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S. P. A. C. E. (Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Enigma)

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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CONGRATULATIONS NICAP

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When the National Investigations Committee was formed at the beginning of the year, S.P.A.C.E. predicted that NICAP could be the wedge to pry open the strongbox of official secrecy. Some considerable time was required to see the results, but the first issue is now in the hands of the membership, and the effects have already been felt at Air Force Headquarters in the Pentagon.

Here is an example: On May 10th, an Official Army censorship order which placed a tight clamp on UFO reports at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey---WAS RESCINDED---after protests by NICAP.

Also, NICAP has offered Air Force Secretary James H. Douglas, an eight-point plan of cooperation to end the controversy over flying saucers. Highlights of the plan include:

1. A department in NICAP's monthly bulletin for the Air Force to explain its official stand.
2. NICAP will urge its members to submit UFO reports to both NICAP and the Air Force.
3. Air Force asked to submit to NICAP all UFO sightings which AF claims it has solved. (97% according to Air Force).
4. NICAP asks for permanent Air Force-NICAP liaison to cover era from the Foo-Fighters of 1944-45 to the latest sightings and developments.
5. NICAP will cooperate with the Air Force in exposing any frauds regarding UFO sightings, and claims of contacts with space beings. NICAP believes that all known claims of "contacts" should be investigated, and evaluated, and either proven or disproved if possible.
6. NICAP also offers to help educate and prepare the public for whatever conclusions and developments may later be officially disclosed.
7. NICAP agrees to make public a fair

evaluation of the following AF Documents after a full evaluation by the Board of Governors and Special Panel of experts in various fields.

- a. AF letter of September 23, 1947 stating that the saucers, whatever they were, were REAL.
 - b. The 1948 "Top Secret" ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION, stating ATIC's conclusion that the UFO's were Interplanetary Spaceships from a world or worlds unknown.
 - c. The "Fournet Report" drawn up by Major Dewey J. Fournet, Jr. AF Intelligence, based on an analysis of the UFO's apparently controlled maneuvers.
 - d. The report of the January 1953 panel of civilian experts assembled at the Pentagon to examine all the UFO evidence.
8. After NICAP-Air Force cooperation on the above seven points, NICAP's findings will be sent to the Air Force and released to all press and public news media.

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(Editor's Note)--Ever wonder how you would feel if asked the question, "HAVE YOU STOPPED BEATING YOUR WIFE YET?"

Either way you answer, you are in trouble. Now you know how Air Force Secretary James H. Douglas feels with NICAP'S proposal on his desk.

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In addition to 32 pages of sightings, investigations and opinions, NICAP announces the acceptance to membership on its Board of Governors the following retired high ranking officers:

- Rear Admiral Herbert B. Knowles, (USN Retired)
- Vice Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, (USN Ret)
- Lt. Gen. P. A. del Valle, (U.S.M.C. Retired)
- Rev. Albert H. Baller, Minister, Greenfield, Massachusetts.

Dr. Marcus Bach, Professor, University of Iowa
J. B. Hartranft, Jr., President Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

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Typical of the statements of the new NICAP Board members, is that of retired Marine Corps Lt. General P. A. del Valle:

"Although I have had no personal experience with UFO's, there obviously is something to the flying saucers which has been withheld from American citizens.

"There should be a serious investigation of authentic reports, and all factual evidence and possible conclusions should be given to the public."

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Also very important----copies of the first issue of NICAP's publication The UFO Investigator, has been sent to all Senators and Representatives. NICAP, and also S.P.A.C.E., urges that you write your Senator and Representative asking their support of the NICAP-Air Force 8-point cooperation plan.

S.P.A.C.E. has already urged the Florida Representatives to support NICAP. From the record of Representative Dante Fascell, we believe he will be one of the first to support this plan. Since his going to the Capital several years ago, he has been a staunch advocate of ending secrecy in Government. Rep. Fascell is the Sponsor of a Bill which is now before the House Sub-Committee on Government Operations.

