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Circle of lights attracting UFOs, group reports

By ANDREW A. YEMMA

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — The UFOs are back!

A colorful circle of lights in the remote Texas hill country is said to be attracting alien aircraft that travel at 10,000 miles an hour, and a research group studying UFOs has released a photograph purporting to prove it.

Members of "Project Starlight International" say the photograph was taken the night of Oct. 2, and shows a brilliantly lighted Unidentified Flying Object traveling more than 10,000 m.p.h. about 100 miles above Earth.

They report that the craft made two sharp turns within 2 to 4 seconds — maneuvers that would tear a manmade object to shreds.

Ray Stanford, director of the group, said the UFO was

photographed on ordinary black-and-white film through a 300 millimeter lens with the shutter left open for several seconds.

The picture shows a trail of light along a wavy line moving east to west with a sharp left and a sharp right turn in the center. Stanford said the UFO shut down its lights before the camera's shutter closed.

"This is a typical maneuver for UFOs," Stanford said. "We believe UFOs have some control over gravity and inertia."

Stanford's group constructed a circle of about 100 lights in the seven colors of the spectrum during a number of reported UFO sightings in the fall of 1973.

In the center of the display west of Austin is a spotlight which blinks "dot-dot-dot-dash," the numerical equivalent of the Greek letter pi, which they believe some intelligent creature might identify.

He said on Oct. 22, 1973, his crew of observers spotted two lights in the sky where stars were not supposed to be.

"They were oval shaped white objects. The four of us aimed our camera lenses at them and they turned down their lights just like a rheostat. Then they disappeared.

"Within four minutes two Phantom jets from Bergstrom Air Force Base came zooming in closer to our site than they ever had come before. They were followed by a prop plane. It's quite possible they sighted the same things we did."

Stanford says he has seen dozens of UFOs since he began his research project in Arizona in 1964. He said most sightings can be explained. It's the others that interest him.

"I cannot rest at ease until this thing is solved," he said. "We are not interested in collecting UFO stuff, but scientific data and we are attempting to see if a UFO will

respond to intelligent signals."

The Air Force, which is the U.S. government's official investigatory agency for UFO's, doesn't take data from civilians. Stanford said, so his information is shared with other UFO research groups in California, Arizona, Illinois and Maryland.

He said he believes creatures that pilot UFO's aren't necessarily super-intelligent, and haven't developed means of flight incomprehensible to man.

"They don't have to be any more intelligent than we are, just about 10 years ahead of us. This kind of work is going on in highly secret projects today, and we'll probably have something like this in 10 to 15 years," he said.

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UFO group announces film

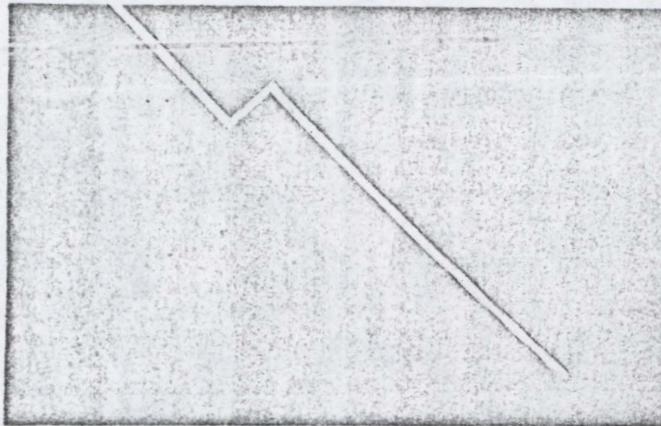
"The Primal Factor," a television film on UFO's, will feature motion picture film of a UFO photograph by William Fisher from Moline which was submitted by Walt Andrus of Quincy, director of the Mutual UFO Network. The film is scheduled for release between Nov. 1 and 15, according to the Mutual UFO Network.

The film was produced by Allan Landsburg Productions, the same company that produced "Search for the Ancient Astronauts" and "Search for Ancient Mysteries."

