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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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## NOVEMBER SAUCER FLAP A LULU!!!!!!

This writer has maintained for a number of years, that when we earthlings master space travel ourselves, the Flying Saucer mystery would be gradually forced to a conclusion.

It now appears that we're entering upon that final stage. In October, mankind's first giant step toward SPACE TRAVEL was realized with Sputnik I and Sputnik II.

Immediately thereafter followed a Saucer Flap, with large newspaper headlines, with AP, UP, and INS coverage unlike anything we have known since the summer of 1952.

Equally important saucer events have, of course, taken place in the 5 years between 1952 and 1957. In this writer's opinion the only difference is that last month some heads got together in the Pentagon, as soon as the rash of sightings started, and for a change, shook their heads up and down, instead of sideways as they usually shake.

The reasons for this are several. First, the powers that be in the Pentagon, ALSO know that with our entrance into the SPACE AGE, the issue will be forced. Secondly, the long fettered mind of the man on the street, is now much better able to visualize SPACE TRAVEL as originating somewhere else, now that we are on the horizon ourselves. Thirdly, the sightings were a psychological opportunity, an escape valve for the reaction of the populace, in keeping the minds of the masses off the shock of Russia having beaten us to the punch, and launching not only ONE small earth satellite, but a half ton mechanism with a passenger aboard.

As psychological trick, the master intelligence who planned this series of sightings could not have laid his plans better.

And to show that heads shook YES instead of NO for a change we have but to remember that the White Sands Proving Ground report was made entirely by Military personnel.

Also the Coast Guard Cutter's report in the Gulf of Mexico, was a Service ship, and this report also could have been kept under security wraps.

Since all readers of S.P.A.C.E. I am sure, have already read these reports in their entirety, we shall only reprint the highlights here.

### FLYING OBJECT REPORTED

EGG-SHAPED, 200 FEET LONG-----TEXANS SAY!

Levelland, Texas, Nov. 3. Three motorists traveling in the vicinity of this West Texas town reported separately to Hockley County Sheriff Weir Clem within a two hour period last night and early today, that they had seen a terrifying flying object.

Their reports prompted the sheriff and one of his deputies to take to the highways in an official cruiser and brought them a glimpse of bright moving lights they attributed to the same object.

The three motorists reported seeing similar lights on a huge object which they first spotted hovering over the road ahead of them. Two of the three said they caught glimpses of an egg-shaped bulk possibly 200 feet long to which the lights were seemingly attached. All said the object took to the air after a few seconds.

They said their lights went out and their motors died. After the object had soared into the air, the lights on their cars came back on and they were able to start their motors.

Sheriff Weir Clem and his deputy Pat McCulloch, described the light as "like a neon sign", and was "the color of a setting sun, a brilliant red."

Officers from the Air Force base at Lubbock Texas, questioned the sheriff, his deputy and the others involved, and said they had no knowledge of any aircraft in the vicinity last night.

A. J. Fowler, in charge of the Levelland

police station last night, said he received at least eight calls from residents and other motorists in the area all reporting a strange lighted object.

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"PHANTOM EGG" SEEN AGAIN, AT ATOM-BOMB TEST SITE  
GI's SPOT GLOWING SAUCER, IMPRESSED AF CALLS  
FOR PROBE!

White Sands Proving Grounds, N. Mex.---(AP)---  
Nov. 5--The Army Monday reported a huge oval object "nearly as bright as the sun" was spotted Sunday hovering near bunkers used in the first atomic bomb explosion.

The sightings were made 17 hours apart by two different military police patrols on this southern New Mexico missile testing range.

The Commanding Officer said that none of the men had heard radio reports or seen newspaper accounts of similar sightings near Laveland, Texas.

One sighting was made by a two man patrol Sunday night. S.P. 3 Forest R. Oakes and S.P. 3 Barlow, reported that they saw a bright light hanging about 50 feet above the old A-Bomb bunker. Oakes said the "large bright light" took off at a 45 degree angle and went up into the sky, and started blinking on and off. Then it disappeared.

The other report was made 17 hours earlier by a two-man patrol team consisting of Cpl. Glenn H. Toy, and Pfc. Wilbanks.

Toy described the object as about 75 to 100 yards in diameter and shaped like an egg. He said it landed near the old bunkers about three miles from where the MP jeep was parked.

