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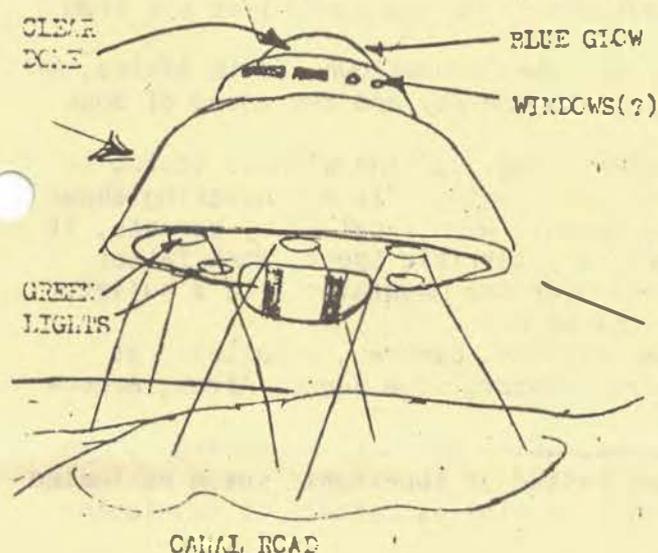
ANIMAL REACTIONS AND E-M EFFECTS MAIN FEATURES IN SIGHTING REPORTS

UFOs that caused animal reactions and electro-magnetic (E-M) effects; objects that were tracked on radar, resulting in a "Top Secret" report; a witness who fired a shotgun at a UFO; an object that was photographed; another that was seen lifting off from the ground; and objects that frightened witnesses were characteristics of sighting reports from at least four states and two foreign countries during the period February-April. Witnesses included control tower personnel and police.

At about 3 a.m., February 24, an unidentified husband and wife awakened to the sound of "all the dogs in town barking" in Deeson, Miss., stated the Clarksdale, Miss., *Press Register*, February 24, 1976. Rushing to the window, they observed "a round thing, as big as a large room, with white, red and green flashing lights."

Neighbors also saw the mysterious craft and one even reportedly fired at it with a shotgun.

"I was too scared to do anything," the wife remarked. "We just watched until it went away."



UFO Sketch by Yuma, Ariz., Witness,
February 28, 1976.

(Courtesy: Sun & Sentinel)

around at the widest (bottom part) and was about 10 or 11 feet high. [See sketch, top left]. The top section was about 12 feet around and had a very small (2-1/2 feet) dome structure on top which was emitting a faint blue light from down inside.... I was about 100 yards away when I took the picture. Unfortunately, I forgot to remove the flash cube from the camera, so when I took the picture and the flash went off, the UFO disappeared almost instantly in the opposite direction.... I did notice that my legs were shaking when it happened."

Shortly after midnight, April 18, Ernie Pacheco, a tenant dairy farmer, Monroe, Ore., heard his dogs barking "and the 146 Holstein cattle started 'stampedin' around' in the loafing shed."

A witness (who prefers anonymity) and a friend were driving along a canal road in Yuma, Ariz., at about 9:15 p.m., February 28, when the car radio "began to fade out and crackle."

"While I was busy attempting to clarify K-BLU's signal," the witness related in the *Yuma Sun & Sentinel*, March 4, 1976, "I noticed a sudden increase in the intensity of the light coming in through the rear window of the Bronco. The light was *bright green* which began as a soft, almost unnoticeable light source and rapidly grew in intensity until I could read the lens setting on the Polaroid camera I had reached down and grabbed.... [The UFO] moved across the canal at an altitude of about eight feet, slowly proceeded to move uphill... and hovered there, *slowly* wobbling around its axis... Meanwhile, my friend was trying to get the car turned around to point the headlights at it, but the car just died.... Although the engine had stopped, the headlights remained in operation, being a little dimmer than usual.... I hopped out with the camera... I could see that it had about six very *bright green* lights up underneath which were reflected off some type of shiny protuberance on the center of the bottom. The UFO was about 25-30 feet

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The farmer checked, but found nothing. Then, at about 3:30, "all the lights went out in the parlor" and Pacheco saw a huge, glowing saucer about 60-65 feet long and 30 feet high hovering over the shed, stated the April 19 and 21, 1976, editions of the Eugene, Ore., *Register-Guard*.