**REP. FASCELL WINS ADMISSION
HIS RECORDS BILL IS A GOOD ONE**

(Special to the Miami Daily News)

Washington, July 22 -- Florida Rep. Dante Fascell, today forced administration spokesman A. McGregor Goff to admit under cross-examination, that Fascell's bill for lifting censorship on government records was a good bill.

Goff, solicitor for the Post Office Department, has acted as spokesman for all governmental agencies in a fight against Fascell's bill, which would put an end to the bureaucrats stamping documents "Classified", when they want to keep them out of public sight.

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MISSILE SECRECY ORDER ASSAILED

Washington, July 25--Rep. Moss (D-Calif.) said today a Pentagon order restricting news about missiles appears to be "an unrealistic strait-jacket of secrecy." Moss, head of a House subcommittee seeking greater release of govern-

ment information, said the memorandum attempts to limit information that cannot be hidden from the public anyway. (Miami Daily News, July 25, 1957).

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In an Editorial in the British "Flying Saucer Review", May-June issue, a prediction was made. According to an analysis of previous sighting peaks, the Britishers came to the conclusion that we were heading for another peak, this coming during the early summer months.

Clippings and sightings of UFO's have been coming into S.P.A.C.E. headquarters at an accelerated pace. All research organizations on the National scene, and also the International Groups are reporting the same. Along with the UFO reports are mysterious skyquakes (called sonic blasts, for want of a better name).

Epsom Downs, ENGLAND, April 26, 1957.

Two explosions, each of which left crater-baffled police and bomb disposal experts in Britain. The craters were 350 miles apart.

Explosion No. 1 occurred at about 8:45 p.m. on Friday night, April 26, and blew a hole on Epsom Downs, near the famous racecourse where the Derby is run.

The crater was five feet across and three feet deep. Near the crater the police found fragments of metal, they believe were there previous to the explosion. No fragments were found from the recent explosion but a further search is being made.

Explosion No. 2 was at Busby, near Glasgow, Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Buchanan were driving along the main Glasgow road to Thornthorntonhall when they saw an object flying through the air.

"It looked about as big as a football, circular, and glowing orange," said Mrs. Buchanan. "It was moving at a terrific rate and there was a loud report as it fell into a nearby field. We found a crater 18 inches across."

It was learned that the blast was felt two miles away. Home office scientists who have examined soil from the 2-foot crater cannot conform it was a meteorite.

"We are baffled", said a police official. (credit Flying Saucer Review, London, England)

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SOUTH AMERICAN SKYQUAKES

Sabana de Mendoza, VENEZUELA. June 4, 1957.

A violent explosion was heard over 1,000 square kilometers at around 8:00 a.m. Witnesses said the explosion was caused by a luminous ball as big as the sun which flew over Arapuey. Residents of Arapuey fled out of their homes in panic at the sound of the explosion which was accompanied by strong earth tremors. They said they saw the ball of intense light at a height of about 100 meters.

Merida, VENEZUELA. June 4, 1957. A violent explosion was felt in Merida at around 7:20 a.m. on June 4, and also in Cachapo, Ejido, Apartaderos, Lagunillas, Mendoza Fria, Trujillo, Monte Carmelo and other towns and villages nearby. Many persons said that they saw a strange red object shaped like a "Cigarette", which flew across the skies at fantastic speed at the same time.

Valera, Trujillo State, VENEZUELA. June 4th.

Persons coming from Arepury said that a luminous object had fallen there on the morning of the 4th producing earth tremors over many square kilometers. (Credit the South American reports, APRO, Bulletin, Alamogorda, New Mexico).

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(Editor's Note). The above reports recall the April 12 incident written up in May issue of S.P.A.C.E. The hole in the back yard of a home in San Gabriel, California. Army Ordnance crews, dug a 15 foot hole---AND FOUND NOTHING! Many individuals are still willing to put the blame on Air Force jets causing all this in breaking the sonic barrier. If so, then according to the reports coming in, our Jet Pilots are flying rather far afield, and also are flying some weird looking aircraft. And according to the following report also coming out of Venezuela, we even have some unusual looking JET PILOTS!

