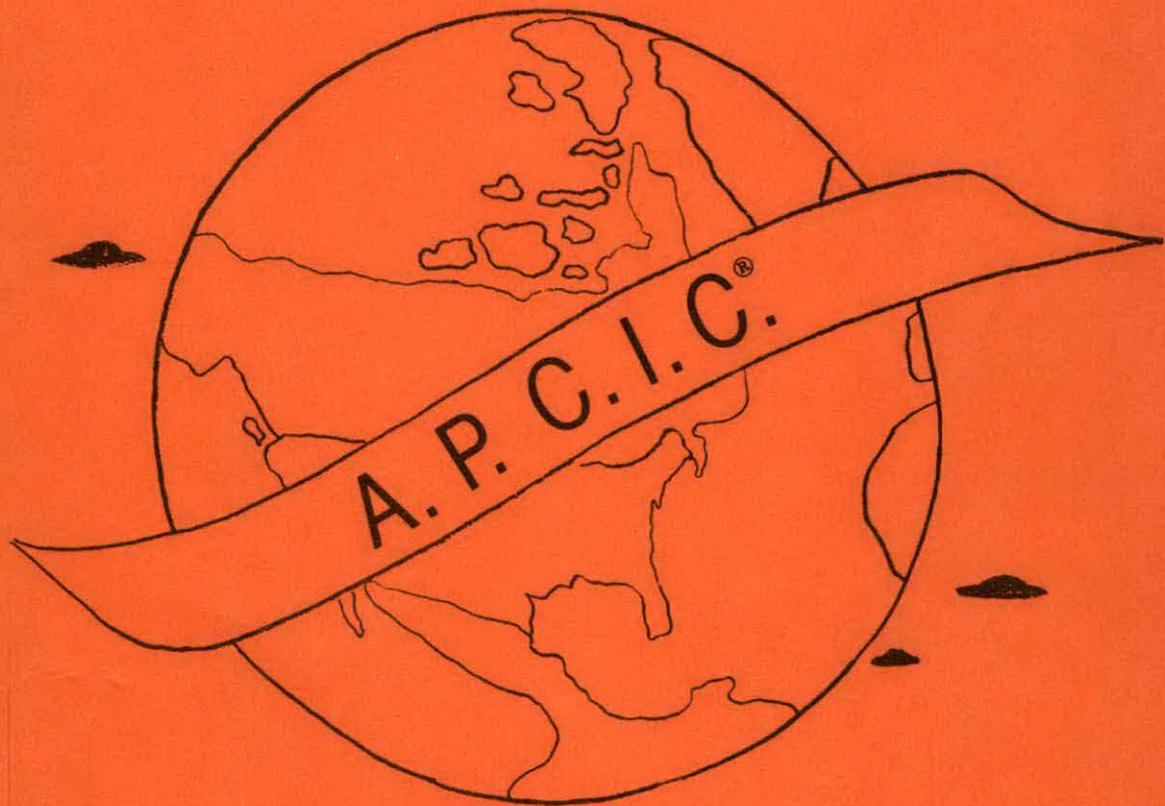


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Are we someone else's UFO?

By BRUCE KUECK
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

Unidentified Flying Objects are (A) ours, (B) theirs, (C) somebody else's (part of the Martian Air Force, maybe?) or (D) nobody else's (imagination).

None of the above, says Brad Steiger, who has managed to find a black hole somewhere between A and D that is large enough to hold a few more theories about this otherwise well-worn subject.

"As many as 30 million Americans have seen what they believe was a UFO," said Steiger, an author and professional lecturer, as he leaned back in a chair in Stouffer's Riverfront Towers lobby and promoted his latest books: "Gods of Aquarius: UFOs and the Transformation of Man" and "Project Blue Book," both of which were released during November.

THE MORE thought-provoking of the two, "Gods of Aquarius," is an \$8.95, 264-page, hardbound book that is available from Harcourt, Brace and Jovanovich. Emphasizing Steiger's and other persons' current theories about UFOs, the book has already had a 10,000-copy press run.

"Project Blue Book," the \$1.95, 423-page paperback that is available from Ballantine Books, which has already pressed 385,000 copies, is concerned with the documents gathered during the U.S. Air Force's investigation by the same name.

As one might expect from a man who makes his living pushing UFO materials and who has been author or co-author of over 50 books, most of which are works in the metaphysical-paranormal field, Steiger claims to have seen several UFOs himself.

SUCH A claim seems mild, though, compared to the other things Steiger says — in the first chapter of "Gods of Aquarius" — he has seen: "Ghostly materializations ... authentic seance manifestations ... ethereal music, disembodied voices, and the sounds of a host of unidentifiable things going bump in the night." All that, plus his own private multidimensional "elf."

