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15 MILLION AMERICANS SEE UFOs

More than 15 million Americans -- an "astonishing" 11% -- have seen UFOs, according to a Gallup Poll conducted November 2-5. This is more than double the percentage -- 5% -- of the previous poll conducted in 1966.

In a by-lined story, George Gallup reported that more than half -- 51% -- believe UFOs are real. The figure for 1966 was 46%. Nearly half -- 46% -- think there is intelligent life on other planets, a dramatic upsurge from the 1966 figure of 34%. Seven out of 10 persons who believe there is life on other planets also think UFOs are real, Gallup stated.

The vast majority of the population -- 95% -- are aware of the UFO subject.

"For something so highly publicized, this finding may, at first, not seem unusual," Gallup remarked. "However, in terms of the public's awareness of other incidents or events, this figure is extraordinarily high. In fact, this awareness is one of the highest in the 37-year history of the Gallup Poll."

UFOs BLANKET COUNTRY IN FANTASTIC ENCOUNTERS

UFOs that displayed astounding characteristics were highlights of sighting reports from at least 14 states and three foreign countries. Witnesses included the Skylab II astronauts, pilots, helicopter and train crews, radar technicians, Coast Guardsmen, police, city councilmen, a town manager, city marshals, an architect, and the owner of a radio station.

The sightings cover the period September-December, 1973, and the vast majority occurred during October, which could become the champion month in the entire history of the subject, as reports continue to flood UFOR.

In mid-September, Skylab II astronauts Alan L. Bean, Owen K. Garriott, and Jack R. Lousma observed a red object "brighter than any of the planets" 30-50 nautical miles from their spacecraft, stated the October 19, 1973, edition of *The (New Orleans, La.) Times-Picayune*. A UPI story dated August 27, 1973, reported that, on the 27th, the astronauts "photographed a strange light in Earth's upper atmosphere." Neither of the mysterious lights have been explained.

Thousands of witnesses in Turin, Italy, reported seeing an object that hovered "and rotated on its axis" on the evening of December 4, *The Washington Post*, December 5, 1973, said. Six police patrol cars were rushed to the scene and, as they were just about underneath the UFO, "it suddenly shot upwards at great speed and disappeared."

It was also revealed that, on or about November 28, the sports editor of the respected Turin newspaper, *La Stampa*, photographed a saucer. The film was reportedly shown to a NATO liaison officer in Rome, who ruled out satellites.

On November 3, six Navy technicians in a control tower near Bahia Blanca, Argentina, reported tracking a UFO "with sophisticated instruments" for 20 minutes, according to the November 16, 1973, edition of *The (Louisville, Ky.) Courier-Journal*. The men were certain no plane, satellite or aircraft was in the area at the time and officially logged the object as a UFO.

In the same area at about the same time, Dionisio Yanca, a truck driver, said he was changing a flat tire when he saw "a brilliant white light approaching at great speed." A short while later, Yanca said in revealing a fantastic, thus far unconfirmed

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NEW KEYHOE BOOK A BLOCKBUSTER

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At long last, the fifth UFO book by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe (USMC-Ret.) has been published and it is a blockbuster. There is no question Keyhoe has valuable military and civilian contacts in the right places who have supplied convincing circumstantial evidence of a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)-Air Force (AF) cover-up of UFOs. In *Aliens From Space; The Real Story of Unidentified Flying Objects*, he reviews the big cover-up with some startling evidence, discusses fantastic sighting reports never before published, and delves into the role the National Investigations Committee on

Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) played in the "flying saucer fiasco" -- the University of Colorado UFO Project.

Through the late 1950s and 1960s, Keyhoe's name, to most, became synonymous with that of NICAP. It is thought by most the dynamic Naval Academy graduate and Marine Corps pilot is NICAP's founder. Actually, he took over the reins as the organization's second director only a few months after its founding in 1956, cleaned house of some undesirable elements and policies, and, despite frequent financial difficulties, built it into the largest and most respected civilian UFO organization. The editor of this newsletter was one-time NICAP assistant director and the business manager was office manager. Both, as well as former NICAP Assistant Director Richard H. Hall and others, were involved with Keyhoe in much of the drama that unfolds in this book, particularly regarding the Colorado Project debacle.

