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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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## SECRET AGREEMENT OR STRANGE COINCIDENCE??

In the study of History, we deal continually with cause and effect. Many times decisions are made by a few heads of State, which effect the future of millions of the Earth's inhabitants. This was particularly true in the earlier days when Kings and Monarchs ruled supreme, and the royal word was the law.

However such modern agreements still happen, (sample--Yalta), and may have happened at Camp David in Maryland, between Pres. Eisenhower of the U.S.A. and Nikita Krushchev of the U.S.S.R.

And again maybe the following is only a strange coincidence. Sometimes in this highly fascinating game of diplomacy and intrigue, one must play the detective to arrive at the real answers. Myriads of red tape, and diplomatic protocol usually, very effectively camouflage the truth and confuse that which is in reality fairly simple.

Within two weeks of the meeting between Pres. Eisenhower and Chairman Krushchev, both governments through official spokesman made official statements concerning the definite possibility of life on other planets.

You will remember that announcement was made prior to the meeting that matters of world importance would be discussed. Certainly, anything they might discuss would be of world importance---including discussions concerning **LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS**, in the Space Age and the Space Race!

The Official U.S. announcement came first, on September 29th:

### HOPE TO FIND PLANET LIFE

By Frank Macomber - - - - - Washington Bureau  
Washington, D.C., Sept. 29---The boss of the Government's Civilian Space agency says there is a possibility that life exists on some of the faroff planets and the U.S. hopes to reach them with its rockets of the future.

T. Keith Glennan, Administrator of the NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration),

said the "possibility of the discovery of life on the planets" is one of the prime reasons for the U.S. space program---aside from our competition in the Space-race with Soviet Russia.

"Such a discovery could very well become the crowning achievement of man's quest for knowledge in space---an achievement that, historically speaking could transcend any present considerations of competition with Russia, or near-future benefits from satellites and space probes," Mr. Glennan, said in a speech in Detroit.

This was the first time a NASA official disclosed publicly that U.S. scientists believe there might be life on other planets. In the past NASA officials have declined to comment when they were asked about this possibility.

"Even if there were no other reason to send vehicles into space, we would be drawn on by the urge to know whether life, in whatever form, exists on planets other than our own," Glennan said.

"Here again is the human eagerness to cross new frontiers and explore new regions and mysteries. Man will not rest until he has satisfied himself on this question.

"Think how profoundly this quest may affect our thinking and philosophical outlook," he emphasized. "And there is just enough evidence of the possibility of some kind of living matter on Mars---perhaps only lowly types of vegetation, to make this one of the most fascinating if---long-range objectives of our space research.

A conviction that discoveries of space phenomena may bring significant improvements in techniques and process in many fields of U.S. industry, even though they are unrelated to space exploration.

To believe this, Glennan pointed out, Americans need only recall that Government research and development in wartime--hot or

cold---has resulted in peacetime applications which improved American living standards and U.S. economy as well. (Illinois STATE JOURNAL, Sept. 29, 1959, Credit The Athenaeum of Cincinnati, re: Dorothy Lefler.)

And then followed the Russian official opinion:

FOREIGN SPACEMEN MAY BE UP THERE NOW

Moscow (UPI) -- Soviet astronomer Felix Segal has suggested that inhabitants more intelligent than man may exist on planets and they already may be making flights into space.

Segal, in a statement broadcast by Moscow radio, said it might be a good idea to try to have meetings with these other space travelers, if they exist.

"A soviet scientist has estimated that one inhabited planetary system must exist for a million stars and consequently there must be about 150,000 planetary systems in our galaxy," the broadcast said.

"On some of them life exists in lower forms. But there also must be planets whose inhabitants may even be higher than man in point of development. Some of them may even have begun to make flights into space."

Radio Moscow said Soviet science, "already commands the means to send cosmic rockets to Mars and Venus."

Its predictions did not stop there.

"It would be quite possible to create an artificial atmosphere on Mars that would resemble the Earth...and what about the other planets in the solar system? Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune?" asked the broadcaster.

"If the conditions on the planets themselves are unsuited for human habitation, conditions are more favorable in the case of their satellites."

