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## RADAR TRACKINGS AND PLANE CHASES ADD SPICE TO CONTINUING SUMMER REPORTS

Most of the citizens of West Palm Beach, Fla., were peacefully sleeping early on the morning of September 13. But not officials at Palm Beach International Airport, Homestead Air Force (AF) Base, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Miami, and the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) near Colorado Springs, Colo. They were hopping at reports of a UFO being tracked on radar.

It all started when a number of local residents, including police officers, sighted the object. Then, at 4:25 a.m., it was picked up on radar at the airport. Thirty-five minutes later, Palm Beach County Sheriff William R. Heidtman ordered his helicopters to search for the UFO. Planes from Homestead were placed on alert at about the same time and, at 6 a.m., two F106 fighter interceptors were scrambled on orders from NORAD.

The residents who first reported the phenomenon included Patrolman W.W. Smith III, three sheriff's deputies, a Florida Highway Patrol officer, and Lake Clarke Shores Patrolman Alan Copaldo. At 4:12 a.m., they saw "large bright objects glowing red, blue, green and yellow" that were brightening, then dimming, and "moving back and forth in the sky," according to the September 15, 1972, edition of *The (West Palm Beach) Evening Times*.

One of the F106 fighter pilots was Maj. Jerry B. Smith, who said "we were getting height cuts from two different military radar installations," indicating the presence of an object over the city. The installations, however, he added, were using height finding radar that can also pick up certain weather phenomena which can register on the screens as a solid object.

After takeoff, Smith turned on his plane's search radar, but detected nothing. Nor could he see anything unusual. He buzzed the airport tower and saw what he took to be Venus through a "haze layer."

### *Pilot Incorrect on Radar Equipment*

Maj. Smith switched on his aircraft's afterburners and shot above the clouds, "where Venus looked quite normal."

The mystery appeared solved. Or so Smith and others thought. The only catch -- and it was a big one -- was that Palm Beach International has search, *not* height finding, radar, which, apparently, will not so easily confuse solid with non-solid objects. An airport radar operator said he tracked the UFO for an hour and it was definitely not "weather phenomena." The object, he said, was flying at about 120 m.p.h. "and kept moving in an erratic pattern, heading sometimes to the north, sometimes to the west, and sometimes in other directions." He added that he also saw it visually and described it as "cigar-shaped" and "all lit up." It was an estimated two miles from the tower.

Tower personnel contacted the FAA at Miami International Airport, who said they also had the object on their screens.

"It was also determined that the object was not any aircraft which should have been or was known to have been in the area," the paper stated.

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## EVIDENCE OF "BUILDING BLOCKS OF LIFE" IN NEARBY GALAXY

Huge carbon monoxide gas clouds suggesting "the basic building blocks of life" have been discovered in a neighboring galaxy known as M-33, stated a UPI wire story dated October 30, 1972. Dr. Philip R. Schwartz, of the Naval Research Laboratory, and Drs. William J. Wilson and Eugene E. Epstein, of the Aerospace Corp., Los Angeles, Calif., made the discovery using the National Radio Astronomy Observatory's 36-foot radio telescope at Kitt Peak, Ariz.

Radio astronomers first discovered carbon monoxide clouds in the Milky Way just two years ago. They believe carbon monoxide is the "daughter" product of more complex chemical molecules -- such as ammonia and formaldehyde -- which are apparently widespread among the stars of our galaxy.

"Nearby" M-33 is actually nearly nine million trillion miles from our own galaxy.

### *Radar Trackings Highlight Summer Reports* (Continued from page 1)

The AF rendered its explanation: the object was the planet Venus or a "weather phenomenon."

"I'm told that when you scan with radar and there is a low cloud cover, the radar can sometimes leave spots on the bottom of the clouds and these can show up as objects on other radar screens, even on search radar," said Capt. William J. McLaughlin, director of information for the 20th Air Division at Ft. Lee AF Station, Va.

*The Evening Times*, however, was not satisfied. It took the "spots on clouds" theory to a radar expert at the U.S. Navy's AUTECH headquarters in West Palm Beach, who branded the theory as "ridiculous."

"I've been working in radar for years," he explained, "and I've never heard a theory quite like that."

Later, according to the paper, AF officials admitted that their explanations for the object "may have been premature."

