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A REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

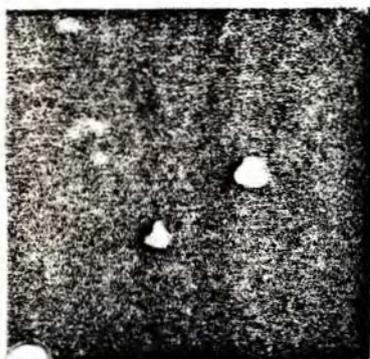
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OCCUPANTS, PHOTOS, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE MARK SIGHTING REPORTS

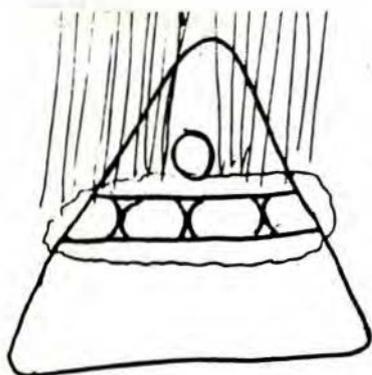
Occupants; UFOs that were photographed, landed, emitted sounds, left behind physical evidence and frightened witnesses; an object that paced a car and another that followed a truck; a UFO that dodged two jet aircraft; an object that responded to a signal; another that hovered over the antennae of a home; and a mysterious craft that emitted a light beam to the ground were characteristics of sighting reports from at least nine states during January-March.

On the evening of February 2, Albert Marion was driving in Athol, Mass., when he was paced by an orange UFO resembling a "hot dog with a dome on top," said the *Athol Daily News*, February 3, 1977. The object, at about 500 feet altitude, "slowed down when the car slowed down and stopped when the car stopped."



UFO Photo by Bruce Edmund, Weston, Conn., February 7, 1977

(Courtesy: Westport News)



UFO Sketch, Lake Eustis, Fla., February 15, 1977

(Courtesy: Lake Region News)

Between 8 and 9 p.m., February 7, numerous observers, including police, in Weston, Conn., observed "a collection of red and green lights" forming a box-like shape that hovered, then flew off. (See photo, left). Bruce Edmund snapped photographs of the lights, the *Westport* (Conn.) *News*, February 11, 1977, stated. The smaller object at the top of the photo was red, the bottom one green, and a yellow-white "tail light" was seen at the upper right.

Robby Tanner and Ken Spears spotted a brilliant, cone-shaped object "with a band of red, green and blue lights" encircling the craft around 7:15 p.m., February 15, over Lake Eustis, Fla. (See sketch, below left).

"It came down behind the trees, then it shot up and across the lake real fast," Robby remarked in the March 2, 1977, edition of the *Eustis Lake Region News*.

While in a patrol car near Flora, Miss., at about 8:30 p.m., February 9, Deputy Sheriff Ken Creel and Constable James Luke observed a bright, hovering light that suddenly "appeared to rush toward them in *one second*." The blue disc with 7-8 white, round portholes was 50-60 feet above the automobile and emitted "a high pitched noise." Creel, badly frightened, spun the car around and headed for Flora as the UFO ascended.

Meanwhile, other witnesses, including Flora Police Officer Hubert Roberts, in different nearby locales also saw it. Roberts said he blinked his police car headlights at the object, and it "reportedly blinked two of its lights in apparent response." The "very bright" UFO "shot off with great speed."

Representatives of the Center for UFO Studies checked with the Federal Aviation Administration, the Jackson Municipal Airport, and the Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center, but "no one could account for the object."

Three days later, residents in and around Jayess saw "a large round object big as a four-room house" at around 8:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Alexander; Mrs. Denver Alexander and her son, Eddie; and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cothorn reported seeing it approach a house and hover at tree-top level. The gray UFO had "red lights at about 16-foot intervals around a rim and a smaller dome at the top." (See sketch, p. 2). After hovering, it "just disappeared."

At about the same time, an unidentified pilot at Brookhaven Municipal Airport and 12-15 others saw the same or a similar object in Lakewood Village. It dodged "two passing jets."

