to the west.



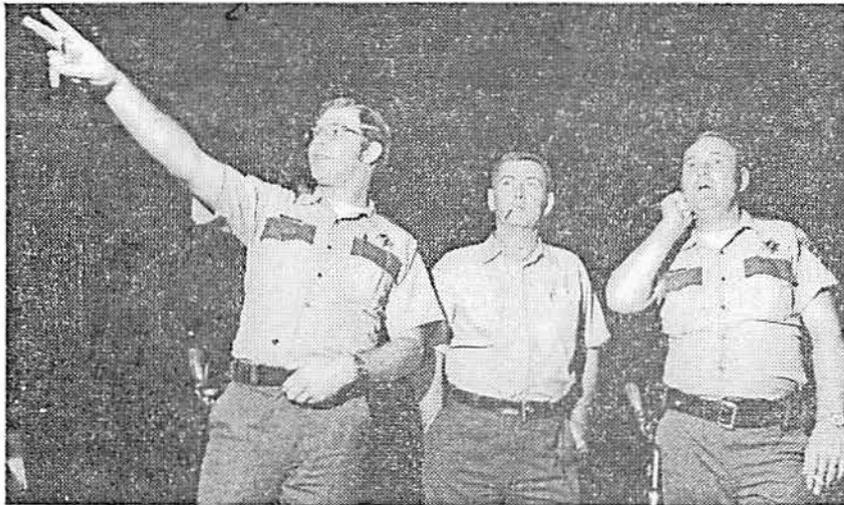
SHERIFF Nathan Cunningham heard one humming.

"I drove 2½ miles to my son's house to discuss it with him. He had just been on the phone with a woman who'd seen mysterious lights, and had already received other reports. We stood outside his house, talking about it all.

"Suddenly, a UFO buzzed over his house. It was about 1,000 feet high and traveling about 100 miles an hour. It seemed to be about 40 feet long, with a glowing white light in the center and other lights around it.

"It made a noise I can only describe as like the hum of an electric motor. We just watched in amazement as it flew by."

His son, Deputy Sheriff Danny Cunningham, 22, said: "It certainly didn't look any-



SEARCH: A sheriff's deputy points to where UFO was seen, during search of a bean field where craft was spotted.

thing like an airplane or a helicopter."

The next night, again at about 9, a Union City dentist, Dr. Fred Hansen, 35, was walking in his yard when he spotted a strange orange light zig-zagging across the sky.

"It was very bright and moving much faster than any airplane," he told The ENQUIRER. "I have seen satellites in the sky. This object did not behave like one."

The following night, Monday, Oct. 1, five firemen on the night shift in Union City saw two strange objects, visible from 8 p.m. to about midnight.

Fireman Doug McGowan, 28, said: "They were toward the northeast of the fire station and like no aircraft I have ever seen. They were V-shaped and had large white lights and red and blue-green lights close together."

Fireman Gregory Lane, 20, described their movement as "back and forth across the sky for about 4 hours," then moving off to the north at high speed.

Firemen David Bobo, 26, James Randy King, 31, and Rudy J. Skoda, 45, saw the objects at the same time.

While an ENQUIRER reporter and photographer were with the sheriff in his office at the Union City Court House, a call came in from a resident about a UFO coming down into a bean field opposite her house. The ENQUIRER team rushed with the po-

lice to the site about 2 miles away.

There Mrs. Kay Moore, 27, excitedly told police that she and her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Taylor, had seen two white lights that sank toward the ground, hovered, then vanished into the earth. "They left a bluish glow above the soil, then the strange haze disappeared too," she said. "The whole thing was so eerie that it was frightening."



FIREMAN Doug McGowan Saw V-shaped objects

The ENQUIRER team watched as the police, with a tractor and floodlights, searched the area for an hour and a half, then gave up. The phenomenon had left no trace whatever.

Sheriff Cunningham had reported the numerous sightings to the U.S. Naval Air Station

at Millington, about 100 miles from Union City. But a Navy spokesman told The ENQUIRER: "We can definitely state that we had no aircraft up at the times of the sightings which could have been responsible for what was reported.

"We have also seen nothing on our radar screens that would account for the sightings."

National Enquirer
December 9, 1973

By GERRY HUNT

Twenty-seven policemen and hundreds of Ohio citizens watched in astonishment as glowing, pulsating UFOs hovered and darted across the nighttime sky.

The mysterious objects were sighted in the Dayton area between October 10 and 14 and sparked these startling reports:

- In Union, Ohio, 20 policemen and a bewildered crowd of up to 60 persons watched UFOs soar about the heavens.
- Police in nearby New Lebanon, Ohio, called Air Force radar operators who admitted they were tracking a flying object that they "couldn't explain."
- Authorities in Dayton and surrounding towns were deluged with phone calls from frightened residents whose descriptions of the UFOs were remarkably similar: red-orange, fast-moving and oval-shaped.

UFOs In the Night Sky

Sgt. Fred Shaner, 33, of the Union Police Dept., told The ENQUIRER he was trying to calm an "excited crowd of 40 to 60 persons" who claimed to have spotted four UFOs being chased by six jet airplanes, on October 14 at 7:30 p.m.

"I didn't believe them until about half an hour later, I saw two bright, oval orange objects in the sky. I radioed in what I saw, and within minutes there were 20 officers on the spot and we all saw the same thing.

"The UFOs were the shape of a flattened-down football.

They looked about 50 feet wide and I estimated their altitude at 5,000 feet. One UFO moved away slowly toward the west. The other shot straight down at fantastic speed, then made a wide arc toward the north. Both finally disappeared."

One of the other policemen alerted by Sgt. Shaner was John Haury, 42, of Phillipsburg. "There was an orange glow surrounding the UFO and I could see red, white and blue pulsating lights," he said.

"It made no sound. It wasn't a jet because it hovered. It wasn't a helicopter because it took off in a straight line too fast."

In New Lebanon, Police Chief Richard Winkler said, "Five policemen and I saw a very bright oval object in the sky maybe 2 miles away.

"I radioed through the Sheriff's Dept. to ask nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to check the object on radar. Base officials will probably deny it, but personnel there said they had picked

27 Policemen and Hundreds of Ohio Citizens Watch Glowing Orange Objects Dart Overhead

up something which they couldn't explain."

A spokesman for the air base denied to The ENQUIRER that there was any official order to track a UFO. But he added: "If we did track one, it would have been on an unofficial level."

Said Chief Winkler: "After hovering for 45 minutes, the UFO suddenly shot straight up at tremendous speed without any noise and vanished."

New Lebanon Fire Chief Bernard Faldorf, 41, confirmed Winkler's October 14 sighting. "I saw a large oval of orange light. Underneath were red, blue and green lights rotating counterclockwise."

Patrolman Terry Brombaugh of the nearby Jackson Police Dept. said he was among those who saw the UFO streak across the sky at New Lebanon.

"It was traveling faster than any aircraft I've ever seen and it had blue, green and orange lights flashing on and off. It was definitely not a plane."

Only four nights earlier, while patrolling in New Lebanon, officer Robert Bales, 31, found a "scared group of people" in the street gazing at the sky. "They were looking at a UFO and I saw it, too. It was incredible. I just didn't believe it at first.

"I used to laugh at people who said they had seen



OVER THERE! New Lebanon Patrolman Bob Bales points to where he saw UFO. Looking on are other eyewitnesses, Robin Thompson, 17, Sgt. Fred Jenkins and New Lebanon Police Chief Richard Winkler.

UFOs. Now I defy anyone to prove to me they don't exist."

Sgt. Stanley Kavy of the Dayton Police Dept. told The ENQUIRER: "For days we had so many people calling in to report UFOs we couldn't cope. One night we had 60 to 80 calls."

A spokesman for the nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force Base told The ENQUIRER: "What people have been seeing in the sky is not from this base."



I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT, Sgt. Fred Shaner tells Enquirer reporter Gerry Hunt.

NATIONAL ENQUIRER

JANUARY 6, 1974

By JOHN SOUTH

A hissing, glowing, cigar-shaped UFO hovered in front of two amazed policemen and a frightened crowd of 25 persons in Chattanooga, Tenn., before it zoomed out of sight.

The mysterious object floated at treetop level at the foot of the city's historic Lookout Mountain on the night of October 17, before it was spotted by a third policeman 5 miles away.

Mrs. GayNell Acklin, 19, reported the UFO to police. She recalled: "A crowd of young people told me a strange light was hovering behind the Charles A. Bell Elementary School.

"I went behind the school and saw a bright white light hanging in the air. It was making a hissing noise. I was frightened. I ran back and telephoned police."

Sgt. Lester Shell, 47, and Officer Harry Jarrett, 35, arrived at the school at 8:25 p.m.

"There was a crowd of about 25 young people and they were scared. I told them to stay put as Jarrett and I went behind the school," said Shell, traffic division supervisor and 20-year police veteran.

The officers ran to within 100 yards of the UFO.

Shell, an experienced private pilot, recalled: "An oblong object, making a hissing sound like that of escaping gas, was hovering 20 feet above a wooded swamp. The UFO was about 30 to 40 feet long and 10 feet high. It was below treetop level and was

Amazed Policemen and Frightened Crowd of 25 See a Hissing, Glowing UFO in Chattanooga, Tenn.

clearly framed between two trees.

"A brilliant blue-white glow surrounded the whole thing. I had never seen a light with such intensity. It definitely was not an airplane."

Jarrett, a patrolman for nine years, told The ENQUIRER: "It glowed all over. The light was too bright to see any kind of portholes or anything like that. The UFO was like a cigar lit at both ends."

The officers said they moved toward the UFO until they ran into a fence. "As we started to climb over the fence, the hissing noise stopped and the UFO silently moved straight up very slowly," said Jarrett.

Added Shell: "I was waving and shouting 'Stay there!' I wanted to find out what was inside.

"I hadn't heard of any reports of

UFOs harming anyone so I figured I was safe. I hadn't drawn my gun because I wasn't conscious of any sense of danger.

"But I guess we frightened them away. The thing just went on rising. Then it moved slowly toward the northeast."

Shell radioed in a report after the two officers hopped into their car. They followed the UFO for 10 minutes.

Five miles away, Officer Bill Kuykendall was patrolling on his motorcycle when he spotted the mysterious object.

The 29-year-old patrolman, who's been on the force for seven years, told The ENQUIRER:

"I spotted a brilliant white light low in the sky about 8:30 p.m.,

"It lit up the whole neighborhood. I wondered if my mind was playing tricks on me until I heard Sgt. Shell on the police radio.

"I tried to follow the UFO but it vanished. It certainly wasn't a plane, a helicopter, a balloon, a star or the moon."

Shell said the UFO flew toward nearby Fort Oglethorpe and then "suddenly disappeared out into space faster than any rocket.

"I had never believed in UFOs until this happened, but I'm a firm believer now."

Police Commissioner Gene Roberts broke off a speech he was making to the Young Republicans when he learned of the UFO report.

He drove to the school but the object had disappeared before he arrived.

Said Roberts: "Certainly something unusual happened that night. The of-



SERGEANT
Lester Shell



PATROLMAN
Harry Jarrett



PATROLMAN
Bill Kuykendall

ficers filed an official report and I trust the judgment of all three officers involved.

"There's no doubt they saw something."

\$50,000 REWARD

The ENQUIRER is continuing its offer of \$50,000 to the first person who submits proof that an unidentified flying object (UFO) came from outer space and is not a natural phenomenon.

From thousands of entries submitted since this offer was first made on March 12, 1972, none has so far qualified for the award. However, a \$5,000 award was made last March to Durel Johnson and his family, of Delphos, Kansas, who supplied the most scientifically valuable evidence on UFOs, though not the proof required for the main award.

Entries are judged by The ENQUIRER's Blue Ribbon Panel of UFO Investigators, consisting of five of the country's top scientists.

The panel includes Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, associate professor of psychology and director of the Division of Counseling and Testing at the University of Wyoming; Dr. James Harder, professor of engineering at the University of California in Berkeley; and Dr. Robert F. Creegan, professor of philosophy at the State University of New York in Albany.

Also on the panel are Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, professor of plant science at Utah State University; and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, former adviser on UFOs to the U.S. Air Force, currently chairman of the Dept. of Astronomy at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

If you believe you have proof of a UFO from outer space, submit your evidence in writing to: UFO Reward, NATIONAL ENQUIRER, Lantana, Fla. 33462. If the Blue Ribbon Panel unanimously agrees that your evidence meets the conditions of the offer, you will receive a check for \$50,000 from this newspaper.

This offer is valid throughout the world. It shall not be construed as an inducement to betray any military secret of the United States.

UFO Is Tracked on Radar at 'Unbelievable Speed' as It Chases

A UFO terrified an Indiana farmer and his wife by chasing the farmer's truck as he raced for home before the object disappeared in a dazzling burst of speed. At the same time, the UFO was tracked on nearby radar moving at "unbelievable speed."

The following evening, the deputy sheriff who investigated the farm couple's frightening experience saw mysterious lights in the sky — as did a city councilman and his wife.

"I was so frightened I couldn't think straight," said Mrs. Richard Pape as she described the UFO she and



UP THERE! Huntington Councilman Allen Young and his wife show where they saw UFO.

A Terrified Farmer

her husband saw near Huntington, Ind., at dusk on October 15.

She had driven her husband to a field 2 miles from their farmhouse to pick up a truck he had left there.

As Pape got out of the car, he noticed an unusual light in the sky — and it rapidly grew larger.

"Dick shouted at me to get in the car and head for home," Mrs. Pape said. "Dick drove off in the truck and I followed right behind him.

"As we left, the object zoomed straight in on us and took a position directly over Dick's truck. It was as big as a huge living room and round like a disc.

"We tried to lose it by speeding up . . . but it stayed right with us. Then we slowed — but it always kept pace.

"When we got home, I jumped out of the car, left the motor running and ran in the house.

"The object hovered over the barn for a minute and then moved off. I've never seen anything so fast."

At about the same time, Neal Rupert was on duty in the Federal Aviation Administration air traffic control tower

at Fort Wayne's Baer Field, 35 miles away.

"I got a call that there had been reports of UFOs in the area so I checked the radar scope — but couldn't see anything," said Rupert, a veteran of more than 30 years in traffic control towers.

"Then all of a sudden something appeared on the screen, moving very slowly. There were four of us in the tower and we all looked around with binoculars but couldn't see anything.

"We watched the object on the radar scope — and suddenly it took off at an unbelievable speed. I've never seen anything move so fast."

The following evening, Deputy Sheriff Dale Smitley was out on patrol when he saw mysterious lights.

"There were three of them moving in formation in a straight line," Smitley said. "They were extremely bright and considerably larger than anything else in the sky."

Huntington City Councilman Allen Young and his wife who were out driving, also saw the lights.

"They were in a perfect line and extremely bright," Young told The ENQUIRER. "We followed one for



AIRPORT employe Neal Rupert saw something on his radar scope.

about 10 minutes — and then all of a sudden it just took off at a fantastic speed."

— GARY STEM

National Enquirer
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UFOs Sighted Over Kentucky by Police and Residents

... Huge Glowing Object Chases Terrified Mom And Child in Car

The terrified young mother gripped the steering wheel of her car with trembling hands, barely able to drive. Her little son whimpered with fear on the seat beside her.

Just several hundred feet above their car and slightly behind them was a huge, glowing, hissing UFO ... following them.

"I had never seen one before and I hope to God I never see one again," Mrs. Sara Thompson of Franklin, Ky., told The ENQUIRER, still obviously frightened by the memory weeks later.

"I was driving across town to see some relatives when I saw this thing ... sort of oblong and shaped like a football. It glowed red all over and made a low, hissing sound. And it scared me and my son to death as it followed my car."

Curiously, Mrs. Thompson's farm home is in the same area where a U.S. military plane mysteriously exploded and crashed while chasing a UFO 20 years ago.

When she finally reached the relatives' home, Mrs. Thompson and her son dashed inside and she phoned the police. Within minutes, Sgt. Robert Baird sped to the area.

"I saw this thing in the sky," Baird told The ENQUIRER. "It was round shaped and orange colored. I didn't hear any sound but I watched until it flew out of sight."

Mrs. Thompson said it disappeared over a wooded slope.

That was about 7 p.m. last October 3 — and was but one of many reported UFO sightings in the area between October 2 and October 19. On the



GLOWING UFO was photographed by Franklin Policeman David Powell.



POLICE OFFICERS David Powell (left) and Sgt. Donald Pinson sighted the UFO from their patrol car.

said. "About 3 minutes later it headed east and we lost contact after a brief chase."

Franklin is about 40 miles north of Nashville, Tenn., and 50 miles east of Fort Campbell, home of the 101st Airborne Division.

A Fort Campbell spokesman told The ENQUIRER:

"We may have had a chopper in the area at the time but we have no

record of anyone observing a UFO." One Franklin man saw the UFO several times on different nights.

"I called police the first time I spotted it," said Johnny Drake, 28, a welder. "It was about 1,500 feet up. It was round with red, white and blue flashing lights. It bounced all over the sky at great speeds, then flew out of sight."

— BOB PRATT



CHASED BY UFO
Mrs. Sara Thompson tells of terrifying experience.

"The photo shows what appears to be a series of lights forming a triangle. At this time the UFO was just above the horizon, but suddenly it started zig-zagging back and forth across the horizon the way a ball bounces," Powell

said. "We heard nothing. That's when I took my photograph."

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ENQUIRER READER POLL

Do You Believe That UFOs From Other Planets Are Visiting Earth?

This is another ENQUIRER reader opinion poll. We believe your opinion is important and that you should have the opportunity to express your views on the vital issues of the day. The ENQUIRER takes no side on the issues presented in our polls, but we do provide space for expert opinions both for and against each question. Then it's up to you, the reader, to tell us what you think by completing the ballot on this page and mailing it to us. As soon as we count the ballots, we will publish the results of the poll. So make your opinion heard.

YES Their High Speed and Sudden, Evasive Action Proves They're Not From Earth

Dear ENQUIRER Reader:
I believe we are being visited by UFOs from other planets. Their high speed and sudden, evasive action proves they cannot be any earthly object.

A UFO will flee if people chase or close in on it. It's shy, and always manages to get away. This evasive action requires intelligent guidance on board the craft. Some UFOs dart away much too rapidly to be controlled from anywhere but inside the craft.

The Air Force has taken UFOs seriously since 1947 when it first began cataloging sightings. U.S. Astronauts Conrad and McDivitt saw a UFO closing in on them on the Gemini 4 flight. They thought they might have to take evasive action to avoid a collision. A film taken on board Gemini 4 confirmed their story. It revealed a cylindrical object with an



Dr. JAMES HARDER

antenna-like extension following the ship.

North American Defense Command has checked on the locations of the 1,139 pieces of old satellites still in orbit and the nearest piece was 1,250 miles away.

Other astronauts have also seen UFOs. And there are photographs which prove their existence, such as those taken by two farmers in McMinnville, Oreg., on May 11, 1950, which show a craft about 100 feet in diameter.

Dr. James Harder, Professor of Civil Engineering at University of California at Berkeley and Research Director, Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization.

NO There's Never Been Any Hard Scientific Evidence to Show UFOs Actually Exist

Dear ENQUIRER Reader:
I would love to discover we have visitors from other planets — if it's really true.

But no one has ever come up with any hard scientific evidence to show they exist.

A few years ago, I undertook a thorough investigation of the many reported sightings of UFOs.

The Condon Report shows that in no case was there any evidence to support this out-of-space theory.

In addition to my own study, the Air Force has studied thousands of reports of UFO sightings in the last 26 years.

They concluded long ago that there was no threat to the public safety and have spent a minimal amount of time on the problem during the past 4 or 5 years.

When UFO reports and photos are not faked and can be tracked down, they always



Dr. EDWARD CONDON

turn out to be sightings of a natural phenomenon.

An example would be the Russian space capsule reentering the atmosphere on March

3, 1968, which resulted in many reports that a UFO had been sighted. Even in a case like this, when people do witness an actual event, their descriptions of it vary so widely that they cannot be used as scientific proof of that event.

I don't think there are any UFOs from other planets because there is simply no evidence in the thousands of cases we've studied.

Dr. Edward Condon, Professor of Physics at University of Colorado and former Chairman of National Academy of Science.

Tracked by Airport Radar & Chased by Planes...

UFO STARTLES THOUSANDS

By JEFF WELLS

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A fantastic flying object able to move at incredible speed startled thousands of people near Turin, Italy, recently — including two professional pilots who chased but couldn't catch it.

The weird, pulsating craft also was photographed and tracked on radar — but nobody has been able to explain it yet.



WITNESS: Security guard Domenico de Francesco says that he saw the UFO several times.

"I've never believed in men from space, flying saucers, or anything like that before — but after seeing this thing, I'm willing to believe that something's really out there," said Mario Proserpio, 30, chief of passenger services at Caselle Airport in Turin.

The most dramatic incident occurred at the airport last November 30. Professional pilot Riccardo Marano, 28, was returning from a flight in a small plane when the control tower told him a UFO was hovering high over the runway.

"The tower said it was the size of a DC-8 airplane, but that it wasn't a plane," he told The ENQUIRER. "They asked me to take a closer look.

"I thought for a moment they must be playing a joke on me — but I realized that the control tower never makes jokes.

"Then, suddenly, when I was about 2½ miles from the runway, I saw it — an enormous luminous globe giving out a tremendous light which went from violet to blue and even red. I'll admit I was frightened — but when it moved away as if it had spotted me, I followed it."

Marano said the object was traveling about 300 miles an hour. He followed it a short time, then remembered he was almost out of fuel.

"So I hit the throttle and lunged for it. But it took off with a whoosh — straight up in the air at about 3,500 miles an hour — and disappeared completely. Whatever it was, it sure could travel. I've never seen anything like it."

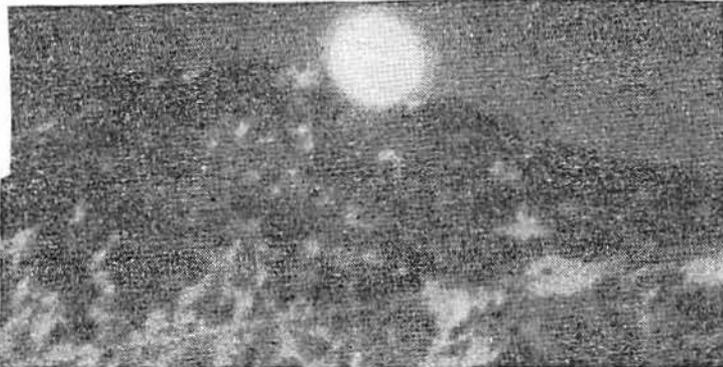
Caselle Airport's base chief, Col. Franco Rusticelli, made the only official comment about the incident:

"On the evening of November 30, a luminous object was seen either stationary or moving very slowly west of the airport. It was picked up on radar. Nothing similar had been seen before, and we had no air activity at the time." He confirmed Marano's unsuccessful pursuit of the object, and added: "We consider it a very interesting case."

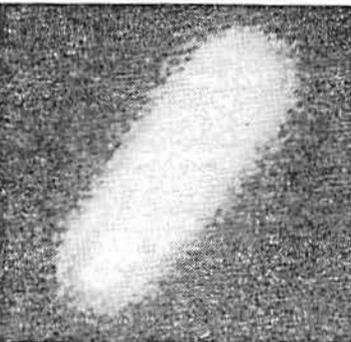
Livio Patrini, ground traffic controller at Caselle Airport, told The ENQUIRER: "I can confirm the object was sighted on radar and chased by the pilot of a plane which ran low on fuel and had to return to the airport.

"The conversation between the control tower and approaching aircraft, and the warnings given, were monitored by my staff. At the time, the sky was clear, the moon was full and visibility was excellent."

Proserpio, who also heard the conversation between the control tower and planes, called the incident "really spooky."



WEIRD PULSATING OBJECT that startled thousands, was photographed at the top of a hill near Turin, Italy, (above) and closer, from a different angle (below), showing its cigar shape.



hovering over Turin, according to the British news agency Reuters. Hundreds had called Turin newspapers to describe the object's strange pattern of hanging in the air, then moving quickly and changing course with abrupt 90-degree turns.

On November 24, University of Turin biology student Franco Contin, 23, photographed a bright object in the area — at the same time newspapers were receiving reports of many sightings.

Contin told The ENQUIRER that he and his fiancée, Margarita Belmondo, were sitting outside his house when they saw a luminous point moving across the sky. "First it was luminous and then it was dull — and then it would go red like a burning ball," he said. "I grabbed my camera and I got a couple of shots.

"When I developed the film at home, I was absolutely stunned. One print showed a distinct cigar-shaped outline and another showed it like a ball of light disappearing behind a hill."

Miss Belmondo, 21, said the object had "moved across the sky in a straight line and then took off vertically at incredible speed."

Domenico de Francesco, a security guard at Caselle Airport, said he had sighted the craft on several other occasions before it was photographed on November 24. "People didn't believe me when I said I'd seen strange things in the sky," he said with a grin. "But now I think everybody around here believes it!"

"I heard one airline pilot tell the control tower he could see the object," Proserpio told The ENQUIRER. "I heard one pilot say he estimated its speed at at least 2,000 miles an hour. "Before it disappeared, I watched it in the sky for at least 10 minutes. It seemed to pulsate and change color."

The object also was chased by Giovanni Mezzalana, pilot of an Alitalia Airlines flight. "I was alerted by the control tower, and I saw a bright object moving squarely across the sky," he said. "I followed it about one and a quarter miles in my DC-9 airliner, but turned back when it disappeared at great speed."

Even before the airport sighting, thousands of people had seen the object

UFO Over Oklahoma

object about 8:30 p.m. last October 27 near the towns of Duncan and Comanche, some 50 miles southwest of Oklahoma City.

Rick Hart, 25, a patrolman in Duncan, had no doubt about what he saw.

"This was a UFO and it wasn't an aircraft or spaceship of any kind we know of in this country," he said. "Two other policemen and I observed this object for more than two hours and we had reports from people all across this area who saw the same thing."

In Comanche, a few miles away, Patrolman Beryl Blair, 45, told The ENQUIRER: "This wasn't an airplane, helicopter or a star. Joe Kenny, an auxiliary policeman, and I watched this object for more than 30 minutes and we got a good, long look at it."

Blair said the object had a red light on top. "It also had an oscillating blue light at the bottom left side and an oscillating orange light on the bottom right. It looked like it was maybe 2,000 feet high.

"We followed it for about 7 miles but it was moving too fast for us to keep up with it."

Another observer in Comanche, Fireman Kenneth Lewis, 37, said: "It was something I'd never seen before. It seemed to be coming closer and changing colors all the time."

State Highway Trooper Allen told The ENQUIRER: "I pursued the object more than 20 miles. It wasn't like anything I've ever seen before."

By radio he requested radar confirmation from Fort Sill about 25 miles away.

"The thing had been hovering," Allen said. "But when I heard on the radio that radar sweeps were beginning, I saw it move out real fast. It took off like it was trying to get away from the radar beam.

"I followed it and saw it start flashing, changing colors."

Duncan Patrolman Hart saw changing colors too. "It seemed to change from red to green to blue and back to green again," he said.

Added Hart: "I'm dead serious about believing in UFOs now."

Police & Residents Watch in Amazement as Mysterious Object Changes Color in Sky



THEY SAW IT: Trooper Floyd Allen (above) was one of first to spot object. Patrolman Beryl Blair (below) watched it for more than 30 minutes.



