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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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ALARMISTS IN THE SAUCER FIELD

Periodically there crops up in various publications, articles or opinions, which if the reader were a Casper Milquetoast, would scare the pants off him. Your Editor feels that he has come across one of these, and should put the record straight insofar as it is his ability to do so from his own personal experience.

In the last issue and also the July issue, we wrote up but a few of the many mysterious sky quakes that have taken place in all parts of the world. A reader, Dr. T. W. Price, sent us a Bulletin from the Aetherius Society of London, England, with the notation that herein lies the answer to the blasts.

We will quote the paragraphs in question, from information allegedly received by the Aetherius Society, "through wave variating mechanism through Mars, Sector 6".

"The dangers of Etheric distortion, caused by nuclear experimentation. The subtle aspects of radiation brought about as a direct result of chain reaction are very much more dangerous, than the apparent physical manifestations.

"There will be many cases of mysterious outbreaks of fire throughout Terra (Earth). Unfortunately, many people who travel through the skies of Terra in aircraft will be subject to disaster. These disasters in the future, will be caused by the same force as the disasters of their kind, since the barbarous attack on the Japanese people by countries professing to regard freedom as the gateway of their principles. Many fire in the past have been caused in aircraft, when they travel through particular concentrations of energy, brought about and brought together, as

a result of magnetic pressure applied when the subtler emanations are thrown off by chain reactive principle."

(Ed. Note) It would appear from this excerpt from the Aetherius Society, that many of our aircraft disasters are due to peculiar conditions caused by Nuclear experimentation.

About the harmful aspects of the Bomb tests, I certainly am no expert, but will leave that to the Scientists and the experts in the Medical Profession who are writing much on this, both pro and con.

But when it comes to Aircraft disasters I do have some opinions, and will quote from my letter to the good Doctor in answer to the Aetherius claims.

"When it comes to airplanes, I have had some experience. I served four years with the Air Force, part of that time as an Airplane Mechanic, and this much I do know.

We had airplanes explode and crash mysteriously long before the Atom bombs were dropped on Japan, and before the long series of tests that have been made in the past 12 years. An airplane is a complicated piece of machinery, and since man has been unable to manufacture machinery that is always without flaw, parts do fail, even with the best of maintainance and accidents can happen.

In spite of this the Aviation industry, both Military and Civilian, have continually lessened the accident rate over the years. As a result, statistics show that there are more people killed per year within the city limits of New York City alone in auto accidents, than in all the airplane crashes, both national and international.

In view of the above facts, it is hard for me to take seriously the charges that the nuclear experimentations are causing all the

(or part of) the plane crashes. If that were true, plane crashes would increase per passenger mile flown, rather than decrease as the record shows.

Here in Miami, at the International Airport we have hundreds of landings and departures per day, thousands per month. The same is duplicated many times over at the busy airports around the country. So in spite of the billions of passenger miles flown, a disaster, even every few months, would still make travel by plane, at least 10 to one safer than by automobile. Yet, I haven't heard of our space friends blaming the auto accidents, and 500 earthlings killed every holliday by cars, on nuclear experimentation.

So, as I have said before, I am no expert on Atomic after results, so cannot say that the Aetherius Society is completely wrong. I have only explained air travel, as I see it, from my personal experience, both as an Airplane Mechanic and as an occasional passenger on our airlines.

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Again, I repeat, it is unfortunate that with every unexplained situation that develops, we must have the alarmists, who cry "WOLF", even though the Wolf, may be sleeping in his den, and not even hungry. (Editor's Note.)

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FLYING CIGAR OVER YOKOHAMA, FOLLOWED AN HOUR AND A HALF LATER BY TWO UFO'S OVER TOKYO

Yokohama, June 10 --- More than 15 witnesses saw a flying saucer on the evening of June 10, at 5:01 at the No. 7 platform of National Railways' Yokohama Station. They saw a cigar-shaped object, one minute before the train of the Yokosuka Line arrived at the platform.

Mr. Yukio Hasegawa, one of the witnesses said that it was long and gave off a brilliant silvery glow, and travelled from south-west to north-east. The object made no sound. It was clear, and was in sight for about 30 seconds.