Keyhoe leans heavily, at times, on the possibility of hostility from UFOs and we must admit this evidence is a bit frightening. He also provides good evidence the AF was convinced, at times, of UFO hostility -- hence an order to capture a UFO and its crew in the Redmond, Ore., case of September 24, 1959. Some of his physiological effect cases are astonishing and, while they do not form a conclusive pattern, are just a bit unnerving to contemplate.

The Cover-up Expert

But it is on the governmental cover-up aspects of the subject Keyhoe concentrates on in his books and this work -- his first in nearly 14 years -- offers the best evidence to date, which we will not elaborate on here for lack of space. Of particular interest is the real story behind the resignation of Vice-Admiral R.H. Hillenkoetter, first CIA director, from the NICAP board; and CIA intimidation of witnesses. Keyhoe even hints NICAP now may be infiltrated by the CIA -- thus explaining some inconsistent, even negative, pronouncements from NICAP headquarters.

"Regardless of the CIA and AF sincere motives [fear of panic]," he writes, "their long suppression of the truth about UFOs is the greatest public deception in American history."

Keyhoe has also studied, in considerable detail, the great Northeast power blackout of November 9, 1965, and has apparently become a proponent of the UFO theory as the cause. While his evidence, again, is not conclusive, it, at least, will make the reader sit up and take notice. He reveals, for the first time in a book, the U.S. AF Academy and Rand Corp. documents concluding UFOs are not only real but probably extraterrestrial. (The UFOR editor first revealed the existence of these two important documents in an article in the *Washington Daily News*, December 25, 1969).

To most UFO scholars, much that is in the book will be both new and old, and much will be startling. With this work, Keyhoe, once the brightest star in the UFO heavens, again takes his place as a brightly shining Venus in the UFO firmament. He has told UFOR he does not intend to slow down in his "gadfly" role toward the AF -- and the all-powerful CIA. This book is a major step toward fulfilling that intention.

(*Aliens From Space; The Real Story of Unidentified Flying Objects*, by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe (New York: Doubleday & Co., Inc., 1973), Pp. 322, \$7.95, Foreword, Epilogue, Appendices, Index).

incident, three creatures "with huge bulging eyes dressed in tight-fitting white jump suits stepped out of a strange vehicle."

The badly frightened witness attempted to run, but one of the occupants "put his hand on my shoulder and, immediately, a light hit my head and I don't remember anything else." Yanca was discovered wandering in a daze by a passerby, who took him to a hospital.

Near Lima, Peru, on October 19, Hugo Luyo Vega, an architect, was searching for a home site with a client when the men observed a shining object advancing slowly around them from the bottom of a valley, according to *The Sacramento (Calif.) Bee*, October 23, 1973. Vega rushed to the car for his camera.

"When I pointed my camera and took the picture, the object was less than 50 yards away from us and about 20 yards off the ground," Vega stated. "Suddenly, the object changed direction, headed toward the east, and increased its speed. It rose off the ground, as if trying to avoid some high tension wires that came down from the top of one of the hills and crossed the valley, and disappeared from view."

The main witness stated the UFO "was the color of burnished silver. It was shaped like an overturned soup plate with a cupola on the top. At the very top of the cupola, we could see a row of small windows like portholes in a ship." On the object's bottom, he continued, was what looked like "the propulsive force of the object..., a dark red throbbing light that was aimed toward the ground from a sort of turbine in the middle of the upside-down plate. Near the turbine-like part, we could see protuberances like half-eggs."

California continued to be deluged with reports. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 6).

