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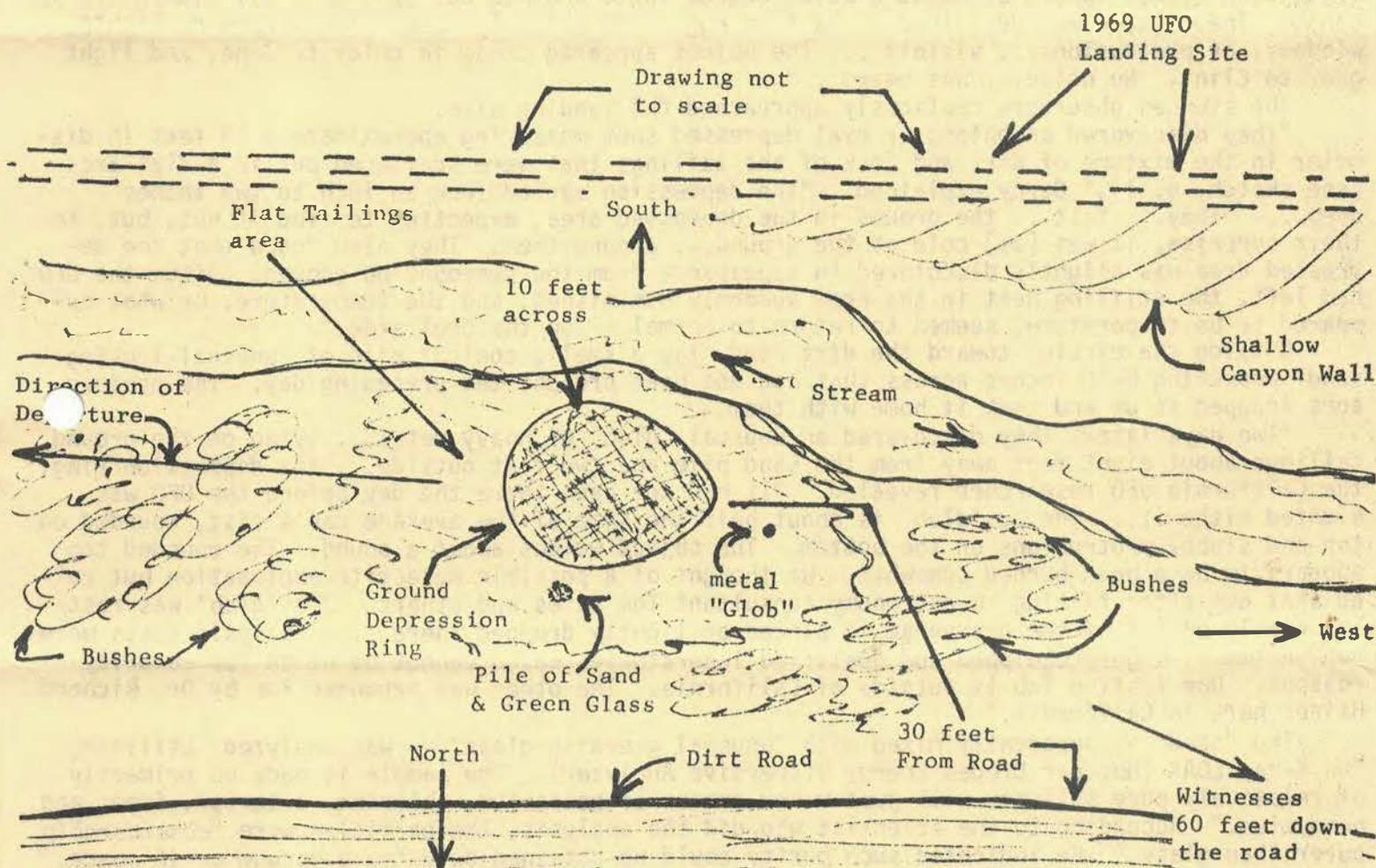
A REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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ALIEN "CLAIM JUMPERS" -- BIZARRE ENCOUNTERS

For Clinton and Jane Chapin, Redding, Calif., mining their hard-rock claim for gold -- as they have done for the past four decades -- is no longer a routine task in the rugged Trinity Mountains. Both are 75 years old and, after two encounters with UFOs that left them ill and produced some intriguing physical evidence results, they are undoubtedly wondering whether or not to abandon their life work and retire to civilized security.