By claiming to have seen one of the wee people, Steiger seems to be dangling from one of humanity's loose ends, but he may be ahead of most of the world when it comes to interpreting what the other 29 million-plus UFO spotters claim they have seen.

The fact that UFOs are not intelligence-gathering, military or research vehicles belonging to either the United States or any other major country should be obvious, said Steiger, seated with his back to a picture window and an appropriate background of winter constellations.

"If they were (judging from the erratic motions and startling acceleration rates reported by many UFO-spotters), the crews would pour out like gravy," said Steiger, discounting theories A and B.

THAT UFOs ARE FIGMENTS OF the imagination is also rejected out of hand by Steiger, since as he points out, UFOs can be tracked by radar.

In addition, Steiger points out that all types of persons have seen UFOs.

"The reason it's not really news is because it's the same experience over and over again," said Steiger, emphasizing the regularity of sightings and noting that March of 1977 is the next time the number of UFO reports is expected to increase on a world-wide basis.

"I do not dogmatically rule out the extraterrestrial hypothesis, but I do lean

toward the theory that UFOs may be our neighbors right around the corner in another space-time continuum," adds Steiger, a former secondary- and college-level teacher, in "Gods of Aquarius."

"FOR ALL we know, we may be the UFOs in their time framework," said Steiger, who added that he believes UFO sightings may involve creatures much like man.

Although such beings are normally invisible to humans, they do, at times, become visible in our world (just as we become visible in theirs) because of the interaction or overlapping of the forces that control life.

The process, Steiger said, would be similar to the "ghost image" phenomenon that occurs when the transmission signal of one television station is picked up on the wavelength of another.

Such a theory, Steiger says, explains why, in those cases where people claim to have stood face-to-face with UFO creatures, the beings have often seemed to be as surprised as were the humans.

Such a theory does not explain, however, why some people see what they interpret to be elves, fairies, genies, leprechauns, goblins, sprites and little green men, most of which have been "popular in all cultures throughout history," said Steiger.

For an explanation of such phenomena Steiger turns to a theory expressed by writers Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman, who suggest that mankind's psychic needs conjure up visions including UFOs.

IS STEIGER suggesting then, that UFOs are real only because they are somehow

brought to life in people's minds?

Yes and no, or so the confusing web of theory and hypothesis suggests.

In "Project Blue Book" Steiger notes that he believes "Intelligences have the ability to influence the human mind telepathically in order to project what may appear to be three-dimensional images to the witnesses of UFO activity. The image seen may depend in large part upon the preconceptions which the witness has about alien life forms, and thus our reported accounts of occupants run the gamut from Bug-Eyed Monster types to Little Green Men to Meta-physical Space Brothers."

Steiger states in "Gods of Aquarius" that "we may be dealing with an intelligence that has a physical structure so totally unlike ours that it presents itself in a variety of guises, and at times employs invisibility, materialization, and dematerialization in order to accomplish its goal of communication with our species."

Steiger feels that such timeless, archetypal, instantly recognizable "constructs" as elves and UFOs have a message relevant to the human observer.

WHAT IS the UFO trying to tell us in 1976?

According to Clark and Coleman, whom Steiger quotes in his hardbound release:

"Man is on the brink of catastrophe because our age has denied him the capacity for belief in the magical and the wonderful. It has destroyed the mystical, nonrational elements which traditionally tied him to nature and his fellows. It has emphasized rationality to the exclusion of intuition, equations to the

exclusion of dreams, male to the exclusion of female, machines to the exclusion of mysteries."

"I am also convinced that there is a subtle kind of symbiotic relationship which exists between mankind and the UFO intelligences," comments Steiger in "Project Blue Book." "I think that in some way, which we have yet to determine, they need us as much as we need them.

"I THINK they have a strongly vested interest in this planet because they live here, too," added the Decorah, Iowa lecturer.

One more thing UFOs may be trying to tell us, suggests Steiger, is that we need to change our ideas about space travel.

"We need to learn how to avoid space rather than how to go through it," he said, basing his statement on the belief that UFOs are able to reach speeds unobtainable by conventional aircraft because "they aren't going through space. They're leaving it.

"You know," added Steiger, 40, a tall, well-groomed father of four children, "we may be witnessing the birth of a new mythology. We may be moving toward a transforming era in our history when the UFO becomes a symbol that is continually pulling mankind into the future. The UFO could be the harbinger of our religion in 2001.

"If that happens," added Steiger, "we would be the gods of a new age. We would not be as we are now, but would be more than we are now."

Fallen object creates A-pond

WAKEFIELD, N.H. — (UPI) — Something mysterious — and reportedly radioactive — fell into a pond on William and Dorothy McCarthy's farm, and townspeople say they have been ordered to keep what little they know to themselves.

Witnesses report instruments detected a high level of radioactivity from the object. Reports from persons who did not want to be named said the object fell from the sky Monday night and crashed into the ice-covered pond.

