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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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MOVIE "UFO"

Finally, after almost a year has gone by since its release the movie UFO made the box office in the Miami area. Thanks to the gentle nudge given in the right direction by Mr. Norman Bean, Electronic Research Engineer for Television Station WTVJ (Wometco), the Wometco management decided to risk all and book the film.

And they are not a bit unhappy for the decision. The film was booked for a week, at both theaters and played for two at both the Mayfair and Sunset theaters. Your Editor went for broke (sure that's how I got that way) and gave out 1700 copies of S.P.A.C.E. to interested theater patrons. But enough of my financial problems-----now about the MOVIE.

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While the film did not present any academy award acting, the message it got across could not be missed except by the lowest of I.Q.'s, and of course those we will always have with us. What the Air Force admitted in the film every UFO researcher already knew, with the possible exception, that one of the jets sent up in the Washington, D. C., 1952 flap, was surrounded by a half dozen unknowns. There was one jet pilot who had an **EXAMINATION** unlike any he'll ever get in a **FLIGHT SURGEONS** office.

Like I say, we knew those things. It was just nice to see it on film---film made with Air Force cooperation, and in particular to hear General Samford, Air Force Intelligence, admit, that, "Credible observers----have reported relatively incredible things".

And of course the Newhouse and Marianna movies are what every one interested in UFO's have wanted to see for the past five years.

But what impressed this writer most was the comments and actions of the viewers on their

way out of the theater. For years I have maintained that the Air Force fear of **PANIC** on the part of the public, was only an excuse ---not a reason---and there is a big difference you know.

My opinion has been that given the facts, properly, soberly, and honestly, John Q. Public will take the UFO's in stride just as he has taken other information in stride in the past generation. And the proof was in the pudding. I spent as many evenings in the lobby of the theater as my busy schedule would allow, and not one face did I see leaving the theater registering panic.

The movie is a big step forward in educating the Public. A job which our Government knows it must face whether it likes it or not. **BUT** -----this is what our Air Force knew FIVE YEARS AGO. How much more is known now????? -----and WHEN will our Government decide that the PEASANTS should be given more information????? Those are the \$64 questions.

And I think that I can answer them! When you, yes YOU who are a part of that public demand more information. If it had not been for the UFO researchers----who have not been satisfied with official double talk-----but made their own investigations, and passed them on to the **PUBLIC**, the Lord only knows when this official information would have been forthcoming. Thank God for such honorable citizens as Donald E. Keyhoe, M. K. Jessup, Leonard Stringfield, Max Miller, Coral Lorenzen, Kenneth Arnold, Gray Barker, Bob Gribble, Clara John, Laura Marxer, Lee Munsick, Dr. A. G. Dittmar and the many other unsung heroes---too numerous to mention, who spend time and money to keep an apathetic public at least to some degree informed.

In the Florida area, UFO reports have dwindled to almost zero in the past month or two, maybe the calm before the storm. But in other parts of the nation and the world, it is

not so quiet. From my usual reliable informant in Los Angeles, Mrs. I. E. Epperson, comes many clippings from the Los Angeles papers.

The sky quakes are still with them and causing considerable alarm, cracking windows, sidewalks, etc., and all Air Force station, and aircraft companies refuse to take the blame.

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HUGE SONIC BOOM-----CAUSE A MYSTERY

ALL MILITARY SERVICES AND AIRCRAFT FIRMS
IN VICINITY DISCLAIM ANY BLAME FOR BLAST

Los Angeles Times -- Thursday, May 23, 1957

Los Angeles remained edgy, irate and puzzled yesterday---but relatively unhurt---after a gigantic sonic boom that slammed down on the southland from San Gabriel to Santa Monica Tuesday night.

Residents by the thousands popped out of their homes to scan the empty night sky for signs of an explosion after the sound blast spread over the entire Los Angeles basin at about 8:40 p.m.

Although the disturbance was identified as another in a long series of artificial thunderclaps that have plagued the area since the jet age came to Southern California, the culprit remained a mystery.