"It looked like a hotel more than anything," the witness remarked. "It looked like it had three layers of windows, like compartments."

Pacheco said he was "too scared to move" during the 10 minutes the object was in view.

"Then the damn thing just raised up in the air..." the witness continued. "As soon as that thing raised, the barn lights came on. But the lights

in the holding pen wouldn't come on. And when [a friend] came the next day, he had to reset the [circuit] breakers."

As the UFO disappeared, the operator of a tractor-trailer truck observed it and "just couldn't believe it."

After the sighting, Pacheco returned to milking the cows, "but it took him about two hours longer than usual because the animals were so spooked. And milk production that morning was down 350 pounds from the normal 7,000 pounds."

"We're treatin' nine cows for bruised udders they got stampedin' around," the farmer said. "One cow had a bad leg anyhow and they must of knocked her down. She'll be off the line for a week."

George Wheeler, a village police officer in Elmwood, Wisc., saw a UFO on the evening of April 22, according to the April 29, 1976, edition of the Ellsworth, Wisc., *Pierce County Herald*. The lawman discovered his police radio had "shut off." He saw a UFO lift off from the ground and the E-M effects cleared up.

Christopher Halse was asleep on Honeykop Halt, a farm near Grahamstown, South Africa, at 3:15 a.m., March 5, when he was awakened by a bright glare in the sky and the sound of dogs barking.

"I saw a huge oblong thing... at least 10 or 11 meters long..." the witness stated in the March 5, 1976, edition of the South Africa *Grocott's Daily Mail*. "It was hovering about 10 feet above my parents' house, making a funny buzzing sound. When I called my parents, it shot off towards King William's Town... The thing went at a terrific speed, much faster than a plane. From a hovering position, it just shot off over the mountains like a bullet."

Members of the kitchen staff on the farm also saw the object.

Two UFOs were tracked on radar at the Simon Bolivar Airport, Caracas, Venezuela, at 10:14 p.m., March 15, and "caused commotion in the control center," the Buenos Aires, Argentina, *Mayoria*, March 17, 1976, said.

"They were immediately ordered to identify themselves, which was not obeyed and... the machines made for the... landing strips, over which they passed at supersonic speed estimated at more than 5,000 kilometers per hour, which... no aerial machine is capable of developing at the present time," a spokesman stated.

According to "authorized sources," a "Top Secret" report on the incident was prepared and turned over to the Civil Aeronautics section of the Ministry of Communications "and possibly the Ministry of Defense."

NEWS CAPSULES

- The French Air Force, after 25 years, "has concluded that flying saucers may be real, but present no known threat to France." The official report added that UFOs "could come from other planets or from 'foreign powers' on earth." None of the reports yielded evidence of "aggressive acts in the defense sphere" or any "modification in the geophysical balance." Eighty percent of the sightings could be explained and "it is among the other 20% that the doubt remains."

- A UFO Research Center where witnesses can report "unusual events without fear of ridicule" has opened in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It is a branch of the Toronto Society for Physical Research. Dr. J. Allen Hynek was an adviser in establishing the group.

● Under Special Order 5-76, the Jersey City, N.J., Police Department has been directed to cooperate with Hynek's Center for UFO Studies, Northfield, Ill., "as part of a nationwide program to have local police departments report their findings of UFOs." Police Chief Patrick McGee issued the order.

● According to the *National Enquirer*, 64% of the American MENSA International -- comprising the top 2% "of the intelligence spectrum" -- believe UFOs are "spaceships from other planets." Fifty-one percent think "UFOs are carrying passengers who are studying our behavior." Sixty-seven percent said they would respond favorably to a friendly invitation to board a spaceship. Sixteen percent admitted having seen a UFO.