It was noted that the conquest of Mars, Venus and "perhaps even Mercury" would follow the pattern of exploration set forth for the moon---reconnaissance flights on and around these planets, the landing of man and the "radical" changing of the physical conditions of the planet.

The broadcast said this would involve the production of water and air on the moon and even the development of uranium ores for the building of nuclear stations.

"If the atomic states are powerful enough, they can keep on replenishing the loss of atmosphere and when this artificial atmosphere is

finally created, it will give rise to clouds," said the broadcast. (Cincinnati POST & TIMES STAR, Fri., Oct. 2, 1959, Credit Dorothy Lefler of The Athenaeum of Cincinnati, Campus Station, Cincinnati 21, Ohio)

NOTE: Your editor believes that the timing of these two official statements was not a mere coincidence, but the result of a well-planned, pre-timed plan of release of information regarding the space situation, agreed upon by President Eisenhower, and Soviet Leader Khrushchev before his departure for the U.S.S.R.

One cannot be jailed for his beliefs, and these are mine. Also, this was not a decision reached with the advice of the "Grandchildren."

Meanwhile the strange and unusual incidents continue.

CIRCLE BURNED INTO FARMERS PASTUREFIELD  
AT MOOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

September 7, 1959--On Sept. 7, about 2:30 a.m., Mr. Walter Ogden of Moorehead, Ky., who suffers from asthma, couldn't sleep, and went outside for some fresh air, hoping to recover from his discomfort. He sat down at an outside well, fell asleep, but was awakened by a light from a pasture field about a quarter of a mile away.

There hanging over the pasture field, about 50 feet in altitude, hung a strange object, which Ogden first thought was a balloon. It was not round, but pumpkin shaped, and was a pale blue in color. It seemed to be illuminated by a sort of soft fluorescent light, associated with it and around it. After watching it for a very short time, Ogden said suddenly flame shot from the bottom and the object rapidly rose to about 500 feet, after which it took off horizontally in an easterly direction.

Ogden saw no configurations, such as antenna, or windows, etc., just a smooth surface. He thought it looked like a plastic.

Members of the FBI investigated the sighting, as well as AF investigators from Wright Patterson AFB.

The most important part of the sighting was a strange circle, 12 feet in diameter, left in the pasture field under where the object hovered. A ring was burned into the ground about 9 feet wide but the middle of the circle was not burned. Investigators

tested the circle, took samples of the soil and plants around it. Naturally they would express no opinion to Ogden.

Mr. Ogden, who is the postmaster at Wallingford, Kentucky, said that the investigators, "questioned him most of the afternoon, like a lawyer."

This seems to be one of the better recent sightings, in lieu of the proof left in the form of the burned circle. (Credit Gray Barker, Ed. The SAUCERIAN, P.O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Virginia.)

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STRANGE LIGHT IN EASTERN SKY BLINDS MOTORIST

Moncton, New Brunswick, Sept. 23rd. An unexplained pear-shaped object emitting a blinding flame-like light was reported in the sky near Gowland Mountain by two mountain men.

Sam Doyle and William Kennedy said they sighted the object as they were driving home. Kennedy commented, "The light was so bright, Sam had to put his arm over his eyes and stop the car."

The object was visible less than a minute. Kennedy described the object as looking like a large inverted pear, with a 50-foot tail flame and sparks.

He said a lot of dogs in the vicinity started howling and barking as the strange "thing" passed from view. (Toronto DAILY STAR, Sept. 23, Credit R. Goliath, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA.)

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The above news report was followed on Sept. 28th by another, yet very similar account from Newfoundland Province:

PEAR-SHAPED, NEEDLE-NOSED OBJECTS SEEN  
NEAR NEWFOUNDLAND

St. Johns, NEWFOUNDLAND, Sept. 28--Two flying objects, one a pear-shaped and one needle-nosed, rendezvoused over Notre Dame bay near here over the week-end, a St. John's housewife claimed today.

Mrs. Duncan McCormac said she and a companion were watching the first object through binoculars. It was hovering just above a dark cloud. "I was suddenly very afraid as I watched a door open in the bottom and it started to spew forth flames," she related.

