

WATCH RED PLANET MARS: By July, 1954, Mars will swing to within 40 million miles of the Earth. The Air Force, not overlooking Mars as the possible source of "saucers" is getting geared for the event. Some authorities believe that Mars' proximity will produce a new rash of sightings, perhaps even surpassing the "saucer" circus of July, 1952, when, according to Don Keyhoe, the Air Force was prepared for an invasion. One indication of official concern is in White Sands, New Mexico where teams of scientists are presently being schooled on UFO identification and the use of special instrumentation to track the objects. This project is headed by astronomer, Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, the discoverer of the planet, Pluto, and Dr. Lincoln La Paz, famous authority in the study of meteoritics.

ASTRONOMERS ALERTED: Mars rather than cosmic expansion will concern astronomers this summer. Already an American team has joined others in Bloemfontein, South Africa where telescopic perception is better. Bloemfontein and other observatories in the southern hemisphere were chosen because Mars will pass almost directly overhead each night. Ostensibly interested in Martian canali, atmospheric conditions, etc., this world-wide project will observe the red planet for more cogent reasons. One school of informed opinion believes that Mars is used by some remote extra-stellar intelligence as a base of "saucer operations"; others are convinced that Mars on its own right is inhabited . . . and is using "two unknown objects" as stepping stones to Earth.

THE ENIGMA OF "TWO UNKNOWN OBJECTS": What is the real significance behind these two mysterious objects? Information to this date is fragmentary and confusing. Frank Edwards, radio commentator, first reported Mt. Palomar's discovery of the objects over a year and a half ago, but this was denied. Then on September 3, 1953, Sir Edward Appleton, famous British radio-physicist, proclaimed in an address to the British Ass'n. of Advancement of Science, that British and Australian astronomers had identified radio noises in the constellation of Cygnus where earlier Mt. Palomar discovered "two unknown objects of unique character" and described them as "discoveries of great astronomical interest."

On March 12, Frank Edwards again revealed official concern over the two "objects" like moons which lie in the orbit between Earth and Mars. These objects recently confirmed by radio-telescope, according to Edwards' informant, were not seen prior to 1877. Scientists in White Sands are examining the evidence. Information is sketchy, but CRIFO will pass along whatever it learns.

The following named men have accepted Associate Membership with CRIFO.

Thaddeus W. Culmer II . . . Robinson, Illinois
Dean A. Mitchell. . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
James Moseley presently in Lima, Peru

FOUR MYSTERY PHOTOS OF HOVERING OBJECT
REVIEWED BY ATIC --- THEN SILENCE!

The identification of aerial objects in photographs is sometimes difficult -- especially so when the photographer is unknown and cannot be contacted for amplification of certain undefinable details.

Such was the case recently. On Feb. 12, 1954 this writer received in the mail four photos which the anonymous sender claimed in his attached note, were taken at dawn in the summer of 1953 somewhere (near Cincinnati) in Hamilton County. Each of the four photos show the object about 200 ft. above a ridge of trees.

Picture #1 shows a blackish cloud of smoke encompassing an apparent metallic object. The tapered basal portion of the object is illumined by a bright light while at the opposite end facing skyward is another illumination. This seems less intense and is probably the glare of sunlight. The smoke behaves anomalously, which, according to the observer, "seemed to be coming from the bottom of the object and being suctioned in again at the top. The smoke drifted away, but not as smoke usually does, but towards the ground and hung together in sort of an egg-shaped cloud."

Pictures # 2, 3, and 4 show the smoke having cleared. In view is a flat octagon-shaped object about 40 feet in diameter. In the center of the octagon's under surface is a bright light from which is suspended a small ovate device. The octagon swung " like a pendulum" in its curved upward course. That the object is propelled is indicated by the fact that it was moving (4 mph.) against the wind whose force was shown by the sway of the treetops. The observer adds, he thought he heard a strange humming noise.

Many questions remain, but all attempts to contact the witness have failed. His note specified that he wanted "no publicity or part of the controversy," but he added, "if the photos prove of value", he could be reached through the Personal Column of the Cincinnati Enquirer. My message, however, got no results.

I next visited the Air Force Office of Special Investigations who promptly phoned ATIC in Dayton for instructions. Our meeting was friendly and chatty, but I could easily detect OSI's concern ... concern in gaining possession of the photos, and being adequately evasive to my questions. They accomplished both!

Three weeks later the photos were returned without comment. On the surface of the photo, Lab Technicians had applied a glossy colloidal substance... the evidence of extensive tests! Such leads one to believe that preliminary analyses were unable to resolve the object.

Summarily, the object's identity remains UNKNOWN. At first glance this writer concluded the octagon device constituted the framework panel of a self-disintegrating type of balloon, but a framework minus its balloon would not maneuver as though propelled, as the photos show. For elaboration I checked with a Colonel "W", Commander of ... Anti-Aircraft Battalion. He averred that the device could be the framework of a "calibrating" balloon, used in conjunction with a theodolite to check the efficiency of radar scopes. He explains the black smoke in photo #1 as the burning of the balloon's fabric (neoprene rubber). But once again, what of the object's curved upward course, and its flying against the wind, minus the inflated balloon?

ELLIPSOIDS ... THEIR EVIDENCE AND THE EXPERTS: Mr. J. Ackeret, professor of aerodynamics at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, recently visited the General Electric plant near Cincinnati, in his itinerary of Aerodynamic installations in the U.S. When asked about flying "saucers" the professor said he believes Americans can quit worrying. He described them as "illusions."

Professor Ackeret is not alone among the "experts" who have belittled the "saucer" or discredited credible sighters. Perhaps the most myopic of skeptics is Dr. Roy K. Marshall, director of Morehead Planetarium. In his pedantic address to U. of Cincinnati, Nov. 5, 1952, Dr. Marshall said that only two groups are qualified to thoroughly observe the skies -- meteorologists and astronomers, and "neither of these has ever seen a so-called 'flying saucer'." Dr. Marshall, of course, was wrong. Several astronomers have reported unidentified disc-shaped objects, the most significant being Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, the discoverer of the planet, Pluto. In 1948, over Las Cruces, New Mexico, he and his family witnessed an object which he described as a "solid ship" of a kind he had never seen before. It was oval shaped and "seemed to trail off at the rear into a shapeless luminescence." The object emanated a blue-green glow, and about a half dozen windows were clearly visible at the front of the ship and along the side.

Many similar sightings have been reported, not only by astronomers, meteorologists and aerodynamicists, but good, solid citizenry--men of reputation and with keen eye sight. Typical is the report in Feb. 1954 by two Northwest Airline pilots enroute from Seattle to Anchorage. They reported to the Air Force Intelligence having witnessed a strange object which flew alongside their ship, its portholes exuding a "bluish light." The pilots tried several times to close the gap between their ship and the object, but failed. They said the vehicle was "definitely under someone's control."

The above incident reminds us of the classical event, involving two veteran pilots, Chiles and Whitted. In 1948, they witnessed, while flying in bright moonlight near Montgomery, Ala., a "long rocket-like ship, 100 ft. long with two rows of windows glowing dark blue... like a fluorescent factory light." Another expert, Dr. Menzel, famous for his "temperature inversion" theory, called the object an illusion. The Air Force, who has all evidence, says the case is unexplained!

Were these "illusions", Dr. Ackeret? Responsible men of science who view "saucers" lightly should study the weight of evidence first. As Shakespeare said in Hamlet ... "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

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SAUCER MARGINALIA ... A Review of Significant Sightings Collected by C RIFO

March 9, 1954, 3:57 A.M. Sighter: John H. Stewart of Cincinnati, Ohio.
Owns pilot's license; 6500 hours of military flying time.

While driving north on Paddock Road under a dark, moonless sky, Stewart saw a bright halo of pulsating, bluish white light. It was moving slowly in a southerly course. Inside the luminescent halo appeared a dark, ellipsoidal body which he described as "definitely solid", looking much like a "manufactured" machine.

The object hovered for seven or eight minutes over Cincinnati's General Electric plant. Stopping his car, Stewart had a good four minute look. In computing its size, he said the object was as large as a half dollar held at arm's length. Its elevation was estimated at 2 or 3 thousand feet ... thus the object may have been larger than a DC-6.

While trying in vain to find someone to verify his sighting, Stewart said the ellipsoid picked up acceleration, "abruptly changed color, transforming from bluish white to yellow to molten red." The object suddenly changed its course to the East and disappeared in seconds ... in an upward, almost verticle climb. No sound was heard, no vapor trail visible.

July, 1950, 1:45 P.M. Sighter and wife prefer anonymity. Place: Mt. Washington, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. R's aeronautical experience is extensive. He is a member of C. A. A., was flight engineer 11 years.

Mr. R. observed the object while sitting in his backyard. A dark spot, being odd in shape first caught his eye. He describes the object as "wingless and fuselage shaped" climbing up at a 60 degree angle into a sunny sky filled with cumulus clouds.

After a quick acceleration, the grayish metallic object reached its new elevation at 16 to 18000 feet, then stalled for about 10 seconds. While calling his wife to witness the event, Mr. R. watched the object dive back to its original elevation before levelling off and racing westward across the Cincinnati skies.

The object, which looked the size of a DC-3 as it would appear at 8000 ft., disappeared in 3 seconds without making a sound or leaving an exhaust trail. The speed was estimated at about 5000 mph. Mr. R. said the object was "definitely solid and was controlled." The Air Force, upon learning of the incident, visited Mr. R. at his home ... to get the facts!

Mr. R's integrity like that of Mr. Stewart's is above reproach: both are experienced in aircraft and balloon identification and meteorological phenomena. Both objects are unexplained unless we are willing to accept the Interplanetary explanation.

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THE PATTERN OF LULL AND CONCENTRATION: Two years ago, LOOK Magazine published an article entitled, "Hunt for the Flying Saucer" with Air Force approval. Significant in the article was a map pinpointing concentrations of "unexplained" saucer sightings near vital defense installations. This scared the Pentagon. The pattern of "concentration" continues . . . the skies over White Sands, Los Alamos, Albuquerque, Labrador, and principal cities like Cincinnati are frequently visited.

Cincinnati is girdled by atomic installations, Fernald and Pike County in Ohio, Dana, Ind., and Paducah, Ky. It is a vital machine tool center, has two airports, river traffic, and it lies within a two minute saucer hop to Wright-Patterson Field.

In the summer 1952, the midwest was flooded with saucer reports. Reports of luminous discs poured in so rapidly from Cincinnati that the Air Force invited Cincinnatians, through one local newspaper, to send in their sightings, "fact or fancy" to ATIC, Dayton. Then the discs visited Washington. The nation became alarmed and the hard-pressed Air Force blamed the "heat." Cincinnati newspapers took the que and have since refused to publish local sightings.

The summer of 1953 witnessed a national lull. People alerted to the skies and with a penchant for summertime saucers, saw nothing. Save for Korea, July '53 was at a standstill compared to July 1952's 409 reports received by ATIC. This was the pattern of "lull".

MISSILE PIERCES METAL SIGNBOARD . . . BREAKS SUMMER LULL:

On August 19, a small red disc like a fireball, pierced a metal signboard near New Haven, Conn. The object continued its horizontal flight before disappearing vertically. The Defense Dept. told me that "investigation did not substantiate claim", but I later learned that a Milwaukee laboratory, who examined the evidence said that the object left traces of copper, which ruled out the meteorite explanation!

This incident, followed by the sighting of a huge white disc by hundreds of people over Monticello, Ind. and Milwaukee, the incident over Albany, Ga. and hovering objects over Alexandria, Va. and Bad Axe, Mich. was the beginning of a new nationwide siege . . . one in which Cincinnati wasn't overlooked.

On Oct. 14, Joseph Hauck and friend, atop Mt. Adams of Cincinnati witnessed a "solid blue" ellipsoid, "like a football" zip noiselessly overhead. He estimated the object's elevation to be slightly over Cincinnati's tallest building, the Carew Tower, whose base was 800 ft. below. In November two luminous discs flying tight formation were sighted by Allen Dunham over Mt. Carmel . . . Jan. 17 this writer watched the flight of a bluish white disc, while a few days later a Mr. William Dinkelacker and wife witnessed a low flying disc of reddish tint (see pg. 4). Then on March 9 (see April Newsletter) John Stewart witnessed a solid device hovering in the vicinity of Cincinnati's General Electric Plant for seven minutes. Such G. E. surveillance has occurred before. Since talking with Stewart I have gathered the facts surrounding another incident, dating back to August 1, 1952.

G. E. IS FOCAL POINT: Harold Coffman and wife saw the object about 2:00 in a bright, sunny August sky. It was a brilliant milk-white disc flying low over Sharonville, Ohio. He said the object had a tendency to wobble and while it ascended in flight about 10 degrees it made a slight snapping or cracking sound, then turned on a sharp left angle and disappeared.

At 4:00 p.m. a similar object passed directly over the G. E. plant and stopped. Four astonished men watched the spectacle, not believing their eyes.

One of the witnesses was Henry Staley, Chief of Fire and Safety at the plant. He said he and the others were watching a low-flying plane going south, following a railroad track, when suddenly a blinding light appeared, soaring in from the East. The object was a "vivid oval shape, as big as the moon, looking like burning magnesium" and he recalls yelling, "look, a flying saucer"! Then to all four men's amazement, the disc stopped abruptly "straight overhead". Staley tried hard to describe what he saw next. After it stopped "the thing became elongated, and pulsated", he said, "looking like a worm squirming." This went on for at least 30 seconds, holding its brilliancy, he said, adding, "and it wasn't my imagination . . . my eyes are good and the other men saw the same performance." Although soundless, Staley said the disc left a short, squat teardrop shaped trail of luminescence in its wake.

Another witness, George E. Kyle, Fire Inspector, said the sight was "hard to believe and was like a dream", but he backed Staley's report to the letter, save in the description of the object as it stopped overhead. Kyle averred that the disc seemed to be "rotating" and that the elongated appearance was possibly the visual effect of the object's exhaust. Confirming the constant brilliance of the object, Kyle said it started up "slowly; picked up momentum, looking like an egg, then disappeared into the horizon going two or three times the speed of a jet." The object seemed very high up, he said, but was very distinct in a cloudless clear blue sky. The Air Force has cleared the rest of the August 1st story.

BUSY DISC VIEWS DAYTON, DRAWS JETS AND HAS ITS PICTURE TAKEN NEAR BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO: At 10:51 a.m. radar got blips on a saucer observing Wright Field. About the same time civilians near Bellefontaine, Ohio were watching a "shiny, metallic gleam" in the sky. Two jets on a training problem were vectored in and gave chase. At 30,000 ft. the pilots saw a "bright, round glowing object" maneuvering above them. At full power they climbed to 40,000, and one pilot, a Major James B. Smith, tried for a gun camera picture. His second attempt produced several feet of film, three frames of which appeared in Dec. 1952 issue of TRUE Magazine. In an official release, the Air Force said, "the object was not a balloon since the speed was too fast and it was moving against the wind. It was not astronomical as the dual radar returns eliminate this. Electronic or visual mirage of meteorological phenomena is out of the question as the radar set was on high beam and both would not occur simultaneously in the same place. The sighting occurred above the weather. Conclusion: UNKNOWN."

CRIFO'S EVALUATION: INTERPLANETARY! Object witnessed over Cincinnati by Coffman, Staley, Kyle and others was a material device controlled by no force on Earth. Coffman heard sound and watched it change course, while the others watched its intelligently controlled behavior over the General Electric plant. Of course, the Air Force pictures prove beyond a doubt the object's solidity!

INFRA RED FILM WITH RED FILTER SHOWS DISEMBODIED GLOBE OF

LIGHT: On November 14, 1953, Mrs. Ethel Coleman of Lebanon, Ohio operating an Eastman 35 mm. Pony, a two element lens camera, equipped with infra-red and red filter was shooting for pictures of Mercury in eclipse of the sun. The camera was mounted on a tripod, and she attests, "was not moved a fraction." Making 12 second exposures, she saw nothing unusual in her field of vision before or during the 10 minute time lapse between pictures.

When the film was returned from the developers she couldn't find Mercury, but was puzzled to see a small round milk-glass object, like a "moon", which appeared in only two frames of the roll. In one picture the object appeared at about 8 o'clock in position to the sun's glare; in the other, it descended vertically about 10 degrees, hovering in front of a cluster of winter-bared trees. The moon is the same size in both frames and of the same brilliance as the sun. The negatives verify this, showing an intense black object about a foot in diameter. By this evidence the object is not a result of an emulsion fluid droplet or air bubbles in careless development.

Research by Mr. Herbert Clark checked out Newton Rings. The Lebanon "moons" were dissimilar to the optical design and symmetry found in Newton phenomena. Another film analyst, Mr. Ken Hock, said the objects were probably reflections from the sun, then advised that the film be sent to Eastman Lab in Rochester for further analysis. However, a member of Eastman Office, Cincinnati, Herb Clark and myself doubted Hock's "sundog" explanation. Clark argued that infra red film and red filter would have eliminated the sun's glare. Supporting Clark's theory is the remaining frames of film which show the sun but no "moons."

THE HYPOTHESIS OF THE INVISIBLE "THINKING" LIGHT: If the object cannot be resolved as a lenticular phenomenon, and, with all other avenues to solution theoretically closed, only one feasible explanation remains; the object is a material, but non-metal device, spherical in shape and operates under remote control.

Considering the later anomaly, analysis shows that the object's non-metal substance is translucent. The proof is in the picture which shows the object "lodging" in the trees. Within the sphere's outline is revealed the hazy silhouette of a fork in the tree directly opposite. Thus, if controlled, the device is disembodied -- a machine without a power plant!

Evidence and logic do not provide the answer. If, as Mrs. Coleman says, the object was not seen in her field of vision, and, as the evidence suggests, the object does exist and is rendered "visible" only through infra red film, then perhaps the sphere is metamorphosical.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This realm of "fringe" thinking is admittedly beyond the scope of this Newsletter, but one finds in attempting to evaluate much of the illogical "saucer" evidence, illogical approaches working toward the solution cannot be categorically dismissed. Perhaps the "Lebanon moons" incident has a fundamental answer, but we cannot overlook its analogy to other and equally abstruse incidents of "thinking" lights on record. Finally, in our failure to understand the phenomena in our skies we cannot turn our heads from the possibility that another extra-terrestrial intelligence has learned the secret to transforming material into another dimension.

DISC FLIES BENEATH THUNDERSTORM IN GREENHILLS, OHIO ... SITE OF FREQUENT SIGHTINGS. Late in January 1954 about 6:45 P.M., Mr. and Mrs. Dinkelacker were standing at the northwest window contemplating the unseasonal thunderstorm. Clouds were low and heavy and the rain had just stopped. Suddenly and soundlessly from the northwest came a bright light almost the size of a full moon. The object, they agreed, was disc-shaped and "had a sharp, clear outline and glowed with a definite reddish tinge." It moved very fast below heavy clouds in a direct southeast course. No exhaust trail was visible as it disappeared directly over a group of trees. Mr. Dinkelacker, who never believed in "saucers", said he was convinced that the object was no hallucination, "as some people think they are" and that it appeared to be solid. Both he and his wife were frankly "startled by the sight", but preferred not to report it to the papers. Looking back to July 1952 another Greenhills incident is recalled...

BRILLIANT OBJECT HOVERS OVER GREENHILLS SCHOOLHOUSE: At 11:45 P.M. a dozen witnesses watched the weird device, which according to Joseph Ostendorf, hung calmly over the school for more than a minute. Mr. Ostendorf, convinced that he was not seeing an "optical illusion" stated that it was the most brilliant light he had ever seen -- just like sunlight! "A bluish haze seemed to shoot out of it", he said, "and it started to move." The light then diminished, and it flew in a straight line towards Cincinnati.

THE WINDSHIELD POX-PLAGUE: The phenomena of the pitted windshield, like its "parent" the saucer, seems to know no bounds or when to stop its pranks. It seems, too, that scientist as well as insurance companies are getting more and more nervous over the latest baffling "sky" events. One would-be-helpful expert out of Washington opined that the pocks were not due to "hallucinations" so the probe went on.

Starting in the Pacific Northwest, the pox-plague soon spread westward to Guam, and eastward to Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky. And in each "true" case the pits were characteristic to those alarming Bellingham, Washington, the first town to be plagued with 1,500 cars pitted in one week.

Save for the alarmist who cries "pox" at the sight of a resinous residue on his windshield, or, the guy whose windshield was nicked by a pebble and reports it to get in on the fun, the real or genuine cases have supplied too little information to determine the cause. However, a report from Michigan told of tiny bluish lighted pellets hitting a windshield and leaving large pocks. Another pock-incident involved two aircraft in flight from Seattle.

As plausible an answer as yet proposed is the theory that the pellets are attracted by magnetic forces in the vehicle's motor and the slanting windshield is therefore a natural receptor. If then, saucers are propelled by the electromagnetic principle, as some evidence suggests, perhaps we may have a workable pattern from which to start.

So once again we have an unknown "something" from the heavens that we are too feeble to understand, and so again we are inclined to reach for the illogical answer. Many people think it's all due to the H-bomb tests, but what of the incidents occurring over towns in England -- before the Hell bomb was created!

CRIFO welcomes new members, their sightings and/or scientific know-how. Also welcome are reports of objects sighted by members or their contacts from outside Cincinnati. The first two editions concentrated on Cincinnati because the editor is thoroughly familiar with the incidents in this area and he feels that such events are typical in every corner of the earth. CRIFO publishes its Newsletter monthly. To help absorb the cost of printing, postage, photostating, etc., \$1.00 will be charged per member for a period of 6 months, or \$2.00 for the year.

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INTERPLANETARY DISCS SWARM OVER NATION. PENTAGON JITTERY. IS SHOWDOWN NEAR? These are blatant, but fact-rooted headlines. While the news services noddily don dark glasses, completely ignoring one major "saucer" incident, and instead gave top billing to the McCarthy-Army hearings, the thunderhead of the coming storm . . . maybe a showdown, loomed over Washington. Perturbed Pentagon officials screwed down the lid of the Pandora's box a little tighter and then gave three wishes . . . 1) that no one on the "inside" would talk to anybody on the outside . . . 2) that the nation's newspapers would not correlate the deluge of recent sightings . . . 3) that our interplanetary visitors would go home for awhile.

Not since July 29, 1952, when General Samford was forced to make a public statement to check the rising tide of alarm and, not since the big brass bedlam over the disposition of the Tremonton film in 1953, has the Pentagon been confronted with such a climax of events. The men of decision were now before the wall of decision . . . the blind alley wall they themselves created through years of ambiguity, contradiction and silence. At this point of no return these men must now face all of us and either 1) tell us all, or 2) deny everything.

Lest we need be reminded, the continued policy of denial is not without its dangers. Most cogent is the unpredictable strategm of Russia. Here, denial serves Russia with the infamous opportunity to claim "saucers" as their own ingenious product. If such a claim were made prior to attack, the results may lead to panic across the nation and stampede from the cities, thus hindering defense and retaliation. Denial also, in effect, would be calling thousands of responsible Americans who sighted objects, schizophrenic liars.

It is this writer's belief that in these days of critical world unrest, we, as a nation, cannot afford to gamble with our national security . . . we cannot belittle the integrities of sighters, nor ignore the plea for truth by Americans everywhere.

THE THUNDERHEAD OF RECENT CRITICAL DEVELOPMENTS . . .

INCIDENT 1: On March 24, 1954, Secretary of the Air Force, Harold E. Talbott, his aides and crew all witnessed a large, silvery, metallic disc follow their aircraft 1000 ft. below and 1000 ft. distant. The incident occurred in daylight over Fresno, California. When the Secretary ordered his crew to challenge the disc, it maneuvered in a tight circle, then shot away, disappearing, at tremendous speed. This incident is officially denied: it has been scratched from all flight records. Frank Edwards told this writer by phone, May 14, that Don Keyhoe's announcement of the incident on his program, May 13, was not carried by the news wires. The only cryptic mention was contained in a small UP item where Sec. Talbott was quoted as saying "He has never seen a flying saucer."

Editor's Note: Call it what you like, sir, but Don Keyhoe has signed documented evidence of the occurrence . . . the points of departure and landing (Palm Springs, Cal.) the flight time and all other pertinent data.

(Over . . .)

INCIDENT 2: CAPTAIN RUPPELT, FORMER HEAD OF PROJECT BLUEBOOK, FINDS NEW ANGLE ON SAUCERS. HE'S CONVINCED THEY'RE INTERPLANETARY.

Something happened . . . something big and convincing. Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt who once had access to the secret files in Project Bluebook, ATIC, Dayton, recently lost what little skepticism he had. Critical, but openminded, Capt. Ruppelt who is now a civilian, wrote a long article in the May issue of TRUE entitled, "What Our Air Force Found Out About Flying Saucers." He said in part . . . "My own opinion is that either the saucers are interplanetary or they do not exist. I do not believe there is enough evidence at hand to choose between the alternatives. You can argue either case indefinitely, and in the end you will have only an opinion."

Capt. Ruppelt since this article, has found his wanting evidence. Hence, saucers do exist and by this token, according to the man who should know, they are interplanetary! (This item credited to private source.)

INCIDENT 3: DISC HOVERS OVER DAYTON, OHIO. JETS INTERCEPT.

On May 12, 1954 in a cloudless sky at sundown, a lone disc, glowing crimson and looking like a "dinner plate on edge," watched Dayton . . . close to Wright-Patterson Field. "At first it looked like a flash," said Mrs. Donald McDonald, "then it hovered in the sky for a long time." With Mrs. McDonald were her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wildenhaus, Andrew Coleman and a teacher at Emerson high school, Miss Mildred Crage. "It must have been very high," said Mr. McDonald, "We saw a large plane go far under it. The thing sat in the sky like a saucer for about 15 minutes, then it tipped at an angle, changed shape and when it moved away it trailed a flame behind it."

In another part of Dayton about 7:00 p.m. a Mrs. Helen Paterchak was curious about the bright glow in the sky and got her binoculars. Her description was the same and while it hovered in silence, she managed to pinpoint the object between two trees. She admitted that she was disturbed by its eerie presence and so were the McDonalds and others.

Thinking that the object might be a Russian missile device the McDonalds phoned Wright-Patterson Field. The night officer on duty, Capt. "H", assured the McDonalds that jets were in the air on an intercept. However, the Dayton Journal Herald stated that the Intelligence Center at Wright Field told them, "No planes were sent up to investigate."