Workers See Strange Disc

Donald Hardin and Guy Davis, construction workers, were near Sonora on their way to work at 6:30 a.m., September 12, when they saw "a large silvery disc" hovering over a canyon off the highway to their right, stated Paul C. Cerny, Mutual UFO Network investigator, who sent a report to UFOR. The UFO was about 800 feet from the witnesses and looked to be 75-100 feet in diameter. It gave the appearance of a "double disc" shape, "like two plates facing together." The object had a slight golden-orange glow around its edge.

Hardin and Davis passed a grove of trees, but, as they maneuvered for a better view, the object was gone. Cerny said two others -- a logging trucker and the husband of a cafe waitress -- also saw the disc.

Another sighting, also reported by Cerny, took place in Sonora at 8:30 p.m., September 14. Mrs. Jean Cleveland, editor of the *Twain Harte Daily News*, observed a glowing, pale orange "pregnant oval" hover over a night football game for about 70 seconds before "it suddenly shot upward and to the east, disappearing in about two seconds."

A startling occupant case was reported from near Simi Valley on the evening of October 4, according to David Branch and Robert B. Klinn, who investigated the incident and wrote a by-lined account for the October 31, 1973, edition of *The (Santa Ana, Calif.) Register*.

At 6:50 p.m., stated the official police report, Gary J. Chopic was driving when he observed a "space cone"-shaped object that disappeared behind some hills. Shortly afterward, Chopic saw a cloud of dust and stopped his car to investigate. He then saw a large UFO measuring about 30 feet by 50 feet. It had a 10-foot "blunt nose on it" and was a pinkish-gray color. The object was apparently hovering just above the ground.

The shaken witness saw a human-like creature that looked like it was "clothed in a skin-tight suit" emerge from the object and crawl to the rear and out of sight. A bubble on top of the UFO "rolled over after the man was gone." Chopic then heard "a clicking sound" and the occupant "quickly crawled back toward the dome of the object and disappeared into the craft." A mist of fog then surrounded the object. When the mist cleared, the UFO was gone.

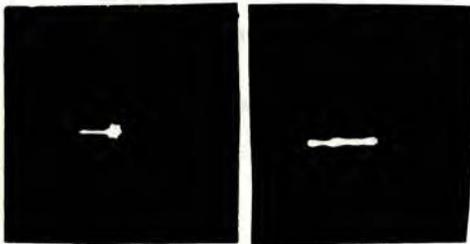
"There's no doubt in my mind that [Chopic] was absolutely sincere," stated Police Lt. C.G. Chrestman, who reviewed the official report. "He thought he saw something."

An unidentified teacher and eight teen-agers were driving near Gualala at 10:30 p.m., October 19, when they saw a ball-shaped, orange-yellow object "about the size of a small house" apparently resting on the ground approximately 100 feet from the road. The UFO "turned on" like a huge light. Then it took off from the meadow and cruised over some cypress trees.

The teacher sped toward Point Arena. Several of the teen-agers were badly frightened. One girl began crying as the UFO followed the car, then "veered off and headed out toward the ocean," according to Cerny, who sent a detailed report to UFOR. Reaching Point Arena, the teacher dropped one boy off, calmed the rest of his students down, then headed back to Gualala. At the same spot, they briefly saw the object again.

The main witness returned to the site of the landing the following day and discovered a "round discoloration spot in the meadow" and a hole that may have been caused by the object.

Residents in Vancouver, Wash., observed an object "shaped like a World War II mine, with little spikes surrounding it" on the evening of October 25. Sheriff Deputies Fred Nachtigal and Mike Davidson; and Jan Roberts were among the witnesses, stated the Vancouver *Columbian*, October 26, 1973. *Columbian* Photographer Geoff Borden took several photographs of the "bright, white-gold"-colored UFO. (See photos below).



UFO photos by Geoff Borden,
October 25, 1973

(Courtesy: *Columbian*)

Dwight Cogan was walking toward his home in Reno, Nev., at about 2 a.m., October 28, according to the Reno *Nevada State Journal*, October 31, 1973. He "heard a hum" and saw a bubble-shaped object that was flat on the bottom and "about the size of three automobiles." It was approximately 100 yards from him and had lights on its bottom which "lit me all up. I was scared."