By ROBERT G. SMITH

Two awestruck policemen pursued an oval-shaped UFO across three miles of suburban Los Angeles at breakneck speed recently — only to lose it when they ran into a dead-end street.

As the strange craft darted out of sight, Officer C.C. Smith snapped a picture of it from inside his cruiser — but a forgotten flashcube on the camera caused a glare on the windshield which obscured most of the photograph.

"It was unbelievable!" said Smith's partner, Officer John Wynkoop. "As for flying saucers, we'll agree that anything is possible — now."

The sighting took place last November 12 while the officers were working the night watch. A dispatcher had directed them to East Los Angeles to investigate reports of unidentified flying objects there.

"We didn't really think we'd find anything except a bunch of people swearing they'd seen a flying saucer, which would probably turn out to be a searchlight beam reflected off a cloud," said Wynkoop, 28. "There have been many such cases in the past, and we knew the guys at the station would rib us about this call."

The policemen found nothing at first, and were preparing to report that fact when suddenly, at 9:45 p.m., the UFO appeared above them.

"What in God's name is that?" Wynkoop blurted. Smith, too startled to speak, simply stared in disbelief.

"We immediately called the station and gave a description of the object,"

Los Angeles Policemen Chase UFO for 3 Miles *Glowing Oval-Shaped Object Hovers Over City — Then Races Off at an 'Unbelievable' Speed*

recalled Smith, 29. "I remember it vividly — the object was oval, with no portholes or visible markings. And it was glowing like a mercury vapor lamp — the light was so bright that it had a bluish tint. The UFO was dropping slowly at about a 45-degree angle as we moved toward it. Suddenly it began climbing."

Wynkoop, who was driving, said he pursued the weird object at speeds of over 70 miles an hour.

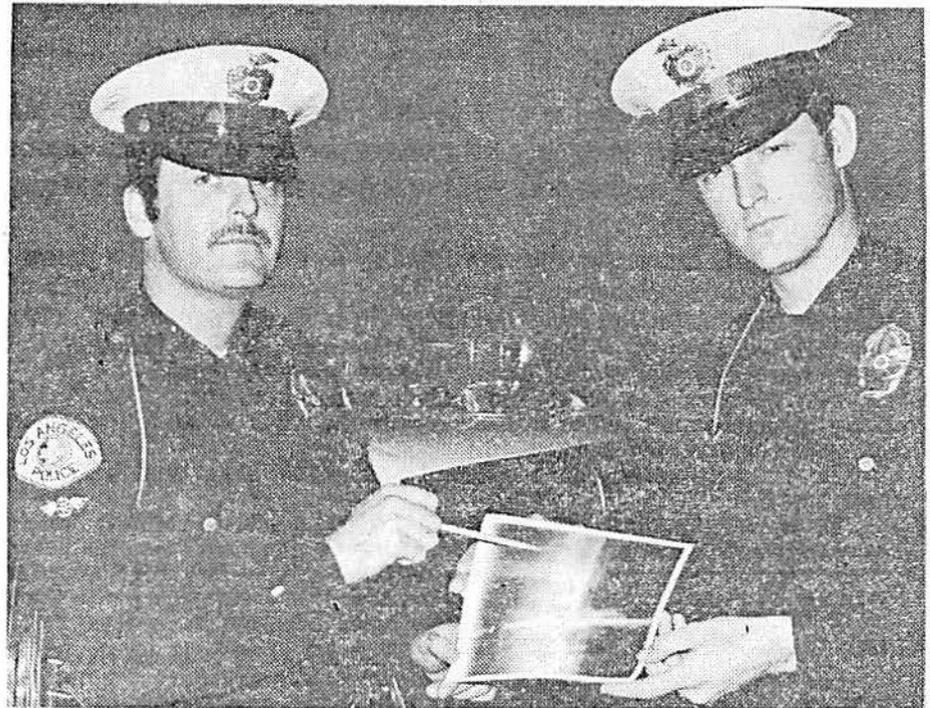
"Just as we caught up with it, an amazing thing happened," he said. "The UFO literally stopped in midair, hovered, and then shot straight up at unbelievable speed."

Smith added: "I can't put into words how fast it moved. Then it raced off to the southwest."

The policemen chased after the UFO until a dead-end street forced them to halt. "As it disappeared, it began to dawn on us that we had just witnessed something amazing," said Wynkoop.

The UFO also was seen by retired police lieutenant Sam Chitjian. "It was a big, brilliant, glossy white object and moving very fast," he told The ENQUIRER. "After 10 seconds, it dropped from view. Then I suddenly saw it again, shooting upward, and soon it was out of sight."

Smith and Wynkoop were interview-



GAVE CHASE: Police officers John Wynkoop (left) and C.C. Smith with photograph of UFO that was taken by officer Smith.

ed that night by Peter Guttilla, a top investigator for the California UFO Institute, whose members — mostly aerospace engineers — investigate odd aerial phenomena.

"They were obviously shaken by their experience," Guttilla told The ENQUIRER. "I checked out every

part of their report and I'm sure that the officers saw a flying machine which was under some form of intelligent control.

"Both officers are sincere and responsible men and are unshakable in their descriptions of what they saw that night."

10 Women Watch White Oval UFO Over Texas Town for 20 Minutes

By JOSEPH CASSIDY

A large, white oval object moving eerily over a Texas town astounded no less than 10 women, who watched it for 20 minutes.

As they gasped in astonishment, they saw a rocket-shaped black segment of the UFO shoot out and streak across the sky. Seconds later, the UFO itself simply vanished into thin air, the women say.

And, 4 hours later, seven of the 10 witnesses were dumbfounded to see the UFO reappear — but now changing in color.

All 10 women, who had gathered for a bridge party, verify the incident, which took place in Lockhart, Tex., on Thursday, Nov. 29, 1973, starting at 1:30 p.m. Six of them described what they saw in exclusive interviews with The ENQUIRER.

"All the ladies concerned are highly respected members of the community," said Louis Mohle, the 49-year-old editor of the local newspaper, the

Lockhart Post-Register. "There is one of the most convincing reports of a UFO sighting that I've ever heard."

First to spot the strange craft was Mrs. Norma Jean Burchill, 47, owner of a busy 125-seat restaurant on the highway near Lockhart.

"It was a clear day," she told The ENQUIRER, "with not a cloud in sight. I was driving to the bridge party at Mrs. Bonnie Scott's house in town when I glanced at the sky and to my amazement saw this white, oval object — like a saucer on its side — moving slowly toward the south.

"When I arrived at Mrs. Scott's, I excitedly called the four women inside to come out and see this thing. A few minutes later Mrs. Martha Blake arrived with Mrs. Nan Patton and three other ladies. All 10 of us saw it. We stood for 20 minutes, staring at it in astonishment.

"Suddenly, a black part at the bottom of the UFO burst away from the main body and streaked off to the east. Seconds later the UFO vanished.

"After our bridge game, as I drove home, I was startled to see the UFO again — the same shape, but traveling much faster than before and now yellowish in color, then turning pink, then orange. Seven of us, leaving the game, saw it. Finally two reddish-yellow lights flashed and the UFO disappeared."

Mrs. Patton, widow of a Lockhart insurance company owner, said: "Like many people, I always had my doubts about people who saw UFOs. But now I, and the other women, know that we saw a UFO."

Mrs. Onita King, 77, a rancher's wife, said: "It was an eerie feeling. The thought that someone is up there watching you is a frightening one."

Mrs. Josie French, wife of a retired



WHERE UFO HOVERED: Mrs. Onita King points to sky where she and (from left), Mrs. Norma Jean Burchill, Mrs. Martha Blake, Mrs. Josie French, Mrs. Josie Gambrell and Mrs. Bonnie Scott, saw UFO.

army colonel, Mrs. Scott, in whose home the bridge game took place, and Mrs. Blake, a widow who is vice-president of a lumber company, all described what they had seen in the same way as Mrs. Burchill did. At

Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, 30 miles from Lockhart, Major John Slevin said their radar screens had shown nothing that afternoon.

"We don't have any explanation," he admitted.

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17 Policemen in New Hampshire See Bright Orange UFO 'Dancing Around in the Sky'

By EDWARD B. CAMLIN

"I was amazed, just absolutely amazed," says a veteran police officer who saw a bright orange UFO dancing around in the sky.

Sgt. Hollis Whalen, 61, a 17-year member of the Somersworth, N.H., police force, was one of at least 17 policemen and a number of civilians who watched the UFO skittering about the sky over several cities in southeastern New Hampshire shortly before dawn last November 4.

"There was a loud, crashing explosion just before it appeared," Whalen told an ENQUIRER reporter. "I could see this orange light dancing around in the sky. Then it darted one way and back again.

"I was amazed. It was a clear night and I just could not believe this dancing 'balloon' I saw. It went on for about 5 minutes and then vanished. But a few minutes later it appeared again and went through the same dancing motions . . . Then it left just as suddenly. It was like turning out a light, it was that quick."

In nearby Dover, Lt. Joseph McCarthy, 48, a policeman for 13 years and a former Air Force bombardier, went outside the police

... In Same Area Where Famous Sightings Took Place in 1965

station after receiving a call about a UFO.

"It was eerie . . . There was this bright orange light, pulsating and kind of dancing around in the sky," McCarthy said.

"I called Officer Louis Spence to take a look. We drove to a better location and we could still see this thing jiggling around. It would zip backwards till it became a pinpoint of light and then come back again. I'm glad Spence was with me."

Spence, 42, an Air Force veteran who has been a policeman for 14 years, said: "I wouldn't like to say it was a space craft, but — it was something I have never seen before."

In Somersworth, Officer Robert Adams, 27, first saw the glow about 4:10 a.m. "It was a bright orange and quite as big as a full moon," he said. "There was an explosion a short time before and then it appeared from nowhere. I saw it for maybe 45 seconds and then it zipped away. I saw it again a few minutes later and it went through that same up and down and sideways motion."

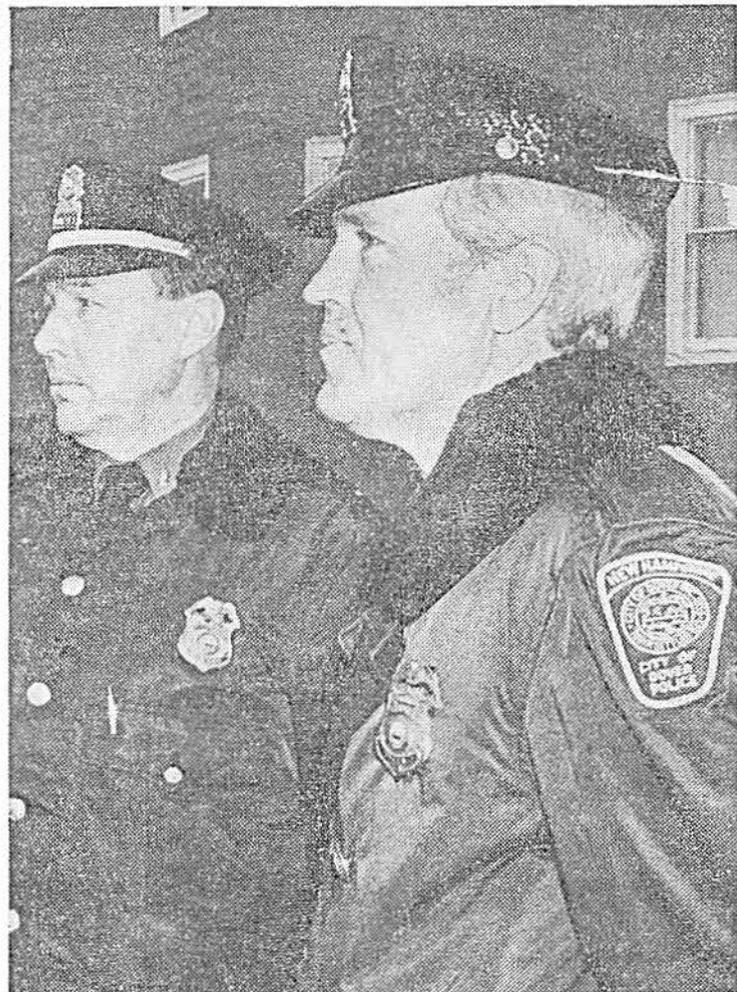
To the south in Exeter — where in 1965 there were UFO sightings later described in a book "Incident at Exeter," by John Fuller — police received a call about a UFO at 4:55 a.m.

Dispatcher Richard Moreau relayed the information to Sgt. Merrill Rinfret, 40, and Officers Edmund Bressler, 25, and James Gatcomb, 26.

"It appeared to be about the size of a quarter and bright orange," said Rinfret, an 18-year police force veteran.

"I was baffled but I wasn't scared," he continued. "It didn't make a sound.

"I saw it in about six different locations as I drove around, and so did Bressler and Gatcomb, who were in other cars. I'm not a flying saucer nut . . . but there was certainly something unexplainable there."



TWO UFO WITNESSES: Lt. Joseph V. McCarthy (left) and Patrolman Louis Spence were two of the 17 policemen who spotted the strange unidentified flying object.

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UFO Plays Strange Beam of Light on Ground as Amazed Pennsylvania State Troopers Look On

By EDWARD B. CAMLIN

Two veteran state troopers watched in stunned silence from their patrol car as a mysterious, heart-shaped UFO, emitting a piercing beam of light, hovered silently over a grove of nearby trees.



EYEWITNESSES
Cpl. Robert Bugjo (above) and Trooper Paul Cutrufello.



The strange object, which had 12 to 15 red lights on it, hung motionless in the sky for about 90 seconds. Then the lights went out and it suddenly took off.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," said Robert Bugjo, 37, a 16-year veteran with the Pennsylvania State Police.

Cpl. Bugjo and Trooper Paul Cutrufello, 24, spotted the object over Penn State's Delaware County campus at Middletown Township, Pa., while they were on patrol at 2:15 a.m. last October 4.

"These men are trained observers and if they say they saw something, they saw something," said Captain Stanley Kramer, their commanding officer.

"These men are dependable, level-headed and nonexcitable."

Cpl. Bugjo told The ENQUIRER: "I was just looking up at the sky when I noticed this thing about 1,300 feet over the campus. We immediately stopped the car and cut our engine and lights.

"It looked like a teardrop shape to

me and it had red lights halfway around the back. I observed plenty of aircraft when I was in the military, but this was not an aircraft.

"It wasn't making a sound. It was just hovering motionless, with this ray of white light coming down at the ground from the front part of it."

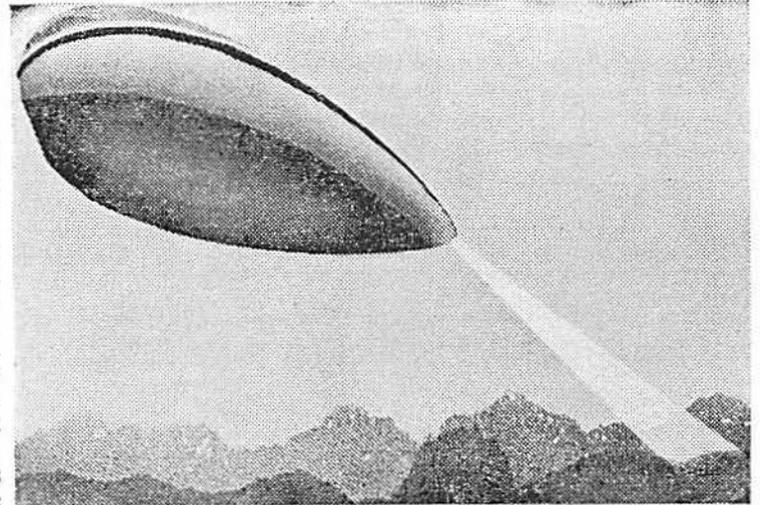
Trooper Cutrufello said: "The object was heart-shaped, and judging from the position of the 12 to 15 red lights, I'd say it was about the size of a 747 plane. But it definitely wasn't a plane.

"We watched it for about 90 seconds and then it started to drift away. The lights went out. Then we heard a slight purr and it suddenly took off to the east real fast and vanished."

Cpl. Bugjo added: "It could have only been a UFO. After I'd ruled out the possibilities of a plane or helicopter I wondered if it was a balloon.

"But it couldn't have been a balloon because we heard an engine noise and whatever it was moved much too fast."

The two troopers made out a report on the sighting and checked the nearby Philadelphia International Airport. "There were no aircraft in the area at the time," Matthew Oates, the Federal



ARTIST'S IMPRESSION of strange, heart-shaped UFO, drawn from descriptions given by state troopers.

Aviation Administration's deputy chief controller at the airport, told The ENQUIRER.

Jack Acuff, president of the National Investigative Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a nonprofit scientific and educational group, said: "The troopers were good witnesses.

"By a process of elimination they ruled out a possibility of balloons, helicopters, planes and reflections in the sky.

"That left them with an unknown — a UFO."

Can flying saucers cripple our cities, render us helpless? Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe says it's already been done on at least one occasion — the great Northeast power blackout of 1965. In a daring new book, "Aliens From Space", Keyhoe declares that U.S. military leaders suppressed the truth about the blackout because they feared a national panic. Keyhoe is no newcomer to UFO probes. For 13 years he was director of the prestigious National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, an investigative group composed chiefly of retired military officers. Keyhoe also has written three best-selling books on UFOs. Here, in the final part of a series taken from his latest book, the veteran investigator looks into the real causes of the blackout.

By MAJOR DONALD E. KEYHOE

The Air Force has never admitted that UFOs caused the great Northeast power blackout — but let's take a hard look at the facts surrounding the incident.

Since 1957, the Air Force has had full proof of the UFO aliens' ability to interfere with electrical circuits, evidently by controlling and directing electromagnetic waves.

UFOs have stalled cars and put out their lights, and have also interfered with aircraft electric equipment.

But there is another electromagnetic effect which could be more dangerous — blacking out large areas including big cities.

Before the great Northeast blackout, on the night of Nov. 9, 1965, there had been several cases on a smaller scale. One fully-documented case had occurred just six weeks before at Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Luckily, most of the millions caught in New York were unaware that UFOs were over the city.

The first report of a strange object, seen at the beginning of the blackout, was made by the Deputy Aviation

Top Investigator Claims:

UFOs Can Cripple Our Cities

Commissioner of Syracuse, Robert C. Walsh. Just after the power failed at Syracuse, a fiery round device was sighted from Hancock Airport by several witnesses, among them Walsh.

A few minutes later Walsh and other observers saw a second "fireball" as large as the first.

About this time a flight instructor, Weldon Ross, was approaching Hancock Airport for a landing, and he saw the second fiery object.

Ross reported the sighting to the power and Deputy Commissioner Walsh. The unknown fiery object, he calculated, was directly above the

... They Did It in 1965 With Great Northeast Power Blackout

Clay power substation through which electric power ordinarily flowed from Niagara Falls to New York City.

To the AF censors the Syracuse report was the most disturbing.

On Nov. 9, Secretary of Defense Cyrus Vance, the Office of Emergency Planning and most grid experts had agreed that the break was somewhere in this area.

At approximately the time when Walsh saw the first "fireball," witnesses in the Time and Life Building spotted an odd glow in the sky above darkened Manhattan. It appeared to come from a round object hovering over the city. This was 20 minutes after the lights began to go out.

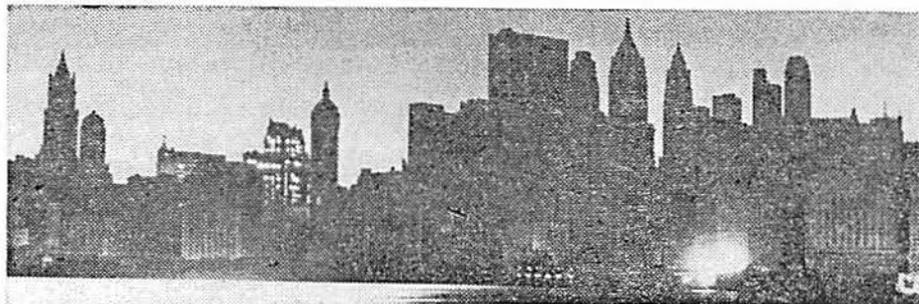
And 45 minutes before the blackout started, pilot Jerry Whitaker and his passenger, George Croniger, witnessed a UFO chase over Tidioute, Pa.

Two "shiny objects," were flying at a higher altitude than their plane, and racing behind them were jet interceptors. The UFOs swiftly pulled away from the jets.

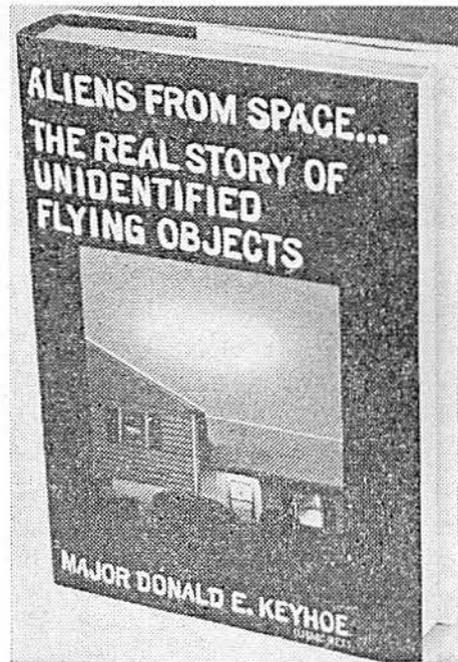
Most people supposed some ordinary trouble, a mechanical breakdown, had caused the blackout. Not many knew that the huge power grid had been declared invulnerable.

A vast interlocking network linking 29 utility companies, the grid had hundreds of automatic controls and safety devices.

The chairman of the Federal Power



FLASHBACK to 1965: Did aliens from space cause blackout that paralyzed New York City and most of northeastern United States?



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Commission, Joseph C. Swidler, was baffled.

After two days, he made this somber statement: "The Northeast blackout may never be fully explained."

Shortly afterward, the FPC declared that the great blackout was now explained. The mystery had a simple explanation — a broken relay in a Canadian power plant.

After all the grid experts' statements this was an incredible explanation.

It also was false.

There was only one true explanation — an unpredictable, overwhelming electromagnetic interference that the safety devices were not built to handle.

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Mysterious UFO With Flashing Lights Baffles French Ministry of Defense

... First Positive Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object Ever Reported by Police in France

By DONALD McLACHLAN

"A very positive UFO sighting" over France is regarded by worried defense officials as the most important ever made in that country.

'I've never seen anything like it in my 30 years on the force,' says police chief

The sighting is given deep significance because it is the first ever officially confirmed by French police — one of them a highly trusted chief.

Adjutant Henri Gauthier, 50, head of the Ouzoues-sur-Loire Gendarmerie in central France, vouches for the sighting, made at 6:20 p.m. last December 10. He told The ENQUIRER:

"Let me make this clear. I am a gendarme, a police officer. I do not prattle about flying saucers or little green men. I am trained to observe and to report what I observe. This was an unidentified flying object. I've never seen anything like it in my 30 years on the force.

"Frankly, I was skeptical when two ladies came into the police station and reported 'something strange in the sky.' But outside, with another gendarme, I saw flashing lights moving slowly toward the southeast in absolute silence. There were three red lights and one white light, which was very brilliant. We watched them for 10 minutes until, when they were about 1,000 feet away from us, they disappeared behind some trees.

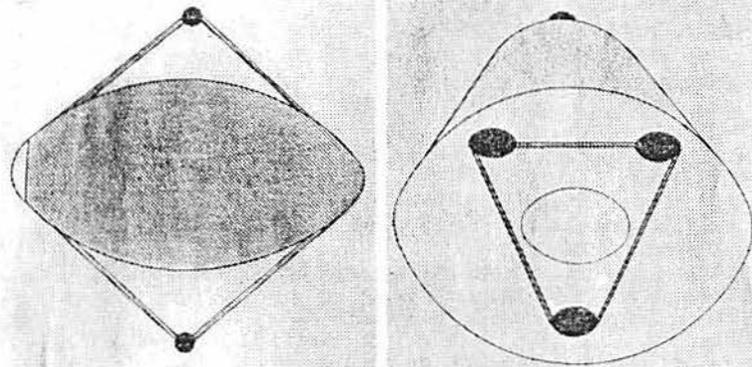
"They were moving much slower than an airplane and couldn't have been a helicopter. I am not an emotional man. But it certainly was a strange experience."

Mrs. Suzanne Devaine saw the object from her home, independently of the other four witnesses. She spoke of her experience to The ENQUIRER:

"What struck me most about the strange machine, apart from the lights, was the fact that it was completely silent. It was eerie. When it passed overhead, my hair stood on end.

"It was only about 60 to 90 feet above me, oval in shape, about 15 feet long and 8 feet wide."

Gendarme Guy Thierry, who



POLICE ARTISTS' IMPRESSIONS OF UFO made from descriptions given by witnesses, show it as it looked from the side (left) and from below, with three red lights and one white.



"MY HAIR STOOD ON END"

Says Mrs. Suzanne Devaine of the moment UFO flew above her. She's drawing sketch of how it appeared to her.

watched the object with the adjutant, was interviewed by The ENQUIRER separately from his chief. He said:

"What I saw really threw me. That very bright light, that's what got me. We just stood there, fascinated. I've been in the gendarmerie for 20 years and never saw anything like it before."

The two women who came into the police station refused to be named, but The ENQUIRER saw their signed statement. It is the same as that of the other witnesses in all important respects.

In Paris, an official spokesman for the Ministry of Defense told The ENQUIRER: "This is a very positive sighting. We're studying the report carefully. It is the first time the gendarmes have actually sighted a UFO, and particularly important because one of them is a well-trusted adjutant."

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'Enormous, Vibrating' UFO Appears Three Times in Week Over France

Police, Mayor & Air Force Personnel Among Witnesses

By DONALD McLACHLAN

An "enormous, vibrating" UFO that appeared three times in less than a week over southeast France has left more than 40 witnesses standing in shocked amazement.

Among those who reported they saw it are two highly respected police officers, a town mayor and two French Air Force men, who took color pictures of it. The pictures have not yet been released by French authorities.

"It was an enormous disc with what looked like three crescent moons beneath it and a cigar shape in front," said Mrs. Marie Walzack in awed

wonder. Mrs. Walzack, 49, is the owner of a cafe in the village of Curel, where at least 30 people first saw the strange object on Sunday evening, February 24.

"We all left the cafe to see it and others joined us," she said. "There must have been more than 30 people watching."

'It Was 900 Feet by 300 Feet, With Three Orange Crescents Underneath' - Police Sergeant

Someone in the group got to the phone and called the police.

A French police sergeant, Charles Robin, 40, said: "I received the phone call and went by car toward the cafe with my partner, Officer Michel Dormey."

"On the road, at 8:10 p.m., we saw the object quite clearly."

He described it without hesitation as a UFO. "I assure you it was like nothing I have ever seen in my life before," Sgt. Robin said earnestly. "It was at least 900 feet long and about 300 feet wide, a round disc of bluish-gray with three orange crescents beneath.

"It was traveling slowly, much more slowly than an airplane. After I tracked it for 45 minutes with field glasses, the UFO disappeared over the horizon at 8:55."

Police Captain Edmond Sallaz, 46, stated: "We have



POLICE CAPTAIN Edmond Sallaz shows the spot where two of his men saw the massive object traveling slowly overhead.

sworn statements on the object from dozens of witnesses. But I would still be skeptical if not for the reports from Robin and Dormey. They are my two best officers, experienced and cautious.

"I am utterly convinced."