INCIDENT 4: MANTLE OF MYSTERY SHROUDS MUROC. (Edwards Air Base)

What is the Air Force concealing at Muroc? In a letter received from a source in California, I am told that the U.S. government has captured discs. In the strictest secrecy these objects are being examined by the top "brains" of the country. In January when the lid of Air Force censorship was clamped down, Frank Edwards announced that an "object" was under examination in California. Edwards recently told me that the brass lid has been screwed down even tighter, that nobody is talking for the record . . . in fact, nobody's talking. However, this writer believes that if such discs are in captivity, it is understandable why the Air Force, in this instance, would prefer secrecy. Information regarding the discs' propulsion, metal and structure would be "sugar" in the hands of the Russians.

INCIDENT 5: CANADIAN SKY-WATCHERS ALERTED.

Within the last month, Canadian government scientists (Project Magnet) have notified all official sky-watchers to be especially alert and to report immediately any Unidentified Flying Objects. (Item used with permission of Frank Edwards and Don Keyhoe.)

INCIDENT 6: PHOTOS FROM PERU SHOW V-FORMATION OF OBJECTS FLYING ON WING OF TRANSPORT. Few photographs of "saucers" exist, but Mr. James Moseley of Ft. Lee, New Jersey who recently returned from an extended trip to Lima, Peru, managed to procure two photos with negatives that look "genuine." Mr. Moseley should know. His experience in saucer investigations is extensive and he says "I have seen a good number of saucer pictures in the course of my investigations, but his is the first time I am sure that I have the genuine article."

Moseley received the photos from a Panagra pilot based in Lima, whose name was Captain George Zimmer. The pictures were taken by a passenger whose name was Quinn on Flight 320, Lima to Panama on August 6, 1952. Time about 5:30 a.m. just before sunrise. The pictures show a V-formation of five "blobs" just off the wing of the plane. In sight only a few seconds, the objects are in a slightly different position in each of the two pictures.

Two professional photographers consulted in Lima, say there is no evidence of negative tampering, but Moseley plans further photo-analysis in the U. S. A. "The great thing about the pictures," say Moseley, "is that they are neither day or night shots. A night shot shows only a light of some sort which could easily be anything, whereas a day shot usually shows a solid object which could be a deceptive model of a saucer."

Upon writing the Air Force of his "find" he was told that since the sighting is outside of the continental U.S. they were not interested. They are permitted to examine only cases inside the U.S.

INCIDENT 7: WASHINGTON, D. C. REVISITED. STORY SMOTHERED.

The nation's capital was again visited by unidentified flying objects. Shortly after midnight on May 12, 1954 Air Police at Washington National Airport watched two large, glowing objects which zipped into view at high speed, made three passes between 12:45 and 2:08 the following morning. The objects came across the nation's capital at high altitude from the northeast, veered off and swung southward. One air policeman watched the objects through night glasses. He reported that they were apparently circular in shape ... and that they glowed with a pulsating light that faded as they sped away. Said the Air Force spokesman ... "Don't call them flying saucers ... they are Unidentified ~~Identified~~ Flying Objects." (UFO's)

That incident occurred in the early morning hours of May 12. On the following afternoon, an electronics expert was checking some special equipment in Washington. Shortly after one o'clock, the equipment picked up some sort of huge object at great altitude, approaching the city at a speed of about 150-170 miles per hour. Whatever it was it came over the capital at an altitude of more than ten miles. It was tremendous in size, moved slowly about and was recorded by the equipment for almost three hours before it suddenly swung about and moved out of range. Said the electronics expert who tracked it ... "It was like nothing I had ever experienced before." (Item used with permission of Frank Edwards)

INCIDENT 8: LOW, HOVERING OBJECTS CLOSING IN ON EUROPE, TOO.

Stockholm -- Swedish military authorities are sending special crews into northern Sweden where scores of residents have reported strange, glowing objects maneuvering over the forests at low altitude during the week of May 10. Military men who have seen the things say they were not planes of any type. (Item used with permission of Frank Edwards)

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR'S DESK: Your editor is overwhelmed by the spontaneity of response and the bombardment of letters received from Americans in every walk of life who want to know more about Flying Saucers. People want news, but the facts surrounding the world's biggest story have been HUSHED. The fight for truth is now confined to a few. Such champions as Frank Edwards and Major Don Keyhoe are like David's before the Goliath forces of military censorship. Joining these few David's is your editor and his Newsletter . . . which will soon reach every corner of the Americas.

CRIFO membership has grown incredibly overnight. This is attributable in the main, to Frank Edwards, of the Mutual radio network in Washington. In his nation wide broadcast, May 18, Mr. Edwards announced CRIFO's Newsletter and the avalanche started rolling. P. O. Box 1855 soon bulged with letters of inquiry and officials at the Post Office blinked in amazement. By the weekend, CRIFO was deluged by more than 2500 letters . . . letters from sincere and sane people who wanted the truth . . . not double talk . . . on Unidentified Flying Objects.

In this respect, your editor will play fair ball. As the truth comes in, the truth, as best as it can be presented, will go out. Your editor will suppress nothing, unless, of course, the information is regarded as vital to our nation's defense.

From the testimony of the many letters received, your editor believes that the general public is ready, or properly "conditioned" to be told the truth about saucers; and this should be done from the one and only source -- Washington!

The Newsletter is published the first Friday of each month. Usually four pages, we have stretched this issue to six due to exceptional recent events. Your editor asks that all members have patience and bear with him at this time when the mail is so heavy. All personal correspondence will be answered.

All back copies are now out of print, but, as soon as possible reprints will be made. Charge for back copies (April and May) 25¢ each to cover cost of printing and mailing. A statement of CRIFO's funds will be published in a forthcoming Newsletter. The editor wishes to extend many thanks to all those who have contributed material, sightings, and their after-hour services in sorting mail, preparing the Newsletter and gosh knows what all! Several people have asked if my research is full time. No, during the day I serve as advertising manager of The Du Bois Co., Inc. manufacturers of chemical cleaning compounds. In this issue there are a couple of errors in spelling. Please overlook this time. I'm swamped, but I love it!



L. H. Stringfield

U. F. O. AND JET ACTIVITY OVER CINCINNATI AREA, MAY 5, 1954.
(Duplicate of report sent to A. T. I. C., Dayton, Ohio, by L. H. Stringfield.)

WEATHER: Temperature about 40-45 degrees. Sky cloudless, crescent moon to the city's northwest. Stars out, prevailing light haze. No winds.

8:00 P. M. - (Time questionable. Not dark yet.) Standing alone, looking due north from front porch of home, observed two separate pinpoint flashes of deep blue light, intense like an arc welder's torch. Both flashes were about 10 degrees elevation from horizon and about 10 degrees apart. I could not determine any substance behind the flashes and passed them off as optical phenomena.

8:10 P. M. - Received the following report by telephone from Mr. H. L. of Mt. Healthy, Ohio: Mr. L reports sighting a string of five or six yellow-white lights looking like "portholes", in the vicinity of Mt. Healthy, Ohio. Although, he claimed, the objects made a "loud throbbing noise," he was positive they were not jets. He said when the lights changed their eastward course to veer north, the lights remained in linear order, showing no swerve or break. One light, he added, seemed to fade off and on, or pulsate at intervals. He estimated the objects to be the size of a silver dollar held at arm's length, about 2000 ft. in altitude and flying about 200-300 mph. Mr. L emphasized the perfect straight line in which the objects flew, and said it left him feeling apprehensive

9:50 P. M. - Herbert Clark phoned me. From the front of his home on St rathmore Drive, and facing northwest, he observed a glowing yellow light (9:45) dissimilar to aircraft signal or navigation lights, moving slowly (approx. 200-225 mph) to the W. S. W. Object in view for one half minute. Two minutes later two jets appeared on the scene coming from southeast. They made a 360 degree circle of immediate vicinity. The yellow object was soundless.

9:55 P. M. - I phoned the Cincinnati Lunken Airport Control Tower. Operator, Miss Edith Harmon, said the tower was unaware of UFO and/or jets in the area.

10:10 P. M. - Herb Clark, wife and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thomas of same address witnessed a large, brilliant, white ellipsoid, hovering in the northeast near vicinity of Madiera and Indian Hill. Clark's home is 600 ft. elevation: the object appeared at about 825 elevation. Size of object can be compared with a half dollar held at arm's length. It blinked intermittently at about one second intervals for about 3 or 4 minutes, then vanished, not reappearing. The object was soundless. No jets in general area during the "hovering" incident.

10:00 - 10:30 - Received the following report by telephone from Mr. and Mrs. Donald Krueger, Indian Hill. Mrs. Krueger reported the incident to the Indian Hill Ranger Headquarters, May 5. I have verification of Mrs. Krueger's phone call to the Rangers from that office.

Looking toward Miami and Demar Road, about a quarter mile from their home, Mr. and Mrs. Krueger watched a large, round, glowing white object hover for more than 20 minutes. Flashing at 2 second intervals, the object had a yellowish center and a nebulous rather than a clear-cut outline and made no sound. Certain that the object was a self-luminous solid device under someone's control, Mr. Krueger said that it twice shifted position, dropping below a line of trees out of sight. Concerned, Mrs. Krueger phoned the Rangers. During her absence, Mr. Krueger watched the object reappear to its original position, about 400 ft. above their elevation which is 725 ft. On another occasion the body of light shifted slightly from south to north. Mr. Krueger said it made one final shift south again before it suddenly blinked out and disappeared.

Although jets were heard later, Mr. Kreuger ruled out as answers: electrostatic phenomena, a star, jets, helicopter, auto headlights and searchlights. It was something that neither person had ever before seen.

10:12 P. M. - While Herb continued to watch the northeast sky, Mrs. Clark phoned me regarding their latest sighting.

10:14 - 10:15 P. M. - With 10x50 binoculars, I went outdoors. Sighted dim red object about 15 degrees above horizon, flying swiftly from the northeast -- the identical point where Clark and others had viewed the object hovering. I caught object instantly in binoculars. It appeared grayish red, the frontal portion glowing brighter than its tail. Although the object appeared generally ellipsoidal, I had a momentary impression that it was triangular in shape and that something dark and solid was behind the glowing redness. Through binoculars the object had a tendency to pulsate or throb in its horizontal southwest flight. In view about 5 seconds and traveling faster than the fastest jet observed during the night's activity, the object disappeared behind a large tree which obscured my field of vision. At this instant my wife tardily came to the scene. We both looked at the proper elevation for its return, but saw nothing. This left me to conclude that the object had made a sharp, angular turn, changing its course from S.W. to west or W.N.W. During this maneuver, the skies were silent and no jets were in the area.

10:00 P. M. -(Approx.) Learned the following report from the Indian Hill Ranger Station, May 7. Ranger patrolling on Demar Ave., in Indian Hill reported to his headquarters, having seen a swift moving, red, aerial object traveling from west to east. He stopped his car to observe the object, which he said was silent. He said the object was definitely not a jet.

10:20 P. M. - I watched what seemed to be a bright, variegated meteor drop vertically in the northwest sky. Possibly an aquarid, whose source is in the S.W. square of Pegasus.

10:25 P. M. (Time approx.) I phoned Control Tower, Lunken Airport to relate the "red" object sighting. A Miss Harmon radioed to a Mr. Berning, flying a Cessna in airport vicinity, to "check unidentified red object flying southwest." Later learned that Berning saw nothing.

EVALUATION: The testimony of 10 people verifies the fact a UFO plus jets were in eastern portion of Cincinnati, May 5, 1954. Although meteors were to be expected, coming from Constellation Pegasus, May 4-6, the silent, red object I viewed at 10:14 was not a meteor, or a jet. The object's swift horizontal flight and its enduring silence, especially when making its right angle turn ruled out all conventional or meteorological explanations. The Indian Hill Ranger (name unknown) who witnessed a flying silent red object about the same time also was positive that what he saw was not a jet.

All parties agreed that the hovering object was a solid and intelligently controlled device. The sightings by the Clarks and Thomases and the Kruegers verify the object's position. Significantly, the red flying object was witnessed moving to and from the same area.

Analysis of reports by disinterested sighters and the correlation of time proves the UFO's existence, its solidity and its intelligent control.

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700 "SAUCER" SIGHTINGS WEEKLY REPORTED TO AIR FORCE SAYS LT. COL. O'MARA, DEPUTY COMMANDER OF INTELLIGENCE. Americans have been told officially, through the press, that "saucer" activity since January this year is strictly "ho-hum." "Only 87 sightings," said the Air Force release of June 1, "have been reported this year."

The official release said they received 1700 sightings in 1952. Last year the figure fell to 429. If the present rate should hold up throughout 1954, the total would drop to 208. A Capt. Robert White, who receives queries at the Pentagon said, "I'd say the decrease in sightings is due to less publicity," and added, "Too, people can't sustain a high pitch of interest unless something new and sensational happens. And it hasn't."

Sorry, Capt. White, but it has! The above Air Force figures are false and misleading! Furthermore, contrary to the lack of publicity, sightings have prodigiously increased!

PROOF OF AIR FORCE COVER-UP. Since my recent deluge of 4000 letters (The Air Force receives an average of 5 a day, says Capt. "Ho-Hum" White) this writer alone can vouch for nearly 87 sightings reaching Air Force level since the first of the year. Many of these made banner headlines in local papers, but failed, curiously, to be carried by the news service wires. Frank Edwards, Washington news commentator, also stated he knows of over 100 sightings reaching the Air Force. But, the real proof lies in Lt. Col. O'Mara's admission below.

While "saucer" affairs were anything but "ho-hum" at the Stringfields during June, your editor received as guests at his home, Mr. Truman Bethurum and Mr. George Williamson. Both men claim contact with extra-terrestrial Intelligences. Bethurum said he boarded a "saucer" and talked with its people, while Williamson communicated by radio. They have written books of their adventures and conducted a recent lecture in Cincinnati.

Prior to these gentlemen's lecture, another local "seeker-of-saucer" truth, a Mr. Tom Eickhoff and I joined forces. We sought and prodded for a show-down. We wanted to know, simply, who was telling the truth. On one side, in public view, were the fantastic stories of our visitors who related their contacts with space with impressive calm -- on the other side was the Air Force. Sphinx-like, weary and wary of public inquisition the Air Force says, "No authentic physical evidence has been received establishing the existence of space ships from other planets."

On one end of these extremes lies the truth. Chagrined, Eickhoff visited Wright Field June 7, and talked with Lt. Col. John O'Mara, Deputy Commander of Intelligence. He later called on the F. B. I. Both agencies preferred to remain aloof.

On June 8, I phoned Lt. Col. John O'Mara at Wright Field. In 16 minutes I asked many questions. Here in part are some of the answers.

- 1) Average of 700 sightings are reported to the Air Force a week.
- 2) The cryptic figure "87" applies to cases under "special analysis."

- 3) Over 1000 of the nation's leading scientists are working on governmental UFO projects.
- 4) Dr. Clyde Tombaugh and Dr. Lincoln La Paz are heading the project in White Sands, New Mexico. Here, scientists are tracking two artificial satellites circling our Earth.
- 5) Sec. of Air Force Talbott's aircraft was paced by an "Unidentified Flying Object" over Fresno, California in March, 1954.
- 6) The story of scoutmaster Des Vergers of Florida, was admitted to be a hoax.
- 7) Intimation that other similar cases (a la Des Vergers) remain unsolved.
- 8) Bethurum and Williamson were frauds.
- 9) The material used by Don Keyhoe in his recent book was not officially cleared through channels, that said info was incorrect, and that the rest was Keyhoe's imagination.
- 10) The famous Tremonton film (U-pictures) was non-existent. When I told him I had proof that the film did exist, I was told that "It does exist, but the objects were resolved to be of conventional nature."

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Major Don Keyhoe has proof that the material used in his recent best seller, "Flying Saucers From Outer Space" was officially released from the Defense Dept. -- in black and white with signature of Albert M. Chop, former chief of Air Force Press Desk. From other evidence which I have personally in my files, I can prove that much of the material used, including the Tremonton film, is not Keyhoe's imagination.

THE BETHURUM-WILLIAMSON STORY: The controversial lecture was held without incident. There was no showdown, no official intervention. The audience listened attentively to the sobering revelations. There was no tremor of fear or panic. After their talks, I was approached by several people. A scientist who introduced himself, commented, "pseudo-science" -- a clergyman who is well known in Cincinnati and who owns a reel of authentic film showing a hovering UFO, said, "Two bucks wasted!" Conversely, a former Air Force radar operator called me aside and said, "There must be something to it . . . I've tracked UFO's on radar, watched jets in persuit, and have had several odd personal experiences with them."

NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR'S DESK: I wish to thank the many subscribers who mailed in personal sightings, clippings and other items of "interplanetary" interest. Although space in the Newsletter will not permit the use of all this good material, no one item is wasted. Its real value is in research, such as the analytical breakdown of UFO types, aerial flight and suspension behavior and its correlation of time and place with other sightings.

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PARKERSBURG, W. VA. IS BEE-SWARMED BY NOVEL DUAL-FLIGHT DEVICES: A new flight-form device, described as small, bright and intelligently maneuvered and travelling in pairs or singly was reported by phone by Ray Angier from Parkersburg June 21. Angier and others watched them hover, climb vertically and travel at rapid speeds over homes and other points of interest. The objects were first observed May 29. The A. F. is informed.

MULTIPLE OBJECT SIGHTINGS BY CREDITABLE OBSERVERS CONTINUE:

Although Capt. Ruppelt in his recent article in TRUE made a courteous attempt to circumvent the facts involving the episode of the "Lubbock lights", other multiple object sightings cannot so easily be explained away as "plovers." To name a few:

- 1) On May 29, 1951 at 3:48 P. M. , three tech. writers for North American's plant at Downy, California witnessed, according to Ed. J. Sullivan, "Approximately 30 glowing, meteorlike objects which sprayed out of the east . . . executed a right angle turn and swept across the sky in an undulating vertical formation. Each appeared as an intense electric blue light, round and without length. "
- 2) In July 1952, pilots William Nash and W. H. Fortenberry, while approaching Norfolk, Va. sighted six huge, disc-shaped, hot coal-like objects racing toward them. As the formation neared the DC-4, in echelon, the leader suddenly slowed, then flipped on edge. The others followed. Almost reversing their course, the "saucers" flipped back to the horizontal and shot off to the west. After this maneuver, two stray disks joined the formation. Speeding up to overtake the lead flight, the pilots watched the two "strays" brighten in color. Simultaneously, the lead formation dimmed as they slowed down.
- 3) In August, 1952, Roy Munson was one to witness 54 mushroom-shaped objects all going from west to east, horizon to horizon of the city, reports Peter Bartkus of Rockford, Ill. They traversed the sky, one at a time at 10 second intervals, and were seen from several sections of the city. Four jets were alerted, but arrived on the scene too late. Bartkus was a member of GOC, and has made two UFO reports to the Chicago filter center.
- 4) On Dec. 12, 1953, Robert A. Gahn, an Accountant, and two witnesses observed "12 self-luminous, bluish-white discs "manuever over Brooklyn in 15 degree-above-zero weather for nearly 30 minutes. "Eleven shot across the horizon, south to north, at tremendous speeds, while one silvery object circled, clockwise, directly overhead in approximately a two mile radius. No exhaust or vapor trails were visible, no sound was heard. Although Gahn could not estimate the objects' distances or elevations, he was certain they were controlled, solid devices. Gahn reported his sighting to the military.
- 5) On March 24, 1954, Adolph Wagner, Deputy Coordinator for Baltimore's Southern District of Civil Defense, decided to check the weather through his window before retiring. Looking out he saw 13 objects at approximately 50 degrees off the horizon moving in a V-formation. He described the objects as triangular in shape and glowing flourescent blue and proceeding on a west-east course. As he watched, a larger object came out of the north and positioned itself in front of the V-formation. After observing them for one minute, Wagner noticed a commercial airliner, with running lights on, coming out of the northeast, heading for Friendship Airport. It was flying low. Suddenly, the glowing objects split their V-formation, six of them executing a very sharp turn, changing from blue to purplish color. Heading into the southwest direction of the airliner, the six objects tailed in single-file. The remainder continued their original course in an eastward direction. Wagner estimated their size at 20 ft. on a side, with the leader of the group at nearly 50 ft. He could not see any exhaust, or hear any noise. The objects were sharply defined, no hazy edges. Mr. Wagner was contacted by the Air Force.

REVEREND BALLER . . . SAUCERS and GREENFIELD, MASS.: Rev. Albert Baller, Congregational minister of Greenfield, Mass., is no innocent bystander in the lore of "saucers." His approach is one of sincere investigation and honest, calm evaluation. He has in recent weeks contributed some excellent "saucer" material to CRIFO -- sightings he has personally investigated and a couple of sightings over Greenfield of his own. Soon, Rev. Baller hopes to come into possession of two valuable photographs which show a V-formation of UFO's. In the next Newsletter I will describe this important "find." Following, in Rev. Baller's own words are two of his personal "saucer" experiences:

"It is certainly not generally known, but Greenfield is obviously a center where "saucers" are sighted frequently. I have had more than twenty reports come to me since January, 1952

"My first experience took place, Feb. 20, 1952. It was a perfect day with blue sky, no clouds, no wind. I boarded the three o'clock train for New York and sat waiting to leave. Looking out of the large car window, I saw three very bright silver objects coming at about 45 degrees. They were approaching from the east, flying in a perfect "V." They appeared about half the size of the full moon. They moved slowly but steadily toward me, and as I watched, they flew up to about 80 degrees overhead and stopped. They hovered for 10 seconds or less; then I saw the lead-saucer slowly backing up toward the other two. When "he" was almost in line with them, there was another brief pause, then the three suddenly swung about and shot off toward the north and back into the sky, dwindling to specks in five seconds and disappeared.

"Last June 11, 1953, my wife and 15-year old daughter and I were calling on a neighbor when, as we chatted on her porch, we thought we heard a jet pass over. Looking up, we saw nothing. Suddenly the neighbor, Mrs. George Kendrick, seized me by the arm, and pointing south indicated a bright, silver object hanging motionless. The time was twelve o'clock noon. The sky was clear with scattered clouds and the wind was strong from the NW. The object which looked like a bright star continued to remain motionless from noon to about 2:15, when it then moved toward the west and disappeared.

"We all watched it through my 15x telescope and saw it as somewhat 'egg-shaped' and bright silver. I had time to phone Westover Field, but they would not admit sighting it or sending up jets.

"The next morning at ten o'clock, Mrs. Kendrick's husband happened to pass some of his customers about 10 miles south of here. He found them all gathered, looking excitedly into the sky through large army field glasses. He found that they, too, were looking at a similar star-like object. I talked to each of these persons later -- two men and two women -- and they all told the same story: the object looked like a World War I American helmet with a pencil-projection from the top. It appeared silver. One woman had first seen it at 9:30 A. M. when she heard a noise like a jet, and looking up saw this round silver object pass overhead trailing a thin vapor trail. It was there they all looked up and it stayed there until about two o'clock in the afternoon."

HINT MARS MAY SOON REVEAL ITS SECRETS: In June 20 issue of THIS WEEK, Dr. R. Richardson of Mt. Wilson & Mt. Palomar Observatory, has published the most revealing article to date on Mars. He said in part, "It (Mars) is the only body in the universe, outside Earth itself, on which we can detect evidence of life!" . . . "If photos show that the canals always lie along great circle paths, it would be an indication that they are the work of intelligent beings."

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MORE PROOF THAT "SAUCERS" EXIST... PROOF THEY ARE MATERIAL...
PROOF THEY ARE CONTROLLED! Many popular, public-known "saucer" sightings have "missing links"... the need of something to make the report convincing. Not so here. The following incidents, centered around one "parent" object, are loaded with fact-rooted, irrefutable evidence which this writer presently has in his possession -- thanks to Rev. Gregory Miller of Norwood, Ohio.

Following is the log of Sgt. Donald R. Berger's operations with searchlight, tracking an unidentified object over Cincinnati from August 19, 1949 to March 10, 1950.

Aug. 19, 1949. Place: St. Peter and Paul Church, Norwood, Ohio. 2015 to 2300 hours. While operating for festival, picked up object at 1585 mils elevation. The object was stationery, appearing as a glowing disc. When I moved the searchlight away the disc continued to glow. Estimated range: 4 or 5 miles. The sky was clear with thin haze at high altitude. I took no action, but next day articles appeared in two local papers re: object.

Sept. 11, 1949. Place: St. Gertrude Church, Madeira, Ohio. 1915 to 2315 hrs. Picked up object at 15,000 to 20,000 ft. at 1620 mils elevation. The object disappeared within few seconds, traveling straight up. I picked it up again at much greater altitude. Then, when I changed carbons I lost it again until 2115 hrs. As soon as it reappeared, I phoned Wright-Patterson Field. The sky was clear with no visible clouds or haze. Several thousand people also saw object.

Sept. 17, 1949. Place: Milford, Ohio. 1900 to 2000 hrs. Testing the searchlight about dusk, I had it set at 1600 mils. I could see an object which looked like a white glow. When I turned the light off, I could see nothing. I did this several times. As soon as it became dark I turned on the light at same elevation and caught object in the beam.

Oct. 23, 1949. Place: St. Peter and Paul, Norwood. 1915 to 2245 hrs. I turned on the light and picked up object at 1600 mils. Also present were William Winkler, Father Gregory Miller and Robert Linn. Intelligence at Wright-Patterson was informed. About 2200 hrs., two distinct groups of triangular-shaped objects seemed to come out of the main disc. Each group had about five objects. They came down the beam then turned out of the beam. The same performance was repeated about half hour later. The disc was still visible when I turned out the light for the night.

Oct. 24, 1949. Place: St. Peter and Paul. 1915 to 2100 hrs. Set light at 1600 mils. The object appeared immediately in the beam. A. T. I. C. agent and Lou Gerhart with me at the time. Held object in beam for about half hour until covered by clouds.

Nov. 19, 1949. Place: Norwood, Ohio. 1830 to 2245 hrs. At 1915 hrs. the beam of the light flashed on the object. Guiding the light back on the object, it then disappeared immediately. About a minute later I picked it up again much higher. The elevation was between 1605 and 1610 mils. Many witnesses, including William Winkler. Sky was covered with low broken clouds. At times object appeared much brighter.

Dec. 20, 1949. Place: Norwood, Ohio. 2015 to 2200 hrs. Turned light on at 2015 and picked up object immediately. At first it was faint and small. As haze cleared, object brightened. At 2130 it got much brighter and spread out almost as large as beam, then disappeared. In a few minutes, we again picked it up in its original position. About 2200 it seemed to get faint, then disappeared. Present were Dr. D. A. Wells (Un. of Cincinnati Physicist) Dr. Paul Herget (Astronomer of Cincinnati Observatory) two O.S.I. members, Father Miller, the mayor of Norwood and R. Myers.

