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The Air Force says that it has no **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE** (physical meaning 'something you can touch') that such things even exist. In the words of Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, retired, who served three years at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, as Chief Investigator for Project Bluebook **WHAT CONSTITUTES PROOF??** — Does a UFO have to land at the River Entrance to the Pentagon, near the Joint Chiefs of Staff offices? Or is it proof enough when a ground Radar Station detects a UFO, sends a Jet up to intercept it, the pilot sees it, and locks on with his Radar, only to have the UFO streak away at a phenomenal rate of speed? Which is **PROOF?**

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## STATEMENT OF POLICY

Whenever possible, in using information in this Publication, names of individuals furnishing sightings or pertinent data will be used. However, there will arise situations from time to time, in which this will not be done. Reasons for this omission will be either one or the other, or both of the following reasons:

- (1) The persons position with a Branch of the Military Service, wherein use of his name and rank would put him in hot water because of Air Force Regulation 200-2, or JANAP 146. This also includes civilians engaged in work on Air Force Projects.
- (2) When in the opinion of the editor, use of the individuals name would "dry up" future sources of valuable information.

For the above reasons the man's name is omitted in the following report. In the last issue was mentioned a sighting of UFO's at Coco Beach on the same morning as the Homestead Alert and the Pan American Radar Sighting at Miami International Airport.

Several Days after the Radar Report appeared in the Miami Herald, Mr. Freestone, the Radar operator involved received a letter from a man at Coco Beach, with the following information:

"I work for NAA (North American Aviation) Cape Canaveral. On the day of your Radar Sighting, myself and a few friends watched two Flying Saucers or UFO's pull in behind

an F-100, at 25,000 feet, around 9:00 or earlier in the morning. Through 7x50 glasses, and also with the naked eye, we watched these objects travel at the speed you indicated. The jet was clipping about 1250 ground speed at 25,000, and the Saucer came from the rear. The pattern was this way. (Ed. note---here he gives a drawing of area with jet and UFO and direction of travel.)

"During take-off we watched the rocket, but no Saucer then. While following the jet, on the rear of its vapor trail was a round object, passing in a sweep turn on its edge. It came up fast, and the jet pilot made a tight turn, but couldn't catch it because it left him before he could shake the control stick hardly".

"My friend who was working across the Rivers, Indian and Banana, near Sharpes, watched a missile take off and enter the air. As it left for outer space, the object followed it up, and then later he saw it make an approach from the rear of the Jet, which was circling overhead at 25,000 feet.

"Everybody here laughed until your story appeared in the paper, but after that we created quite a positive run of facts.

"I figure this object was half a B-36 in size, or a little smaller. It was larger than an F-100 jet. Color was bright, hot white as the Sun. No freak, real maneuverability, beyond our present day methods".

(Editor's Note: Now you know why I'm not divulging this man's name.)

THE ERIE DISPATCH, Erie, Pa., Sunday, Aug. 12, 1956, carried the following headlines-----

MYSTERIOUS ROCKS TOO HOT TO HANDLE  
FOUND ON ROAD

"What are they?"

That's what George Traut, of Route 20, Franklin Ave., Fairview, is asking everyone that views two unusual porous rocks that were "too hot to handle" for several hours.

Traut reported he spotted the large rock weighing more than 50 pounds, and a smaller one, as he was driving west on 12th, past Cemetery Rd., at 12:45 a.m., Saturday.

He stopped his car a few feet away in order to avoid an accident.

When he went to pick them up, Traut said, "They were too hot to handle with bare hands, so I pushed them off the highway onto the berm." A friend, "Bud" Buzar was with him at the time.

Saturday morning, shortly after dawn, Traut returned to 12th and Cemetery Rd. with a truck and took the unusual rocks to his home.

He said, "They sparkle in the Sunlight". But no one knows whether they are pieces of a Meteor, plain "hot rock", or-----?????

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Your Editor was on a vacation trip last August and pulled into Erie, Pa., the evening before this story appeared. Upon reading the Dispatch the following morning this story, along with a photograph of George Traut, holding the largest chunk of rock, caught my eye.

"Aha, grist for the mills", I said to myself. Immediately called the Traut residence in Fairview, and made an appointment to go out and look at the specimens. I found the Trauts very cooperative. They filled me in on more details not carried in the newspaper article. I made photographs of the find, and carried away with me, several small pieces of the mysterious substance.

On my way back to Florida I stopped off in Cincinnati, and left a sample of the ROCK with Len Stringfield, Editor and Publisher of C.R.I.F.O., Orbit, an excellent monthly Saucer Publication. This sample he put in the hands of the Chemistry Department of the University of Cincinnati.