Sketch of UFO Landing Site, Near Redding, Calif., October 30, 1969

(Courtesy: Paul Cerny)

"The mine location is in the bottom of a hilly wooded canyon with each side averaging about 45-degree slopes," stated Paul C. Cerny, Western States Regional Director, Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), in a report to UFOR. "The height to the top is approximately 3,000 feet from the canyon bottom where a small dirt road and stream share the base of the canyon. At the mine location the canyon bottom flattens out varying 50 to 80 feet in spots.... In summer it is very hot and dry. In the winter it gets quite cold with some snow and ice. In October it is bordering on the cold side."

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On October 30, 1969, the couple arrived at the mining site. As they slowed to a stop, they saw a rattlesnake in the middle of the road. Strange... They seldom saw the reptiles at that time of year. It is too cold. As they left the car, they "felt" the answer: "it was stifling hot... in this immediate area where back down the road farther, it had been quite chilly." Grabbing his shovel, Clint killed the snake. It was about 10 a.m.

"At this point they were both simultaneously aware of something moving in the brush about 60 feet away to the east and off to their right, where there was a flattened area of mine tailings," Cerny continued.

"Suddenly, an egg-shaped object with a flat bottom, about the size of a Volkswagen, rose up off the ground a few feet, then took off like a shot up the canyon, swaying but not striking small trees as it went. It raced up the canyon 600-700 feet, then zoomed upward at about a 50-60 degree angle and was out of sight, all within 2-3 seconds! The.. shape was described as half an egg... or slightly less. There were no lights, windows, or protrusions... visible... The object appeared cream in color to Jane, and light gray to Clint. No noise... was heard..."

The stunned observers cautiously approached the landing site.

"They discovered an oblong or oval depressed spot measuring approximately 10 feet in diameter in the mixture of dirt and rock of the tailings that were scattered out in a flat area [see sketch, p. 1]," Cerny explained. "The depression varied from an inch to two inches deep.... They... felt... the ground in the depressed area, expecting to find it hot, but, to their surprise, it was [as] cold as the ground... around them. They also found that the depressed area was slightly discolored in appearance from the surrounding ground. After the UFO had left, the stifling heat in the area suddenly diminished, and the temperature, or what appeared to be temperature, seemed to return to normal -- on the cool side."

Outside the circle, toward the dirt road, lay a small, conical pile of "unusual-looking sand" measuring 8-10 inches across that had not been present the preceding day. The prospectors scooped it up and took it home with them.

"Two days later, they discovered an unusual 'glob' of heavy metal... lying on the ground tailings about eight feet away from the sand pile and two feet outside... the depression ring," the California UFO researcher revealed. "It had not been there the day before the UFO was sighted either.... The... 'glob' is about half the size of the average man's fist, rounded on top and stubby protrusions on the bottom. The object weighs about a pound. The rounded top appears to have been burned somewhat. We thought of a possible meteorite explanation but ruled that out after talking to astronomy consultant Tom Gates and others. The 'glob' was resting gently on top of the ground as if placed or lightly dropped there.... Analysis tests were run in two... highly equipped and qualified laboratories which cannot be named for security reasons. One testing lab is outside of California. The other was arranged for by Dr. Richard Haines here in California."

The "sand" -- apparently mixed with "unusual greenish glass" -- was analyzed utilizing "an X-ray EDAX (Nuclear Diodes Energy Dispersive Analyzer). The sample is made up primarily of relatively pure silicon, with just minor traces of potassium, chlorine, titanium, iron, and neodymium." According to the scientist who did the analysis, the particles were "considerably purer than glass." He indicated such purity could be obtained only "in a vacuum or in space." Also, "he speculated that the energy applied to the particles would have had to be very great and very brief... The heating would have had to be very selective." This was "due to the very shallow depth nature of the scintering (melting)..." Chemical analysis of the glass is being conducted. The out-of-state scientist also said "the sand was not naturally formed. He felt there was a geological process of common minerals, composite of rock fragments, and manufactured materials involved. The sand contained the usual quantities of quartz fragments, feldspar, pyrite and magnetite, silt stone, sulfide, and volcanic components, but no mica. Three other items of unusual interest are the flakes of metallic gold, the nearly white scintered silicate which adhered to the green glass fragments, and the unusually pure pale green glass itself."