Jan. 11, 1950. Place: Norwood, Ohio. 1930 to 2115 hrs. Turned on light, but didn't find object until about 1945 hrs. when haze blew away. Observed it for about 15 minutes, very clearly, then it dimmed. It was called to my attention that some smaller objects were passing through the beam. I saw at least two objects several times. Also present were William Winkler, M/Sgt. R. Ekleberry, M/Sgt. John Savage and Sgt. W. Pflueger.

March 9, 1950. Place: Norwood, Ohio. 2000 to 2200 hrs. About 2000 I picked up object with the light. About 2045 hrs. two small objects came out of the disc and it looked as if the disc was pushed out of the beam. In about ten minutes, the disc moved back into the beam. The sky was clear. Eleven people were witnesses.

March 10, 1950. Place: Norwood, Ohio. 1900 to 2300 hrs. Caught object in beam at 1600 mils. At 1945 hrs. the object moved up and across the beam and disappeared. Half hour later, object reappeared in beam in same position. Object stayed in beam until I turned light off for the night. Present were Father Miller, Capt. Wilks, R. Myers, Wm. Winkler and others. Capt. Wilks phoned Wright-Patterson Field. Capt. Wilks watched the object with glasses while I moved the light.

The evidence is astounding! Here is proof of intelligent control; of a parent craft and its aerial brood watching greater Cincinnati. I have witnessed the 25 ft. film in the presence of Father Miller, my wife, saucer-sighter Jack C. Maish and WCPO-TV employees. I have talked with William Winkler, now of Detroit, who viewed, thru telescope, the hovering object several times apart from Sgt. Berger. I now possess photo frames of the film, which show the searchlight beam stabbing at the disc-shaped object. These are bona fide, with negatives, and will be on display at the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company "saucer" exhibit during August.

CINCINNATI GAS & ELECTRIC CO. SPONSERS FLYING SAUCER EXHIBIT: On August 9-29, this company's spacious lobby will be whirling with whatzits - open for a public look-see. Previous topical exhibits such as the Mt. Everest climb and Atomic Energy have attracted some 80,000 people. Your editor is helping in the planning and is furnishing material made possible by you readers. Many thanks for your cooperation and I hope you can see the show. --L. H. S.

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AIR FORCE & NEWS WIRES CLAM UP AS SCIENCE PONDERES LIFE ON MARS: Reports of vehicles from outer space, officially known as UFO's, are pouring in. During the period of June-July when Mars was closest to Earth, sightings increased. Reports are in from Finland, Australia, West Germany, England, Switzerland, Norway, Latin America--everywhere! People are seeing intelligently controlled objects, not to be confused with meteors, mirages or "met" balloons. Curiously, the news wires have remained silent.

Typical of Air Force clam-up is the Mobile, Ala. incident. Frank Edwards phoned this writer relating the UP news-break of June 30 as follows: "Brookley Air Force Base officials report radar units tracked UFO. It made no sound, was silvery colored, travelling at terrific speed and was definitely being maneuvered by intelligent beings." Significant here is AF admission of simultaneous visual and radar contact, but this report, shortly after release by Edwards, was muzzled. I checked for the U.P. story through The Cincinnati Post, but they had not received it. Attempting to trace the report back to its source, Mobile, The Post could learn nothing. The Air Force had intervened!

THE LABRADOR INCIDENT: One rare exception to the news wire censorship was in the detailed UP report, July 1, describing seven objects sighted by 11 crew members of a British stratocruiser, 150 miles south of Labrador. The signed official report read in part: "Against the clear western sunset sky the crew saw silhouettes of a large black object with six much smaller objects clustered about it. The big object seemed to change shape, taking on the appearance of a flat, broad device like the shape of an arrow . . . then it developed two bumps at the ends like a telephone receiver. It was dubbed a "jellyfish." The objects approached rapidly and passed parallel to the plane at a distance of 5 miles. The small round objects, which had been darting around the large body, seemed to merge. Suddenly the big one stopped moving and in a matter of seconds disappeared . . . in a right angle turn. At that time the jets (3 USAF craft on intercept mission) from Goose Bay were about 20 miles distant." Capt. James Howard and crew agreed: what they saw could not have been man made.

The U.S. Air Force facetiously called this mass sighting a mirage. But, let's view some further evidence occurring within a couple of hours of this incident.

THE ECLIPSE PHOTOS . . . A LINK TO LABRADOR and ALL POINTS WEST: Although a crew member of a scheduled TWA flight informed this writer that he observed nothing while flying over the same Atlantic area 13 minutes before the British flight, we find significance in another report from Oslo, Norway. It reads:

"A cameraman who photographed the eclipse for scientists made a startling discovery when he saw the films. He also had photographed six shining, white disc-shaped objects! The objects were flying at a great distance from the aircraft whose altitude was 13,000 ft. Said cameraman John Bjornulf, 'Members of the expedition probably did not see them at the time of the eclipse because they were concentrating on the sun'."

EDITOR'S NOTE: "The regional proximity of the two incidents (North Atlantic), the same number of objects (six minus the larger "jellyfish" object or parent craft) and the relative time factor (within two hours) all lend credence to the belief that the objects appearing in the eclipse photos are of one and the same group witnessed by the British crew and passengers. Although the AF called the S. Labrador incident a mirage, we take note that U.S. jets were readily scrambled and that the mysterious intruders were dispelled on their intercept. Watch all news from the Atlantic area.

SAUCER FILES REVIEWED: It is presently impossible for any civilian research group to compile a composite list of all the significant UFO sightings during the months of Martian nearness to Earth. The number of reports reaching my desk alone, is staggering. Frank Edwards, Washington news commentator, tells me he's swamped. Other civilian groups are likewise busy -- and as I reported last month, Lt. Col. O'Mara admitted to me that the A. F. is receiving an average of 700 UFO reports weekly.

In fairness to the many readers who contribute clippings and personal sightings from their local area, but who are kept in the dark as to "saucer" visitations elsewhere, your editor has instituted a CASE FILE REVIEW section to start this issue.

Each sighting or incident listed will be catalogued in CRIFO files and henceforth be referred to by its case number. Any additional details supplied by members concerning the following reports will be appreciated.

C-1, Albuquerque, N. Mex., 7/3/54) Following is copy of radio message released by govt. radar station. It was picked up by an airline's operations employee, working at Chicago's Midway airport. "0105-C... Nine unidentified spherical objects giving off green light reported 20 miles north ABQ (Albuquerque) Field at 24,000 ft. Objects hovered motionless for 6 minutes then proceeded 340 degrees at approx. 2600 mph. Altitude and speed by triangulation... ABQ ADIZ RADAR." (Thanks to Robt. W. Hopkins, La Grange, Ill.)

C-2, Bloomington, Ind., 6/23/54) Assoc. member, Thad W. Culmer II of Robinson, Ill., reports observing at 10 p.m. a metallic, blue-white, egg-shaped object moving "extremely fast" from East to West. Making no sound and leaving no trail, the object gave out two enormous flashes, maintained same shape and size after each burst, then vanished. Culmer said he believed the object was solid and controlled and was not a meteor since it did not disintegrate after the first big flash. ED. NOTE: Absence of luminous debris trail after first or second flash plus stabilization of form rules out meteor or bolide.

C-3, Minneapolis, Minn., 5/5/54) On its 11 p.m. broadcast, station KSTP said a group of astronomy students who were watching the stars from the roof of the physics bldg. at Un. of Minn. reported seeing a V-shaped formation of objects fly over shortly after 9:30 p.m. They were described as small, round and white and shone with a clear, steady light. They travelled from horizon to horizon much faster than a jet plane and made no sound. (Thanks to E. R. Lee)

C-4, 29 Palms, Calif., early '54) Mrs. "X" was working in the yard when there was suddenly a brilliance all around her. Hearing no noise and looking up she saw an object in the air. She described it as "cigar shaped, all silver, no wings, no windows, no propellers." It stood still for a while then went straight up in the sky, then turned toward Victorville. At this time it was so high it looked like a star. When questioned as to its height when hovering, she said, "About as high as the sheriff flies over 29 Palms in his plane." Mrs. O. C. Hester, of Sequoia National Park, who sends us this report, says, "That would be about 500 ft."

C-5, St. Johnsbury, 6/24/54) State police were investigating reports of three yellow high-flying objects from "reliable" witnesses in St. Johnsbury. The objects were described as noiseless and continually bobbing. One witness, Roy Bonnette, said he saw one object start to move, go straight up into the air where it was joined by two others. Then they disappeared. (Thanks to Roland Fordham of Waterbury, Vt.)

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"THREAT OF COURT MARTIAL KEEPS MILITARY PILOTS SILENT ON SAUCERS"

--- KEYHOE: Below is a verbatim letter addressed to CRIFO for publication. The author, Major Donald Keyhoe, is pre-eminent in the field of interplanetary research: he has opened public eyes twice with his revealing, bona fide facts about "saucers" in "Flying Saucers are Real" and recently, "Flying Saucers from Outer Space."

"Dear Mr. Stringfield:

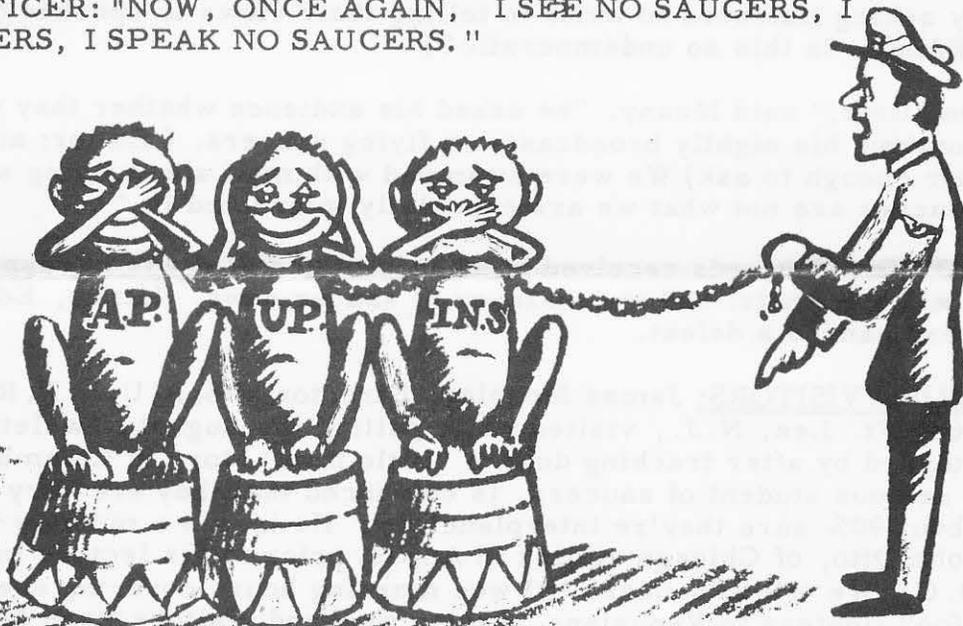
For the past four months, our entire world has been under constantly increasing surveillance by the unknown race which controls the 'flying saucers.' During this same time, the 'silence group' in the Air Force has fought to keep the truth from the public. Hundreds of UFO's, operating singly and in formations, have been sighted by our military and airline pilots, all over the world. But the threat of court-martial if reports are made public keeps military pilots silent; and only a few airline pilots have risked official anger by publicly reporting these dramatic encounters Through CRIFO you are doing a valuable public service, helping to expose this conspiracy of silence.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Keyhoe

Major, U.S. Marine Corps., Ret."

AIR FORCE OFFICER: "NOW, ONCE AGAIN, I SEE NO SAUCERS, I HEAR NO SAUCERS, I SPEAK NO SAUCERS."



J.P. BESSOR

John P. Bessor of Pittsburgh, Pa., has sleuthed saucers since the Ken Arnold incident in 1947. He has had articles appear in many publications, expostulating his theory that the phenomena are "ectoplasmic, stratospheric-ionospheric, teleported 'animals.'"

PINK-TOED "THING" FOUND ON BRITISH BEACH: Dateline, Canvey Island, England, August 11, 1954. "A grotesque sea creature four feet long and with two five-toed feet was found on the beach . . . by Rev. Joseph Overs. He described the thing, which was dead, as 'a sort of a fish with staring eyes and a large mouth underneath. It has two perfect feet, each with five pink toes.' A similar unidentified creature, 2-1/2 feet long, was washed up on the same beach last November."

Mr. H. G. Rovner of Philadelphia, the sender of this clipping writes: "We must always have an objective view . . . in the strangest places and in the strangest 'things' we may find something significant. Many sightings have taken place in the N. Atlantic, where, running up, we have the Gulf Stream and other currents . . . which could have washed our 'thing' ashore. The ocean makes the easiest burial place. Maybe these 'neighbors' can exist in our oceans . . . if so, then it seems practical that they could accidentally meet death there or die naturally and be washed ashore." (Editor: In saucer lore, anything is possible. True, the Atlantic is a hotbed for saucers.)

FRANK EDWARDS, CHAMPION OF SAUCER TRUTHS, SILENCED: Whether listeners agreed or not with all the opinions expressed by Frank Edwards, famous Mutual radio commentator, he was well-liked by ALL for his candor and free-of-double-talk delivery on many public issues. Edwards was alone among commentators who fought courageously to reveal the true perspective and the true FACTS about flying saucers. He was equally determined this year to talk saucers until the truth was made known -- but he lost . . . lost to bias, ignorance and pressure.

"News should not be mixed with opinion", said Philip Pearl, AFL spokesman, but George Meany, the Federation's president uttered the real misgiving when he expressed distaste over Edwards' "violation" of a policy directive by asking listeners to write in telling their views to specific questions. (Editor: is this so undemocratic?)

"One time," said Meany, "he asked his audience whether they wanted him to continue his nightly broadcasts on flying saucers. (Editor: at least he was fair enough to ask) We were swamped with mail about flying saucers, and, saucers are not what we are especially interested in."

EDITOR: Edwards received thousands of postal cards in response to his request. Results: 500 to 1 in favor of saucer news. Hence, Edwards' listeners were handed a defeat.

CRIFO VISITORS: James Moseley, Director of S. A. U. C. E. R. S. , PO Box 163, Ft. Lee, N. J. , visited, while putting the August Newsletter to bed. He stopped by after tracking down a "little man" story in Columbus, Ohio. Moseley, a serious student of saucers, is convinced that they are very real and is about 90% sure they're interplanetary. He issues a monthly bulletin . . . John Otto, of Chicago visited in August prior to his lecture in Washington, D. C. We talked saucers 'til wee morning hours covering every phase, from "foo" fighters to Venusians. Recent weekend visitors were Mr. & Mrs. Robert T. Smith of Indianapolis; both were witnesses to the mysterious craft frightening that city in July, 1952. Bob and I served in the 5th Air Force together in the Pacific Theatre, W. W. II

AN OPEN LETTER, FROM SCIENTIST, EXPOSES TRUTH IN DETAIL OF FAMOUS TREMONTON FILM: Quoted below is a verbatim letter received in this writer's correspondence with Dr. "L. D.", a nuclear scientist (name withheld) who personally witnessed the controversial Tremonton Film. Since Major Keyhoe's recent book, the Air Force has either called the objects, appearing in the film, "sea gulls" or denied the film's existence. Yet, contradictorily, an A. F. spokesman said, Sept. 28, 1953, that the owner of the film, Navy W/O Delbert Newhouse, "can make the film public if he wishes." However, when this writer asked LIFE magazine about pictorializing the film, they replied, Nov. 25, 1953. "... we have not heard anything more about the once proposed showing of the Tremonton films ... we shall certainly be interested when and if this material is made public." Readers, please note paragraph three in the letter following:

"I was at the Pentagon on the afternoon of Nov. 5, 1952, as a result of an invitation by letter of Oct. 23, 1952, from Colonel 'W. A. A.', Chief of the Topical Division in the Office of the Deputy Director for Estimates, in the Directorate of Intelligence, under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, of the U. S. Air Force. I met Col. 'A' and Major 'D. J. J. F.' and we spent two hours discussing flying saucers and the Air Force's investigation of the subject.

"Early in the afternoon I mentioned that I was puzzled because the A. F. repeatedly said it could find no correlations or patterns in the sightings. I pointed out that it was clear, from the cases listed in the August, 1949 secret 'Project Grudge' report, report No. 102-AC, 49/15-100, issued by AMC.HQ at Wright-Patterson, that there was a certain correlation in the number of objects seen at one time. At this, Col. 'A' remarked to Major 'F' that 'these films only show about 10 objects' or words to that effect. Major 'F' disagreed, and I expressed an interest in seeing the films, if possible. They then described the film to me, essentially as Keyhoe did in 'F. S. from Outer Space', except that they did not name the photographer or the state in which they were taken, referring only to a 'Western' state.

"Later, Major 'F' took me into a nearby briefing room and ran the films off for me twice, also stopping the film at several points so that I could examine typical frames at length. I was told that about six prints had been made, and had been submitted to various photo-labs in the country, (including LIFE mag's lab, as I recall) to be scrutinized for fakery, etc. I was told that no evidence of fraud was found, and no evidence that the objects shown were any conventional objects, birds, etc. Major 'F' also said that various analyses and estimates had been made from the film, which were really only conjecture because there was no 'base-line' information in the film. These analyses indicated that the objects had accelerations (as I recall) up to about 25G in turns.

"The movies themselves were in color, showing a clear blue sky background. Ten small whitish objects darted around in the field of view, apparently in random motion independent of each other, yet on the average staying together in a group like a swarm of gnats. Two objects, from opposite sides of the group, would head for each other as if to crash head-on and then veer off into the 'milling throng.' The overall impression was that of a crowd of kids running around in a school playground without supervision. I was impressed by the resemblance of this behavior to that described by the radar observers at Washington D. C. in July 1952 when about 10 objects appeared on radar and visually on two successive weekends.

"The shape of the objects seemed elliptical. No wings or fins could be noted, but as the objects turned I got the impression that they had a varying sunny side and shady side, indicating they might have been disc-shaped or saucer-shaped, but were not spherical. The images of the objects on the screen were about 1/4 inch or 1/2 inch in maximum size, as I recall, while the whole picture was about two feet wide as the projector and screen were set up.

"After about two minutes of running time, during which all ten objects continued their random motion, dog-fighting, etc., one object darted off toward the right. The photographer did not attempt to follow or 'pan' the object steadily, but swung the camera to the right and held it while the object flew across the field of view again. As I recall, there were about two or three such 'swings' and then the films of the saucers abruptly ended and a different object appeared on the screen. This sounds ridiculous, but this object was the business end of an ornately decorated sewing machine, seen from the end. After five seconds of this, the film ended. No explanation was given by Major 'F' for the presence of the sewing machine, but I assume that the photographer had taken the shots to get some colorful object to finish off the reel of film.

"I gathered, from talking with Major 'F' that he, and those working with him, were convinced that the objects were real and were authentic 'flying saucers.' But, he wouldn't tell me what he thought 'saucers' really were. He was about to leave the service in Dec. of 1952 and stated that the 'saucer' assignment was the toughest job he ever had. He had written a report which he wanted the A. F. to issue, stating his group's opinion on what saucers were, but General 'S', head of the A. F. Intelligence, refused to release the report. (As far as I know, it has not been released to this date.) Major 'F' let me see a few pages of the dittoed report, but not the conclusions. I gathered from his general attitude that the report concluded that saucers were extra-terrestrial but I would not want to commit him on this; it is merely my guess as to his conclusions.

EDITOR'S NOTE: At this point in his letter, correspondent, Dr. 'L. D.' states his belief as to the identity of the flying saucer:

"To keep the record straight, let me state here that I believe the saucers to be secret American devices, and I believe that General 'S' knows this full well, which is why he would not want such an erroneous report issued. This would also explain the other facts which Col. 'A' and Major 'F' told me that day, namely, that the General was convinced absolutely that the saucers were no menace to the United States, even though the A. F. could not state officially that they knew what they were. It would explain the abysmally low budget which the A. F. saucer investigation project had in 1952. It would explain why the General did not feel the time was yet ripe to release all the secret files of saucer reports and invite all the nation's interested scientists to try to solve the 'mystery!'"

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CASE FILE REVIEW: In the August Newsletter, CASE FILE REVIEW was instituted for the convenience of readers and researchers, listing sightings and incidents by reference number.

August skies, like all previous months of 1954, were locust-swarmed with neo-form and proto-form objects. Whether this incredible number of sightings is attributable to the nearness of Mars, or the increased productivity of secret American missiles, no one was talking for the record. One leading astronomer told me recently that he has long believed that some unknown low form of life exists on Mars. While some observers even deny this speculation, other informants like Dorothy Kilgallen teased her readers on July 29 . . . "Is it possible that new peeps through the telescope on Mt. Palomar indicate that many a scientist -- and test book -- could have been wrong about the universe?

C-14, Cedarhurst, L. Is., N. Y., 8/10/54) While observing Saturn with his 4-inch reflector telescope, Edward Heinhold, amateur astronomer, spotted a strange object moving in that area, "low in the west. "" To the naked eye", said Heinhold, "it seemed to be a fairly bright star." Focusing his telescope on it, at 167 diameters, revealed that the bright object was six lights moving in a straight line. "They seemed to be in one body, evenly spaced, except for two, which were nearer together," said Heinhold. Looking like a "caterpillar" the objects proceeded East, covering horizon to horizon in approximately 15 minutes (from 10:45 P. M. to 11:00 P. M. EDT). "While in motion" said Heinhold, "the first two lights wavered back and forth, then approaching the Eastern horizon, the front lights suddenly disappeared." Heinhold then indicates by a drawing that the chain of lights changed position and "moved horizontally." After a while, he says, "two more lights disappeared and about 30 seconds later the remaining lights vanished while still above the Horizon." Heinhold adds that he could see no shape around the lights; they did not blink, and they made no sound. "Since the individual lights could not be distinguished by the unaided eye," avers Heinhold, "they must have been terrifically high."

C-15, Vandalia (North of Dayton, O.) About 9/7/53)'At the time I saw this UFO I had approximately 1100 hrs. in the air. I am in the U.S. Naval Reserve and was on a routine cross-country night flight from NAS, Columbus to Indianapolis with a wingman. We were flying FG-1D Corsairs.

"About 2015 we were flying at 4000' MSL, north of Dayton, near Vandalia. I was in #2 position at the time. I noticed a brilliant white flashing light pass directly below us from a South to North, travelling extremely fast at about 2000' Alt. I called my wingman, but he did not see it. After passing beneath us it pulled up and climbed rapidly out of sight to the North. The light was much like burning magnesium.

"Returning from Indianapolis about 2100 I was leading the flight. I noticed the same brilliant white light at 12 o'clock high and called my wingman again. This time he saw it. It stayed motionless relative to the airplane's movement for about two minutes, then disappeared. It reappeared again quickly at 9 o'clock level. It again remained motionless for about two minutes and then dove and pulled up ahead of us and climbed out of sight. At no time were we close enough to see any concrete object or shape. Both of us were at a loss to explain this phenomenon."

EDITOR: The above report, sent in by C. M. Smith of Lancaster, Ohio, was signed by Lt., g "S. D. S.", USNR-R. A similar object was reported in the same area, June, 1954, by pilot, Harry L. Ree, Jr. See Case-6.

C-16, Washington, D. C., 12:50 P.M., 8/17/54) P. Wilson Redcay, E. E. watched the performance of an unidentified object from a roof top located on one of the highest points in that city. He described the visibility as unusually good, the sky clear with traces of cirrus clouds. The object appeared over the Soldier's Home in the NE section. Says Redcay, "The object moved fast in a north-easterly direction, seemed to make a right angle turn without banking. Noticed several puffs of smoke which appeared to accelerate the object to speeds of several thousand miles per hour. Seconds later, the object appeared to fly southward and seemed to turn on edge which showed a silvery flash, probably from the sun's reflection.

C-17, Columbia, S. C., 8/14/54) Several Columbians, including five fire department members, reported spotting a mysterious object, which, according to Fire Captain, A.H. Joyner, was "round like a balloon, white or silver, coming in from the North about a mile high." Joyner said the object "roared" over Main Street to the Capitol, then buzzed off toward the nearby fair grounds. The group agreed it was doing about 400 miles per hour. (Editor: Jets are not round: balloons don't 'roar' or travel at such speeds. Round or spherical objects have caused concern to the British.)

C-18, Cedar Grove N. J., 6/26/54) Hugh R. Long, in charge of personnel of G. O. C. at Verona Sanatorium disclosed that Stanley Jarmick, Production Engineer and Charles Scheinhing of the Stewart Mfg. Co., reported seeing three shiny objects in the daylight western sky about 9:00 A.M. The hovering objects were described as disc-shaped and after a short time disappeared behind some clouds. On the previous Sunday, the Observation Post reported seeing a "meteor" fall in the direction of Oberbrook Hospital and disintegrate. Thanks to Mrs. Joseph Sieger. (Editor: Hmm, shall we watch the Jersey beaches now for one of those "pink-toed things?")

C-19, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 6/31/54) The Idaho Falls Post Register reported that it had received at least a half-dozen calls from AEC workers, who witnessed a mysterious light that suddenly exploded, hung momentarily in the air, and then zoomed skyward, out of sight. (The light was seen over the AEC's National Reactor Testing station . . . a number of reports have been received in recent months regarding mysterious lights at the NRTS.) Said one witness, Kelly Brooks, "It seemed like a big flood-light was suddenly turned on." Another witness with Brooks, A. L. Taylor said, "It looked like a flashbulb of a camera exploding, only much longer. I guess it must have lit up an area for six or eight miles around. It was bright enough so that we saw all of the cars in front of us. They were all slowed down to watch. The light hung in the air and then went up and disappeared." Taylor added, " I know it wasn't any of the big lights from AEC." Most of the reports time the light's duration at between two and three minutes. Thanks to Frank Holtzdow of Boise. (Editor: Note Case-2: also refer to significance of "red spray" cases mentioned in Keyhoe's recent book. Another parallel incident is the inexplicable aerial "explosions" occurring over Seattle on May 11, 1952.)

BULLETIN: At press time, reports from the Eastern Seaboard have poured in, telling of unusual aerial activity in that area. Jets were sent up. Thousands of people jammed the switchboards of newspapers, police stations and G. O. C. Centers in Philadelphia and other cities. The case will be evaluated and reported in full next month.

