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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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RAF RADAR ALERTED FOR "STRANGE OBJECT"

LONDON (By Reuters) -- Royal Air Force radar stations throughout Britain were alerted April 6 to look out for "any unidentified or strange object" that may appear on their screens.

The instruction was flashed by the Air Ministry to all radar stations following a report of a strange object sighted by the Air Force Bomber Command radar post at West Freugh in southwest Scotland.

Two civilian operators on duty at the post April 4 picked up an "unidentified" object which remained on their screens for "some considerable time".

Commander of the station, Wing Commander W. P. Whitworth said: "We were standing by with our radar screens switched on at noon on Thursday awaiting the arrival of a plane coming up from the south of England.

"We got a report stating that the plane would be one hour late, but instead of switching off our sets we kept them on and carried through a constant watch during the hour. It was then that this strange object appeared on the screen and lasted on its 'track' for some considerable time.

"Quite definitely this was no freak," Commander Whitworth said. "It was an object of some substance and no mistake could have been made. The two civilians who reported the tracking are fully qualified and highly experienced operators."

He said the matter has been taken, "extremely seriously" by the Air Ministry.

"I cannot state any more at this moment", he said. "I am not allowed to divulge to you any further information as the matter is now in the hands of the Air Ministry.

"They have requested us from here today a full report in detail of exactly what we have seen on the screen, and other stations throughout the country have been asked to report if

anything similar is seen. MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY, U. S. A.

An Air Ministry spokesman said nothing more can be added because the matter is still being investigated. (Article from The Christian Science Monitor, Sat., April 6th---We received other clippings but this one seemed to have the most complete coverage---Credit, Charlotte Fitch, Coral Gables, Fla.)

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Editor's Note: When bigger and better Official UFO reports are made, the British will make them. The British Officials have long ago, recognized the UFO, and treated them as such in their Press Releases. And there are still some of us old-fashioned enough to believe that the British are the conservative branch of the species HOMO SAPIENS. Read the following newspaper account of statements given the Press by our own US Air Force Information Service, and ask who are the CONSERVATIVE ONES.

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Still "Chasing" Saucers

AF INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VISITS HERE

By Sanford Schnier
Miami News Staff Writer

April 14..United States Air Force Intelligence still has uncovered "absolutely nothing" on alleged flying saucers after checking out hundreds of thousands of leads in the past 10 years, the head of that service's information office said here today.

Brig. Gen. Arno H. Leuhman, vacationing with his wife Constance at the Americana Hotel, said that "There's no valid evidence or information whatsoever that there are flying saucers. And personally, I don't think there are objects visiting from other planets."

He said he was "surprised" that Floridians were still excited about the subject. "I thought it was sort of a dead issue. Our intelligence group checks out everything -- the funny reflections seen at night, the lights seen from the rear end of jet planes, the meteorological balloons, explosion sounds, everything including the hoaxes."

"One thing's sure, what they supposedly 'see' is not a United States project. If it was, Aviation Magazine would probably have printed a detailed diagram of it long ago," he joked.

Leuhman, 45, and a West Point graduate, said that the Air Force will continue to check out all leads called in by citizens.

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Upon reading this News article, S.P.A.C.E. had some questions it wanted the General to answer, consequently your Editor sent the good gentlemen a letter pronto.

In this letter the General was told why Floridians have not forgotten SAUCERS as the Air Force would like for them to do.

- (1) There have been more than the average number of sightings in the Florida area.
- (2) There are those of us who keep informed UFO-wise, and in turn keep the Public informed.

Also, the General was challenged to an open debate on the topic, via newspapers, radio or TV, he could pick his media. Copies of this list of questions and comments were mailed to both the Miami Herald and the Miami Daily News.

The Herald, probably because it was a News story to begin with and not wanting to get involved in a controversy did not touch the ticklish issue. However, the Miami Daily News, followed up with the following article.

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(April 19, 1957)

DON'T HAVE TO BE IN CUPS TO SPOT A FLYING SAUCER

By Sanford Schmier

Norbert F. Gariety of S.P.A.C.E. is m.a.d. at the U.S.A.F.

It's all because of flying saucers.

Norbert is editor and publisher of the publication whose letters mean "Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Enigma" which goes out monthly from 267 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables.

He's specifically upset over the remarks of Air Force Brig. Gen. ARNO H. LEUHMANN, head of the Information Office, who told a Miami Daily News reporter last week that there's no valid evidence or information whatsoever that there are flying saucers", and that he personally doesn't think there are objects visiting from outer space.

ASKS ABOUT REGULATIONS

"Why, then", said Norbert today, "is Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated August 12, 1954, entitled "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS REPORTING"? and why does JANAP 146 (Joint Army Navy Air Publication) state in one section that "any pilot who reveals an official UFO report is liable from one to ten years imprisonment and \$10,000.00 fine".