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MUFON SCHEDULES UFO SYMPOSIUM

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) has scheduled its 8th annual UFO symposium for Saturday, July 16, and Sunday, July 17, in Scottsdale, Ariz. Lectures, workshops and an evening session are planned on a variety of topics.

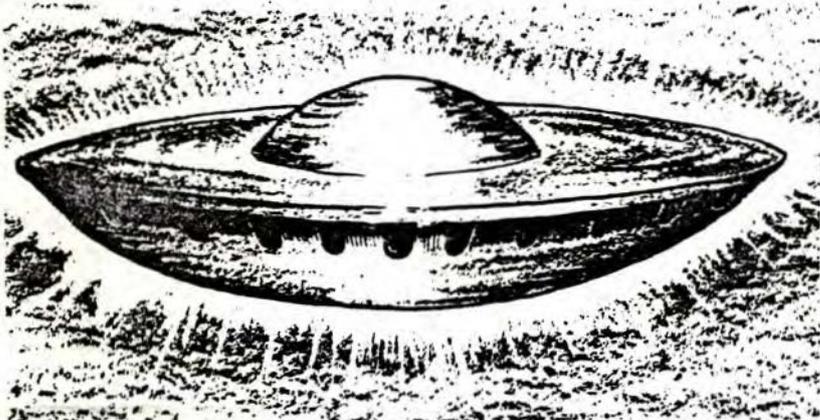
Speakers will include Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist and full-time UFO lecturer; James M. McCampbell, author and MUFON research director; Paul C. Cerny, the Western Regional Director for the network; Walter H. Andrus, Jr., International Director, MUFON; Thomas M. Gates, astronomer; Drs. Alvin H. Lawson and William F. Hassell. Topics will include an

analysis of the Great Falls, Mont., and Tremonton, Utah, films; UFO propulsion; good public relations; UFO detection; and investigations. After-dinner entertainment will be provided by Bill Pitts, MUFON's State Director for Arkansas and First International Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

The symposium will be held at the Safari Resort Hotel and Convention Center, 4611 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, Ariz. 85251. Daily room prices are \$16 (single) and \$20 (double). Advance reservations may be made by writing to: GSW/MUFON, 13238 N. 7th Dr., Phoenix, Ariz. 85029. The package price for the symposium is \$16.

Occupants, Photos, Physical Evidence (Contd. from p. 1)

(Sources: Tylertown, Miss., *Times*, February 17, 1977; *St. Bernard* (Parish, La.) *News*, March 2, 1977; and *International UFO Reporter*, Vol. 2, No. 4, April, 1977, p. 7).



UFO Sketch, Jayess, Miss., February 12, 1977

(Courtesy: Times)

At around 9 p.m., February 12, Mrs. Joe Reed, Jonesville, La., observed a red oval with yellow blinking lights that "was almost the size of a car" hovering over the antennae of the house near door. The UFO "quivered at times like a bird hovering over an object."

"Then it went gliding off... and went down somewhere a couple of houses away..." the witness remarked in the February 17, 1977, edition of the Jonesville *Catahoula News-Booster*. "I kept watching as it came back up from the same spot and all of a sudden it was right over the eaves of my house... That's when I heard a hissing sound. It went back off in the same direction as before..."

Residents in Ohio also encountered the strange objects.

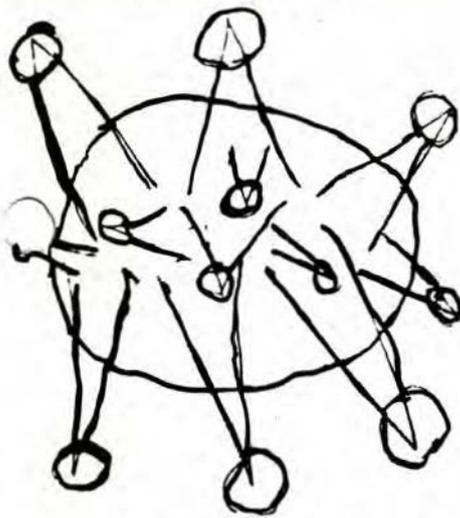
It was about 6:20 p.m., February 25. Greg De Rodes and his brother, Scott, were in their backyard in Findlay when they spotted a "bright gold" object that emitted "a strange buzzing sound." (See sketch, p. 3).