"They told us there's probably nothing the matter, but not to let the horses drink from the pond," Mrs. McCarthy said.

Some of those interviewed said the mysterious object smashed a hole three feet across through the ice and then sank beneath mud, water and ice.

"I don't know really what to do," Mrs. McCarthy said, "because I just got a call from (state) Assistant Attorney General Greg Smith telling me to keep quiet."

State Police and representatives of the

State Attorney General's Office and Governor's Office have swarmed over the scene, and a Wakefield police spokesman said outsiders have been barred from coming onto the farm.

Administration sources in Washington said the New Hampshire National Guard planned to try to drain the pond today.

Dozens of townspeople in Wakefield, a rural hamlet of 1400 near the Maine border, said they had been ordered by officials not to discuss the object.

"You won't get anything out of anyone in town," a local businesswoman said. She said the secrecy order came from "higher up than the local police." Asked if it came from the Governor's office, she replied, "I'd rather not say."

Jean Peavy, a Wakefield secretary, said she was told by the police chief not to say anything. "All I know is when it was discovered, and I don't even dare say that," Miss Peavy said.

The size of the object, what it is and where it came from were matters of intense local speculation.

Witnesses who asked not to be identified said they could see through a three-foot wide hole in the clear ice to an apparently black object settling into mud at the bottom of the pond.

Witnesses said preliminary readings with sophisticated instruments showed radioactivity hundreds of times above normal for radioactive fallout from distant nuclear explosions.

Later tests showed only normal background radiation. Some officials said the object might have been settling into the mud, which with water and a new layer of ice provided a shield for the radiation.

A Pentagon spokesman in Washington said its only information was that the New Hampshire National Guard had asked the North American Air Defense Command whether any artificial satellites had fallen from orbit into the area.

HIGH PLAINS JOURNAL
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One of our readers asked me, "Why didn't you carry a big story on the flying saucers being sighted night after night down in Comanche county?"

If "news" is something out of the ordinary, the flying saucers — wherever they are sighted — make a big story, it's true. I told him, however, "The High Plains Journal is an agricultural publication, and for every story that appears in the Journal we should ask, 'Is it agricultural or of prime interest to agriculture in our area?'"

He took my answer in stride, and commented, "Then you think the flying saucers story is just a bunch of B.S.?"

Which only left room for me to say, "Well, if you put it that way, it might be considered agricultural!"

All of which gives you some ideas of the problems confronting an editor.

UFO story leaves him starry-eyed

Several Tappan residents spotted what they thought was an unidentified flying object Saturday night, but Orangetown police could not confirm their report.

Anthony Russo Jr. of 18 Wayne Lane, said he, his brothers, mother and friends all watched a round object hover in the sky for several hours. He said they contacted the Rockland County Almanac office in New City to inform observers there of the sighting.

"It was blinking red, white and green," Russo said. "It appeared to be a star, but I knew it wasn't."

A spokesman for the Rockland County Almanac could not be reached for comment, but Orangetown Patrolman Arthur Kanning visited Russo and friends after they had called police headquarters.

Sgt. J. P. Snyder acknowledged Kanning had written a report of the incident.

"The officer saw nothing but stars in the sky," he said.

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Visit by 'spacemen' gains more credence

By ALLEN SPRAGGETT

One of the most intriguing scientific mysteries is enshrined in a special issue of "Astronomy" magazine called "The Zeta Reticuli Incident."

In this unique — for it is just that — edition of a reputable scientific journal a group of prominent astronomers and space scientists examine seriously the question:

Was Earth visited 15 years ago by spacemen from planets orbiting a pair of stars known as Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli?

As the special issue of "Astronomy" puts it:

"A faint pair of stars, 220 trillion miles away, has been tentatively identified as the home base of intelligent extraterrestrials who allegedly landed on Earth in 1961.

"This hypothesis is based on a strange, almost bizarre series of events, mixing astronomical research with hypnosis, amnesia and alien humanoid creatures."

The Zeta Reticuli mystery started on Sept. 19, 1961 when Betty and Barney Hill of Portsmouth, N.H. were driving home from a vacation in Canada and saw a UFO.

What happened next has become fairly well known through reports in a book and magazine articles and a television movie based on the case.

In brief, Betty and Barney Hill claimed to have been taken aboard the UFO, subjected to physical examinations by four-foot tall human-like spacemen, and then released after being told that they would not remember what had transpired.

Two years after the incident, the Hills both sought psychiatric help from Boston's Dr. Benjamin Simon. Both complained of strange nightmares and anxieties centering on two hours in their lives which they couldn't remember

Hypnotizing the Hills separately, Dr. Simon pierced the amnesia and elicited from both essentially the same bizarre story of their abduction by spacemen.

Under deep hypnosis, Betty even drew a "star map" which she claimed the commander of the UFO showed her, indicating two stars as those around which orbited the home planets of the UFOs.