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VENEZUELAN INDIAN ENCOUNTERS UFO, AND LITTLE MEN

On the night of June 5th (Ed. Note--other Venezuelan reports listed were the day before) several Indians brought a friend to a village named Uriman in Bolivar to have a deep gash in his arm treated. An IAV Captain who was on the scene, questioned the Indians and was told that they had seen a luminous object land and

little men emerged from it. They tried to catch the small creatures, one of whom slashed at an Indian and cut his arm. The Indians became frightened, let the little man go, and hurried to the village to have their comrade treated.

These details were related to an airline pilot by the IAV pilot who interviewed the Indians. The airline pilot related the story to Joseph Rolas, Venezuelan correspondent for APRO, Bulletin, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Rolas says that the Indians in that country are very reticent and serious people, and are not known to falsify for attention. The Indians are also known to have little or no imagination, which would be required to make up such a tale, and also are not often in contact with the civilized world where they might gather information on the 1954-55 "little men" sightings and contacts in Venezuela. The general consensus of opinion in Uriman is that the Indians saw and experienced what they claim they did. (Credit APRO Bulletin, 1712 Van Court, Alamogordo, New Mexico).

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Mention of the 1954-55 Little Green Men reports brings to mind a theory which this writer has entertained for quite some time. To expound this theory, we shall first recap several incidents of the 54-55 wave of reports.

Summer of 1954, VENEZUELA. One summer morning before daybreak two truck drivers were hauling a load of produce into the city of Caracas. They were traveling a narrow dirt road into the city. Suddenly, their headlights lit up an object in the middle of the road. The object was glowing slightly, and covered the entire roadway. The driver slammed on his brakes. The headlights showed a most unusual scene up ahead. Three small men about 3 feet tall were scurrying toward the glowing craft, each carrying hands full of dirt into the strange looking craft.

The driver of the truck got out and took hold of one of the little creatures, who promptly let the truckman have a blow which sent the much larger man sprawling. Where upon the little hairy 3 foot high "whatever he was", followed the others into the opening of the strange craft, and the craft took off in a flash and disappeared.

FRANCE, Summer of 1954. (this story carried in Life Magazine). A French mademoiselle was walking alone down a woodland path. She came

upon a small spindle shaped metallic craft, no longer than six feet in length. Near it, she saw two small human looking individuals clipping small branches from the bushes, and putting them in a small shiny box.

The French girl was walking barefoot, carrying her shoes and stockings in one hand and some flowers she had picked in the other. One of the little fellows grabbed her stockings and the flowers, and then both hopped inside the small contraption, and in a matter of seconds the small craft was up into the sky and had disappeared.

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Your Editor does not necessarily vouch for the veracity of the two above reports. However, IF they were true, the question kept coming back-----WHY??? What were these little green men-----a race of souvenir hunters???? Was that why they were collecting handfuls of dirt, and foliage----not to mention SILK STOCKINGS????

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Many times your editor pondered over this mystery. And then suddenly in a newspaper article he was given a CLUE. And where did the CLUE come from---none other than the US Air Force! Yes, the Air Force School of Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas.

The article appeared in the Miami Sunday News, Sept. 6, 1956, and was titled, YOU CAN TAKE SPACE RIDE BY 1961-----IF SCIENCE CAN KEEP YOU ALIVE ON TRIP. The article was compiled from information and opinions given to Louis Alexander of the North American Newspaper Alliance, by Dr. Hubertus Strughold, head of the Department of Space Medicine at the School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph, Texas.

The article states that food will be a minor problem compared to that of keeping a fresh uncontaminated supply of oxygen for the occupants of the space ship.

How to get rid of carbon dioxide in a closed sealed system??