"I was scared and started to turn away, but Scott said, 'wait, let's look at it,'" Greg remarked in the February 26, 1977, edition of the Findlay *Courier*.

The witnesses' father, Donald, a junior high school teacher who ran outside without his glasses, saw only "a gold light." He instructed his sons to draw pictures of the UFO, "which showed a circular object covered with points and balls that looked like legs."

A young couple driving near Lisbon observed a bell-shaped UFO with red, blue and green lights that emitted "a slight humming sound" at 8 p.m., March 7, stated the Alliance, Ohio, *Review*, March 9, 1977.

According to the witnesses, the object "projected a beam of light to the ground and then up into the clouds." Then it rose and disappeared into the clouds.



UFO Sketch by Scott De Rodes,
Findlay, Ohio, Feb. 25, 1977

(Courtesy: Courier)

of trees about 100 feet" away.

Watching the object through binoculars, Mrs. Strand said it appeared "to be twirling slowly." She admitted she was "scared, really frightened." Then the UFO "began slowly to move away, getting smaller and smaller," and finally disappeared.

(Sources: Wilton, N.D., *News*, February 10, 1977; and *Minneapolis (Minn.) Star*, February 16, 1977).

Jose Cantu, Harrah, Wash., saw "two greenish creatures about three feet tall, who rotated on a base instead of having feet" from the kitchen of his home at 6:30 a.m., January 19. Going outside, he observed two "steely" UFOs with two more entities inside them.

One of the saucers had landed in the back yard, and the other was resting "on a flat section of the roof of the house," stated the Toppenish, Wash., *Review*, January 26, 1977. Hiding behind a washing machine next to a shed, the boy watched as the creatures returned to the UFOs.

The witness said the objects were lighted brilliantly inside. They had "straight stairs," like a ramp, and a door that opened in "two parts, like a cross." Inside were "two chairs with very tall bases." The UFOs rose "and disappeared into something that resembled a cloud."

Later, two aides from Harrah Grade School, including Diane Gomez, went to the site with Jose. At the spot where "one creature had rotated on his base," they discovered "two round marks in the gravel." At the place where the figures stood "were two sets of three indentations."

The boy's mother, Mrs. Martha Cantu, and a neighbor, Irene Sanchez, investigated further after Jose and the aides returned to school. They "found in the long grass a circular impression about 10 feet in diameter in which the grass in the middle was whirled up, and also observed the marks the aides had seen." Investigators for Dr. J. Allen Hynek's Center for UFO Studies also reportedly visited the Cantu home and observed the physical evidence.

THE NIGHT UFOs INVADED THE GOLDEN STATE

During a nine-hour period on the night of March 21-22, California, from the Los Angeles area far north to Salinas and Sacramento, was invaded by two diamond-shaped UFOs. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. V, No. 5, p. 1). A police helicopter crew, a former pilot, law enforcement officers, and military personnel were among the witnesses.

On the evening of the 21st, Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs Ray Davis and Ted Roach were flying on helicopter patrol at 600 feet altitude over La Mirada when they saw a "bright light with an orange tinge" flying at 200-250 m.p.h. They noticed something "like magnesium" fall from the UFO.

"We turned the 'bird' towards [the UFO] and we started following it," Roach remarked. "Of a sudden, the object... just up and accelerated at a tremendous speed and disappeared."

The bulk of the sightings came early the next morning. At 3:15, Ruben Barajas, Hector Lugo, and Rick Ashley were driving on Highway 18 near Apple Valley. They observed "two bright shining tubular objects" approach their car. They stopped the automobile, and the "UFOs accelerated and appeared to disappear."

Ten minutes later, Bill Lennington, a World War II pilot, saw a UFO that flew from the direction of Phelan toward Apple Valley at more than 1,000 m.p.h. While directly overhead the object separated in two and disintegrated "with a puff of smoke."