To date, six months later, the University of Cincinnati have not come up with an answer,

which seems unusual if the specimen were something of the common garden variety type.

One piece of the specimen was sent to Mr. M. K. Jessup, Astronomer and Author in Washington, D. C. Answer was received from him that he was turning the sample over to the Smithsonian Institute for examination. So far their SILENCE has been as GOLDEN as the University of Cincinnati.

On a local level your Editor fared somewhat better. First attempt was to contact a Professor of Chemistry at the University of Miami. For reasons some of which were personal, and not to be aired here, he begged off, but referred us to Dr. Virgil G. Sleight, Geologist at the University.

Off to him went a sample. After several days examination Dr. Sleight, came up with the following conclusions:

- (1) Specimen contained no nickel, so it probably was not a meteorite, since known meteorites all contain nickel.
- (2) Did not look like any rock that he had ever seen.
- (3) Suggested slag---Yet was more coarsely crystalline and heavier than most slag.

Dr. Sleight is NOT the U. of M. Professor referred to in last issue.

Next off went a specimen to Dr. Raymond E. Parks, Radiologist at Jackson Memorial Hospital, to find out if there could be any Radiation detected coming from the mysterious specimen. Answer was negative, and we quote in part from his letter.

"We have made no physical measurements other than those for radiation, and have made no chemical analysis of the material. Therefore we have no information whatsoever except to state that it does not emit gamma, beta, or energetic alpha particles".

"There has been no charge for this service, which we have carried out in the interest of investigation." (Ed. Note. Thank you Dr. Parks, not only for the information on Radiation, but for the last sentence also.)

Off the sample of mystery rock went next to Dr. Russell Williams, astronomer, upon examination, he made this statement, "Whatever, it is, it's not part of a Meteorite--- and I certainly do not think it could be

furnace slag".

Next, off to the A. & G. Refining Company of Miami, two metallurgist experts, to really see what this stuff is made of. Thanks go to Harry Emerson for making the arrangements for this examination. The answer from these experts came out with the following elements as the primary constituents, "Chromium, Tungsten, Vanadium, Iron, Copper, and Molybdenum". Other minor elements may be present, but if so could not be detected with their equipment.

Recently a sample of the mysterious stuff was given to an airman at Homestead AF Base, who has since been discharged from the Service. His family is with the Dow Chemical Company in Texas, and he says he will inform us as to what they find out, but to date no results have been forthcoming.

My sincere thanks go to all the above mentioned people who have cooperated so wonderfully, in a sincere spirit of investigation.

WHAT DO I THINK THIS MYSTERIOUS ROCKS TO BE????? Wish I knew! The experts have eliminated just about everything commonplace. Even if you say, "WELL, it MUST have been FURNACE SLAG!----Please, I pray thee do tell ----what in the world would anyone be doing out hauling RED HOT Furnace Slag, at 12:45 A.M. on a Saturday Morning?????????????"

Also, could the following newspaper story carried in the Pittsburg, Pa., SUN-TELEGRAPH of August 11, be merely co-incidence?????????

Said the Pittsburg Sun-Telegraph: Mrs. Florence Stauffer reported watching a "bright steel-gray ship" for more than two hours on Saturday morning. She said, "I don't imagine things. I really saw this thing!!" Said Mrs. Stauffer, it apparently came from the direction of East Liberty, hovered about for two hours, and then disappeared in a westerly direction. The object was circular and real bright".

(Credit----Len Stringfield, ORBIT)

Quite a coincidence isn't it??? Same wee hours of the morning, August 11, when a mysterious something found on a road outside of Erie, Pa.----a woman in Pittsburg reports seeing a UFO hover over the city. Erie and

Pittsburg, are approximately 130 miles apart ---or just minutes as the UFO FLIES!

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To Hester Crawford, South Miami, Florida, we are indebted for the following two Newspaper clippings. The first is from an English language, North African Newspaper, which she picked up in Tangiers. The second clipping she brought back from France.

Wednesday, August 29, 1956

TETUAN, MOROCCO----An Unidentified Flying Object emitting a green light mingled with reddish flashes, whizzed along the Moroccan coast Monday night to cap a week in which Flying Saucers cavorted over the bay of Tangiers, it was reported here.

Eyewitness reports said the "Foreign Body" flew along the coast from east to west. During a period of eight minutes it showed itself four times.

Eyewitness reports flooded newspapers and police stations in the area. They agreed that the "phenomenon" was large and flying very rapidly.

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The Marseille, France newspaper, Le MERIDIONAL LaFRANCE, carried on September 4, the following story on its front page-----

#### MYSTERIOUS PHENOMENA OVER COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen---A curious Phenomena giving the impression to several witnesses that some mysterious engines looking like balls of fire, or what you call flying saucers, were flying over Copenhagen, at 5,000 meters altitude and at 3,000 Kilometers per hour were observed.