Two nights later, Andre Jolibois, mayor of the nearby town of Verbiesles, noticed "a strange luminosity" through his window and went outside to investigate.

"There was a crescent of brilliant orange just beneath a disc of some dark color," he declared. "It was not the moon.

"The moon does not vibrate and move in flight, as this object did. There is not the slightest doubt I saw something very strange."

That same night, Master Sgt. Claude Bouthors of the French Air Force, with his wife Josette and Warrant Officer Bernard Roure, saw the object from the Bouthors home in nearby Eclaron. Bouthors, 30, and Roure, 40, pursued it by car for a half-hour and took photographs with a telephoto lens. Sgt. Bouthors said: "It was definitely vibrating, making a sort of dancing movement.

"There were three orange-red crescents.

"I have been in the Air Force 12 years and I am familiar with planes and the phases of the moon. This was a UFO."

Police Capt. Sallaz, who heads the local investigation into the sightings, said: "The



HE TRACKED IT: Police Sgt. Charles Robin watched UFO through field glasses for 45 minutes.

color photographs made by Sgt. Bouthors show very clearly the three luminous crescents reported by my own officers and other witnesses both on February 24 and February 26."

The third sighting came at 7:45 a.m. three days later on March 1. Three vineyard workers at Epernay, 60 miles from Curel, reported a "large, lighted" object shaped like a cigar. Said one, Jean Paillard, 39:

"We watched this thing for two minutes that seemed like a lifetime."



SHE SAW IT: Mrs. Marie Walzack points to where she spotted the UFO.

Residents, Police and Militiamen Watch in Amazement as . . .

Blinding UFO Puts on Dazzling Aerial Display Over Canadian City for 2 Weeks

A mysterious, blinding-bright UFO danced in the night sky over a Canadian city for two weeks, startling residents, militiamen and police.

The bizarre object triggered a rash of reported sightings as it bobbed, weaved and hovered over Moncton, New Brunswick.

Alex Maton, a spokesman for the Canadian National Research Council — a government agency that investigates UFO reports — told *The ENQUIRER* last month: "We don't have any explanation. It definitely wasn't a meteorite.

"We've recorded the sighting as an unexplained aerial object."

While on patrol two hours before dawn, constables Neil Trites and his partner Glen Esterbrooks spotted the object 1,000 feet above them and chased it in their car.

"It was like a ball of fire that kept changing colors from red-orange to white," said Trites, 33, a five-year veteran on the police force. "It moved in a peculiar manner — it stayed still, backed up, spurted ahead, dropped and went sideways.

"When it came close to the ground, we followed it for 10 miles in our patrol car, driving at 75 miles an hour. Then it slowed down and we watched it for another 30 minutes before it flew off in a northwest direction."

Esterbrooks, 41, who's been on the force for 15 years, described the UFO as a "big, blinding searchlight that skimmed along close to the ground and then passed over us. It moved



MAJOR William Campbell and 50 members of his squadron spotted the UFO while they were practicing at night for a parade.

without a sound, so it certainly wasn't a plane or helicopter."

Trites, who said he saw the object three more times within the next five nights, was "absolutely positive" it wasn't a natural phenomenon — like swamp gas or a planet — because "it was very precisely controlled."

The UFO was first reported 9 days before the officers saw it, by Harold Rooney, 57-year-old ex-flight engineer of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

He said that it hovered near his farmhouse last November 2 at about 9:20 p.m.

"I looked out my window and saw this object with two glaring bluish-white lights and a red light underneath hover-

ing about 20 feet off the ground. My wife Greta and six others visiting us saw it, too.

"The object came toward us, then suddenly made a 90-degree turn and moved off.

"It just skimmed above the trees without making a sound. Had it been a helicopter, I'd have felt the wind from its propeller or I'd have heard the engine . . . I was that close to it.

"I never believed in UFOs before, but I'm a believer now."

That same night 30 miles away, Robie John Hannon, a manufacturer's agent, was driving on the Trans-Canada Highway when he saw the strange object.

"I stopped the car and got out . . . and shivers raced through me," Hannon said.

"I never saw anything like it. It was bright, a bluish-colored, metallic object that looked just like a cross upside down with a rounded top.

"And it moved across the sky at terrific speed — faster than any airplane."

Two nights later Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stultz reported a similar sighting from their house.

"It never made a sound during the 15 minutes we watched it," said Stultz, an accountant.

"It had such a blinding snow-white glow that it was hard on my eyes.

But I could see its shape — sort of a squat cylinder.

"It would be horizontal and then it would move away and come back in a vertical position."

His wife Susan shuddered. "It was really frightening.

"It looked like a flame from a blowtorch. It was no star. It was too big and bright for that.

"It seemed to come closer and then recede, getting brighter and then dimmer all the time.

"We called the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and they came out. But by then it had gone out of sight behind the house. I never believed in UFOs until I saw this."

The following night members of C Squadron of the Princess Louise Hussars, a militia unit, were practicing for a parade when they watched the UFO perform its aerial feats.

"It was a clear moonlit night when we spotted a blinding light over some nearby marshes," recalled Major William Campbell, the commanding officer.

"All 50 men in the squadron saw it. We thought it was a parachute flare but it didn't illuminate the ground or cast any shadows. It wasn't a plane or a helicopter because there was no noise. All we were certain of is that it was unexplainable."

— MAURY M. BRECHER

Policeman Chases 'Flame-Spewing' UFO for 5 Miles

By ALLAN A. ZULLO

An astounded policeman tailed a meandering, flame-spewing UFO along the outskirts of Rochester, Minn., as dozens of motorists pulled off the road in bewilderment.

"I followed the UFO and kept it in view for about five miles," said Officer Jim Preiss.

"I spoke briefly to some of the dozens of motorists who . . . **It's Sighted by Dozens of Minnesota Motorists** had stopped on the shoulder of the road to watch the strange object — and they were pretty upset because they had no explanation for what they had seen.

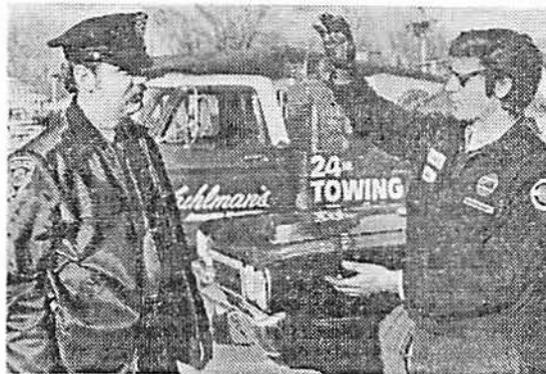
"I continued to chase the UFO and it started to zoom away. I tried to keep up with it, but it was just hopeless. It climbed very rapidly and within six seconds it was out of sight."

The bizarre pursuit began shortly before midnight February 19 as the 28-year-old patrolman was cruising along Highway 52. "About a thousand feet

in front of me I saw this mysterious object with jets of fire coming from underneath it. I got out of my car for a better look, and saw the object moving above the road without making a sound.

"It was about 100 feet off the ground when it started to slowly move away and I decided to chase it."

After following the object for a mile, Preiss pulled off the road to where Jim Kuhlman had parked his truck to gaze at the UFO. "Kuhlman looked a bit shaken and said that the UFO had passed right



UFO WITNESSES: Jim Kuhlman (right) tells policeman Jim Preiss that UFO had square base with dome on top.

over him," said Preiss. Recalled Kuhlman, 27-year-old owner of a tow-truck service:

"I almost pinched myself to make sure it was happening.

"As it passed over my head, I could clearly see that it had a square base with a dome on top. The UFO was about the size of three tow trucks and was traveling about 20 miles an hour.

"The strangest thing of all was that it had five rows of what appeared to be afterburners like those on jet planes. Six jets of very bright orange flames were spewing out of each row. When it passed about 100 feet over me, it made no noise at all.

"Just then a police car screeched to a halt next to me. It was Officer Preiss and I asked him: 'Did you see that or am I going crazy?'"

After assuring Kuhlman that he was not imagining anything, Preiss continued to track the object while Kuhlman followed in his truck.

Said Preiss: "During the chase, the police radio dispatcher reported that the station was getting quite a few phone calls from people saying that they had seen something strange moving across the sky.

"I was in the Air Force for four years and I know the shapes of military planes.

"This definitely wasn't a conventional aircraft, and what was even more amazing was that it was completely silent. But it was too fast and maneuverable to be a balloon."

Asst. Police Chief James Ryan said: "I have no doubts that what my officer saw was a UFO. We had many calls that night from citizens who described seeing the same strange object that Officer Preiss was chasing."

Mysterious Steel Sphere Puzzles Enquirer Panel of UFO Experts

A mysterious steel sphere that is said to move with a will of its own is under scientific scrutiny by The ENQUIRER's Blue Ribbon Panel of UFO experts.

The panel made a preliminary examination of the object when it went into session in New Orleans April 20, and recommended further testing. The sphere has attracted nationwide attention because of claims made about its behavior.

"It is hard to understand how it was made, even from X-rays of its external and internal structure," marveled panel member Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Dept. of Astronomy at Northwestern University and former advisor on UFOs to the United States Air Force.

After preliminary tests of the 22-pound, 8-inch-diameter ball, the five-man panel of top scientists announced these remarkable facts about it:

- The ball possesses magnetic poles.
- Inside it are a number of smaller spheres which appear to be peculiarly suspended.
- The sphere is almost perfectly balanced.

But so far, admitted panelist Dr. James Harder, Professor of Engineering at the University of California, "It remains an extremely provocative puzzle.

"From our first examination we can find nothing to indicate that the ball is extraterrestrial, but there is nothing to rule out the conclusion that it is from another planet."

Further tests will be made and the panel will then decide whether to seek permission to cut the ball open. Permission must be obtained from Terry Matthews, 21, who found the object on Fort George's Island, near Jacksonville, Fla. Matthews flew the sphere to ENQUIRER headquarters



PANEL: Enquirer panel of experts with sphere, are (left to right) Drs. J. Allen Hynek, Robert Creegan, R. Leo Sprinkle, James Harder and Frank Salisbury.

in Lantana, Fla. to claim The ENQUIRER's \$50,000 reward for proof that a UFO came from outer space.

Said Dr. Robert Creegan, professor of philosophy at State University of New York, a member of the Blue Ribbon Panel: "At this stage the ball is not something that we would be willing to say transcends anything known to human technology."

The other panel members are Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, associate professor of psychology at the University of Wyoming, and Dr. Frank Salisbury, professor of plant science at Utah State University.

Matthews noticed the ball rolled backward, forward and sideways, on glass, seemingly by itself. A U.S. Navy researcher, Chief Chris Berninger, confirmed this phenomenon. Other reports indicated that the sphere emits radio waves and "vibrates."

— DAVID KLEIN

Enquirer Awards \$5,000 to Helicopter Crew for 1973's Most Valuable UFO Evidence

By ALLAN A. ZULLO

A four-man U.S. Army helicopter crew that experienced a terrifying midair encounter with a UFO has won a \$5,000 award from The ENQUIRER's Blue-Ribbon Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects.

"It's an extraordinary exciting case which has posed a most impressive challenge to science," said the panel, which awarded the money to the crew for supplying the most scientifically valuable UFO evidence for 1973.

The panel — composed of five leading scientists and educators — met in New Orleans April 20 to consider five claims, out of hundreds submitted to The ENQUIRER, for the \$50,000 reward offered for the first positive proof of the existence of UFOs.

The panel members agreed unanimously that none of the claims merited the \$50,000 award, but all voted in favor of giving \$5,000 to the helicopter crew for their UFO experience.

Panel member Dr. Frank Salisbury, professor of plant sciences at Utah State University, explained: "The only thing that holds us back from awarding the \$50,000 prize is that although this is one of the strongest sightings we've come across, it is purely a witness sighting without tangible evidence, such as photographs."

The bizarre incident occurred on the night of Oct. 18, 1973 — about 50 miles south of Cleveland. Major Larry Coyne, the helicopter pilot, was shaken up by the appearance of a UFO. "The UFO was dangerously close," Coyne said.

In the December 16 issue of The ENQUIRER, they described the UFO as a 60-foot-long cigar-shaped, metal-

lic gray object with a dome on top, and said it hovered over the helicopter for a few seconds.

At the moment the UFO had swooped overhead, the helicopter was at an altitude of 1,500 feet and going down. But when the UFO vanished seconds later, the chopper was at 3,800 feet. Such a rate of ascent is impossible for a helicopter that takes a full minute to climb 2,000 feet under maximum power.

The Army has taken an uncharacteristic interest in this incident:

"We have no reason to doubt the truthfulness of Major Coyne's report," admitted Lt. Col. Andrew Sullivan, Army spokesman at the Pentagon in Washington. "Major Coyne and his crew were the people closest to the object and they have reported their findings to us. The incident is described in our records as the sighting of an unidentified flying object."

Panel member Dr. James Harder, professor of engineering at the University of California at Berkeley, said: "I can't find any holes in their story."

Added panelist Dr. Robert Creagan, professor of philosophy at State University of New York in Albany: "Their instruments confirm that they encountered this strange phenomena. I think it is one of the most challenging cases to science that I have ever seen."

The caliber of witnesses "is above reproach," said panelist Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, associate professor of psychology at the University of Wyoming.

Panel member Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Dept. of Astronomy at Northwestern University, said: "It's utterly out of the question that they would endanger their careers and pensions by falsifying this encounter."



AWARD WINNERS: Four members of U.S. Army helicopter crew hold their ENQUIRER award checks: They are (from left): Sgt. John Healey, Lt. Arrigo Jezzi, Major Larry Coyne and Sgt. Robert Yanasek.

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Experts Claim . . .

Huge, Glimmering UFO Seen Near New York City 'One of Most Valuable Sightings Ever'

By ROBERT G. SMITH

The incredible sighting of a huge, glimmering UFO near New York City has been called "one of the most valuable ever" by top UFO experts.

Their in-depth investigation of the

sighting has revealed these startling facts.

- The strange object — 20 times larger than a helicopter — was seen by three astonished policemen.
- One officer gave chase at speeds up to 95 miles an hour. He lost sight of the UFO several times — but an-

other patrolman, who had remained behind and had a better view, guided him to it by radio.

- Suddenly a smaller UFO rose from a desolate stretch of Long Island marshland and merged with the giant "mother" craft, which then sped away at a speed estimated by the astounded observer at 7,000 to 8,000 miles an hour.

- Later, police flew over the deserted marshland in a helicopter — and found a strange 60-foot circle of flattened reeds in the marshy area from which the smaller UFO had risen.

"I used to be skeptical about UFOs — . . . Policemen See Craft Speed Off at 7-8,000 mph After Smaller UFO Links Up With It but not now," declared Freeport, N.Y., Patrolman Gary Steinberg, who chased the craft. "That thing I saw sure wasn't made on earth!"

Patrolman Thomas Brown, who also saw the UFO, agreed: "I spent four years in the Air Force and I know it wasn't a plane. What we saw was



PATROLMAN
G. Steinberg

PATROLMAN
T. Brown

nothing like any conventional aircraft."

Jim Lorenzen, international director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), said: "From a scientific point of view, this is one of the most valuable sightings we've ever come across."

The UFO was spotted by Steinberg, 37, and Brown, 32, last November 6 as they were sitting in a patrol car in a Freeport parking lot.

"I was looking south when I saw what looked like a giant street light in the sky," Steinberg recalled. "I told Tom, 'Take a look at that!'"

"We knew it couldn't be a helicopter because it was about 20 times too big, and was shaped like a fat football."

"Tom got out and went to his police motorcycle. I chased the object, and finally got to within 400 feet of it. It was 100 to 150 feet across, with eerie lights — blues, pinks and yellows — like natural gas burning in a haze."

"Suddenly it stopped about 150 or 200 feet above the ground and another UFO — just like it but smaller — came up out of the marsh. The smaller one appeared to attach itself to the belly of the mother ship or to enter it."

"Then the big one began dimming out in sections. Finally it got bright again and moved off to the south at 7,000 or 8,000 miles an hour!"

"Another patrolman said he'd seen the UFOs come together, and to our amazement he told us exactly what had happened," said Steinberg.

APRO Investigator Dick Ruhl interviewed all three officers who had sighted the UFO: "The third patrolman did not want his name used because he feared ridicule, but he agreed to tell me what he'd seen," said Ruhl.

All three patrolmen reported the incident to Freeport Police Chief Tony Elar, who told The ENQUIRER: "Other people had reported strange things in the skies around Long Island at that time, and the officers' descriptions tallied with those."

"I have no doubt that these officers saw exactly what they said they saw."

Gasping in amazement, six police officers and more than 50 other people in eastern Oklahoma watched a strange flying object perform maneuvers in the sky impossible for any man-made aircraft. The dazzling display went on for 5 1/2 hours in the night sky.

"It would zoom up, stop suddenly, make a right turn, come down, stop and zoom up again — all faster than anything you've ever seen move," said Deputy Sheriff Bryan Sweetwater of Delaware County, who watched it from an office window.

"I was busy all night answering calls about the object and broadcasting its description over a statewide police radio hookup," added Sweetwater, on duty that night as a dispatcher.

The extraordinary sighting came to the attention of UFO experts only when Phenomena Research, a private scientific organization, learned of the facts and issued a report early this summer.

The first close-up encounter occurred just past midnight last October 30, when Police Officer Dennis Steele of Grove, Okla., alerted by Sweetwater, saw something peculiar from his patrol car on Highway 59 near town.

"It was something that had two bright lights, one white, the other amber, about 10 feet apart," he told The ENQUIRER. "It was only about 15 feet up in the air and 200 yards from me. First it moved toward me slowly, then suddenly changed course and began moving parallel with the highway.

"I chased it as it picked up speed and I was doing 90 miles an hour for more than three-quarters of a mile when it suddenly shot straight up in the air and then — just vanished. Just disappeared completely.

"I've always been very skeptical about

While 6 Policemen & Over 50 Other People Watch . . .

UFO Puts on a Dazzling 5 1/2-Hour Aerial Display



FIRM BELIEVERS: Three of the policemen who are convinced they saw a UFO are: Darrell Rector (left) Chief Tom Bright and J.R. Berger — all from Westville.

people who say they've seen UFOs. But now I believe there are such things."

Patrolman Robert Shelton was on patrol in Jay, 12 miles south of Grove, and heard Steele's report on the object over the police radio.

"I picked up the microphone and kidded him about drinking on the job," said Shelton.

"At that moment, as I looked out the window, this thing passed right in front of me — a bright light, flashing on and off as it travel-

ed at great speed, not more than 1,000 feet above me.

"I was dumbfounded. As I watched, all of a sudden it would stop and make a turn, right or left. It couldn't have been a plane or helicopter. A plane can't travel at that speed and suddenly stop. I've never seen anything like it."

Police Chief Tom Bright of Westville, 45 miles south of Jay, heard the radio reports as he rode in a patrol car with two other officers.

"I was joking about policemen seeing things," he said. "And then we saw it ourselves.

"It was a bright white light changing to red as it swooped low to about 200 or 300 feet."

They all got out to watch and Bright's companions, Darrell Rector and J.R. Berger, commented on how fast it was. Said Rector: "Suddenly we lost sight of it. Just two minutes later we heard over the police radio that it was back over Jay again."

Officer Shelton, in Jay, said that when the UFO returned there, "everybody came out to see it."

More than 50 people gathered in front of the courthouse and watched the object through most of the night. "Some of the people who were skeptical at first became



EYEWITNESSES: Patrolman Robert Shelton (right) says the UFO's aerial show left him dumbfounded. He's shown with two other officers who spotted the UFO — Dennis Steele (left) and Bryan Sweetwater.

breathless when they saw it," Shelton said.

Among those watching were two state game wardens, Ethan Potter and Frankie Lane, and a county welfare official, Carl Williams. Williams said: "I saw it for two hours. It was unusually bright. There were some clouds later, and the clouds moved under the object, yet we could still see its light."

Added Deputy Sheriff Sweetwater: "The thing finally moved off southwest at 5:30 a.m.

"I didn't believe in UFOs before, but now I am a firm believer that what we were watching was a UFO."

At Vance Air Force Base, 159 miles west of the sighting area, a spokesman said there was little chance of any Air Force planes being in the area that night. "And we have no experimental craft here," he added.

— DAVID KLEIN



JETLINER PILOT Capt. Gustavo Ferreira describes one of the UFOs he encountered.

We've Seen UFOs From Other Planets, Say Pilot, Crew and Passengers

By GRANVILLE TOOGOOD

A senior pilot for the Colombian airline Avianca is convinced he has seen UFOs from other worlds on three separate occasions — and his sightings are confirmed by radar, crew members and passengers.

Even more remarkable, he says two of the strange, glowing and multi-colored craft actually responded when he blinked his landing lights.

"I have no doubt these three instances were spaceships from another planet," declared Capt. Gustavo Ferreira, a veteran of 22 years experience, who says he sighted:

- An enormous, zigzagging light glowing red, green and yellow that traveled at fantastic speed.
- A cigar-shaped UFO twice as big as his 727 jet.
- A spectacular, pulsating light that seemed to lead his jet to its destination.

The first sighting was recorded Jan. 21, 1977, on a night flight within Colombia, from Bogota to Pereira. "Our instruments had just gone haywire when I spotted this intense light in front of me," Capt. Ferreira recalled. "It moved backward and forward at incredible speed."

Startled, Capt. Ferreira turned his landing lights on and off — and was shocked when the UFO responded.

"The UFO changed from green to red to yellow and back to green. Every time I (signaled), it followed suit."

As the flight approached Pereira, the UFO vanished to the south "at an incalculable speed," he said.

But Bogota air traffic controller Jorge Jimenez, 52, who had been following the UFO across his radar screen, calculated the object's speed at between 2,500 and 3,000 m.p.h.

"I was amazed at the speed of the object compared with the speed of the plane," he told *The ENQUIRER*. "It zigzagged and flew at fantastic speed . . . it was not an earthly flying object."

Added stunned radar supervisor Jaime Torres: "What we have seen is the concrete fact (of a UFO) on radar, which was borne out by the people on the plane."

Passengers Mrs. Lucia Miller de Vargas and her sister, Mrs. Libia Miller de Pardo, were dazzled by what they described as a "vivid, stationary

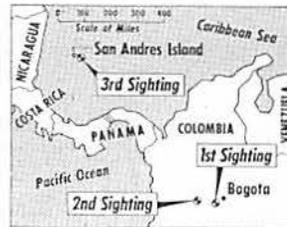
"The UFO was green, changing color to yellow and red," Capt. Ferreira said. "And it flew ahead of us all the way, moving from left to right — as if it knew our destination."

"Over San Andres, the object suddenly disappeared at a 45-degree angle straight down toward the sea."

Stewardess Sarah Palacio, 24, was called into the cockpit by Capt. Ferreira and startled by an eerie display. "He pointed to a very bright light," she said. "It accompanied us all the way to San Andres."

Copilot German Rincon, 26, told *The ENQUIRER*:

"I could make out the UFO inside the intense light . . . it seemed a dark oval shape."



MAP shows area where pilot saw glowing UFOs.

light" which changed colors "from red to yellow to green."

The second sighting was on March 3, about 9:05 p.m., at 21,000 feet on a flight from Pereira to Bogota. Abruptly changing course to circle a glowing UFO, Capt. Ferreira couldn't believe his eyes.

"I saw a big, cigar-shaped fuselage twice as big as our plane," he remembered. "It was a shiny yellow color. When I turned my (landing) lights on and off, it responded like the first UFO."

Air traffic controller Pablo Rozo, meanwhile, was baffled by an unidentified blip on his screen. "The UFO was 10 times faster than the normal speed of a plane," he stressed.

The third UFO incident was reported March 10, on another night flight, from the port city of Barranquilla to the Caribbean island of San Andres.

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Policeman & Farmer Followed UFO 'As Big as a Bus' for 20 Minutes

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A police officer and a farmer were astounded by a blinding-bright UFO that they tailed for 20 minutes before it vanished in the nighttime sky above Maxton, N.C.

"It was a triangular-shaped object about as big as a bus," said Caradine Brown Jr. "I had never seen anything like it in my life. I'm certain of one thing — it wasn't an airplane or a helicopter."

Brown was riding in a patrol car with his friend Officer Russell Thompson when they spotted the UFO hovering above the trees of a mobile-home park shortly after midnight May 13.

"I counted 30 lights on it. They were orange and yellow and were as bright as a welder's torch," said Brown, 31.

Thompson, a 15-year veteran of the police force, recalled: "It was really strange. The UFO gave off a real bright light, yet the ground wasn't lighted up at all. There were about 30 lights, each about one foot in diameter, and they were so bright and intense that they blinded us from a block away."

Brown said the craft left and headed in

'It Gave Off a Bright Light — Yet the Ground Wasn't Lit Up,' Says Officer

a northeast direction toward his farm. "We followed it until it landed in the middle of my cornfield about a half mile from my house," said Brown.

"When we got close, it hovered and then it just vanished."

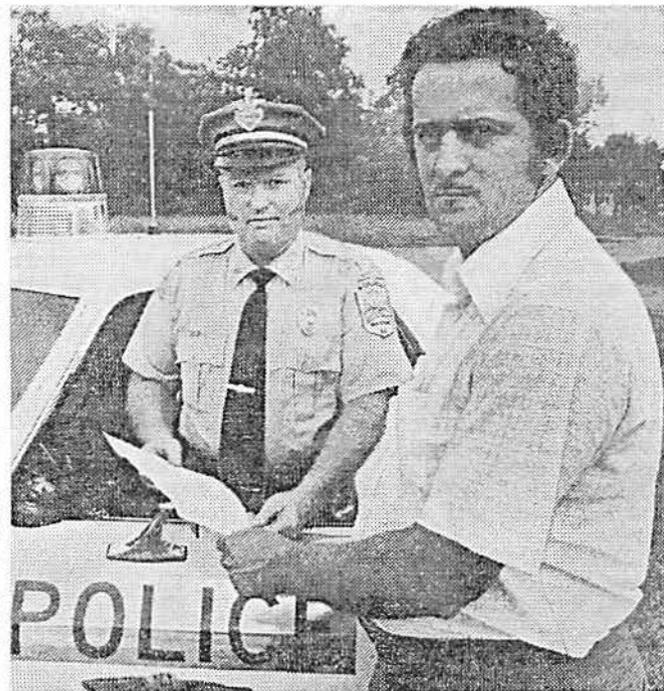
There were no markings that the UFO might have left the ground.

Later that morning, Officer Thompson, 45, reported the UFO sighting to Maxton Police Chief Robert Fisher, who said: "Both men are very reliable and when they say they saw a UFO, I believe them."

He confirmed that 15 minutes before the two men spotted the strange craft, his police dispatcher received a call from Mrs. Mary Hayes, who reported seeing the same bright, unexplainable object.

"It was eerie," recalled Mrs. Hayes, a teacher who lives three miles south of Maxton. "The object had bright lights on the bottom and hovered right over my house without making any noise."

— ALLAN ZULLO



WITNESSES: Officer Russell Thompson and Caradine Brown with a drawing they made of the brightly-lit UFO.

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All children need love, especially those who do not deserve it.

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Atomic Energy Commission Scientist Says . . .

Earth Is Being Visited by UFOs That May Be Using Isolated Area of Utah as a Base

By GRANVILLE TOOGOOD

A leading scientist working for the Atomic Energy Commission says he's "99 percent convinced" earth is being visited by UFOs.

"Intelligence from outer space may be using an isolated region of Utah as a base for UFOs," says Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, who reached his astonishing conclusion after an investigation of 70 reports of UFO sightings in the remote Uintah basin area of Utah since 1960.