Airmen from March Air Force (AF) Base were flying at 3,000 feet altitude when they saw the UFOs going from south to north at 3:28. Airman First Class Guy Wilson, a security guard at March, saw them "directly over the facility."

"I would venture to say that within 15 seconds, they went 50 miles -- that fast," Wilson stated.

If Wilson's estimate of their speed is correct, the UFOs were traveling at 12,000 m.p.h.!

At 3:30, all hell broke loose. Mark O. Hogan, a freight handler at Los Angeles International Airport, was sitting in his duty vehicle with his supervisor, Paul R. Till.

"All of a sudden I saw these two orange lights come in off the ocean at the west end of the airport," Hogan related. "We were just dumbfounded. They weren't meteors. They don't fly in tandem and horizontally. I can't guess the speed. But I'd say it was at least 2,000 m.p.h."

Till, however, said the objects went from horizon to horizon in 10 seconds -- at a speed of about 10,800 m.p.h.

The observers said the "teardrop"-shaped UFOs came from the direction of Santa Catalina Island and flew in formation over the airport runway.

Meanwhile, Huntington Beach Police Officers Jim Lail and Tom Arnold were flying in their police helicopter at 1,300 feet altitude when they saw "searing white objects" that "never varied from their tandem position and appeared to have reddish cone-shaped noses." They flew from the southwest to the northeast horizon in "no more than five seconds" -- or about 10,000 m.p.h. Patrolman Dan McKerran, in southeast Huntington Beach, also saw them, as did Police Sgt. Arden Beavers.

Deputy Sheriffs Lonnie Hicks and Robert Carr were among the Los Angeles witnesses. Highway Patrolman Lorin Orchard and his partner observed a "cylinder-shaped object leaving a trail behind" that separated in two.

At about the same time, Steve Haas, dairy supervisor, saw "two disk-shaped objects with vapor trails" while driving near Montalvo. They were "a glowing gold color" and were "in such tandem that they looked like they were attached at first." The UFOs came from over the ocean and headed toward the mountains. Deputy Sheriff John McSorley observed the lights over the sheriff's helicopter station at Long Beach.

A Point Mugu Navy base spokesman said the facility had no missiles or aircraft aloft at the time of the sightings.

While sitting in their parked patrol car in Edgemont, Riverside County Deputy Sheriffs Jim Evans and Bob Boyter saw "a cigar with a light on each end." The fast-flying object disappeared over Pigeon Pass. At the same time, Ronald Cash, a Riverside grocery clerk, spotted "two bright objects" with "two long white tails behind them" travel fast from west to east.

While delivering papers in east Clovis, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reeder saw two objects described as "sparklers from fireworks, traveling from west to east." Meanwhile, a Firestone resident said a brilliant object "bathed his home in pale blue light."

During the process of monitoring radio traffic at the east Los Angeles Sheriff's Station between 3:45 and 4 a.m., Police Sgt. Vincent Rupp received many reports from Southern California as well as Salinas and Sacramento.

(Sources: Article by Dale Fetherling and Tendayi J. Kumbula, *Los Angeles Times*, March 22, 1977; article by Arthur R. Vinsel, Costa Mesa, Calif., *Daily Pilot*, March 22, 1977; Fontana, Calif., *Herald-News*, March 22, 1977; article by Mike Hernandez, Victorville, Calif., *Daily Press*, March 23, 1977; article by John Marelius, Van Nuys, Calif., *Valley News and Green Sheet*, March 23, 1977; *Riverside Enterprise*, Ventura (Calif.) *Star-Free Press*, St. Petersburg (Fla.) *Evening Independent*, West Warwick (R.I.) *Times*, March 23, 1977; *The Fresno (Calif.) Bee*, March 24, 1977; and article by Edward B. Camlin, *National Enquirer*, May 10, 1977).

The next edition of *UFO Research Newsletter* will be ready for mailing on or about August 15, 1977.