"I've been around a lot and done a lot of things," Logan remarked, "but I've never seen anything like that. The lights were bluish-gray and one beam was straight down on me."

The terrified witness, who could still hear the UFO's hum, ran from the scene.

Two UFOs were reported seen by police in the Duncan, Okla., area on the evening of October 27, according to the Duncan *Daily Banner*, October 28, 1973. The first sighting, around 8:15, was by Officer Beryl Blair. A few minutes later, Detective Pleasant Foster reported the second sighting.

Blair said the object he saw was composed of a bright light, with a red light above it and a pale blue light below. Meanwhile, Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Floyd Allen began chasing the UFO, which he said was "very bright and was oscillating."

A Ft. Sill radar unit near Walters reported the object on its screen.

Michigan was also the host to more reports. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 6).

At 10 p.m., September 11, a town council meeting was being held in Howard City when Mrs. David Germain, wife of one of the councilmen, phoned to say she was observing a "diamond-bright object," the *National Enquirer*, December 2, 1973, reported. Germain jumped behind the wheel of his car while Town Manager Max Gondre and City Councilmen Fred Blanchard, Eugene Bouwkamp, and Henry Hunt piled in. They saw the UFO "just outside the city limits."

"It was just a big, bright, round light almost too bright to look at directly," Germain stated. "It was flying rapidly. I drove up to 85 miles an hour for four miles and couldn't get near it. Then we lost it... What we saw was confirmed by dozens of other people... I'm a licensed pilot myself, and what I saw didn't belong to any plane or helicopter... Man, I'll tell you, that thing made believers out of us all."

The village of Six Lakes, 19 miles east of Howard City, was the scene of more sightings on September 29-30. On the 29th, Montcalm County Deputy Sheriffs Gale Bensinger and Duane Straley watched a huge, round light "about twice the size of a car and almost too bright to look at."

A few moments later, a truck driver, Lester Link, and his son, David, spotted it.

"I could have sworn the thing landed in the woods," Lester Link said, "so my boy and I took a light and went toward the place. All of a sudden, the entire woods lit up. We were scared as hell. Then the thing rose slowly up and, when it reached tree-top height, it just darted off to the east. I tell you, it was a weird thing to see."

Two "very reliable" Detroit policemen and a train crew approximately 50 miles from the city observed objects on October 21, stated the October 22, 1973, edition of *The* (Lansing, Mich.) *State Journal*. Thomas Manke saw something "like a giant spotlight" around 400 feet over the train. Conductor Dennis McKanich noticed the object, but "the lights were so bright he couldn't look at it."

"It scared the hell out of him," Manke reported. "He ran back inside, locked the door, and grabbed a coal poker."

Manke remarked the object, after hovering for a while, took off toward the northeast "at a high rate of speed."

Police Officers Preston McBride and Charles Lain saw "two white flashing lights at first and then a third bright light... followed by a flashing red light." The UFO sped toward the southwest.

Sightings also continued to occur in Ohio. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 6).

William Grizer was driving near Akron at about 7 p.m., October 17, when "this thing came down" and landed on his car hood. The object, "solid white, with kind of a rainbow effect," was half the size of the hood.

"It scared me," Grizer remarked. "I hit my brakes and it came up off the car." The witness discovered four scratch marks on the hood.

Startling Aerial Encounter

Perhaps one of the most incredible aerial encounters with a UFO ever recorded occurred at 11:10 p.m., October 18, near Mansfield, Ohio. Piloting a Bell Huey jet helicopter was Capt. Lawrence Coyne, also commander of the U.S. Army's 316th Medical Detachment. Crew Chief Robert Yanasek was the first to spot the object.