● A new theory that earth was visited by mermaid-like creatures from outer space 5,000 years ago was expounded by Robert Semple, an American astronomer, in a recently-published book, *The Sirius Mystery*. The amphibious entities, the author says, traveled to earth from a planet near Sirius, 10 light years away, "to study primitive civilization." Semple derives his theory from the discovery that "some earlier civilizations possessed knowledge of astrophysics that could not have been picked up without modern telescopes." In the Republic of Mali, for instance, is a tribe -- the Dogon -- who worship a tiny star orbiting Sirius. The tribe's high priests have told French anthropologists correct details of the star's orbit. The star "is invisible without the most powerful telescopes," but the accurate information has been related by the tribe for generations. Semple theorizes the Dogon learned this information from the space travelers, whose forms "crop up again and again in their traditional wood carvings, paintings, even woven into their cloth."

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SIGHTINGS REPORTED

Sightings from the San Fernando Valley of California (Los Angeles area) from 1947-1975 were investigated by UFO researchers Walter H. Greenawald and Donald F. Weitzel, who sent reports to UFOR.

At about 6:15 p.m., October, 1960 (date approximate), Mrs. Beverly Diner, her daughter, Melinda, and son, Evan, saw a UFO "described as two saucers joined together at the rims with no dome" in North Hollywood. The silver object rotated and a row of green lights was seen halfway around the circumference. There was "a small blinking white or green light on top of the device." The UFO tilted at about a 45-degree angle, then "shot away toward the northeast in a matter of seconds."

More than 48 hours later -- at 7 p.m. -- the Diner family, including Harold Diner, a professional musician, were driving on Coldwater Canyon Blvd. in North Hollywood when they observed a hovering, rotating saucer in the northwest. The object "appeared to have three internally lit windows at the rim." About 10 seconds later, "it zipped off to the northwest at an incredible speed."

Kenneth Heaps; his brother, Monte; Judy McDivitt and her mother-in-law observed a "Saturn"-type "disc with a rotating periphery" at about 1 p.m., on a summer day in Bellevue. It was an estimated 40 feet in diameter and 15 feet thick. The outside section of the object rotated counterclockwise at about 30 r.p.m. Kenneth Heaps reported seeing two blue diagonal stripes on the UFO's outer edge.

Immediately before reaching the Heaps' home, the object slowed and hovered above the house. About a minute later, it began moving north. Then "it tilted up on edge like a rolling coin and disappeared over the horizon."

Mr. D (who prefers anonymity), a soundman and photographer for motion picture studios, saw a UFO as he was driving home in Van Nuys at about 5 p.m., August 13, 1974. The witness estimated the hovering object to be approximately 25-30 feet in diameter, though calculations by investigators Weitzel and Greenawald put the UFO's diameter at over 100 feet. It was "an unusual grayish-whitish color" and was "tiered or domed, with what appeared to be portholes around the base of the dome." Each porthole had a "prominent dark black ring" around it. The object appeared to be around 3,300 feet away and at an approximate altitude of 500-1,000 feet.

About six years earlier -- in September or October, 1968 -- Mr. and Mrs. D saw "a luminous, blue, oval UFO almost directly over his house." The witnesses were processing film when they observed a light illuminating the darkroom. Looking outside, D saw the object, "with a white light coming out of the center." The yellow light illuminated a 20-30 feet in diameter area of the yard and appeared to be emanating "from a lens in the middle of the saucer." Then the white light switched off, but the blue, luminous glow continued. The UFO, about the size of a car, suddenly accelerated and disappeared in two seconds.

Other reports include:

- Summer, 1947 (date approximate). Placerville. About 50 passengers on a bus observed a hovering, domed, "shiny gold and metallic" saucer.
- January, 1955. 9:10 p.m. Northridge. A huge, glowing, cigar-shaped object with a diffused orange light traveled very fast from north to south.
- 1963. Hollywood. Witnesses watched a tilted, cigar-shaped UFO with several portholes near the rear. The object emitted a beeping sound.
- Winter, 1970. Canoga Park. A UFO shaped like a double saucer with blinking lights around its rim was observed moving from north to south.
- October 16, 1973. Thousand Oaks. An airline pilot and others saw a bluish-green, glowing disc 30-50 feet in diameter that moved at an estimated speed of 2,000-2,500 m.p.h. The UFO stopped and hovered for five seconds, then ascended at a 45-degree angle.
- February 19, 1975. Daytime. Tarzana. An engineer and his son observed a disc that bobbed up and down and darted about for 10-15 seconds.
- February 25, 1975. Woodland Hills. Two boys saw a double-domed saucer following an airliner.