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EXCLUSIVE: PRIVATE TALK WITH LT. COLONEL JOHN O'MARA, DEPUTY COMMANDER, INTELLIGENCE, CONFIRMS THE EXISTENCE OF "FLYING SAUCERS" -- TRUTH MAY BE BARED SOON AS "TECHNICAL DATA" REACHES THE AIR FORCE. AIR FORCE PLANS COOPERATION WITH PUBLIC.

The greatest story involving Earth and Space may soon be told. The "silence" group -- that official fear-faction of the Air force -- who for years fought to keep the truth from the public has now lost its anaconda-hold on accumulative evidence. Stimulated by recent events, the triumphant fearless-faction of the Air Force will take the benighted public into confidence. As Col. O'Mara intimated: we want to cooperate and dispense with the misconception that "flying saucers" do not exist. Here is the essence of Col. O'Mara's statements, 9/21/54:

Flying saucers "do exist" the Colonel told me, and he added, in effect, past contradictions were unfortunate. At this point I asked the Colonel if there were two breakdowns of saucers ... the interplanetary device and the secret American missile. I was first corrected on the term "missile", then the Colonel said he believed there were "three breakdowns" -- the third, "natural phenomena." By such an admission, we therefore have these three breakdowns ... 1) the controlled "saucer" from outer space... 2) a secret American saucer-like device and 3) unexplained natural phenomena.

When I tried for a committal statement on the interplanetary "saucer" I was, as expected, rebuffed, but was told that in their research they were "gradually getting more data." Then for corroboration, I asked if all the saucers seen by Americans were American devices and to this the Colonel replied: "Definitely not! Something does exist," he said, which, of course, is diametric to all A. F. statements following Major Keyhoe's book. In this respect, the Colonel intimated that the A. F. plans to cooperate with the public ... and a statement will be forthcoming from the Defense Dept. which will explain some of the past contradictions and release the details behind many of the sightings. When I asked, again, about the 700 sightings a week, he told me that this would be covered in the A. F. release.

Col. O'Mara and I discussed many sensitive issues. Although he spoke guardedly, the Colonel was wonderfully cooperative, and I could well appreciate his position in relation to official security. When, for instance, I asked about the Earth Satellites, and the theory indicating they were "rocks" (see page 3) he replied that he has not received word they were "rocks." He said the scientist in White Sands "are still working very hard and have lots of things to work on." When I asked about the silent Mars Committee he explained that the astronomers have not issued a report because "they are in disagreement" as to what they found.

In my 26 minute talk with the Colonel we also discussed saucer hostility, mysterious plane crashes, the Atlantic problem, and, whether or not the CRIFO Newsletter was slanted in the right direction. Re: the latter, the Colonel said, in effect, that it (the Newsletter) was in the right direction ...

Editor's Note: Our Newsletter, due to above information, was revamped the last minute. What was the first page is now the second, et al.

SAUCERS HARASS EARTH; FEAR OF WORLD PANIC FORCES INTERNATIONAL CENSORSHIP: Behind the Mask of Comedy is tragedy -- the tragedy of censorship; on stage is the "Flying Saucer" whose misfortune of name has held it ludicrously before the public eye since Ken Arnold announced "nine saucer-like things" flying near Mt. Ranier in 1947.

"Saucers" in their true dimension are less ludicrous to world governments. Working in cooperative secrecy they have enforced a bowstring-tight conspiracy of censorship. A recent example is found in this writer's correspondence with the Chilean Naval Mission in Washington, D. C. To quote their reply of December 23, 1953:

"We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter . . . regarding the photographs showing UFO's in formational flight, which you mention were taken by Captain Orrego of the Chilean Navy near Antarctica in 1948.

'Regarding this matter we wish to inform you that recently we received a communication from Capt. Orrego stating that he had not seen any UFO's over the Antarctica in 1948, therefore, the photographs requested by you do not exist. . . ."

(Signed) Harold Nagel, Captain
Chief of the Chilean Naval Mission.

Going back into old files I find that Capt. Augusto Orrego said: "During the bright antarctic night we saw flying saucers, one above the other, turning at tremendous speeds. We have photographs to prove what we saw."

And now, the proof of Chilean contradiction, thus international censorship. Here I refer to Major Keyhoe's recent book. He says: "Later, when I requested copies from the Chilean Embassy in Washington I was told that the pictures (Captain Orrego's) were classified."

Editor: For the pictures to be classified they first had to exist. Why, during December, did they fail to exist? Does this tie in with the U. S. Air Force's sudden security ruling, which I learned by letter from ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, dated Dec. 17, 1953. They said, in part: "In reference to your letter, the ATIC has been directed to make all information on Project Blue Book available to the Dept. of Defense for release from that point only"

What happened in those yestermoth skies? Why do our Air Force and Central Intelligence bend over backwards to circumvent the truth about flying saucers? Why do foreign governments self-contradict themselves? Are they hiding super-saucer missiles of their own . . . or, are they all just being cooperative to conceal some great American weapon? Hardly!

The answer is in the skies today . . . right this minute! Fresh reports come to my desk daily. They come from competent and honest people. While these reports are being written other vehicles are crossing the barriers of space and time to "violate" earth's international boundaries . . . to harass the paths of airlines, and with increasing frequency, to come closer to terra firma. Here, they hover over roof tops, "buzz" automobiles and peer into house windows. Some cause destruction, even death. Are these the behind-the-scenes reasons for censorship?

THE EARTH SATELLITE ENIGMA -- ARE THEY MOSCOW'S ... METEORIC OR MARTIAN? Statements conflict, as usual. I first reported these two mysterious earth satellites in my April Newsletter ... then again, following Lt. Col. O'Mara's admission to me, June 8, that a govt. project was tracking the objects but that the evidence was conflicting.

I heard nothing more until Aug. 3 when Edward W. Hermann, special agent for McGraw-Hill Publications, told me Dave Anderton, Engineering Editor of Aviation Week, had received a report from Dr. Lincoln La Paz regarding the satellites, and, that it would "appear in detail in a coming issue." In that a correspondent friend, Ted Bloecher of New York, tells me he tried dozens of newstands for the magazine, but to no avail (indicating a sudden scarcity) I will quote the August 23, 1954 issue of Aviation Week:

"Pentagon scare over the observance of two previously unobserved satellites orbiting the earth had dissipated with the identification of the objects as natural, not artificial satellites. Dr. Lincoln La Paz ... headed the identification project. One satellite is orbiting about 400 miles out while the other track is 600 miles from the earth. Pentagon thought the Russians had beaten the U. S. to space operations."

Now, the rest of the story, thanks to Ted Bloecher. Says Ted: "Being of a nature that is naturally suspicious of anything printed, I wrote Dr. La Paz and requested that he verify this release. I received an answer yesterday. (Sept. 8). In his letter, Dr. La Paz regrets 'that Aviation Week's misleading satellite story has received such widespread and uncritical publicity.' Enclosed also was the letter he (La Paz) had written to A. P. Strangely enough, the papers were content with carrying the false report, for I've seen no mention of Dr. La Paz's correction on this report."

Following is copy of letter, in part, by Dr. La Paz, to the Associated Press:

"Scientifically and militarily, the search for nearby satellites of the earth is one of the most important on which mankind has ever embarked. It is therefore unfortunate, although not surprising, that false rumors are bound to be circulated in regard to the nature and results of this search.

"As regards the Aviation Week story on the satellite search, summarized in the A. P. release shown me, it is false in every particular insofar as reference to me is concerned. ... No one representing Aviation Week has questioned me concerning any possible connection I may have with the satellite search program, and no one whatever has been authorized to credit me with the activities attributed to me in the Aviation Week story."

(Signed) Lincoln La Paz
Director Institute of Meteoritics

Your letters and clippings are greatly appreciated; each is carefully read and filed. Since the April Newsletter, more than 8000 letters have crossed my desk -- a tremendous load for just two people. My wife, Dell, handles all administrative details, subscriptions, mailing, etc., while I direct the research and prepare the Newsletter. We are both grateful for your kind letters and your enduring patience. KEEP THE MAIL COMING, but we're afraid to commit ourselves on a reply. The Newsletter is published first Friday of the month. Subscription \$2.00 a year, starting with June 1954 issue. Six month subscriptions starting in April terminate with Oct. issue. Mark RENEWAL clearly with remittance. Back copies of April, May, June issues available at 25¢ each. Foreign subscriptions (except Canada) are \$2.60 regular first class mail. Air Mail add 50¢ extra per issue of Newsletter.

LOGAN, UTAH JOLTED BY VIOLENT EXPLOSION AND GAPING CRATER FOLLOWING MYSTERIOUS "STREAK OF LIGHT" IN SKY: First guess -- a meteorite, but as the evidence was assembled by foremost authorities, the theory dissipated. Here's the story, thanks to the help of Mrs. John German of Woodscross, Utah who probed the Salt Lake Tribune files for the early facts -- before SILENCE!

On May 7, 1954 the Tribune reported: "A 'conventional meteorite fall' did not produce the crater found west of here Sunday, and probing operations at the scene have been discontinued, geologists said. In a 73-word statement, 3 scientists gave reasons why they ended their investigation, but it contained no opinion on who or what made the hole, or how it was made.

"The statement, signed by J. Stewart Williams, professor of geology, Utah State Agricultural College, Lincoln La Paz, director, Institute of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico and Clyde T. Hardy, USAC geology professor read:

'In the region extending from Clarkston south to Paradise, exhaustive interrogation of numerous persons who saw or heard the explosive phenomenon at midnight on May 1 has been carried out. The testimony thus obtained and material evidence recovered as a result of subsurface investigations at the site of the explosion west of Logan have disclosed that the crater was not produced by a conventional meteorite fall. For these reasons, operations have been discontinued!'

And from the Tribune, May 5: "Dr. Lincoln La Paz spent his first full day here, working with Dr. J. Stewart Williams and Dr. Clyde T. Hardy. On his arrival here Monday night, Dr. La Paz said the hole must have been made by a 'whopper' if it contains a meteorite. They decided to place a frame around the crater and cover it with wire mesh. Workers will stand on movable planks and probe with a pipe. In this way they will know they have probed every place possible under the mesh.

" 'My recommendation is that we excavate until we find what made the hole,' said Dr. La Paz, who is credited with recovering the world's largest aerolite, weighing more than one ton. "

The incident occurred on May 1 bringing "500 phone calls" to the Logan City Police Dept. Residents reported their houses "shaken" and TV viewers said their reception was disturbed. A check made later with Hill Air Force Base and Salt Lake City indicated no planes in the area for several hours. A war veteran described the 16 ft. wide and 6 ft. deep hole as looking like a "bomb crater." Sod was found scattered in all directions for more than 100 yards.

On Aug. 31, '54, I wrote Dr. Clyde T. Hardy, geologist who worked on the project, asking if any substantial evidence as to its (the explosion's) source had been uncovered. Following is Dr. Hardy's reply of Sept. 11, 1954:

"Reference is made to your letter of Aug. 31 re. the explosion and crater west of Logan. Although a fireball was reported by several people previous to the ground explosion, I am personally convinced that they were confused. One especially competent observer describes a ground flash only and he was favorably situated to see all aspects of the occurrence. "

(Signed) Clyde T. Hardy
Assoc. Prof., Dept. Geology

JET "EXPLODES" CHASING UFO NEAR UTICA, N. Y.: The gamy but saucer-phobic press tried pitting wits with its readership. They handed the unsuspecting reader a front page story without the facts, then (see July 3 New York Times) presented the facts in a separate story buried in the back pages. Reason: They feared public reaction to saucer tragedy, viz: Capt. Mantell. But, wits didn't pit right with Ted Bloecher and others such as Lester S. Parker of Topeka, Kansas. They correlated the loose ends:

Let's review one "end" -- the front page story: A jet fighter returning from a "scramble" to investigate an "unidentified aircraft", plunged into tiny Walesville eleven miles southwest of Utica, about 12:30 P.M., July 2, 1954. The plane crashed into an auto and two buildings killing four persons.

The Air Force in Washington announced the F-94-C Starfire had been sent up on "an active air defense intercept mission." According to the U. P. release of July 3, "Air Force spokesmen said the cockpit of the plane . . . became unbearably hot during the flight and that the pilot ordered his radar observer to bail out . . . then bailed out himself at 7000 ft."

According to the A. P. release in New York Times July 3, "The air base (Griffis AFB) said, ' that fuel in the burning plane apparently had exploded when the jet crashed.' They said it had not been determined whether an explosion occurred while the jet was in the air."

"Later," according to A. P., "an AF spokesman in Washington said the intercepted plane was one that had failed to file a flight plan with C. A. A. or, one that drifted off its announced flight path."

The U. P. and A. P. stories of disaster were essentially true, but because of the "disaster" angle they designated the pursued object as a "plane" rather than a UFO. Ted Bloecher, who did some checking, told me that his friend, Ed Wilkenson, listened to a broadcast which described the incident, thus: "The jet had successfully contacted the UFO but still could not identify it."

But Ted Bloecher's real find was in the small item buried in the New York Times' (July 3) back pages. It reads:

"A silvery, balloon-like object floating high over the Utica area sent residents rushing to their telephones to make inquiries of newspapers, police and radio stations.

"The Utica Press estimated that more than 1000 calls about the object jammed its switchboard between 6 and 10:00 P.M. It was reported sighted by residents in a twenty-five mile radius extending from Rome on the west to Frankfort, east of Utica.

"Col. Milton F. Summerfelt commandant of the Air Force Depot at Rome said the object appeared to be a plastic balloon about 40 ft. long and partially deflated. He theorized that it was making a gradual descent and said that if it still were in the area tomorrow morning a plane would be sent to investigate.

"A Mohawk Airlines pilot estimated the altitude of the object at about 20,000 ft. He said he saw a light apparently shining from it."

A WORD FROM "SILENCED" BUT NOT FORGOTTEN FRANK EDWARDS:

Many hundreds of letters have been received asking for "inside" details behind Frank Edwards' dismissal from radio. Many have voiced their anger and, many like Shirley Watson of Vienna, Va., have vociferated their feelings to Mr. Meany, AFL President. CRIFO owes a lot to Frank Edwards, so I wrote Frank recently and asked him for a statement. Here is Frank's reply of August 26, 1954 in part:

"The facts are that for a long time I had been fighting the encroachment of censorship imposed by Meany. The final straw came when on Aug. 2nd this year he sent me a memorandum imposing conditions which my attorneys regard as a violation of my contract . . . and conditions under which I could no longer continue to produce the same type of broadcast which had built my program to one of the top three . . . according to AFL statements.

"Meany's Aug. 2 memo notified me that the AFL censor would tell me what items MUST be carried. Still disguised as an 'editor' the censor would inspect the scripts and stand by to see that I carried the material as directed.

"Am glad that I was able to be of assistance to you in the dissemination of the material in which we both, along with millions of others, are so deeply interested. "

Best wishes, (Signed) Frank Edwards

Readers will be interested to know that Frank Edwards has written an article entitled "SPIES IN THE SKIES?" which is to appear in the Nov. issue of Real magazine. Says Frank: "It deals with some of the little known aspects of the greatest news story of our times." DON'T MISS IT!

MYSTERY METAL IGNITES ROAD: Woodside, California officials and residents were baffled by a shower of white-hot metal pellets, Aug. 27, 1954. The furore was triggered when a woman motorist saw a "circle of fire" along Pertola Road. Later firemen found scores of small pieces of flaming metal burning the pavement over an area about 70 by 250 feet. The blacktop bubbled where the metal burned into it and grass fires were started where the metal burned along the shoulders of the highway. A resident, Ignacio Miramontes, reported hearing a loud explosion about 4:15 P.M., but saw nothing.

According to U. P. release, "Metallurgists and AF officials offered no solution for the white-hot pellets. "San Mateo officials reported the pellets ranging in size from a dime to a 50 cent piece, and according to Woodside Fire Chief, John Volpaino, the metal shower burned holes in the road surface a quarter of an inch deep. "I just can't figure it out," he said. "It has me completely mystified. " Deputy Sheriff Robert Benassini said the metal scraps had irregular marking and appeared to have come from a "cylindrical object. "

An Air Force spokesman advanced the theory, the metal came from jet plane exhaust pipes which reach extreme temperatures in flight. However, a check with air bases disclosed no military jets were in the bay area Friday. (Thanks to Perry G. Powers of Duarte and an unnamed informant who sent in the story from San Fransisco Call Bulletin.)

THE "SPLOTCHED PAINT MYSTERY": On the same date in Little Hollywood, in a community in the valley by the bay just north of San Fransisco County line, residents were baffled by a "splotched paint mystery"! About half of the approximate 300 homes in the area were affected. One white stucco house turned pink, a gray house splotched, a green house came out looking like a "marble cake. " None of the residents had an explanation.

THE CINCINNATI PAINT INCIDENT -- A PARALLEL PHENOMENON?

Residents in Cincinnati, Sept. 11, '54 had similar experiences. One Albert Allgeyer came home from work to find the bright yellow trim on his two-story house stained to a "washed-out brown, almost black color." The stains wouldn't rub off, without taking the hard top coat of paint, too. It looked like someone had used a blow-torch, and in some places the stains appeared in dirty brown rivulets. Allgeyer was certain that the stains weren't there the night before. So was Howard May, neighbor, who received similar treatment. His house is trimmed in yellow too, as is another house across the street where stains appeared.

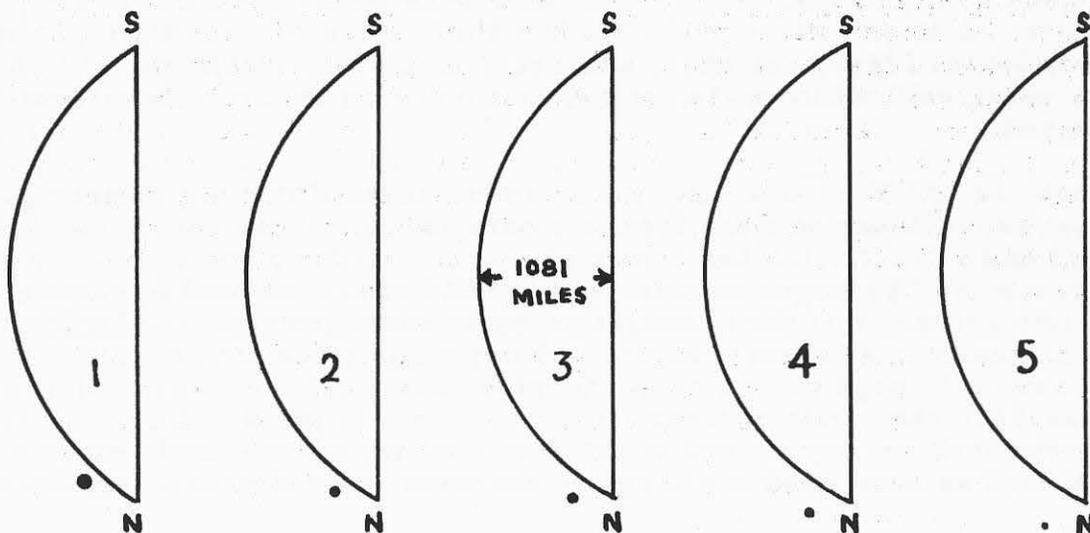
On Sept. 22, I talked with Allgeyer again and learned that the Kettering Lab at University of Cincinnati had taken air samples as well as specimens of the affected paint. A Dr. Hughes explained that the mystery was caused by the chemical reaction of hydrogen sulphide which could attack the lead in certain paints. The Lab averred that the chemical probably emanated from the Millcreek Valley which runs near Allgeyer's home, and which has since affected other homes in the area. Although a Proctor and Gamble doctor who examined Allgeyer told him that the chemical mentioned is not injurious to people, Allgeyer, five days after the incident complained of extreme swelling of both hands and eye lids. Described as some kind of allergy -- not hives, they offered no explanation.

Editor's Note: Remembering other ubiquitous mysteries, viz., pitted windshields, metallic pellets, curious ash deposits, I referred to a recent article written by Edward S. Schultz, of Buffalo, N. Y. entitled, "The Growing Windshield Damage Phenomenon," which appeared in B. S. R. A.'s May-June, 1954 issue of Round Robin. In this, Schultz offers plausible and provocative theory ... and the possible answer to these phenomena. Write Meade Layne, Director, 3524 Adams Ave., San Diego 16, California.

CASE FILE REVIEW: Space does not permit the use of all the excellent material received. Sightings in the U.S., Europe and Australia are continuing and will be used in forthcoming issues of the Newsletter.

C-22, Rockford, Ill. . . 9/5/54) As they had done on many occasions, amateur astronomers, Peter Bartkus and Theodore McColm, were watching the moon through a telescope. Between the hours of 10:35 and 11:15 P.M., Bartkus writes: "I observed the most unusual phenomena I have ever had the experience of witnessing." Bartkus continues: "The moon was observed through my 6" cassigranian reflector telescope using a secondary mirror. The total focal length for this setup is over 100", and with the use of 150 and 200 power oculars we got tremendous power with the least loss of light. The moon was in the first quarter and its diameter was 29 feet, 30 inches. We saw a spherical object ascending from the northern section off Mare Humboldtianum area. It was not glowing or brilliant, but seemed more like a dull reflected light of a planet. Its size we estimated at about the diameter of craters Pitiscus or Vlaco. At the time it disappeared at 11:15, it had travelled more than the 29' 30" of arc in about 40 minutes. We checked out the possibility of atmospheric diffraction in the sky or the scope by traversing the scope, and by changing the oculars. The object must have been a powered body because as the moon was descending at 1081 mph, the object was ascending and not following a true orbit. It was definitely in space, and in the same field as the moon, or near the moon."

The drawings below are Theodore McCole's. They illustrate the object's size and movement at 4 minute intervals in relation to the moon. McCole, through calculus, estimated the object to be 12,500 ft. in diameter.



Editor's Note: This incident and Case 14 transcends any notion that "saucer" vehicles are confined to earth's atmosphere, therefore U.S. or Russian origin. Unless these governments are secretly conducting interplanetary travel, Cases 14 and 22 and myriads of others, add another positive link to the hypothesis that "saucers" are extra-terrestrial and are using the moon as a hopping-off point.

C-23, Rome, Italy ... 9/18/54) A.P. Wire: Startled Romans who saw a strange cigar-shaped object streaking over the capital flooded newspaper offices with calls. Radar operators also reported picking up the missile on instruments. Technicians at Ciampino Airfield described the "half-cigar" as plummeting toward earth for more than 1000 ft., then rising at tremendous speed before vanishing. (Thanks to George Popowitch, Barberton, Ohio.)

An INS release by eyewitness Michael Chinigo states: "What attracted my attention was the strange sound as it passed overhead. It was like thunder with a staccato effect ... a series of explosions that grew louder as the object got closer. This was followed by a dead silence as the thing stopped, or appeared to, at a height of about 6000 ft. Suddenly it shot upward and left an exhaust trail of milky white smoke. It went straight up into the sky. The Defense Dept. described it as a 'clipped cone' with a smaller surface on the bottom, or as two semi-circular disks, one bigger than the other, with a bigger one on top. To me it seemed like an inverted sawed-off cone. What was strange was the object's ability to 'park' in mid-air for several minutes. The radar station at Rome which picked up the 'cigar' or 'cone' said it registered for 39 minutes." (Thanks to Warren Morse, Palo Alto, Calif.)

Editor's Note: Significant here is the AP and INS release. First they break us the news on the Labrador sighting in July, then silence, then the Norwegian space man story in August, now Italy. Foreign sightings all -- a subtle preparation.

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TIME FOR SOME DOWN-TO-EARTH TALK ABOUT THINGS UP-IN-THE-SKY:

Despite the recent Air Force statement, October 9, which declares, "seven years of investigation by its Air Technical Intelligence Center have failed to uncover any proof that flying saucers exist except in the imagination of the observers", this writer has been reassured that the big pronouncement promised by Lt. Col. O'Mara (see Oct. Newsletter) will come soon -- maybe in the next few weeks. Precipitated by recent events the big news will tell the world that saucers do exist! Such news coming from Washington will abolish, once and for all, the past pusillanimous policy of subterfuge, devised to explain away all reports of UFO's.

Watchful observers may have already detected the change in the attitude of the press, news wire services and other media. Irrespective of Time's tittering remarks about "Martians over France" (Oct. 25), the suspicious somnolence of Life since 1952, "canned" editorials, and, an occasional Dr. Menzel yeast-puffed theory, viz., cobwebs, airborne lunchwrappers, phosphorescent bugs (no kidding) we in "the business" find other sources to lend us courage -- these sources are you, the people who refuse to be deluded or silenced. And, to re-affirm our sanity, we occasionally find "planted" such daring material reaching the national or international level as, i. e., The American Weekly's "Flying Saucers Come from a Distant World" by Prof. Hermann Oberth (Oct. 24) and the British Air Chief Marshall, Lord Dowding's lucid article, "I Believe In Flying Saucers" reprinted in November issue, Fate, from the London Sunday Dispatch.

The news wires have carried many saucer stories lately, mostly from Europe... and, curiously, most of them concern landings and "little men". A few American stories are making print, too. Imagine this writer's surprise, Oct. 11, when Associated Press phoned and asked for a story on CRIFO which they combined with a story of reports of UFO's travelling in threes over Cincinnati. Yes, it's true because I have the A. P. clippings from the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Akron Beacon Journal. These, dear reader, are healthy signs ... signs of censorship disintegrating ... maybe a hint as to what the Air Force will proclaim in their release.

But here, we come to the fork in the road. What is the saucer? Whence does it come and why? The learned minds and the professional minds (without access to Air Force files) differ sharply. Coming across my desk, and, being whispered into my ear is increasing evidence supporting the belief that saucers are secret American devices. I have been told of devices travelling on light beams, of "irrefutable evidence"; I have read the paper, "Artificial Meteors", by Dr. Fritz Zwicky, which appeared in Army Ordnance, 1947, and, I have discussed certain items of information which I am not at liberty to relate, and which I consider beyond the scope of this Newsletter. Before me I have a letter from a nuclear physicist which describes in detail, correlative patterns of saucer flight behavior and geographical concentration. It is amazingly logical and convincing, and, probably correct in many instances. However, it does not answer all the sighting reports in my files. These stubborn reports rule out absolutely the theory that all saucer craft are American! If, however, it should be proved in the final analysis that all saucer devices, witnessed all over the world, are American devices, then let us now kneel humbly and pray for the ignominious dead and the injured perpetrated by American carelessness. Let's review the facts:

PILOT BANKS SHIP TO AVOID COLLISION WITH UFO -- TWO PASSENGERS INJURED: (Case 24, Long Beach, Calif., April 15, 1954) A stewardess and a passenger were injured when the pilot, Captain J.S. of the United Air Lines, threw his DC-3 into a steep bank over Long Beach to avoid what he thought was an approaching plane. A North Hollywood passenger was taken to Centinela Valley Community Hospital in Inglewood with a compound fracture of his right leg. The stewardess was treated for a foot and ankle injury. Both were standing in the aisle when the plane suddenly banked.