"Then suddenly the strangest thing of all. The pear-shaped object had remained stationary in the sky, but at that point a needle-shaped object of about the same size suddenly appeared and passed close to the first object, traveling at terrific speed."

"The needle-nosed object disappeared over the horizon but the pear-shaped one was in view for seven minutes, said Mrs. McCormac.

The sighting occurred about the same time the pilot of a trans-Atlantic aircraft reported a similar experience. (Toronto DAILY STAR, Sept. 28, Credit, R. Goliath, Toronto CANADA.)

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LIGHT IN SKY IN OREGON IS PUZZLER

Sept. 26 (AP)--An object, a light, or something danced in the Central Oregon sky early Thursday morning.

It was reported by people at Redmond and at Eugene. The Air Force scrambled two planes to investigate.

It was not a meteor, said Phil Brogan, Pacific Northwest director at Bend for the American Meteor Society. He said he had no idea what it was.

There was no assurance that the thing in the sky Thursday before dawn was either a balloon or reflecting plane lights. Those who saw it described it as something different.

Three women at Eugene said they saw it Thursday morning from 4:30 to 5:30 a.m. So did a nightwatchman. Two of the women said it glowed and seemed to revolve.

At Redmond, policeman Bob Dickerson said he saw the light east of town at about 4:00 a.m. It was brilliant, lighting up the juniper trees, he said, and lasted about an hour.

Dickerson said that after watching it for a time, he went to the Redmond airport, where he and LaVerne Wertz, a Federal Aviation Agency flight service specialist watched it through binoculars.

Wertz reported the object to the FFA Air Route Traffic Control Center at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport which relayed the word to the Air Force.

When the jet interceptors arrived, Dickerson and Wertz said, the light disappeared, appearing to head toward the Cascades. Wertz went up in a plane to see if he could locate it again. He could not.

A camera, set up for the recent International Geophysical Year, was snapping pictures of the sky in the Redmond area at two minute intervals.

The film will be processed at a collection station in Alaska. If the light was something that film could catch, there may be an answer, in due time, to the question of what it was. (Everett DAILY HERALD, Sept. 26, 1959, Credit Charles Slavik, Gold Bar, Washington).

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(Ed. Note)--Yep, there will be an answer in due time--problem is when is DUE TIME?

NAVY PROBES MYSTERY BLAST IN GULF

New Orleans, Sept. 30---(UPI)--The United States Navy and Coast Guard today investigated a series of mystery explosions in the Gulf of Mexico which may have been an exploding vessel.

The blasts and dense smoke in the Gulf last night, about 100 miles southwest of New Orleans, almost panicked passengers on a passing freighter.

The Coast Guard, which had a cutter en route, reported today a plane spotted debris in the area this morning. There have been no reports of missing planes and ships.

The freighter S.S. Ulua reported to the Coast Guard it saw "two bright lights" and 10 minutes later observed flames.

Ulua Capt. T. G. Bjerke turned the freighter around to investigate. Passengers reported they thought the Ulua was burning when they neared the scene. They said there were many blasts and dense smoke.

"We were close enough to throw a stone at it, but the smoke was so thick we could not tell what it was," one passenger said.

Capt. Bierke would only say "no comment" to queries by newsmen.

The Ulua reported at the scene last night that there was no sign of life, only debris, fire and explosions.

A Coast Guard spokesman said it might take some time to determine the nature of the blast or if there was any loss of life. (Los Angeles EXAMINER, Oct. 1, 1959, Credit L. Johnson, Torrance, Calif.)

Ed. Note--Strange isn't it, that with all this going on, there were no planes or ships known to be in difficulty. And equally strange that the Capt. of the Ulua had "no comment" to the queries of newsmen. Did Captain Bjerke suspect something that his passengers did not? Did he feel it was not a ship in distress? Would a ship leave the scene, if the Captain thought there was any chance of a vessel in distress, and lives being saved, even if the delay meant waiting around the area until day light hours?

This one leaves a lot of unanswered questions. If there was any doubt that the object was a ship, have we as a race become so callous and indifferent to our fellow creatures in distress? I doubt it!

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PIGEON-GUIDED MISSILES ABANDONED

Washington (UPI) Oct. 2, 1959--Now it can be told. The Navy tried for three years to train pigeons to steer guided missiles but failed.