All military services with supersonic aircraft based in this vicinity disclaimed blame for the blast.

Aircraft companies building and testing jet planes for the armed forces also denied that any of their flights could have sent out the mighty sound wave.

Col. Dean Hess, Air Force public information officer, said no Air Force planes capable of cracking the sound barrier were aloft in this area at the hour of the boom.

He added that the Air Force is "much concerned" over the public distress caused by the phenomenon and all pilots conscientiously follow orders to avoid sound blast situations and to report it if they cause one unintentionally.

Col. Hess reminded the public, however, that the sonic boom is "a mother's whisper compared to what would happen if those boys were

not up there."

Spokesmen for the Navy, Marine Corps, Air National Guard and Northrop, Douglas, North American, Lockheed and Convair aircraft companies likewise pleaded that none of their aircraft could have caused the sonic boom. (The balance of the news article is taken up with accounts of property damage).

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(Editor's Note)---Please refer back to the statement I have underlined. Col. Hess's statement that the sonic boom is "a mother's whisper compared to what would happen if those boys were not up there."

If I am reading this properly, he is admitting that something else was up there. Does the good Colonel mean that if we didn't have jets up to chase away this something, that there would be more sonic booms, maybe more often and BIGGER, and CAUSE MORE DAMAGE??????

Sounds to me that way. This much is a known fact. Since the Air Force sends jets up to chase UFO's every time one is sighted or picked up on radar, they don't hang around and are much more elusive than back in 1949, 1950 and 1952 (when the Utah and Montana films were shot).

So the Colonel thinks that the jets should be up there chasing this something away so it cannot cause the sonic booms. Maybe that is why the Air Force has fired on Saucers on at least two occasions (see Ruppelt's book, REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS).

Now that line of reasoning may make sense to the Colonel. He's supposed to know about things like that. I'm not. All I know is that when I was a little boy, and a bigger smarter, and stronger boy moved into the neighborhood, I tried to make friends with him. I didn't go out and poke him in the nose when he went by in front of my house.

An in the 10 years that we have known this UFO, this neighbor if you care to call him that. He hasn't been a BAD neighbor. If he is exploring this planet, and many intelligent folks in high places seem to think he is doing just that. Then I would say, that his behavior is far better than ours is likely to be, when we go out to explore other worlds, which is not very far away. WE ARE ON THE THRESHOLD OF SPACE.

SONIC BLAST MYSTERY DEEPENS

Los Angeles Times - Thursday Morning, May 23, 1957.

Though the roll has been called of all probable sources of the mystery blast---called for convenience "sonic"---which hit the city and many suburbs Tuesday night, no one will admit responsibility. There were no jet planes up, it is said, no rocket engines let go, no one mislaid any dynamite and so on.

Since considerable damage was reported, the reticence is possibly understandable.

Maybe we will have to attribute the noise to gremlins in a flying saucer. On the other hand, perhaps some Sherlock Holmes, Hawkshaw or Jack Webb can do a job on the mystery and come up with an answer.

Los Angeles would like to know who set the blast off and how, will it likely be repeated and where shall we send the bill. (Credit Mrs. I. E. Epperson, Los Angeles).

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Here a comment or two about sonic blasts in general are in order. Certain patterns have already been observed relative to the blasts. Always they seem to be the forerunner of a wave of saucer sightings. There is a theory that the blasts are not caused by an acceleration boom as in the case of a jet breaking the sonic barrier, but just the reverse.

A deceleration boom. Theory is that an object or UFO coming into our atmosphere from out beyond, slows down----or puts on the brakes, if you care to call it that. This causes the sonic blast---which is just the reverse of what we normally think of relative to aircraft.

In line with this theory of UFO's and sonic blasts, think over the statement made several years ago by our female saucer researcher----- Dorothy Kilgallen. "The high military BRASS is more worried about the mysterious SKY QUAKES, than they are about the Flying Saucers themselves." (UNQUOTE).