NEW LORENZEN BOOK BEST OF CURRENT CROP
(Book Reviews)

It is refreshing to find a book that does not claim UFOs are ghosts, goblins, leprechauns, fairies, angels, demons, the Bigfoot monster, or psychic manifestations. *Encounters with UFO Occupants*, the latest opus from Coral and Jim Lorenzen, of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), simply lists case after case of startling, well-documented occupant reports. It is not only exciting reading -- despite the unbroken strings of cases, as Dr. Frank Salisbury, professor of plant physiology at Utah State University, indicates in his excellent introduction -- but adds a wealth of information, some old, some new, to our UFO knowledge. The reports include an in-depth examination by the late Dr. Olavo Fontes and Joao Martins of the Villa-Boas case -- "probably the most controversial ever to come into our hands" -- in which a Brazilian was allegedly abducted on board a UFO and seduced by an alien woman; a Brazilian farmer who apparently died from radiation poisoning after being struck in the chest by a light from a disc; a man from Colombia who died after a UFO sighting; and a car that struck an alien object. The Lorenzens take UFO debunker Philip J. Klass to task: "The Socorro, N.M., incident involving Police Officer Lonnie Zamora on April 24, 1964, 'the best [Klass] can do is hypothesize a hoax in which Zamora took part designed to attract tourists to the community. His job was made easier by two basic facts. He arrived on the scene years after the fact and he avoided primary investigators of the case... like the plague.'" When explaining away occupant cases, Klass "is forced to abandon so many elements of significant data (and distort others) that what he eventually ends up explaining is a pseudo-case of his own fabrication." The authors also take a pot shot at the late Dr. James E. McDonald -- and this is the only bone of contention we have with the work. McDonald had criticized Dr. J. Allen Hynek, long time chief UFO scientific consultant for the Air Force (AF), for not speaking out "long before he did." The Lorenzens said "McDonald did not explain his own actions in collecting data for years, but waited until others had paved the way before publicly stating his own opinions." The fact is that, when McDonald first started investigating the subject in depth in 1966, he did, indeed, speak out publicly. During that year, McDonald told the UFOR editor he had maintained an interest in UFOs for some time, but had not -- until then -- taken a close scientific look at the subject. He certainly had not -- like Hynek -- "sat on" important cases for the better part of two decades. The APRO founders also reveal certain CIA activities related to the UFO field: "Certainly APRO has been watched and probably other UFO groups as well." In 1953, the CIA-Robertson Panel Report said: "The panel took cognizance of the existence of such groups as the 'Civilian Flying Saucer Investigators' [sic] (Los Angeles) and the 'Aerial Phenomena Research Organization' (Wisconsin). It was believed that such organizations should be watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur. The apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind." The authors apparently do not believe there was a deliberate coverup of information: "UFO information is withheld

through the application of normal national security procedures since there is no reason why these procedures should be set aside in the case of the UFO!" Generally, the book is an important and welcome addition to UFO literature.

[Coral and Jim Lorenzen, *Encounters with UFO Occupants* (New York: Berkley Publishing Corp., 1976), Introduction, Sketches, Appendices, Index, 424 pgs., \$1.95].

In *UFO Exist!*, Paris Flammonde, author of *The Age of Flying Saucers* (see *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. 1, No. 6, p. 2), offers a well-constructed and interesting analysis of the UFO controversy. Unfortunately, little of it will be new to the serious UFO student and most of the work is taken from other books, articles, the Condon report, and other sources -- some of which are dubious. Much space is given, for instance, in tying together the Maury Island incident of June 21, 1947 -- in which three men, a boy and a dog on a boat had a run-in with a UFO fleet, one of which apparently having mechanical difficulties, allegedly landed on the water and emitted "a flurry of silver snow, aluminum foil-weight flakes" and "a much bulkier, hot, slaglike material" that caused the boy's arm to be injured, his dog to die, and the boat to be damaged -- and the Kenneth Arnold sighting three days later. Dr. James E. McDonald is pinged on by Flammonde as well for his "summary dismissal" of the eighth -- and last -- of McDonald's own list of UFO hypotheses, "messengers of salvation and occult truth." "Without any actual examination, he rejected the possibility that this category may well offer dimensions never imagined by the unknowledgeable and uninitiated," the author writes. In the conclusion of the book, however, Flammonde says, "for the most part, 'occult' analyses of UAO [Unexplained Aerial Objects] are essentially contemporary versions of classical demonological lore, or rather technological reformations of the old religion -- the old religion of invisible races or inconceivable entities who ruled the Earth before Man, before the dinosaur, before the tiny creatures of the sea." The author fails to mention that, in the time frame of the mid- to late-1960s, a UFO-occult connection would probably have meant the death-knell to any serious scientist's attempts to convince his colleagues that UFOs are a subject worthy of close scientific scrutiny and, during this period, McDonald played a real and admirable role in alerting the scientific community. Also, McDonald did not summarily dismiss an occult connection, but merely thought that, based upon the evidence he had seen, such a connection -- in a broad, general sense -- was at least premature if not unlikely, and he was not going to unduly pursue this line as an answer to the existence of UFOs.