### *Objects "Flip" and "Whirl"*

Apparently, witnesses named Smith were having a field day spotting UFOs in the West Palm Beach area. Only a few hours before the radar tracking, between 9:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m., September 12-13, a family named Smith, a neighbor (who asked to be called Smith), and two deputy sheriffs -- one of whom was also apparently named Smith -- saw 11 UFOs with pulsating red, yellow, green, blue and white lights that "flipped, whirled" and "flashed their tiny lights through what appeared to be port-holes," stated the (West) *Palm Beach Post*, September 13, 1972. There were also reports that airport tower personnel had seen the objects, but that nothing had been tracked on radar at that time.

"When they accelerated they first turned like a ring and then the whitish color would turn yellowish and then all the lights would go on," the Smith family head said.

The objects were disc-shaped, Smith reported, and, when they ascended, a red tail would appear at their ends.

An FAA spokesman said that an FAA man watched the objects through binoculars but discounted them as "stars changing colors."

(Editor's note: we wish to caution our readers that these are only preliminary newspaper reports. Though the reports appear to be excellent ones, what frankly disturbs us is that most of the witnesses are named Smith, though it is unclear from the second newspaper story -- actually, the first sighting -- whether or not the witnesses wanted to be called "Smith" in order to preserve anonymity. We will report any further details, if available).

There were a spate of Summer 1972 reports from five other states and five foreign countries. Characteristics include a UFO seen by two airline crews over the Pacific Ocean; the same or a similar one that was photographed; a UFO that landed and emitted six occupants and another that landed and left behind physical evidence; a craft that caused physiological effects; objects that disrupted a South American soccer game; a UFO that changed into numerical shapes; an object that chased a truck; and strange flying craft that frightened witnesses, lit up roads, caused animal reactions and emitted sounds. There was also a report that was unusual in that it was apparently the first time a UFO had been *officially* designated as the cause of a power failure. Witnesses included military and commercial pilots, a radar operator, Eskimo scouts, police officers, and a lawyer.

#### *Kansas "Invasion" Continues*

UFOs continued to stir up Kansas residents (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 5, p. 4, No. 6, p. 1, and No. 7, p. 3).

Mrs. Patty Herman was driving 25 miles west of Salina at about 9 p.m., August 22, when she saw a large object heading north "very, very fast." She said it came up over a hill, like it was taking off.

"This thing lit up the whole highway," she stated in the August 23, 1972, edition of the *Salina Journal*. "It was [a] very bright white light, rimmed with red lights."

Mrs. Herman was about 10 miles west of Salina 15 or 20 minutes later. She saw a second object apparently join the first.

"Both of them came up from the south again," she explained. "They rose slowly to a fairly high altitude... lighting up the whole highway... Then they took off, headed north -- very fast, faster than anything I've ever seen fly. In a matter of seconds they were out of sight."

At 11:20 p.m., August 19, Larry Smith and five colleagues reported seeing a "very large" UFO with bright triangular-shaped lights slowly maneuver north of McPherson, Kansas, the August 23, 1972, edition of the *McPherson Daily Sentinel*, reported.

"We watched the lights until they went out of sight," Smith related. "There were three red lights in a row and on top was a smaller light."

#### *Reports From Alaska*

It was just after 3 a.m., September 2. Louise Segerquist awoke in her room in the Palmer Picneer House, Anchorage, Alaska. She wrote in the letters to the editor column of the September 11, 1972, edition of the Anchorage *Daily Times* that she saw a "bright object" that "shot across the skies toward the north at a terrific speed."

On August 16 and 17, sightings were reported from Stebbins and St. Michael, Norton Sound, Alaska, stated the August 27, 1972, edition of the *Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer*.

Eskimo scout Sgt. John Cheemuk and his wife saw a large, football-shaped UFO with "a cockpit, a large window and red lights at its front and rear" that was flying slowly over St. Michael. Mrs. Cheemuk said it landed and took off again.

Sgt. Pius Mike, another scout, and Gabriel Bighead, reported seeing an object land at Stebbins. Mike reported the incident to the National Guard's First Scout Battalion headquarters in Nome and Capt. Tom Williams, an army adviser, responded.

Capt. Williams inspected the site and found a hole three feet in diameter and two inches deep. Burned grass was at the bottom of the hole and Williams said he had an "eerie feeling" after taking samples and photographs of the area.

#### *Physiological Effects in New Jersey Sighting*

Anthony and Joseph De Carlo and John Lovett were camping out in Andover Township, N.J., at about 10:30 p.m., August 19. They saw a large, white, egg-shaped UFO

about seven feet in diameter that was slowly spinning "and emitting a humming sound" before it settled in the woods, the Dover, N.J., *Daily Advance*, August 21, 1972, stated. The De Carlo boys' mother said the object hurt the witnesses' eyes and they were "hysterical." Much of the swamp water in the area where the UFO appeared to land "had dried up," Anthony De Carlo stated.