Norbert points to a 1954 statement by Professor Hermann Oberth, the top notch German rocket expert, which reads:

"Far too many observations of saucers have been made between 1946 and 1954 for their presence to be dismissed by the statement that the observers have been the subject of mass hallucinations."

Oberth continues: "It is my conclusion that the UFO do exist, are very real, and come from OUTER SPACE."

A group of high ranking retired generals and admirals have formed the NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) and Adm. Delmar S. Fahrney, USN (Ret) recently said: "Reliable reports indicate that there are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds. No agency in this country or Russia is able to duplicate at this time the speeds and accelerations which radar and observers indicate these flying saucers are able to achieve.

SIGNS OF INTELLIGENCE

Adds Fahrney: "There are signs that an intelligence directs these objects because of the way they fly. The way they change position in formations would indicate that their motion is directed.

Many observers have ceased to report their findings to the Air Force because of seeming frustration---that is, all information going in and none coming out."

Norbert quotes Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, former chief investigator for UFO Project Bluebook who said:

"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 plane up to intercept it and the pilot sees it and locks on with radar, only to have the UFO streak away at a phenomenal rate of speed? Which is PROOF?"

Norbert feels that enough information on UFO is not disseminated in the press and that the subject is treated too lightly.

He also wants those who see the saucers to let him know.

He promises them the story will get a lot of S.P.A.C.E.

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S.P.A.C.E. thanks Mr. Sanford Schnier and the Miami Daily News for very fairly printing both sides of this controversy. And relative to the differences in statements by the RAF and the spokesman for the USAF, please bear with me, while I add the following. THREE CHEERS FOR THE RAF, and LONG LIVE THE QUEEN!

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DALLAS, TEXAS-----April 5, 1957.

On Friday evening, April 5th, Mrs. Mary Agnes Ferraro of Dallas, saw an oval-shaped object about 45° off the horizon, between the constellations Leo and Hydra, moving in a Southwest direction. The object moved back and forth, or oscillated about 6 times, then it shot off SSW and vanished about 20° off the horizon.

The object was oval shaped, white in the center, surrounded by a red halo. Its brilliancy was 10 or 15 times that of Sirius.

She went into the house, looked at the time, which was 9:27. She also checked her star charts to make sure of her sighting in relation to the constellations.

Mrs. Ferraro called the GOC Post in Dallas. She gave her report to Sgt. Rodriguez who answered the phone and asked for confirmation. The Sergeant said he had none, but would call Duncanville Radar. He also suggested that she may have seen flares dropped from a plane on a photo-reconnaissance mission.

Mrs. Ferraro then called Love field, commercial airport in Dallas, and asked if they had seen anything. They hadn't, but said they would check with Duncanville radar. Duncanville had no report as their radar was inoperative at the time, but they received word that Perrin Air Force Base in Oklahoma had

picked up an unknown.

At 10:37 two jets streaked into the Dallas area, first to the north and then to the south. Several days later two Air Force officers called on Mrs. Ferraro and heard her report.

(Question to be pondered over here is, Why did they bother to go out and question Mrs. Ferraro, if what she had seen was only an aircraft flare????) Ed. Note.

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PLANET STUDY GRANT

NEW YORK (AP) -- Dr. K. L. Franklin, assistant astronomer of the American Museum--Hayden planetarium, has received a \$10,000.00 grant to investigate radio frequency noises emanating from the planet Jupiter. The work will be carried on in the Lamont geological observatory of Columbia University.

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ROCKET GROUP EYES VEHICLE TO "SNOOP" AMONG PLANETS

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A team of rocket scientists Friday offered an idea for moth-shaped, unmanned space vehicles to "snoop" around the planets and collect scientific information.

They expressed belief such a vehicle could be developed in the near future. Data collected might speed the advent of manned space travel they predicted.

The idea was laid before the American Rocket Society by Martin I. Willinski and Mrs. Elsie C. Orr, research engineers of Rocketdyne, a division of North American Aviation, Inc.

Calling their concept "Project Snooper", they said such a vehicle--capable of speeds up to 40,000 miles per hour--was feasible, "in terms of current technology."

According to a rather detailed "conceptual design" presented to The Rocket Society's spring meeting, the snooper vehicle itself would be an "ion-propelled" rocket. That is, it would be whizzed through space by discharging "ions" -- or electrically charged atoms and molecules.

Although theoretically capable of up to 40,000 miles per hour, it would automatically regulate its "snooping" speed so as to offset the gravitational pull of the particular

planet under observation and remain in orbit around it. For example, in snooping on Mars, cruising speed would need to be only 10,000 miles per hour.