Mr. Yusuke J. Matsumura, Editor of the FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH GROUP IN JAPAN was at the station at the time and was one of the eye-witnesses. He says that, "It had a very brilliant silvery glow, and it was absolutely not an aircraft. I have never seen anything like it before."

An hour and a half later, two small objects were seen in the sky over Tokyo, at 6:40 p.m. At least 6 witnesses near the Nichigeki Theatre

spotted the small round silvery objects.

These objects made zig-zag flutter movements and hovered, facing south to north-west. After about 20 seconds they ascended and disappeared. Mr. Takao Miura, a high school teacher and other witnesses said that, "it was not aircraft or balloons". (Credit, Yusuke J. Matsumura, Ed. Flying Saucer Research Group in Japan.)

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An anonymous reader sent in this clipping about our "old friend" the Abominable Snow Man. It appeared in the June 1st issue of the Boston Christian Science Monitor:

"As persistent admirers of the Abominable Snowman we would be remiss if we failed to note the latest absurdity in man's relationship with that elusive beast.

The government in Nepal, the Snowman's main stomping ground, is considering the imposition of stiff hunting rules on expeditions searching for him---expensive fees and prohibitions against killing him except in self-defense.

What an affront! It's as if the South African Government were suddenly to announce it was going to save lions from the depredations of the gazelles. Or as if Scotland had decided to place Loch Ness off bounds to fishermen for fear they might hook the monster and fry him for dinner.

We are perfectly happy, having mentioned the Scots, for the Nepalese Government to be canny and raise its hunting license fee on Himalayan expeditions. But enough of this condescension toward the Crafty Snowman. He can take pretty good care of himself without any government help, thank you".

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(Ed. Note) Now if you are wondering just what the Abominable Snowman has to do with UFO's, nothing in particular that I know of. I just believe that readers interested in one mystery would also be equally interested in another just as fascinating.

Your editor certainly is against capturing one of these creatures and placing him on exhibition in the local zoo. To track him, photograph him, and find out more about his habits, YES! But don't try to civilize him, and give him the advantages of taxation, legislation, regimentation, etc., to say nothing of the fun of driving an automobile and dodging death at every hand over the long

Holiday weekends we have several times a year.

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CAR BUZZED BY SAUCER IN INDIANA

Greencastle, Indiana -- Four Greencastle youths, Jack Glover, George Bennett, Jerry Brattain, and Bob Coleman, were driving home to Greencastle from nearby Russelville. While on Rt. 234 their attention was attracted to a huge red light in the sky, and they parked to get a better look at it.

As soon as they stopped the car the red light moved over them and descended to about 200 feet above them.

"It wasn't shaped like anything we had ever seen," said Glover. "It appeared to be about 50 to 100 feet in size, equipped with large white lights on each side. Several other colored lights were also visible." All agreed the thing was kidney shaped.

Somewhat frightened, but intensely curious, the boys flashed the car spotlight on the object, but after that didn't take the time to obtain a better look. For as soon as the light hit the saucer, it descended toward them rapidly, discharging an object which entered the car and exploded against Gover's cheek after bouncing from the floor. Then the object shot upward at great speed and, "moved north like a bolt of lightning" to quote Glover.

Kenneth Bennett, father of George Bennett, was convinced his son was telling the truth. "After knowing my boy for 17 years," Bennett said, I should be able to tell whether he is telling the truth. I've fed, clothed and schooled him all these years, and I don't think he'd lie to me".

Bennett added that he had "never seen a bunch of boys as excited" as the group was when they rushed into his house, out of breath, after the incident.

Questioned further about the "bomb", Bennett's son said it exploded "like a loud hand-clap," leaving no burns. After the explosion the boys found yellow, purple and blue fragments on the floor of the car, but said the fragments in no way resembled the paper left from an exploded Fourth of July firecracker. They had turned the fragments over to a local chemist, Bennet said, but at that time had received no report.

There was no odor during the incident, though Bennett described an odd noise accompanying the sighting. "It was a real soft noise--not at all like the noise a plane makes," Bennet said. When asked if it were a

hum, he said, "that is more like it". The boys had no idea how the object had entered the car, but presumed it was from the saucer.

