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FIFTEEN UFOs OVER EAST TEXAS

On Wednesday, February 1, 1984, a Montgomery County family, man, wife, and three daughters, watched fifteen Unidentified Flying Objects move slowly overhead from east to west. The parade of objects started about 9:15 pm and continued for about 45 minutes over the small town of Plum Grove.

Mrs. Vickie Landrum, herself a victim of a close encounter with a large diamond shaped object accompanied by military-type helicopters, said the recent incident occurred only a few miles from where her sighting happened in 1980. She said: "the witnesses just moved to East Texas and started new jobs. They are afraid their employer will think they are crazy or something and fire them."

The objects were described as being triangular shaped and as large as a Boeing 747 airliner. The first object came over the house showing just one light, then many different colored lights came on. It was followed immediately by a second object of the same description. The first one would move and the second would move up and then the first one would move again. The first six objects came in twos as described above. Later, single objects crossed the sky. The witnesses said the objects were silent except for a slight whirring sound audible when they were directly overhead. They described the sound as completely unlike the noise made by a helicopter or regular airplane.

A neighbor woman said her television set started messing up about the same time as the incident. She said she saw the lights in the sky from her window, but she never went outside. Her husband said thought a bunch of airplanes must be going over and he wished they would stop.

A sketch of the objects showed they were shaped more like an ice cream cone with the rounded end forward as they flew. Although this is a variation on the common triangle shape, it is not unlike the shape of the huge object seen near Huffman, Texas, on December 29, 1980. Because Huffman and Plum Grove are only a few miles apart, one could speculate that something very unusual is going on over the forests of East Texas.

When the witnesses called various agencies for assistance, they were given the classic run around. Some officials reacted with tongue-in-cheek, while others suggested they call someone else. Again, the public has not been served by their local, state, and national officials in a time of need. Fifteen Unidentified Flying Objects, witnessed by five honest and sober people, should be cause for at least a mild level of concern; not something to be ignored.

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UFO sightings reported in Rockland

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People up in Tomkins Cove are still rubbing their eyes over what they saw in the skies late Saturday night.

Some say, a bit hesitantly, that the object that moved slowly through the northern Rockland County skies was an unidentified flying object. Others are totally convinced of it.

Louise Guarasci, whose husband, Joseph, owns Boulderberg Manor in Tomkins Cove, is among the believers.

On Saturday night at about 10:10, Mrs. Guarasci was leaning against a car, staring into the summer sky above the restaurant. Suddenly, she said, a disc-shaped flying vehicle cruised silently overhead.

Mrs. Guarasci didn't believe her eyes. Yet after getting confirmation from six others at the restaurant that there was

something strange in the horizons, she became sure she had just seen a UFO.

"I was just awed. I stood there for a second with my mouth open. I couldn't believe what I was seeing," she said Monday. "I've heard about them (UFOs) and I've read about them, but I always said I wish I saw one. I finally did."

Mrs. Guarasci was not the only witness to strange things whizzing through the air. Stony Point police reported "numerous

complaints" at about the time Saturday night, including a report from a town police officer.

James Hoyt, a parking valet at Boulderberg Manor, thought the strange lights belonged to a formation of airplanes. Similar formations, thought to be the work of a group of pilots from Stormville Airport in Dutchess County, have been reported in the Putnam County area in the past couple of months.

"A guy I work with just got out of the Air Force, and he said when planes fly in formation they use lights the same way we saw," Hoyt said.

This is not the first time UFOs have been reported in the Tomkins Cove area. In 1976, at least 30 sightings were reported there. At the time, Rockland residents reacted by creating a UFO command post and a powerful light in order to get a response from the object. They never did.

The sky near De Soto includes strange objects

Three De Soto area residents don't know what they saw in the sky on the night of Aug. 29, but they saw something unusual.

One couple, who asked not to be identified, said they were milking cows that evening when the wife noticed what she described as a barn and silo-shaped object with lights.

"I said, 'Where did that farm come from? I never saw that there before,'" she told the B-C.

She and her husband watched the object on and off for an hour or so, noticing that as the sun set, orange and yellowish lights came on inside the object. They noticed the lights would come on, then turn off, then come on again.

What's unusual about this sighting is that there is no barn or silo in the area where the object was sighted. In fact, it even crossed the couple's minds that maybe someone had cleared some trees in the area, exposing a new farm that hadn't been seen before.

They didn't pay too much attention to the object, assuming it would be there in the morning and they could check it out in the daylight. "It didn't come there overnight," the man said. "It will be there tomorrow, I thought. But it wasn't."

"Then we got to thinking we did definitely see something," his wife added.

Both of them described the greyish-colored object as looking

like a tall silo, about 20 feet in diameter, next to the end of the barn. It had yellowish lights that flickered on and off and looked as if it was sitting on the horizon.

These people weren't the only ones to view the object that night. A neighbor girl, playing outside at about 9:30 p.m., called her parents to "come outside and look at the pretty lights."

The parents didn't see the object, but the little girl remembers the object well enough to draw a picture.

She described the object as black, like big, black clouds, with rings around the outside with lights blinking. From the location of her home, she would have gotten a different view of the object. She said the object suddenly disappeared while she was watching it.

These De Soto area families are curious to know if anyone else happened to see anything unusual in the sky that night.

"For that period of time, there was definitely something there and it was big," the man said. "I have no idea what it could be."

"We keep looking over at that spot all the time. Of course, we're never going to see anything again," he added.

And there are other unexplainable events that occurred that evening. The little girl's parents remember hearing what sounded like a car motor run-

ning and waiting for the car to go past their house, but it never did. Was it a car motor running, or was it this object making noise?

And another neighbor noted someone had driven a vehicle through his field that night, in the direction of the object. Could someone else have seen the object on the horizon, then driven in its direction to find out what it was?

If anyone else saw anything unusual that night, please contact the B-C editor.

De Soto is in SW corner of Vernon County, on Mississippi River about midway between La Crosse and Prairie du Chien - Viroqua (Wis.)
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Test-plane crash is investigated

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — Air Force officials launched an investigation Friday into the crash of a top-secret experimental plane that killed its test pilot, an Air Force general.

Lt. Gen. Robert Bond, vice commander of the Air Force Systems Command at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., was killed when the experimental craft slammed into the desert and burned Thursday.

The accident occurred on a part of the Nellis Air Force Base complex normally used for gunnery and training missions.

Bond was responsible for evaluating weapons systems acquisitions, testing, research and development. He was a highly decorated war hero, promoted to three-star general in June, 1981, with 213 missions over Vietnam and some 5,000 hours in tactical fighter aircraft.