"I've found 300 witnesses to the Utah sightings, and it would be easy to double that," Dr. Salisbury says.

"There are only 4,000 people in the Uintah basin, so that's about 15 percent of the local

population who have had UFO experiences."

Dr. Salisbury — who's on leave as head of the Dept. of Plant Physiology at Utah State University, and who's now in Washington with the Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research of the Atomic Energy Commission — says he believes the Uintah basin is a UFO base because "this is a desert and mountainous region with tremendously isolated areas."

He added: "The sightings in the Uintah basin are typical of what's been happening all over the world for many years. UFOs show up in a given area for a while, then disappear.

"What they're doing on earth is a hard question to answer," he continued. "But I believe they're putting on some kind of show.

"In most cases, somebody comes along a road — and there sits a UFO as if it had been waiting. Then it takes off, flits around putting on a show, and finally disappears," said Dr. Salisbury, who's a member of The ENQUIRER's Blue-Ribbon Panel on Uniden-

tified Flying Objects, and author of the book, "A Scientist Looks at UFOs."

"They're doing some kind of preparing, as well," he said. "But I don't think they're mapping, taking mineral samples, or collecting flora and fauna.

"It appears they want to be seen, but they don't want to be seen very long or in circumstances that allow us to really pin down their motives."

Dr. Salisbury stressed, "I think the evidence from my research is very strong and I'd be greatly surprised if UFOs turned out to be something other than machines from outer space. Due to the staggering number of sightings and the fact that the area is so sparsely populated, it isn't hard to believe the Uintah basin might be a UFO base.

"This is a tremendously challenging problem that's being ignored except for a handful of scientists. The evidence appears to be too overwhelming to ignore."



SCIENTIST: Dr. Frank B. Salisbury works for AEC.

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Eerie, Pulsating UFO Moving at Incredible Speed Astonishes Veteran Airline Pilots, Traffic Controller

'Oh, my God — look at the speed of that thing!' — *Braniff Airlines pilot.*

'It's huge! I don't know what the hell it is!' — *Eastern Airlines pilot.*

Two veteran jet captains reacted in shock and disbelief as a flashing red ball — like nothing they'd ever seen before — shot past their planes with incredible swiftness.

The pilots' startled comments came in a crackling three-way conversation with an air traffic controller watching the encounter on radar in a control tower below — and all three men have agreed that the strange pulsating ball was a UFO.

As traffic controller Jim Stevens put it: "There's absolutely no doubt in my mind that this was a real unidentified flying object."

The fantastic incident — also witnessed by several other airline personnel — took place as the two pilots were preparing to land at San Antonio International Airport in Texas.

The sighting occurred last October 23, but UFO experts didn't learn of it until Robert Gribble, head of Phenomena Research in Seattle, Wash., published a preliminary report in the latest newsletter of his organization.

Traffic controller Stevens said he first became aware of the UFO's presence about 2:30 a.m. when the San Antonio Dept. of Public Safety phoned to say the department had been flooded with calls about an unusual object in the sky near the airport.

"I scanned the sky, but couldn't see a thing," Stevens said. "Then, just as I was shrugging my shoulders and dismissing the reports as figments of people's imagination, there it was — an eerie, brilliant ball of light."



TRAFFIC CONTROLLER
Jim Stevens

"A shiver went up my spine as it dawned on me that I was probably looking at an object that had come from outer space. I was glued to my seat. I just couldn't move."

"It would light up and then switch off at irregular intervals as it moved slowly along. Suddenly, it stopped a mile west of the airport at about 1,000 feet. Then it began to climb gradually to the northwest."

"That movement completely ruled out the possibility of the object being a balloon because the wind that night was blowing eight or nine knots from the northwest. No balloon will travel against the prevailing wind."

"I glanced at our radar screen — it had suddenly begun picking up the object. Four times, at four-second intervals, the radar recorded a blip exactly in the position of the object."

"About this time, two 727 jets came into the area,



SECURITY GUARD Chester Blanchard. "I was riveted to the ground by shock. I saw it myself . . ."

one Eastern and the other Braniff International," said Stevens. "I radioed to the Eastern pilot and he answered, 'I see it. It's huge. I don't know what the hell it is.' Then the Braniff pilot came on the radio and said he was going to take a look at it."

Piloting the Eastern jet was Jerry Noyes, 42, of Jacksonville, Fla., an 18-year veteran airline captain. "It was a clear night," Noyes told *The ENQUIRER*. "My crew and I first spotted the object at 3,500 feet, approximately 1,500 feet off our left wing. It was a bright red ball of light, flashing on and off erratically."

"As we passed the object, it suddenly shot up 2,000 feet at an incredible speed. We were amazed. Its vertical speed was much, much faster than that of any airplane."

"By this time the object was between our airplane and the Braniff jet, which was at a higher altitude. The object then dived vertically to about 3,000 feet below us — at the same incredible speed. Then we lost track of it as we prepared to land."

"I had been in contact with the Braniff pilot — I don't know his name — and he told me over the radio, 'Oh, my God — look at the speed of that thing!' As far as I am concerned the object was a UFO. And I know my



CAPTAIN JERRY NOYES

"We were amazed . . . It was much faster than any airplane."

crew felt the same way," said Noyes. Said his co-pilot, C.A. Nickerson, 35, of Atlanta: "It was the speed that amazed us, the incredible vertical speed. I'm still baffled."

Chester Blanchard, the sergeant in charge of airport security that night, said: "I saw it myself. It came down toward earth and hovered at about 2,000 feet, then shot off toward the northwest. I was riveted to the ground by shock."

San Antonio police officer Wayne Davis, 44, talked with both Noyes and the Braniff pilot — who refused to give Davis his name — after the incident.

"You expect pilots to know most things that fly around the sky at night, but they had no idea about this one," said Davis. "They both swore it was a UFO."

Air controller Stevens related for *The ENQUIRER* what happened after the busy pilots lost sight of the UFO:

"The red light started flashing on and off very quickly. It looked as if it were going to crash into the ground. But suddenly, the light stopped. Then . . . nothing. The area was in darkness again. The object had vanished. The whole thing is totally baffling. I'd never seen a UFO before, but I'm convinced I've seen one now."

— **ROBERT G. SMITH**

207 Sightings in 18 Years . . .

Tiny Texas Town Is Center For UFO Activity

The skies over the small town of Calvert, Tex., may be the Grand Central Station of UFOs — more than 200 sightings have been reported by sane, sober residents in the past 18 years.

"More UFOs have been sighted here — 207 since 1956 — than probably anywhere else in the U.S.," said Gracia Unger, editor of the Calvert Tribune.

"UFO activity reached its peak last November and December, with 102 sightings in 60 days.

"No one knows why the UFOs pick Calvert but the strongest theory is because there is a big air base here and several radar installa-

tions." Mrs. Unger said she has seen UFOs several times

but her best observation came last November 21.

"For several nights we had received reports of a brightly colored, egg-shaped vessel over the Brazos River Bridge 6 miles east of Calvert.

"On this night, around 7 o'clock, three others and I saw a UFO land on the river — and in the twinkling of an eye it submerged in the water, extinguishing all its lights in the process. We waited more than four hours but it did not reappear."

TV repairman and ham radio operator Virgil Chappell, one of numerous Calvert residents who spotted the UFOs, said:

"One night I glanced up in the sky and saw a radiating light maneuvering over the treetops.

"I grabbed a pair of binoculars — and saw the heavens dotted with a multitude of eerie-colored, pulsating lights of violet, red, yellow and blue hues. They were disk-shaped."

Banker Billy R. Hall described a sighting he made on November 15:

"Through binoculars I could make out that the UFO was gun-metal gray and had a bubble-like structure on top. This was definitely a 'ship,'

not a star or a flare."

Grain store owner Steve Abraham said he spotted a UFO hovering over a tree one night while he was driving with his daughter, Shirley, 17.

"As we neared Fish Creek Bridge, we saw an image that resembled a bell, with a reddish-orange glow emanating from the bottom," Abraham said.

"After a few seconds the glow dimmed and seemed to go out.

"Then, just as suddenly, it came back on brighter than before. All at once, a very brilliant spotlight appeared.

"Then the UFO came down at a rapid speed toward the highway and over our car. I thought it was going to run over us but as it got closer it turned upward and disappeared over the trees."

A deputy sheriff who asked not to be identified said he had watched a UFO for 45 minutes — in daylight.

"It came so close I could tell positively that it was not



EDITOR Gracia Unger with her husband Jack walk across bridge where she saw UFO disappear into river.

an aircraft," the deputy said. The most recent sighting came at 8:30 p.m. on June 27. "I had just let my little dog out when I saw something hanging in the sky over our old oak tree," said Mrs. Alice Tribble. "It was really weird.

It was bluish-white and had a band of red lights around it. "It was at least 50 feet across. After hovering in one spot for about 15 minutes it shot straight up — vanishing in space."

— BOB PRATT

Parting shot: The guest finally decided to leave and apologized: "I do hope I have not kept you up too late."

"Not at all," replied the host. "We would have been getting up soon anyway."

— Kentucky Seraper



HAM RADIO operator Virgil Chappell watched UFO through binoculars.

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Glowing, Metallic UFO Astonishes Police and Scores of Townspeople

The UFO looked like a metallic hamburger, say witnesses.

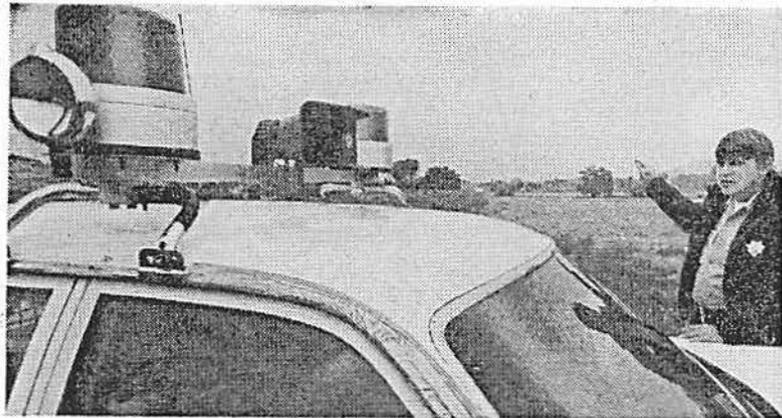
It bobbed, pulsated and sped across the night sky over eastern Oregon at impossible speeds. It had glowing,

multicolored lights and it performed astonishing acrobatics as at least seven policemen and scores of citizens gazed skyward in disbelief.

"Whatever it was it didn't come from this planet," declared Patrolman Ed Berry of Vale, near the Idaho border. "It was round, with some kind of luminous panel running along the side, roughly the shape of a hamburger."

The ENQUIRER learned that lawmen and citizens witnessed the weird, glowing object over Oregon on at least four occasions between September 15 and 20. The sightings were over Ontario, Oreg., and the neighboring farm communities of Vale and Nyssa.

Witness after witness described the bizarre UFO as disc-shaped, pulsating yellow, blue, green and red as it hovered and soundless-



WHERE IT APPEARED: Officer Ed Berry, of Vale police, Oregon, shows where he saw UFO cover 30 miles in a few seconds.



THEY SAW IT: Mrs. Esther Cockeram — holding telescope through which she watched hamburger-shaped UFO — is pictured with Officer Berry's wife Dena, who also saw it.

ly sped across the sky. Patrolman Berry was one of the first to see the weird craft — at 10:30 p.m. September 15.

"It was maybe 2,000 feet off the ground, the size of a big house," said Berry. "Suddenly it shot up another couple of thousand feet, stopping dead in its tracks. Then it dropped back to its original position."

"Suddenly it moved again, shooting off toward the south covering maybe 30 miles in just a few seconds."

Berry — whose wife Dena watched the UFO after her husband phoned her — told The ENQUIRER, "At first it was dull red, but it always changed to blue before it moved."

Patrolman Dan Chillson of Ontario heard his fellow officers frantically trying to describe the craft over the police radio. "I just laughed," he said later. "But the laugh fell off my face when I drove out of town to take a look."

"What struck me most was the brilliant white light coming from it — as

if someone was shining a giant searchlight up there."

Mrs. Esther Cockeram, of Vale, watched the object through a telescope with her son Rodney, 13, her sister and her sister's fiance.

"It was vibrating and revolving as it hovered," Mrs. Cockeram said.

Two nights later, about 2:20 a.m., Deputy Sheriff Dan Rotthoff and Patrolman Carl Zellers and Ray Haight saw the UFO simultaneously from different patrol cars.

Sightings also were reported the following night and on September 20, when Dan Jensen and Bob Fogg, riding their motorcycles, got within 250 yards of the UFO. Jensen related:

"We saw what looked like 2 crop-dusting planes flying side by side with their lights on. Then we realized it was a single object. The hull was gray and lights seemed to shine right through it."

"It kept pace ahead of us and finally accelerated away at an incredible speed."

— GRANVILLE TOOGOOD

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Glowing UFO Terrifies Police and Civilians

. . . Officials Find Scorch Marks in Grass After It Takes Off

By GRANVILLE TOOGOOD

A hovering, pulsating UFO that one eyewitness said left a burning smell "like sulphur" landed in Italy and terrified police and civilians alike.

The bizarre story of the weird craft — first sighted over Ravenna in northern Italy at precisely 11:15 on the night of July 8 — began in a highway toll booth.

Toll collector Bruno Minvallo — one of the first to see the UFO — gazed in disbelief as a saucer-shaped object glided silently across the sky. "It was spherical with glowing, multi-colored lights," he later recalled.

At that instant, factory worker Roberto Imolesi, his wife, a cousin and friends driving to Bologna on the turnpike were startled by the sight of a hovering disc glowing in the sky.

Imolesi recalled: "It was saucer-shaped, with a glowing dome and bright lights underneath." Added friend Luigi Morrone: "It looked like a French beret — with a yellow center like a halo. We were all scared to death."

Imolesi called the police from a roadside phone, and Chief Vincenzo Tammeo rushed to get a statement from him. As they were talking, the object appeared again.

"It looked like a discus with an orange light underneath and blue one on top," said Tammeo.

While Tammeo and the others were gaping



FARM WORKER points to where he saw the UFO. Schoolboy on bike was also one of dozens of eyewitnesses.

at the UFO, the head of the highway patrol happened to be looking up from his car.

"I saw something round shoot up into the sky, turning from blue to red to orange," Patrol Chief Domenico Stefanachi told *The ENQUIRER*. "I was absolutely flabbergasted."

Farm worker Settimio Zambrini saw the strange ship take off after a night landing in the fields near Ravenna. "I was walking my dog when suddenly something very bright rose up directly in front of us," he said. "It was round like a saucer, with multi-colored lights."

The next morning Chief Tammeo and his men inspected the take-off site. They were astounded to find a circular scorch mark in the earth about 20 yards wide.

Three nights later — around midnight July 11 — eyewitnesses 125 miles northeast of Ravenna were staggered by the incredible sight of a similar saucer-shaped UFO descending to land at Pavia.

"A shaft of brilliant white

light thrust up into the sky from the dome on the ship. Then the UFO slowly descended," recalled traffic cop Guido Ragni, 25, who saw the UFO from his home. He and his family then watched it take off.

Ragni's mother, Piera, said: "I could see something like flames coming out of the bottom and then it suddenly shot up in the sky. I was terrified."

Added Ragni: "It shot into the air in a cloud of yellow light and left a smell like sulphur."

Dozens of farm people also saw the spectacular takeoff and the following morning Fire Chief Ambrogio Vieri inspected the area.

He was shocked to find 400 square yards of scorched earth. "The marks were in the shapes of circles, each about 20 yards wide. What is more puzzling — the ground was wet from irrigation," he told *The ENQUIRER*.



SCORCH MARK was found on wet grass where UFO had been.

Picture Quiz Answer

Did you place the face? The four TV comedy actors whose features were combined into the composite photo on the preceding page were: Dom DeLuise, head and hair; Dick Martin, eyes; Don Adams, nose; and Dick Van Dyke, mouth.

The big reason for the lack of communication between different generations is that they're never home at the same time.

— The Sample Case

Top Jet Pilot: I Chased a Glowing UFO for 6 Minutes

The seasoned jet pilot stared in wonder — his eyes riveted to the mysterious glowing object in the sky before him.

Alfonso Isaia, after 45 years of flying, was seeing his first UFO.

"I will never forget it," said Isaia,

a former colonel in the Italian Air Force and now chief pilot for the giant Fiat auto company's private air fleet. "It was like a white-hot glowing mass. After years of being a skeptic, I am now convinced UFOs exist."

Last March 9, just before 10 p.m., Isaia was flying a jet from Paris to Turin, Italy, when, at a height of about 9,000 feet, and a speed of about 285 miles an hour, "I suddenly saw this object in front of me like a white-hot glowing mass," he recalled.

"At that same moment, the radar at air traffic control in Milan showed the same object and the traffic controller came on the radio. 'Can you see an object at 10 o'clock?' he asked me. I told him that I could.

"He said, 'It is not one of ours.' Then he gave me the OK to follow it. I climbed up to 18,000 feet at a speed of some 230 miles an hour, with the object about 10 miles in front of me.

"It was in the shape of a pipe from beneath, but at the same altitude, it looked more like an upturned plate. It was multi-colored, with yellow rings around the outside, red inside these, and brilliant white in the center.

"I was flying at a speed of more than 330 mph and increasing, but not making any gain on the object," recalled the tall, distinguished-looking 64-year-old pilot.

"I kept on its tail for 5 or 6 minutes, going on an east-west course toward the French border. But then I flew into prohibited military airspace and had to turn back.

"I have spent the best part of half a century flying and never before have I had an experience like this. I admit that man can have hallucinations, start imagining things — but radar can't. The radar in Milan picked up a UFO on its screen and I saw that object."

Milan air traffic control confirmed the pilot's report: "Col. Isaia followed the UFO we picked up on our radar the night of March 9 and reported it was not an airplane or artificial satellite or weather balloon, but an object he'd never seen before."

And in Milan, a spokesman for Alitalia Airlines said: "The captain of flight AZ 195, which



'SEEING IS BELIEVING'

... says distinguished-looking jet pilot Alfonso Isaia, who will never forget the UFO he chased.

took off from Turin at 9:45 p.m. on March 9, wrote in his log he and his crew spotted a strange object in the sky just after they took off."

Isaia's employers confirmed that he is in good physical condition. "Like all other pilots, Col. Isaia must have regular physical faculty tests to ensure he is 'still in form,'" said a spokesman for Fiat president Giovanni Agnelli in Turin.

"The fact that he still flies and heads the Fiat air fleet speaks for itself with regard to his character and his physical and mental status."

Said Col. Isaia: "Before I witnessed this, I was skeptical that UFOs existed. Now there is no doubt in my mind that somewhere in the millions of other planets in the thousands of other solar systems, other civilizations have developed a form of space travel far more advanced than we have."

— JOHN M. WEBB

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Dazzling Formation of UFOs Puts On Aerial Display Over Nebraska

By STEVE TINNEY

Sparkling UFOs flying in triangular formation put on a dazzling aerial display over eastern Nebraska, astounding patrolmen and dozens of citizens including a police chief and a mayor.

The mysterious objects — described as “oblong with little humps on top” — glowed in brilliant colors and darted up, down and sideways in the clear skies for three straight nights.

“After the first night, I led 20 townspeople who drove out in their cars like a caravan to an open field to watch these crazy goings-on,” said Police Chief Dan Helmer, of Newman Grove. Helmer told what the watchers saw:

“There were as many as 20 UFOs hovering in a triangle. Blinking lights in red, green and white surrounded the objects. It was the strangest darn sight I’ve ever seen.”

“I believe for the first time in UFOs after what I saw.”

The town’s mayor, Kenneth Hansen, was with Chief Helmer watching the zigzagging UFOs two of the three nights. “I saw sparkling bright colored lights,” said the mayor.

“I watched them for about 20 minutes each night. I never saw such things before in my life.”

About 90 miles away, in Crete, Nebr., policeman Darryl Thompkins, 23, first spotted the objects at 3:50 a.m. last August 15 while on patrol.

“I jumped out of the car and grabbed my binoculars for a better look at the dozen or so pulsating lights. They were whirling around very high

... Watched by Police Chief, Mayor and Dozens of Citizens

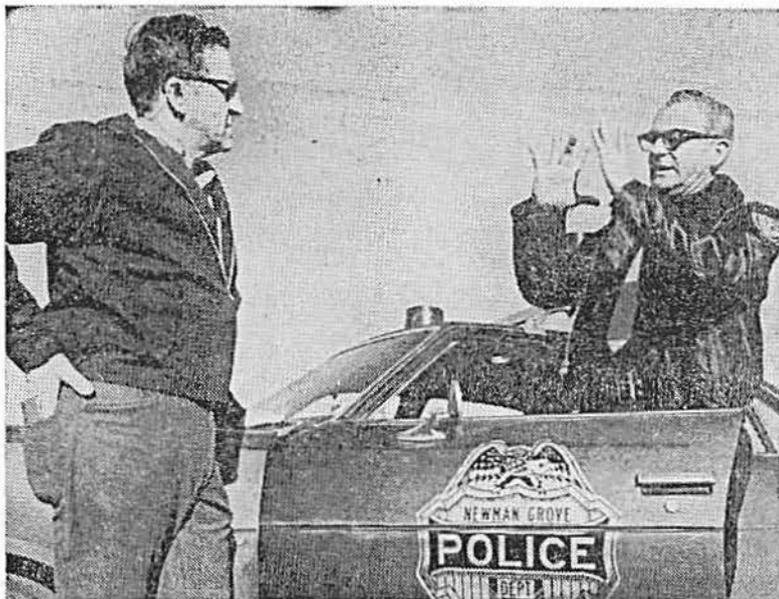
in the sky. I’ve studied astronomy as a hobby since I was a kid. I know stars when I see them and these weren’t stars. I didn’t hesitate to report these UFOs to my chief.

“My police radio picked up conversation between two other policemen 30 miles away. They were frantically reporting the identical sighting.

“The UFOs were brightly lighted with humps on the top. The first night they were stationary for two hours.

“Suddenly and with a tremendous burst of speed they all silently darted straight up. Then they dropped back and shot sideways, never losing their triangular formation.

“It’s hard to describe the funny feeling you get in your stomach when you suddenly realize that you’re seeing



AMAZED: Mayor Kenneth Hansen (left) and Police Chief Dan Helmer were mystified by formation of UFOs that glowed in the sky.

something from outer space.”

At the same time, Arlen Stahl, Saline County deputy sheriff, was startled by a UFO with “red, green and white colored lights all contained in what looked like a tight sparkling circle.” Stahl recalled:

“A few minutes later I spotted three more like the first and then more and more appeared darting in the sky. I called on my radio and the dispatcher told me that police from nearby towns were re-

porting the same thing that I was.”

Back in Newman Grove, resident Don Zoichoskie and his wife Cindy were spellbound by UFOs they described as “kind of like hot dogs.” He explained:

“They had little humps on them and were surrounded by colored lights that gave off an eerie glow. I watched them for about three hours.

“They were real high in the sky.”

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Policeman's Sighting of UFOs Leaves Him Spellbound

A Colorado policeman experienced a sudden and strange inner calm as he watched three pulsating UFOs move silently through the night sky only 150 feet from where he was standing spellbound.

"I'll never be able to explain the feeling that swept over me as I watched them pass above my head," recalled Sergeant David Brianza of the Federal Heights, Colo., Police Dept., just outside Denver. "It was a weird feeling that made me feel very good . . . a sort of inner calm, as if I was witnessing something good . . ."

Other police officers and hundreds of citizens saw the same glowing spectacle in the starlit sky last October 16, and radar at Denver's Stapleton International Airport tracked the three UFOs.

"We had some kind of targets we couldn't identify," said the deputy tower chief at Stapleton, Warren Lous-talet. "There was something on our screens and we just didn't know what they were."

While Stapleton's air traffic radar

'It Was a Weird Feeling That Made Me Feel Very Good . . . A Sort of Inner Calm'

experts followed the unidentified objects on their screens, the police switchboard in Federal Heights lit up like a Christmas tree.

Shortly after 11:30 p.m. Sgt. Brianza sent a patrol car to check out these excited telephone reports of a bizarre craft hovering over a trailer park.

The first car immediately called for assistance and a second police car promptly responded. Suddenly, so much excited talk jammed the police radio that Brianza became annoyed.

He marched outside police headquarters, grabbed the mike in his patrol car and barked: "What have you guys got — Flying Saucers?"

At that instant he beheld something the likes of which he had never seen before in his life, and his mood changed from impatience to a strangely soothing inner calm.

"I saw three huge red lights shaped like giant rough-cut diamonds coming

at me," he remembered. "They were each 25 to 35 feet in diameter and flying silently about 35 feet apart in a perfect triangular formation. They were a powerful, intense red and pulsating — going about 60 m.p.h., bobbing up and down together but moving in just one direction. I watched them about 20 minutes, until they disappeared to the south over Denver."

Brianza, a private pilot, insists that what he saw were not aircraft, helicopters or balloons.

His dispatcher, Kathy Darlinger, agreed: "I'd never seen anything like this. They passed over, bobbing up and down in triangular formation as I watched in amazement. I checked with Stapleton Airport and they told me radar was tracking something they couldn't identify."

Patrolman David Russell of the Northglenn, Colo., Police Dept. was at home monitoring his police radio. "I



POLICE sergeant David Brianza describes feelings when he sighted the 3 pulsating UFOs.

heard the Federal Heights calls and grabbed my binoculars," he said. "I ran out on the porch and saw three pulsating red lights. There was absolutely no sound, and the red lights were bigger than any aircraft lights."

The first of the hundreds of calls that swamped police departments in the Denver area that night came at 7:38 p.m., when a caller phoned the Northglenn police station to report he'd seen three UFOs hovering over their 100-foot-tall radio antenna.

At daybreak, Northglenn Police Captain F.A. Gunderson was astonished to discover weird silvery cobweb strands on the tower.

"Near the top of the tower I saw what appeared to be like cobwebs hanging out in the wind about 15 feet. I've never seen anything like them on the tower before," he said.

"They eventually blew off and vanished."

— GARY STEMM

Two highly respected police officers were doubly astonished recently when they not only spotted a UFO — but actually got a signal from it!

The strange encounter occurred at 1 a.m. last July 9 in a Kingston, N.Y., park as Officers James Wallace and Richard Ramsell — both 26 and rated as “extremely reliable men” by their chief — were in their car on a routine patrol . . .

“What the hell is that thing up there?” Ramsell exclaimed as he drove their patrol car into the park.

At first both thought it was a plane.

But as Ramsell stopped the car they could see the object was simply hovering silently in one spot about 200 feet above a softball field.

Wallace and Ramsell stared in amazement.

They could barely see the outline of a strange, football-shaped object about 30 to 40 feet in diameter. There was a row of alternating red and green lights around it and a hazy white light glowing directly in the center beneath it.

“That thing isn’t even mov-

Two Police Officers Are Signalled by Hovering UFO

ing!” Wallace said in hushed awe.

Ramsell edged the car forward another 5 or 6 feet — and jammed on the brakes suddenly as the object began moving toward them.

“You think that’s a UFO?” Ramsell asked softly.

“Might be,” Wallace replied — and got out to take a closer look.

The mysterious object glided noiselessly toward them and the puzzled patrolmen now knew without a doubt that it wasn’t a plane or a balloon — or anything else they were familiar with.