The pilot said his plane was 5,000 ft. over Long Beach when he thought he saw the lights of another plane approaching him on a collision course. However, when the DC-3 landed at International Airport at 11:30 P.M., C.A.A. representatives said that there was no other plane in the area at that time. When reporters asked for the pilot's address so that they could discuss further the mysterious lights, they were told, "The Capt. has had a rough day and I don't think you ought to bother him." The imperiled plane was on a scheduled flight from San Diego to Los Angeles.

Collision course! Rare perhaps, but there are other cases on record, such as the incident near Washington, D.C. last October where the pilot executed a rapid dive to avoid a ball of blue light rushing his airliner headlong -- collision course! Several passengers were injured or shaken. Other aerial encounters, also on record, indicate that the object, flying collision course, left the pilot and/or passengers no time for escape. These macabre encounters surely are not attributable to American or British devices left to fly promiscuously over the paths of our joint or respective air lanes: these same objects (UFO) are analogous to other UFO, therefore they are, in the main, one and the same devices -- not all American!

This writer believes, on the basis of evidence, that the flying saucer is in reality of diverse origins. Overlooking natural phenomena, saucers are first, and in the main, intelligently controlled vehicles from outer space, and secondly a parallel device produced by the Americans and the British. Russia? They aren't talking, but they, too, employ German scientists and they, too, have been under surveillance by visitants from outer space! Their predicament before the world of geopolitics is similar to ours -- that is why they have not scorned the United States for violating international boundaries with saucers. In short, Russia knows that these saucers in question are not U.S. devices. Therefore, knowing this incontrovertible fact, Russia must keep silent. Too much talk would reveal some of their own fantastic parallel devices ... to be used in war.

Thinking in these terms, it is high time to tell the world the truth about saucers-- the truth, of course, being that most UFO's are intelligently controlled devices from outer space. It may restore peace in our time and in the future ---

While UFO sightings are on the increase, so is CRIFO's mail. Each of your kind letters and clippings deserve a personal thanks, but, alas, time does not allow this. All letters are read and personal sightings evaluated and filed for correlative analysis. Without your wonderful cooperation, CRIFO would be unable to cover the world-wide scene of UFO developments. CRIFO makes no claim of infallibility: it is human, temperamental, sometimes conservative or rash or cynical...and it can get mad or laugh. And, CRIFO is not only Len Stringfield! As Bill Breyette of Los Angeles wrote recently, "I see where the man does not do all the work, so here's to Dell, our steno." You're so right, Bill, and I might mention, too, Colette and Denise, my little girls who help me lick stamps, stuff and seal. Anyway, the Newsletter is published first Friday of the month. Subscriptions, \$2.00/year. Six month subscriptions starting with June issue terminate with November issue. Mark RENEWAL clearly with remittance. Back copies of early issues available at 25¢ each.

NORTH CENTRAL STATES ALARMED BY SOARING BLUE-WHITE "BALL".

Objects described as silvery globes or spheroids, and, fireballs of green, blue and orange have increasingly appeared on the world scene. Most of us are familiar with the green fireball, common in the U.S. Southwest in 1948 and 1949, but they were not confined solely to that area. They appeared over the Panama Canal in 1942, over the South Atlantic in 1943, and more incongruously over the Baltic area prior to 1948. More recently they have reappeared over our Southwest -- a phenomenon unexplained, a phenomenon which is now co-existent with a newer variety -- the blue fireball or blue "moon".

I am told by Harold H. Fulton, President of Civilian Saucer Investigation, P. O. Box 1914, Auckland, New Zealand, that blue "shooting moons", as they were dubbed there, have been frequent visitants over "Down Under" skies recently. Curiously, similar "moons" are visiting American skies. I have received scores of such reports -- none of which are balloons (too fast) or meteors (three dimensional, globe-like). One such incident follows:

(Case 25 ---Sept. 25, 1954) A "noiseless blue-white ball", moving swiftly in a southerly course was sighted at Fargo, N. D., Sioux Falls, S. D. and Dilworth, Glenwood, Graceville and Minneapolis, Minn. The Hennepin County Sheriff's office said several patrolmen in the loop reported seeing the fast-moving object at 3:45 A.M. They described it as a "blue-white ball". Police at Fargo and Dilworth also reported seeing the noiseless object pass from horizon to horizon of their cities a few minutes earlier.

Police estimated the object's speed at 1,000 mph. At Sioux Falls, officials identified a bright light as a "meteor". They said the flash, occurring at 3:30 A.M., was seen for four to five seconds and illuminated trees in the area. The Minneapolis weather bureau, however, said no such object was reported to its observers. More concise information comes from two eye witness accounts supplied to CRIFO by L.H. Moore of Saint Paul. These appeared in Letters To The Editor column of the Minneapolis Tribune.

Mrs. Harlan Iverson, Glenwood, Minn.: "I saw it too. Glenwood is about 135 miles northwest of Minneapolis. Not being able to sleep, I went outside in the early morning Saturday and all of a sudden the area in back of our house became light and there was a blue-white ball about the size of a one-pound coffee can with a long streak after it. It was going straight south and came toward the ground in a gliding manner. When it was about 10 feet above the ground it seemed to explode and disappear. I stood outside for a few minutes thinking it would start a fire in the grass, for I thought it landed.

"The next morning I looked for about two hours where I thought it landed but found nothing. Could it have been the same ball they saw at Fargo and Minneapolis? It wasn't going 1,000 mph when I saw it. It was just gliding close to the ground."

Mrs. Ralph Strand, Graceville, Minn.: " I was up with one of the children and had just got back to bed when a bluish light flashed through the south window for just a second. It scared me. I jumped out of bed and got to the window but didn't see anything. Then there was a terrible blast, like a bomb exploding.

"The next day I asked different ones if they had heard it. No one had and I didn't mention it again because I figured they'd think I was goofy."

GIANT FIREBALL TERRIFIES NEW MEXICANS, FOULS UP RADIO AND TV, RATTLES PLANES: (Case 26, Western U.S., Sept. 18, 1954) The fireball again! Thousands of scared citizens witness silent, sinister object ... not imagination, nor a Menzel "cobweb".

Dr. Lincoln La Paz, Un. of New Mexico meteoritic expert, said the object that lit up the skies over three states around 9:00 P.M., was probably another one of the fireballs that have been reported in this area since 1948. And if that's the case, he said, there's not much chance any pieces will be found. None ever have been before. "These things just seem to disappear," he said. La Paz concluded: 1) The object was not a meteorite because they are accompanied by sound. 2) It was no ordinary fireball. 3) It was something "queer". 4) It was unusual in that the light showed over most of the Southwest, leaving a luminous cloud visible for 30 seconds.

Reports came in from all over the state -- Clovis, Portales, Cline's Corners, Santa Fe, Glorieta and La Vegas. All reported seeing the fireball that brightened the sky to full moon intensity. Colorado reports said it made night seem like day. Texas, even San Fransisco, reported the object.

Later investigation found that the silent object was not without menace. Dr. La Paz, in viewing the cumulative evidence, said that airport radiomen reported interference which over-rode all their anti-interference devices. Ham radio operators, however, had the opposite experience. They found as many as ten stations they had never heard before coming through loud and clear.

Television viewers complained that the fireball put their sets out of focus, while, the people closest to the "thing" -- air line pilots -- said they noticed a serious turbulence as they flew through its trail.

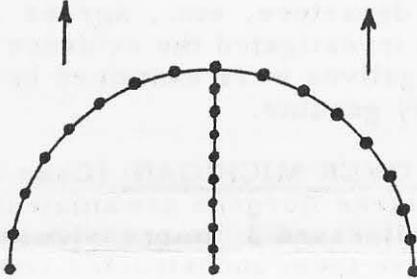
Persons who saw the fireball described it as white-green. They said it had the blinding effect of a searchlight at its greatest intensity.

NEW MEXICO'S HAUNTED SKIES: Mr. Fred H. Talbot of Air Base City, Hobbs, N. Mex., who helped assemble the material on fireball activity in that state, sends in his own sighting, which follows:

(Case 27, Hobbs, N. Mex., Sept. 24, 1954) "I saw the object of light yellow-orange color approaching from the south at terrific pace. It then stopped suddenly, and remained in one position for a long time, possibly 30 minutes. During this time the light seemed to fade, then came back on bright red. Next, the light flashed alternately red and white, four times, in a period of about 6 minutes. It then went out, then reappeared, this time it was red with a white light close to it. They blinked for about a minute, then vanished." Talbot says there were at least 8 witnesses besides him and his wife. Inquiry produced others who had witnessed the same phenomenon on several occasions in the past 2 months.

On "green fireballs", Mr. Talbot writes that a Mr. R. S. Fleming, an amateur astronomer, witnessed such an object about two months ago. Fleming describes the phenomenon as a "huge greenish light" which flashed across the Southwest horizon and disappeared in the Northwest. Said Fleming, "At the rate of speed it was travelling, the fireball could have circled the earth in less than 2 hours." He said it was silent and about 10,000 feet high.

FIVE NEO-TYPE SAUCERS SHUTTLE OVER HOBBS: (Case 28, Hobbs, N. Mexico, Oct. 14, 1954) Amateur astronomer, R. S. Fleming, again sees phenomena unexplainable. According to the Hobbs Daily News, Fleming was outdoors about 8:00 P. M. lining up a telescope on the North Star when the first of five mysterious objects sped across the sky at an altitude he estimated was 5,000 ft. It was traveling from NE to SW. About 10 minutes later a second saucer followed in the same path at about the same altitude, said Fleming. He then called his wife and daughter, Mrs. Harold Steck, to watch. About 10 minutes afterward, the group saw a third object flash over, this one about 10,000 feet.



Fleming describes the craft as half-circles, bisected at the center by a straight line, all delineated in pale, pearl-like lights. None of the Flemings saw the bodies of the craft; only the lights. They were traveling with the center of the arc as the nose. See diagram, left.

The fourth and fifth "half-circles", Fleming said, were racing at about twice the speed of a jet and about 2,000 to 3,000 ft. high. The last one passed directly overhead (about an hour and 20 minutes after the

first) and it was the flashiest of the group, with the arc outlined on three rows of lights. The objects, said Fleming, were "about twice the size of a B-36 flying very low." The Flemings listened intently for sound, but there was none. "I've seen weather balloons up to 116 ft. in size, comets, meteor showers and jet planes in three years of watching the skies," commented Fleming, "and these were none of them." He added, "They were traveling too fast to train a telescope on them."

Editor's Note: There is a marked similarity between the Hobbs lights and the famous Lubbock lights. The Lubbock variety were minus the bisecting center line. As Dr. L. D. (nuclear physicist) points out, the Lubbock lights, as photographed by Carl Hart, Jr., may be a U.S. product. If true, this would indicate that the U.S. has perfected a silent power plant, which is not an unreasonable possibility, but, one in which this writer finds skepticism. The answer to this enigma may be the answer not only to the Hobbs lights, but saucers generally!

FOREIGN SIGHTINGS AND NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST GENUINE PHOTOS OF SAUCERS:

When the novice is told that saucers are seen in other parts of the world, he gapes. To cite a few recent gapers: On Oct. 8, police said they received thousands of reports about a formation of luminous objects flying over the town of Riel, Austria. On Oct. 19 we have these reports: Two French Air Force jets chase a "white disc giving out white, red and violet lights," near Avignon, but it moved away before the pilots could identify it. Motorists in Modena, Italy, witnessed an incandescent cigar-shaped object fly at tremendous speed. In Florence, Italy, a 13 year old boy reported an object "whirling like a top" over the city. And from the Swiss border town of Luino comes the report of a silvery object flying at great speed. Many witnesses said it made no noise. So, it comes as no surprise that genuine pictures were taken in New Zealand. Here's a summary of the details, supplied by Harold Fulton, of CSI, New Zealand:

(Case 29, Nelson, N. Z., Sept. 9, 1954) At 2:20 A. M., a Mr. K. M. Gibbons went to the kitchen for a glass of water. His attention was drawn to the window where he saw unusual lights in the sky. Procuring his 35 mm Canon Miniature camera, Gibbons attached his telephoto lens and snapped the first photo of three disc-shaped objects. The discs were hovering in close formation about a quarter of a mile away over a mudflat at an estimated height of 400 ft. A bluish white light radiated around their dark centers. The outside pair, wobbling like a top losing its spin, suddenly stood on edge, then streaked up vertically and disappeared. The center and remaining disc now brightened and during this maneuver Gibbons managed the best photograph.

Then, like the others, this lone disc began to wobble and just before its departure another photo was taken and the movement shows on the print and negative. The objects were in view five minutes.

Another witness, a Mr. Alex Ingram, living five miles away, also reported the discs. The time coincides when he saw "three illuminated moon-like objects hovering in V-formation over the same mudflats. He had explained his experience with a friend before reading of Gibbon's photos. Twenty-one hours later, another witness, a Mr. G. Young, observed five discs, glowing orange-white in the direction of the mudflats. Young's description of the objects -- the characteristic wobble, departure, etc., agrees with Gibbons' photos and Ingram's report. Fulton, who investigated the evidence thoroughly, told me in his letter, that the photos and negatives were examined by a fully qualified photographer and were declared absolutely genuine.

ASTRONOMERS TRACK THREE MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS OVER MICHIGAN: (Case 30, Ionia, Mich., Sept. 20, '54) William R. McLaughlin and Clarke Burgeon are amateur astronomers. Each owns a telescope. Together, they witnessed 3 "impressive and mystifying" objects. Setting up their equipment which gave them unobstructed view of the heavens, McLaughlin relates the following experience: "At 9:40 P. M., we spotted a brilliant object in the western sky about 30 degrees above the horizon. Watching its rapid progress across the sky we compared its brilliance with familiar celestial objects and agreed it matched Mars, also its reddish light. The object continued a steady, somewhat erratic path from the west and disappeared beyond the SE horizon five minutes later. Both of us tracked the object in our telescopes. Under low-powered magnification it retained the size and brilliance afforded the naked eye, but when viewed in a 60-power, 3-1/2 inch reflector-type scope, it was resolved into three separately glowing objects identical in size and color. According to our calculations it must have been travelling a great distance from earth at tremendous speed. The Grand Rapids Air Defense Filter Center later told me that three similar reports were received from Caledonia and Grand Rapids."

McLaughlin concludes: "We make no attempt to identify the object . . . we agreed, however, that it was not the usual balloon, plane, meteor, or optical illusion. We assume that it was a manufactured object under intelligent control. Judging from the considerations above, we believe it travelled outside the Earth's atmosphere."

SAUCER SUNDRIES: If space and time (not Einstein's) would allow, I would have included the startling sky mystery occurring over Springfield, Ill., which beholds violent sky explosion, a mysterious smoke ring and no solution . . . Received too late Dr. L. D's informative theory, explaining the "green fireball", and, his expose of Commander R. B. McLaughlin's White Sand's saucer triangulation (Remember this in True, March, 1950). . . . Not infallible, CRIFO permitted two errors to creep into print, Oct. Newsletter. First correction; Ed Hermann is not a Special Agent for McGraw-Hill Pub. as stated. He is Mgr. of Advertiser, and Agency Service for Atlantic Dist. Sales. Secondly, Aviation Week was not scarce as I suggested. It can be secured only thru subscription from McGraw-Hill at 6.00/year or 50¢ single copy. My apologies to Ed and to editor Dave Anderton . . . In a chat with Frank Edwards, he told me that his taped broadcasts are available to local stations and new sponsors anywhere in U. S. CRIFO urges you to prod your local station which featured his broadcasts before. Stations interested may write Frank Edwards direct, or, CRIFO for details. . . . Have heard reliably that 20,000 photographs were taken of Mars this summer when that planet was closest to Earth. Yes, I understand they found LIFE FLOURISHING THERE! No details yet. Will report more later. . . . Have heard that the mystery metal which "ignited" Portola Rd. in Woodside, Calif., has been identified as a "lighted warning signal device". Nix! On Oct. 13, Stanford Research Institute analysts stated they were unable to identify the molten material. Thank you, Mr. C. Farley of San Jose.

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20,000 PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW "SOMETHING ALIVE" ON MARS: Out of censored silence and nearly smothered from public airing comes the climactic news -- LIFE ON MARS! Thanks to newscaster, Paul Harvey who sent CRIFO the news release, I am able to quote the terse but epochal statement made by Dr. E. C. Slipher. A professional astronomer, Slipher headed the scientific team, the Mars Committee, sponsored by Lowell Observatory of Flagstaff, Arizona and the National Geographic Society. Working out of Bloemfontein, South Africa for six months, where Mars appeared directly overhead and telescopic perception was better, the Committee returned, armed with 20,000 photographs. These photos, says Dr. Slipher, have firmed his conviction -- there is something alive on Mars!

Needless to say, Slipher's evidence marks the end of an astronomical dark age, or more aptly called The Terrestrial Age. Since Sir John Herschel first described Mars as a world of "continents and seas" in 1830, astronomers bitterly contested Martian life. Conservatives argued that the "canals" were illusions -- an optical trick to the eye and brain. Others say that Mars is oxygen starved, that the extremes of day and night temperatures and the exposure to devastating sandstorms and the harsh glare of the unshielded sun surely rule out life. And so with each new discovery came the rebuff, the counterclaim.

THE PASSING TERRESTRIAL AGE: Looking back into the early phases of the Terrestrial Age, it was not until 1877 that the Martian "dream" found real substance. While Asaph Hall found two tiny Martian moons that year, the Italian astronomer, Giovanni Schiaparelli, caused an international stir when he announced he discovered surface features on Mars which were "drawn with absolute geometrical precision, as if the work of rule or compass". Three years later, Sir Norman Lockyer summarized his findings: "Mars has not only land, water and snow like Earth, but also clouds and mists." In 1892 the distinguished Samuel Langley tried to explain the redness of the planet, thus: "Is it that vegetation on Mars may be red instead of green! There is no intrinsic improbability in the idea, for we are even today unprepared to say why vegetation is green here and it is quite easy to conceive of atmospheric conditions which would make red the best absorber of solar heat."

LOWELL'S MARTIAN "DREAM": It was not until the discoveries of Sir Percival Lowell -- a name synonymous with Mars -- that the world learned the simple truths about the red planet. Lowell became convinced early of the probability that life existed there, and with his own fortune, erected a large observatory in Arizona. Conversely, Lowell was the first to refute the one strong theory backing his Martian "dream." He observed the canali crossing the "seas", proving the aridity of the planet. But Lowell did not abandon his work; instead he set out to prove a co-existent Martian life. According to Lowell: the desert planet conserves its water. . . irrigation canals feed water from the melting polar snows. . . vegetation along their borders renders them visible. . . their regularity proves the existence of intelligent life. . . and, seasonal changes in the dark markings are considered as proof of vegetation.

Leaving Lowell and the Terrestrial Age we turn now to a new age -- the Interplanetary Age. Cognizant of its implications are the world governments and their findings relative to the flying saucer. In the center of it all and as arch-investigator is the U. S. Air Force Intelligence. Supporting this Agency are the top brains of the scientific world, including most professional astronomers. For instance, when this writer recently interviewed a prominent Cincinnati astronomer he asked for "security clearance".

SAUCER EVIDENCE AND MARTIAN PHOTOS -- A LINK? It is this writer's belief, now, that our Air Force in withholding all its saucer evidence (behind a jargon of excuses) was at the same time waiting for the confirmation of Martian life. Now, backed by photo-evidence from South America (and Mt. Palomar) they have their proof-positive -- their logical and technological tie-in with the UFO.

With these facts they will soon tell the world the true dramatic story of the saucer, of Mars and the high probability of universal life. "We are not alone," says Dr. Harlow Shapley, famous Harvard astronomer. There are probably 100 million planets which could support life in high forms. And, he adds, there is no reason to assume that man or the animals or birds on Earth "are the best that biochemistry and the star shine" can produce. Shapley further discloses, and significantly, that evidence has been found for a huge planet circling around a star named 61 Cygni which is about 11 light years away.

Returning to Mars and back to Earth, this writer believes that Mars will be treated fully and kindly in the big pronouncement. They may explain the blue Martian clouds, the vaporous atmosphere and why it sustains life; they may explain the mysterious atomic-like explosion discovered by the Japanese astronomer, Tsuneo Saheki; they will tell us that the canali follow the great circle paths which indicate that they were the herculean workings of an advanced intelligent race: they may explain to us the Martian moons, Deimos and Phobos, and that one or both are actually artificial satellites of that planet (not to be confused with the two circling earth) and then they may just tell us about what the eyes of the 200 inch telescope at Mt. Palomar have witnessed moving in space between Mars, the moon and Earth.

Twenty-thousand photographs: They must have shown a lot! Summarily, we can understand why Drs. Slipher and Shapley are convinced . . . which reminds one of Dr. Robert S. Richardson's discerning article, appearing in This Week, June 20, '54. We quote: "Astronomers hope to obtain photographs which will show the markings on Mars so clearly that we can determine whether the canals are natural or artificial in origin. On a planet as smooth as Mars it seems reasonable to suppose that real canals would be built along what are called "great circle" paths, the name sailors give to the shortest distance between points on the surface of a sphere. If photographs show that the canals always lie along great circle paths it would be an indication that they are the work of intelligent beings. . . . From this point of view, as Lowell said, the canals, although trivial objects in themselves, must be reckoned as the most astounding sights in the heavens. . . ."fine lines and little gossamer filaments cobwebbing the face of the Martian disk, but threads to draw one's mind after them across millions of miles of intervening void".

CRIFO FACTS AND FIGURES: Like most saucer research organizations, CRIFO must face its broad 1955 financial outlook. Increasing production costs (for example, publishing 2500 copies of the October Newsletter cost \$145.00) forced us to consider increasing the yearly rates from \$2.00 to 3.00. But, as new subscriptions and renewals poured in we decided against the idea at this time. To date, the Newsletter has happily thrived on volume subscriptions --its lifeblood! It means more work and book-keeping on this basis, but, we also believe we can meet our expenditures. Foreign subscriptions remain \$2.60 first class mail and \$8.00 air mail. Canada same as U.S rates: \$2.00 per year. It has been suggested by members: GIVE THE NEWSLETTER TO FRIENDS FOR CHRISTMAS. We welcome the idea and to this end will have printed a special slip which announces the gift and its donor. Suggest you place your gift subscriptions EARLY.

As the year, 1955 approaches, CRIFO feels assured that it will be a climacteric in the saga of saucers. In one of its early months the big saucer expose should come to the waiting world. CRIFO, with its spadework done in the coming Interplanetary Age, will continue and maybe grow with the trends of the time. Sometimes the truth is hard to find in our great media, but it will always be with you in the Newsletter. It is with this resolution that the Stringfields extend to each member and reader a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

LOUISVILLE STOPS WORK TO WATCH SAUCER: Thousands see it -- an object peculiar to a balloon, say authorities. Jet comes from Dayton to look-see, but can't reach or identify it. Not since Capt. Mantell's death chase in 1948 have Kentucky eyes been so raptured by a stranger in the sky. The story made headlines in the Louisville Courier Journal and it was carried by AP wires. Everybody got excited, then came the official damp rag. Four days after the incident, the Courier Journal printed: "... the object was a plastic balloon ... believed to have been released near Minneapolis. It was sent aloft by General Mills, Inc., in cooperation with the Office of Naval Research." But, a check on the real facts proves that the object was not a balloon sent by the obliging General Mills. Here's the full story and it goes beyond Kentucky -- thanks to the "eyes and ears" of CRIFO.

Case 31, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio... Nov. 11, 12, 1954) The object first appeared over Louisville about 3 p.m. From then until 6 p.m. switchboards were deluged with calls. The object, apparently motionless to the naked eye, was brilliant white at first. As the sun sank, it turned yellow, finally red and then disappeared from eye-sight. The 784th Ground-Controlled Radar unit, about 30 miles southwest of Louisville, tracked the object and then lost it from the radarscope about 12 miles northwest of Godman Field. It was later sighted visually near Bedford, Indiana, about 75 miles to the northwest. Lt. Col. Lee Merkel, base commander of the Kentucky Air Nat'l. Guard, said reports he received convinced him it was worth investigating. A balloon, he said, should not give the clear radar image this object gave. He notified Wright-Patterson Field, which sent in an F-86 to investigate. The jet pilot was unable to sight the object, and returned to its base. Then Merkel and another ANG pilot gave chase in F-51 Mustangs, but were also unsuccessful. Merkel said he estimated the wind at 31,000 ft. at about 50 miles an hour and from the northwest. No free balloon, he said, could travel into such a wind. Yet that was the course the radar unit had plotted.

Henry Julliard, deputy director of Standiford Field followed the object for about 45 minutes on the weather bureau's theodolite. He said the object had no more motion than a star. Ed Johnson, Weather Bureau meteorologist, confirmed this. It appeared to both of them as spherical, but without the spout as a balloon has at its base. Julliard said as the sun went down the object became almost amber in color and then suddenly rose into the direct rays of the sun again and became brilliant white. He didn't think any upper-atmosphere turbulence could account for so sudden a rise.

The Ground Observers Corps took a serious view. They requested a print of the picture taken by the Courier Journal for the "higher ups". While some believed the object was a "Moby Dick" balloon, others, like meteorologist, O.K. Anderson said, "From our observation it certainly didn't seem to be a balloon; it showed so little movement." Said Col. Merkel: "I don't believe in flying saucers, but I'm definitely getting extremely curious."

Meanwhile, that evening motorists in two central Kentucky counties reported seeing an object like a meteor, glowing a bluish green in the night sky. Richard Hood, physics instructor at the Un. of Kentucky, said he saw the mysterious object while driving in Jessamine County. A similar object was seen by Atty. Wheeler Boone in Fayette County. And, before noon, over Barbourville, observers witnessed two unidentified objects. One was shiny and looked "something like a balloon". The other, they said, resembled a shooting star and made a pass at the shiny object before disappearing to the south.

Another Louisville eyewitness, a surveyor, and former saucer skeptic, describes the "elliptical" object as exuding a "flame or exhaust".