The rocketeers estimate that the overall weight of the "snooper" need be only about one and one half tons, including the weight of an atomic power plant which would furnish power to generate the "ion" propulsion. (Credit Mrs. Borries, Irving, Texas)

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Ed. Note: Reason for reprinting the above was only to make this observation-----While many of our leaders in the scientific field calmly deny the possibility of craft from another planet exploring our planet and zooming around and through our atmosphere---- at the same time they will lay their best plans, and look forward to the day when they will be able to do exactly what they are now saying, "Nobody else could possibly be doing to us!" It would seem to your editor that herein lies one of the great hurdles to be overcome by the human race. A FALSE SENSE OF EGOTISM.

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In a letter from Mrs. Lorna Donovan of West Newton, Mass., came the following information:

"At last I have something to report. It was while I was in Sarasota at Siesta Key. The date was March 21st at about 8:50 p.m. The sky was very clear and so many bright stars were out that I was just standing and star gazing. Below Orion, I saw four bright stars that I was positive I had never seen before.

"I watched and was puzzled for some four or five minutes, when to my very great surprise they all four started to move slowly in a southerly direction keeping the same square formation. At first I thought I was just getting dizzy! Soon they changed formation something like this (here she draws a V shaped formation), and seemed to have picked up a fifth member.

"When they got to the Southeast they all blinked out, then on and very bright and bigger, then all as before again, same intensity as when I first saw them. Then they all started moving toward the north, back the way they had come from, but two were flashing a red light as well. When they got to the northwest they gradually disappeared.

"At no time did any of them dash around in the sky. If I hadn't seen them stand still

for so long, I'd wonder if they weren't distant jets. However, I've never heard of a jet standing still.

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Meanwhile out in California another mystery:

ARMY'S HUNT FOR (?) LEAVES ONLY BIG HOLE

SAN GABRIEL, CALIF. (AP) April 12----

One fact emerged today amid the debris and confusion at the Oscar Murphy home: there is a 15 foot hole in the back yard.

That's about all that is certain after two days of strenuous digging activity by Army Ordnance crews.

The Army, without ever quite knowing what it was looking for, yesterday called off the search that began Tuesday when the Murphy's 10 year old son Pat found a strange hole two feet deep behind the house.

Shortly before the hole was discovered residents of suburban San Gabriel and surrounding communities had been jarred by a deafening blast, apparently caused by a jet plane breaking the sonic barrier.

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From young Frank McKisic comes another report. Frank evidently spends a lot of time watching the sky, from the sound of his letters. But seriously, you have to spend some time sky watching, and if you do your chances are better to see something unusual, than inside watching TV. Unless you're watching Science Theater, and then maybe you'll see a simulated UFO.

Frank says, that "on April 3rd I was out in my yard watching a jet heading west at very high altitude. After it went out of sight, I noticed to my left in a westerly direction, a bright orange yellow oval shaped object, that shot real fast towards the SW. I am quite sure it was not meteor, as this object did not resemble a meteor in the slightest.

"Also on Sunday, March 3rd I saw a bluish white streak in the SW sky and then a few seconds later a distinct oval orange colored object appeared and moved slowly toward the ground. It didn't have any tail, just sort of a glow behind it. Then it got a brighter orange color with a bright silvery light like a diamond in the middle. The time was 9:16 p.m.

Frank says, "I'm sure that it wasn't a meteor, or a flare from an airplane, as there weren't any planes around at the time.
(Credit Frank McKisic, Miami).

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From Henry E. Brown, Jr., an architect of Homestead, Florida comes this sighting. It took place several years ago, but since it is well described, seen by a respectable business man and his wife will use at this late date. Mr. Brown writes, "About 10:00 P.M. on a dark night, we were driving North on Krome Avenue, going home. My wife watched a dark object against a lighter sky, it was about the shape of a blimp, but more the thinness of a plane. It was flying low, running parallel to Krome Avenue, about a quarter mile west, and at about ten or 15 miles per hour faster than I was traveling. Or at about sixty-five or seventy miles per hour. At first my wife thought it was a plane about to crash, but soon realized that it couldn't possibly be a plane. At this point she called my attention to the object.

"I saw the dark shape and lights, and can definitely say it wasn't a plane. I thought it might be a blimp because of its shape, but neither my wife nor I could make out a gondola shape. I chased it up Krome Ave., hoping to get a good look at it when we got to Eureka Drive, where the view is open, but it increased its speed gradually until it was going about 120 miles an hour or better.

"We heard no noise whatsoever, and feel that as close as we were to it, we would have heard something, had it been propeller driven.

"I have tried to avoid any exaggeration of the facts in making this report. Our observation leaves us with the definite conclusion that it was not a plane of any type. My wife observed bluish white port holes on the side of the craft.