The idea was to enclose a pigeon in a missile and have the bird play a partnership role with an elaborate electronics system.

Scientists at Harvard University and the Naval Research Laboratory found that under ideal conditions pigeons could be trained well enough to do the job. But in combat, conditions are seldom ideal so the Navy dropped the idea in 1951. (Cincinnati POST & TIMES STAR, Credit the Athenaeum of Cincinnati.)

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(Ed. Note) Now it all makes sense. A number of the UFO reports were really guided missiles, acting weirdly with air-sick pigeons at the controls. And now even Prof. Menzel begins to make a little more sense. Harvard University was in on the project. Prof. Menzel knew about it, and ever since has maintained that "strange objects performing weirdly" in the sky--WERE FOR THE BIRDS!

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UNUSUAL WEATHER CONDITIONS

London, Oct. 1 (AP) - Britain, long a stronghold of fog and rain, has just gone through its balmiest summer in more than 200 years. And the sunny weather still lingers.

The Weather Bureau reported rainfall of only 7.5 inches from May to September. The previous record (things go back a long way in Britain) was set in 1750, when the summer's rain totaled 8.1 inches.

September's temperatures averaged near or above 80 degrees every day. And October entered with a warm, sunny day.

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Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 1 (AP)---Alpine, Switzerland recorded the century's sunniest September this year, weathermen said today the sun shone for a total of 260 hours---100 hours above the September average. (Credit the Athenaeum of Cincinnati.)

According to Prof. Earling Dorft of Princeton University (England), warmer temperatures have already had some effect in various parts of the world. Records of the sea levels indicate that the oceans have been rising at the rate of two feet per 100 years since 1920 due to melting glaciers. The North Pole is tipping towards the South in the western hemisphere. The Magnetic North Pole is now some nine to eleven degrees away from where it should be.

Paradoxically, the bed of the Atlantic Ocean is rising! This may have something to do with the way the pole is tipping. An article in the February 1957 issue of Reader's Digest, by Richard Clavering entitled "LOST EMPIRE OF ATLANTIS", states: "That great

movement has taken place in the bed of the Atlantic and is still taking place, none can doubt. In August 1923, a vessel was sent out to search for a lost cable which had been laid about 25 years before. Soundings taken at the exact spot revealed that the bed of the ocean had risen nearly two and a quarter miles during the short period!!"

It is a fact too that the Gulf Stream has changed its position recently. British national newspapers carried the news that the Americans are attempting to trace its new course by injecting a color dye into the Gulf Stream.

Yes, change is not only in the air, but on land and in the seas. Changes, too, are occurring within us. Many people are aware of these changes and coming events. As we enter these crucial days it is worth noting that there is a gathering together all over the world of groups studying these trends and preparing themselves for the days ahead. Many members of these groups have been led together as if by some strange force.

Another indication of the times we live in is the fantastic number of sightings of flying saucers all over the world since 1945. "I will show signs in the Heavens," The evidence for the existence of spacecraft from other worlds continues to accumulate to phenomenal proportions. The truth cannot be kept from the public much longer. Everything will be revealed. The people are awakening! (Credit FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, 1 Doughty St., London, England--Sept. Oct. issue 1959).

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In the October issue of S. P. A. C. E., your Editor predicted another cycle of UFO activity, due to our increased advances into space, particularly in the vicinity of the Moon. One of our contemporary publications, THE VISITOR, of 14315 Haggerty Rd., Belleville, Michigan seems to agree with us. And since there is nothing that pleases an Editor more than agreement, we will give you the benefit of the Editorial comments in their latest issue:

#### RUSSIAN ROCKETS TO THE MOON---A PRELUDE TO INCREASED SAUCER ACTIVITY???

Russia's recent assaults upon the Moon have no doubt left a marked impression upon our extraterrestrial friends. In a way, we are tempted to say, "serves them right!" For years we have played the role of unwitting hosts to their vehicles skipping about audaciously, elusively in our skies. These visits are now being repaid and judging, from the bold plans of American and Russian scientists, they will be stepped up in the months and years ahead.