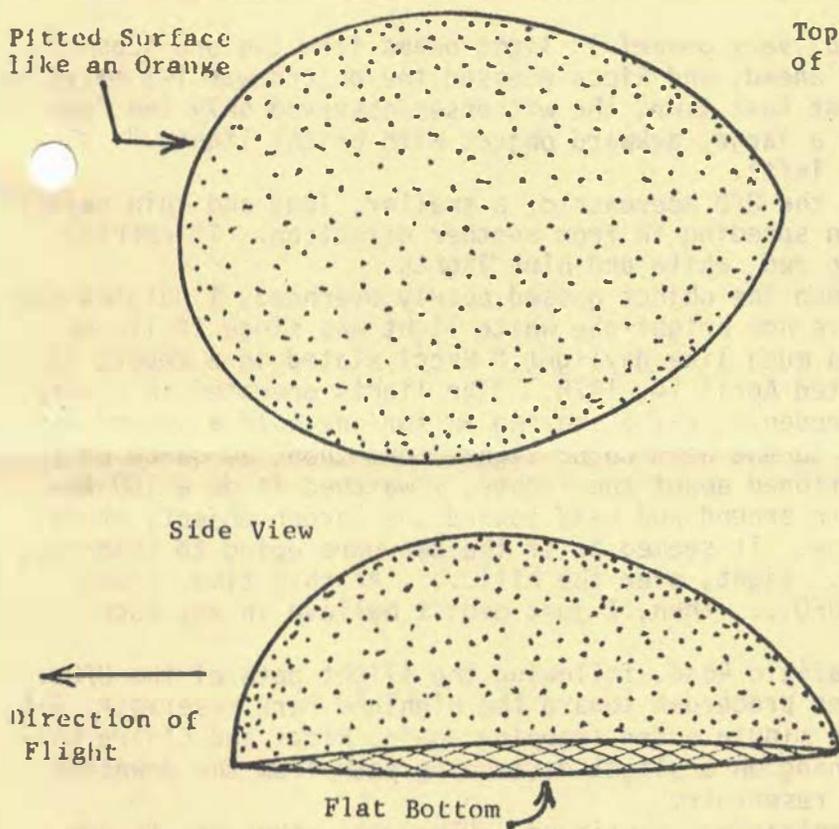
According to the analysis done on the metal "glob," it "contained mostly copper, then tin, and lesser amounts of iron, chrome, silver, thorium, and a small amount of silicon.... The main metals indicate the material may be brass. However, these minerals are also alien to the Chapin mining claim minerals with the exception of silver and iron. How it got there, and why, is an unsolved mystery."

Since the witnesses were reluctant to part with the "glob," it had to be drilled "to secure inner metallic chips for our analysis... The interior appears in all respects to resemble brass, but it is quite hard to drill and the chips are quite brittle, unlike ordinary brass." Analysis of the chips "was conducted by a skilled scientist in the metallurgic field using sophisticated laboratory analysis equipment and an electron microscope," producing "printouts of the X-ray fluorescence process."

Notations on the analysis stated: "The puzzling thing about the 'glob' of metal is the variety of metals all molded into one mass. For what purpose? Alloys are common but usually consist of just two or more metals of more equal amounts, not as many or the odd combination this specimen has.... The 'glob' appears to have been heavily plated in some sort of heavy plating bath as the exterior appears to be dull gunmetal colored.... Another odd thing about the metallic content of the 'glob' was that the greater percentage of the mass was copper, yet the assay of the minerals extracted from the mining operation itself indicates only .05% copper."

More than seven years after the first encounter, the Chapins were terrorized by the same or a similar UFO. At about 11 o'clock on the cold morning of December 29, 1976, the elderly couple left their car at the mine site and again felt some heat, but not nearly as intense as during the 1969 experience. Perhaps another UFO was in the area, they reasoned. As "Clint walked over to the wall area beyond the creek," Jane stood near the car, a .38 pistol strapped to her belt.

"Jane, bring the gun!" Clint yelled.