[Paris Flammonde, *UFO Exist!* (New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1976), Photographs, Appendices, Index, 406 pgs., \$12.95].

People have abandoned their wives, husbands, children, jobs, and "humanness" to become duped players in what could be the biggest con game in UFO history. Sad, but true. The punch line, of course, is eternal salvation via UFOs -- with a little help from the Heavenly Father. Their stories -- and the messages purveyed by the couple who persuaded them to give up everything -- are told in *UFO Missionaries Extraordinary*, by Hayden Hewes, founder of the International UFO Bureau, Inc. (IUFOD), and Brad Steiger. Almost as sad is the indication that the authors themselves may have been "taken in" by these con artists extraordinary. We are referring, of course, to Herf Applewhite and Bonnie Lu Trousdale Nettles, alias "The Two," "Bo and Peep," and "Shirl Pravanha" and "Shaki Devi." Bo and Peep are the founders of something called Human Individual Metamorphosis (HIM) that says "converts must develop 100% faith in The Two's capacity to die and then resurrect" in three and one-half days. Sound familiar? Furthermore, "after the promised event, those full believers would be rewarded with a UFO dispatched to carry them to a higher plane of existence." The sad part of all this is that The Two, once charged "with auto theft and fraudulent use of credit cards," have actually persuaded some gullible souls to abandon all earthly possessions, friends and family and to "overcome the need for receiving affection, giving affection, needing people around you." Some of these people have returned to their families; others are still wandering throughout the country looking for salvation. One interesting item: Hewes said there was a taping session at IUFOD headquarters in which Bo claimed "an individual who is a member of the next kingdom can change his vibration rate" and "appear and disappear in front of your eyes." As soon as Bo and Peep left the IUFOD office, they -- you guessed it -- "simply vanished."

[Hayden Hewes and Brad Steiger, *UFO Missionaries Extraordinary* (New York: Pocket Books, 1976), 175 pgs., \$1.75].

Still another distort-the-facts-to-fit-the-theories, cut-and-paste job is *UFOs: What on Earth is Happening?* by John Weldon, a Biblical student, and Zola Levitt, a musician and marriage counselor. UFOs in the forms of demons preparing Armageddon is the weak, unconvincing, and unoriginal thesis here. Such incidents as the great Northeast blackout of November 9,

1965, and a few pilots being killed are blown out of proportion "to establish the UFOs as part of an intelligent operation intended to harass or disrupt the activities of this planet, if not to accomplish something more drastic still." The UFOs *must* be demons since, "as far as has been humanly possible to determine, we are alone in this solar system, and it is likely that we are entirely alone in our universe!" Much of the authors' evidence for demon-UFOs is presented in statements like "that... a host of... occult worshippers have something against Christianity is a kind of evidence that demons are in the picture." These little devils "are preparing the coming of the Antichrist." Therefore, "if you aren't certain that you have personally accepted Jesus Christ into your life, then you should do so right now." By doing this, you can escape the evil of the "ufonauts," who "are obviously sinful, since they rape, murder, lie and deceive" and "are clearly in need of redemption." As usual in such "grasping-for-straws" technique books, the authors completely ignore the evidence for *extraterrestrial* visitation.