And from the Little Listening Post in Washington, D. C., is taken this item without listing the date: D.C. NEWS -- "More big mystery skyquakes over Washington".

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Might risk being a little facetious here and say that the sonic blast over Los Angeles could be an attempt to knock a hole in the SMOG and let in a little fresh air! In W.D.C. no SMOG, but enough confusing OFFICIAL FOG, to make it worth a try. Maybe knock a hole in that too.

CAMERAS TRACK FLYING OBJECT OVER DESERT
AIR FORCE STUDIES PHOTOS

Los Angeles Times, Thursday, May 9, 1957.

Camera studies of an unidentified flying object photographed at Edwards Air Force Base last Friday are being analyzed by the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, The Times learned yesterday.

Spokesmen at the secret desert test center north of Los Angeles would say only that the object was spotted by two civilian photo theodolite operators.

They tracked the object and took pictures with the specialized camera equipment. Films and information were dispatched immediately to the intelligence center.

Unofficial reports said the object appeared round, that it caught the morning sun and that it moved, but not at any great speed. There were no estimates as to its size or altitude.

Edwards officers would not hazard a guess as to what the object was, although one said it could have been a weather balloon.

"This desert air does crazy things," he added. (Credit again, Mrs. I. E. Epperson.)

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STRANGE BEHAVIOR OF MARS PUZZLING EARTH
SCIENTISTS

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS, June 6, 1957.

What with arguments over H bomb tests and radioactive fallout it would seem scientists are having enough troubles these days without having the "strange" behavior of the planet Mars to worry about.

Conditions on Mars aren't what they should be however, so astronomers of the international Mars committee and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific will meet at the Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Arizona, June 17-19 to consider what's going on there.

The meeting was announced today by the National Geographic Society. Host for the occasion will be Dr. E. C. Slipher, acting director of Lowell and secretary of the International Mars Committee.

Dr. Slipher has been observing Mars for 50 years, and he doesn't know what to make of the way the planet behaved last year when it came within 35 million miles of the earth.

He led the National Geographic's Mars expeditions in 1954 and 1956, working with a powerful refracting telescope at Bloemfontein, South Africa. He made more than 20,000 photographs of the planet in 1954 and more than

40,000 in 1956.

From an earthlings point of view, everything was dandy in 1954. The canals, the oasis, the rifts in the rapidly melting ice cap and the blue-green areas thought to be vegetation were clearly visible. Everything looked precisely the way the astronomers predicted it would. But Mars in 1956 was something else again. As Dr. Slipher reported recently to the National Geographic Society's research committee:

"Just before opposition time, on Sept. 10, when the earth and Mars were lined up with the sun, yellow clouds suddenly began to appear over the planet. In two or three nights the Martian polar cap was completely obscured and most of the surface was also thoroughly obscured by what was assumed to be a dust pall".

The condition was unprecedented, Dr. Slipher said, and it lasted for weeks. Mars committee astronomers all over the world could scarcely recognize the regions of the planet they were observing.

No one knows what caused the Martian atmospheric disturbance, but a number of theories will be discussed and evaluated. The subject of the special equipment man will need if and when he undertakes a trip to Mars or other interplanetary travel also will be discussed under the leadership of Dr. Hubertus Strughold, chief of the department of SPACE MEDICINE at Randolph Air Force Base. (Credit Mrs. Elizabeth Berries, Irving, Texas)

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And S.P.A.C.E. believes that one of the theories to be discussed and evaluated is that of CAMOUFLAGE-----YES-----I said CAMOUFLAGE. Sounds fantastic, I know, but that is just what some important people think. Could be that someone on Mars didn't want us getting too good a look at the closeup features of their planet. And a RACE capable of SPACE TRAVEL, certainly would be capable of large scale camouflage over the entire surface of their planet. Remember the statement made to the press in 1954 after Dr. Slipher came back from Bloemfontein, and after his observations of the 1954 opposition?

Dr. Slipher, made this statement, "IT IS MY OPINION-----THAT THERE IS LIFE ON MARS".