"Now, if blimps have port holes in the main body, no gondolas and can go as fast as 120 miles per hour, I'll believe it could have been one. Otherwise we are convinced that it was a genuine UFO sighting. (Credit, Henry E. Brown, Jr., Homestead, Florida).

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(NOTE) Any comment on this report is not necessary. Mr. Brown's observations and his conclusions speak for themselves.

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Most all UFO researchers have heard references made to the sightings over many major cities in the United States during the years of 1896 and 1897. Max Miller, Editor of SAUCERS, (P.O. Box 35034, Los Angeles 35, California), in his Spring Edition, carries some of these mysterious goings-ons of yesteryear. If you are one of those who think possibly that saucers, could belong to one of the present day GREAT POWERS, read these reports carefully.

SACRAMENTO VISITATION--AN IMMENSE WHITE LIGHT MOVING RAPIDLY TO SW.

SACRAMENTO--Nov. 22, 1896. Between six and seven o'clock tonight hundreds of people saw floating over the city what is now firmly believed to be an airship. An immense white light was displayed and it was moving rapidly in a southwesterly direction. The light was so high however that no other object could be distinguished. Tonight's visitation created considerable excitement and the airship is the sole topic of conversation. (Los Angeles Time, November 23, 1896.)

SAW THE AIRSHIP--IMPRESSIONABLE RED BLUFF CITIZENS MAKE DISCOVERY

RED BLUFF---Nov. 25, 1896. Many residents assert that they saw the alleged airship in the neighborhood last evening. It was first noticed about seven o'clock and was thought to be a peculiarly bright star but which was moving rapidly in a southwesterly direction toward the mountains. The summit of the mountains could be seen above the mysterious light as it moved west.

Soon after its disappearance a telegram from Chico stated that the supposed airship had passed that town soon after seven o'clock. After it had vanished, it again passed over Red Bluff and then a telegram from Vacaville said the supposed airship had come from the direction of Red Bluff and after making a few turns had returned in the direction from which it came.

Several citizens say that while at first only a light was visible, later the body of an egg-shaped object was visible moving quickly through the air. The theory that it was a star was rejected because of its distinctly rocking motion which was like the motion of a kite. (L.A. Times, 11/25/1896).

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THAT BRIGHT LIGHT--OVER OMAHA AGAIN AND
LEAVES PEOPLE MYSTIFIED

OMAHA, Neb.--March 29, 1897. A mysterious airship was seen last night by a number of Omaha's reputable citizens. It hove into sight about the time church was over and in a half an hour had traversed the heavens and had once more disappeared. It was seen by poeple in all parts of the city. This time the airship came into view in the southeastern portion of the horizon. It was in the shape of a big, bright light, too big for a balloon and glowing steadily. It sailed over the city to the northwest and there disappeared behind houses and bluffs. It moved very slowly and seemed to be quite near the earth. Nothing but the light was visible. (Los Angeles Times, 3/30/1897.) Thanks MAX MILLER and SAUCERS!

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Please note the 1896 and 97 descriptions, "glowing light", "egg-shaped object", "rocking motion", "an immense white light", "rapid motion", and all the same gyrations as reported in the past 10 years. No reference to "flying saucers" or UFO's. It took the grandchildren of these 1896 observers to add that particular bit of nomenclature.

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Meanwhile - "back at the ranch"-----

RED BOMBER? BRITAIN HAS SKY MYSTERY

London, April 30, (UP)-- A Royal Air Force

radar station last night spotted an "Unidentified object" streaking over the English Channel so swiftly that two of Britain's fastest jet fighters could not intercept it.

It was the second unexplained sighting in three weeks. A London newspaper suggested the object might be a new type Russian bomber. (Miami Daily News, April 30, 1957)

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Now, now, Mr. Newspaperman, you know that if it were of Russian origin, and it were over the English channel, it wouldn't be a dry run. He'd be playing the game for keeps.

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And once more our old friend, THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN makes the headlines. The wealthy Texas oilman is back with no specimen but with tales of seeing large footprints and tufts of hair, but a Tibetan lama says he can do better.

LIVE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN IS HOPE OF TIBETAN IAMA

KATMANDU, Nepal--(UP) A Tibetan lama known as His Holiness Punya Bajra Lama said Monday he can bring an Abominable Snowman back alive. The lama, head priest of the Bodhnath Tibetan Monastery, said he knows the home of the man-like animal known as the "yeti" and as the "Abominable Snowman. The lama said a full grown yeti is usually 8 to 10 feet tall, with the power of 10 strong men. He said it is impossible to capture an adult but he believes he can bring back a young one.

(Miami Herald - 4/30/57)

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