"Louisville Saucer", continued

SAUCER'S ERRATIC BEHAVIOR AND ITINERARY RULE OUT BALLOON: Earlier that day at 7:40 a. m. a group of limestone quarry workers observed a "white ball" in the sky over Oolitic, Indiana 70 miles northwest of Louisville. According to Otis Ray, business agent of the Quarry Worker's Union, three men were watching the object when it "exploded, sounding like a shot gun". Afterwards, he added, the object moved southward at a rapid rate of speed finally stopping and hovering at the same spot for about 1-1/2 hours.

Robert E. Miller, CRIFO member, sighted the object over New Albany, Indiana at 4:40 p. m. of Nov. 12. He describes the object's size to be about as large as a "quarter-dollar"; its appearance as "white, circular, except that a fuzziness was noted around one rim to the north."

And from Lafayette, Indiana, comes an isolated report of a "blue object moving swiftly" in the night sky which ties in with the Kentucky accounts by Hood and Boone of the same evening. To be a balloon the object must have been loaded with some new "acrobatic" gas. Checking the facts we find the object has changed course several times before and after hovering over Louisville. A balloon would not drift from Minneapolis to Louisville, then reverse its course to the "northwest". If, as the Louisville Courier Journal attests, a balloon was released Nov. 11 from Minneapolis, then how can we account for the object similarly described at 7:00-30 a. m. Nov. 11 over Cincinnati? At 7:00 that morning Cy Cook and three other eyewitnesses observed a high flying, round, silvery object over the city. Arriving at Proctor & Gamble Co. at 7:30 they again saw the object, now reflecting the sun's rays -- then quickly disappeared.

Aerial activity for Armistice Day continued into the night over Cincinnati. The city's skies before dusk were crisscrossed with lariat jet trails, but this writer for one could not see anything being pursued. However, at 10:30 p. m., Robert Ward watched a bright, translucent, cigar-shaped object cruising south in a straight line with a tail of pulsating, reddish light. Ward was convinced that the large, silent object was not a meteor or an aircraft.

Conclusion: The object over Louisville and the objects seen elsewhere, whether one or several, were not balloons. Get out your map. Find Minneapolis, then study the itinerary of the object.

CAPTAIN TOM MANTELL'S LAST WORDS: The object of tremendous size over Louisville reminds this writer of another unexplained object of tremendous size -- the one that caused the demise of Capt. Mantell in Jan., 1948. This macabre story is too well-known to relate, however, I learned some years ago that part of Mantell's final message to the Godman Field tower was cut and CENSORED! Writing to the Defense Dept. in 1953 for the full content of Mantell's message I received this in reply Dec. 2, 1953: "... the object appeared to be going upward and forward as fast as Mantell, or about 360 mph., and that he was at 15,000 ft. and still climbing." (At least the A. F. admitted he was chasing something.)

The earlier official version of Mantell's message read as follows: "I'm closing in now to take a good look. It's directly ahead and still moving at about half my speed ... the thing looks metallic and tremendous in size. It's going up and forward as fast as I am ... that's 360 mph. I'm going to 20,000 ft. and if I'm no closer I'll abandon chase."

Now, according to Desmond Leslie, the famous British author and lecturer on saucers, the last words of Mantell were: "There are windows and I can see people in it!" (Last line quoted with permission of George H. Williamson from Valor.)

WEB-SPINNING SAUCER VISITS MARYSVILLE, OHIO: (Case 32, Marysville, Ohio, Oct. 22, '54) Calvin Prem of Cincinnati phoned me and said he heard it on Bill Thompkins' newscast. Prem phoned Sheriff W. T. Galloway in Marysville, but he hadn't heard of the incident. Next day, I phoned Rodney Warrick, the principal of Marysville Jerome School. Warrick confirmed the story. He said that a cigar-shaped object hovered over the school; that it had no tail, no wings, appeared to have windows and at times its luminosity was so brilliant he had to shield his eyes. Suddenly the object accelerated directly to the west at terrific speed, making no noise. Watching with Warrick were Mrs. George Dittmar, teacher, and about 60 pupils.

I asked Principal Warrick about the web-like angel hair substance which reportedly drifted down in the saucer's wake. I expected denial, an evasion. But to my surprise Warrick was very obliging. He said it came down in long strands and balls, looked milky white and he managed to preserve a specimen in a glass jar, which he gave to the editor of the Marysville Journal. The "angel hair" was very tough, he said, and felt like asbestos, but wasn't sticky. Handling it he said his skin turned green, its stain disappearing in a half hour. Mrs. Dittmar also sampled the web-like substance in her hand but removed it easily by washing. I then asked the principal if he felt any ill effects. He admitted that his hand sweated profusely.

Other facts were covered in the Marysville Journal: The phenomenon was first observed when youngsters on the school playground about 3:15 called their principal. Warrick said when he went outside the object was hanging motionless. Then it took off quite rapidly, disappearing in a horizontal course. In its wake was a trail of webs, which fell in long strands. Part of it came down in balls like cotton. Trees, bushes and wires were covered. Both Warrick and Mrs. Dittmar related that when they were able to catch two ends of a strand the stuff could be pulled out into a long thread -- "so tough", said Warrick, "that it could hardly be broken." Within less than a minute after being touched, the substance would disappear. Both persons concurred that when only one end of the strand was touched, the substance would roll into a ball before disintegrating.

THE FORT WAYNE AND CINCINNATI TIE-IN: Ft. Wayne, Ind. had similar experiences with "angel hair". The News Sentinel reported "white cocoons" drifting down on that city for over a week. They fell again on Oct. 19 on the city's west side . . . white webs from giant spiders flying high in the sky. No one was ready for an explanation, but according to reports, saucers were over Indiana and Ohio that week.

Fact is, a saucer was over Cincinnati the night of Oct. 22 -- a few hours after the Marysville incident. Mrs. "E. P." had been playing the radio very low. It was about 1:30 a.m. and she had fallen asleep. Suddenly the radio made a harsh shrieking noise and its volume increased. Aroused, she tried to awaken her husband. By that time, the dog next door was barking and a big dog quite a distance up the street was barking furiously. Curious, Mrs. "E. P." looked outdoors. There in the rush of darkness was a huge bright reddish, orange disc, swooping silently in a circle overhead. The object's outline was clear, "with a sort of halo around it," she said. Then after about a minute it disappeared in the direction of Kentucky.

THE ANGEL HAIR PHENOMENON: It is not new, nor is it confined to the U. S. A. A recent Italian report, Oct. 28, describes an object like a luminous coin zipping silently over Rome. A few minutes later citizens watched "fine cotton or wool particles fall from the skies". Among the witnesses was Clare Booth Luce, U. S. Ambassador. The same phenomenon was reported from Tuscany the day before. Rome's Giobale d'Italia suggests that the "threads may be some new form of radar confuser, similar to the tinfoil dropped by bombers in the last war". France, during Oct. '52 had similar reports. From the towns of Oleron, Lens, Gerouze and Gaillac hundreds of people witnessed a large cigar-shaped object surrounded by a convoy of discs.

As the objects departed a mass of thread-like particles was seen to emerge from the tail of the parent device. The weirdest tale came from Oleron. There, a Dr. Balestra was made prisoner of the web-like filaments. As the stunned onlookers watched the doctor struggle his limbs free, the threads regathered and rose slowly in the air.

In November's Pageant mag is a feature on angel hair, by Lt. Col. James C. McNamara, USAR. He describes several cases similar to the Marysville & Rome incidents. One is that of Mrs. W. J. Daily of Puente, Cal., a CRIFO member. She saw the substance fall from a gigantic disc. "It emitted... a substance which began to fall to earth... it hung on trees & wires. Some fell in our yard. It was long, silvery, somewhat akin to spider webs. It vanished when I touched it with my hands." Another incident was described in the San Fernando Valley Times: "A fluffy blanket, dead white, almost ephemeral in its delicacy and apparently electrically charged, may be the Valley's first physical contact with visitors from outer space. It is reported to have streamed like a lacy ribbon from a mysterious craft"

The pattern is the same in all reports. A saucer by-product? Yes, a certainty. A preliminary chemical test in France shows by the results of burning that it is "organic." Rest assured, our Air Force knows more, and as Clare Booth Luce said in Rome recently, they may tell the world, soon.

MYSTERY FIREBALL CRASHES IN WOODS: (Case 33, Wisc. & Minn., Nov. 20, '54) As reported in Case 25, mysterious balls of fire have appeared menacingly over Minnesota and neighboring states. U. P. reports more of it, this time a huge ball of fire seen over parts of Wisconsin and the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Last seen, the silent object crashed into a woods near Brookston, Minn. Authorities were not sure of its identity. One report believed it was a meteor which caused a brush fire about four miles north of Brookston. Witnesses told police they saw the object in a hue of colors -- white, yellow, orange, and had a tail of flames and smoke. (Also check Case 20) Thanks, H. G. Rovner.

SAUCER SUNDRIES: Saucers know no international boundaries. The Jewish Exponent reports saucers spotted twice over Israel, late October, causing considerable excitement. Inhabitants of Mahne Yehuda saw theirs about 300 ft. above the market area. It was described as a "round house with smoke pouring from its windows flashing toward the Mediterranean ... the second, cigar-shaped, was seen over Jerusalem moving with great speed toward the sea. (Credit: H. G. Rovner) And from Belgrade, October 27, observatories, air fields and weather stations witness a flight of shiny, "ellipsoidal" objects with blue tails invade Yugoslav skies. Tito sets up "serious investigation". Scientists say "they were not meteors and looked or acted like nothing in standard aviation books". Readers take note -- communist saucer reports are rare The Brazilian Air Force reported, October 27, "circular silver-colored" objects moving fast over its base at Porto Alegre. (Credit: G. A. Strum) ... And from the tropics we go to the icy Arctic. Thanks to David Pobst I learn that a Lockheed technician with a dozen witnesses, Feb. '53, saw strange orange-colored object over the wastelands of Thule, Greenland. CRIFO recommends: The Little Listening Post -- "the news in capsule" issued when the news boils over from Washington. Much on saucers and scientific happenings. Send \$1.00 to 4811 Illinois Ave. N. W., Washington 11, D. C. Also for '55 reading don't miss the Saucerian ... a wonderful, plenty-for-your-money magazine by a wonderful guy, Gray Barker. Six issues \$2.00. Write, Box 2288, Clarksburg, W. Virginia.

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WORRIED PENTAGON BENDS OVER BACKWARDS TO HIDE SAUCER EVIDENCE:

1954's new look was the sky-look. More people of all races became sky and space conscious . . . and many thousands, looking skyward, saw something incredible! Others, scoffers back in 1948 or 1953 watched and waited, some fearfully. Most all, however, were convinced; something or someone was watching, something materially existed, and, someone of high intelligence had a purpose. While many could read something serious between the lines of official denials and double-talk, others, perhaps a handful knew the real meaning of it all. Of course, a few having made contacts with space-men, also said they knew, but most of us just guessed. Whatever the purpose, the hard core of bona fide evidence remained sealed under official lock and key, and as 1955 ushered in, most all world governments were "seriously" investigating saucers and were bending over backwards to keep the truth from the public.

THE O'MARA INCIDENT: During early 1954 with the Pentagon still smarting from the wallop of Major Keyhoe's best-seller, saucer sightings in the USA were increasing. While the Office of Public Information (AF) dismissed these with a ho-hum, representatives of major airlines met in Los Angeles (Feb. 17) with intelligence officers of the Military Air Transport Service to speed up saucer reporting procedures. According to Jim Lucas, Scripps-Howard reporter, the idea was to get the reports in the quickest way so that the Air Force could speed jet intercept.

With the public more confused than ever came the revelations of Col. John O'Mara, Deputy Commander, Intelligence, Wright-Patterson Field. Most remember his statement through CRIFO of "700 sightings a week" -- a news shot that was heard around the world. But this admission was just a part of the O'Mara Incident. It all started last June when Truman Bethurum and George H. Williamson, both having alleged contacts with interplanetary intelligences, were lecturing in Cincinnati. Challenging their stories in his effort to separate fact from fiction was Cincinnati's Thomas Eickhoff. In forcing a showdown, Eickhoff visited Dayton June 7, and, gained an interview with Col. O'Mara. Here, O'Mara implied to Eickhoff that the lecturers were fraudulent, and among other topics, said that Major D. E. Keyhoe's late book, Flying Saucers From Outer Space, was based on material not officially cleared and that the remainder of this book was a product of his imagination. The next morning this writer phoned Col. O'Mara and got similar statements, and others of significance which I conveyed in the July Newsletter.

In the months following, unknown to CRIFO readership, "inside" forces were at work. In question now was the veracity of the material used in Keyhoe's book. Keyhoe, desiring his name cleared of the calumny, asked Eickhoff and myself for affidavits of the O'Mara statements. These he would use in Federal Court, if necessary, to stand as evidence, along with other letters in his possession which proved that the material used in his book was officially cleared by the OPI and/or the Directorate of Intelligence.

On Sept. 21, this writer learned in a second interview with a cordial O'Mara that flying saucers "do exist". He said that a pronouncement would be made soon, explaining the phenomena. Then following his suggestion I asked the

Defense Dept. by letter for clearance on several cases. Meanwhile, the O'Mara admissions (see Oct. Newsletter) made the world circuit and for the first time in seven years, the AF appeared ready to take the public into its confidence. However, on Sept. 29, Major Keyhoe wrote me and said that he had called OPI and asked for "details" of the forthcoming release. He was told that they had my letter regarding sightings O'Mara promised, and, "had turned it over to Intelligence". Then Keyhoe wrote: "They said they didn't know what O'Mara was up to. . ."

On Oct. 9 came the official word in rebuttal to the O'Mara statement. In brief it said that saucers exist only in people's imaginations. Chagrined, I wrote to the office of General Samford, explaining that I could prove certain saucer evidence, and asked again for clearances on cases previously requested. Nothing happened.

Early in Nov. , Major Keyhoe wrote the Defense Dept. demanding that O'Mara retract his statements or face law suit. Meanwhile, certain evidence had reached Eickhoff indicating that saucers were devices not of an interplanetary origin. Having heard nothing more on the O'Mara action from Keyhoe, Eickhoff then decided on some legal action of his own. He, in a letter to Lt. Col. Bloomer at the Pentagon chose to contest the authenticity of the cases in Keyhoe's book and the letter on Defense Dept. stationery by Albert Chop which appeared on the jacket of the book. What Eickhoff wanted to know, essentially, was who was telling the truth. On one side was Col. O'Mara who in June said that Keyhoe's material was not officially cleared; on the other, was Keyhoe who claimed the cases were cleared. For the Air Force to admit the latter was, in a sense, admitting much, and to admit less meant that Eickhoff would take the case to Federal Courts -- involving everybody in a real showdown. The Air Force could not allow this to happen. Frantically, somebody high up had to do something fast.

Following is what happened. Quoted in part is the O'Mara letter of retraction to Tom Eickhoff, copies to Keyhoe and this writer.

"Dear Mr. Eickhoff:

Nov. 30, 1954

"I have been informed by the Office of the Directorate of Intelligence, Hq. , USAF, of a letter which you wrote on Nov. 22 to Lt. Col. Bloomer

". . . . First of all, as you will recall, the stated purpose of your visit to me in Dayton was to request my assistance in challenging the expressed opinions of certain organizations and private individuals regarding unidentified flying objects . . . it is not now, and never has been a policy of the Air Force to comment on the theories or conclusions of private individuals or organizations on the factual data which has been released as a result of Air Force investigations in this field.

"... This book (Flying Saucers from Outer Space) does contain among other things, a number of officially released reports by the Air Force related to unidentified flying objects. It also contains the opinions of the author regarding the observations reported and the right to such expression is guaranteed to him and to any other citizen I did indicate to you that I as an individual might hold different opinions than those attributed to Major Keyhoe and others, but certainly not that he or others were frauds and liars"

Signed Col. John O'Mara, USAF

PRESIDENT STRADDLES SAUCER FACTS IN WORLD CRISIS: On December 15, President Dwight Eisenhower talked up saucers, but with an eye first on duty, he over looked the facts, and talked them down. In his seeming off-the-cuff statement to the press, the President said that an Air Force official in whom he has complete confidence told him some time ago* there is no reason to believe the reported objects come from some other planet. To the saucer-tired press this was good news. It was especially good billing when coupled with another story making the headlines -- that of Dr. Loughead and his prediction, based on warnings from space people, that Chicago would be engulfed by a tidal wave. Hopefully, the press married the two stories -- and, hopefully, saucers would look silly.

On December 17, this writer, using CRIFO stationery, answered Ike by registered letter. To quote an excerpt: "As director of CRIFO, I challenge both the veracity of this statement and the wisdom of this trusted officer in making such a statement. He, this unnamed officer, is either deliberately misinforming you, or he himself is misinformed -- therefore he cannot be considered an officer in whom you should have complete confidence.

"If, as he suggests, flying saucers are not of an interplanetary origin ... a conclusion which is diametric to much of the secret bona fide evidence in Air Force files, then he is intimating that flying saucers, or UFO's, do not exist. Being, however, that flying saucers do exist and can be proved not to be in the main, a U.S. or British or Russian secret product, then his advice to you, and hence your statement to the press, is erroneous and misleading."

The letter closed by listing "evidence" known to be in Air Force possession and a request that it be cleared for this writer and the public. To get around past experiences of a letter being "buried" I informed the local press services. In Cincinnati, newscasters Stan Matlock and George Palmer aired the "letter" soberly. The Services, save for INS, were stand-offish. While A.P. checked with the New York office and hedged, the Cincinnati Post "roadblocked" U.P. Only INS carried the story. In evidence, to date, is a datelined clip from the Salt Lake City Tribune.

EVIDENCE OF WORLD CRISIS: While anyone might guess on the outcome, no guesswork was needed to perceive the serious saucer-probe behind the scenes. The President had straddled the true facts not without purpose. In truth the world was confronted with a crisis. While the world's artificial boundaries became increasingly violated by discs, fireballs and shooting moons, most governments were seriously investigating ... the latest, Yugoslavia.

INDIA: (Case 34, Kadori, Borsi, Mangalda, Sept. 15, 1954) About 800 people witnessed a saucer in three adjoining villages in Manbhum, Bihar. Mr. Ijapada Chatterjee, manager of a mica mine at Kadori owned by a Calcutta business man, Mr. S.N. Ghose, told The Times of India News Service that he was sitting in the verandah of his house on the afternoon of Sept. 15, when he saw a disc-like object descending about 500 yards away.

Villagers came out from their huts to see the strange sight. Shaped like a saucer, it came down to a height of about 500 feet above the earth making a sound like the whirring of a motor car engine. It hovered for a few minutes: then, suddenly, the two sides seemed to get inflated. This was followed by what seemed like smoke billowing from the two ends. Immediately the object soared upwards at an incredible speed. (Continued over)

*Question: how long ago? And, what has happened since, in view of the evidence being concealed?

Mr. Chatterjee said that the object was about 12 feet in diameter and dull grey in colour. At the center of the side visible to him was a black patch that resembled an aperture. "As it soared upward, there was a tremendous gust of wind which caused doors and windows to rattle", he said. Later, people from the adjoining villages also said that they had seen the same object. A sadhu of Mangalda, after seeing the object, warned the people to stay indoors as the object was "something from heaven". The saucer was sighted over a mine which has supplied beryllium for the Atomic Energy Commission. (Thanks to the Rev. A. Baller for the clip from Calcutta.)

NEW ZEALAND: (Case 35, Christchurch, Dunedin, Taieri, Invercargill, Inchbonnie and Greymouth, N. Z., Nov. 5, 1954.) High over Christchurch appeared a round object. It moved rapidly to the north and disappeared. The report, filed by a Mr. J. Mann, was just a part of a greater New Zealand sky spectacle. The following reports were sent to CRIFO by Harold Fulton, president of Civilian Saucer Investigation, in that country.

Dunedin reported saucers in a steady stream. The most coherent account was given by three members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force. They described a brilliant white light sweeping over Taieri, disappearing in the direction of Invercargill. Said one airman: "It is hard to estimate speeds, but it was traveling well above the speed of sound. It appeared to be about 1500 ft. up, though it's hard to be precise as we saw it for only four seconds. It made no sound." A Brighton observer described the object as white, about the size of a football, trailing white sparks. More elaborate reports came from youths at Lookout Point who saw an "orange-colored object like a football with blue portholes." Meanwhile, over the west coast seaport of Greymouth, observers saw the saucer "glowing like the moon", trailing sparks and flying west which tallies with a report from Inchbonnie, 30 miles away, of a luminous object with a fiery tail.

AUSTRALIA: (Case 36, Wilcannia, Australia, Nov. 3, '54) Thanks to a much cooperative Fulton, we may print this item of interest: Three station employees told police they saw a saucer as "big as a woolshed, hovering 500 ft. up and making a terrific noise". A police sergeant said the men had taken photos which had been sent to the Civil Aviation Dept. Fulton later learned that the C. A. D. in Sydney confirmed the receipt of three photos. These photos, he says, have been subjected to microscopic examination by photographic experts, and, according to Civil Aviation Regional Director, show an object like an "inverted saucer with an inverted teacup on top." Fulton adds, "There was no mention of suspicion in the C. A. D. statement or suggestion of fakery."

ENGLAND: In his recent letter, well-informed Fulton also sends us this item which comes from London. I quote: "November 7 issue of the Sunday Dispatch gives a serious account of the recent numerous radar sightings over a particular area of England. The objects always appear about noon, (says the article under banner headlines) flying in an east to west direction about two miles up. They appear first in U-formation, then form two straight lines and finish up in a perfect Z-formation. Have been tracked on many radar screens both military and civil over a period of weeks. Air Ministry baffled. Say objects are not believed to be caused by any form of atmospheric phenomena, birds, etc. Reported that 40 to 50 objects appear in these formations. One of the radar men, on being interviewed, stated, "We have been ordered to treat the matter with utmost secrecy".

EAST AFRICA: Saucer visitations over the coastal countries of the Indian Ocean have been heavy, so heavy, in fact, that it lead one astronomer, G. Duncan Fletcher, of Kenya to comment, "Visitors from outer space are probably observing and mapping the earth and have been directing their recent attentions to East Africa".

Reports, backing up Fletcher's statement, have flooded newspaper offices in three East African territories -- Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika. Says the dispatch, "Europeans, Asians and Africans all have claimed to have seen objects in the sky -- stationary, zooming over horizons, changing color, elliptical in shape and elongated with upright projections at either end".

First reports came from Dar-es-Salaam, capital of Tanganyika, and were followed by sightings at Mombasa, Kampala and Nairobi. In Nairobi, citizens phoned local police stations to report saucers circling the suburbs. More than one police car, sent to investigate, reported following the course of "mysterious bright objects". Two Europeans on duty at the international airport observed objects through binoculars.

(Case 37, Nairobi, Kenya, Nov. '54) Astronomer Fletcher, too, with four friends, has witnessed a saucer from his well-equipped observatory. He says: "It was about 7:40 p. m. when very low and towards the east there appeared a large light in the sky which had no relationship to anything astronomical, to very lights or to the aircraft which had just landed at the airport. When first spotted, according to Fletcher and companions, the stationary object was about 2000 ft. in altitude emitting a "bright orange light". Then it brightened and rose, dropped and then rose again, finally disappearing through the clouds. (This clip, too, credited to Fulton.)

THE CASE FOR THE "SEA-Saucer": If the hypothesis is correct, that saucers are on a geodetic survey of earth, then it may explain some of their storied sorties over the seven seas. On the other hand, some of the incidents have the suggestion of menace. Following are some samples of "sea-saucer" tales collected by CRIFO:

(Case 38, Omaha Beach, Europe, June '44) Shortly after June 6, with Normandy secured, the U. S. S. George E. Badger, a liberty ship, lay anchored in the channel waters off Omaha Beach. On duty was gunner Edward Breckel, of Cincinnati, who was contemplating the brief interlude of quiet and a dreary sky. Suddenly there appeared a dark ellipsoidal object on the horizon about five miles away. Blunted on each end like a sausage, the noiseless craft remained in view for about 3 minutes, moving in a slow, smooth, circular course at about 15 ft. above the surface of the water. It had no protruding parts like an aircraft, and was moving too low and fast for a blimp. There were no other ships on the horizon into which it disappeared.

(Case 39, Bay of Biscay, England, Nov. '42) In a name-restricted letter received last May from "C. J. J.", of New York, is another eye-opener. Note the date which pretty well knocks out any suspicion that the object was a secret U. S. missile.

The writer, "C. J. J.", was attached to the -- Wing of an Anti Sub Squadron whose unit was assigned to duty in the Bay of Biscay. According to "C. J. J.", the tail gunner first sighted the UFO, a strange craft "without wings". Others, including the Ass't. Engineer, confirmed the object and the "intercom became a jumbled mess of incoherent squawks", as the spotters gave the pilot a detailed account. During this time "C. J. J." was in the ball turret, and by the time he ascended to the waist deck, most of the crew was watching the "thing".

T/Sgt. "F. M. B.", with a K-20 camera, was already shooting pictures. By this time the UFO was flying behind us at 5 o'clock. Although it was difficult to determine its distance, the object, which appeared "massive", soon gained altitude without visible means of propulsion. In view for about 15 minutes, the object finally executed a 180 degree angle turn and disappeared. Out of a number of exposures taken by the Sgt. only one, with filter, showed details. This "perfect print" became a matter of U. S. and R. A. F. Intelligence.

(Case 40, Coastal Waters, near Ensenada, Calif., Sept. 2, '54) The Coast Guard searched the area for possible crash of a jet plane when a Honduran freighter reported a "strange fireball" which skipped along the surface of the sea, then vanished. Witnesses said the fireball left a trail of white smoke, paralleling the ship's course.

(Case 41, At sea... 1946) H. G. Rovner sends this timely clip, which appeared as a letter-to-the-editor in the Phila. Bulletin, 12/12/54. "... Looking up one morning I saw an object heading directly over our ship and at incredible speed. It was seen by some crew members, including the Captain. As it sailed over our heads we noticed it was a monster

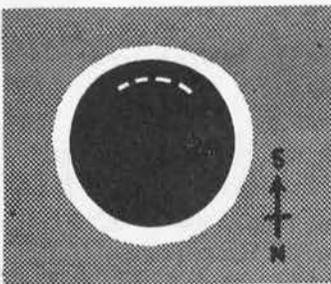
meteor about 200 ft. long, with the tail burning fiercely and sputtering fire. It was a beautiful sight, even though it scared us out of our wits. The Captain remarked if it had hit us there would have been no trace of crew or ship." Signed/ Sam Alfieri

Rovner phoned Alfieri for additional facts which sufficiently rule out the object being a "meteor". 1) The object was in horizontal flight 2) it was flaming red 3) it looked smooth and round 4) it flew at mast height 5) it did not crash in the ocean but flew into the horizon.