The Pennsville, N.J., police department was deluged with over 100 calls from local residents claiming to have seen a UFO on the evening of July 26, stated the August 2, 1972, edition of the *Pennsville Progress*.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Moore, their son Billy, daughter Carol, and nephew Jerry Pflieger, reported seeing a round, bright object that "revolved in space" and hovered at 10:08 p.m. It had oblong-shaped lights that "alternately appeared and disappeared as the object revolved."

The UFO disappeared to the east, then reappeared and repeated its maneuvers. Then, at about 10:15 p.m., the object, with a final flash, disappeared toward Atlantic City "faster than I've ever seen an airplane fly," Mrs. Moore said.

#### *Pennsylvanians Report UFOs*

Several police officers observed a bright UFO hovering above Mt. Penn, Pa., early on the morning of August 20, stated the August 21, 1972, edition of the Reading, Pa., *Times*. One of the policemen said the oval-shaped object changed colors from white to red to bluish green. A police sergeant called the Reading Municipal Airport tower, whose personnel said it was a bright star.

A few moments later, at around 1 a.m., the "bright star" ascended like a "shot" and disappeared.

Later that evening, at 11:30 p.m., William McCarroll saw an object the "size of a washtub" that apparently changed colors from a "dark red glow" to a bright blue as brilliant as the morning sun near Hanover Township, Pa., the *Beaver* (Pa.) *County Times*, August 21, 1972, reported.

McCarroll, a former student pilot, said the UFO was about 500 feet above the trees. It moved east and disappeared.

Five days earlier, on August 15, seven young people from Lehighton, Pa., saw two saucers hover over Mahoning Mountain at about 10:30 p.m., stated the August 16, 1972, edition of *The* (Lehighton) *Times News* and the August 17, 1972, edition of the Shenandoah, Pa., *Evening Herald*. Patty Ann, Mark and Lori Eisenhower (relation, if any, to the late President unknown), Patty and Debbie Heffelfinger, Connie Bowman, and Lori Taschler were the witnesses to the round, silver objects that hovered, then flew "about as high as a small plane."

#### *"Parachutes" Seen in Maryland*

Robert A. Seabold and his girl friend, Linda M. Seibert, were looking for a place to park on Cherrywood Terrace, Greenbelt, Md., at about 8:45 p.m., September 24, when they saw three or four "parachutes" in the north-northwest about 40° above the horizon that were moving slowly and descending. A very large, oval, dull light appeared attached to the largest "parachute."

The driver, Seabold, flashed his car headlights twice and the "parachute" with the light immediately began to fade out, as if someone had turned down a rheostat.

Seabold first spotted it.

"Linda, look! What the hell is that?" he asked.

Seabold told UFOR the large "parachute" vertically covered almost the entire length of the windshield and the light itself about 2-3 inches of the windshield.

(Editor's note: the sky was clear at the time of the sighting. Stars were visible. The Odyssey Club, Baltimore, Md., checked with the FAA and Andrews AF Base, which reported nothing in the area. Potomac Edison Co. officials said they had helicopters in the area, but this could not explain the sighting. UFOR has

ruled out the probability of flares or hoax balloons, though the possibility of weather balloons from another area cannot be completely discounted. Pending the possibility of further investigation, UFOR has listed the sighting as "unknown").

Other countries also had their share of reports.

*Okinawa Object Seen by Pilots, Captured on Film*

It was 8 p.m. (Japanese time), September 22. Capt. D. Shifflet and two crew members of TWA Flight 745 enroute to Bangkok from Okinawa saw a "brilliant bluish-white ball" about 560 kilometers southeast of Okinawa. The plane was cruising 10,000 meters over the Pacific.

The UFO was traveling at "outer space speed," according to the September 24, 1972, edition of the *Japan Times*. It was "several times the magnitude of the brightest planet" and was also seen by the crew of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines Flight 985.

About half an hour later, Masahiro Asanuma, a student in Naha City, Okinawa, snapped two photographs of the same or a similar object.

According to the September 27, 1972, editions of the Japanese newspapers, *Yomiuri Shinbun* and *Mainichi Shinbun*, Asanuma and about 40 fellow students saw a bright object "in the form of a yellowish white belt of light" flying from west to east. Asanuma pointed his Cannon 50 mm Standard camera at the UFO and got two pictures.