American scientists are not prepared to send up orbiting satellites around the moon, televising, among other things, the lunar landscape--on both sides. Russia boasts of already having done so, although little confirmation on this achievement has reached the Western World. Also in the making--small, baseball-sized "scientific spies" which will be hurled into space to orbit around the planets Mars and Venus; these delicate scientific instruments will record the make-up of the atmosphere around these planets and transmit tell-tale televised pictures of their physical characteristics.

It now appears that our brothers from outer space must do one of two things: -- Advance and be recognized---or withdraw from this corner of the universe in the wake of Earth's exploration and colonization of the outer regions. Of course, they can always obliterate all of us which would settle very nicely, any and all issues...but this they could have done a thousand years ago if they had so desired.

In any event, less than a year from now, our scientists through direct observation may be able to determine once and for all if intelligent life does indeed exist outside our own island world. By then, we would not need a flying saucer to land in midtown Chicago or Detroit to dramatically announce their "reality."

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#### OBJECT IN SKY OVER KENTUCKY

Catlettsburg, Ky., Oct. 19 (AP) "Things go on in the sky that people are not aware of."

That statement was made to Mrs. Avery Bentley, 59, by her mother when Mrs. Bentley was a little girl and she has been a sky-watcher ever since.

Mrs. Bentley got up about 1 a.m. Monday with an upset stomach and was in the kitchen of her apartment looking at the sky when what appeared to be an oversized star began to move. She looked in amazement as it turned variously red, blue and green and took the shapes of a swastika and a four-leaf clover with glowing streamers from the leaves.

She roused her husband.

"Look out the window," she said "and tell me whether I'm crazy."

He saw the strange object too.

Mrs. Bentley said it was still there, in the western sky, moving slowly on to the west, when she finally retired.---(Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, Oct. 20, 1959, Credit Mrs. J. E. Sparks, Miami, Fla.)

JEWEL-LIKE OBJECT IS SKY MYSTERY

Newburyport, Mass.--A Rowley, Mass. resident who was up before the sun this morning, is seeking an explanation for the appearance of an oddly beautiful jewel-like object in the eastern sky about 5:30.

The Rowley woman said the object appeared near the rising moon. Gold in color, it gradually became smaller and part of it seemed to dissolve in a comet like tail. The observer said she was certain the object was not a plane, nor any other kind of mobile object, but was a natural phenomenon. (Newburyport DAILY NEWS, Mass., Sept. 25, 1959, Credit W. B. Cunningham, Salisbury, Mass.)

NOTE: Correspondent Cunningham called the News, was given the woman's name and checked with the woman who gave him the additional information that the object "seemed to have a ring around it, like the planet Saturn--only half way around." Also she stated that the gold color was constant over the entire object.

She was very reticent about her name being used by either the newspaper or in this report. However, subsequent investigation by Mr. Cunningham revealed that a family by the same name as hers had been invaded by poltergeist activity, and since this may have been a relative involved, it is understandable about her lack of desire for publicity in this case.

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PROBE STRANGE OBJECT FOUND BY KANSAS FARMER

MOUND CITY, Kansas--Officials of the McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita and the FBI today investigated a strange object that farmer Gene Krull has discovered. Krull, who farms 80 acres about 12 miles from here found the object while walking through his corn field yesterday. He wanted to know what the "thing" was, so he loaded it into his pickup truck and drove to the home of Harrison Underhill, a REA employee.

Underhill took one look at the object and notified the highway patrol that he believed that Krull had stumbled upon a missile. The highway patrol rushed to Underhill's home and quickly escorted Krull, his pickup truck and the object to an isolated area. There, the "thing", about 10 feet long, eight inches in diameter and weighing about 100 pounds, was carefully removed from Krull's truck and sand-bagged.

The highway patrol then notified officials at McConnell and the FBI.

The federal investigators were immediately dispatched to the scene. Krull is still wondering about what he found. (Boston TRAVELER, Oct.

20, 1959, Credit W. B. Cunningham, Salisbury, Mass.)

NOTE---Keep wondering, they won't tell you!!!  
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FROM OUTER SPACE???