Lt. Miles F. Fenney of Fort Jervis, N.Y., commanding officer of the MP Squadron accompanied some of the MP's to the site Monday in an effort to find some physical evidence of the object's visit, but found nothing.

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"FLYING LIGHT" SEEN IN GULF BY THE COAST GUARD

New Orleans ITEM, Nov. 5th--The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Sebago reported that it spotted a brilliant flying object in the sky this morning about 200 miles south of the mouth of the Mississippi River.

The unidentified object was first sighted at 5:10 a.m. the Coast Guard said. Radar contact with the object was retained intermittently from 5:10 to 5:27 a.m. with the object visible to the naked eye for three seconds, beginning at 5:21 a.m.

A radio report from the Sebago--a New Orleans based vessel--said the object "resembled

a brilliant planet" and was traveling at a high rate of speed. The "planet" traveled in concentric circles around the ship, according to the report, and was last tracked 175 miles from the vessel. At that time it was headed northward toward the Louisiana coast.

(S.P.A.C.E. received many reports of these important sightings, but particularly wishes to thank Richard Hall of New Orleans for the front page of the ITEM, and Liz Borries of Irving, Texas for the account from the DALLAS MORNING NEWS on the Levelland sighting. It is very important that we receive these news accounts directly from the areas involved, as many times the AP, UP, etc. accounts do not carry all the details, some of which are very significant.) THANKS AGAIN!

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Meanwhile, BACK AT THE PENTAGON!, heads that had previously shaken YES, were now beginning to wonder if the peasants were not going to get too much information and maybe get out of hand and demand some answers.

So to again establish a status quo the Air Force once more started to explain away the sightings.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Nov. 16. The investigators said that when they checked accounts of a fiery object hundreds of feet long, supposed to have been seen by dozens of persons in Texas, they could find only three who saw the "big light". The light was seen only intermittently. Thunderstorms were raging at the time.

The investigators concluded that what was seen was a natural electrical phenomenon called "ball lightning" or "St. Elmo's fire" and that the same stormy conditions which cause such phenomena might account for wet engines and consequent stalling of automobiles.

The sightings from the Coast Guard Cutter were explained away as false radar returns.

Analysis of radar records on two of the contacts indicated that one was moving about 250 miles an hour, and the other about 660. The investigators concluded that aircraft, both propeller and jet driven, and possibly radar echoes, accounted for sightings which occurred in an area where both A.F. and Navy make many flights. (Ed. Note---What they did not explain away was that the crew had seen visually an object as bright as a planet, which travelled at a high rate of speed. Let's have that explanation, Pentagon!)

And as though they needed help in explaining away what they do not want to face up to-- Prof. Menzel of Harvard, the prize explainer-a-wayer of all came to their rescue.

In a typical 17th Century pre-Galileo way of reasoning, Prof. Menzel says once more, "THIS CANNOT BE---IT IS CONTRARY TO SCIENCE" (and of course the boys who threw Galileo in the dungeon, added the SCRIPTURES to the Prof's opinion).

Menzel says that the stalling of auto's can easily be explained as a nervous foot, but like the Air Force he passes up what he cannot explain, WHY THE LIGHTS DIED OUT ALSO. Prof. Menzel, we will live to see you hang your head in shame!

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But the hardest report of all to explain away was this one, so the Air Force used its usual BRANDING IRON on this one--HOAX!!

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SPACE SHIP VISIT IN NEBRASKA TOLD BY CALIFORNIA MAN

KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 5. A Brawley, Calif., grain buyer today said he had visited inside a space ship on the prairie near here.

Reinholt O. Schmidt, 48, said the ship was manned by a friendly crew of four men and two women who spoke broken English and perfect High German.

Officials who checked Schmidt's story said they found evidence it possibly could be true.

Schmidt drove white-faced into town after the incident asking for a minister.

He had driven into a field of milo about 2 miles south and a mile east of Kearney to inspect the grain. When ready to leave, he drove down the side road looking for a place to turn around.

As he neared the Platte River, he saw what appeared to be a wrecked balloon resting on the sandy bar. He stopped his car and walked toward the object, which now appeared to be about 100 feet long, 30 feet wide and 14 feet high.

About 30 feet away from it he was stopped short by a beam of light that shot from the object and "sort of froze me, I couldn't move." (Shades of DesVerges!!!) Ed.