Top View of UFO
"EGG" SHAPED

Down stream -- in the brush and about 80 feet west of where the alien craft had rested seven years before -- was a UFO very similar to the earlier object "with the exception that this one seemed to have a pock-marked appearance to its surface similar to the exterior of an orange." (See sketches, left). Almost immediately, the craft rapidly ascended to 90-100 feet altitude and emitted "some sort of ray or force field."

Clint was apparently knocked back against the wall, striking his head as he fell. Jane crumpled to the icy road, "injuring her leg. The barrel of her gun was plugged with mud." The husband and wife team were unconscious for 12-15 minutes. As Jane regained consciousness and struggled to her feet, she discovered she was "drenched in her own urine, cold and wet!" The UFO had disappeared. The Chapins "painfully got into the car and slowly drove home to Redding."

Some time later, the couple examined the site, but discovered no physical evidence, indicating the object "may have been suspended slightly off the ground."

UFO Sketches, Top and Side Views, Near Redding, Calif., October 30, 1969

(Courtesy: Paul Cerny)

"The Chapins are very angry and intent on revenge for what the device did to them," Cerny reported. "They went so far as to plant a dynamite trap with a weight tripping gadget in hopes of blowing up the UFO if it came back. They were encouraged by the local sheriff to abandon this idea and remove the explosives in case some innocent person or large animal might accidentally trigger it off. The Chapins tend to blame their present poor health on the UFO.... Jane has a ruptured stomach membrane which she attributes to the incident. She lost 24 pounds from December to February."

On October 17, 1977, the Chapins "again experienced an indication of heat in the canyon at the mine site, saying they... got sick and vomited, but did not see any UFO."

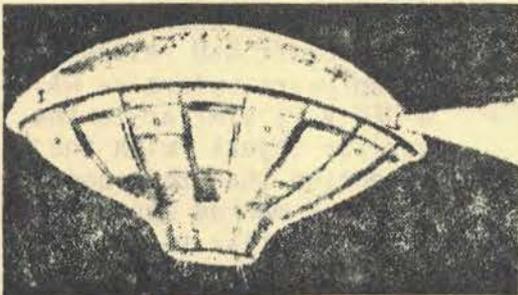
"A mysterious aspect has recently surfaced [in that] the Chapins said they were visited by some mysterious scientists who were highly interested in their experience and the mining materials, asking that their identities not be disclosed," Cerny concluded. "According to the Chapins, they were flown out of the state to an extensive laboratory facility where they were medically examined and treated in conjunction with their UFO experience and the mineral samples examined as well. However, the couple would not say where they were taken or by whom."

UFOR is indebted to Paul Cerny for his detailed report on this case. Eleanor Sanini and Louise Canning provided the transcribing and clerical assistance.

UFO LIGHT ILLUMINATES WITNESSES

Numerous UFO reports were logged from the Pittsburgh, Pa., area on the evening of March 1, according to first-hand information received by UFOR and the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

The main witnesses were Glenn A. Ricci and Claire A. Gallery. They were driving south on Fox Chapel Road just north of the city at about 10 o'clock on the unusually clear, star-filled evening when they observed "a large, bright light" approaching. Ricci pulled off the road and stopped the car. It was 10:05.



UFO Sketch, Pittsburgh, Pa.,
March 1, 1978

(Courtesy: Pittsburgh
Post-Gazette)

Two "very powerful" light beams from the UFO scanned the sky ahead, and Ricci guessed the object was 1-3 miles away. At that time, the witnesses observed only the "outline of a large, awkward object with bright lights." (See sketch, left).

As the UFO approached, a smaller, long and thin object was seen speeding in from another direction. It carried flashing red, white and blue lights.

"When the object passed nearly overhead, I pointed out to Claire how bright the white light was since it lit up the area much like daylight," Ricci stated in a report to UFOR dated April 14, 1978. "The lights operated in a very quick sequence, maybe staying on for one-half a second and then on to the next color light. And then, as quick as I had mentioned about the lights, I watched it do a 180-degree turn around and head toward the larger object, which,

by this time, was nearly directly ahead of us. It seemed as if the two were going to intercept each other, and they both then went out of... sight, over the hill.... At that time, I was very hesitant to acknowledge that it was a UFO... Then, I just didn't believe in any such things... I am a very skeptical person..."