Color photos of the Delphos, Kan. UFO landing site will also be featured in the film.

WGEM-TV will carry a documentary, "UFO's Over Mid-America" which features Quincy members of the Mutual UFO Network on Dec. 15 at 9 p.m.

The TriState UFO Study Group also announced they will not meet as scheduled Wednesday. The next meeting will be Nov. 20.



UFO TRACKED — Group studying UFOs near Austin, Tex., released this picture taken Oct. 2 which members claim is the track made by brilliantly lighted UFO flying in excess of 10,000 miles per hour. Alleged craft made two right angle turns in two to four seconds, according to Ray Stanford, director of Project Starlight International. (UPI).

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Multiple Witness Report UFO Humanoid

By DAVID BRANCH

"Who are you?"
Billy Wayne Plasters, 27, could feel his heart pounding as he waited for a reply to his question.

"What are you doing here? What's your name?"

Silence. Suddenly he saw it. "Something is coming at us," Billy said. Panicking, he turned to Richard N. Clifton, 35, his brother-in-law, and the two raced for their truck.

"I watched the truck stop and

their sighting.

According to Plasters, the entire incident had started a few minutes earlier, at 8 p.m. It was March 1, 1974, in Vesta, Virginia, a quiet rural town in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

At home, on his father's farm off Route 58, Plasters had noticed an entire nearby hillside illuminated with a strange yellow glow. The light appeared to be the "color of a Coleman lantern."

He quickly drove to the Clif-

"It was like a science fiction story come true," Jane Clifton said.

"It made a shrill, penetrating sound," a neighbor, Mrs. Noah Cassell, said. She and her daughter Freda, however, had been too frightened to investigate what was causing "all that commotion on John Plasters' farm."

"An incredible sighting by credible multiple eye-witnesses," concluded veteran UFO researcher George W. Fawcett, a Mount Airy, N. Carolina resident. Fawcett, the N.C. state director for the MUFON, an international UFO research group, looked into the Vesta incident along with Managing Editor Clayton Boaz and News Editor Nancy Lindsey of the "Enterprise," the newspaper in Stuart, Va.

Fawcett writes in a recent issue of "Skylook," the MUFON journal:

"These reports were consistent with those elsewhere, and identical shapes, sizes, sounds, smells, colors, maneuvers, as well as effects on eyewitnesses, animals and soil and plant samples, were being reported by persons from all walks of life on a global basis during the same period of time. The Vestal observers said they hoped it wouldn't happen again.

"If the animals could only talk," added Fawcett, "they just might say the same thing."

But the Patrick County, Va. sheriff's department remained unmoved. On the night of the event, it had replied simply to Plasters' and Clifton's telephoned plea for help: "What have you folks been drinking up there?"

The sheriff's department did not investigate the incident.

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The Continuing UFO

its lights go out," Jane Clifton (Richard's wife and Billy Wayne's twin sister) said later. "It was awfully silent when I suddenly heard the truck motor start up. When the men came back to the house they looked like they had just seen a ghost."

Plasters, taller, had been walking ahead of Clifton, and was able to better describe what he had glimpsed: "a big, tall, heavy-set man."

Shaken, nevertheless the men took guns, got in their truck, and started back to the area of

Clifton's home. The three adults, watching the light, were startled to see a red oval object, "bigger than a Volkswagen," rise to about 300 feet above the glowing ground.

At first hovering, it made a series of right angle turns before heading south toward Stuart, Va.

But the ground glow remained, so Plasters and Clifton decided to investigate. As they neared the area, they were puzzled by the absence of the farm animals: two horses, a steer, and three calves.

They had passed a small shed when Plasters caught sight of movement ahead.

Arriving back at the spot where earlier they had seen the humanoid, Plasters and Clifton found burning debris. The light, the object, and the "man" had disappeared.

The men returned home and telephoned the local sheriff's office.

Several days later, independent civilian investigators searched the area. They discovered randomly blackened and charred bushes, fence posts, ground, and twigs. Several tree limbs had also been broken. The probers believe that a normal brushfire could not have caused such damage.