The instruments of the Military Air Base registered the phenomena which the experts regarded due to the fact that the planet Mars is now particularly close to the Earth. However, some military planes went up at midnight but the pilots did not observe anything abnormal. (My thanks go to Mrs. Amedee Renuart and Robert Silver for the translation of the French into English).

While in the Foreign sighting Department, here is another. This sighting comes from Mrs. Laura Marxer, Co-Director of the Interplanetary Foundation, 1014 Longfellow Avenue, Royal Oak, Michigan.

A member of IF, Fred Moeller, received a letter from a friend in the U. S. Army

stationed in the Western Zone of Germany.

While on Guard one night in July 1956, this soldier saw a light which he assumed to be the moon particularly obscured by clouds. The color of the light was a little unusual, as it appeared to be more like the sun than the moon. (Had it been the sun---it would have been MOST unusual since the sighting occurred at Midnight)

At any rate the young man reported in the letter that the experience was the most frightening of his life. For about ten minutes he observed the object changing in size and brilliance. Suddenly it approached him at a terrific speed. At this point he attempted to load his carbine, but somehow got the magazine backwards in the weapon and before he could remove it and replace it, the UFO had receded and disappeared. During the incident, he states, the most frightening thing was the sound of a bell which rang, stopped, then rang again in perfect rhythm. The ringing was not very loud and it was impossible to detect its origin. Apparently it did not emanate from the object itself, but seemed to surround the area.

The soldier related the incident to the man who relieved him and cautioned him to be especially alert, but nothing more was seen.

Las Vegas Sun, Las Vegas, Nevada, Jan. 17, 1957, carried the following article:

Mr. Art Johnson, baritone at DESERT INN, Las Vegas, Nevada, says that he and his wife were driving north on Decatur Blvd., Mon., at 5:00 A.M. ready to turn up Evergreen, when suddenly a huge white ball came straight down out of the sky, then headed toward Nellis Air Force Base. "The Object shot out a blast like at least 50 jet planes at once", declares Art, "A flaming exhaust colored reddish, blue, and orange".

On that same morning, Art read in the SUN about Bob Russell and his wife Sharon seeing a similar object from approximately the same location January 3rd.

Since there was an 11 day interval, he's going to be there 11 days from now to watch again on January 25th. The Russell's sighting was at 10:00 P.M.---(Credit William B. Nash, Key Biscayne, Miami, Florida).

Now for a few items about our own efforts to conquer SPACE-----

### SPACE CONQUEST BLESSED BY POPE

Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Sept. 20, 1956.  
(AP)---Pope Pius XII gave his blessing today to mankind's efforts to conquer outer Space.

"The more we explore into outer space, the nearer we come to the great idea of one family under the mother-father God" the Roman Catholic pontiff told delegates to the Seventh International Astronautical Congress.

"God has no intention of setting a limit to the efforts of man to conquer space".

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Contrast the above to the woman who at one time called your Editor on the phone and in the course of conversation made the statement "All right, maybe some other race HAS mastered Space Travel, and are exploring this Planet---BUT---we will never master Space Travel. GOD put us on this Planet and he intends for us to stay here where he put us."

I countered with the story about the Wright Brothers father---who gave Orville and Wilbur some of the same kind of advice. His advice was to quit fooling with this flying contraption---"IF GOD HAD INTENDED FOR MAN TO FLY-----HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN HIM WINGS".

Since this did not seem to impress her I countered with the following question-----  
"Do you own an automobile?"

Naturally her answer was YES.  
"Well then, by your own logic, you should get rid of the auto---because if God had intended for you to ride---he would have given you wheels".

(Funniest thing---you know---haven't heard from her lately)

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### ALL ABOARD!-----FOR THE MOON

Washington, Jan. 12---(AP)--- It isn't that somebody's going to the moon tomorrow, but Rep. Karsten (D-Mo) wants Congress to be prepared.

So, he has introduced a bill to create a joint congressional committee on extra-terrestrial exploration.

"And, I grant you there'll be very little junketeering on that committee", Karsten said, sitting in his earthbound office here.

He wants a joint committee to "Make continuing studies of activities and problems relating to the development of extra-terrestrial exploration and travel."

(Ed. Note. Rep. Karsten introduced this same bill into the last session of the Legislature---since he is attempting once more, I assume his colleagues pidgeon-holed his last attempt. Colleagues who are long of waistline---but short in foresight.)

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#### AIR FORCE WORKING ON SUSPENDED ANIMATION PROJECT

A recent issue of THIS WEEK magazine carried the following article.