Ricci started the car and drove up Delafield Road, following the flight path of the UFOs. They saw nothing at the top of the hill, then proceeded toward the Highland Park reservoir, 4-5 miles from downtown Pittsburgh. Less than a minute after stopping again, Ricci and Claire Gallery spotted the UFO a second time, approaching on a slight descending path from the downtown area. Then it stopped and hovered over the reservoir.

"It was huge," Ricci, an independent contractor, continued. "The only other way to describe it is massive. Its shape was... oval..., with the two front lights still scanning the skies. It just hung there nearly overhead."

The witnesses got a clear view of the underbelly of the metallic-appearing object. They observed what appeared to be steel grating.

"Do you think they are watching us?" Claire asked.

At that moment, the UFO emitted a bright light beam onto the witnesses.

"There was a definite outline of light around the car, as if it were a spotlight in a darkened room," Ricci explained. "The underbody appeared to have panels with light coming from behind them. There were also a few scattered lights (smaller ones) on the bottom. But in the middle of the ship... was a cylinder-type protrusion extending downward... Inside this cylinder were three triangular lights with their ends butted together, forming a fourth triangle in the middle and a fifth triangle overall. These lights were flashing -- one on, two off, then the next one on and the other two off and so on, continuously. We watched this object for about three minutes, and then it started to move, slowly at first, and then, all of a sudden, it was gone. It emitted a low bass-type sound..., similar to a turbine type of whine.... The smaller object sighted before had only a 'swish'-type sound -- probably because of its speed through the air."

The witness added "there were over 300 other calls pertaining to the object over Pittsburgh that night," and statements were taken from more than 140 additional witnesses by the UFO center.

LARGEST CONCENTRATED NEW ZEALAND FLAP REPORTED

What is reported to have been possibly the largest concentrated UFO flap in the history of New Zealand occurred during a three-month period, November, 1977-February, 1978. Sighting characteristics included occupants; a farmer who fired at a creature; an object that shook an automobile; another that caused physiological effects; and UFOs that were photographed, caused animal reactions, left behind physical evidence, landed, paced a car, emitted light beams and sounds and frightened witnesses. Most of the 50 or so reports occurred in the Waimata Valley, not far from Wellington.

At times, sightings were being reported with such frequency around Gisborne that exact dates became obscured in a maze of confusion. Some of these reports include:

- A farmer was awakened early one morning by "the sound of dogs barking." He saw a UFO resting on the ground. A humanoid-like occupant reportedly attempted to abduct one of his dogs, so the witness fired at the entity. One report said the creature was hit and "staggered" to his craft, which took off.

- Around 7:00 one evening, an unidentified witness observed a humanoid "about four feet nine inches tall, wearing a metallic silver suit and bright red, illuminated boots" near Manders Road.

- One of a group of six witnesses snapped three color shots of a UFO that "rose from behind a tree, hovered and then climbed into the sky" early in February. The object emitted "brilliant green, red and orange lights."

- At around the same date -- approximately 1 a.m. -- Leo Penno was fishing off the Plimerton coast when he saw an object that "scared the hell out of me." The UFO emitted a soft, clear light that caused "a light tingling" in his head. As the object approached the coast, "a colony of sea birds flew up, in a very disturbed state." The lights from the object went out, then came back on as it ascended. A purple light "flashed off and on" as the mysterious craft, believed to have been approximately 40 feet in diameter, disappeared over a hill.

Additional reports with more specific dates are listed below in capsule form, with all known and pertinent details intact:

- November 10. The wife of a farmer "saw a blue, red and green object in the sky."
- November 21. Another farmer's wife observed "a mother ship and scout ships" -- described as "a bright light in the sky with smaller lights around it."
- November 28. 5:15 p.m. Gisborne Airport. Businessman W.A. Smith watched "a silver object that shone like a mirror," then "turned on its side and disappeared." The UFO was "slightly oval-shaped" and "roughly the size of a medium-sized aircraft." It was at about 2,000 feet altitude.