Witnesses from other parts of Okinawa -- Daitojima, Koza City, Kunigami-Mura, and Ogimimura -- also reported seeing the object. Other photographs of UFOs were also reportedly taken, including one on September 23 in Osaka City, Japan.

*UFOs Over Soccer Stadium*

An estimated 2,000 people saw a large "mother ship" followed by eight smaller objects over a soccer stadium in Campos, Brazil, during a game on July 26, stated the November 5, 1972, edition of the *National Enquirer*, and the July 29, 1972, editions of the *Wanganui (New Zealand) Chronicle* and the Napier, New Zealand, *Daily Telegraph*.

Fans stood up, the game stopped, and radio announcers switched from describing the game to giving a play-by-play account of the aerial spectacle. The smaller objects appeared to change colors from red to yellow to green.

Benedito Rubens, a respected lawyer, was one of the observers.

"I've seen all sorts of meteors and other kinds of natural phenomena in the sky," he told *Enquirer* reporter Bill Burt, "but I've never seen anything like this. Of course, I've heard of UFOs before, but I was not a great believer in their existence. But I certainly believe in them now."

At about 3:30 p.m., August 6, in Amiens, Australia, Glyn Moss saw a "glowing bright red" UFO "with a lighter coloured glow circling it," according to the August 8, 1972, edition of the *Stanthorpe (Queensland, Australia) Border Post*. It flew toward the northwest and, at times, moved erratically -- up and down quickly, accelerating and slowing down.

"At first it appeared diamond-shaped and spinning like a top, but then it changed shape," Moss explained.

The object changed into an S shape, then a G shape, then the shapes of the numerals 5 and 6. Then it moved far away and could be seen only through binoculars.

An unidentified man said he saw a UFO land near Kuraby, Australia, at about 2 a.m., July 19, the Mount Isq, Queensland, *North West Star*, July 21, 1972, and the Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, *Telegraph*, July 23, 1972, reported. The object emitted six "aliens," the frightened witness stated.

Two children, Wendy and Stuart Beaumont, reported seeing a "flying dustbin lid" at 3 a.m., June 28, near Glen Eden, New Zealand, according to the July 13, 1972, edition of the *Auckland (New Zealand) Western Leader*. The youngsters were awakened by "the sound of terrified horses which had broken out of a next door paddock and were galloping down the... driveway." They also heard dogs barking and a "weird" sound immediately before seeing the UFO above the roof of the house next door.

*Object Paces Car*

John Burgess was driving on a lonely road near Market Deeping, England, at 2 a.m., August 22, when he saw a red, globe-shaped UFO about 20 feet across fly over a field toward him, stated the *Peterborough (England) Evening Telegraph*, August 23, 1972.

"I stomped down on the accelerator and took off at 75 m.p.h., but I didn't shake it off," Burgess stated. "It just kept pace with me... The faster I drove, the faster it went, moving along beside me... I was thoroughly scared and chain-smoking as I drove. I slowed right down to 30 m.p.h. to see if it would take off. It slowed down with me... When I saw it zoom off towards Stamford, I got out shaking... I'm one of those people who said flying saucers were a lot of codswallop anyway, but I soon changed my mind..."

During the previous month, an object was seen over the Dovey Valley in England. It is the first time -- as far as UFOR knows -- that a power blackout was attributed to an "unclassified unidentified flying object."

In July, a student said he saw a large green ball move down the valley immediately prior to an electric power failure, stated the July 15, 1972, edition of the *Denbighshire (England) Free Press*. Manweb engineers said the UFO apparently caused the blackout.

ENQUIRER PANEL ACTIVITIES

The members of the distinguished scientific UFO reward panel of the *National Enquirer* met November 3-5 at Palm Beach, Fla., Dr. Robert F. Creegan, panel member, told UFOR (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 12, p. 7, and Vol. II, No. 1, p. 6, No. 2, p. 5, No. 3, p. 8, No. 4, p. 8, No. 5, p. 5, No. 6, p. 6, and No. 7, p. 7). James Lorenzen, head of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) and Ted Phillips, of the Midwest UFO Network, also attended. Among the topics of discussion:

- The now-classic Delphos, Kansas, case of November 2, 1971 (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 11, p. 1, and Vol. II, No. 2, p. 6, No. 3, p. 8, No. 4, p. 8, No. 6, p. 4, and No. 7, p. 4). Ted Phillips gave a full account of his detailed investigation and panel members had samples of the ring soil that they viewed under "magnifiers." The soil, Creegan said, is still "highly water resistant" and its properties are not yet understood. Some of the soil was transported to the State University of New York at Albany, where Creegan is a philosophy professor, for analysis, and more was carried to Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., where Dr. J. Allen Hynek, another panel member, is the director of Dearborn Observatory. (Dr. Creegan also reported that some of the soil was attached to the arm of a volunteer for eight hours, but there was "no measurable physiological or anatomical results").