“You better get back in here now!” Ramsell urgently told Wallace. “I want to get out of here!” “Not just yet,” Wallace replied.

“Maybe it’ll come down and we can make some kind of contact with it.”

When the object was less than 500 feet away, Ramsell turned on his spotlight.

He directed it toward the object, but the beam didn’t quite reach far enough.

“Let’s GO!” Ramsell de-

manded as the object loomed larger. Wallace jumped back into the car.

Suddenly a beam of brilliant white light shot out from the bottom of the object and bathed the entire cruiser in bright light!

“It’s spotted us!” Ramsell shouted.

“Let’s get out of here — and fast!”

But before the startled officers could move, the object turned off the bright light and raced away across the sky at a fantastic speed . . .

“I had a weird feeling, but I

wasn’t afraid or anything,” Officer Wallace later told The ENQUIRER.

“I got the definite feeling there must have been somebody in that thing.

“And I’m sure that light was a definite acknowledg-

ment of the signal from our spotlight.”

Said Officer Ramsell: “That’s the first time I ever saw a UFO — and I won’t be unhappy if it’s the last time either.”

— GARY STEMM

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By JOHN M. WEBB

A doughnut-shaped UFO and two smaller craft performed amazing acrobatics in the evening sky just outside Syracuse, N.Y., as three police officers and a crowd of local residents gazed at the heavens in wonder.

The colorful display appeared over the suburb of Lakeland about 7 p.m. on the evening of Thursday, October 24.

First to spot the mysterious objects was 12-year-old Daniel Wolnick, who ran indoors to tell his mother, and his father, a Syracuse Fire Dept. lieutenant.

Mrs. Maureen Wolnick, 34, told The ENQUIRER: "Daniel came rushing into the house screaming, 'You gotta see this.'"

"I ran out of the house thinking something must have hap-

Doughnut-Shaped UFO Amazes Police & Citizens With Dazzling Acrobatic Display



POLICE OFFICERS: Sgt. Thomas Lovere (left) and Deputy Michael Haven discuss UFO they sighted.

pened to my 9-year-old son, Michael.

"But when I got outside I saw the weirdest thing in the sky. It was white and red flashing brightly in the sky —

moving slowly downward. I watched it for two minutes.

"It was the most fantastic thing I ever saw. I was fascinated. Then my husband decided to call the police."

"The UFOs were traveling faster than any plane," Robert Wolnick told The ENQUIRER. "The first came within 300 yards of the house, at one point. Then a second appeared and shot all the way across the sky at incredible speed. It was very high up, and very bright."

Wolnick telephoned the Onondaga County Sheriff's Dept., which sent a deputy to investigate.

"There actually was something up there," said Deputy Michael Haven, who with Wolnick took up an observation position on a nearby hill.

Thirty local residents joined the watch, one using a telescope. Moments later a second policeman arrived on the hill.

"Through the telescope I saw a doughnut-shaped object which was adorned with red, green and yellow flashing lights around the edge," remembered Sgt. A.C. Baxter. "The lights seemed to be spinning in counter-clockwise direction and at the center the UFO was black, as if there was a hole in the middle."

Baxter said the object moved vertically and horizontally at astonishing speeds.

"There were two other objects in the sky — brightly-



EYEWITNESSES: Mrs. Maureen Wolnick describes UFO to son Daniel, who was first to sight the objects.

colored flashing objects — but even with the telescope I was unable to get a clear look at them."

Then a third officer, Sgt. Thomas Lovere, arrived at the scene. "Baxter handed over the telescope to me and I focused on the largest object," Lovere said.

"I was stunned by the incredible maneuvers it performed. One moment it would sit still, then suddenly it would rise steadily, then bank off

sharply in another direction. It was shaped just like a huge doughnut."

Sheriff Patrick J. Corbett — in charge of all three officers — commented: "There's no baloney here. My men are reliable, and they're backed up by 30 other witnesses."

"We checked with the local Air Force base and with Syracuse Airport, but neither had any knowledge of any aircraft in the area at that time, either civil or military."

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Note the Enquirer barrage of reports by law enforcement officers, safety

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By JOHN M. WEBB

A glowing, cone-shaped UFO — with dazzling colored lights — danced wildly in the early morning Wisconsin sky as five state troopers watched in sheer amazement.

"The object was making very fast movements — sometimes up and down, other times sideways. It was much quicker than a plane," said trooper Glenn Steffen.

"I watched it through powerful field glasses I keep in my squad car — and got a real good look at it. The object was cone-shaped like an Apollo space capsule, but longer. It was about 1,000 to 1,200 feet above the ground.

"It had a green glow at the narrow end, while at the broader end, it had weird flashing lights. The lights were spinning counterclockwise — giving off a constant greenish-blue glow."

Shortly after 4 a.m. last September 22, Steffen and two other officers sighted the startling UFO from the patrol's District One Headquarters in Madison.

Sgt. Francis Honish marveled at the incredible aerial maneuvers of the strange object. "It flew in many directions at high speed," he said. "It couldn't have been an aircraft of any kind."

District One's radio opera-

5 State Troopers Watch Cone-Shaped UFO's Dazzling Dance in the Sky

tor, Tyrone Paulsen — a trained observer who served as an officer in Vietnam — also watched in awe as the UFO whizzed through the sky.

"I've seen plenty of aircraft at night," he said, "but this had none of the characteristics of any of them. The movements were too erratic and too fast. It covered huge distances in fractions of a second."

Trooper Walter Dunford of District Five in Tomah, about 70 miles north of Madison, was the first to sight the UFO — and alerted District One over his radio. "I spotted the object about 2:45 a.m. I thought I

was going nuts until trooper Joseph Noll who was with me described it just the way I saw it," said Dunford.

"We were in a small town about 10 miles east of our base

in Tomah when we saw it. It was bluish-green and made very sudden movements — unlike any plane," recalled Dunford.

"And it had a red light which

Startling Study Reveals . . .

What Drowning People REALLY Feel

Drowning persons usually hear hauntingly beautiful music, see many vivid colors or feel an unearthly peace.

That's the startling conclusion of Joel Guberman, who conducted a study of 90 near-drowning victims. "I found it incredible that so many people had amazingly similar experiences — it was a real shocker. Sixty percent of these survivors recalled their exper-



TROOPER Glenn Steffen (right) recalls incredible UFO sighting with police radio operator Tyrone Paulsen.

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By JOHN M. WEBB

Two veteran police officers — both with thousands of flying hours in the Armed Forces — say they sighted a brilliant, football-shaped UFO hovering over a nuclear power station in Maine.

As the astonished deputies watched through binoculars, the strange metallic craft:

- Hung motionless about 1,000 feet above the power station — and suddenly zoomed straight up to 15,000 feet;
- Began displaying brilliant colors, then swept in a gigantic arc from north to south;
- Sent out two smaller UFOs that followed the "mother" craft for a few minutes before returning to it.

Amazed Police Watch UFO Hover Over Nuclear Plant

The unforgettable incident happened at 9 p.m. last September 24 near Brunswick. Officers Medary and Walter Butcher were patrolling an isolated area on Bailey Island, across the channel from the Wiscasset Nuclear Power Station — one of the biggest sources of energy in the state.

"Walter saw the thing first. It was just hanging there motionless. We watched it for several minutes and then, suddenly, it rose straight up without a sound but at incredible speed to about 15,000 foot."

Medary and Butcher watched the UFO through powerful binoculars.



DEPUTY SHERIFF William Medary points to spot on map where he and colleague Walter Butcher (right) saw UFO.

Then the UFO sped upward at incredible speed . . . and disappeared.

"It was fantastic . . . just unbelievable," recalled Deputy William Medary, 44, of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Dept., who logged more than 7,000 flying hours in the Navy and Air Force. "This was no earth aircraft — I'd stake my life on it," he said.

"As it reached the top of its climb, red lights started glowing at the center.

"Then greenish colored lights started pulsating at the end of the object.

"It was shaped something like a football, and was metallic in appearance," said Medary.

"It must have been the size of a jumbo jet — or even bigger than that," remembered Butcher, 49, who also logged thousands of hours while flying in the Navy.

"I couldn't believe my eyes . . . But I am certainly a believer now."

As the two police officers watched spellbound, two smaller lights seemed to break away from the UFO.

The ship, followed by the two lights, swept in an arc across the clear night sky from north to south.

"Then I distinctly saw the two smaller objects merge back into the larger one," said Medary.

"Then the whole thing took off straight up and zoomed out of sight."

The officers radioed the news of the sighting to Brunswick police.

Dispatcher Harold Page quickly called nearby Brunswick Naval Air Station and asked for a radar check of the power station area.

But nothing showed up on the radar.

An air traffic officer told The ENQUIRER, "It's a mystery to us."

Terrified Pilot Says: Three UFOs Took Control of My Plane

... Baffled Air Traffic Controllers Track Them on Radar Screens

By JOHN SOUTH and GRANVILLE TOOGOOD

Three saucer-shaped UFOs took control of a single-engine plane near Mexico City, says a young pilot who admitted: "I was so scared I was crying."

For 10 harrowing minutes beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, 23-year-old Carlos Antonio de los Santos Monteil reported he was surrounded by UFOs — one on each wingtip and the other beneath him — on a flight from Zihuatanejo to Mexico City.

And when the incredible craft finally departed, two of them made an impossibly sharp high speed turn which baffled air traffic controllers who were tracking them on radar.

De los Santos — with 3 years and 370 flying hours experience — estimated the UFOs were 12 feet in diameter and 5 feet high.

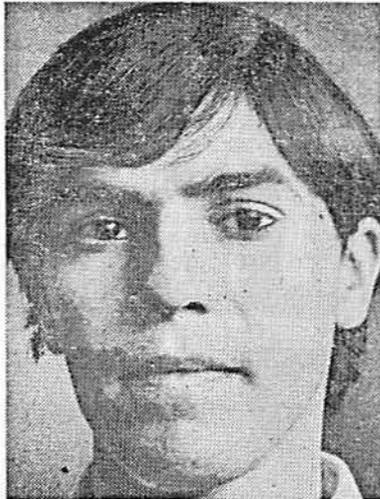
He said they were dark gray and had a dome-like area with what looked like an antenna sticking up from the center of the dome.

"I was terrified . . . I was crying and I could hardly talk," he recalled.

As his aircraft approached a regular navigation checkpoint about 50 miles south of Mexico City at 15,000 feet, the pilot made the following recorded radio call to "Centro Mexico" — Mexico City's air traffic control center:

"Emergency! Emergency! . . . Three unidentified but visual flying objects are around my plane. The plane is not under my control . . ."

De los Santos said two of the UFOs took up positions "just inches" from his wingtips, while the third seemed to bump his plane from underneath. "There were mechanical sounds like the sounds in a garage," he remem-



PILOT: Carlos Antonio de los Santos Monteil says of his encounter with UFO near Mexico City: "I was so scared I was crying and I could hardly talk."

bered. He said he could not control his altitude or turn the plane. Then to his horror the plane began to climb, escorted by the disc-like objects.

"I'm going up!" he shouted into his



PILOT'S SKETCH OF UFO: This is Carlos Monteil's view of one of the UFOs. He wrote "gris oscuro" — meaning it was dark gray.

radio. I'm now at 15,800 feet and I still can't control the plane . . ."

The radio was silent for several minutes. Suddenly it cracked and the pilot's voice, with a sigh of relief, said: "I now have control of the plane . . . Both saucers are off to the right now. They're headed toward the mountains . . . I can't see the third one."

Centro Mexico air traffic controller Emilio Estanol — who was watching a radar screen — recalled, "The objects made a 270 degree turn at 518 mph in an arc of only 3 miles. Normally a plane moving at that speed needs 8 to 10 miles to make a turn like that. In my 17 years as an air traffic controller I've never seen anything like that . . ." He added:

"There were no other flights in the area, not even training flights."

U.S. air traffic controller Richard Schultz, based in Miami, later told *The ENQUIRER*: "I know of no plane that could make such a turn in a 3-mile radius at that speed. The plane would be destroyed or the pilot would black out."

After De los Santos reported that his landing gear didn't work, an emergency was declared and Mexico City International Airport was closed

to all traffic for 35 minutes. But after several passes he managed to get the landing gear into a "down" position and landed his plane safely.

A doctor who examined De los Santos shortly thereafter found nothing physically or mentally wrong with him, but suggested he may have been suffering from hypoxia, or lack of oxygen. De los Santos himself — who was grounded for 10 days to rest up — rejects this theory.

Air traffic controller Julio Cesar Interian, who also was watching a radar screen at "Centro Mexico," and verified the fast-moving radar contact, said that in his opinion, the pilot was not suffering from hypoxia.

"De los Santos' transmissions on the radio seemed quick and concise during the period of the incident," he said.

Commander Ignacio Silva de la Mora, an airport inspector, also spoke up for De los Santos.

"I've known him since he was a kid," he said. "He's a trustworthy and dedicated pilot who neither smokes nor drinks."

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By GRANVILLE TOOGOOD

An incredible, triangular UFO glowing with brightly-colored lights astounded more than 30 law officers and many residents of five rural counties in North Carolina.

For four tense days — from April 3 to 6 — reports poured in to local police departments and sheriffs' offices describing a strange object seen in the sky repeatedly in the area surrounding Lumberton, N.C.

The silent craft was often sighted flying or hovering close to the ground. One officer said it was "about the size of a Cadillac." Another said that a searchlight in the center of the craft flashed a response to his own signal.

"It was just unbelievable," recalled Robeson County Deputy Sheriff Ray Strickland. "I'm still shaken up by the whole thing."

In the most dramatic encounter of all, Strickland spotted the UFO directly over the road ahead at 5:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, while driving home with his family after an outing. He said the family watched spellbound as the UFO made a sweeping dive toward a field only 100 yards away.

"I slowed down and my wife let out a gasp because she thought it was going to hit a farmhouse," he remembered. "But the thing just disappeared behind the farm buildings without a sound."

The flurry of UFO reports began shortly after 1 a.m. on the night of April 3. "We were swamped with calls from the public and 30 officers reported seeing a strange object," said Lumberton sheriff's radio dispatcher Ronn Thompson. Most of the callers had seen a UFO over the north end of Lumberton. "I saw the object

Glowing UFO Baffles More Than 30 Police Officers for 4 Days

hovering about 50 feet over the town's water tank," recalled officer Phil Stanton, who responded to one citizen's call. He described the UFO:

"It seemed to be triangular or 'V'-shaped. I could make out reddish lights on one side of it and green or blue lights along the other. I thought it was about the size of a Cadillac. The strange thing was

that there was no sound at all. It appeared to have a solid hull and one big spotlight."

As Stanton gaped in awe, the mysterious object suddenly shot away at breathtaking speed. "I heard on my patrol car radio that it was spotted over St. Pauls, 15 miles away — just 90 seconds later," he said.

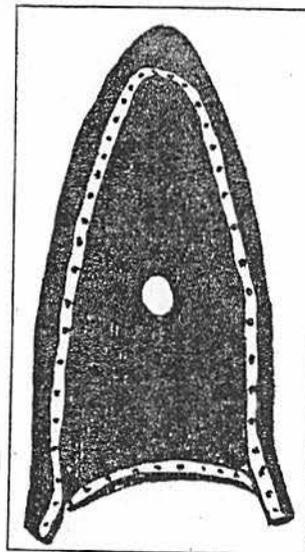
In St. Pauls, officer Tom Hagens and John McPherson, a security guard, chased the UFO in a patrol car.

After spotting a red flash "like an explosion" behind some trees in a remote area, Hagens and McPherson saw the strange craft moving low across an isolated country road.

"We took off after it, but lost it. Then we stopped the car and just waited," McPherson said.

He said the UFO seemed to come from out of nowhere.

"There it was again . . . It seemed to be triangular, maybe 'V'-shaped, with blue lights all around the edges and a big pulsating ball of red light in the center. There were two big beams like searchlights . . . The next thing I knew it



SKETCH of UFO by Police Chief Gary Moore. It had flashing red light, he says.

administration at nearby Fayetteville Airport is at a loss to explain the strange sightings. "We had a Piedmont Airlines Boeing 737 make a test flight in the area," a spokesman said. "But the UFO reports continued after it landed."

An official at the Fort Bragg U.S. Air Force Base near Fayetteville, admitted: "We're just as baffled as the FAA."

took off at terrific speed — without a sound."

The UFO raced west, where it was sighted by Hoke County Deputy Sheriff George McGuire. "It seemed to be travelling about the speed of a jet, but far closer to the ground than I've ever seen a jet fly," he remembered.

UFO reports continued to come in and curious about them, Thompson went out looking for the object when he got off duty late Friday night. He spotted it 20 miles southwest of Lumberton.

"It appeared suddenly, less than 200 feet above my car. I could see a beam shining out of the thing and flashed my car lights. Incredibly, the beam flashed back at me in response. I flashed my lights a second time, and again I got a response.

"Then the object took off at tremendous speed and vanished."

Around dawn on Saturday, April 5, White Lakes, N.C., police chief Gary Moore observed a similar triangular UFO with a pulsating red light.

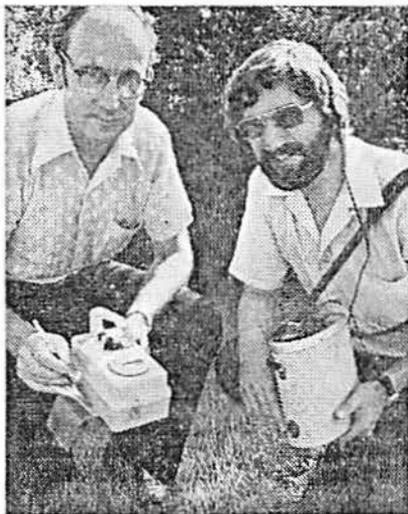
And in the early hours of Sunday, April 6, State Trooper Marshall McGee sighted the UFO halfway between Lumberton and St. Pauls. His description matched the others.

The Federal Aviation Ad-

A Canadian electronics expert is convinced that four mysterious hot spots of radiation he located in a field near Carman, Manitoba, were made by UFOs.

"The circles were about 50 feet in diameter and 75 to 100 feet apart," said Ernst Spielman, a 57-year-old technician at the planetarium of the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature.

"The radiation was 3 to 4 times greater in the center of the circles than in the rest of the field and it dropped off to about 2½ times normal on the outer edges of the circles. Still, I found no burns or visible marks in the area." Discovery of the



EXPERTS Ernst Spielman (left) and Ed Barker measure radiation count at spot where UFO was seen.

Massive UFOs Leave 4 Mysterious 50-Ft. Rings of Radiation in Field

... Electronics Expert Makes Discovery After Incredible Sighting by 10 People

baffling radiation rings was the result of a bizarre adventure shared by 10 different people on the night of May 13, 1975.

Their curiosity piqued by reports of repeated UFO sightings in the area, Howard Bennett, publisher of the weekly Dufferin Leader, and 9 others decided to spend the night looking for UFOs.

About 11 p.m., the 10 stared in disbelief as a glowing object suddenly appeared on the horizon over a farmland area about 7 miles from Carman.

Cameraman Allen Kerr of station CKY-TV, watched in amazement for a second, then filmed the UFO as it sped across the night sky, slowed, then seemed to hover near the earth.

The UFO remained in that position so long, the group split up and drove toward it over the lonely country roads without headlights, hoping to be able to sneak up on it and get a closer look.

"All of a sudden I could see this tremendous glow behind some trees," said Bennett, one of the first to arrive near the site where the UFO seemed to be hovering.

"It was a smokey, reddish, hazy glow and it seemed to be taller than the trees — maybe 50 feet tall. It was about 20 feet thick and seemed to be sitting on or just above the ground at an angle.

"I looked away for just a moment,



then looked back — and it was gone."

Bob Diemert, a professional pilot in the group, was in a car nearby.

"I saw the UFO appear suddenly above the trees," he said. "It seemed to hover, then shot off toward Winnipeg going at least 1,500 miles-an-hour."

As the UFO sped away, cameraman Kerr got his second startling piece of film for the night. When it was developed and broadcast on TV later, it showed a glowing shape moving from left to right in the sky and quickly going out of camera range.

When pilot Diemert viewed the film, he spotted what he believes was a "mother ship" and one or two robot UFOs.

"In part of the film you can see

one of the little UFOs going straight up 3,000 feet in 1/16th of a second," he said. "That must have been a robot craft because no living creature could stand such incredible physical stress."

On May 21, eight days after the sightings, Spielman went to the area where the UFO reportedly hovered to check the ground with a radiation detector. Publisher Bennett and Ed Barker, a planetarium artist, accompanied Spielman.

"Spielman found four different circles of radioactivity," Bennett said. "The radiation-detecting equipment was reading 38 to 40 milliroentgens in the circles, while the reading for the rest of the area was only 10."

At the request of The ENQUIRER, a geologist tested the same field on June 8 — after it'd been pelted by rain and plowed. The radiation readings were still slightly above normal.

"It's remotely possible that the field was deliberately salted," said geologist Roger Haskins. "But I consider that very unlikely because radioactive materials are hard to get and no one knew Spielman was going out there to take readings.

"The only other answer is that the radiation indicated on Spielman's instruments came from something near or on the surface — the radiation is not in the soil."

— BOB PRATT

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Police Officers Amazed as . . .

Dazzling UFO With Flashing Colored Lights Hovers Over Missile Base for 2 Hours

By PAUL JENKINS

A brilliantly colored UFO with "an antenna protruding from the top" hovered above a U.S. Air Force missile installation in Montana — dazzling a sheriff, 3 deputies, a county commissioner and a game warden.

Investigators who have just completed their reports of the sighting, said the amazing incident took place near an ICBM base called Kilo One in Wheatland County, Mont. County Sheriff Richard Egebakken, stationed in Harlowton — only 3 miles from the missiles — declared:

"It was almost as if the UFO was attracted to the missiles. That was the exact area where it was hovering. It hung in the sky over Kilo One.

"It was round, with a definite hulk to it. There were bright-colored lights dotting it — red, blue and green," recalled the sheriff, who drove out of town for a better view of the object.

"The UFO was the size of a commercial aircraft," he said. "It seemed to stop and start a lot and sometimes reached terrific speeds."

The strange craft's appearance near Harlowton followed sightings that had lasted for more than three hours in two other locations.

The first time it was seen was 60 miles to the east, at Roundup, followed by reports of the object hovering over



Shawmut, about 20 miles southeast of Harlowton.

At headquarters in Harlowton, Deputy Larry Clifford received a report of the object and drove to a point about a mile from the UFO.

Said the astonished deputy: "The object was only about 500 feet off the ground, and it was many times brighter than a star. Its green and red lights seemed to pulsate in sequence.

"Suddenly it shot up to an altitude of about 2,000 feet — then stopped dead in its tracks near the Kilo One missile site.



THEY SAW IT: Four men who watched UFO, (left to right) game warden Gene Tierney, county commissioner Edgar Langston, county sheriff Richard Egebakken and special deputy Herb Lynn, confer over map of area where they saw mysterious object.

After watching it for almost 2 hours, I saw it disappear into the clouds."

Edgar Langston — a long-time commissioner of Wheatland County and a qualified pilot — spotted the object from his ranch, 15 miles south of Harlowton. "I got my field glasses to look at it," he said. "It climbed at one hell of an angle — moving too fast and steeply to be an aircraft. I could make out what seemed to be an antenna protruding from the top. And there seemed to be a circular black spot on the underside of the thing."

Veteran state game warden Gene Tierney met up with Deputy Larry Clifford outside Harlowton, and they watched the UFO on the night of Monday, February 17.

Said an incredulous Tierney: "I've never seen anything like it even though I've done a lot of flying, including at night. I don't know what it was — but it wasn't an aircraft."

Special Deputy Herb Lynn was in his pickup truck a few

miles outside Harlowton when he spotted the UFO. "I stopped my vehicle and sat there mystified," he said. "The object dropped like a stone — then shot back up. It flitted around the sky in all kinds of crazy directions."

Deputy Russ Mull, who drove to within a mile of the Kilo One site, said: "The object was bright blue and bobbing up and down near the missile station."

To add to the mystery, Capt. John Higginbottom at Montana's Great Falls U.S. Air Force Base — which supervises the missile sites — said:

"We had no radar reading on whatever this thing was. But these witnesses sound pretty reliable."

A lieutenant at the Great Falls base added:

"Two security guards at Kilo One reported seeing something large in the sky — it had flashing green, red, blue and yellow lights. We have been unable to determine what the object was."

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UFO Spotted By Tennessee Cops

There's "something strange" hovering in the skies over south-central Tennessee.

Four policemen have seen it, and so have scores of private citizens. It's saucer-shaped, with blinking colored lights and it sits in the sky "about a mile up."

At first, everyone was a little shy about calling it a UFO. But that, say the police officers, is exactly what they think it is.

Patrolmen Gary Jones and James Johnston were the first to report the sighting. They radioed in at 4:30 a.m. to police dispatcher Albert Spears.

"We told Albert to look outside if he wanted to see something really funny," Johnston told MIDNIGHT. "We thought it was a big joke."

"But it just sat there for a while," Jones added. "At one time it looked like it moved a little, but it was hard to tell. And there was a big light that changed colors frequently."

"We were in the city itself, but the UFO was out in the rural area over Maury County."

When dispatcher Spears got the radio call, he stepped outside the police station to "check it out." What he saw was a multi-colored UFO that appeared to be "a mile or more" up in the sky.

"Those lights kept flashing," Spears recalled, "and it just seemed to be hovering — not moving much at all."

"At one time a red light would be in the center of the object, and the next time it would be on the bottom — and an orange light would be in the center."

Patrolmen Jones and Johnston decided to meet with dispatcher Spears out front of the station, and the three "stood there for some time just watching."

About an hour later in Maury County about 16 miles

from Mt. Pleasant, another policeman on early morning patrol spotted "something" in the sky.

"I saw this strange-looking object and stopped my patrol car to get a better look at it," Maury County Deputy Wendell Harris recounted to MIDNIGHT. "And then I stood there and watched it for some time."

"I started to pick up my radio mike and call the county dispatcher, but figured he would think I was just sleepy or seeing things."

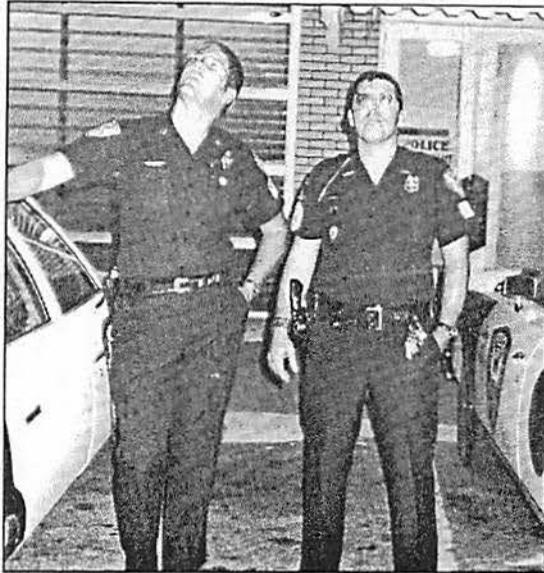
A few minutes later, on an early morning radio newscast, from Columbia, Tenn., Harris heard of the sightings in Mt. Pleasant.

"When I realized that someone else had seen the object, I knew I had seen something and got on the mike to my dispatcher," he said.

Harris gave this description of the UFO to MIDNIGHT:

"It was a round-shaped object with flashing lights in several colors — red, green, blue, yellow."