"I saw that the light was traveling toward us at more than 600 miles an hour and I thought it must be a jet fighter from the nearby Mansfield AF Base," Capt. Coyne stated in the December 16, 1973, edition of the *National Enquirer*. "I immediately radioed Mansfield to tell them to keep their pilot out of our way. I had just made contact with Mansfield, the light closing in on us fast, when my radio suddenly went completely dead. The other craft was dangerously close now and I had to take immediate evasive action."

The stunned pilot threw his craft into a crash dive. The 60-foot long object approached to within 500 feet.

"From a speed of 600 miles an hour," Coyne continued, "[the UFO] abruptly slowed down to our exact speed of 100 miles an hour and hovered above us."

The co-pilot, Lt. Arrigion Jezzi, described the mysterious object as "cigar-shaped, metallic gray, with a dome on top," and said "a green spotlight at the back swept around and shone into our cabin."

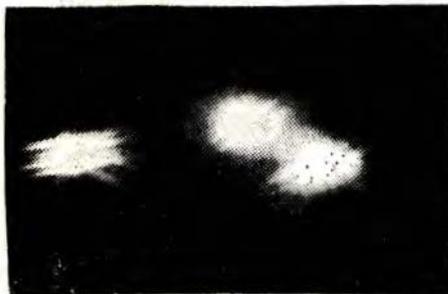
After hovering a few minutes over the helicopter, the UFO sped north. Then the frightened crew noticed an astounding thing: as the UFO headed on a collision course toward the helicopter, the aircraft was at 1,500 feet altitude and descending. Seconds later, however, it was at an altitude of 3,800 feet. According to a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) official, it would be impossible for the helicopter to perform this maneuver under its own power.

"I headed north out of the area at full speed," Coyne said. "I thought, I'm not staying around here in case that crazy machine comes back. Ten minutes later, our radio was operating normally again."

P.J. Bollmer, the FAA's operations chief at Hopkins Airport, said: "This UFO sighting is like nothing we've ever handled before. We are wondering what sort of flying machine and what sort of crew can decelerate from 600 to 100 miles an hour in seconds without visible damage. And, according to the captain's instruments, his helicopter climbed through the air at a speed which is impossible."

"I've always been skeptical about UFOs and I still hope there's some logical explanation for what happened," Coyne stated. "Frankly, if I'd been flying the helicopter alone, I wouldn't have reported the incident because it's so unbelievable. I wouldn't want to risk my position as unit commander. But, for the safety of future flying operations in the area, I hope someone will come up with an explanation."

Coyne added: "I've been in helicopters during most of my 17 years in the Army and what we met was like no flying machine I've ever seen before."



UFO Photo by Robert Weir,
Vermilion, Ohio, October
20, 1973

(Courtesy: The Journal)

Shortly after midnight, October 20, Robert Weir, Vermilion, observed three bright objects that flew over his home, then "left silently and real fast," stated *The (Lorain, Ohio) Journal*, October 21, 1973. (See photo, left).

It was 8:45 p.m., September 26. Terry Putnam and his mother and brother focused their two telescopes on an object in the sky north of Trumann, Ark., which began moving toward the town. Terry called Mrs. Ann Wilson and her son, Eddie, who also spotted the UFO, which was orangish-yellow, with a bluish halo around it.

One hour after the initial observation, a second UFO approached from the southwest and paused by the first object, "then continued on to the northeast at an incredible rate of speed." Eddie Wilson said he saw portholes in the side of the second craft.

At 10 p.m., the police were notified and Lt. Jim Furnish, of the city police, and Bill Reese, of the county sheriff's department, responded and viewed the mysterious craft. At 10:25, one telescope was taken to the Putnam home, which afforded a clearer view of the UFO.

"We found that the object had a lifelike form, black in color, revolving in the center of the lighted area on the outside of the solid looking section," Terry wrote in the October 4, 1973, edition of the *Trumann Democrat*. "The object revolved and had things that were lights or closely resembling lights around the entire object. At 11:15 p.m., we spotted a craft, a definite craft hovering over some trees not more than 200 yards from where we were sitting in the pasture behind my house. This craft disturbed the livestock. It disturbed me more. It hovered over the trees and then rose up out of sight. Directly after the craft left (not more than 15 minutes), the main object was still hovering, but had gained considerable altitude. It shot a ball of fire through the air like a streak of light toward the northwest."