[John Weldon, with Zola Levitt, *UFOs: What on Earth Is Happening?* (New York: Bantam Books, 1976), Appendices, 175 pgs., \$1.50].

UFO ALMOST CAUSES AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Around 11 p.m., July 30, 1975, Sam Cunigan spotted a UFO just west of Auburn, Ky.

"I was returning from visiting at the Logan County Hospital, listening to radio station WAKQ, when, suddenly, there was radio silence," the witness -- a licensed pilot and member of the Logan County Airport Board -- stated in the March 4, 1976, edition of the Russellville, Ky., *News-Democrat*. "About 10 to 15 seconds later, there appeared a bright red light to my left less than a quarter mile away and about 300 feet in altitude.... This light... was traveling east at a speed of about 80-100 m.p.h., losing altitude at about a 10-degree angle."

The witness pursued the UFO through Auburn, but lost sight of it and returned home. Shortly thereafter, he got in his pickup and heard "a good three-party conversation" on sightings in the area over his citizens' band radio. Cunigan phoned Auburn Policeman Larry Brewer and Garry Coles, an automobile serviceman, for their stories.

While in his patrol car in the town square, Brewer saw a light on or near the water tank. Then "it appeared to explode, made a left turn, and started north with what appeared to be a small cloud of light-orange exhaust around it."

Coles said he saw the UFO from a parking lot.

Meanwhile, Brewer chased the object approximately three miles north of Auburn, where "he saw the light moving across the ground. It then cut in front of him, knocking his car onto the shoulder."

Four others -- Special Deputy Earl Lockhart, Roy Thompson, Jerry Thomas and Maxie Ritzenberry -- also reportedly saw the UFO.

SIGHTING CAPSULES

The following UFO reports from this year have also come to UFOR's attention:

- January 21. Evening. Gyttop, Sweden. Allan Jansson saw a round UFO with a yellow-white light on the ice of Lake Vikern. The object was estimated to be four feet high and 100 feet in diameter. Later, a ring was found on the ice that measured 133 feet in diameter. Ice crystals had formed in the middle of the ring. (Source: *Karlskoga-Kuriren*, March 16, 1976).
- February 3. About 12:45 a.m. Fort Gomer, England. Mrs. Laura Hill observed a large, "solid disc of light ringed in a glow" that emitted "a terrific whooshing noise" as it flew west over the Isle of Wight, according to the February 6, 1976, edition of the *Portsmouth* (England) *News*. (Possible explanation: fireball).
- February 10. Late evening. Columbia County, Fla. Police officers and others were witnesses to a UFO "hovering about 500 or 600 feet in the air, flashing 'all different colors' from what looked like a glass dome in the bottom." (Source: *High Springs* (Fla.) *Herald*, February 16, 1976).
- February 12. Around 4:30 a.m. Venice, Fla. Don McArthur, a former pilot, and his wife observed a "very, very large," stationary UFO that was "slender, red" and "pencil-shaped." About five minutes later, the object suddenly disappeared. (Source: *Venice Gondolier*, February 16, 1976).

● February 19. Before dawn. Navarre, Fla. State Highway Patrolman S.R. Bevis snapped a photo of a white object with a "reddish aura" that changed to bluish-green. (Source: Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., *Playground News*, February 19, 1976).

● February 19. Approximately 7 p.m. Live Oak, Calif. Deputy Sheriff Gerald Teplansky, John Danisan and his sister, Jo Anne, watched "three red-orange, glowing objects hovering in a triangular formation." A few minutes later, another similar object streaked to the north and four UFOs disappeared. (Source: Marysville, Calif., *Appeal-Democrat*, February 20, 1976).

● February 19. 10:50 p.m. New Norfolk, Tasmania, Australia. Pat Brown observed a cup-shaped object with blue flashing lights all around" and a 300-400 foot-long orange and white tail that "passed very quickly across the moon," stated the Hobart, Tasmania, *Mercury*, February 21, 1976. (Possible explanation: satellite decay).

● February 21. Evening. Maydena, Tasmania, Australia. About 15 witnesses saw orange-red lights "twice the size of stars." One of the objects "flew off towards the southwest and the other drifted slowly to the west." (Source: *Mercury*, February 21, 1976).