THE RIDDLE OF TUNGUSKA: AN EXPLOSIVE ANSWER TO A BIG BANG
(Book Reviews)

What created a "deafening roar"; a "powerful ballistic wave"; hit the ground and detonated with such force that seismographs thousands of miles away were activated; emitted thunder-claps heard for more than 500 miles; almost jarred the Trans Siberian Express from its tracks; caused a "searing thermal current" that scorched everything in its path; formed clouds, accompanied by a "black rain," that rose more than 12 miles above the ground; created massive luminous "silvery clouds" that turned night into day hundreds, even thousands, of miles away; and caused reindeer to develop a "strange disease that produced scabs?" An atomic blast greater than any other nuclear explosion? Nearly 40 years before Hiroshima? Right, according to John Baxter and Thomas Atkins in *The Fire Came By; The Riddle of the Great Siberian Explosion*, an immensely readable, well-researched, and mind-boggling little book that presents overwhelming evidence an alien spaceship in trouble disintegrated in an atomic blast some two miles above the Tunguska region of Siberia at 7:17 a.m., June 30, 1908. It's a hell of a theory. Even more startling, the reader may well put down this book -- with no little justification -- thinking it the *only* plausible theory. Incredibly, because of its remoteness and for other diverse reasons, the rest of Russia, embroiled in the seeds of revolution, and the world were not aware of what happened for "many years." Not until the 1920s did the Russians begin expeditions to the site. One scientist, Leonid A. Kulik, made several trips to the area and was most responsible for first discovering the incredible extent of the blast. He was also probably most responsible for the long-held meteorite theory, but remained perplexed by the fact that no crater was ever found. After Kulik's death in a Nazi prison camp during World War II, Aleksander Kazantsev, a prominent Soviet writer, took up the cudgel and advanced the alien spacecraft theory, speculating that Martians may have come to Tunguska "in search of water for their dying planet." In 1959, Felix Zigel (who later became the Soviet Union's most outspoken UFO proponent), of the Moscow Institute of Aviation, defended Kazantsev's theory, saying his "hypothesis is the only realistic one." It wasn't until the destruction of Hiroshima in August, 1945, that the atomic-blast theory for the Tunguska destruction began to take shape within Soviet scientific circles -- and the inevitable comparisons were made. The similarities between what happened at Hiroshima and what occurred in Siberia 37 years earlier, to this reviewer, both startling and just about irrefutable. "The most telling evidence for the atomic-blast theory is that of actual radiation damage to [Tunguska] and to its flora and fauna," the authors remark. The incredible blast -- possibly the most powerful the world has ever known -- destroyed a 1,200 square mile area, compared to Hiroshima's 18 square miles. Heat from the Hiroshima holocaust was felt 60 miles away -- 375 miles for Tunguska. Some scientists concluded the Siberian explosion was, "at the very least, 10 times more powerful than that at Hiroshima." Others said it may have been 100 times stronger. And some Soviet and American scientists estimated its energy yield to be "1,500 times as great as that at Hiroshima." Eyewitness accounts of the great destruction, a series of remarkable photographs, accounts of two expeditions to the site included as appendices, and an introduction by Isaac Asimov add to the authenticity and tremendous interest the book elicits. As the authors assure us, the case is far from closed, even after nearly 70 years, and interest in the U.S.S.R. over the years has reached fantastic proportions. The interest there -- and in much of the rest of the world -- remains unabated. And, as Zigel stated, "should [the spacecraft theory] be finally confirmed..., the significance of the Tunguska disaster would be inestimable." This book does an inestimable service in sanely documenting this theory to the extent the reader is forced to take a long, hard look at the shocking possibility that aliens from space crashed to their deaths here on earth soon after the turn of the 20th Century.

[John Baxter and Thomas Atkins, *The Fire Came By; The Riddle of the Great Siberian Explosion*, Introduction by Isaac Asimov (Warner Books, Inc., 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10019, 1977), 158 pgs., \$1.95, paperback, photographs, appendices, bibliography].