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In the May issue we carried an article in which the ION propulsion theory for Space Travel was mentioned. According to this theory the space vehicle would be whizzed through space by discharging "ions"--or electrically charged atoms and molecules.

The June issue of Missiles and Rockets carries a very interesting article by Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Huntsville, Alabama. Dr. Stuhlinger is an ex-German Rocket Technician, as are Professor Herman Oberth and Warner Von Braun.

Dr. Stuhlinger's article is long and technical, so cannot be reproduced here for lack of space. So just a few facts for now.

He admits that while an ionic or photonic craft cannot be achieved with technologies at our command at the present time, they make interesting speculation for the future.

According to his chart he sees speeds which would make a trip to the moon in 3 and a half hours, the planets in 2 days, and a trip to Centauri (nearest star) 3.6 years. And if you want to make a long tour---let's say the Nebula in Andromeda----plan on 26 years---one way!!!!

Also he lends credence to Einstein's TIME DILATION theory. (That TIME and SPEED are relative---and if you traveled at the speed of light-----TIME WOULD STAND STILL).

Stuhlinger says, "If a crew of space travelers left the earth on an accelerating ship and returned after some time on a decelerating ship, the crew members would find that during their absence everything on earth has aged more than they have themselves".

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Another interesting article on the above theory was carried in a recent issue of the Service magazine ARMY.

WHAT IS TIME?

"Anything that can be postulated is possible, says science--including timelessness.

"The latest table-talk among the rocket and missile men has to do with the physics (and metaphysics) of photon propulsion: thrust for a space vehicle derived by shooting incredibly concentrated beams of light (photons) from its tail. Result--speeds approaching that of light! Round trips to distant galaxies could thus be accomplished in a single generation of the crew. Meanwhile, however, the earth would have passed through a billion years--possibly into cosmic oblivion.

"The space-time ratio is increasingly a factor in the calculations of a brand-new field of science known as astronautics. Work in this field at Martin is already at the threshold of tomorrow." (Credit, Mrs. Elizabeth Borries, Irving, Texas).

This seems as good a place as any to tell you how S.P.A.C.E. answers those cynics who come up with the question which they think will stop all UFO fans in their tracks.

And that question I'm sure you've had tossed in your lap. "IF THERE WERE UFO'S---THEY WOULD HAVE LANDED BY NOW-----WHY DON'T THEY LAND???????"

Here is the answer your writer gives--maybe you can use it. I painstakingly explain the TIME-DILATION theory--making sure a little at least has soaked in-----then tell them that possibly UFO's are our own earth people's ship. FUTURE GENERATIONS, who have not only mastered space travel, but have mastered TIME TRAVEL as well. And that they are exploring backward in TIME. And of course they are not going to land and talk to us---How can they---THEY HAVEN'T BEEN BORN YET!!!!!! (If this doesn't send them away mumbling to themselves, nothing will.)

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From the FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH GROUP IN JAPAN, (P.O. Box 18, Isogo Post Office, in Yokohama) comes an interesting report.

TWO MYSTERY CRAFT DIVE INTO PACIFIC OCEAN

At 11:52 A.M. of April 19, a Japanese fishing boat "Kitsukawa Maru" was enroute to Japan from the South Pacific Ocean. The bosun and four crew members spotted two metallic very silvery mystery craft descending from the sky and suddenly dived into the sea, at about 143'-30" N and 31'-15" E. After the craft submerged, there occurred a violent turbulence.

The bosun thought at first the objects were jet planes, but they had no wings and were approximately 10 m long. His ship searched in the water but did not find any wreckage.

(Ed. Note.--This is not the first time UFO's have been seen to enter the waters of the ocean and then disappear. While it does not seem the normal thing to do in our limited sphere of knowledge, it is certainly possible. A craft able to travel in space with all its barriers, would certainly be able to operate as well in a water medium. So it looks like the ship captains of the sailing days, may not have been imbibing too freely at that when they entered in the ships log reports of having seen "Fiery wheels" coming out of the water and disappearing into the sky.)