● February 24. Early evening. Easton, Md. David Mooney, Billy Caldwell, Simone Pitts, Aaron Blake, and Sharleen and Traci Cooper observed a UFO that "hovered over trees in the area and seemed to pause in mid-air." (Source: *Easton Star-Democrat*, March 2, 1976).

● February 26. Around 2:30 a.m. Near Marysville, Calif. Residents observed "five yellow, glowing objects" that were "flying together near the Sutter Buttes area." (Source: *Appeal-Democrat*, February 26, 1976).

● February 26. Around 9:05 p.m. Margate, N.J. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sable saw "an oblong-shaped, pulsating light" that flew fast over their car. (Source: *The (Atlantic City, N.J.) Press*, February 27, 1976).

● February 28. About 2:30 a.m. East Hanover, N.J. John F. Russell, Jr., observed "a large, egg-shaped object" that "came out of the southeast and stood still in the sky." The UFO seemed "to have fire coming out on all sides." It moved over a tree-line. (Source: *The (Whippany, N.J.) Weekly News*, March 3, 1976).

● March 3. Approximately 6:55 p.m. Manteca, Calif. Chris Morgan and 11 others observed "a reddish-orange, cigar-shaped object" that "approached from the northwest, passed directly overhead and disappeared in the southwest." (Source: *Manteca Bulletin*, March 5, 1976).

● March 7. Around 8:20 p.m. Near Oberon, Australia. Sue Gray reportedly was followed in her car by a red disc that "kept flashing on and off," then disappeared. (Source: *Dubbe, Australia, Liberal*, March 10, 1976).

● March 8. About 9 p.m. Bellingham, Wash. Several college students watched an orange object that moved from west to east, "dropped two flares," then "zoomed off." (Source: *Bellingham Herald*, March 9, 1976).

● March 10. 6:05 a.m. Gordsjo, Sweden. Mrs. Lilly Gustafsson and her husband observed a red object that was "round and rolled forward like a plate." The UFO flew fast over some power lines, "passed right over the cow-house roof and disappeared in the forest." (Source: *Mariestads-Tidningen*, March 12, 1976).

● March 11. About 1:50 a.m. Memphis, Tenn. A resident observed "a large, 'kite-like' object in the sky which made a strange sound." (Source: *Memphis Press-Scimitar*, March 11, 1976).

● March 14. About 9:40 p.m. Redwood City, Calif. Police and others saw "20 to 30 lighted, noiseless" objects, the *Redwood City Tribune*, March 15, 1976, reported. (Possible explanation: hoax balloons).

● March 15. Around 9:30 p.m. Brunswick, Md. Robert Jackson and John Jacobs saw a "bright object" that headed north, stopped and hovered over the Potomac River, then disappeared "as if somebody turned off a light." Early the next morning, Jacobs and others saw the same or a similar object over the river. (Source: *The Frederick (Md.) Post*, March 24, 1976).

● March 20. General Sampaio, Ceara, Brazil. Arlindo Ferreira was hospitalized with second degree burns he said he received from "a beam of light projected from a flying saucer." (Source: Buenos Aires, Argentina, *La Razon*, March 25, 1976).

● March 20. Approximately 10:30 p.m. Segerstad, Sweden. Ragnar and Ingeborg Malmqvist saw "a red blinking ball" high in the northeast sky. (Source: Kalmar, Sweden, *Ostra Smaland*, March 24, 1976).

● March 22. About 10:30 p.m. Salisbury, Rhodesia, South Africa. Jack Hattie, a retired meteorologist, was awakened by "a sudden 'whoosh' overhead" and saw "a brilliant orange light the northeast" that "lit up his house and garden." The UFO "gradually drifted... towards the southeast and a couple of bright fragments dropped off." (Source: *Rhodesia Herald*, March 24, 1976).