Another recommended book is long-time UFO researcher Leonard H. Stringfield's *Situation Red, The UFO Siege!* In this work, the author cohesively brings into focus his years of research and offers some startling, original information. He describes his "duties" co-ordinating sighting reports for the Air Defense Command during the mid-1950s. Stringfield also discusses his own pre-Arnold sighting on August 28, 1945, near the South Pacific Island of Iwo

Jima, when three "teardrop-shaped objects" caused electro-magnetic (E-M) effects to his aircraft; the parapsychological connection, which the author indicates may require "macrocosmic thinking"; a 1974 case in Korea in which a UFO caused a Hawk missile site to be "melted down like lead toys"; an investigation by top investigator Raymond Fowler of a UFO and its dead occupant that allegedly crashed near Kingman, Ariz., on May 21, 1953; a report from Africa in which an alien object caused mass destruction on the ground, resulting in the death of a little girl; and fascinating details of the Kentucky abduction case of January 6, 1976. This readable opus is several notches above the general run of cut-and-paste jobs currently flooding the UFO newsstands.

[Leonard H. Stringfield, *Situation Red, The UFO Siege!* Foreword by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday & Co., Inc., 1977), 224 pgs., \$8.95, photographs, introduction, appendices].

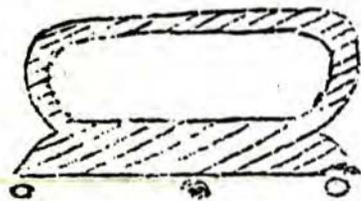
REPORTS FROM GREAT BRITAIN -- 1975-1976

Occupants; UFOs that caused physiological and E-M effects; objects that landed, left behind physical evidence, were photographed, caused animal reactions; another that swooped down toward a car and illuminated the area; a UFO that split in two and another that divided into three parts; an object that lit up a bedroom; another that hovered over a reservoir; others that emitted sounds; and a witness who experienced a time lapse are characteristics of sighting reports from England during 1975 and 1976. UFOR is indebted to Bryan M. Hartley, Flyde Aerial Phenomena & U.F.O. Research Group, various UFO organizations in the British Isles, including The Northern UFO Network (NUFON), BUFORA, MUFORA, NAPRA, NUFOIS, UFORA, and UFOSIS; and UFO investigators Ian Cresswell, Philip Hudson, Bill Muir, Jeff Porter, and Peter Warrington for this information.

The 1975 reports:

- January 5. 4:30 p.m. Uppermill. While playing, a young boy and girl observed an oval-shaped object with a yellow, flickering, rotating rim that emitted "a faint humming sound." It followed a railway viaduct, rose and shot up into the sky. Some older children were also witnesses.

- January 9. 6:45 p.m. Cheddleton-Leek, Staffordshire, area. While driving, two sisters observed "a dome with a flat underside and a large central window, brilliantly illuminated." (See sketch, below). It flew overhead, hovered, then landed in a field. Nearby, a plumber and his wife saw the same object pace their car, then land.



Sketch of UFO, Cheddleton-Leek, Staffordshire, England, January 9, 1975

(Courtesy: Northern UFO Network)

- January 14. 8:25 p.m. Moorside. Two girls spotted an oval-shaped UFO hovering over some rooftops. Then "it suddenly swooped down and came very close, presenting a distinct face-like shape with a steady green and flashing red light." The UFO rotated and rocked "gently to and fro." A minute later, "it moved upwards again and faded from view."

- May 18. 10 p.m. Rainhill. A UFO investigator, his wife and father-in-law observed "an object like three white tennis balls in triangular formation" that descended, flew over a barn, and disappeared. Rushing outside, the witnesses observed "a white glow" in a group of trees. It emitted "a faint humming noise." Then the glow disappeared. Some "bootprints" were discovered in a nearby duck pond. The prints "ended suddenly." Samples were taken for analysis, but were lost. In nearby St. Helens, a man said a blue disc streaked over his automobile.

- August 31. 8 p.m. Holmfirth, West Yorkshire. A service engineer, while driving, saw a white light as "big as a farmhouse" that was "shaped like a barrage balloon without fins." It appeared to create a "tunnel" through the mist. Then it moved toward the observer. The witness turned off his headlights. About 18 meters away, "the object turned slightly and crossed the road." It rose and barely cleared some wooden marker posts. The UFO "was framed across the road at this point." It was an estimated 7.5 meters long and wide and 4.5 meters high. The egg-shaped craft had a flat base and round, tapering edges. It looked "like a translucent plastic with a light inside it." The UFO slowly crossed the road, then followed the contours of the valley. Some sheep, one of wh...

was bleating loudly, followed the object. At the bottom of the valley, the flying craft accelerated and was lost from view behind some rocks. The witness said his ears "popped." He added he felt paralyzed and could not move his legs. The observer also reportedly experienced a 50-minute time lapse.