#### "SQUIRRELS IN THE FREEZER"

Science is putting these squirrels on ice to solve the mystery of hibernation.

The small party on our cover is "Icicle Ike", an arctic ground squirrel, who has the perfect solution to that old problem of where to spend the winter. Ike just pops into a quick-freeze unit and curls up for a long nap. His body temperature drops down to around 32 degrees and his heart almost stops beating.

Meanwhile, he's being studied by scientists at work on an Air Force Project. They are trying to discover what his secret of hibernation is. If they are successful, they might be able to offer humanity a new anesthetic; they might also solve many of the problems of man's survival in the Arctic - a very important consideration in aerial warfare.

"Icicle Ike" is one of the 50 squirrels in a laboratory at the University of Southern California. If you think he leads a tough life there, calm your fears. He's never had it so good. Under ordinary circumstances he'd have to curl up and freeze himself under some moldy old Arctic rocks rather than in a shiny new freezing unit.

What's more, when he wakes up in the laboratory, there's a carrot under his nose---breakfast in bed, so to speak. It takes him

only two to three hours to get defrosted, and sometimes he starts nibbling away at the carrot before he even opens his eyes.

The fascinating thing about these squirrels is that they always wake up as good as new. That is why the scientists feel that some form of artificial hibernation would make the ideal anesthetic.

So far, they are not prepared to hazard a guess as to how Icicle Ike manages his winter snooze. But if and when they learn the secret, the winter-cruise agents had better start worrying. All a poor Northerner would have to do is climb into the family food freezer, pull down the cover and set the alarm clock for April. Just think of the money he would save!

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(Editor's Note--Also, just think of the boon this would be to Space Travel, if it continues along the present lines of liquid fuel - rocket propulsion. The problem of course now, with the tremendous acceleration required to blast away from the terra firma, is the many G's of gravity which will be exerted upon the crew strapped down horizontally during and immediately after Take-Off.

Of course, the same will apply upon landing somewhere else, or deceleration upon the return trip to Earth.

BUT---Visualize, if you will, a Crew in DEEP FREEZE, or a state of suspended animation. No problems of what the pull of G's would do to the normal body functions. No ruptured blood vessels, or internal organs no bloodshot eyes from the terrific strains. Automatic controls preset, would keep the ship under control and on course until maximum excelleration is reached and then the crew would wake up (thaw out) and go about their routine duties. Or also equally as important on a long trip----to another planet let's say----how about a state of suspended animation for those members of the crew not actually needed for routine navigation in space. Taking turns in the DEEP FREEZE could make a trip requiring months---seem to only be a matter of days.

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GHOST SHIP JOYITA IN TROUBLE AGAIN

Suva, Fiji, Jan. 8, 1957 (AP) -----  
The 70-ton ghost ship Joyita ran aground on Horseshoe Reef an obstruction in the Fiji group on which many ships have been stranded. Her 12 Passengers were taken aboard the rescue ship Yanawa but the Captain and crewmen remained aboard the grounded vessel.

The Joyita was reconditioned after she was found waterlogged and deserted in the Southwest Pacific in November 1955. No trace has ever been found of the 16 crewmen and 9 passengers aboard her on that earlier ill-fated voyage.

(Note: Shades of the Marie Celeste. Remember---she was found in full sail in the Atlantic in 1872. The 10 people who had been aboard were missing, but the ship was in perfect order. No clue to the fate of the passengers and the crew was ever uncovered. A question to Sec. of Air Force, Quarles----- "Whatever happened to all those people?????? Were they picked up by an Air Force weather balloon????????????")

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Coral Gables, Fla.---Saturday, Jan. 26, 1957--At 9:15 P.M. Robert Hicks and Pat Kruger

were driving West in Coral Gables. Upon stopping for a red light, both saw what appeared at first to be a meteor coming straight down at tremendous speed. But this meteor, stopped very suddenly, and then moved west at a moderate speed.

The color was described as red---a little on the dull side. Mr. Hicks is familiar with aircraft and estimated the height at which it stopped to be 20,000 feet. Miss Kruger remarked, "It certainly was not a plane". This was her first experience. Mr. Hicks has had several sightings in the past few years. (Credit, Norman Bean, Coconut Grove)

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My sincere thanks to those who have responded so wonderfully to the Complimentary Issue of this publication, and especially to those who have sent me names of their friends who might be interested. Most have already been mailed their Complimentary copy, and another printing is now in process for the names we will receive henceforth. This is the way I plan on growing, and the more names I receive the more Bulletins will be mailed out. And the more subscriptions we get the better this Publication will become. Thanks again!

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