"I saw something, but I don't know what it was, and I've never seen anything like it before or since," said Richard Clifton.



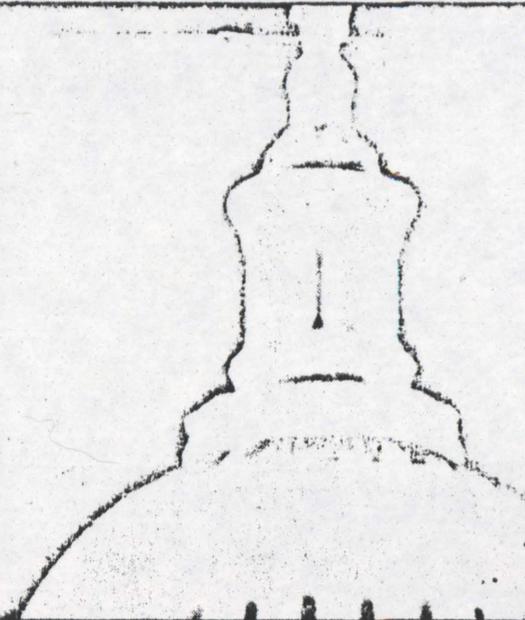
Sketch of possible UFO occupant made by Billy W. Plasters, 27, resident of Vesta, Va.



Plasters' sketch of glowing red object which he claims he saw on evening of March 1, 1974, near his home. (Sketches courtesy of MUFON)



Richard Nixon

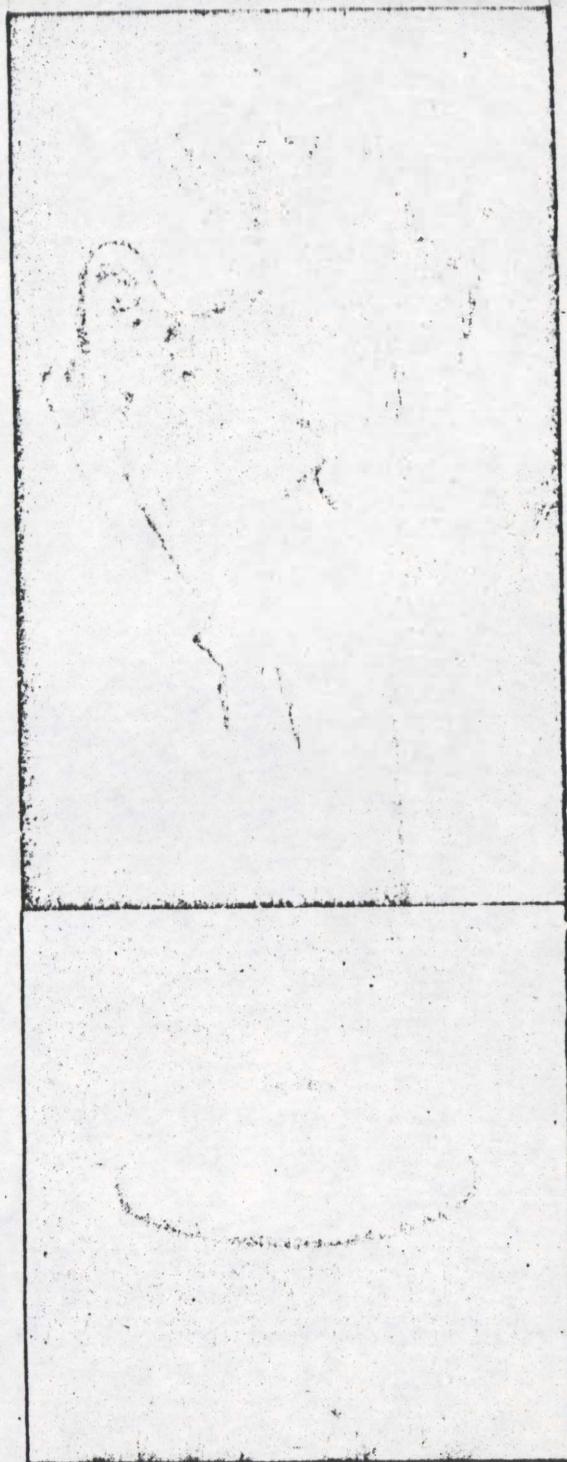


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UFO Lands at White House! Scares Nixon Into Quitting!