"It didn't seem to be moving, but if it was, it was going real slow. It wasn't like an airplane or a blimp."



TENNESSEE POLICEMAN James Johnston (right) shows his chief, Earl Pettus, exactly where he spotted the UFO. In all, four police officers saw the mysterious flying object.

Harris was the first to recall that three years ago almost to the day, similar sightings had been reported in the area.

All four policemen, as is usual in such cases, took a certain amount of ribbing from their colleagues.

"The other policemen wanted to know what we were drinking," Patrolman Johnston related.

There was less laughter a week later, however, when a

rash of callers reported seeing the object again.

Among them was news director Glenn Prosser of radio station WCRM in Columbia. "I've never seen anything like it in my life," the newsman told MIDNIGHT. And Deputy Wendell Harris, out on patrol, saw it again too.

There's definitely something strange happening in the early morning skies over south-central Tennessee.

N.J. Patrolman: Enormous, Brilliant UFO Shot in From Ocean — So Close It Could Have Swallowed Me Up ... 20 Policemen Confirm Sighting

An enormous, brilliantly glowing object shot in from the ocean sky so close to the shoreline at Atlantic City, N.J., that a police officer on the beach said: "It could have swallowed me up."

So threatening was the bizarre object that Patrolman Frank Ingargiola, 28, a policeman for 5 years, said: "I immediately backed my car up a ramp and off the beach."

But he and a passenger in the car, newspaper columnist Sonny Schwartz of the Atlantic City Press, say the strange object stayed visible for at least 20 minutes afterward — and Ingargiola said that at least 20 other policemen saw it.

Ingargiola had driven onto the beach at about 5:10 a.m. on January 20, after he and Schwartz, whom he was giving a lift home, spotted the bright light, then about a mile offshore and above the ocean.

"All of a sudden the object came straight in toward us," said Ingargiola, a member of the police of Ventnor, a community adjoining Atlantic City. "That's when I backed up."

The policeman, a Navy veteran, said emphatically: "I've been on a good many midnight watches at sea. I was trained to identify different shapes at night."

"I've never seen anything like this before."

"It came in very, very close, just above the breakers, about 500 feet from the car. It was so huge it seemed to fill the



UFO was sighted for 20 minutes a few hundred feet from shoreline at Ventnor, near Atlantic City, N.J.

whole windshield. I couldn't see anything else.

"It had a very bright white light in its center, with a yellowish haze around it twice the size of the light."

"When it got close, you could see three small reddish-orange points in it, in the shape of a triangle."

"But, unfortunately, we did not have a camera with us for a picture of it."

Newspaperman Schwartz, 35, said: "It was enormous. I couldn't believe any light could be so bright. As we looked, we became transfixed by it."

Meanwhile, Ingargiola had

radioed the Atlantic City police and asked them to send officers to verify the phenomenon, and some 20 policemen saw it before it finally disappeared, said Ingargiola. Two of them were Patrolman Daniel Conner and his partner, Patrolman Daniel Wilhelmy. "The light seemed to get dimmer and then brighter as we watched," said Conner. "We checked for helicopters, but there weren't any up that night."

Patrolman Henry Madanda also saw the mysterious object. "It appeared to be a glowing light out over the ocean. As I gazed at it, suddenly it just disappeared in front of my eyes. I was shocked!"

Earlier the same night, residents of two nearby towns also saw brightly colored objects in the sky. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tomlin of Heislerville, 30 miles from Atlantic City,



SCENE OF SIGHTING: Witnesses Patrolman Frank Ingargiola and newspaper columnist Sonny Schwartz show sketch of UFO they both saw at Ventnor, N.J.

reported seeing "two enormous bright lights, like headlights," only 300 yards away and over some trees, at about 7:30 p.m. on January 19. The lights were visible for 5 to 7 minutes, they said. At about 8 p.m., in Dorothy, N.J., 15

miles away, Mrs. Charles Morris said she saw "a very brilliant red light, the most brilliant shade of red I've ever seen."

"I was really overawed by the thing."

— BOB PRATT

Six Astonished Traffic Controllers Track UFO on Radar—At 3,600 Miles an Hour

By JOHN M. WEBB and DENNIS D'ANTONIO

A UFO streaking through the night sky was tracked on radar traveling at an incredible 3,600 miles an hour — and then vanished from the screen before the astonished eyes of six air traffic controllers at New York's Albany Airport.

The mysterious speeding object shot past an Air Force jet, startling the pilot, and was also observed from the ground by police and area residents.

"I've never seen anything move so fast," said 32-year-old Jim Maturro, one of the Albany air traffic controllers.

The UFO was one of several brilliant but slower-moving objects that appeared over the farming community of Round Lake, 12 miles north of Albany, about 8 p.m. last August 20.

Residents spotting the UFOs called police, who observed the objects and contacted the Federal Aviation Administration control tower at Albany Airport.

"We've received all kinds of UFO reports here over the years, but this was the only time we were

able to detect anything on the radar screens. It was just an amazing experience," recalled Maturro.

"We were as mystified as the police about what it was up there.

"It was uncanny that policemen were watching what seemed to be the same object that appeared as a blip on our radar screens.

"I watched as it split into two separate targets. Later it split into as many as four. About an hour after we'd been watching these objects, I made contact with an Air Force pilot on a training flight about 20 miles north of Albany.

"He reported he could see some lights to the south which were stationary. Shortly after that he suddenly reported seeing an object that moved across his path from north to south in a blinding orange light — traveling so fast he was shouting with excitement on the radio.

"I picked up the object on radar south of the military aircraft and coming toward the airport at an estimated 3,600 miles per hour. When it got to the airport, it vanished."

Said air traffic controller John Guzy, 33: "I came straight for the airport at an unbelievable speed. I was watching my radar screen and just couldn't believe my eyes. The object was no explanation for what happened next. The object seemed to be heading right for our control tower. But once it seemed to get above us it just vanished."

Air traffic controller Tom Lawson, 41, who also tracked the fast-moving UFO said: "The military pilot was really excited. He said he'd never seen anything move so quickly in his life — and neither have I."

Robert King, 54, was the supervisor in the control tower the night of the sightings. He recalled: "The objects were visible on all four radar screens, and I observed them for more than two hours."

Said state trooper Warren Johnson: "I just couldn't believe my eyes. I saw one object hovering in the sky. Then I saw another come out of the north at a high speed. It was red or orange. And it flashed right overhead.

"I don't know of any aircraft that could travel that fast, and it sure was a meteor."

Trooper Michael Morgan, recalled: "I saw three or four objects moving at heights between 500 and 1,500 feet. Some times they moved slowly and other times they were real fast. It was strange. I've never seen anything like it."



UFO WITNESSES: Air Traffic Control members at Albany, N.Y., (from left) John Guzy, Neil Parker and Tom Esposito say flying object was fastest they'd ever seen.

UFOs Terrorize Wisconsin Towns

... Mysterious Glowing Objects Scare Families and Amaze Police

By BOB PRATT

A flurry of eerie UFO sightings has dazzled and terrorized residents of northern Wisconsin — and shaken even veteran law enforcement officers.

In one incident alone, at least a dozen police officers witnessed the astounding aerobatics of the Unidentified Flying Objects as they danced across the night skies along the shores of Lake Superior.

The wave of UFO sightings crested last March and April, slacked off during the summer, then picked up again in September.

"I think there is definitely something up there," said Sheriff Fred Johnson of Superior, Wis. "There are too many intelligent people who have seen them.

"I believe they are from outer space, not some mysterious type of vehicle that is manufactured here on earth."

Among the scores of reports:

- In March a glowing UFO landed on a road only 400 feet from a farmhouse in Mellen, Wis., badly frightening a family of six — then vanished with an ear-shattering roar.

- The same night, excited Ashland County, Wis., Sheriff's Deputy Peter Drolson called in on his car radio to report that a mysterious, blindingly brilliant object was whooshing just above the treetops — when suddenly his radio went dead.

- Veteran Police Officer George Wheeler of Elmwood, Wis., saw a gigantic fireball streaking straight toward him shortly after midnight April 7.

He slammed his brakes, leaped out of his patrol car and flung himself into a roadside ditch as the frightful fireball hurtled past.

"It was as big as a football field," said Wheeler, 70, still shaken by the incident. "I thought it was going to crash and wipe out the whole town."

Instead, said Wheeler, a former WW 2 fighter pilot, the mysterious object

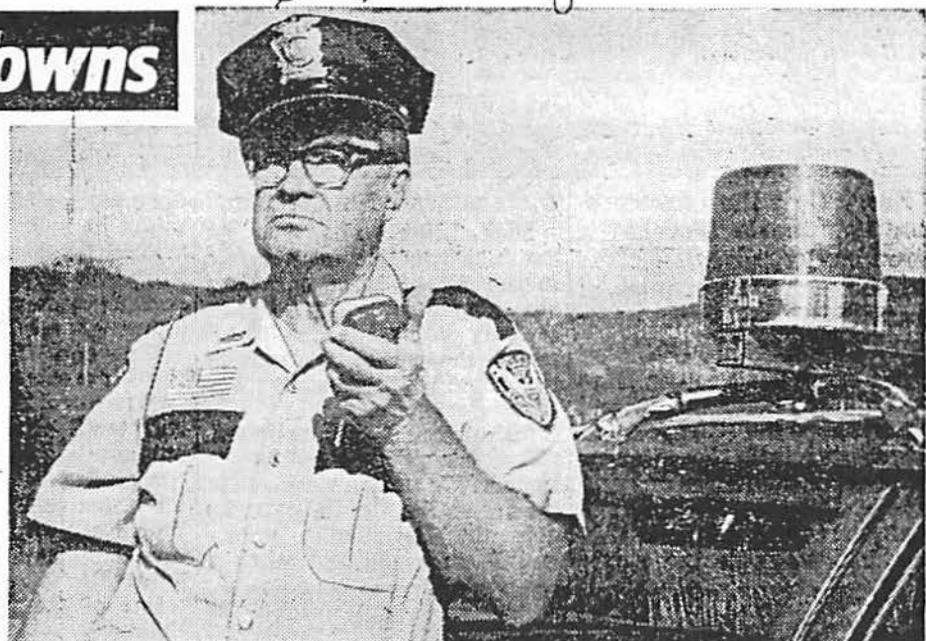


MAP shows towns (shaded circles) where UFOs were spotted.

soared silently five miles southward, hovered motionlessly a few minutes — then disappeared.

On March 13 at 9 p.m., 15-year-old Jane Baker had just let her two cats outside when she saw a weird object parked on the road outside her family's farmhouse near Mellen, Wis.

She screamed — and her father, Phil



FRIGHTENED by a gigantic fireball, veteran police officer George Wheeler leaped from his patrol car and took cover in a roadside ditch. "I thought it was going to wipe out the whole town," he said.

Baker, 37, rushed outside, followed by his wife and two of their sons.

"I didn't believe what I was seeing," Baker told THE ENQUIRER. "It was circular, about 12 feet across, with red and bluish-green lights running around the outside.

"In the center was a door, with a brilliant light coming from inside. It made a high-whining sound — a sound I'd never heard before."

The family stared wide-eyed at the object for several minutes — then raced fearfully inside their home. "I no sooner called police when there was this loud explosion," Baker said. "I looked out and the thing had vanished."

The same night, seven sheriff's deputies spotted four different mysterious objects skipping and gliding through the skies in a four-county area around Lake Superior's southwest shore. Ashland Deputy Drolson, 24, was excitedly describing one such object zipping directly overhead when his police radio went dead.

"The object made a whooshing

sound — like a giant gust of wind roaring through the woods," Drolson recalled.

Ashland Undersheriff George Ree, listening on his radio 18 miles away, heard the rushing noise "and then Drolson's radio went blank." A few moments later, Drolson's voice came back on the air.

The strange sightings continued in April.

Mrs. Kathy Thompson, 25, of Superior, Wis., said she encountered a dome-shaped object with a pulsating red light, hovering directly over the roadway ahead of her car about 3 a.m. April 19.

"I thought: 'I've got to get away!'" Panic-stricken, she quickly made a U-turn and raced away in the opposite direction.

Douglas County Deputy Jack Hunker pulled her over for speeding, at 90 m.p.h.

"She was hysterical," he said. "She was a complete basket case. There was no way she could have made up that story."

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Amazed Air Traffic Controllers Watch as . . .

UFO Tails Army Copter

By JOHN M. CATHCART

A brilliantly glowing UFO tailed a U.S. Army helicopter, hovered over an airport for 5 minutes, then suddenly vanished in a cloud of green exhaust — while three air traffic controllers watched in amazement from the ground below.

Four days earlier another strange craft swooped down in front of an auto, terrifying the 19-year-old driver and her cousin — then hovered above the cousin's house where the girls sought refuge.

These were just two of the most spectacular incidents in a wave of UFO sightings witnessed by at least 24 people in northern California.

"I've never seen anything like this before," said Maj. Claude Riddle, 40 — an 11-year National Guard copter pilot with more than 5,000 hours of flying time — in describing the UFO that tailed his chopper over Stockton, Calif.

Last August 14, Riddle was approaching Stockton Airport

at 900 feet when a traffic controller warned him on the radio to take evasive action.

In the airport tower veteran Federal Aviation Agency controllers Joseph Savage, Dan Long and John-Paul Ammirata, all with military backgrounds, watched the UFO with binoculars.

Long was the first one to

spot the UFO — at 9:35 p.m. "Through field glasses, I could make out a definite form," he said. "The object appeared disc-shaped — like a flying saucer — and its body was radiating an intense orange glow."

Controller Savage said: "I saw these flashing lights closing in on the chopper on a collision course. I radioed the copter pilot and issued evasive orders. As I did, the object turned orange and shot up to 5,000 feet, where it hovered."

Maj. Riddle, meanwhile, looked behind him. "It appeared as if a strange light was tailing my chopper a mile or so away," he said.

"As I swung my copter around, I saw it shimmering like a diamond. It was as big as a jetliner. A tremendous orange glow radiated from the top, but the bottom was dark. From the sides came two blue beams, probing out from the fat oval shape."

The object drifted slowly over the airport for 5 minutes as Riddle maneuvered his chopper to keep the UFO in sight — but at a distance.

"I wasn't really interested in getting too close," Riddle admitted. "It scared me."

"Suddenly it turned bright red and blasted off. I can't estimate the speed. It was faster than anything I've ever seen. I've observed enough rocket launchings to know we have nothing that can compare to the speed of this thing."

"Seconds before it shot out of sight, a gray mist formed around it. This was followed by a blast of green exhaust which penetrated the cloud like you'd put your finger through a smoke ring."

Controller Ammirata, watching through binoculars, said: "In 5 or 6 seconds the UFO went up to 60,000 feet and completely faded from view."

Four days earlier in the town of Gilroy, 45 miles to the southwest, another craft terrified Mrs. Terry Smith, 19, and her cousin, Imelea Lugo, 12, as they were driving to the Lugo home about 11 p.m.

"All of a sudden, this object



VETERAN helicopter pilot Maj. Claude Riddle, who spotted UFO on his tail — "shimmering like a diamond and as big as a jetliner."

. . . And California Driver Is Terrorized in Wave of Sightings



MAP shows areas where UFOs were sighted in northern California.



WITNESSES Joe Savage (left) and Dan Long outside airport tower where they sighted UFO.

rushed down at us and took up a position ahead of our car about 50 feet above the road," Mrs. Smith, a housewife, said.

Mrs. Smith stopped, and as she and Imelea watched aghast, the UFO bobbed up and down. The two jumped out of the car, ran into the Lugo house 50 yards away and awakened Imelea's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lugo rushed outside — and got the jolt of their lives.

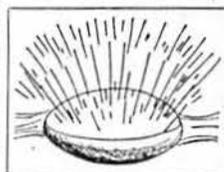
"There, about 100 feet above the house, was this strange circular object with lots of

blinking red, blue and white lights around the center," said Jose Lugo, 45, an auto parts salesman.

"It was gray, at least twice as big as an automobile and had three legs sticking out, like landing gears with suction cups on the bottom."

Said Mrs. Lugo: "It just hung there in mid-air. It was so low I could see two square windows on top and landing gear like the tripods photographers use. The ship also had a row of metal panels on it that reflected the lights, giving it a gem-like quality."

After several minutes, the UFO disappeared, Lugo said. "Without making a sound, it moved fast toward the north. As it went, it skimmed the roofs of our neighbors' houses, clearing them just by inches."



SKETCH of UFO by Maj. Riddle. The top glowed orange and beams at the sides were blue, he says.

Huge Glowing UFO Hovers Over High Tension Tower and Follows Police Spotlight

A brightly glowing UFO that showed a strange fascination for a high tension tower frightened a policeman when it suddenly became attracted to his squad car spotlight.

The UFO was one of two that swept in off Lake Erie and cavorted over the Madison, Ohio, area for 90 minutes early on the morning of November 4.

"It was an eerie feeling," said Patrolman Lester Nagle, 24, who turned his spotlight on one of the UFOs to get a better look at it. "It was as though someone or something was watching us, checking us out."

For nearly an hour and a half Nagle and Patrolman Zachary Space, 26, watched the UFO sweep in time after time to hover over a 125-foot-tall power line tower 6 miles northeast of Madison.

"The first time I cut the spotlight on, the object moved away," said Nagle.

"Then I flicked it on and off a few more times — and the glowing object actually started to move toward the spotlight, as if it were attracted to it."

"It was astounding! It seemed to be intrigued by the light. I didn't know what to do — so I turned the light off real quick!"

The two UFOs, glowing red and green, had flown in over Lake Erie about 3:45 a.m., Patrolman Space told *The ENQUIRER*.

"It was incredible," he said. "They were in formation and then they broke off. One hovered over Madison and the other headed northeast."

"The one near the tower leveled off and slowly approached as though it was maneuvering carefully to get as close to the tower as possible."

"When it was directly over the tower, the reddish-green lights faded and the object began to glow pure white, so bright I couldn't see if it was actually touching the tower."

"I was about half a mile away and I couldn't estimate how large it was. When I held up my hand at arm's length to judge its size, it was larger than my hand. It was huge."

"Just as the white light reached its peak, the object streaked off across the sky so fast you couldn't see it move. Then it approached again, glowing red and green."

"I didn't know what to make of it. I spent 5 years in the Air Force as a mechanic and I've never seen a plane that can maneuver like that."

"It made about 20 passes at the tower, each time approaching the same way and then zipping off into the darkness."

Nagle, a 6-year veteran Air National Guard crew chief, decided to return to Madison to investigate the other UFO. "As I left the area, the object moved along above my car for a while and for some mysterious reason my radio wouldn't work."

Walt Rogers, an auto wrecker, had

Police Spotlight

the same experience when he met Nagle on the highway not far away.

"My two-way radio wouldn't work either," Rogers said. "Whatever that thing was, it seemed to be attracted to lights and power."

Nagle said he had a camera in his squad car — "but I just didn't think about taking a picture."

"I was just too spellbound by the sight of the object."

The other UFO hovered over Madison the entire time.

"We received at least a dozen calls on it," said Police Dispatcher Gerry Bowers. "I could see it from my window and I went outside once, but I got scared and didn't go out again."

Both objects vanished after about an hour and a half, Patrolman Space said.

"I had a strange feeling that as we were watching the objects we ourselves were being watched — the way we would watch a colony of ants."

— FRANK ZAHOUR



THEY SAW IT: Patrolman Lester Nagle (left) discusses drawing of UFO with fellow officer Zachary Space. Spotlight on patrol car is one Nagle trained on UFO.

N.J. Patrolman: Enormous, Brilliant UFO Shot in From Ocean — So Close It Could Have Swallowed Me Up . . . 20 Policemen Confirm Sighting

An enormous, brilliantly glowing object shot in from the ocean sky so close to the shoreline at Atlantic City, N.J., that a police officer on the beach said: "It could have swallowed me up."

So threatening was the bizarre object that Patrolman Frank Ingargiola, 28, a policeman for 5 years, said: "I immediately backed my car up a ramp and off the beach."

But he and a passenger in the car, newspaper columnist Sonny Schwartz of the Atlantic City Press, say the strange object stayed visible for at least 20 minutes afterward — and Ingargiola said that at least 20 other policemen saw it.

Ingargiola had driven onto the beach at about 5:10 a.m. on January 20, after he and Schwartz, whom he was giving a lift home, spotted the bright light, then about a mile offshore and above the ocean.

"All of a sudden the object came straight in toward us," said Ingargiola, a member of the police of Ventnor, a community adjoining Atlantic City. "That's when I backed up."

The policeman, a Navy veteran, said emphatically: "I've been on a good many midnight watches at sea. I was trained to identify different shapes at night.

"I've never seen anything like this before.

"It came in very, very close, just above the breakers, about 500 feet from the car. It was so huge it seemed to fill the



UFO was sighted for 20 minutes a few hundred feet from shoreline at Ventnor, near Atlantic City, N.J.

whole windshield. I couldn't see anything else.

"It had a very bright white light in its center, with a yellowish haze around it twice the size of the light.

"When it got close, you could see three small reddish-orange points in it, in the shape of a triangle.

"But, unfortunately, we did not have a camera with us for a picture of it."

Newspaperman Schwartz, 35, said: "It was enormous. I couldn't believe any light could be so bright. As we looked, we became transfixed by it."

Meanwhile, Ingargiola had

radioed the Atlantic City police and asked them to send officers to verify the phenomenon, and some 20 policemen saw it before it finally disappeared, said Ingargiola. Two of them were Patrolman Daniel Conner and his partner, Patrolman Daniel Wilhelmy. "The light seemed to get dimmer and then brighter as we watched," said Conner. "We checked for helicopters, but there weren't any up that night."

Patrolman Henry Madanda also saw the mysterious object. "It appeared to be a glowing light out over the ocean. As I gazed at it, suddenly it just disappeared in front of my eyes. I was shocked!"

Earlier the same night, residents of two nearby towns also saw brightly colored objects in the sky. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tomlin of Heislerville, 30 miles from Atlantic City,



SCENE OF SIGHTING: Witnesses Patrolman Frank Ingargiola and newspaper columnist Sonny Schwartz show sketch of UFO they both saw at Ventnor, N.J.

reported seeing "two enormous bright lights, like headlights," only 300 yards away and over some trees, at about 7:30 p.m. on January 19. The lights were visible for 5 to 7 minutes, they said. At about 8 p.m., in Dorothy, N.J., 15

miles away, Mrs. Charles Morris said she saw "a very brilliant red light, the most brilliant shade of red I've ever seen.

"I was really overawed by the thing."

— BOB PRATT

Former Airmen Reveal . . .

U.S. Fighter Pilots Have Chased Scores of UFOs

. . . Even Though Air Force Won't Admit They Exist

The U.S. Air Force won't even discuss the existence of UFOs — officially. But two former airmen tracked "hundreds" of them on radar and know that Air Force fighters were sent up after them, as the story below reveals. A current officer in the Air National Guard also reveals how he chased one. If you are a serviceman or ex-serviceman and have similar information about UFOs seen, detected on radar, pursued or reported, The ENQUIRER will be glad to learn of your story. Merely send a letter with details to UFO Editor, NATIONAL ENQUIRER, Lantana, Fla. 33462.

By JOHN M. CATHCART

Air Force fighters have been repeatedly sent up to intercept UFOs — despite the refusal of the U.S. Air Force to admit that UFOs even exist.

Former airmen — now free to talk — revealed to The ENQUIRER that UFOs have been sighted and officially reported, tracked on radar "by the hundreds" and chased by Air Force planes sent after them.

"I'm well aware of UFOs — we used to track them on radar and run up interceptors against them," stated Ed Simpson, a former Air Force radarman who is now a policeman in Phillips, Wis.

"I tracked hundreds of UFOs on radar," said Francis C. Sullivan, a retired Air Force Master Sergeant now living in Tucson, Ariz.

And Kenneth Leland, an elementary school principal in Superior, Wis., who is still a Lieutenant Colonel in the Minnesota Air National Guard, told us: "My plane was 'scrambled' after a UFO that was actually over a radar site northeast of Duluth, Minn."

"Scrambling" is an Air Force term for rapid or emergency takeoff in response to an alert.

Patrolman Simpson spent 20 years in the Air Force, 12 of them in radar operation. He told The ENQUIRER:

"When I was stationed in the upper peninsula of Michigan, we had whole groups of UFOs. We tracked them on radar and scrambled jets after them that chased them around the sky. Over a period of 12 years, I'd say I tracked at least 50 UFOs."

Did the jets ever catch up with them? "No," Simpson replied. "Our planes would go up to around 52,000 feet, their normal limit, and the pilots would report the UFOs were '30,000 to 40,000 feet still higher.'"

Former Master Sgt. Sullivan spent 28 years in the Air Force. For 18 of them he was a radar operator at air bases in Japan and the U.S.

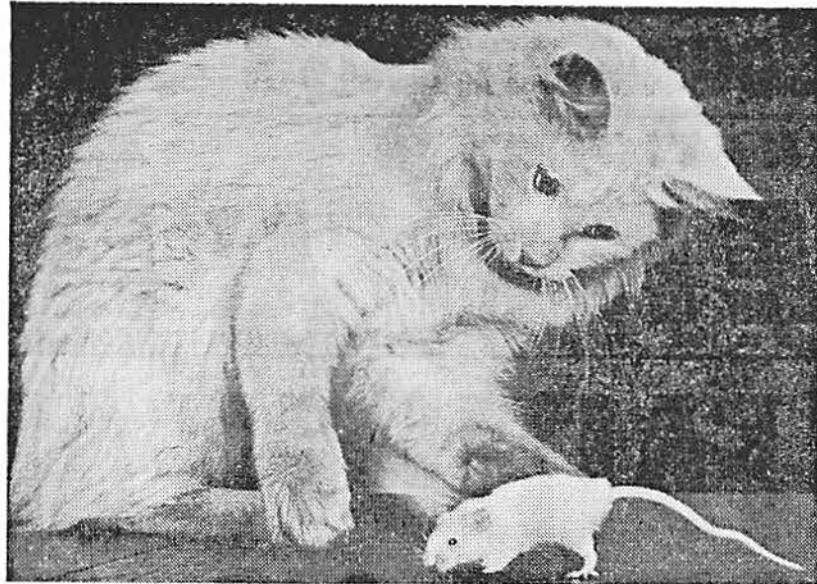
"I couldn't give you the exact number of UFOs I tracked on radar, but it must have been in the hundreds," he told us. "A lot of times we'd scramble jets after them." But only once did a pilot succeed in getting close to



WITNESSES Patrolman Ed Simpson (left), ex-Air Force radarman, and Air Force vet Francis Sullivan between them tracked hundreds of UFOs on radar.

one — at an Air Force base near Masawa, Japan, in 1951.

"An officer pilot named Brigham was in the air and I was in radio contact with him when he sighted something and went after it," Sullivan said. "He radioed, 'I've never seen such a thing! It's round — I don't know what it is — when I started closing in on it, it must have — it's gone, Sully, it's gone! Just gone!' When he landed he reported the incident. The



A REAL Game of Cat and Mouse

It's the old cat-and-mouse game . . . with a new twist. These two fellows actually live together and are best of friends. And when the cat flicks a paw out at the little guy, it's really only a playful pat. The photographer snapped this playful scene in her New York apartment.

very next day they shipped him out of there.

"But in 1968 I made a telephone call to Peterson Field, Colo., and recognized the voice at the other end as Brigham's.

"I asked him what had happened after the incident in Japan.

"He said, 'I can't talk about it. They took me to Washington and that's all I can tell you. I still can't discuss it and I'm told not to.'"