- November 29. An anonymous witness called the local Aerial Phenomena Research Group (APRG) to report an object "had landed in a paddock." Investigators found no physical evidence, but one member of the group did make a sighting: "To my left, about 500 feet away, there was a disc-shaped object hovering. It was blue, green and red and, as I watched, it came towards me and emitted a blue light which hit a dead tree for about seven seconds. The tree lit up in all the colours of the spectrum. The craft then moved about 50 feet to one side, hovered for a couple of minutes and swooped around the back of a hill, where it hovered

for a while.... I was a bit frightened, but excited... The craft was about 30 feet across, 15 feet high, red on top, blue in the middle and green on the bottom. All the animals in the area ran to the bottom of the hill as fast as they could."

- November 30. 11 p.m. Manders Road area, Waimata Valley. Five hunters watched an object that swooped over the area at an estimated 1,000 feet altitude.
- December 3. Waimata Valley Road. Miss S.J. McLeish and three others spotted a brilliant yellow object that hovered, then "shot straight up into the sky."
- December 6. 1:15 p.m. Waimata Valley Road. A UFO was seen "hovering over the road." Then it quickly rose and disappeared.
- December 6. 6:40 p.m. Back Ormand Road. A UFO paced a woman's car, then "sped off" toward the valley.
- December 6. Around 7:35 p.m. Near Tatapouri. Three witnesses claimed an object also paced their car and "sped off" into the valley.
- December 6. Matawhero. A witness said a UFO hovered over Willows Road, then accelerated and sped toward Young Nick's Head.
- December 8. 7:40 p.m. As a woman watched, a red object flew toward the valley. A second, blue UFO joined it, and both "disappeared into the valley."
- December 9. 3 a.m. Wainui. A man reported seeing an object "traveling at high speed from the sea, in the general direction of Waimata Valley."
- December 13. 11:45 p.m. Patutahi. Two witnesses observed two brilliant, red, blue and green UFOs speed over a house "at high speed at a height of about 500 feet."
- December 27. 9:30 p.m. Near Lytton Road. Two APRG members and three others observed "a bright object." Thirty minutes later, they saw "a rectangular object, the shape of a neon tube, light up the sky." At about 10:30, one of the group watched "a bright object over the bay which vanished as it hovered."
- January 6. 9 p.m. Anaura Bay. Two campers observed "a bright, silver, bone-shaped object pass by them... as close as 30 metres." The unknown craft emerged from a cloud, "trailing a shower of sparks."
- January 11. Around midnight. Palmerston North. Mrs. E.M. Philip saw "a brilliant light... extend from right to left to form a tube or brilliant bar shape. It grew to about 1m in length on an upward elevation." Then the white object "flashed brilliantly, swelling in form to a near kite shape." Next, it "returned to the bar shape..., retracted back to a spot light source," and "went out."
- January 15. About 9:30 p.m. Waipaoa. Miss L.J. Ensor and five others observed an oval-shaped, orange-red UFO that moved erratically "backwards and forwards and up and down." It appeared to approach the witness, then disappear.

Object Leaves Physical Evidence

- January 19. Waimata Valley. A man said he saw a UFO resting on a hillside. Investigators "found a large, burned off area, approximately kidney shape, 40 feet long and wide, and 20 feet across the middle.... The ground was covered by dead manuka, burned on the outside, dehydrated in the middle but still standing. Parts of the wood were evenly scarred as if subjected to intense heat. The earth... was burnt black and there was no sign of grass. The fern growth at the extremities was not affected."
- January 19. 9:30 p.m. Waimata Valley. Mr. and Mrs. P.R. Wallace, another couple and their children, observed a brilliant UFO that shone a light beam "several hundred yards across the valley and the object hovered, then disappeared behind the trees." The UFO repeated this maneuver three times. It was small, egg-shaped, "glowing orange and giving off a white light."
- January 19. Approximately 11:15 p.m. Gisborne. Witnesses saw "a small white light" that turned "in a W-shaped curve, repeating this maneuver twice before heading to sea."
- January 24. Early morning. Te Heparu. A clerk reported she was awakened by the light from "about 16 round, shiny metallic objects, with blue-black centers and thin shiny outer rings, hanging together like a bunch of grapes in a geometric V formation." The UFOs were huge -- "the size of dinner plates held at arm's length." The strange group undulated, "appearing to move backwards and forwards in line." About 10 minutes later, the UFOs disappeared.