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**UFO Landed At
White House
Just Before
Nixon Resigned**



...Sighting Was 'the Last Straw' for Troubled Ex-President

By **BARNEY McGRUDER**

A flying saucer landed on the White House lawn and scared President Nixon so much that he quit.

"That was the reason he stepped down," a trusted aide told NEWS EXTRA. "It was the last straw."

The aide said Nixon had resolved to ride out the Watergate storm. But the visitation by a craft from outer space was too much for the beleaguered chief executive.

"This is just too much for a man to face," Nixon reportedly told his top staff members. "How can I tell the American people?"

Instead, he resigned.

The hushed-up incident is reportedly behind a turnabout in governmental policies, which thus far have been to ridicule UFO sightings.

A highly placed White House source told NEWS EXTRA that Nixon personally called for the Defense Department to make public its top secret files on UFOs.

The mid-July incident touched off a full alert of all U.S. Air Force installations. Interceptor jets were in the air even before the glowing, metallic object floated to earth a stone's throw from the White House.

The UFO was first spotted, flashing toward Washington from the west by a United Airlines pilot. It was also tracked on both military and civilian radar.

A WHITE HOUSE source said that Nixon was working late, about 2 a.m., on Watergate-related matters when his attention was drawn to a glowing red light outside the Oval Office window.

"He walked to the window and looked out - and there it was! It scared the hell out of him. He dropped to the floor and crawled across the office to telephone the Secret Service guard," the source said.

The call, however, was unnecessary. White House guards had

spotted the object seconds before Nixon saw it. The alarm sent Secret Service agents scrambling to the Oval Office.

A White House guard told NEWS EXTRA the incident lasted no more than 10 seconds.

"It came in low from the west. It was moving very slowly. It hovered above the White House for just a moment then dropped, light as a feather to the lawn. I drew my pistol - but I didn't know if I should shoot or not," the guard said.

THE GUARD described the UFO as being about 30 feet in diameter and about 10 feet thick. It was silver in color and emitted a bright red glow from portholes around its rim.

"It didn't make a sound - not until it took off. It was dead quiet," he said.

The extraterrestrial vehicle was on the ground no more than three or four seconds, according to witnesses.

"Then the glow became brighter and there was a loud whining sound - and whoosh! It was gone. It went straight up and just as fast as lightning. It was there one second and gone the next," he said.

Jet fighters tracking the UFO radioed they had lost contact with the object seconds before it landed at the White House.

AS THEY banked steeply over the city they were stunned to see the UFO shoot skyward. It went straight up, like a rocket, they radioed.

UFO experts said they believed the incident was part of an effort by visitors from outer space to force the U.S. government to admit they exist.

Among them is the head of one of the nation's most respected UFO research agencies, the Tucson-based Aerial Phenomena Research Organization.

A White House landing could be an "overt act" committed by visitors

from other planets to gain them official recognition, L.J. Lorenzen, director of APRO, said at a Littleton, Colo., symposium on the scientific study of UFOs.

The government has already decided to admit the existence of UFOs, something the U.S. has consistently and repeatedly denied in the past, Lorenzen told NEWS EXTRA.

But an "overt act" would speed up the announcement.

"INTERNATIONAL political competition" is another factor that has prompted the government to decide to reveal to the public its findings about UFOs, Lorenzen said. Another country's government might want to get the jump on the U.S. by announcing the existence of flying saucers from other worlds.

France could be such a country. Lorenzen said, because it has a

serious continuing study of UFOs while the U.S. has been pooh-poohing the subject.