The State Police were notified of the incident, and Putnam County Sheriff Joe Rollings said that his office had received several other reports from residents in the northwest part of the county that they too, had seen saucers resembling the type reported by the four boys.

(Credit for this very interesting incident goes to Gray Barker of THEY KNEW TOO MUCH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS, fame. Gray publishes the Saucerian Bulletin, Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va., six issues for \$2.00. A very fine and informative publication. S.P.A.C.E. recommends this one. It is tops.)

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Unfortunately when four teenagers come up with a fantastic tale there is always the chance it was a prank. We had one of those a couple of years ago, here in Miami. A group of teen age boys concocted a tale and called a local daily paper, which fell for the story, and then had to "eat crow" the following day when they came out and branded the story a hoax.

This sort of thing of course is not good for the good of Saucer Research, and is the reason why newspapers are often reluctant to publish sightings. But boys will be boys---and maybe drag racing gets a little dull after a while.

Incidentally, at press time we did not have the date on the Indiana car buzzing incident, which is the reason it was omitted. The report was run in the INDIANAPOLIS NEWS.

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CLYDE TOMBAUGH SAYS IT AGAIN!!!!

LIFE BELIEVED ELSEWHERE IN PLANET SYSTEM-- Las Cruces, N. M., August 15---The man who discovered the planet Pluto says many astronomers agree, purely on the basis of the laws of chance, that life may exist elsewhere in the universe.

Clyde Tombaugh, a member of the staff of New Mexico A & M College, said in an interview that our planet is one of several revolving about one of billions of suns.

"It is the sheerest egotism," he said, "for man to believe that the universe was created for his special benefit, or even for life at all."

(Credit, Miami Daily News, Dallas Times Herald, Liz Borries and numerous others.)

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Like the Abominable Snowman mystery, S.P.A.C.E. believes its readers are interested

in any mystery, which is the reason for carrying the following news account.

"HOUSE OF FLYING THINGS" SET OFF HUNT FOR GHOST
Wilmington, Ill., Aug. 17--(AP)--A full scale search for a "ghost" was on today in nearby Rest Haven, with newspapermen and photographers joining hundreds of curious visitors in an effort to spot one.

The search centered around the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Mikulecky, who say that for a week household objects have been flying around them and their granddaughter, Susan Wall, 15. Susan has been struck twice, she says--by apparently self-propelled edibles which took off in the kitchen.

They report the phenomena followed them to two other residences to which they fled during the week. Now they've returned to the Mikulecky home.

Mrs. Mikulecky, who like her husband is in her sixties, was in tears earlier today. She said a neighbor told her she was a "witch".

A score or more newsmen and photographers tramped around the grounds today, seeking evidence of a ghost or its handiwork. The Mikuleckys denied the admittance to their home.

Earlier in the week, a newspaperwoman, Mrs. Wayne Soltwedel of Wilmington, said she visited the Mikuleckys and saw; (1) Soap and a soap dish fly from the bathroom wall, (2) a stuffed kitten twice jump mysteriously from atop a television set to the floor, and (3) magazines propelling themselves off an end table.

Deputy Sheriff Chester Moberly of Will County investigated and said today:

"There are some mighty strange things going on out there. The folks are really scared."

Moberly indicated he did not think that these mysterious occurrences were being staged as a prank. (Credit, Miami Sunday News, Aug. 18)

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And if you think this one is an isolated instance in Illinois, at about the same time, the same thing was going on in Oklahoma. This article appeared in the Dallas Morning News, Sat., Aug. 3rd, titled:

TULSA FAMILY MOVING OUT OF "HAUNTED HOUSE"
TULSA, OKLA. (AP)--Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Wilkinson and their 12-year-old daughter packed their belongings Friday and moved out of the house they claim is "haunted" by an electrical phenomenon.

"I'm about to crack up," Mrs. Wilkinson said. "I wish someone would come forward and tell us what's causing all this."

The family thought their troubles had ended after Wilkinson, an oil company employee, dug around the house and removed a new metal fence

he believed responsible for creating a magnetic field.

The family slept in their car Thursday night after tables and chairs went on a weird "dance" and overturned.