● February 2. About 5:10 a.m. Waimata Valley Road. Irene White and two friends -- one an APRG member -- observed a large, brilliant object that emitted a loud hum and passed only 10-12 feet over their car. It emitted "orange light like spotlights" and was twice the size of an automobile. The witnesses' car shook as the UFO passed over, then, with a "continuous roar," flew up the valley.

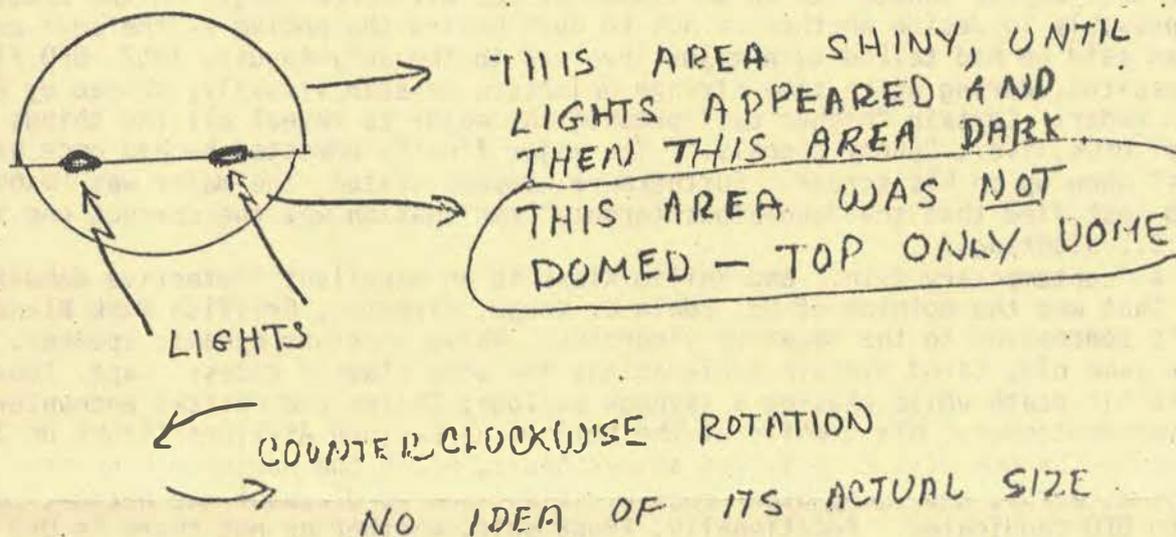
● February 8. At 9:30 p.m., two men in the valley saw "a large oblong object about the size of a bus spinning along the ridge line giving off white and red lights." At about the same time, two witnesses in Elgin "heard a low humming noise coming from above a willow tree." They observed "a large 30-foot disc-shaped object giving off a yellow light" only about 60 feet above the ground. An hour later, 10 witnesses on Gray's Bush Hill "noticed four blue lights in the sky with a white light jumping from one to another." Meanwhile, six people "noticed beams of light streaming across the valley. There were five blue lights surrounded by misty lights with a green light flashing on and off." At 10:50, they observed "two objects fly over Kaiti, then drop dramatically into the city."

UFOR is indebted to Mrs. Idabel Epperson, Los Angeles, for supplying us with information on these sightings.

(Sources: *The Gisborne Herald*, December 17, 1977, January 19 and 26, February 2 and 11, 1978; *Palmerston Evening Standard*, January 13, 1978; and *Sunday Times*, February 12, 1978).

ADDITIONAL WITNESS IN CONNECTION WITH HALLSTROM CASE

A round UFO with two bright lights along a center band was seen by a witness only 10 minutes later and about 12 miles away from the sighting location of Floyd P. Hallstrom. (See sketch, below).



Sketch of UFO by Mel Smith, Downey, Calif., January 1, 1978

(Courtesy: Dennis Leatart)

While flying over Santa Monica, Calif., at 1:07 p.m., January 1, Hallstrom, piloting a Cessna 170A, observed an object with a large dome and portholes. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. V, No. 11, p. 1). The strange craft disappeared toward the Hollywood Hills.

Ten minutes later -- in nearby Downey -- Mel Smith saw a ball-shaped UFO at an estimated 20,000 feet altitude.

"It was rotating in a slow counterclockwise motion...", Smith related in a letter dated February 13, 1978, to Dennis Leatart, investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO). "I could detect a dark area... and this dark area displayed [two] lights, similar to... automobile lights."