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Also in this same Japanese Bulletin is a listing of UFO Chronology from ancient Japanese Historical Books. Here are just a few:

Jan. 9, 1431. A mystery bright light with buzz of a fly observed.

Feb. 15, 1458. A big mystery light in the sky. It was about the size of the moon.

Oct. 14, 1797. Many spider's web-like mysterious objects fall in Osaka.

(Ed. Could this have been ANGEL HAIR)?

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From Sao Paulo, Brazil comes a Bulletin published by J. Escobar Faria, an Attorney. This is a welcome addition to the foreign connections for S.P.A.C.E. and should result in some interesting sightings and opinions. Saucer sightings definitely run in cycles, and when they start popping its usually concentrated in certain sections of the globe. Several years ago there was a concentration of reports (some of them dillies) from Brazil and Venezuela. Next wave of reports from Brazil will be given good coverage I am sure by Attorney J. E. Faria, in his UFO CRITICAL BULLETIN.

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Another newcomer to the Saucer Field, in his publishing venture, but not new to UFO Research, is the publication called SATELLITE Science & the UFO, Edited by Richard Hall of New Orleans.

Richard has contributed to research through several bulletins prior to starting his own. He was a regular contributor to Leonard Stringfield's ORBIT which bowed out in March after three years of valuable service. SATELLITE is starting out on a small scale, but he expects to enlarge it very soon. Congratulations and good luck, Richard. May you have a long life in the publishing field, and eventually break even for your hard work. (That's the hope of every UFO publication----not to make a profit--JUST TO BREAK EVEN!!!!!!)

Address is SATELLITE, 721 Burdette St.,
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Also to S.P.A.C.E. from the Nation's Capital comes THE LITTLE LISTENING POST, published periodically "when the NEWS boils over" as the Editor puts it. The current issue carried with

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it a letter written by Major Wayne S. Aho, to General Nathan Twining, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force. Major Aho is a former Army Combat Intelligence Officer. His letter asks the General many questions, all of which we do not have room to reprint here, so we shall use here only excerpts.

Relative to the October 25, 1955 report released to the press by Sect. of Air Force Donald E. Quarles, Major Aho states this to the General:

"This Air Force Report brought world wide repercussions epitomized by one publication which stated, THIS IS AN INSULT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

"Many across the land have made statements that they are LOSING FAITH IN THE INTEGRITY OF THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE. In my opinion, this is a serious situation.

"I have had the first hand experience of sighting a spacecraft and seeing it land (with witnesses) on the night of May 11, 1957, therefore I have reason to believe that the contact reports are authentic and have merit. I have personally investigated and talked with many of the persons claiming contact with beings of other planets and have complete faith in their sincerity and integrity.

"I have recently conferred with scores of active researchers and in behalf of large numbers of people long impatient with the present situation, I have been delegated to ask the following questions. It is my hope that these questions will all be answered definitely and in detail to clarify the entire issue:

1. Do UFO's, flying saucers or spacecraft exist according to any opinion, official

or otherwise, within the Air Force at this time?

2. Is the Air Force withholding any information on sightings from the Press or discouraging in any way the free flow of information to the public on this subject, and for what reason?
3. Is all information on sightings classified and withheld from the public pursuant to AF Regulation 200-2?
4. Does the Air Force know, or has the Air Force attempted to find out what UFO's are; the type of power used; are they interdimensional; are they inter-planetary; is their purpose known?
5. Does the Air Force believe or recognize any ground contact as having occurred or probably having occurred between the occupants of Saucers and men of earth?
6. Is the Air Force in possession of any space ship or parts of a space ship which has landed or crashed?
7. Why are Air Force pilots threatened with court martial if they release information regarding their frequent sighting of UFO's?
8. Has the Air Force ever fired upon UFO's in the past and what is the present status of any such order to fire?

Yours respectfully,

Orig. /s/ Wayne S. Aho

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