"Then two men came down a set of steps from the machine and asked if I had any weapons."

Schmidt replied he didn't. Then after he was searched, the men said that as long as they were going to be there for some time "you might as well come in and see things for a few minutes."

Schmidt entered the silvery looking machine, the windows of which permitted one to look out, but not to see into.

Inside, the two women and the other men were busy working on wires and instruments.

"I was pretty scared but I noticed when they wanted to go from one place to another, they would just step on certain places on the floor and they would be pulled to the new location, without the floor moving, so far as I could see. Like magnetic power.

"The men who greeted me told me to tell my people they were not here to do any harm. But they told me they could not say anything about the machine or tell where they came from. They did say there might be an announcement in the near future."

The occupants "talked among themselves in High German which I understand to an extent."

Schmidt estimates he was inside the machine for about 30 minutes. Then we was told not to try to start his car when he left as it would not start anyway.

He left and walked a short distance away. There was a flash, the machine arose to a height of about 100 feet and then disappeared, blending into the gray skies and appearing to be headed southwest.

Schmidt got his car started, went to the Sherriff's office to tell his story, then to police headquarters to tell it again.

Police Chief Thurston Nelson meanwhile backed up some details of Schmidt's claim.

He said he found the footprints of two men approaching a single set of footprints, presumably Schmidt's, in a sandy expanse outside Kearney.

The three footprints then advanced together and suddenly disappeared, as if they had been yanked upwards, Nelson said.

Police also said they found a greenish greaselike fluid about the area where Schmidt said he visited the ship. It was sent to a laboratory for analysis. (SAN DIEGO, Calif., UNION, 11/6/57--Credit Joe Cromwell).

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Also from the same paper, this article with comments of people who know Schmidt: FRIENDS ATTEST TO RELIABILITY OF STORY FIGURE

BRAWLEY, Nov. 5--Friends who briefly have known Reinholt O. Schmidt say he is quiet, reliable and a non-drinker.

His boss, Donald Woodill of Brawley, said Schmidt had worked for Val-U-Pack Co. about six weeks as a grain buyer. "He's not the type to fabricate something," Woodill told a reporter.

Miss Lucille Doty, also of Brawley, said Schmidt was a "rather quiet type". Another friend, Clifford Allen, a Brawley produce man, said Schmidt was not a drinking man.

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The Air Force as was to be expected where only one man claims a contact--no one to back him up branded the Schmidt story a HOAX!

Now it is quite possible that this could very well be the case. Some of my fellow researchers, with far more UFO experience than this writer, gladly accepted the Air Force statement. Especially when the announcement made all the wire services that Schmidt had been committed to the nearest insane asylum.

Now a pattern began to present itself, and S.P.A.C.E. maintained the "wait and see" attitude. This writer felt that such a branding by the Air Force would be in line with other such actions in the past. Particularly the Sonny DesVerges (Boy Scout Leader) case.

A news-release stating that Schmidt had been committed, with a big ballyhoo and a lot of publicity---followed up by his release with very little publicity would do the trick and still keep the Air Force in the clear! This is what is known as PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE--but instead of being practiced on our enemies in a hot war---our own citizens--AND WITH NO WAR!

So your Editor was not at all surprized to see the follow-up---He was looking for it!!

#### SPACE SHIP HOAXER OUT OF INSTITUTION

KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 23rd--(AP)--R. O. Schmidt whose strange tale of visiting a parked space ship near Kearney was branded a hoax by the U.S. Air Force, has been released from the Hastings, Nebraska State Hospital.

Mr. Schmidt, 48, a grain buyer from Brawley, Calif., who had served a term in the Nebraska penitentiary for embezzlement, was committed to the hospital by the Buffalo Co. Mental Health Board Nov. 7 after two days of questioning failed to change his story.

Mr. Schmidt returned to Kearney last night saying he is standing by his story.

Dr. J. A. Wolford, superintendent of the Hospital, said Schmidt was released yesterday because "I could see no reason for keeping him longer". He declined any further comment. (Miami Daily News, 11/23/57)

So you now see the pattern. Exactly the same as with DesVerges in 1952. With DesVerges they also dug up skeletons from the closet, he had been in trouble in the Marine Corps during World War II. DesVerges was also released after two days interrogation by Air Force Intelligence at the Air Force Base at West Palm Beach. But the damage was done, he was branded a HOAX and the inigma still sticks.