- September 22. 5:25 a.m. Emley Moor. A miner observed a bluish-white light that swooped down toward his car and illuminated the surrounding area. A few seconds later, the light faded and appeared to ascend. The miner picked up a friend, and both again saw the object as it rose and disappeared.

- October 8. 7 p.m. Wolverhampton. Two teenage girls saw a red, oval-shaped object about one-half mile to the south. It suddenly "began to split in two along a jagged edge," dimmed and changed its color to white. Then the two parts merged and reverted to red. It repeated the splitting and merging process once more before disappearing.

- October 10. 7 p.m. Shipley, West Yorkshire. A group of boys observed a red saucer that hovered over a reservoir. As the witnesses approached within 50 yards, "it just vanished into thin air."

- December 19. 7:50 a.m. and 2 p.m. Redditch. A yellow, stationary disc estimated to be twice the size of an airliner was seen by two men. The object moved to the southwest, "accelerating and banking to the sides as it did so," and disappeared in seconds. Later that afternoon, a photographer for the *Redditch Indicator* took five or six pictures of a similar UFO with his Nikon F35ml camera. The photos turned out "fuzzy."

The 1976 reports:

- July 21. Morning. Hucknall, Nottinghamshire. A woman observed a gold, spinning object "like two saucers stuck together spiral down from a cloud." About three minutes later, it sped away.

- August 16. 2:45 a.m. Skegness, Lincolnshire. Mandy Smith was awakened "by a noise like a generator humming" and a lightning-like flash. Looking outside, she spotted "a white mushroom-shaped light" with a pulsating glow, and "the noise was revving in time with the change of brightness." The huge light lit up her bedroom and illuminated nearby trees, which were also swaying. Then the UFO rose and "shot out to sea... within a second."

- August 22. Around midnight. Gateshead, Durham. A woman observed a black shape that "zoomed away" to the southwest "with a whooshing or sucking noise." It left "a red trail which faded instantly." Approximately 40 minutes later, the witness saw "a huge orange oval" flying toward the west.

- September 3. 9 p.m. Fencehouses, Curham. Two women spotted an oval-shaped object that landed. One of the observers approached and touched the UFO, and two small occupants with claw-like hands emerged from the craft. (No further details available).

- October 4. 8:30 p.m. Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. Some schoolboys saw various lights moving out of the moon and a star which suddenly started to move and follow an aircraft. Then the object split into three parts. Two of the parts rejoined.

- October 11. 7:40 p.m. Near Alstonefield, Derbyshire. Four family members spotted a triangular-shaped object, and "the two lower lights were flashing together, blue like a camera flash." The UFO hovered over Alstonefield, then turned south and disappeared in the distance.

- October 24. Gateshead, Durham. Two children, A and T (who requested anonymity), watched a platform-like object "with dim yellow lights and a central part projecting downwards with red lights." It "made a slight sucking noise" and accelerated toward the north. Returning to the house, A switched on his battery-operated tape recorder, but "the tape speeded up," the sound was garbled, and "the tape spilled out, splitting into pieces." The recorder had functioned perfectly before the sighting.

PILOT POLL ELICITS SIGHTING REPORTS

Percentage-wise, commercial pilots flying for a major U.S. airline have reported well over twice as many UFO sightings as the general population. Most believe there are intelligent entities in outer space and that the government should further study the UFO problem, but only about a quarter think saucers are spacecraft from somewhere other than earth. There are some general conclusions of a small poll conducted by Walter H. Greenawald, a mechanical engineer with 25 years experience in rocket engine research and development, who sent a copy of his "Airline Pilots and UFOs" report to UFOR.