Object Causes E-M Effects to Car

At about 1 a.m., October 20, Frances Miller and Mary Giacomini were driving south of Ft. Smith, Ark., when they observed a saucer that looked like it had "a small dish turned upside down on top." It was silver and "about half the size of a Volkswagen."

The UFO approached on a collision course. The car swerved to a stop and the two witnesses watched as it descended to within six feet in front of the automobile and hovered. Then the car's motor conked out, the witnesses wrote in the October 21, 1973, edition of the *Ft. Smith Southwest Times Record*. They frantically attempted to restart the motor, but "there was no electrical power in the car." A "steady humming" was being emitted from the object.

Then, "as if disgusted with the whole thing," the UFO flashed a blinding glow and "was gone... in less than a heartbeat." The terrified observers managed to start their Volkswagen and "made a hasty exit away from there."

Charles Reeves was fishing on Lake D'Arbonne, La., at about 8:30 p.m., October 16, when he spotted two objects. The second UFO was also seen by Farmerville City Marshals Joe L. Brantley and George Cothran, stated the Shreveport, La., *Times*, October 18, 1973. Cothran stated the town lights in the area dimmed, went out, and came back on several times as the UFO flew over the lake.

Neighboring Mississippi continued to have its quota of reports. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 1).

At 11:17 p.m., October 16, a guard at Mississippi Chemical Corp., Yazoo City, saw two bright objects that apparently caused "a loss of power at a switch station and in a fork-lift truck," according to the October 18, 1973, edition of the *Jackson Clarion-Ledger*.

UFO Lands on Top of Car

Henry Brown, Hattiesburg, was on his way to work about 4 a.m., October 16, when he "felt a weight as though something had landed on top of his car, and all four doors came open...; he felt cool air and then the doors closed, and the weight seemed to lift off his car," stated the October 23, 1973, edition of the *Hattiesburg American*.

Quickly leaving the car, the witness saw a squash-shaped object with blue, yellow, and gold rings around it.

The next afternoon - - October 17 -- Marion Moor, owner of WRIL Radio, Grenada, saw "three white objects in close formation" over the station, stated the October 18, 1973, edition of the *Greenwood (Miss.) Commonwealth*. Ms. Moor said "the radio station experienced a definite decrease in power while the UFOs were circling overhead."

Eleven policemen observed a UFO with six to eight bright lights at 9:57 p.m. that same evening. Sheriff Billy Ferrell said he was near Union Church when he first saw it and chased it at speeds up to 110 m.p.h., but "the thing was moving as though he was going backwards," the *Natchez (Miss.) Democrat*, October 19, 1973, said.

Sheriff Ferrell said he noted "unusual clarity" in his radio conversations.

The main witness added he aimed his spotlight at the object and it "immediately changed directions" and eventually "vanished from sight" at a speed estimated to be 1,500-2,000 m.p.h.

Another strange incident occurred on the Pascagoula River on the evening of November 6. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 1).

Raymond Ryan was fishing when he saw "an unidentified submerged illuminating object," according to a UPI story dated November 8, 1973. The object followed Ryan's boat and continued efforts to beat it away with an oar only made it get dimmer.

At 9:40, the Coast Guard dispatched a boat to the scene. The Coast Guardsmen observed "an amber beam, 4-6 inches in diameter, attached to a bright, metal object." They tried to capture it, but "it would appear to go out and move away and then reappear."

Man Shoots at Occupant

On or about October 19, Paul Brown, of Athens, Ga., observed a UFO land on a highway and emit two four-foot tall creatures appearing to wear silver uniforms, the *Latrobe, Pa., Bulletin*, October 20, 1973, reported. Brown said he shot at them twice with his pistol.