If Schmidt's story was false and a product of his imagination, then by all means the public should be protected, and he should have been given treatment.

But since the Hospital superintendent released him, saying, "I could see no reason for keeping him longer," S.P.A.C.E. assumes the only alternative, that the man does not stand in need of psychiatric treatment!!

But the Air Force has accomplished its purpose, 171,000,000 fellow Americans heard the story that Schmidt was taken to a mental institution, and only a few read the follow-up---RELEASED--APPARENTLY PERFECTLY SANE.

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This case also accomplished another purpose for the Air Force. It gave them the chance to release a previously prepared statement, held in abeyance for just such an opportunity---that it costs the Air Force APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 TO INVESTIGATE A MAJOR SIGHTING, such as the Schmidt case. (This information from Coral Lorenzen's A.P.R.O. Bulletin, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

This too is a case of psychological warfare! In the first place the customary procedure in UFO investigation, is to send two Air Force Officers from the nearest Air Base, to investigate the report. And in this case there are a number of bases in Nebraska, so travel expenses are negligible. So there are two days time and expenses involved for two officers to investigate Schmidt.

In case the Air Force feels the report is valuable enough, and warrants the extra investigation, an Air Force Intelligence Team is sent out to investigate from Wright Field.

So just suppose both investigations did take place, we now have 4-6 days for 4 officers, adding per diem expenses and air travel expenses from Wright Field. DOES THIS COME TO \$10,000.00????

If it does, S.P.A.C.E. maintains that not Schmidt----but WASTE OF FUNDS IN THE AIR FORCE----should be investigated.

But the Air Force knowing full well the gullible nature of the American Public, makes the statement, to re-direct the ire of the citizen, so it will not be toward the Air Force, but toward any individual who makes a claim such as Schmidt's, DesVerges, etc.

The reports just given in detail were only the major ones which made large newspaper headlines. From all corners of the globe fellow researchers are compiling reports of sightings. In the Miami area alone, during the week of the flap in Texas and New Mexico, there were four reports turned in to the Air Force by the Miami Filter center, in just ONE DAY.

This information was given to S.P.A.C.E. by a subscriber who is a member of the Ground Observer Corps.

Excellent reports from New Orleans, Knox-

ville, Centralia, and Bremerton, Washington, West Virginia, Beaumont, Texas, Manchester, New Hampshire, Sante Fe, New Mexico, and the list goes on and on. While it is impossible to carry all reports, S.P.A.C.E. most certainly appreciates the cooperation, as do all other publishers in this field. Without your help our bulletins would be dull indeed.

S.P.A.C.E. is dedicated to more than just the Saucer field, so we believe that such items as the following are equally important.

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COLONEL NICKERSON SEEN PARTLY VINDICATED

ATLANTA, Nov. 9, (UP)---The colonel who was exiled to a remote post in the Panama Canal Zone because he championed too loudly the Army's role in the missile program must feel partly vindicated today.

Col. John C. Nickerson, Jr., one-time trouble shooter for the Army's intermediate range ballistic missile program, warned the country last June the IRBM was very much the Army's business despite Defense Dept. objections.

Nickerson began his own private fight to swing the missile program emphasis back into the Army camp. The Army had German scientists with 20 years experience and the government could save 100 millions dollars by forging ahead with Jupiter---so why scrap it? So said, Col. Nickerson.

The Army was directed Friday to prepare to launch an earth satellite using a modified form of the "Jupiter C" test vehicle, an outgrowth of the Army's Jupiter IRBM program for which Col. Nickerson fought.

The order brought partial vindication to the Colonel and in this respect he went the late Billy Mitchell one better. Mitchell, champion of air power, was court-martialed and did not find his place in history until after death. (Miami Daily News, Nov. 9, 1957).

Another interesting sidelight to the Col. Nickerson case is that the citizens of Huntsville, Alabama, through voluntary contributions last June, raised the \$1500.00 to pay the fine for Nickerson. In a sense, the citizens showed that they have far more brains, than do the powers-that-be in the Defense Department and in the Pentagon.

Now that Nickerson was proven to be right in what he fought for---WHY NOT BRING HIM BACK FROM EXILE?????

What good is he doing our country inspecting boilers down in the Panama Canal??

We need brains like his if we are ever going to catch up with the Russians!!!