They are puzzled as to what's causing electrical plugs to blow up without being connected, a sweeper to go on an aimless course through the house, and various household articles to start hopping around.

The "mystery" has damaged their \$1300.00 electric organ, caused the refrigerator motor to blow out twice and knocked the clock from its shelf six times.

Wilkinson said he had lived on the property for 23 years without prior incident--until this month.

"We don't know if the thing is a magnetic field, uranium, an old gas pocket under the ground, or what," said Wilkinson, "but it has us completely unnerved, and so upset we can't live a normal life here. We're moving." (Credit, Liz Borries, Irving, Texas)

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(Editor's Note) -- For the readers who are wondering if S.P.A.C.E. is turning out to be a Bulletin of Ghosts and Spooks instead of UFO's, we remind you of the meaning of S.P.A.C.E. (Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Enigma) and the last two items certainly are in the "enigma" class. THERE ARE MORE THINGS IN HEAVEN AND EARTH, HORATIO, THAN ARE DREAMED OF IN YOUR PHILOSOPHY.

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The next sighting is a little "stale", but since a sighting report was admitted to by the GOC on the same evening will use at this late date.

MIAMI, FLA., May 29, 1957, between 9:45 pm, and 11:30 pm, a cigar shaped object was seen by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bunnell of 1722 NW 21 St., and Mrs. Mildred Bolger of the same address.

All three witnesses saw the elongated object to the west of their home. It was approximately 45° up from the horizon, and appeared to be very high. Color was light gray, a little brighter on the outer edges. At first it was stationary, then it disappeared--later appeared again, this time a little farther south than before, and then disappeared again. The object was beyond the clouds, but the light clouds drifting by did not completely obscure it. It kept reducing in size as it disappeared.

A friend of Mrs. Bunnells who is active at the Filter Center (and doesn't want her name used here) called the Center the following evening inquiring about possible sightings. She was told that there had been a sighting,

"and it had been turned over to Radar." (Credit, Henry E. Brown, Jr., Homestead architect, who says in his report to S.P.A.C.E., "I can offer no good excuse for not sending in this sighting sooner, but it makes me wonder how many sightings go un-reported, when a saucer fan like myself, almost couldn't get around to it.) Brown is the son-in-law.

Henry, no truer words were ever spoken! Capt. Ruppelt says in his "Report on UFO", that he doubts if 10% of the sightings ever ended up in the hands of Project Bluebook, at Wright Field.

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FLYING SAUCERS HAVE NOTHING ON CAKES OF ICE THAT WHISTLE

Reading, Pa. -- (AP) Farmer Edward Groff of nearby Bernville reported that he was standing in one of his fields when he heard a strange whistling sound.

Suddenly a 50-pound cake of ice fell and buried itself in the ground.

Groff rushed to his home and told his wife what had happened. The two went outside to examine the ice cake. As they approached the spot there was another whistling sound and a second piece of ice----this one about half as large---landed at their feet.

Groff took the two pieces of ice and put them in his freezer, then called state police.

An investigation turned up no answers to the puzzle of why a pair of ice cakes should drop out of the sky. A spokesman for an airline said the ice cakes couldn't have come from an airliner because the largest bits of ice carried by such craft is of cube size.

The Weather Bureau said the cakes were too large to have been the result of a natural phenomenon.

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AIR FORCE ROCKET WILL SOAR INTO OUTER SPACE

An AF Rocket is expected to be launched far into space--perhaps even to the Moon--during the next 90 days. The rocket, manufactured by a subsidiary of the Ford Motor Co., will be launched from the bottom side of a huge balloon at 100,000 feet.

The 23 foot rocket is expected to attain speeds of 17,000 miles per hour. The rocket is not designed as a weapon but to measure cosmic rays and the earth's magnetic field as part of the Air Force's Operation "Far Side".

Exact date of the firing has not been set, but it is expected to be launched late in Sept. from the Pacific Proving Ground. (Credit

the Miami Herald and the Miami Daily News.) (also Liz Borries, Irving, Texas)

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AIR FORCE MEDIC SOARS TO "RIM OF SPACE"

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 20 -- Major David Simons an Air Force Doctor, set a record altitude for balloons, when he soared to a height of 102,000 feet, or nearly 19 miles into the stratosphere.