Troy Pryor, of the Green Briar section of Pickett County, Tenn., was riding a small motorcycle in front of his uncle's home at about 6:30 p.m., October 18, when a "strange object" descended and hovered a few feet above him, the *Albany, Ky., Clinton County News*, October 25, 1973, said. The motorcycle "sputtered" and the frightened witness ran into the house. Several others came out to observe the UFO, which made a "humming sound" and opened up its bottom.

North Carolina was also the scene of several reports.

At 8 p.m., on or about October 19, James L. Triche was watching a football game in Raleigh when he saw a star-like object that emitted flashes at regular intervals. The witness told UFOR the UFO "made several flashes over a great distance and a short span of time."

David Simpson was driving near Mt. Airy at about 9 p.m., October 24. Suddenly, both his motor and lights went out. His car stopped and an "oval-shaped thing" came "out of nowhere." Badly frightened, he leaned back and saw two eyes "like balls of fire" approximately four inches in front of his windshield.

The witness fainted. When he regained consciousness, the object was gone and his automobile functioned normally, stated the October 26, 1973, edition of the Winston-Salem, N.C., *Journal*.

About 45 minutes later -- 9:45 p.m. -- in the Buck Shoals Pond area of Mt. Airy, Daniel Dean observed a UFO, the *Mt. Airy News*, October 26, 1973, reported. As Dean reported the sighting to police, "a strange, pulsating, humming sound could be clearly heard on the telephone, and deputies made a tape recording, which they later played for newsmen."

Maryland Woman Sees Occupant

At 3:45 a.m., October 17, Mrs. Jacob Bowers, Baltimore, Md., was awakened "by what sounded like an explosion," according to John A. Lutz, head of the Odyssey Scientific Research Association, who sent a report to UFOR. The witness heard "a loud humming sound" and went onto her front porch. She saw an oblong-shaped, red object with a bubble on top that "was completely transparent." Inside the UFO, she saw a "human figure that was standing up." Mrs. Bowers was "scared to death."

Odyssey listed the object as a UFO.

On the evening of October 17, Edward Deutsch was driving his car near his Columbia County, Pa., home when he saw a UFO "about the size of a tractor-trailer tire" circling just above his vehicle.

"When I got to the top of the mountain, it lit up the whole car and, before I knew what happened, the car was turned around and I was headed back home," the witness related in the October 18, 1973, edition of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., *Times-Leader*.

Deutsch said he was so disoriented "it took me 10 minutes to figure out actually which way I was going." He added the car "was extremely hot afterwards."

NOTES

- Due to the plethora of reports UFOR is still receiving, particularly from the month of October, 1973, the next edition of *UFO Research Newsletter* will be ready for mailing on or about January 15, 1974.

- UFOR wishes to thank the following individuals for their kind assistance in sending us UFO reports and sighting clippings: Paul C. Cerny, Mutual UFO Network investigator, P.O. Box 2132, Sunnyvale, Calif. 94087; G.L. Bernier, P.O. Box 654, Seattle, Wash. 98111; John A. Lutz, Odyssey Scientific Research Association, P.O. Box 2022, Baltimore, Md. 21203; and Robert E. Barrow, 4167 Cleveland Road, Syracuse, N.Y. 13215.

- UFOR wishes to take this opportunity to wish all its readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SIGHTING CAPSULES

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

- June 12, 1973. Approximately 3 a.m. Marin County, Fla. Police officers and others saw an object emitting a red flame that "looked like a rocket going off," according to the June 12, 1973, edition of the *Palm Beach (Fla.) Times*. (Probable explanation: satellite launch from Kennedy Space Center).

- June 12, 1973. About 6 p.m. Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. Three witnesses observed a large object "flashing red and orange," said the *Ballarat Courier*, June 13, 1973.

- June 13, 1973. Around 10:30 p.m. Chanute, Kans. Robert Wilson and his son, John, saw "a slow falling star" move "fairly rapidly from east to west," stated the June 14, 1973, edition of the *Chanute Tribune*. (Possible explanation: Skylab).