But this couldn't be done! It's not the thing in the MILITARY SERVICE.

First the experts who exiled him have to die, and then be replaced so they don't have to EAT CROW! (As with Billy Mitchell).

But, I beg of you in Washington-----DO WE HAVE TIME TO WAIT FOR THAT?????

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And out in San Francisco recently, ARTHUR GODFREY told listeners he'll not discuss his favorite crusade (a bigger, better-paid Air Force) on the air waves anymore because the Radio and TV nets are "caught in the switches" of power politics in Washington.

It was his and CBS's decision, said Godfrey that he refrain from further serious pitches because "The political agencies in Washington, D. C., can hurt you bad and can hold up station licenses for months and months. And after all, this is my bread and butter." (News-11/7/57).

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MAN TO FOLLOW POOCH SOON

Omaha--(AP)--America's top authority on men-in-space said he believes the Russians will be able to send a human into outer space "in the very near future."

"It all depends upon whether they would be willing to send up a human volunteer and not be concerned about his getting back, said Col. John P. Stapp, chief of the Aero-Medical Field Lab of the AF Air Research and Development Command.

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A spokesman from Huntsville, Alabama, an assistant to Werner Von Braun recently expressed his opinion that it was entirely possible that a man instead of a dog had been in Sputnik II. His theory being that the Radio signals did not last as long as anticipated.

This could have been due to, he says, "A smaller battery than at first believed, and this smaller area used for batteries, would have meant a larger compartment for the occupant, even a man".

S.P.A.C.E. believes this to be a logical conclusion. If the Russians decided to use a human being instead of an animal, they would have no pangs of the conscience about it. If they would send captives to a life of slavery in uranium mines, sending one up in a satellite would come naturally.

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SCIENTIST INSISTS EARTHMEN NOT ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE

New York, Oct. 31--(AP)--Are we the only humans living in the incomprehensibly vast universe of ours?

Are there people like us, or even superior, on other planets near or far away?

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Only by exploring space can Man begin to answer this question nagging him nearly since his time began.

"We are not alone," declares Dr. Harlow Shapley, famous Harvard astronomer. He estimates there could be 100 millions planets capable of supporting life as we know it.

There are billions upon billions of stars or suns in the universe. Even supposing that most have no planets at all there still could be 100 millions planets at the right distance from a sun, possessing oxygen and all other conditions for our kind of life, Dr. Shapley reasons. (Miami News, 10/31/57)

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And so Dr. Shapley says it again. Why doesn't he have Prof. Menzel over for cocktails some evening, and inform him. Then maybe the poor disallusioned man wouldn't try so hard to explain away all the UFO reports. To steal a quote relative to this Professor, from the Little Listening Post in Washington, D. C.: "Ven de visdom breaks oud mit a pimple on de head, it voz vise to have been born foolish". (UNQUOTE).

(Except through Little Listening Post, from Washington Saucer Intelligence, P. O. Box 815, Washington 4, D. C.)

COLLECTION OF REASONS WHY GOVERNMENTS ARE SECRETIVE ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS  
by Bryant and Helen Reeves'  
FLYING SAUCER PILGRIMAGE:

1. They--the Governments--are afraid.
2. Flying saucers and their implications are a threat to the unrestrained "sovereignty" of any Government on earth.
3. The saucers represent a super-power in our skies, a ceiling on earth--man's "free

will", and his sadistic and destructive tendencies.

Other worlds and other beings of vastly greater intelligence are now watching our every move. What Government dares tell this to its people?

4. If a government, by supressing the truth can make its "enemies" think that saucers are their own secret missiles, it might be able to gain a point of military advantage.

5. If a government by supressing the truth can gain time to duplicate flying saucers before ite enemies can, it could rule the world. It might even be able to carry war into our solar system and conquer and enslave some of the inhabitants of outer space.

6. The governments have a shrewd policy; make the saucers as controversial as possible. Encourage, then deny. Blow hot, blow cold, but keep blowing. Stir up argument and controversy, the more the better. It is the best way of educating the people before official announcements can be made.

7. The Governments do not know enough about saucers yet to make any kind of an official announcement. They are puzzled and doubtful. Therefore they should keep investigating secretly until enough certainty is developed upon which official announcements can be made.

8. The governments are secretly hoping that the UFOs will go away and leave them to their own devices.

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