And, there's the story of the little black and white dog. In Oct., 1953, the U. S. S. Wrangell maneuvering in the North Atlantic, came upon a derelict Portuguese fishing boat flying a distress flag and wallowing helplessly in the swells. Aboard, the navy found a dead man and an emaciated dog. What happened to the rest of the crew? Why was the boat abandoned? No one knows exactly. Maybe some of our jets covering the Atlantic might give us a clue!

CASE FILE REVIEW: We're still swamped with sighting reports and we're putting them all to work. Every clipping received is dutifully filed and cross indexed. CRIFO is presently installing a new filing system, which should pay off in its ease of reference and efficiency in correlating sightings in respect to their characteristics, time and place.

(Case 42, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Sept. 20, '54) Thanks to Fred Kirsch, Dir. of UFO Research in that city we have this report: A large black, saucer-shaped object came out of the southwest, traveling to the north in a 45° arc. In the north it straightened out and flew east in a straight line. There was a bright light in the front which blinked every 1-1/2 seconds, and 6 to 8 other lights which looked like portholes. There was no sound and the object was seen for about 30 seconds, traveling at a steady speed of about 300 mph. Its closest distance was about 1000 ft. away. Witnesses: Nick Bolanz and Tim Wilcox.



(Case 43, Pontiac, Mich., Dec. 20, '54) Earl Ball of Pontiac, Mich. is a qualified observer. In a clear, cloudless sky he saw a small orange light traveling north to south at a speed which he estimated at 500 to 700 mph. Ball (on the ball) next viewed the ball under glass, 30x magnification. He describes it thus: "The color was bright orange turning to dull red, oscillations of 3 to 7 cycles per second. On the fifth oscillation the color seemed to increase in magnitude or else the device was traveling in the ionosphere because of the auroral effect. The edge of the device was not sharply outlined at all times because of the lack of light - except from the device itself. A semi-circle of intense white light coming from the ports or slits was visible as indicated in drawing.

This issue of the Newsletter is dedicated to the late Thaddeus (Bill) Culmer of Robinson, Ill., who passed away Sept. 20. Those who knew Bill through his voluminous correspondence knew him as a person convinced that saucers were interplanetary. Bill witnessed two saucers, one which was written up in Case 2 in the August Newsletter. In Bill, CRIFO will miss a true, loyal friend, and one of the people who inspired CRIFO and its Newsletter.

SAUCER SUNDRIES: Received last minute, a 35 mm. kodachrome slide which shows UFO in evening sky over Michigan. The film now is being blown up and analyzed at photographic studio. More next issue. . . . Also in next issue will appear feature on "SKY QUAKES" based on much material sent in by generous members. . . . CRIFO apologizes to Gray Barker, editor of Saucerian. We printed his address wrong last issue. Here's the right one: Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Virginia -- six issues, \$2.00.

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HAUNTED HEAVENS AND THE HIDDEN EVIDENCE: In the research of Charles Fort, chronicler of early "saucer" phenomena, science was handed a riddle. Although his opus described many confounding cases of aerial phenomena, many such may have had astronomical explanations while perhaps some others were born of superstition. However, no matter how hard we try, we cannot dismiss those singular events which described shape, size and behavior analogous to the saucer we have collectively witnessed since the inception of the "foo fighter", or, let us more aptly say, the "nine saucer-like things" reported by Ken Arnold in 1947. Looking back, such cases as the Chattanooga-Huntsville incident (1910) and the Sisterville incident (1897) will always remain inexplicable -- unless we are ready to accept them as visual evidence of space-craft.

Today we have material evidence! Whatever the answer for the old "Fortean" sightings, the saucer of today differs only in that it is a part of, or, allied to other recent and novel sky phenomena which, in some instances, suggests a saucer "by-product" material such as angel hair and/or the saucer's effects such as sky quakes.

CRIFO has objectively collected material dealing with recent sky phenomena, much of which is here presented for the first time:

METEORITES - THE SYLACAUGA INCIDENT: Curiously, there is a sudden great frequency of "something" dropping from the skies. Conveniently, they are tabbed "meteorites". We have no reason not to believe, in the Sylacauga incident, that the object that pierced the roof of Mrs. Hewlett Hodges, was a meteorite. The story is well known by now. Significantly, however, in respect to this case and others is a letter received by "Dr. L. D." from General Joe Kelly on Dept. of the Air Force stationery, which shows the official view and its concern over sky phenomena. We quote the general's letter, in part, with permission of "Dr. L. D."

"... In line with the responsibility of air defense of the nation, the Air Force feels a very definite obligation to identify and analyze things which happen in the air and which may indicate a menace to the United States. The Air Force had established an activity known as the Unidentified Flying Object Program to pursue that interest.

"At the time of the reports that an unidentified flying object fell from the sky at Sylacauga, Alabama, two Air Force officers from Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala., were sent to investigate. The investigating officers talked with the Mayor and the Chief of Police of Sylacauga, Ala., and the object which had fallen from the sky was turned over to them by these two public officials for further examination. It was flown to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, O., and competent technical officials there determined it to be a meteorite. The Air Force then took immediate steps to have the meteorite returned to the attorney for Mrs. Hodges... , upon whose home the meteorite fell."

Signed/Joe W. Kelly, Major General, USAF
Director, Legislative Liason

EDITOR: Note the general's suggestion of alacrity on the part of the A. F. investigating team in reaching the scene. Also note that ATIC examined the object. Question: Did the A. F. investigate or examine meteorites prior to 1947, or were such "inter-stellar" objects left to the astronomers? Why now such interest by the A. F. unless they are urgently concerned with the UFO and its possibilities of menace?

MYSTERY METEORITES - A RASH OF THE RARE: Theoretically, meteorites are rare. Dr. Lincoln La Paz who should know, says so in Neil M. Clark's article, "Mr. Fireball of Albuquerque", appearing in Colliers, May 16, '53. But according to recent evidence, meteorites dropping in on earth are common. How then, may we account for this sudden rash unless the objects in question are not really meteorites? Let's review the record, alone, for 1954 and 1955. Russia, on Oct. 9, '54, reported a meteorite weighing 12 lbs. that fell near Krutinka in western Siberia, the second such event during that year. Admittedly, the USSR had investigated. (Credit Laura J. Titus, of Spokane.) Other significant "meteoritic" disturbances may be checked in CRIFO cases, #20 and #33 (which see).

Case 44, Lake Washington, near Seattle, Jan. '55) Equally mysterious are the strange objects that pierced the aluminum dome of an amateur astronomer's observatory, causing havoc inside, and, which, ironically, burnt the owner's astronomy books. Of speculative interest, the objects, described as "hot stones", were found fused to particles of the dome's aluminum. Hence, by this token, it seems manifest that the "hot rocks" were possibly under some inexplicable magnetic influence, which takes us, in turn, to another question: How may we explain the cohesion between aluminum and a "hot rock" or a meteorite?

This phenomenon brings to mind the notorious Maury Island affair of 1947 (near Tacoma, Wash.), where the storied Harold Dahl witnessed a saucer discharge 20 tons of "hot rocks", and/or slag amidst other ferrous and non-ferrous materials. Recently in Chicago, John Otto showed me a specimen of the Maury Island "rock". Otto says it looked similar to the Lake Washington fragment which was shown over John Daly's TV newscast. For details of the Maury Island adventure we recommend reading The Coming of the Saucers by Arnold & Palmer, and, Chapt. IV of Flying Saucers on the Attack, by Harold T. Wilkins. By the way -- where are Dahl and Fred Chrisman since their experiences in 1947?

Case 45, Darby Township, Pa., Jan. 23, '55) Hard on the heels of the Lake Washington incident comes a parallel case resulting in tragedy to William C. Cunningham. Thru his bedroom window, crashed a blazing missile about the size of a grapefruit on an obvious mission of menace. Attempting to throw the metallic "fireball" outside, Cunningham suffered severe burns on his right hand. Preliminary investigation of the pieces of strange metal, found embedded in the window sill and on the roof of a nearby parked car, indicated the object might have been a meteorite. Some 25 pieces of the object, the largest a sliver about 10 inches long, were recovered. Fire Marshall, Francis X. Joseph, said that when he subjected the metal to 1700 degrees heat with a propane torch, it would not melt. It glowed red but kept the same shape when it cooled. A characteristic of the metal, Joseph said, is that it is a dull silver on the outside, shining brightly on the inside when broken open. Joseph also said that he tested the fragments with a magnet, but got no reaction. Dr. C. P. Oliver, astronomer, and Dr. I. M. Levitt, dir. of Fels Planetarium, both expressed doubt that a heavenly body was involved. Dr. Oliver said that it may have been a home-made bomb. Dr. Levitt pointed out that most meteorites explode when they are from 10 to 35 miles away from earth. However, both agreed that the metal should be examined at the National Museum in Washington. (Credit John Otto, H. G. Rovner, Dr. L. D. & J. Douglas.)

EDITOR'S EVALUATION: Note the striking similarity of the two recent incidents at opposite ends of the country. Recall, too, the molten metal burning Portola Rd. at Woodside, Calif. (see Oct. '54 Newsletter.) Recall the incident of a similar small, round, red fireball that pierced a metal signboard near New Haven, Conn. in August, '53. (see May, '54 Newsletter.) None has been satisfactorily explained. Regarding the Darby incident, why, if the projectile were home-made, did it enter the room, (second floor) explode, and at the same time, leave other fragments outside on the ground and on top of a parked car? We agree with Oliver and Levitt that the projectile should be further examined before calling it home-made.

"BLUE DART" PHENOMENA: (Case 46, Birmingham, Mich. , spring of '54) A new tag for a phenomenon about a year old. First known case was the reported incident by a man and his wife, while driving their car on a lone country road. Suddenly, from nowhere came a swarm of brilliant blue-colored streaks or darts toward the windshield. No one was injured, but the glass suffered many large pocks.

Case 47, Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. '54) Mrs. X, alone, was frightened by two blue darts as brilliant as an acetylene torch. They swerved down silently from the night sky and streaked toward the ground, then vanished. No traces of the objects were found upon investigation later that night and the next morning. Civil Defense was not interested when asked to check with Geiger counter.

Case 48, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 5, '54. See pages 5 & 6 of June, '54 Newsletter.) Two neon-bright pinpoint flashes, like darts, were witnessed by this writer just prior to a greater sky spectacle that evening. Each dart appeared too intensely brilliant, too sharply defined and too symmetrically precise for known electrostatic phenomena.

The editor will appreciate receiving any additional reports describing similar phenomena, and will, of course, like some professional advice on same, too.

SKY QUAKES: To properly evaluate this phenomena we must first consider conventional causes, that being jets breaking the sound barrier. Your editor has experienced 12 such separate blasts while attending the Nat'l. Air Show in Vandalia, Ohio. Other than exciting and perhaps a little loud, they did not cause the local crowd to panic. However, there are cases of "quakes" in the sky on record which left areas much greater in size gripped in terror. In these instances, no jets were admittedly in the sky. Dorothy Kilgallen, Oct. 30, '52 said, "High military brass are more worried about those mysterious 'sky quakes' over Long Island than they are about any of the flying saucer reports".

Case 49, Glen Cove, Long Island, N. Y. , Oct. 18, '52) Two mysterious blasts rocked quiet Glen Cove hurling children off their feet, shattering windows and cracking sidewalks. The blasts were heard for 15 miles around. Police and military authorities were unable to explain the explosions. All planes were accounted for by Mitchell AFB, the Republic Aircraft Corp. in Farmingdale and the Gruman Aircraft Engineering Corp. , Bethpage. Likewise, Sands Point naval installation could give no cause and the Coast Guard, searching for debris, found nothing.

Case 50, Seattle, Wash. , May 11, '52) A blinding white flash at 1:26 a.m. transformed Seattle skies into daytime brightness and was accompanied by a series of explosions that shook buildings and routed residents over a wide area. One of the best views of the phenomenon was by pilot, B. C. Carlson and co-pilot, Earl Perry flying a Northwest Airlines DC-3. While the craft was flying over Hobart, 20 miles east of Seattle, at a height of 7000 ft. , Perry looking straight ahead saw, "an intensely bright, white light, like a magnesium flare, trailing sparks". Both pilots agreed that the flare-like object crossed over in front of the plane and then broke into two pieces. These, they said, shot out like Roman candles. Neither pilot could hear any noise and felt no shock. Both men declined to go on record with the statement that the object was in fact a meteor. Ed Meredith, weather forecaster, said meteors usually burn out rather than explode and Prof. J. H. Pruitt of the U. of Oregon declared meteors as a rule were not found below a height of five miles. The naval air station at Whidbey Is. , 50 miles north admitted hearing three or four explosions, but said they assumed it was a meteor. However, inquiries by the sheriff's office, the Coast Guard and other agencies failed to turn up any fragments. Witnesses as far as Olympia, 50 miles south and Bellingham, 80 miles north were questioned, but it seemed that no one, including the Air Force was willing to call it a meteor.

Case 51, Lancaster County, Pa., Sept. 28, '54) At 12:30 p.m. all of Lancaster County was shaken by a mysterious explosion and some damage was reported. Quarrysville reported at least one home where walls and ceiling cracked. At Hensel the windows of homes rattled and at Fishing Creek, the stone structure of one home shook and loosened with the blast. At Pleasant Grove, located on the Pa.-Maryland border, residents reported sighting a blue haze in the sky after the explosion. In addition to causing property damage, one person was injured in Bartville when a pair of frightened mules bolted at the sound throwing the rider from his harrow. Police and other agencies could offer no explanation. (Credit, R. L. Roberts of Coatsville, Pa.)

Case 52, Oakland, Calif., Sept. 18, '54) A brilliantly lighted object coupled with explosion puzzled residents of the Oakland area, but the military said they had no knowledge of the incidents. Two deputy sheriffs were among those who viewed a "big blob in the sky" for a matter of minutes. Another witness, Charles Embree, a retired Air Force officer, said he watched the object through binoculars. (Credit, Nina Cuadra.) (See case 26, same date.)

Case 53, Springfield area, Ill., Oct. 7, '54) The exact nature of a loud blast in the sky at 4:30 p.m. sending thousands of residents scurrying for their homes as far as Berlin, New Berlin, Loami, Chatham and Visden, remains a mystery. Most witnesses thought the blast occurred in their own neighborhood. Some reported seeing a plane disintegrate in the air, but state police and Air National Guard planes scoured the area and found no wreckage. Others reported seeing vapor trails over the SW part of Springfield, and ANG at Capital Airport said they "assumed a jet broke the sound barrier." However, a guard spokesman said none of their planes were aloft. Control tower personnel at the airport also reported they were not in contact with any jets at the time of the blast. Additional details are supplied by Mrs. H. Baggerly of Springfield. We quote her letter in part:

"There was a tremendous blast from the air, followed by five more in quick succession, each one increasing in intensity that shook the earth and the houses. It rolled and pealed like thunder. My husband ran outside and saw a huge ring of smoke with a piece out of the ring . . . He said it was not too large at first and then seemed to spread out like someone had blown a giant smoke ring. The color of the smoke was not white like a jet makes, and I have never seen a jet make a circular ring.

"At 5 o'clock I heard on the WTAX news program that a jet must have blown up in midair. The announcer said that it couldn't have been a jet breaking the sound barrier because when they do they are in a dive and leave no exhaust trail. We heard and saw the jets roaring through the skies the rest of the evening. I talked to another man who was west of town a few miles and he said he saw the puff of smoke and something went straight up and then the ring formed. Loami is at least 15 miles southwest of Springfield so you can see how very high it must have been because from here it looked just like it was a few miles west."

Case 54, Wilkes-Barre area, Pa., Dec. 14, '54) Sounds, like the distant rumble of heavy artillery, were heard in Wyoming Valley as far south as West Nanticoke 10 miles away and as far north as Scranton, 20 miles. There was no damage from the concussions and their source remained unexplained. H. G. Rovner of Phila., who checked into the incident, could learn nothing further from the editor of the Phila. Evening Bulletin.

Rovner also takes note of the many similar "quakes" recorded in H. T. Wilkins' book, and, refers to an article by Corey Ford on the "sonic boom" appearing in Dec. 4, '54 issue of the Sat. Eve. Post. He quotes from page 26. "In Van Nuys, Calif., Mrs. Edith Bruce told reporters, 'my house heaved up and down and I ran outside. I saw a darkish ball of smoke . . . and while I looked it turned almost pure white, like a puff of cotton.'" Corey remarks, "Mrs. Bruce was more nearly right than she knew. What she saw was the glint of the sun on the wings of a jet, pulling out of a dive." Rovner comments: "Now we know that a jet plane looks like a puff of cotton."

Case 55, East Lansing, Mich., Dec. 11, '54) A mystery sky blast at 1:40 a. m. brought hundreds of residents out-of-doors in pajamas. One witness described the noise as "hollow sounding"; another said she was "terrified by a terrible explosion". Selfridge Field officials ruled out the possibility of an Air Force jet penetrating the sound barrier. Major Maxwell Gruman said investigation verified early statements that no jets were in the central Mich. area at that early hour. He added that strict rules forbid F-86 Sabre jet pilots to break the sound barrier. (Credit, Mrs. H. E. Harder.)

SAUCER INVISIBILITY - A CASE FOR THE X-DIMENSIONAL: Reliable records show that in many instances saucers are metastatic, that is they are reported to emerge from nowhere, suddenly disembody and vanish, and, while in flight, undergo transformation -- all before the human eye. Although incredible, we cannot dismiss the facts, plus some recent evidence which supports a plausible case for the theory of X-Dimension. One of its more popular variants is the 4-D interpretation.

THE 4-D INTERPRETATION: Foremost exponent of 4-D is Dr. Meade Layne, Dir. of Borderland Science Research Associates, 3524 Adams Ave., San Diego, Calif. Since 1946, Layne has collected material relative to UFO and allied phenomena which supports his interpretation. CRIFO does not necessarily endorse the 4-D facet, any more or less than 5 or 6-D, but believes that these concepts require serious evaluation and wider review. Here, in part, we quote from recent BSRA literature:

"Aeroforms (saucers) are best understood as 'emergents': that is they emerge onto our plane of perception from a space-time frame of reference which is different from ours. This process may also be described as a conversion of energy and a change of vibratory rates. When this conversion takes place, the aeroform becomes visible and tangible. It appears to be, and definitely is what we call solid substance, and so remains until the vibratory rate is again converted. The 'steel' of a landed disc is 'etheric steel', and its copper 'etheric copper'. This change amounts to a process of 'mat & demat'. Just as there is a spectrum of sound and color so there is also a spectrum of tangibility, ending in forms of matter which are too dense to be touched. The ordinary matter of our plane is a rarefaction: the interspaces between the nucleus and the electrons are relatively enormous. This extremely dense matter of the ether(s) passes through earth substance much as wind or water would flow through a screen with meshes a mile wide. But if the vibratory rate of an etheric object is slowed down, it becomes less dense and enters our field of perception."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE? Case 56, Glen Lake, Mich., July 15, '54) X-Dimension does not rest its case in one photo, for there are several. The one before me is bona fide. It was discovered by Herb Clark, one of CRIFO's first and more qualified researchers, in recent weeks -- a long gap since July 15, '54 when the remarkable photo was taken. In fact, Jerry Leimenstoll, the photographer, didn't know what the bright "boomerang" object was in his color slide until quizzed by Clark. Clark brought it in and our analysis began.

Leimenstoll's original was a 35 mm. Kodachrome film, using a Kodak Pony camera (with 3 element lens); exposure 3 to 4 sec., at f. 4.5. Vacationing, Leimenstoll, in company with Richard Ridge, snapped the picture 22 miles NNW of Traverse City at a point 300 ft. above Glen Lake. Shooting for a twilight scene (about 9:00 P. M.) he managed to capture most of the lake's great sweeping basin in deep shadow. On the horizon are traces of pink tinted clouds against a dark sky, while high above these, in dramatic contrast is the brilliant, golden-orange boomerang.

Close examination of the slide and its projection on the screen (verified by 7 power lighted magnifying glass) shows amazing and significant detail. Instead of single object shaped like a boomerang there appears a series of six, overlapping, self-luminous disc-shaped objects, each again distinct within itself, flying in what seems to be in a swerve or declination course toward the unsuspecting photographer. The lead or nearest object is coolie hat-shaped, tilted on edge, appearing much like the object in a photo taken in Jersey City by August Roberts. (See pg. 28, Jan. issue, Saucerian.)

MASSING "X" EVIDENCE FOR OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS: Further analysis of the slide and in using 8x10 blow-ups, proved a point that we suspected earlier, that the series of six discs, looking like coins spilling towards the viewer, was actually the progressive movement of one disc! This, of course, is what one may expect to see on film when photographing any normal material object in motion and using 3 to 4 second time exposure. But, this was no normal object and no matter how hard we try, we cannot refute the evidence and the stubborn fact that observers, Leimenstoll and Ridge did not see the object -- an object so brilliant that no "human" eye could have ever possibly missed it, that is, unless it were X-dimensional.

In the final analysis, we may conditionally conclude that the object is a material entity. The slide and blow-ups were examined by qualified experts, and each concluded that the picture was no fake, and that the object in it, to be "something" material. Kenneth Hock, who would prefer an earthly answer, said that the object in this instance was not a "Newton Ring" or any other optical phenomenon he knew of. Lab technicians at Marsh studios agreed and said that the object looked "material". Everyone agreed with Clark in dismissing emulsion droplets, or defective film. Conventional objects, like aircraft lights, balloons, birds, were quickly dismissed, too-- thus, leaving us, again, with a UFO or saucer. Also notable -- the disc did not appear in any other picture taken by Leimenstoll before or after this one singular shot.

There are other photos showing similar objects taken under similar circumstances which all lend credence to each other, and, possibly to some para-physical answer. We know of one color film taken in Miami, Fla., that shows the ocean and a ship on the horizon. Above the ship is a saucer, but it was not seen by the photographer. I am told that the Air Force checked this film and made some interesting remarks. Then there is the film, taken in 1947 showing three curious objects at random positions in the night sky over Armco Steel Corp., Hamilton, Ohio. The photographer noticed nothing unusual until he developed the film. These photos and others are substantial evidence supporting any one of the unknown facets of X-dimension, or as Albert Einstein would theorize . . . where the object appears to be all mass and some energy and then suddenly all energy and no mass.

SAUCER SUNDRIES: The Detroit F.S. Club is a very active and objective group. On Jan. 26 they spellbound a large audience with a color and sound film showing a saucer over the San Fernando Valley, Cal. along with film showing some "inside" interviews, such as the one at White Sands, etc. Invited to lecture, your editor could not oblige. However, Cincinnati's Tom Eickhoff was one of the featured speakers under the auspices of Henry Maday, President . . . CRIFO recommends to its readers the APRO Bulletin edited by Coral Lorenzen, 519 New York St., Alamogordo, N.M. Presently its very able director is convalescing from illness and we wish her speedy return to full-time active duty. Her latest issue features S. American saucer events . . . Another organization, new and picking up steam in Cleveland is The F.S. News Service, 20019 Scottsdale Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio. Its director, Tom Camella, has long been active in saucer research. . . . Gray Barker of Saucerian told me by phone he put 68 pages of his latest issue "to bed". Proof there's much to tell . . . CRIFO laments the recent death of Edward Breckel, Sr., Vice Pres. of The Du Bois Co., Cincinnati. He, too, was a firm believer in the interplanetary theory and wasn't afraid to say so.

In Chicago, recently, an objective group of electronic engineers, working with John Otto, conducted a special broadcast, by radio in which they invited our saucer visitors to signal their presence. In the 15 second "listening" period came space's answer. The "reply", sounding like a fast, staccato of oriental musical bells, rhythmic and high-pitched, defies all decoding efforts to date. This group is continuing its analysis and is also experimenting with infra red light beam transmission and reception with some success -- more later!

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WHY FLYING SAUCERS ARE NOT ALL EARTH-MADE DEVICES: To begin, we know for certain that mysterious, material entities have pervaded earth's atmosphere, pole to pole. These entities, known popularly as flying saucers, have been witnessed, encountered, photographed and tracked by radar, and behind each true report stands a trained or scientific observer, or, one of thousands of honest citizenry with 20-20 vision. Among these masses perhaps a few, with top security clearance, know the full dramatic story, thus the entities' origin. The others, among the millions of non-sighters, burn with curiosity, but not having many facts, just guess wildly. Still others, much fewer in number, have many facts, plus some evidence, plus well-balanced logic and with these claim that the flying saucer is either 1) an earth-made device, 2) an extraterrestrial space machine, 3) or both!

To any serious researcher, the term "flying saucer" is a misnomer. Applied loosely, it is tagged on any aerial object that cannot be explained by its observer. Unwittingly it is a balloon, meteor or a searchlight's beam playing on cloud strata. However, in more cases than a thousand and one, it is the true ellipsoidal, metallic device of undetermined origin!

But here, despite its birthright title, this same ellipsoid, like its sighter, is prone to public ridicule, and the object itself, because of its funny name, will not be recognized by the Air Force -- that is publicly. By cunning A. F. definition, this, or any ellipsoid, disc, globe or fireball reported as a "flying saucer" does not exist. Officially, the A. F. prefers classifying these objects as "unidentified flying objects."

Summarily, our government, and all world governments and their military agencies recognize the UFO. Each knowing his own secret project developments in respect to aircraft and rocketry, also know that the UFO is none of them. Therefore, in common international terminology, the UFO is a separate entity. The picture is clear: material entities known as UFO's do pervade all the earth's skies, and world governments, without exception, recognize the fact that it is a novel machine not manufactured on earth!

Through the years this writer has heard all the rumors and many "proofs" purporting that UFO's (alias saucers) are secret U. S. products. This supposition does not lend itself to all the facts, most of which are hidden from public view. To help clarify some recent public befuddlement, CRIFO, in this issue, will endeavor to single out certain of these facts, usually glossed over, and present them for logical evaluation. In these, possibly, is the truth and proof that UFO's (saucers) are not all U. S. secret devices or any other nation's on earth!

ISSUE I) SAUCERS OVER KOREA -- A RIDDLE: War in Korea cost 33,417 American lives, but the stakes were high. For the U. S. there was one manifest objective. As evidenced by Gen. MacArthur's sweep up to the Yalu River, it was complete annihilation of red power in all of that country. Anything less, after MacArthur's drive north, meant "losing face."