Scientists have long felt they knew the solution. They would get rid of carbon dioxide in the same fashion that the earth has been disposing of it for a billion and a half years.

Plant life--the trees, the flowers and even the grass, takes in carbon dioxide and gives off oxygen. The process is called photosynthesis, and as long as sunlight reaches the earth the conversion, or synthesis, of carbon dioxide back into oxygen, goes on through the

green leaves of plant life.

So a small horticultural department in the space ship, could very well be the answer. With just the right amount of plant life growing to absorb the carbondioxide exhaled by a given number of space travelers. And vice versa of course.

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Now to go back the the little men reports of 1954-55. It doesn't seem so peculiar now, in the light of the above information from the Air Force School of Medicine, to hear reports of little men, outside a space ship carrying handfuls of dirt into a space craft or clipping small branches of foliage, and putting them into a small shiny box!

What applies to us in problems of space travel certainly applies to other beings who have already mastered space travel. Suppose, back at the large craft high up in our atmosphere, they needed more plant life, or wanted some more soil to add to their horticultural department. WHY NOT, send down a small scout ship to pick up some virgin soil from the countryside in Venezuela?????

WHY NOT, a small craft to clip some new specimens of plant life from a luxuriant wooded area in France?????

After all for the long trip back to wherever they come from, keeping a proper balance of oxygen in the space ship, is only a MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH!

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FLYING DISCS SEEN OVER MOUNT RAINIER

July 10, 1957. -- A Bonney Lake lumberman said he saw two soup bowl-shaped flying objects whiz over the Mt. Rainier area about noon on Wednesday, July 10th.

Art Hatch, 31, says he was stone cold sober. What's more, he says a fellow woodsman was standing nearby and can verify his story. It was nearly noon when Hatch cast his eyes skyward in an area near the Mowich Lake Road. There "big as life", were two discs.

"They were shaped like soup bowls turned upside down", said Hatch.

"It was terrifying," he added. "I got goose pimples all over."

The logger said the discs were dull white-- "silvery, sort of", and they soared overhead at about 5,000 feet. "There was no sound."

"One stopped, then--zoom--both were gone," said Hatch. "One headed toward Tacoma, the other veered toward Seattle."

Hatch's logging companion was identified

only as a man named Mel, of Centralia. Robert Wheeler, who operates a Bonney Lake cafe, said that Hatch was real shaken by his experience.

"He's a very dependable straight-thinking fellow," added Wheeler. "If he says he saw a flying disc, then he probably saw one." (Credit, Bob Gribble, A.P.R.G., 5108 Findlay St., Seattle, Washington)

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PLANE DODGES FLYING OBJECT; TWO INJURED

Amarillo, Texas (AP), July 23. -- A woman passenger and a hostess were injured last night when a TWA airliner dipped suddenly in what its pilot said was an attempt to dodge an unidentified object.

Mrs. Mary Clark, of North Adams, Mass., and the hostess Miss Dorothy Rekow suffered lacerations and bruises when they were thrown to the floor of the airliner.

Iran Borsum, TWA sales manager at Amarillo said the ship was a four engined Constellation Flight 21, enroute from Chicago to Tucson non-stop. He said it was flying at an assigned course of 18,000 feet.

Borsum quoted the pilot as saying he dropped the airliner 500 feet when he sighted the running lights on an approaching object flying a collision course.

He did not identify the object further.

Several of the 34 passengers aboard were bounced around by the maneuver. (Credit, The Miami Daily News, July 23, 1957).

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OBSERVERS SPOT MYSTERY LIGHT

TORONTO -- (AP) -- The Ground Observer Corps of the Royal Canadian Air Force for the last month has been tracking a mysterious flying object and has orders to keep a close watch on it.

Chief Observer Herb Harrison for the suburban Don Mills area says: "It's like a little ball of fire. It keeps shifting from north to east to west to south. We have no idea what it is." (Credit Miami Herald---July 24, 1957).