- The panel discussed the possibility of permanently continuing its close relationship with the *Enquirer* past the January 1, 1973, deadline for reward claimants, though nothing definite has been settled as of this date.

- In the Pacific Northwest, the panel's field instrumentation project has produced two sets of photographs of night lights sent in by David Akers, engineer (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 7, p. 8). William Vogel, a U.S. Forestry supervisor, reports that, in the last couple of months, strange lights have been observed around the Indian reservation near Yakima, Wash., apparently a central region for the project. Different types of magnetometers are being used, but, so far, they have not revealed anything of great scientific worth.

- Richard Greenwell, assistant director of APRO, was sent by the *Enquirer* on special assignment to Honduras to investigate a report by John Steele, of Hollandale, Fla., that "silent flying objects" had been surveying titanium mining operations a few years ago in an area predominantly inhabited by Indians. Greenwell found "certain people who confirmed the story," but the panel apparently feels that, because of the age of the sightings, the incidents are not worthy of further full-scale priority investigation.

● The quality of the cases the panel is now receiving is getting better and better. Among these are some new reports involving physical evidence, including one from Sweden of a metallic object that is "hard to identify." Investigation is continuing. There are eight to 10 new cases being seriously studied, Creegan stated.

● So far, the panel has found no single case it feels worthy of the \$50,000 reward as proof that UFOs are ET vehicles, but several sightings, including the incident at Delphos, are being considered for the \$5,000 prize for best evidence submitted.

#### PHOTO RECEIVED IN FISHING CREEK CASE

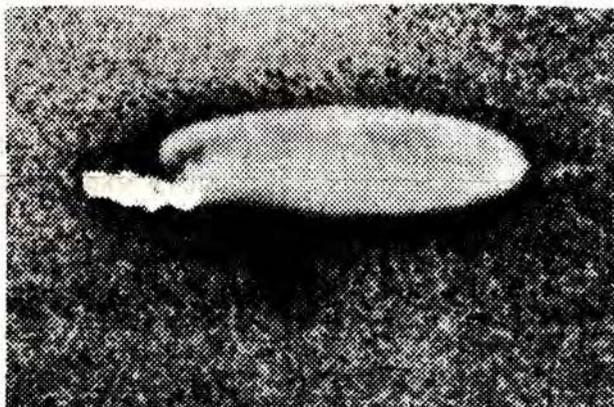


Photo of UFO over Fishing Creek, N.J., taken by Frank Markley on July 7, 1972  
(Courtesy: Frank Markley)

The photograph of a UFO taken on July 7, 1972, by Frank Markley, a photographer and printer for the *Cape May* (Court House, N.J.) *County Gazette*, in Fishing Creek, Erma, N.J., has been received by UFOR from the witness (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 6, p. 4).

At 9 p.m., Markley said in his report, he saw the object -- which emitted a "high generator sound" -- hovering over a house and snapped the picture with his 35 mm camera. It then sped over the Cape May County Airport. The object was traveling slowly, about 10 m.p.h., he estimated.

Markley said he "couldn't believe what I saw" and described himself as a UFO skeptic prior to the sighting.

#### SYMPOSIUM ON ET LIFE TO BE HELD

The ultimate discovery of and communication with ET life forms will be the most profound achievement in the history of mankind," stated Prof. Richard Berendzen, of Boston University's (BU) Department of Astronomy. "The possible ramifications of this discovery are simultaneously exciting and awesome... Many scientists now believe that within the next few decades some form of communication will be achieved with intelligent life elsewhere in the universe. Science fiction is rapidly becoming science fact."

Dr. Berendzen made this enlightening statement in announcing that a symposium on the possibility of ET life and its meaning for man -- "Life Beyond Earth and the Human Mind" -- will be held at BU on November 18, sponsored by the university's astronomy department and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). NASA, in a press release dated November 9, 1972, said it plans to film the symposium in preparation for "an educational motion picture."

Chairman of the proceeding will be Dr. Berendzen. Other panelists will be Dr. Carl Sagan, famed Cornell University astronomer; Dr. George Wald, of Harvard University, 1967 Nobel Prize recipient for medicine, biologist and researcher into the origins of life; Dr. Philip Morrison, physicist and science philosopher, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Dean Krister Stendahl, of the Harvard Divinity School.