Col. John Stapp, boss of the one man project, said that a 4 or 5 man gondola going to that height may be the next step. Stapp made his statement after Major Simons brought his huge plastic bag to earth in a flax field on the border between North and South Dakota.

Col. Stapp -- of the Rocket sled acceleration-deceleration fame---said, "THE FLIGHT PROVED THAT IT IS SAFE FOR MAN TO FLY TO OUTER SPACE".

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BALLOONIST ADVOCATES WEATHER HQ IN SPACE

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. (AP) -- A weather station in outer space, 19 miles up, could make accurate forecasts for half the nation, says the man who was there. Major David G. Simons, Air Force Doctor-Pilot who soared to a record 102,000 feet, told a news conference last night that one forecaster at that altitude could accomplish more than scores of ground weather stations.

Simons said he thought it would be possible to push a balloon such as he rode into the 120,000 foot level.

A newsman queried whether Simons hadn't felt closer to God, soaring 32 hours in a purple-black sky that turned darker at night.

"This is God--the privilege of being able to contribute to man's progress," Simons said.

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Just before going to press, we received additional information on the chunks of ice that fell from the sky near Reading, Pa.

The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin of Aug. 7, carried the ice story, saying that an analysis was being made of the ice by M. J. Reider, Associates, Industrial Consultants and Research Chemists of Reading, Pa.

Capt. William B. Nash, Veteran Pan American pilot and Special Advisor to NICAP wrote to M. J. Reider, Associates and received some interesting information in return.

Analysis showed that the large chunk of ice was made up of many, many small hailstones

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or spheroids of ice fused together with small air spaces between. A huge popcorn ball as it were, but in this case hailstones instead of popcorn, making up the unusual specimen.

How the hailstones came to be fused together into a 50 lb. cake is not made clear by the research chemists making the analysis.

After the ice was washed off to eliminate any outside elements that may have clung to it upon its arrival on terra firma, the balance of the ice was allowed to melt, and the resulting water given a chemical analysis.

Once more some interesting information came to light. It was found to contain no iron which eliminated its being formed by any known method on a ground level. Chlorine and some alkaline substance were found in the water, alkaline matter which would be normally found in the air, over the Western section of the United States.

The chemists at M. J. REIDER, theorized that the hailstones had been formed in a thunderstorm in the Western part of the country, and somehow had become fused together, and transported by extremely high winds (jet stream) all the way to Reading, Pa.

This is an interesting theory, but there still are a lot of unanswered questions which plague S.P.A.C.E.

A check into the Encyclopedia under HAILSTONES reveals that hailstones up to 2 pounds in weight have been found. It mentions nothing HEAVIER. Also we find that hailstones are formed due to violent updrafts between different layers and temperatures within moisture laden thunderheads. The updrafts carry the embryo hailstone up and down again like so many ping

pong balls, until they finally get so heavy that gravity prevails and they fall earthward.

Just what in the world kind of a draft would be necessary to bring together thousands of hailstones into one large fused chunk of ice? And after this was done, a draft going SIDEWAYS, with enough velocity to carry it several thousand miles across the country, and dump it near Reading, Pa.

In addition, the newsclipping from the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, states that the farmer says the ice fell out of a CLEAR SKY.

It takes quite a bit of stretching of the imagination to visualize the formation of such a chunk of ice in the manner theorized by the Research Chemists.

So while we are having our imaginations elasticated, let's try another THEORY.

Suppose a SPACE SHIP, or a UFO was passing through just such a thunderhead with hailstones inside. The UFO carried along with it in the near vicinity a FORCE FIELD, which acted as a magnet drawing into one central point, many hailstones which it COLLECTED in passing through the storm area. These hailstones became fused together, and due to the force field were trapped until the UFO, slowed down or stopped to hover, cut down on its force field, gravity once more took over, and the collected ice dropped to Earth.

Many large chunks of ice have fallen from the skies mysteriously over the years, and in some cases the ice was curved, as though it had formed against a curved surface. This 2nd theory is no harder to believe than the first.

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