Leland, the school principal who is still in the Air National Guard, was flying as a radar observer in a 2-man jet based at Duluth Air Force Base in 1959 when his plane was scrambled after a UFO.

"At that time there were quite a few UFO sightings," he said. "In this particular case, the UFO we were involved with was definitely on the radar in our plane. The UFO was actually over a radar station at Finland, Minn., northeast of Duluth.

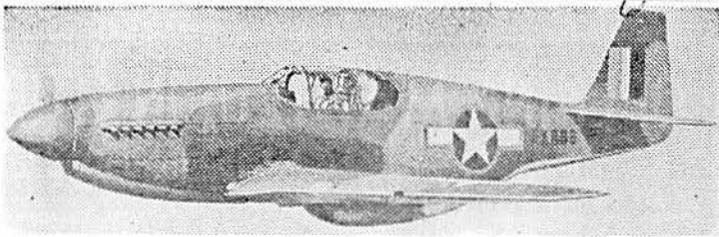
"We heard on the radio that some of the fellows at the radar site had gone outside and looked at it, hover-

ing over the site. But by the time we got there it was gone.

"The people on the ground there said the UFO went from about 1,000 feet to 200 miles high and left the area completely in a very brief amount of time.

"There was no way we could have chased it because it was gone before we ever got there."

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MUSTANG FIGHTER: Lieut. George F. Gorman chased UFO in a plane like this in the skies of North Dakota in 1948, at speeds approaching 400 miles an hour.

Strange Chapter in History of Unidentified Flying Objects: *Fighter Pilot Had 27-Minute 'Dogfight' With Mysterious UFO*

By **BOB PRATT**

Lieut. George F. Gorman was preparing to land his Air Force F-51 Mustang fighter plane, after a routine flight over Fargo, N. Dak., when he first spotted the strange white light ahead of him, only 1,000 yards away.

That was the beginning of one of the most bizarre chapters in the early history of Unidentified Flying Objects — a chapter highlighted by a 27-minute "dogfight" between Gorman's fighter and a UFO.

The date was Oct. 1, 1948. Gorman, then with the North Dakota Air National Guard, had been cleared by the tower to land at Fargo Airport.

Then he saw what appeared to be the taillight of another plane.

Gorman radioed the tower and was told that the only other aircraft over the field was a Piper Cub, which he could see outlined plainly in the night sky.

The 24-year-old pilot decided to close in on the mysterious object to get a better look at it.

"It was clear white and completely round with a sort of fuzz at the edges," he later reported to Air Force investigators.

"It was blinking on and off. As I approached, however, the light suddenly became steady and pulled into a sharp left bank.

"I thought it was going to make a pass at the tower. I dived after it . . . but I couldn't catch up with the thing.

"It started gaining altitude and again made a left bank. I put my F-51 into a sharp turn and tried to cut the light off in its turn.

"Suddenly it made a sharp



UFO CHASE took place after routine flight over Fargo, N. Dak.

right turn and we headed straight at each other. Just when we were about to collide, I guess I got scared. I went into a dive and the light passed over my canopy at about 500 feet." Again, Gorman maneuvered his plane to approach the swift-moving light — and again the light zoomed straight at him.

When a collision seemed inevitable, the UFO amazingly shot straight up into the air.

Gorman climbed after it, to 14,000 feet — then his plane went into a power stall.

The weird object turned to the northwest and disappeared. Gorman later reported he had opened up his fighter to speeds approaching 400 m.p.h., but that the UFO easily eluded him.

"When I attempted to turn with the object, I blacked out temporarily due to excessive speed," Gorman said.

The exciting chase was witnessed by L.D. Jensen, air traffic controller at Fargo Airport, who watched it through binoculars. He told the Air Force he was unable to distinguish any shape or form — just a light.

Gorman, now 52 and a retired lieutenant-colonel, told *The ENQUIRER* from his home in New Braunfels, Tex.: "I haven't come to any conclusions about it . . . I really don't know. That's one of the few things in my flying career of 30 years that I can't explain."

A UFO being watched by a veteran police officer suddenly shot out a blue flash at his squad car and knocked him unconscious, he says.

Almost simultaneously, other bizarre events took place:

- The car's lights and radio went dead.
- Its spark plugs and points were burned out.
- Television sets in nearby homes went blank.
- Two people at different points nearby saw a mysterious glowing object in the sky.

The terrifying blue-ray attack on the officer occurred in Elmwood, Wis., shortly after 11 p.m. on April 22. The weather was fairly clear and there was no storm or lightning that night.

"As I was on the police radio describing the UFO, it rose at very high speed and a bluish flash of light, like lightning, shot out from it," said George W. Wheeler, former police chief of Elmwood and now a relief officer there.

"At this time, the car's lights and radio went dead. I don't remember any more until somebody was asking me if I needed help." But after the blue-ray attack, Wheeler spent 14 days in Memorial Hospital at Menomonie, Wis., recovering from its effects.

Wheeler, 71, a 30-year police veteran and a combat fighter pilot during World War 2, recounted the details of his experience to The ENQUIRER:

"On the night of April 22, I noticed an orange glow at the top of Tuttle Hill. I thought it was a fire, reported it on the radio and drove there.

"When I arrived, I saw this huge object, as high as a two-story house and about 250 feet across. It was silver-colored and had an extremely bright orange light at the top, so bright I couldn't look straight at it. Suddenly, the craft rose and the blue flash of light shot out."

Wheeler was found four minutes later by David Moots, 36, a dairy farmer who had been taking a baby-sitter home and saw the squad car stopped partially on the highway with its lights out.

"He was trying to get out of the car and was kind of dazed," Moots said. "I asked him what was wrong and he said he'd been hit. I asked, 'Hit by a car?' and he answered, 'No, by one of those UFOs.'"

Terrifying UFO Attack

...Knocks Policeman Unconscious, Immobilizes His Car and Blanks Out Television Sets in the Area

Meanwhile, Police Dispatcher Gail Miley had received Wheeler's radio report and phoned Paul Fredrickson, a

That night, reported the Milwaukee Journal, three people living near Tuttle Hill said their television sets suddenly went off about 11 p.m. and went on again as mysteriously some 10 minutes later.

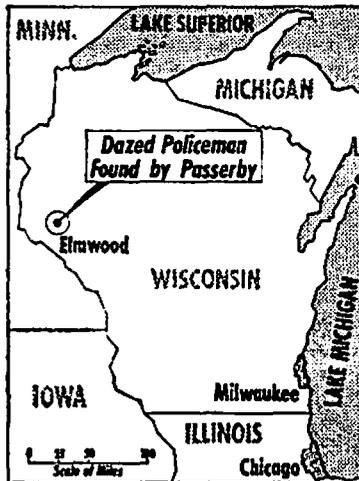
Wheeler was taken to Dr. Frank Springer, who has treated him for 25 years. "He was deeply disturbed and highly nervous," Dr. Springer said. "I gave him a shot, but it didn't relieve his anxiety, so I sent him to the hospital."

Wheeler spent three days there and went home — only to return complaining of nightmares and headaches. He was treated there for 11 days more before returning home. "I've been through all sorts of tests, but I seem to be 100 percent OK now," Wheeler told The ENQUIRER.

As for the car Wheeler had been driving, Police Chief Gene Helmer said: "Its spark plugs and points were burned

right out. It had been tuned up and checked out only about two months before. The plugs and points should have been good for five or six months."

— BOB PRATT



UFO TERRITORY

Map shows where Wheeler had UFO encounter.

nursing home administrator who lives east of Tuttle Hill. Miley asked him what he could see from his window.

"I saw a bright orange glow," Fredrickson told The ENQUIRER. "It resembled a bright orange half-moon. I went back to the phone and by the time I returned to the window, the object was gone."

At about the same time, Mrs. Miles Wergland saw a bright orange object from her home south of the hill. "It was shaped like the moon, but was much brighter and colored differently," she declared.

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50 CB Radio Fans Track Huge Brightly-Lit UFO for 4 Hours

By JOHN BLOSSER

Some 50 astonished CB radio fans filled the airwaves with descriptions of a gigantic UFO for four hours as it danced across a 50 square mile border area of Virginia and Maryland on the night of March 15.

One after the other, as the object approached the radio operators, all 23 channels on their Citizens Band radios were knocked out by an eerie noise.

But as the object moved away, their CB radios began working again, they said.

And experts say that no known source of interference would knock out just one radio at a time — but jam all of them in the same area at the same time.

The first in a series of amazing sightings was made at 9:15 p.m. by Brian Brawner, 18, of Brunswick, Md., who was parked at Brunswick Mill, a favorite broadcasting spot among local CBers because of its high elevation. Brawner, known as "Superblue" to his radio pals, was badly frightened as the huge, brightly-lit UFO soared swiftly toward him.

"It was so low I thought it was going to hit my car," he told The ENQUIRER. "As it flew by, my CB radio was filled with weird static, like I'd never heard before. The radio was useless, with static on all 23 channels.

"Throughout the night, CBers would report that the object was near them. Suddenly they would stop broadcasting, then when it left they would come back on the air and say their radio had been dead while the thing was nearby.

"When the thing passed over me, it made a sound like a sheet of rattling tin. I could see it was round, with a peak in the center. It had a bright white light and some red lights.

"I really felt strange, being that close to it," he marveled, still in awe. "It hovered in the air a little while, then flew away so fast that I couldn't see it. Then my radio came back on."

CB radio operators jumped



THEY SAW IT: Brian Brawner (in car), Robert Jackson (center) and John Jacobs all watched UFO as it danced across the sky.

...Knocks Out Their Sets One at a Time As It Approaches

had little red and green lights around the edges.

"I was scared," admitted the 20-year-old mechanic.

David Stokes, 30, a truck mechanic who lives just east of Brunswick, was awakened about 1 a.m. March 16 by a whirring noise over his house.

"I thought something was about to crash into the house," he recalled. "I noticed my CB monitor, which I always leave turned on in case of emergencies, was making a high-pitched, gurgling noise as the thing flew over."

Raymond Hoffman, a part-time deputy sheriff in Frederick County, Md., and a CB radio operator, described what he saw through his binoculars.

"It had a reddish color. It was disc-shaped, with yellow and blue flames around the edges, like sparklers," Hoffman said. "When it came within a half-mile, my CB radio went on the blink. I watch-

ed the thing for 25-30 minutes... then, BOOM! It went up and was gone."

Dr. Wallace Garthright Jr., a regional investigator for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), said the Brunswick sightings were "the strongest and most interesting I've worked on in the four years I've been involved with NICAP."

James Dolan, a top electronics engineer for the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, W. Va., told The ENQUIRER that the static described by the CBers indicates presence of "some sort of powerful electromagnetic field. But any earth technology we have would have jammed all the radios at the same time," he added.

And Frank Rose, head of the research branch of the Federal Communications Commission, commented: "Practically any kind of interference would have blocked out all the radios at once."

CB radio operators jumped on their mikes and the airwaves became filled with their agitated squawks and chatter as they described the astounding aerobatics of the mysterious flying object.

John Jacobs, 32, of Brunswick, whose CB "handle" or nickname is "Johnny One-Time," told The ENQUIRER: "I turned on my CB set about 10 p.m. and heard everyone talking about it. An hour later, I spotted it. It had stopped dead still in the air, for about 15 minutes.

"It made me feel small and more or less bewildered."

Robert Jackson of Lovettsville, Va., just across the state line, drove to Brunswick and saw the massive UFO hanging over the Potomac River.

"It was really huge, bigger and faster than any plane," he remembered. "It could stop on a dime, right in mid-air, and it could go up or down like a streak of lightning. It was about 50 yards across and

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Police and Geologist Baffled . . .

UFOs Sighted in Area Where Huge Chunks of Earth Are Mysteriously Cut From Ground & Moved Intact

Huge chunks of earth weighing hundreds of pounds have been mysteriously cut from the ground, moved intact, then arranged like giant pieces of a jigsaw puzzle in a remote Canadian farming region where glowing UFOs are being reported.

At least five people claim vivid, close-up UFO sightings. Others report hearing strange beeping sounds in the night.

But the most puzzling part of the mystery are the holes in the ground.

"There has been no explanation for them," Police Constable Robert Bruce told The ENQUIRER.

No tracks from excavation equipment have been found near any of the digs. And scientists are at a loss to identify a natural cause for the holes.

Bruce investigated one case in which three triangular pieces of earth and grass, about 8 inches thick and weighing up to 600 pounds each — like huge chunks of sod — were neatly cut from the ground and moved intact 16 to 21 feet from their original locations.

One piece was 11 feet by 7 feet by 6 feet along its three sides. The other two 7 feet by 5 feet by 4 feet.

"The sod was placed in the same triangular pattern as the holes and could have fit back into them like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle," Bruce reported.

The "puzzle" was discovered in a hayfield on a hilly, rocky farm near the hamlet of Cooper, 112 miles northeast of Toronto.

"My son found the holes on Mother's Day," said the farm's owner, 68-year-old Reginald Trotter. "I'd been in the field the Friday before and there was nothing wrong then.

"I don't have any idea how it could have happened," Trotter continued. "I've lived on this farm all my life



MAP SHOWS area in Canada where huge chunks of earth — weighing hundreds of pounds — were chopped out of land and moved to different locations.

and I have never seen anything like that before."

According to Trotter, no one could have gone into the field with excavation equipment without his knowledge. "There's absolutely no way to get in there except to go right past my house. Any vehicle would have to go right through my yard," he said.

Similar holes have also been found on two other nearby farms. And in each case, the earth and grass were moved intact.

"One of the pieces I found must have weighed at least 600 pounds — and it was 30 feet from the hole," said farmer Glenn Rollins.

"There were no signs of machinery tracks," he added.

Said Bob Reincke, a spokesman for Fiat-Allis in Milwaukee, a firm that manufactures construction equipment: "I can't think of anything that would do that without leaving some kind of tread mark or track."

He and other experts also agreed that no machinery they know of could

move such large pieces without breaking them.

Lightning was discounted by Dr. Frank C. Creed, a high voltage engineer and lightning expert employed by the Canadian government.

"When lightning strikes, it's the equivalent of an explosion. It would scatter the sod — not move it intact," he said.

Dr. John Westgate, a geologist at the University of Toronto's Scarborough College, is also mystified.

"I can't think of any natural process that could have done this," he told The ENQUIRER.

Since mid-December, UFOs have been reported seen in the Cooper area, leading to speculation they might have some connection with the mysterious holes.

One of the most spectacular sightings was reported by Mrs. Pauline Dudgeon, who said she saw a brilliant object in the road near her home 2 miles south of Cooper.

"It was just a huge big thing sitting out there on the road, and it was all lights . . . ungodly white," she said.

Karen and Bill Holmes, who live nearby, said they have seen strange



MASSIVE HOLE 11-feet across is pointed out by Reginald Trotter, whose son discovered the mystery on their farm northeast of Toronto, Canada. The huge chunk of earth removed from the hole weighed 600 pounds.

lights in the sky over Cooper five times since December. And other residents have reported hearing strange beeping sounds, coming from the meadows and pastures late at night.

— BOB PRATT

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By DAVID KLEIN

An enormous UFO — the height of a three-story building — seen hovering over the Canary Islands has left scientists, military authorities and dozens of other witnesses completely dumbfounded.

Two of the witnesses, a respected medical doctor and his driver, saw within the globe-shaped transparent object two "extremely tall" figures with "large, bright eyes" — and ran from the object in terror.

And three astronomers watched in stunned amazement as the "giant, brilliant sphere with a swirling center" streaked directly toward their observatory.

At about 10:30 P.M. on the night of June 22, 1976, the physician, Dr. Francisco Julio Padron, was being driven to Galdar, a town on the northwest coast of Grand Canary Island. As the car rounded a curve, the strange sphere was seen some 60 yards off the road.

"It was very large, about the size of a three-story building, and as perfectly round as if drawn by a compass," Dr. Padron said. "It was of a grayish-blue color, but transparent — we could see the stars right through it."

"It was suspended a few feet above the ground.

"There were two figures toward the center of the sphere. They were well over 6 feet tall.

"They were either dressed in brilliant red or red in color.

"Their faces were flesh colored and human in appearance. I could not see any ears because they wore a kind of clothlike helmet or turban on their heads.

"Their heads gave off a glow, like a halo or aura.

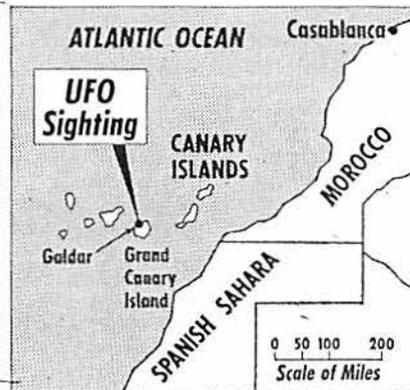
"They had pointed, wing-like appendages on the end of their arms that they moved slowly like hands. They seemed intent on some sort of control panel.

"Suddenly the car radio went dead and we felt a terrible coldness. The object began to lift off — and seemed to be growing steadily larger as it rose!"

Seen by Astronomers & Dozens of Other Witnesses . . .

Transparent UFO Tall as a 3-Story Building

. . . Craft Manned by 2 'Extremely Tall' Figures With 'Large, Bright Eyes'



objects inside that looked like human forms.

"I dived to the floor, covered my head with my arms and yelled to my wife to do the same. We stayed there until the doctor told us it had gone away."

The driver, Francisco Esteves, declared: "I also saw the two figures. I could see that they had very bright, large eyes.

"I can swear that this was something out of this world. My nerves are shattered — I'll never forget this as long as I live."

Another witness was architectural draftsman Domingo Alamo, who was in a friend's house on a mountain near Galdar.

Their wives, coming in from out-

Shocked and frightened by what they'd seen, they brought the car to a screeching halt — and sought refuge in the nearby farmhouse of Paco Rodriguez.

Just before Dr. Padron and the driver knocked at his front door, Rodriguez recalled that his TV set suddenly and mysteriously went dead.

When the farmer let the men in, they all rushed to a window.

Recalled Rodriguez, "We could see the object clearly — a bright bluish sphere as big as a house with two red

side, exclaimed there was something "very strange" in the sky.

"We ran to the roof and were astonished to see a perfectly round, transparent sphere in the center of which was a sort of bent, long shape of a bright red color," Alamo said. "It was stationary, about the height of the church spires nearby. It seemed to expand gradually, always in a perfect circle. We had it in view for about 30 minutes, while it seemed to recede until there was just a huge, white circle in the sky."

Dr. Francisco Sanchez, director of the Astrophysical Observatory on Monte Izana, Canary Islands, said that several scientists at the observatory saw the object with their naked eyes, but were unable to track it with their telescopes.

"It was below the line of sight of our telescopes," he explained. "The astronomers reported it had the form of a huge sphere and was very brilliant. It was definitely not a planet, a balloon or smoke. I have no scientific explanation for it."

Dr. Fernando Bello, one of three astronomers at the observatory that night, remembered, "All of us saw the UFO — a giant, brilliant sphere with a swirling center shaped like a snail. It seemed to be headed straight toward the observatory!"

"The object continued to approach until it paused for just a moment, made an abrupt 90-degree right turn



DRAWING by Dr. Francisco Padron of one of the figures he saw aboard the massive UFO.

and took off like a streak of light. We all gasped. No flying machine made by man could have executed that maneuver. We had it under observation for three to five minutes."

General Carlos Dolz, commanding officer of the Spanish air force in the Canary Islands, located about 130 miles off the coast of Morocco in Africa, said: "Our radar did not track any object that night. However, many people did see something extraordinary, including several military people, and all accounts seem to coincide.

"We have been conducting an official investigation into the event."

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UFO Zooms Across Western U.S. at Speeds Faster Than Our Swiftest Supersonic Jet

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By **BOB PRATT**

A strange cigar-shaped object with multicolored lights astounded veteran policemen in northern California and Nevada as it streaked across the night skies at speeds beyond the reach of America's fastest supersonic jet.

More than a dozen police officers from six agencies tracked the eerie UFO as it put on an awesome, three-hour aerobic act over a 2,000-square mile area from Lincoln and Chico, Calif., to Reno, Nev.

Patrolman William Sykes of Lincoln, Calif., reported the UFO flew faster than the 2,100-mph SR-71 reconnaissance jets — the Free World's fastest planes — which often fly out of nearby Beale Air Force Base, north of Lincoln.

"I've never seen them fly as fast as this thing did," marveled Sykes, 32.

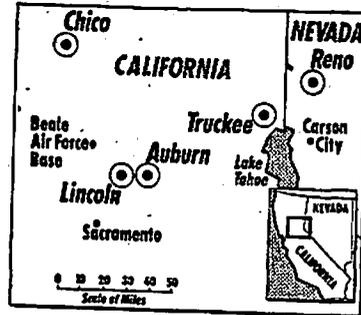
A woman in Chico, Calif., was the first to report spotting the mystery object, at 2:10 a.m. on January 28. Later, Chico Patrolman Joseph Whitcomb called dispatcher Chris Lowen and said he saw it, too.

At 2:30 a.m., the California Highway Patrol reported that a weird object was soaring overhead, toward Truckee. Nevada County (Calif.) Sheriff's Deputies Steve Bobbitt and Sgt. Leroy Brombacker dashed outside and saw it — a cigar-shaped object with red and green lights.

"We watched it for 30 minutes," Sgt. Brombacker, 41, said. "I was in the Navy on an aircraft carrier and I've seen all kinds of night operations. But I've never seen anything like it before."

Bobbitt, 31, a six-year police veteran and a former door gunner on a helicopter in Vietnam, said he saw two objects — a big one with red and blue lights and a small one, all red, higher up and to the north.

"When the big one moved



MAP SHOWS locations in Nevada and California where UFO was sighted in an approximately rectangular area (see inset).

off, we looked for the red one — and it was gone, too!" he said. "It appeared to be a companion of some kind."

The next report came from Patrolman Sykes in Lincoln, at 3 a.m. He said he watched the UFO for five minutes, zipping eastward toward Reno.

Shortly afterward, two California Highway patrolmen, Dale Tuel and Norm Chavez, sighted an object with bluish-green lights near Auburn, Calif., 15 miles east of Lincoln. They watched it, astonished, for 20 minutes.

"It would move up and down and then sideways, like one of those bouncing balls in a sing-along movie," said Chavez, obviously still amazed.

Undersheriff Vince Swinney of Washoe County, Nev., said there were numerous sightings in the Reno area between 2:24 and 4:53 a.m. Simultaneous sightings far to the west in California indicate the likelihood that more than one UFO was being observed by police and other residents.

"Seven officers from our department viewed an object

at one time or another," Swinney told The ENQUIRER.

"At one point, one object was seen by officers from two police agencies who were at three different positions. They were able to triangulate the thing — directly over Slide Mountain, southwest of Reno."

Sgt. Robert Hopkins of the Butte County (Calif.) Sheriff's Office, reported that an object "much too brilliant to be a star" hovered over the tree line near his home in Magalia, Calif., 20 miles northeast of Chico, at about 3 a.m.

Hopkins' wife said she watched not one, but three brightly lighted objects in the sky that morning, for three hours. "Then we heard an airplane coming from the direction of Beale Air Force Base — and the three objects shot straight up into the sky and vanished!" Mrs. Hopkins said.

An Air Force official at Beale AFB said: "All we know about the sightings is what we read in the newspapers."

Terrified Policemen Radio for Help as UFO Menaces Patrol Car

Astounded by a hovering, pulsating UFO, two New Hampshire policemen turned on their squad car's emergency lights to attract the craft — and were gripped with fear when it responded to their signal.

Each time the car's lights flashed, the eerie object changed colors. Then it moved menacingly close and beamed down bright rays of light.

"We estimated that the UFO came within 450 to 500 yards of us when we flashed our lights," said Officer Michael Alden. "It scared the living tar out of me.

"I felt in danger of my life and I guess I panicked. I shouted at my partner to turn off our lights and the craft backed off."

During their bizarre encounter, the frightened officers radioed for assistance and made a vivid tape recording of their observations and running dialogue by radio with policemen and a dispatcher.

Before the night was over, two other officers had sped to the scene and watched spellbound from their cars as two smaller UFOs joined the object in aerial acrobatics.

The strange sighting in the early morning darkness of August 12 was the start of a week-long flurry of similar UFO reports by more than a hundred startled people in and around the New Hampshire towns of Tilton, Laconia, Franklin and Belmont.

"I still shudder to think about it," admitted Alden, 20, of Tilton, who along with his partner, Officer Mark Paine, 23, spotted the UFO about 3 a.m. above the treetops a half mile

... Then They Tape-Record Their Observations of Eerie 'Saucer' — Seen by Over 100 New Hampshire Citizens

off Interstate 93 near Laconia.

"It was brighter than any star and was shaped like a football," said Alden. "We were describing it to the police dispatcher and into our tape recorder that we use for traffic accident reports."

The officers decided to try to lure the craft closer for a better look by flashing their car's emergency lights. Recalled Alden: "The UFO's lights continually got bright and then dull. Each time I flashed our lights, the UFO responded by changing colors from blue to red to yellow to green to white. Then it moved closer toward us."

When it came too close for comfort, Alden frantically shouted at Paine to turn off the lights. "The UFO hovered in the air for nearly a minute, then slowly, silently, it backed off about a half mile.

"Three times the UFO beamed a white light down to the ground," said Alden.

Suddenly to their amazement, two smaller, bright white UFOs appeared below the larger ship and hovered there. "Three times a direct beam of light linked the three objects together like a white triangle in the sky," Alden added.

Within minutes, Belknap County Sheriff's Deputy Steven Hodges and Officer Mark Stanley, of the Belmont Police Dept., arrived.

"The three UFOs moved in weird, quick patterns," recalled Hodges. "They moved toward us,



POLICE CHIEF Harold Knowlton

soared up, then down, and backed away from us. They hovered for a while and then sped south out of sight.

"I was scared," Hodges admitted.

Said Stanley: "I couldn't believe I was actually seeing these UFOs. I watched the big, multicolored object and the two smaller ones for more than an hour with the other three officers." At 5 a.m., just before dawn, the three craft shot away at incredible speed, said the policemen.

"Until that morning, I wasn't a believer in UFOs," admitted Paine. "I am now.

"It was the most unnerving thing that has ever happened to me in my life," added the officer.

The astonishing sighting was strikingly similar to another eyewitness account two nights later from two New Hampshire state boat inspectors on patrol on Lake Winnepesaukee. "A bright-colored object hovered over us," reported inspector Dick Noel. "Then it sped away faster than any plane or satellite without a sound. About 20 minutes later, four more UFOs passed right over us. Again there was no sound."

When a sixth mysterious object came into view, said Inspector Styles Bridges, "we flashed our lights at it to see what would happen and I'm sure I saw it change course toward us before backing off and continuing on its way."

Among the people in the area reporting UFO sightings were stage and screen actress Barbara Bel Geddes and Belknap County Sheriff Donald Alden.

Miss Bel Geddes called the sheriff's office and reported seeing a mysterious object August 11 in the sky close



POLICE OFFICER Mike Alden of Tilton, N.H., describes his frightening experience with the UFO.

to a chalet that she was staying at near Laconia.

"About 9:30 p.m. off in the distance was a round object with red and green lights. It was just above the trees and moving south," she said.

Sheriff Alden, father of Officer Alden, said he spotted a flat UFO with blue, green and yellow lights near his home about 11 p.m. August 12. "At dead center of the craft, was a very intense white light. The object would suddenly bob to the left, be stationary and then bob to the right.