UFOR will attempt to receive -- and report -- the outcome of the symposium.

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We ask that any readers or subscribers send us UFO reports, new or old. Thank you.

SIGHTING CAPSULES

The following sighting reports have also come to UFOR's attention:

- June 23, 1972. Around 8:30 p.m. Grafton, New South Wales, Australia. Observers watched "a bright orange light which seemed to hover over the ground not far above the trees," the June 24, 1972, edition of *The (Grafton) Daily Examiner*, stated. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

- June 27, 1972. Near San Bernardino, Calif. Witnesses reported seeing "a large airborne glowing UFO," according to Stanton T. Friedman, head of the UFO Research Institute, stated the July 12, 1972, editions of the Ontario, Calif., *Daily Report*, and the Barstow, Calif., *Desert Dispatch*; the July 13, 1972, edition of the Costa Mesa, Calif., *Saddleback Daily Pilot*; and the July 29, 1972, edition of the San Bernardino *Sun*.

- July 3, 1972. Approximately 7:30 p.m. North Island and Thames Valley, New Zealand. Numerous witnesses saw a red object "which gradually became brighter until it appeared to explode and disintegrate into small shining particles and disappear," according to the July 4, 1972, edition of the Tauranga, New Zealand, *Bay of Plenty Times*, and the July 6, 1972, edition of the *Waihi (New Zealand) Gazette*. (Probable explanation: meteor).

- July 3, 1972. About 7:30 p.m. Whitman, East Birdgewater, Hanson, Norwell, Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham, Marshfield, Rockland, and Pembroke, Mass. Police Sgt. Francis Burley; Patrolman George Davis; police photographer Arthur Buckland, and many others observed a silver, triangular-shaped object, the July 5, 1972, editions of the Brockton, Mass., *Enterprise and Times*, and the Quincy, Mass., *Patriot-Ledger*, said. (Possible explanation: weather balloon).

- July 6, 1972. 9:40 a.m. Near Mellville, Saskatchewan, Canada. Mrs. and Mrs. Harry Sawchyn reported seeing a large, bright light that "got level with the telephone wires and disappeared," according to the *Mellville Advance*, July 12, 1972.

- July 6, 1972. Daytime. Kaitaia, New Zealand. While tracking a weather balloon, a meteorological office man saw a "peculiar traveling light" which he and others at the Kaitaia Aerodrome watched for most of the day, the *Kaitaia Northland Age*, July 7, 1972, stated.

- July 7, 1972. Kempsey, Australia. A man and a woman said they saw a light that "looked like the head of an arrow," change colors from yellow to red and orange, and then disappear, the July 8, 1972, edition of *The (Kempsey) Argus*, said.

- July 14, 1972. 5:20 a.m. Near Tonganoxie, Kansas. John Patterson and Gary McCarty reported "a ball of fire or huge flare, with sparks coming off" travel from north to south for 5-10 seconds, stated the July 20, 1972, edition of the *Tonganoxie Mirror*. (Probable explanation: meteor).

- July 14, 1972. Evening. Solona, Fla. Mrs. Linda Reas and a neighbor saw a yellow object that was "like a light bulb" and trailing smoke falling toward the ground, according to the July 15, 1972, edition of the Punta Gorda, Fla., *Herald News*. (Possible explanation: meteor).

- July 14, 1972. 10:31 p.m. Invercargill, New Zealand. Dr. R.K. McFarlane, a radiologist; and an officer of the local meteorological office witnessed "an immense firework" that disintegrated, throwing off three orange balls, *The (Invercargill) Southland Times*, July 16, 1972, said. (Probable explanation: meteor or satellite reentry).

- July 17-20, 1972. Shortly after midnight. Campbell's Bay, Quebec, Canada. The July 21, 1972, edition of the *Ottawa (Ontario) Journal*, and the July 22, 1972, edition of the *Winnipeg (Manitoba) Free Press* stated that, on four consecutive nights, Mrs. Donna Mercer; John Lunam, a school principal; three policemen, and numerous others observed an erratic-moving orange light that moved too quickly for a satellite.

- July 20, 1972. Afternoon. Statesville, N.C. Gary Everidge said he saw a "ball of fire... about the size of the moon" emerge from an X-shaped cloud, stated the *Statesville Record and Landmark*, July 21, 1972. (Possible explanation: meteor).