SCIENTISTS TO EXAMINE ICE CHUNK  
FROM GEORGIA GARDEN

TOCCOA, Ga. (UPI)--The Smithsonian Institution in Washington will be asked to examine a 40-pound chunk of ice that plummeted to earth near here, it was reported today.

The ice, which may have been formed by unknown elements in outer space, plummeted into a farmer's garden Monday, digging a crater about the size of an automobile wheel. It shattered into several pieces on impact at the farm of C. J. LeCroy.

The ice was analyzed by Toccoa High School science teacher, Joe Vaughan, who reported it was made of pure, untreated and unchlorinated water, such as rain. He said it was not manufactured.

Vaughan retained the water of melted bits of the ice and preserved one chunk in a refrigerator. Roy Gaines of radio station WMEG, who was one of the first on the scene, also kept several chunks.

The incident occurred less than 48 hours after a similar 66-pound ice block plunged from the skies in Italy. Authorities investigating both occurrences reported that no airplanes were seen over the areas at the time.

Dr. William A. Calder, astronomy professor at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, suggested that ice could have broken off from a comet that crossed the earth's orbit Oct. 9. He also theorized that it could have come from a meteor.

LeCroy said it landed no more than 10 feet from him and it "almost scared me to death." (THE ALBANY (Ga.) HERALD, Oct. 29, 1959, Credit, Mrs. Ime Oliver, Albany, Ga.)

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'THE ICEMAN COMETH' - BUT WHO ASKETH?

CLEVELAND, Oct. 30 (AP) Two blocks of ice - each about the size of a basket ball--fell from the sky over an eastern suburb today. No one was hurt.

One block of ice tore a 5-inch hole in the roof of a home in Beachwood and was discovered when the residents returned home in mid-afternoon. The other plunged into a fairway at the Highland Park Golf course, missing two golfers by 100 yards.

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GIVE S.P.A.C.E. FOR CHRISTMAS

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The most logical explanation of the unusual occurrence came from Willson H. Hunter, assistant to the director of the National Aeronautical Space Administration's Lewis Research Center here. He said the ice probably formed on an unprotected portion of an airplane, then dislodged when the plane entered warmer air over the Cleveland area.

Earlier this week there were reports from Martin, Ga., and Acacia, Italy of ice plummeting to earth. (LOS ANGELES EXAMINER, Oct. 31, 1959, Credit L. Johnson, Torrance, Calif.)

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HEAR MYSTERY RADIO SIGNAL

Chicago, Ill.--Amateur radio operators here report they have picked up a mysterious signal the last two nights.

The signal has been disrupting communications on the 50-megacycle band. (Chicago DAILY NEWS, Sept. 2, 1959, Credit Paul Hammer, Chicago.)

(NOTE)--These radio reports come in from ham operators with each wave of UFO reports. They, like ice falls, angel hair, sky quakes, and strange holes appearing in the earth, while they are still mysteries, seem to occur at the same times as UFO reports, therefore we can only conclude that there is a very definite connection between all of these allied mysteries. A connection so very impressive and tangible that one wonders how orthodox Science can continue to ignore the whole hodge-podge of related facts. It is a sad commentary on the intelligence of those who set themselves up in their own little castle, as being the apex of scientific knowledge and achievement. Is it any wonder that Dr. Wehrner von Braun, when asked, "What do you think we will find on the Moon when we get there?"--said, "RUSSIANS!"

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MYSTERY DISC SIGHTED NEAR HAWAII ISLES

Honolulu, Oct. 29 (AP)--A shiny disc-like object was reported sighted moving at high speed over the Pacific Wednesday. It was in view for several hours.

Weather Bureau observers here could not explain it.

H. Dean Parry, chief meteorologist at Honolulu, said the disc was seen through a low power telescope from the airport weather station here.

Several residents on the island of Hawaii reported viewing the disc with the naked eye.

Raymond Businewski, weather bureau chief in Hilo, calculated the disc object moved at 11,000 feet altitude over the Johnston Island area, about 1500 miles southwest of Hawaii.

No high altitude weather estimated through trianguballoons were known to be in the area. Parry said the disc moved too fast across the sky to have been a planet. (LOS ANGELES EXAMINER, Oct. 30, 1959, Credit L. Johnson, Torrance, Calif.)