In the Orient, losing face is akin to military defeat; its effects lie deep-rooted in the attitudes of key allies. As a matter of record, we have already seen Indo-China bow to communist demands, Anti-American riots in Japan, red revolt in Indonesia, new threats on Formosa -- and the spectre of new war in Korea! 33,417 lives were not enough, but a terrible price to pay in defense of Taejon, the Kum River and the Pusan pocket, and a terrible price to pay the cocky reds for stalemated peace at Panmunjom.

Why was our principle objective abandoned? Why, in realizing the dangers of losing face, did the U. S. settle on terms of stalemate, instead of driving the enemy back into Manchuria? The answer is more moral than military and more military than political. Morally, it was futile waste of manpower, and militarily, it was simply the lack of proper tactical support for that manpower!

In tactical warfare, the U. S. was stymied. For such operations, the atomic cannon was not yet ready, while the atomic bomb, like germ and chemical warfare, being a politico-strategic weapon, was ruled out. In the air, the U. S. found good use for the prop-driven Mustang, Corsair and Hellcat, tactically, but these were met by superior MiGs. On the other hand, while Thunderjets and Sabrejets were used to good advantage in more far-reaching missions and in support of B-29's they were ineffective in close ground support.

Hence, we see in the case of Korea, the crying need was for close tactical support from the air. For this we needed a highly maneuverable and manless craft capable of sudden suspensions, vertical climbs and of 180° turns such as objects witnessed by pilots Nash and Fortenberry over Norfolk, Va. or, weapons that could strike sudden terror (see case 26) or, a device that defied interception or pursuit, such as the "thinking" light encountered by Lt. George Gorman over Fargo, N. D. -- but, alas, the U. S. had no such weapon or craft! Save for rocket-type missiles already publicly known -- air-to-air, air-to-ground and ground-to-air, such incredible weapons existed only on the theoretical drawing boards, being secretly copied from collective information by ATIC on a device officially known as the UFO. It is here that we must question the logic of those who contend that UFO's are US secret devices.

If, conversely, such a device as the flying saucer were a US product, then it seems criminal that it was not deployed against the enemy when so much was at stake. Certainly, the answer to the vital problems of tactical support were to be had in the kind of devices reported by Ken Arnold in 1947 seen swerving at tremendous speed in and out of the high peaks near Mt. Ranier, or let us say, in the devices revealed in the Tremonton film, or in the device that repeatedly attacked Lt. George Kinman's F-51 fighter over Augusta, Ga., in 1951. And, there was no shortage of "saucers" for there were hundreds of silvery disks seen in the daytime over Farmington, N. Mex. in 1950.

But, the history of the Korean War shows no such novel device used against the enemy. To have done so would have also tipped the hand of the world's greatest secret to the enemy, but the enemy, so blatant about our resorting to germ warfare, said nothing. Yet, despite these factors, the USAF, officially released reports of "UFO" over Korea, some of which admittedly flew on the wing of U. S. aircraft -- like the "foo fighters" of World War II. Quoting LIFE, we report a typical case reported similarly in both wars.

Case 57, North Korea, Jan. 29, 1952) "Just before midnight, a B-29 was on solo mission over Wonsan, Korea. It was flying at a speed somewhat less than 200 mph., at an altitude somewhat above 20,000 ft. Simultaneously the tail gunner and the fire-control man in the waist saw a bright round orange object in the sky near the plane. Both said it was about three feet in diameter, flew with a revolving motion on a course parallel to theirs, and wore a halo of bluish flame. It also appeared to pulsate. The object followed the B-29 for about 5 minutes, then pulled ahead and shot away at a sharp angle. On the same night a similar globe was seen by the tail gunner and waist man of another B-29, 80 miles away over Sunchon, but flying at about the same height. The globe followed the plane about a minute, then disappeared.

LIFE'S EVALUATION: Theoreticians in the Air Force believe the fireballs were not natural phenomena, but propelled objects. They bear similarity to the balls of fire-- called 'fireball fighters' or 'foo fighters' -- which flew wing on Allied aircraft over Germany and Japan, 1944-45 and which have never been satisfactorily explained.

Also witnessed over Korea were the notorious "green fireballs." While these weird monsters have repeatedly terrified Americans in the Southwest, and earlier caused concern to the Swedish govt., they did nothing to the reds. Still another mystery occurred during the summer of 1953 at which time saucers, the non-combatant kind, were reported consistently over Korea, while in the USA, there were little or no reports. To this writer, it seems a bit foolish for the U.S. to have brazenly paraded a secret weapon over enemy territory while denying its gainful use, tactically. Also enigmatic is the fact that our own U.S. pilots who encountered these devices, were not briefed more thoroughly on US weapons, for none were aware that the "foo fighter" (in either war) was American!

The only plausible and logical answer to the saucer over Korea, and in all respect to the wisdom of the U.S. govt., is that these objects were not secret U.S. products. In short, why build a flawless device and not use it in time of peril, not to mention the lives that it could have saved!

ISSUE 2) FLIGHT OF THE MACABRE! Macabre "accidents" befalling aircraft all over the world in comparison with the number of UFO encounters are not alarmingly great, but all have been suppressed from the public. Save for the slip-up on the Mantell case in 1948, when the public's eyebrows were raised, disasters resulting from saucers have been hush-hush. Countless cases since have now provoked an international conspiracy of censorship. Let's review a few typical cases of air disaster or where disaster became very close.

Case 58, Rome, Italy, Feb. 13, 1955) A Belgian Airliner carrying 29 persons (four Americans) vanished a few minutes after radioing Rome's Ciampino Airport that it was preparing for a routine landing. According to radio station KGO (Frisco) the pilot had radioed seeing a "fireball" in the sky. Next day station KCBS said the missing airliner first reported "flight OK" but four minutes later had started sending another message -- which broke off suddenly -- NO mention of contents! Later the same day ABC & NBC networks (in Frisco) told of the search operations but kept MUM on the UFO. Significant and sinister, on Feb. 14, the French African short-wave station in Brazzaville reported the search for the airliner and added that due to the mysterious "orange spot in the sky" the departure of the Italian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister (in another flight, from Rome for London) had been delayed!

Case 59, Rio De Janiero, Brazil, Nov. 22, 1954) Saucer events happening in South America are not carried by our newswires, so we got this one from Harold Fulton in New Zealand who got it from the Daily Sketch in England. "The pilot of a Brazilian airliner reported a fleet of 19 saucer-shaped objects, that flew at tremendous speed, less than 300 ft. from his plane. His passengers panicked. Members of the crew had to act 'most violently' to overcome their fears...."

Case 60, Calcutta, India, May 2, '53) Five minutes after leaving Dum Dum airport the Comet jetliner, G-AIYV crashed and burned, killing 43 passengers. While the press blamed it on structural failure, the real facts were hidden. On May 20, the Civil Aviation Ministry reported to U.P. and we quote: "A BOAC jetliner was struck 'in the air by a fairly heavy body' before it crashed and burned early this month. A preliminary investigation did not indicate the failure was due to poor construction of workmanship." Also ruled out was the liner's possible collision with another aircraft and lightning. Later, Jan. 20, '54, Dr. P.B. Walker, chief of the structure dept. at The Royal Aircraft establishment for Research at Farnborough, said that examination of the starboard and port main planes of the airliner and the tailplane, gave the impression as "if they had all been torn off by a giant!" May we assume that it collided with a U.S. secret weapon?

Case 61, Lawrenceville, Ga. Dec. 6, '53) Four Air Natl. Guard Thunderjets returning from Miami, crashed mysteriously from about 11,500 ft., killing the pilots. Dobbins Air Base officials said all the men were experienced pilots and three of them made up a stunt team specializing in close formation and acrobatic flying. The next day officials

thought that the fiery plunge of the planes was due to rain and fog, but according to other reports the weather was normal and should not have been a detriment to experienced pilots. One other clue: the last message from one of the pilots by radio to base read, "...we can't miss it!" (Ed. Miss what, a U.S. secret weapon?) Also, for the record, on Dec. 5, a private plane crashed north of Harrisburg, Pa. killing four. The wings and fuselage were scattered over a wide area. Then on Dec. 9, a twin jet, Night Intruder, exploded in the skies over Bel Air, Md. where again the wreckage was "scattered widely." Also coincidental is the case of four Meteor jets crashing a few minutes after take-off in England, Dec. 16, and hard on the heels of this, Jan. 11, '54, three U.S. Sabrejets flying at night near Darmstadt, Germany, also crashed, but the pilots bailed out. (See case 21, where jet explodes, fliers bail out.)

EDITOR: It seems plausible in many of these instances, that something happened in the sky reminiscent of the disaster befalling the BOAC jetliner. Military pilots and personnel connected with such incidents cannot talk because of threat of court martial, but this writer, not at liberty to name persons or places, knows the details of several very reliable cases on record which show evidence of disaster resulting from encounters with UFO's. Whether or not in all cases, the saucer encountered was hostile, evidence shows that the disaster happened when the aircraft or interceptor got too close -- like in the case of Capt. Tom Mantell! Again, getting too close may or may not be the fault of the pilot, but these sinister events prove one thing: our jets are not sent out on an intercept mission against our own secret weapons -- where danger lurks and death may strike!

ISSUE 3) SHOWDOWN WITH RUSSIA and THE FABLE OF THE SAUCER SUPER

WEAPON: Is all of American scientific genius consorting with industry in the manufacture of a secret super-saucer weapon? Are we stockpiling saucers in preparation for Armageddon -- the big showdown with Russia? Is war with Russia inevitable?

First, war with Russia is not inevitable! Push-button, thermonuclear war could well mean destruction, the end of civilization! Few, if any, stand to profit, therefore there is less chance for it being inadvertently triggered-off as compared to World Wars I and II -- unless it is planned, plotted and designed to be won on the initial blow. On this condition, and if by chance the U.S. does possess the super-saucer (theoretically capable of delivering a non-interceptive nuclear warhead anywhere in Russia) then the only great advantage is its use in "preventive war."

But, judging past U.S. history and its disinclination for starting wars the chances of the U.S. resorting to atomic "blitzkrieg" can be safely ruled out. This leaves Russia with the advantage. She may work toward her objectives by slow, devious infiltration or by striking first! And, with her present stockpile of nuclear weapons she has the potential for crippling the U.S. severely before the inevitable counter-attack. But here even Russia may falter knowing the futility. But in either event to what good is the saucer? Such is the grim reminder of futility in the report released Feb. 14 by Dr. Lewis Strauss, chairman of AEC and we quote: "In the event of war involving the use of atomic weapons, the 'fallout' from large nuclear bombs exploded on or near the surface of the earth would create serious hazard to civilian populations in large areas outside the target areas." On the basis of test data from the very large thermonuclear device set off at Bikini last March, the AEC added, "About 7,000 sq. miles of territory downwind from the point of burst was so contaminated that survival might have depended upon prompt evacuation from the area."

Is the U.S. stockpiling saucers? The case for or against this assumption, of course, can best be answered on the weight of evidence which shows that saucers are not American. If, perchance saucers were U.S. weapons, then on the face of other evidence, the stockpile should be most adequate. Consider that 400 saucers, according to one informant, were tracked by radar, at one sitting, over Washington, D.C. a couple years ago should be proof enough. But, if this is the case, then we question the continued mass production of jet and other conventional craft. Check any of the better aviation mags; look at the articles and the ads -- the story is 99% jets!

Are science and industry working hand-in-hand on a super-saucer? On good information we learn that in some respects the two are practically married, but the relationship has had no connection whatever with the development of the real "unexplained" flying saucer.

ISSUE 4) SAUCERS, RUSSIAN SNOOPS AND SECRECY: Another factor, too often overlooked by the U.S. saucer theoreticians, is the long arm of Russian intelligence. Public record, alone, shows where these snoops miss little or nothing. In fact, they have a deftness in tapping top secret stuff in A. E. C. where security is the strictest.

Perhaps paralleling A. E. C. security is USUFO research, but while the American public is occasionally taken into confidence on nuclear matters, to wit, the Feb. 14 pronouncement, they have been told nothing about saucers. This silence has lulled many into believing saucers are pure-blooded American, but a look at the facts in relation to the Russian menace should rule out, once and for all, this fallacy because 1) saucers have been on parade, in clear, photographic view over every nation on earth since 1944 and earlier. We ask, logically, why advertise a super secret device when the testing could have been confined to the U.S. western states, the central Pacific or, if need be, the interior of Australia? 2) saucers on parade would suggest a flagrant violation of the world's sensitive national boundaries. 3) saucers-on-parade, if secret, would act as a tip-off for Russian espionage, already successfully at work, viz., the coterie of Rosenbergs, Fuchs, Gold, et al. 4) saucers on parade, if executed as bait for Russia to come-look-see, would represent a slap in the face to Americans, honest and qualified, who are ridiculed for sighting something that is their own to begin with.

THE BRESLAU-PEENEMUNDE PUZZLE: Some theoreticians contend that Russia also has the saucer and that it had its beginning in Germany. They cite Dr. Walther Riedel and Dr. Wernher von Braun's work on the V-2 and they believe they were also a party in the development of the saucer which began in 1942. One early model, according to Jim Moseley, editor of Nexus (Feb. issue) was released from Stettin and crashed on Spitzbergen and this model was built at Peenemunde where Riedel was a project engineer. We find the plot thickens in review of statements made by George Klein, former German secret weapons expert, now an engineer in Switzerland. Klein claims that the Russians captured a scale model along with top technicians at Breslau and that the inventor of the V weapons, Walther Mietha, was now working in the U.S.

We agree with Klein, Moseley and others, that some of the best brains in Germany are working for the U.S. and Russia on guided missiles, but we disagree with their contentions in regard to what the scientists have accomplished, namely the saucer! We also agree, they are working on some pretty top-drawer secrets, even astronautically, but we disagree with Moseley's presumption that "American saucers are seen over the free world and Russian ones over the communist countries."

Here again we find no pattern of logic in view of the crazy-quilt evidence and in respect to this evidence one question remains: What has the U.S. to gain by sending fleets of secret saucers, sometimes causing "accidents" over countries like Egypt, Iran, Spain, or let us say, Argentina, while at the same time the U.S. denies the existence of saucers to the American taxpayer. The answer is logically simple -- saucers are not U.S. devices! But the controversy continues, and the student of saucer lore, has learned to read between the lines for clues supporting his theory. Such is the case recently which prompted your editor to write the Air Force for a statement.

ISSUE 5) AIR FORCE SAYS, "WE HAVE NOTHING THAT SPINS THROUGH THE AIR LIKE A DISC". The case begins with a letter received from Dr. L. D. who informed me that the latest AF release (1954), relative to the UFO had significantly omitted from their Summary of Events and Information, the usual denial that saucers were U.S. products. Dr. L. D. then cites a portion of the AF release of Aug. 1952, for comparison, which follows: "The Air Force... reaffirms at the present time, that these unidentified aerial phenomena are not a secret weapon, missile, or aircraft, developed by the U.S. None of

the three military depts. nor any other agency in the gov't. is conducting experiments, classified or otherwise, with flying objects which could be the basis for the reported phenomena...."

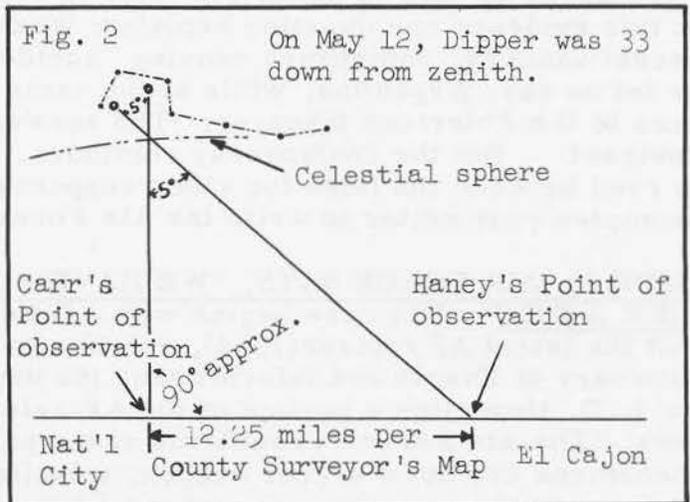
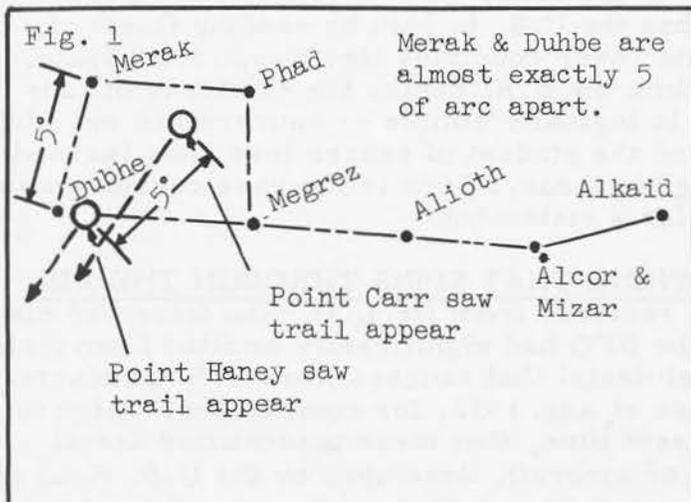
Commenting on the mysterious omission, Dr. L. D. says: "This statement is completely and absolutely omitted from the Oct. 1954 release! There is no substitute statement, no other reference to the possibility of saucers being American. It is then quite fair to state the following conclusion: the U. S. Air Force no longer denies that flying saucers are secret American developments!"

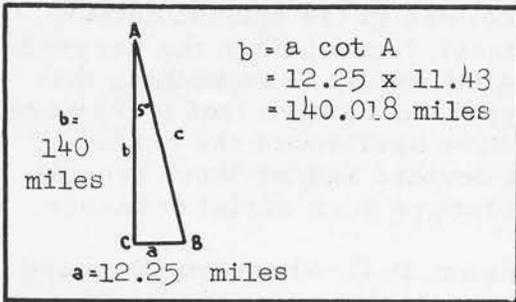
Curious, I wrote OPI, Defense Dept., for a statement. On Feb. 16, I received their reply, which states, in part: "...I find, upon checking, that the paragraph you mention was omitted from the later summary. I can offer no explanation other than oversight, since the omission carries no significance. We have been experimenting with new type aircraft and missiles for a long time, and possibly some of them have been reported as unidentified flying objects. However, the number of such sightings would be negligible. We have nothing which spins through the air like a disc, pulsates, glows, dematerializes, changes color, goes from a mid-air standstill to a supersonic speed, or that can turn at square angles in full flight, as some sighters report."

signed/ Robert C. White, Captain, USAF.

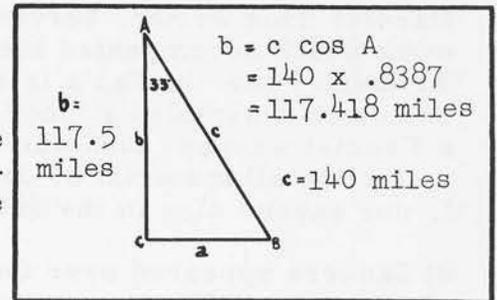
ISSUE 6) SAUCER CASES ON OFFICIAL RECORD BELIE U. S. WEAPON THEORY:

Case 62, San Diego, 8:55, May 12, 1952) Key witnesses, Donald R. Carr and Seymour Gates, design engineers at CONVAIR, Dean Strawn, former Navy pilot and Robert Haney, amateur astronomer. Carr, who first sighted a "red trail" inside the ladle of the big dipper, describes the incident in detail. We paraphrase his letter. "After about 2 seconds a small luminescent white circular object appeared at head of red trail. Five seconds later, the trail faded while object continued downward flight, its motion erratic, darting from side to side. After about 10 seconds object began to level off, making no sound and traveling in an undulatory course in westerly direction at approximately 15,000 or 20,000 ft. Object observed through 6 power telescope in this part of trajectory, appeared like a disc or sphere. Then it made a long radius turn to right at constant speed and in level flight. It flew over San Diego Bay and Point Loma area then disappeared north. About 30 minutes later, object returned along the same path, passed overhead, made approximate 300° turn over city and disappeared to the west. This time the object would slow down becoming dim, and then brighten when it shot ahead. Thus there appeared to be some relationship between its speed and brightness. It also changed colors from white to yellow to orange to red and back to white again. Through telescope a slight blue halation was visible. At all times, the object appeared under intelligent control." With witness Robert Haney of El Cajon, Carr was able to triangulate the height at which the red trail first appeared. Figures below, illustrate the Carr-Haney triangulation.





"As this triangle is laying over at an angle of 33° with the vertical side "b" (140 miles) the hypotenuse of a second triangle gives us the true height of the red trail."



"Varying the 5° angle from 3° to 7° extremes gives only about ± 10 miles in the calculated altitude. The angles could not vary more than this amount because the angle is governed by the size of the square formed by the 4 dipper stars. Therefore, we can only conclude that the trail appeared at an altitude of about 117.5 miles, which agrees with the theoretical limit of atmospheric resistance, 120 miles. Since the object levelled off within 10 or 15 seconds after its initial appearance, it must have travelled about 110 miles or more in that time, at an average speed of 10 miles per second, or 36,000 miles per hour. The probability of this is borne out by its METEORIC speed when first seen. A common meteoric speed is in the neighborhood of 150,000 mph. So here we have an object coming from above the atmosphere at meteoric speed, levelling off, and circling the city at least twice, soundlessly, and under intelligent control."

Strawn's letter generally confirms Carr's description of the object's characteristics. He says in part: "To my complete amazement the ball of fire leveled off and slowed down in speed. It took a definite course and headed over San Diego. Immediately I knew this was no ordinary thing and that it was under some type of control. It was unusual in the way the fireball would oscillate from side to side and up and down... like a ping pong ball in a movie songfest."

AUSTRALIAN NAVY CONFIRMS EXISTENCE OF SAUCERS: Case 62, Goulburn, Aust., (Sept., 1954) On Dec. 16, the Australian Navy belatedly announced that they had the "first authenticated information" that saucers exist. As a result, there is now a special order to Navy and RAAF pilots to watch for UFO, and it is believed that a special watch has been instituted on all radar stations. The Argus, a Melbourne paper, in headlines, reported the incident, thus: "A Navy pilot reported to Nowra Naval Air Station that he had seen two UFO's overtake his aircraft. He then asked the air station radar control to check their screens. Radar officers reported back that they could see three objects on the screen including the pilot's Sea Fury -- a prop-driven fighter, but were unable to identify the two other objects. The pilot's report said he was flying at 15,000 feet when the two lighted objects flashed by. Because of the top secret classification the incident has been kept from the public." (Credit to Harold Fulton of New Zealand)

BALL OF LIGHT CIRCLES CONTROL TOWER; OPERATORS FLEE: Case 63, Boone County Airport, Ky. - 1949) A huge, mysterious ball of light suddenly appeared from the night sky and slowly circled the control tower at the Greater Cincinnati Airport. One of the two operators on duty tried to contact the device by radio but got no response. As the object came closer, "under control", both operators fled the tower in panic. (Ed: All names withheld)

SAUCERS PIERCE IRON CURTAIN: Letters to Russian newspapers, quoted by Agence France Presse, told of a "flying cigar" sighted by several Soviet citizens, and "colored lights" spotted by inhabitants of Gomel. NOTE: The newspapers printed the letters, but warned readers severely about "the power of the imagination". (Credit: John P. Bessor) Ed: This leaves much to be said for U.S. weapons. Hence, if Russian, too, why U.S. secrecy?

1001 OTHER REASONS WHY SAUCERS ARE NOT U.S. WEAPONS: To name a few! Issue 7) The "foo" fighter mystery. In Pacific Theatre of War, these saucers were like leeches to US aircraft, their behavior sometimes hostile. Were they Jap weapons

or were they lent to the Japs by the Germans? (even after Germany's capitulation?) Hardly! This writer, serving in the 5th A. F. Intelligence, was in the special detachment which accompanied the initial landing forces in Atsugi, Japan before the surrender. Although I saw the Jap's latest Kamikazi device, the BAKU bomb, I saw nothing that remotely resembled a "foo" fighter or saucer. If our govt. had known that these were a Fascist weapon, then our U. S. Intelligence would not have overlooked the chance of collecting all material or data possible regarding these devices and/or their secrets. I, nor anyone else in the detachment was assigned to procure such aerial ordnance.

- 8) Saucers appeared over the Capitol building in Washington, D. C. where military and civilian aircraft are restricted. This would, by all means, include guided missiles.
- 9) Military pilots threatened with court martial. See statement by Major Keyhoe in Sept. Newsletter. Silence also applies to commercial pilots; but why silence when objects are in plain view over cities? See Case 10. This object was 10,000 ft. in diameter.
- 10) Saucers fly regularly over lanes of commercial airlines, jeopardizing crew and passengers -- sometimes causing disaster. If U. S. weapons, such recklessness is inexcusable.
- 11) Fortean sightings, especially since 1870 thru the Tibetan sighting of silvery disc by members of Roerich-American expedition in 1934.
- 12) Major Dewey Fournery's secret report which suggested that saucers were inter-planetary. It was never released. Why?
- 13) MATS meeting in Los Angeles in Feb. '54, where civilian pilots were asked to cooperate with the military under CIRVIS regulations to report UFO's by radio to nearest air base.
- 14) Sightings by Sect. of A. F. , Talbott (see NL, Vol. I, No. 3) and Sec. of Navy, Kimball. Were these just "plants" to cover up U. S. weapons? Why, to alert the Russians and confuse Americans? NUTS! If a "plant", why did Talbott later deny he saw a UFO?
- 15) Repeated official denials that saucers are U. S. devices.
- 16) Case of the missing NIKE -- sent up to shoot down UFO over important installation

SAUCER SUNDRIES: Since the Feb. issue, headline stories of "sky quakes" have come in steadily -- Belleville, Ohio, Providence, R. I. , Shreveport, La. , Belmar, N. J. , Brooklyn, N. Y. , Dade County, Fla. , Knightstown and Richmond, Ind. , New Zealand & Japan. More on these in later issue. Also significant is the continuing rash of "meteors", seen over Salt Lake City two nights in a row, over Tulsa, Okla. , and the giant fireball seen over Florida and as far south as Cuba. In a letter received from pilot Wm. Nash is full report of the extra-ordinary "meteor" in that area. He also sent in some odd looking fragments for analysis. Nash's report will appear in next issue. Also, quotes from a letter received from Dr. R. S. Richardson, of Mt. Palomar, on Mars. Also of note is the inundation of angel hair over Horseheads, N. Y. , Feb. 22. Things are happening fast!

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