"I watched the UFO for at least a half hour and it gave me an eerie feeling.

"By the end of the week we had received more than 50 reports with 27 of them confirmed by police officers. Other police departments in the area also had sightings reported. The total number of sightings was well over 100."

Added Laconia Police Chief Harold Knowlton: "All the descriptions were similar — red, bluish, greenish lights, sometimes with a white light in the center, hovering, then moving quickly, hovering again and then speeding out of sight. There is no way these sightings could have been anything but UFOs."

— JOHN M. WEBB



SHERIFF Donald Alden of Belknap County points to area on map where UFOs were seen.

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During their incredible encounter with a mysterious multicolored UFO, Officers Michael Alden and Mark Paine tape-recorded their dramatic observations and extraordinary radio conversations with other policemen and a dispatcher.

Here, in an ENQUIRER exclusive, are verbatim excerpts from the transcript of the tape recording they made inside their patrol car.

Paine and Alden had just reported to Belknap County Sheriff's Dispatcher Carlton Perkins that they had sighted a UFO a half mile southwest of them off Interstate 93 near Laconia.

Dispatcher: Can you see any outline of the object (UFO) at all?

Alden: Yeah, we both thought we saw a saucer outline of some kind. I think the object dived and raised several times. And now it's responding to signals.

Paine: Tell 'em we flash lights at it and it seems to flash lights back.

Alden: We see blue and red lights on the rear end of it. The lights are very good, continually get pretty bright and then dull out. When we flick our lights, it responds, changing colors. I don't know about you, but I'm nervous as hell.

Paine: Let's see if it'll signal us some more.

Alden: Look at him, see him change? Change to blue!

Paine: Is he coming? He IS getting closer!

Dispatcher: Be careful! Don't get too close.

(In a very panicky voice, Alden shouted at Paine to turn off the patrol

Transcript of Tape Recording Reveals Patrolmen's Terror During Incredible Encounter With the UFO

car's emergency lights.)
Alden: Hold it! Hold it! Hold it! Hold it! See him move now? See him move over? Look at him! See the outline? See him? He's coming at us! Look at him dive.

Paine (to Alden): You see any lights over the trees?

Alden: I saw one beam go down.

Paine: Yeah, that's what I saw, too. Tell 'em we seem to see a beam from time to time coming from it.

Alden: I saw the (UFO's) outline.

Paine: Like it was a football-shaped thing.

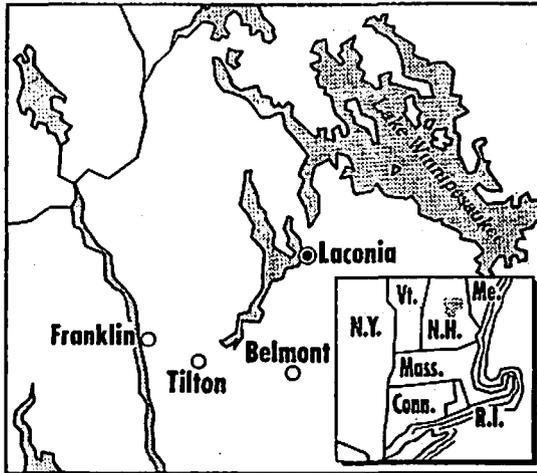
Alden: Look at it now. Look at it move. Looks like it's getting closer.

Paine: It is. Look at it go! Look at him!

Alden: Hit your blues (emergency lights)!

Paine: Look at it move!

Alden: He is definitely responding to our signal. See him, see him move right? (To dispatcher): Be advised this thing is signaling us. (To Paine): Look at it move. See him? See him? See him signal back? I don't know



MAP shows Franklin, Tilton, Belmont and Laconia — the four towns in New Hampshire where over 100 UFO sightings were reported by police and citizens. Inset shows the area (grey) in relationship to the surrounding states.

happen, though. When we tell all this to the others, we're going to be called a bunch of lunatics.

Paine: Not if we get them to come up here and look at it.

Alden: Yeah, they'll probably say it's a star.

Deputy Steven Hodges, who was driving toward the scene, radioed: Be advised I have the object in sight. It's quite a ways off now but I can see the blue lights and red lights at times, and it is moving — and now I can see yellow lights.

Alden: See the red, see? Red and blue? See it, see the lights? Look at 'em, look at 'em, see the lights? See the red and green? There's blue, there's everything!

Dispatcher: The Franklin cruiser (a patrol car from the nearby town of Franklin, N.H.) advises that he can see three of them (UFOs), so you're not alone in reporting the sightings in this area.

Alden: Thank God for that.

(The tape, which had been recording for 45 minutes, ran out at this time — but Paine and Alden were so excited and engrossed that they didn't notice.)

about you, Mark, but I'm bum excited about all this.

Paine: I think it's neat.

Alden: You know what's going to

We have no right to ask when sorrow comes, "Why did this happen to me?" unless we ask the same question for every joy that comes our way.

— Phillip S. Bernstein in Long Island Builder

Air Defense Chiefs Admit: We've Tracked UFOs on Radar—For a Second Time in Less Than a Year

For the second time in less than a year the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) has admitted tracking UFOs.

"Radar operators of the 754th Radar Squadron at Port Austin Air Force Station in Michigan reported tracking five unknown objects for about 30 minutes early on the morning of September 7," Maj. William Frensley, an information officer at NORAD headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo., told The ENQUIRER.

He also confirmed that two policemen and a civilian who observed the UFOs from the ground were questioned by NORAD.

On Nov. 11, 1975, NORAD admitted scrambling two F-106 jet fighters in an unsuccessful attempt to intercept a UFO over Sudbury, Canada. But no jets were dispatched in the Port Austin sighting because the objects did not pose a threat to national security, Maj. Frensley said.

"Determining whether an unknown object is a threat is based on certain criteria, such as point of origin, direction and speed and a number of other things I cannot discuss for security reasons," he said.

The UFOs were first reported to the police at 9:30 p.m.,



EYEWITNESS Carl Bailey described UFOs as "a fleet of floating objects shaped like batwings."

September 6, by Carl Bailey, 28, one of the eyewitnesses questioned by NORAD. He said the objects were shaped like "batwings."

"There were a lot of them. It seemed like a whole fleet. It was amazing. They were moving up and down and left and right, just sort of floating."

Bailey said he got a phone

call at home from the radar base at about 2:30 a.m., September 7. "They asked me to go outside and see if I could still spot something. I took a look and they were still up there."

When Bailey, who manages a campground, reported what he saw, he was connected with the senior officer in charge at the 23rd NORAD Region Headquarters in Duluth, Minn.

"He asked me what the objects looked like. I told him and he asked a couple more questions and then said: 'Well, the Air Force doesn't investigate UFOs anymore, Mr. Bailey,' and he thanked me."

But Huron County sheriff's deputies Greg Gordon and Gary Krug were also interviewed about what they saw.

Gordon, 24, reported: "We observed one object that was a very bright light in the sky. It would descend very rapidly, looking as though it was going to land. It would then return to its original height. It moved so quickly it was unbelievable."

"At one point, one of the objects was over Lake Huron and the next instant it was



RADAR ROOM of 754th Radar Station, Port Austin, Mich., where five unknown flying objects were tracked for 30 minutes on September 7.

over the Port Austin Shores Campground. It moved so quickly our eyes were unable to follow it.

"At 5 a.m., two men from the 754th Radar Squadron came out to the scene."

Maj. Frensley said it's not unusual for NORAD to question people who've reported seeing unidentified flying objects.

"We like to talk to as many people as possible so we can correlate these sightings, if possible, with something like a straying aircraft or flares that are dropped."

But the Port Austin UFOs remain a mystery. "We don't know what the objects were," Maj. Frensley admitted.

— BOB PRATT



MAP shows where five UFOs were tracked by radar and seen by two sheriff's deputies and a campground manager.

Aroused Police, Lawyer, Publisher Tell of . . .

Glowing UFOs Sighted 100 Times Near Huge Nuclear Power Plant Outside New York City

As though it were a giant magnet for UFOs, a huge nuclear power plant near New York City has been the scene of 100 different sightings in a recent three-week period.

Police and residents — including a respected attorney and a publisher — are so aroused that a chain of observation posts has been set up to monitor UFO activity in the vicinity.

"I saw two large, metal objects in the sky that could not possibly have been manufactured on this earth," insists lawyer Warren Berbit, 33.

Berbit made his sighting as he drove off a thruway in early September near his home in Suffern, N.Y. In addition to his law degree, he has two degrees in engineering and is experienced in aviation flight computers.

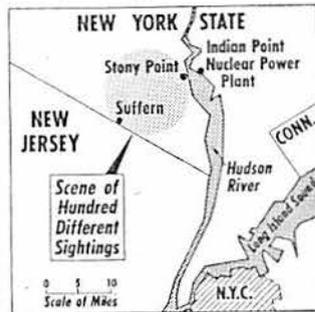
"The objects were hovering over a dip in the mountain range about seven miles from the big nuclear power plant in Indian Point," he said. Indian Point is some 30 miles north of New York City.

"They were made of metal and shaped like gigantic soup bowls turned upside down," he continued. "I got out of my

. . . All Within a 3-Week Period!

car and watched them. They were only about a mile away, and at least 200 to 300 feet in diameter. One slowly turned from a vertical position to horizontal. That was their only movement. There is nothing in our technology that could have produced those things," he declared firmly. "They were totally alien."

Dan Cetrone, publisher of the Rockland County Almanac, who lives in Tomkins Cove, directly across the Hud-



MAP shows proximity of the scene of sightings and nearby nuclear power plant to New York City.

son River from the Indian Point plant, told The ENQUIRER: "The UFOs seem drawn to the nuclear power station, and they are coming in increasing numbers. My wife and I have seen them on several occasions. They were cylindrical and ringed by bright, flashing lights, usually red, green and white."

With the cooperation of local police, Cetrone set up, at his own expense, a system of UFO observation points, manned by volunteers.

"Now all sightings in the area are referred to me by the police for investigation," he disclosed. "In one three-week period in late August and early September, we investigated 100 different sightings."

Police officer Bill Patrick of nearby Stony Point, N.Y., is working with Cetrone in the investigations. "I never believed in UFOs before, but what's been happening has got me convinced," he said.

"I've witnessed UFOs, cylindrical in shape, showing dazzling lights, above or near the power plant. And an increasing number of sightings are being reported to the police."

In nearby Putnam County, police are also busy investigating sightings. Carmel,



LAWYER Warren Berbit holds drawings of the two UFOs that he saw while driving his car. "They were at least 200 to 300 feet in diameter," he said.

N.Y., police officer Ken Stern followed one up in late August. He told The ENQUIRER:

"I answered a call about a UFO hovering over a house. I went skeptically, but when I got there, I saw a cylindrical object slowly turning around! It was ringed with bright red, green and white lights as I studied it through powerful field glasses. It had to be about

300 feet across, and it certainly wasn't a star, the planet Venus, or any other natural phenomenon.

"I served four years in the Air Force, so I knew I wasn't looking at an aircraft. It was a flying object — a manufactured object of some kind. It was certainly an eerie, strange experience."

— JOE WEST



A Lost Cause

A famous psychiatrist was conducting a course in psychopathology for medical students. One day a student asked: "Professor, you've told us so much about the abnormal person and his behavior; could you tell us something about the normal person?"

"If we ever find him," answered the lecturer, "we'll cure him."

— Gene Brown

Police Sight Dazzling UFO Over Texas

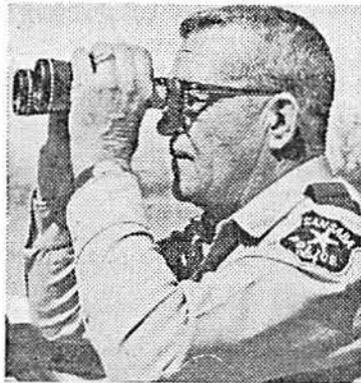
"A big ball of fire . . . It lit up the countryside . . . It was shaped similar to an egg . . ."

Those are just a few of the descriptions given to a spectacular UFO over central Texas that dazzled dozens of people — including policemen.

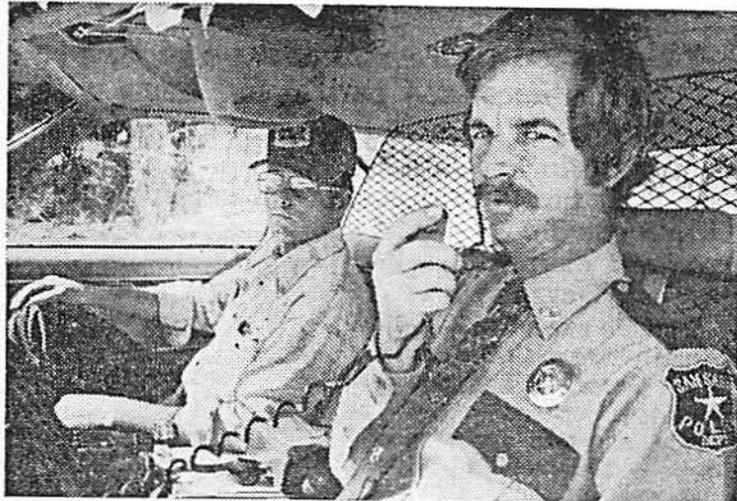
"It kind of spooked me," admitted San Saba police chief H.L. "Hub" Hubbard.

"It lit up the area around us," said patrolman Richard Alligood. One of the first to see the UFO on the night of December 27 was Donald Harrell, a 19-year-old welder.

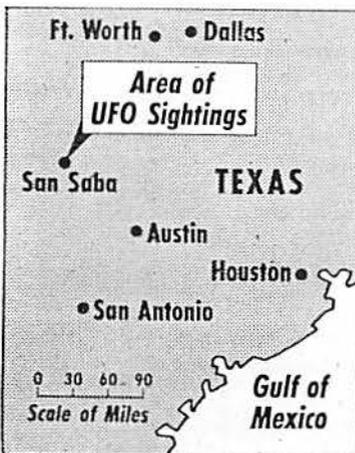
"I was out just driving around. This man came over (the CB radio) and said: 'Look up in the west and see if you see that flashing light.'"



POLICE CHIEF H.L. Hubbard watched the UFO through binoculars. "It kind of spooked me."



WITNESSES: Patrolman Richard Alligood took Larry Hibler along as witness. Said Hibler: "When we first saw it (UFO), it was like a big ball of fire."



MAP shows where UFO was sighted near San Saba, Tex.

Harrell said he spotted the object and headed in its direction.

The closer he got the brighter the surrounding countryside became.

"I could go down the road with my headlights cut off, and this object up there in the sky had enough light from it to see.

"I didn't have to have my headlights on. It was just like having a full moon."

Harrell described the UFO as being shaped like a "pie wedge."

Another eyewitness said it was shaped like an egg.

"It was sitting there, swing-

ing like a pendulum," said Harrell.

"At the bottom, it had this light that would change colors — red, blue, orange, yellow, green."

Patrolman Alligood, who was cruising with his CB radio on, heard numerous motorists start chattering about the UFO.

"I took a look. I could see a bright light and started in that direction.

"I stopped a businessman, Larry Hibler, and asked him

if he'd go along with me as a witness.

"We started south to take a look at the object, and it was almost right above us. The bottom of it was completely lit up."

Said Hibler: "When we first saw it, it was like a big ball of fire."

The object would hover, then speed off and hover again, according to some of the eyewitnesses.

Police chief Hubbard saw the object through binoculars

on December 29 and then he got on his CB radio. "I called a bunch of more people out there," he said.

"I didn't want them to think I was crazy, and they did see it.

"This definitely was not a plane or a star.

"I watched it maybe five minutes or so.

"I ran back to town, got my wife and started back out. It was heading south and going up, and it finally went out of sight."

— BOB PRATT

Members of Police S.W.A.T. Team See... Triangular UFO Big As Football Field

An awesome triangular UFO, big as a football field and lighted "like a flying Christmas tree," was observed soaring over Memphis by five police officers, all members of that city's elite S.W.A.T. squad.

The tactical squad officers, specially chosen for their intelligence, coolness and their skills with weapons, watched the gigantic metallic craft for up to three minutes before it blazed across the clear night sky at astounding speed and disappeared.

"It was approximately as long as a football field and 50 to 75 yards wide," Patrolman Troy L. Todd, 29, told The ENQUIRER.

"I believe what I saw was some aircraft not of this earth," he added with obvious awe.

Todd first spotted the eerie UFO about 3:30 a.m. May 17, hovering over some high-tension wires. Moments later he and his partner, Patrolman Jerry W. Jeter, observed it hovering 500 feet above a golf course.

They got out of their van and watched it for "two to three minutes."

"It was a triangular-shaped object with white, red and green lights, and a white glow about the silhouette itself," said Todd.

Added Jeter: "We were not directly under it, but at a slight angle, about two blocks away, and we could see

By **BOB PRATT**

the whole belly of the craft. "It had red and green lights flashing alternately with either portholes or real dim lights along the sides.

"We had a rifle with a telescopic sight in the police van, but by the time I got it out and up to my shoulder, this craft turned slightly, two red lights came on at the rear and it just shot out of sight, at such speed it was unbelievable."

Todd said the huge craft



THEY SAW IT: Patrolman Jerry Jeter shows how he pointed rifle at UFO to watch it through telescopic sight, as colleague Troy Todd stands by.



DRAWING of UFO spotted by police officers over Memphis. "What I saw was some aircraft not of this earth," said one. It had white glow about its silhouette.

made no noise as it zipped across the sky and vanished over the horizon. He added: "Weather conditions were extremely clear that night.

"Visibility was about 15-20 miles."

As soon as they reported what they had seen to the police radio dispatcher, Patrolman Michael L. Davidson asked them by radio if the object they had seen was triangular and had multicolored lights.

Then Davidson reported that he and two other S.W.A.T. patrolmen, John R. Birdsong and Forrest E. Bartlett, had seen the same object 4½ hours earlier, while they were in a police substation parking lot.

According to Birdsong, when Bartlett first sighted the strange object he exclaimed: "It looks like a flying Christmas tree!"

Davidson said they thought it might be some type of aircraft from the Millington Naval Air Station, which is eight miles north of the police substation.

But a Navy spokesman there said, "There is no flight training here, no experimental craft . . . this is a training base for people who work on airplanes."

Ed Becton, a supervisor at the Federal Aviation Administration control tower at Memphis International Airport, told The ENQUIRER:

"We checked with all the air traffic controllers who were on duty at the time and they had nothing on radar in that area, and they saw nothing visually."

Capt. O.B. Holcomb, commander of the Memphis Tactical Squad, said the five officers who reported seeing the UFO are "responsible men.

"They're not the type to make up stories," he emphasized.

Police Watch in Amazement as Brilliantly Lit UFOs Zoom Over S. California at 12,000 m.p.h.

By EDWARD B. CAMLIN

Brilliant UFOs flying at estimated speeds up to 12,000 m.p.h. dazzled observers in southern California — including two policemen who spotted one of the objects while on helicopter patrol.

"The big attention getter was the fantastic acceleration," said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Ray Davis, 39.

On the night of Monday, March 21, he and his flying partner, deputy Ted Roach, 40, spotted a "bright light with an orange tinge" — which they thought at first was an aircraft. It was traveling relatively slowly over La Mirada, Calif., at an altitude of 600 feet, the same as their helicopter.

"We both estimated the speed somewhere between 200 to 250 m.p.h.," said Roach. "The only thing that called my attention to it was that something fell off of it. As I told Ray: 'There's something burning. A burning object fell off the aircraft.'"

"It really wasn't burning. It was more like magnesium — very bright. We turned the 'bird' towards it (the UFO) and we started following it. All of a sudden, the object, whatever it was, just up and accelerated at a tremendous speed and disappeared."

Two other Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies, Lonnie Hicks, 28, and Robert Carr, 34, told of their experience in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

"It was like nothing we'd ever seen before," said Carr, describing the "two bright circular objects" he and Hicks saw traveling in tandem over Los Angeles.

Said Hicks: "They continued traveling on a horizontal plane — right across the sky."

Highway patrolman Lorin Orchard, 29, also spotted the objects the same night.

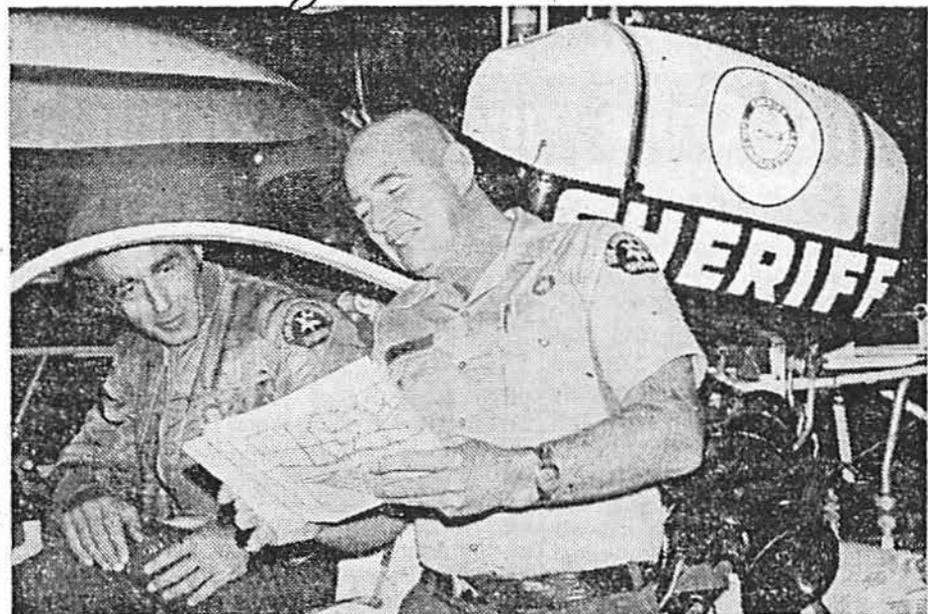
"My partner and I have never seen anything like it. We looked up and saw a bright light going across the sky — a cylinder-shaped object leaving a trail behind.

"Then it separated, and there were two of them, almost identical, both leaving a vapor trail. They were going faster than anything we'd ever



seen. I know it wasn't a meteor. They don't fly horizontally."

Airman first class Guy Wilson, 21, a security guard at March Air Force Base, said the objects traveled direct-



SHERIFF'S helicopter crewmen Ray Davis (left) and Ted Roach. They saw a bright object fall from a UFO before it took off at high speed.

within 15 seconds, they went 50 miles — that fast."

If Wilson's estimate is correct, the objects would have had to be traveling at 12,000 m.p.h.

Mark O. Hogan, a freight handler at Los Angeles International Airport, was sitting in a vehicle with his boss, Paul R. Till, waiting for a late plane to arrive that night, when they saw the objects. "All of a sudden I saw these two orange lights come in off the ocean at the west end of the airport," said Hogan.

"We were just dumbfounded. They weren't meteors. They don't fly in tandem and horizontally. I can't guess the speed. But I'd say it was at least 2,000 m.p.h."

Till's estimate placed the speed much higher. "In a matter of seconds," he said, "those objects went from one horizon to the other. I'd say in 10 seconds, they went at least 30 miles (a rate of 10,800 m.p.h.)."

AIR FORCE BASE security guard Guy Wilson estimated UFOs traveled 50 miles in 15 seconds — about 12,000 m.p.h.

ly over the facility. "I knew they were not aircraft because there were no running lights, no sound. These objects were like nothing I'd ever seen before. I would venture to say that

Pilots Track Glowing Orange UFO

By WILLIAM DICK

The helicopter pilots stared in amazement — their eyes riveted to the mysterious glowing object flying at them.

They were seeing their first UFO.

"Now I believe they exist because I have seen one," Maj. Francesco Zoppi, a 16-year veteran of the Italian Air Force, told The ENQUIRER.

The 46-year-old father of two was piloting a helicopter over Cagliari, Sardinia, on a training exercise the night of October 27, when the UFO appeared.

"It was a ball of bright reddish-orange light, with a violet ring around the edge," he recalled, observing that the light

resembled the glowing "cone" of a jet's exhaust.

At first Maj. Zoppi thought the object was a jet. "But I started to have some doubts because of the cone coming towards me. No jet can fly backwards, and no jet has an engine with the exhaust in the front.

"The control tower operator told me he watched the UFO with binoculars for a long time and, like us, he saw no shape of a body, only light.

"I watched it for a few minutes, then it turned 180 degrees and took off at high speed, about Mach 1 (the speed of sound). Despite all my years of experience in the air force, I can't explain what I saw that night."

Sgt. Corrade Giannella, 26, a four-year veteran, also saw the UFO. He was in a second helicopter.

Recalling how the UFO

abruptly turned in a 180-degree about-face and flew off in the direction from which it had come, he said:

"I don't know of any plane that can carry out a similar maneuver. It definitely was not a jet. What I saw did not



HE SAW IT: Helicopter pilot Maj. Francesco Zoppi: "I can't explain what I saw that night."

have normal propulsion, so it was definitely a UFO."

Sgt. Aldo De Muro, 32, an eight-year veteran who was piloting the second helicopter, said:

"I don't believe it was an airplane because they have flashing lights. This was an orange ball.

"I was flying at a height of 1,000 feet, and it looked like the object was about 1,200 feet high and 1,300 feet away.

"This was something out of the ordinary, not normal."



MAP shows where the UFO was spotted over Sardinia.

All three fliers, and a fourth, Lieut. Antonio Riccardelli, filed reports on the sighting.

They were forwarded to the Italian Ministry of Defense in Rome, where a spokesman told The ENQUIRER: "Any reports remain confidential."

Getting Their Kicks In

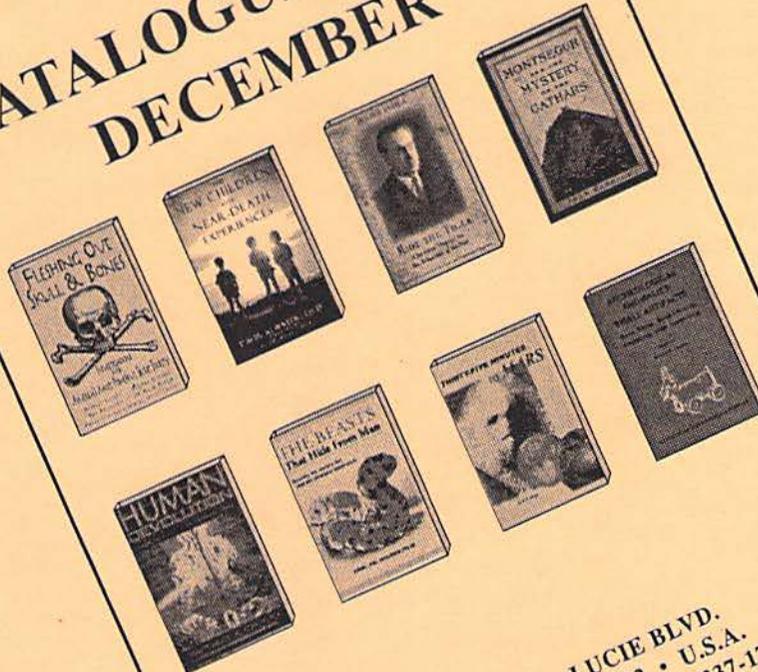
Deep in the Tennessee hills, a farmer's mule kicked his mother-in-law to death. An enormous crowd of men turned out for the funeral.

The minister, examining the crowd outside the church, commented to a farmer friend, "This old lady must have been mighty popular. Just look at how many people left their work to

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