After 45-60 seconds, the object picked up speed and vanished toward Beverly Hills.

UFOR wishes to thank Idabel Epperson for this information.

HYNEK FEATURED ATTRACTION AT LOS ANGELES UFO MEET

It was hot and sweltering in Los Angeles on May 13, and electric fans began working overtime as people jammed into the small Memorial Branch Library for a five-hour discourse on "Is Anybody Out There...? Venture Into the World of UFOs." The admission was free, excluding the price of one's senses being bombarded with literature ranging from the serious to the ridiculous, a few members of the audience who claimed they knew the secret of the saucers, posters proclaiming equal rights for extraterrestrials, and, even, the results of a UFO short story and poetry contest with certificates, *Star Wars* albums and the like as prizes.

Fortunately, however, what was crammed between the rather flamboyant covers revealed a sober, sometimes even enlightening, look at the subject, with special guest star Dr. J. Allen Hynek comprising the most popular chapter.

Adrian Vance, author of *UFOs, the Eye and the Camera* and West Coast editor of *Popular Photography*, opened the program with his conclusion "that UFOs are not of this world in some cases and not of this time in others." He added that some of the many people who disappear every year "may have gone on a trip of a different kind" -- aboard a UFO. Vance also does not feel UFOs are all that low on the scientific totem pole. Science has ignored very important ideas for hundreds or thousands of years. In 1897, for instance, electricity was finally accepted as a workable, viable concept -- some 4,500 years after the idea was apparently first expounded.

The second speaker was a tall, imposing image of sobriety. Floyd P. Hallstrom admitted he was no public speaker and "would rather face a UFO than this crowd," but his nervousness was well concealed and his delivery fresh as he held the audience for 45 minutes describing his sighting over Santa Monica. The corroborating witness -- Mel Smith -- shouted from the balcony that he was present to back up the highly experienced pilot. (See previous story).

Lt. Col. Robert F. Bowker (USAF-Ret.), local field investigator for MUFON, offered himself as a target in case anyone wanted "to throw stones at the Air Force [AF]." After pausing momentarily -- possibly to decide whether or not to duck behind the podium -- the self-assured, ex-military man said he had talked to a major involved in the July-August, 1952, UFO flap over the nation's capitol, during which time strange objects were seen visually, chased by AF pilots, and tracked on radar. Certain "higher ups" pressed the major to reveal all the things that could "show up" UFOs, i.e., "phony signals." The major finally admitted he had once had "anomalous targets" show up on his screen. Furthermore, Bowker stated, the major was "made to warp the facts" and testified that the "anomalous targets" explanation was the correct one for the Washington, D.C., sightings.

UFOs are a "contemporary myth," and Philip Klass is an excellent "detective debunker" of the subject. That was the opinion of Dr. Edwin C. Krupp, director, Griffith Park Planetarium, the afternoon's concession to the negative viewpoint. While a rather dynamic speaker, Krupp reiterated the same old, tired classic explanations for some classic cases: Capt. Thomas Mantell crashed to his death while chasing a skyhook balloon; Chiles and Whitted encountered a bolide meteor over Montgomery, Ala., while at the helm of an Eastern Airlines flight on July 24, 1948; and Betty and Barney Hill experienced auto-kinesis, while the Marjorie Fish star map "is a fraud." Plasma, birds, and "many other possibilities, not to discount the hoaxes," are additional Kruppian UFO candidates. Additionally, Krupp said, whether or not there is UFO evidence is "beside the point," but there is a phenomenon.

Latecomers began jockeying for seats as Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), began his presentation. While the technical adviser on *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* would probably not win any major public speaking contests and what he had to say revealed nothing essentially new, his rather modest, somewhat captivating demeanor lent weight to his stature as the nation's foremost UFO expert. He hinted that UFOs may signal the beginning of a scientific revolution, with "daylight discs" comprising the best evidence. Hynek revealed that astronaut Deke Slayton had seen a UFO and that the number of physical evidence reports had now climbed to 1,189.

The other speakers were Dr. Alvin Lawson, director of the Orange County (Calif.) UFO report line, and Ann Druffel, project coordinator, Skynet. Idabel Epperson was a driving force behind organizing the Hollywood Young Adult Librarians program.

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