Greenawald sent UFO questionnaires to about 170 airline pilots and elicited 24 responses. The average age of those queried was 51.3 years, and their flying times ranged from 6,000 to 33,000 hours.

Of those pilots who returned the questionnaire, 20.8% said they had made UFO sightings, and 74% believe in "outer space intelligence." Twenty-six percent think there is a 100% probability UFOs "are intelligently controlled spacecraft from some other planet"; 69.5% think there is a 10% probability; and only 4.5% said there is a 50% probability. More than half -- 56.5% -- believe "there are intelligent beings elsewhere in the universe"; 26% believe not; and 17.5% think it possible. Over a third -- 34.8% -- said one or more of their colleagues have publicly or privately reported seeing UFOs. Nearly two-thirds -- 63.5% -- stated the U.S. government should conduct an open UFO study.

"Pilots tend to support the ETI [extra-terrestrial intelligence] belief, but generally refuse to accept that an alien has arrived on this planet," the engineer concluded.

Greenawald added that one 44-year old pilot with 21,000 hours flying time was "100% convinced that some UFOs were alien spacecraft" and even "carried a loaded 35 mm camera in the cockpit -- just in case."

In his report, the rocket engineer gave some details on four different sightings by three of the pilots queried. In mid-1948, a 52-year old pilot and his co-pilot were flying at night 50 miles west of Phoenix, Ariz., when they spotted a white "cigar-shaped object" speeding toward the south. The UFO "appeared to hover, then disappear." Around two years later, the same respondee and his co-pilot were on a night trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, when they saw a green, "delta-shaped object" slowly heading west, south of the airport.

Around 1964, a 47-year old pilot with 16,000 hours in the air was flying at 37,000 feet altitude about 75 miles west of Allentown, Pa., when he observed a UFO that "appeared as a small moon."

"Several smaller objects seemed to fly into and away from the brightly lit object," the pilot reported. "Several other airline pilots in the area sighted the object... The object was viewed for about 10 minutes until we descended into the overcast. There appeared to be no way that the object could have been a reflection because the overcast was solid for at least 20,000'."

At about 9 p.m. during the summer of 1976, a 40-year old pilot with 7,000 hours flying time, enroute from Atlanta, Ga., to Cleveland, Ohio, spotted "two white lights."

"I watched them, initially thinking we might be overtaking traffic ahead," he said. "Although we did not appear to be gaining on the lights, the horizontal distance between them did increase, then decrease. Then one of them moved higher than the other, but the 'aircraft' did not appear to be turning. Then the lights disappeared."

The ground controller said there was no traffic ahead.

SIGHTING CAPSULES

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

- March 2, 1977. Evening. Berwick, Pa. Residents reported an object with three lights that stopped, emitted a light beam, moved and hovered over the Susquehanna River before slowly moving on. (Bloomsburg, Pa., *Press*, March 3, 1977).

- March 6, 1977. Around 7:30 p.m. Sutter, Calif. Wayne Dahling and others saw a round, "honeycombed" UFO that drifted west, "then returned to its first location." (Marysville, Calif., *Appeal-Democrat*, March 7, 1977).

- March 9, 1977. About 6:30 p.m. Wyandotte, Mich. An unidentified man watched a saucer with flashing lights around it and "a flickering red light on top" flying from south to north. (Wyandotte *Guardian News*, March 16, 1977).

- March 10, 1977. Approximately 11 a.m. Jonesboro, Tenn. Ralph Tanner spotted a solid cigar that emitted "a little noise," hovered, "then zipped back to its original spot, remained a couple of seconds and disappeared." (Johnson City, Tenn., *Press Chronicle*, March 10, 1977).

- March 10, 1977. 8:50 p.m. Fostoria, Ohio. Some women were driving when their "car radio went dead and they observed a cone-shaped glowing object in the sky." (Findlay, Ohio, *Courier*, March 12, 1977).

- March 10, 1977. Around 8 p.m. Indianapolis, Ind. Numerous witnesses saw "brilliant green flashes in the sky," according to the March 11, 1977, edition of *The Indianapolis Star*. (Possible explanation: meteor shower).