U.S. officials might be changing their tune because polls show that a majority of Americans now believe in flying saucers. Many people in officialdom, including some of the astronauts and Sen. Barry Goldwater, have stated publicly and flatly that they believe earth is being visited by spacecrafts from other planets.

New government evidence shows that UFOs and their occupants mean no harm to earthlings, Lorenzen said. This, too, is a factor in the decision the government made 18 months ago to make its findings known "little by little," he added.

THE GOVERNMENT, he said, already has "hard evidence" that flying saucers exist, where they are from and why they are here.

Obviously, Lorenzen said, the beings have Earth under observation and are studying humans as a species. He said UFOs have been reported since recorded history.

In fact, Ezekiel in the Old Testament gives a vivid account of the landing of a spaceship.

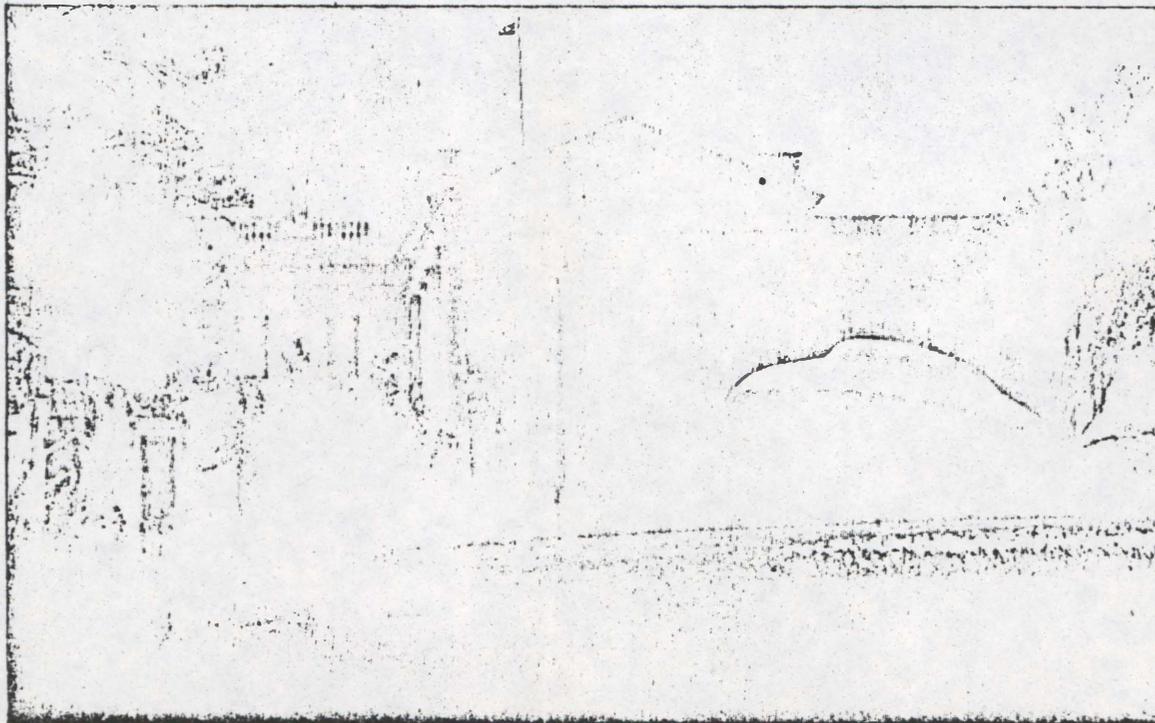
Lorenzen's predictions are backed up by renowned UFO expert and author Ralph Blum, who with his wife authored the new book, "Beyond Earth: Man's Contact With UFOs."

Blum predicted to NEWS EXTRA that the U.S. government is about to admit that unidentified flying objects are real and come from outer space.

VISITORS from space not only exist, but they mean earthlings no harm, Blum added.

Official acknowledgment will open a "Golden Age" for man, Blum said.

"The coming few years will be a time of marvels for all of us," he added.



How safe are we if a flying saucer can land right on the White House lawn?