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The Month of October ended with some excitement all along the Eastern coastline of the U.S.A. Newspapers all over the country headlined this story:

LIGHTS ON BALLOON PUZZLE SCIENTISTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 (UPI) - Puzzled scientists sought an explanation today for the mysterious "dancing lights" reflected from the giant space balloon launched Wednesday evening at Wallops Island, Va.

They were expecting the aluminum-coated balloon, big as a 10-story building to glow brightly as it caught the rays of the setting sun. But they were completely unprepared, said a spokesman for the NASA for what they actually saw. This has been variously described by competent observers as dancing lights, scintillations, shooting sparks, and flashing beams reminiscent of twinkling Christmas lights. (New York JOURNAL AMERICAN, 10/30/59, Credit Virginia Maratea, Putney, Vermont.)

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What is even more unusual about this incident is that the test was made just when a cycle of UFO reports was reaching a peak. Was this again timed for this very reason?? Was it to use as an "explanation" for many UFO reports, was it to psychologically, make people seeing true UFO's, believe that they may be seeing our own space tests??? Was it even more yet, than these suggestions, as voiced in an article to the PEOPLES FORUM, in the Nov. 15 issue of the Springfield UNION, of Springfield, Mass:

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'WAS IT A BALLOON?'

Sir: -- Many people, who on Oct. 28 saw the alleged balloon, are asking themselves, "Was it really a balloon, or was it a saucer?" Like so many other persons, I at first accepted the balloon explanation as being the correct one. Then, after reading the continuation of the Union's article about it on Page 12, I discovered also on Page 12 the short UPI item telling about the fall of a chunk of ice in Georgia, which weighed 40 pounds and which fell on the very same day on which the "balloon" was sighted. The short item also told about a 66-pound ice block which was reported to have dropped from the skies in Italy less than 48 hours previously. No planes were seen in either area at the time. The Georgia chunk of ice aroused my suspicions regarding the too pat explanation of the huge object seen in our skies. Very few witnesses called it a balloon. Instead, it manifested a great variety of lights. It flashed sparks, shot out beams, and seemed to twinkle like Christmas decorations. One report reaching me likened the lights to those on some Christmas tree. This report also stated there appeared to be a luminous haze or cloudiness about the bottom of the object, a telltale saucer phenomenon.

The 40-pound Georgia ice chunk must have fallen from something and obviously, it didn't fall from the alleged balloon, for we were told it had been launched just moments before the object was seen, so there had not been enough time elapse for such a heavy accumulation of ice to build up on the surface of the alleged balloon. But if anyone were to believe that the ice chunk might have fallen from the "balloon," which "balloon" was said to have sunk in the Atlantic that evening, then how would anyone explain the two big chunks of ice

which were reported by The Springfield Daily News to have fallen Oct. 30 in Cleveland, O., according to an AP dispatch? Things just don't add up, so I suspect "operation coverup" is working overtime trying to explain away this new saucer sighting. It had to be explained away in a hurry because a million or more persons saw it. I believe the following is what really happened Oct. 28. One or more of our radars in or near Ga. detected the object, saw it was a huge one, saw it was traveling slowly north on a descending flight path, knew it would be almost impossible to explain away, so hastily warned the powers that be. After a hasty conference, I am of the opinion, that it was decided to hastily launch one of the huge balloons as a red-herring. Had that balloon-shot been a success, than I feel sure not one but two huge mysterious objects would have been seen in our skies that evening. But that balloon-shot could have been fixed so that the balloon would not inflate at all, yet the trail of its rocket carrier was sure to be seen so that any doubter of the success of the shot could be reminded of the visible trail left by the rocket. In such a way, the stage could have been set for the appearance of the real saucer, or UFO. The manufactured alibi, it seems to me, was made ready, was used, and was apparently successful in the cases of most viewers of the object.

Unless more ice chunks fall in the next few days, to set people thinking, in a week or two, the whole episode will be forgotten. The official explanation will undoubtedly be remembered; the huge ice chunks quickly forgotten. Yet more ice chunks will fall, and have been falling since saucers have been flying in our skies--for thousands of years.

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