- March 23. Around 10:30 p.m. Dane and Columbia Counties, Wisc. Witnesses watched a large light that flew from east to west, then "exploded and disappeared," according to the March 24, 1976, edition of the Madison, Wisc., *State Journal*. (Possible explanation: breakup of a meteorite).
- March 27. Evening. Talladega, Ala. Residents saw a round, gray object with "blinking red and white lights rimming its edge" that slowly flew at tree-top level. (Source: Talladega-Sylacauga *Daily Home*, March 31, 1976).
- March 28. Around 9 p.m. Near Lancaster, Ala. While driving, Jackie Hallmark spotted an "oblong-shaped..., pulsating blue" UFO that flew across the street, then disintegrated, stated the *Daily Home*, March 31, 1976. (Possible explanation: flares).
- April 2. Approximately 2:55 a.m. Near Pipe Creek, Texas. Mrs. Delle Dennis saw a huge, round UFO and a smaller object under it. The witness said "lights were flashing from the larger ball and there was a steady beam from the smaller one to the larger one." About 15 minutes later, the objects moved toward the northeast. (Source: San Antonio, Texas, *Evening News*, April 2, 1976).
- April 4. 10:44 p.m. Near Bremerton, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Andrews observed a red-dish UFO that hovered, then moved and "changed course abruptly" a number of times. Then it ascended "at a 90-degree angle." (Source: Bremerton *Sun*, April 5, 1976).
- April 9. Approximately 7:55 p.m. Morton, Pa. Steve Strolli, his brother, two sisters, two cousins and others observed a round UFO like "two domes pressed together." It had "white running lights that flashed on and off and a flashing red light on top." The frightened witnesses heard a "whirring" sound. (Source: Philadelphia, Pa., *Bulletin*, April 10, 1976).
- April 13. Approximately 8:50 p.m. Alliance, Ohio. Eight witnesses "in five different areas spotted a strange formation of five bright lights... moving due west in a straight line formation, then changing to a 'V' formation." (Source: Alliance *Review*, April 14, 1976).
- April 13. Evening. Breananda, South Africa. Mrs. Olive Woodrow and her husband observed an orange, square-shaped object that approached them "in a straight line" and "seemed to grow bigger." (Source: *West Rand (South Africa) Times*, April 16, 1976).
- April 17. 7:47 p.m. Manheim Township, Pa. Harold Spangler, a retired Air Force pilot, and his wife, Gladys, spotted a "glowing, bright white object that dimmed, then brightened." The UFO "crossed through 30 degrees of arc... in the breathtaking time of 15 seconds." (Source: Lancaster, Pa., *Sunday News*, April 18, 1976).
- April 17. Evening. Whatton, Nottinghamshire, England. Mrs. Lillian Mann and others watched a cylindrical, orange-red light that descended slowly. (Source: *The Newark (Nottinghamshire) Advertiser*, April 24, 1976).
- April 19. About 9:30 p.m. Lansing, Mich. A police helicopter crew and others saw "a red ball of fire" that appeared to fly, stop and hover briefly, then quickly descend, according to the Lansing *State Journal*, April 20, 1976). (Possible explanation: fireball).
- April 20. Approximately 9:20 p.m. Near Catalina Island, Calif. Numerous witnesses saw a color-changing UFO that hovered over the ocean. (Source: San Clemente, Calif., *Sun Post*, April 21, 1976).
- April 21. Evening. Near Terrace, British Columbia, Canada. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer Bill Toffan saw a UFO that emitted "a blinding flash." (Source: Vancouver, British Columbia, *Sun*, April 23, 1976).
- April 22. Approximately 8 p.m. Raleigh, N.C. Mrs. Edith Jackson and her daughter, Dianne Taylor, observed "a large, brilliantly-lit and spinning object" that "had a red blinking light in... the middle." (Source: Goldsboro, N.C., *News-Argus*, April 26, 1976).
- April 24. About 9 p.m. Strausstown, Pa. Mrs. Ray Shaak "and at least six of her neighbors" saw a cigar-shaped UFO "that gave off red sparks every time an airplane... flew over it." (Source: Reading, Pa., *Sunday Eagle*, April 25, 1976).
- April 25. Evening. Streator, Ill. Numerous residents reported "strange lights in the... northeast part of the sky." (Source: Streator *Times-Press*, April 26, 1976).
- April 25. Approximately 11 p.m. Kingsthorpe, England. Kathleen and Roy Ward saw a brilliant "ball of fire" with "smoke around it," stated the April 28, 1976, edition of the *Northampton (England) Chronicle & Echo*. (Possible explanation: fireball).

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