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The following article appeared on the Editorial page of the New Orleans ITEM on June 16, 1957.

"When the flying saucer crews start descending upon us, the way to handle them is obvious. "Give them a series of civic luncheons and

receptions, complete with long speeches and tours of interesting landmarks. They'll be heading back for Venus by 10 a.m. the next day". (Credit, Richard Hall, Satellite, 721 Burdette St., New Orleans 18, La.)

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With sightings on the increase again all around the country, the Miami area has not been overlooked. Here are some of the reports turned in to S.P.A.C.E. headquarters.

Approximately 6:00 a.m. July 3rd, two UFOs were seen by Newt Randum, 1314 N. W. 82nd St., Miami.

"I was up early in the morning and took a walk outside into the backyard. Was looking at my shrubs, when a flash of light in the sky attracted my attention.

"I looked up into the sky to the west, and saw two objects coming toward the southeast. They were about 60° up from the horizon and coming down quite rapidly. The shape was elliptical, and the surface of the objects were bright and shiny. When they reached almost overhead, they suddenly changed course, and took off to the south. It wasn't a curve as a plane would make, but an instantaneous change of direction.

"At the closest point they were almost as large as the full moon looks in the sky when directly overhead. After changing course, they looked thinner than before, as if they were being viewed more on edge, like looking at a garbage lid from the narrow angle. Total time of observation was less than 30 seconds. Speed was faster than a jet, but not a phenomenal rate of speed. I called to my wife, but before I could get her outside, they were gone out of sight". (Credit, Newt Randum, Miami, Fla.)

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July 5th, 7:00 P.M. An usher at the Sunset Theater in South Miami, was out in the parking lot, on an errand to his car. He saw a bright looking "star" in the sky to the west. When he returned to the theater, he showed it to the manager Richard Korvis. Both watched it for a few moments, when it started moving to the south. It stopped again, and after remaining stationary for a short time, it took off to the north again. After another period of remaining motionless, it took off straight up. The sun had just gone below the horizon at the time. Both the manager and the usher were quite impressed with what they saw.

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July 5th, 7:15 p.m. Mr. Harry Emerson of S.W. 23rd Terr., and his 8 year old daughter both saw an unusual "star" at about the same time. Harry says it was just after sundown that he and his daughter were outside, and saw this bright looking object in the west about 45° off the horizon. It was brighter than Venus in opposition. Realizing it was too bright for a star, he headed for the phone to call your Editor. While he was inside, his daughter Nancy, says the "star" went straight up and disappeared.

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July 21, 1957 S.P.A.C.E. received this account from a Miami Physician of a sighting of an unusual object which played tag among some searchlight beacons.

"Since 1947 I have been intrigued by the numerous reported observations of UFOs frequently made by competent and reliable individuals, often with multiple witnesses. As in the case of others trained in the field of Science, I have felt it necessary to withhold making any judgement regarding the nature of these phenomena, which appear to be beyond the realm of verifiable scientific domain with which we are familiar.

Realizing that the philosophy of science requires that observations must be made and duly recorded despite the fact that they might appear to be in conflict with existing knowledge, I feel it my duty to report an obser-

vation I made on July 21, 1957.

At 10:35 p.m., as I was about to enter my car at S.W. 10th St., and 24th Ave., my eye was caught by the moving searchlights which were being used to advertise a new-car dealer on S.W. 8th St.

As I watched, I noted a bright light, somewhat larger than a star, which was in constant rapid motion, gyrating in character, which looked as if it were playing a game of tag with the searchlight beacons. At times its course resembled that of a figure-skater performing figure 8's, while at other times no definite pattern could be noted.

After watching it for 20 or 30 seconds, I returned to the house where I had just made a call, in an effort to get a witness. But by the time this was accomplished, (less than a minute) the luminescent body had disappeared.

The night was clear, and many stars were visible. No aircraft were audible during the time the observation was made.

Signed---Bernard D. Ross
M.D., Ph.D.

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