This map, drawn by Betty Hill under hypnosis, is the basis of the scientific community's interest in her story. You see, research by an Ohio school teacher, Marjorie Fish, indicates that Betty Hill's star map is a highly accurate drawing of a particular section of the sky and includes data not available in 1964 when the map was sketched.

In fact, Marjorie Fish's research went on from 1968 to 1973, and when it wasn't until new data turned up in the 1969 edition of a scientific publication astronomers called the "Gliese catalog" that the research zeroed in on Zeta 1 and 2 Reticuli as the "home base" stars depicted by Betty Hill.

The special edition of "Astronomy" magazine says: "The pattern discovered by Marjorie Fish has an uncanny resemblance to the map drawn by Betty Hill."

Moreover, the two stars involved are relatively close to the earth, in cosmic terms, and are believed by astronomers to be very similar to our sun, so that they might well be orbited by Earth-like planets.

The special edition, "The Zeta Reticuli Incident," contains commentary on Marjorie Fish's discovery by a number of astronomers and space scientists.

Walter Mithcell, professor of astronomy at Ohio State University, said: "The more I examine (Betty Hill's map) the more I am impressed by the astronomy involved in Marjorie Fish's work."

David R. Saunders, a statistics expert at the Industrial Relations Centre of the University of Chicago, estimated the odds against a close match between Betty Hill's map and an actual star pattern as 1,000 to 1. He takes the Hill case very seriously.

Some scientists are more skeptical. Dr. Carl Sagan of Cornell University dismisses the similarities between the map and Zeta Reticuli as coincidence. But other scientists, in published rejoinders, strongly disagree with him.

The Betty Hill star map: Evidence of a recent visit by humanoids from planets orbiting Zeta 1 and 2 Reticuli? Or a crazy coincidence?

It's part of the unexplained. //

advice/□□

Q. Have there been any reports of flying saucers spotted lately in the vicinity of this continent?

—R.M., Levittown

A. It happens on an average of seven times a day, according to a spokesman for the Center for UFO Studies. Results of a recent Gallup Poll, the spokesman said, have shown that 15 million Americans have sighted what they think are UFOs at one time or another. Those reported to the center are turned over to investigators throughout the country, and as many as 95 per cent are found to be the result of atmospheric distortions or meteorologic phenomena. Of the remaining sightings, about 3 per cent can be explained satisfactorily with slightly more investigative work, usually involving the Air Force. The remaining 2 per cent cannot be identified, and although the center does not make any official hypothesis, it states that the phenomena do exist and involve a theory of extraterrestrial life, and are not solely limited to the physical sciences. The center has been in existence for three years, it is funded by private donations and is under the direction of J. Allen Hynek, director of sciences at Northwestern University (it has no connection with the university). Hyneck was a consultant for the Air Force Project Blue Book, begun in 1948, to find out if UFOs posed any threat to national security. It was determined that there was no threat and the project was discontinued several years ago.

*****THE PORT ARTHUR NEWS*****
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NEWSDAY, GARDEN CITY, N.Y.
*****12/21/76*****

DAVID DIETZ

Mirages can play strange tricks

The strange behavior of lights in the sky that makes witnesses certain that they are seeing flying saucers is exactly the reason that scientists are certain they are seeing nothing of the kind.

Meteorologists and physicists have long understood the tricks which mirages can play. Mirages, as you may know, are caused by the refraction or bending of light rays by layers of air of different temperatures and density.



When the air immediately above the ground is hotter than the air above it, it acts like a gigantic mirror. When you look ahead, your line of sight is bent upwards. Instead of seeing objects ahead, you see the sky.

This is the explanation of the common experience of thinking you are seeing water ahead on a concrete road on a summer day. Actually you are seeing a reflection of the sky.

At night, headlights of autos may be reflected into the sky, appearing to an observer as moving lights in the sky. Their apparent motions may be highly erratic.

The National Geographic Society tells of a church congregation which gathered on a Wyoming hill, waiting for their minister to conduct a sunrise service.

Suddenly they saw him above the horizon, driving his car through the clouds. It wasn't a miracle. It was just a mirage.

The most famous and expensive mirage on record led to an expedition which cost the American Museum of Natural History \$300,000.

In 1913 the museum sent Commander Donald MacMillan to explore Crocker Land which Admiral Robert E. Peary had previously reported in the Arctic.

But MacMillan could not find it where Peary's charts showed it. Finally the tall mountains of the new land were sighted. But when the sun set, the mountains disappeared. Peary had discovered a mirage.

On several occasions residents of the Atlantic resort town of Rehoboth, Del., saw an upside down panorama in the sky of Cape May, N.J., 18 miles away.

UFO sighted

MELITA (Special) — Once again a UFO (unidentified flying object) has been spotted in the skies over Melita.

Two local residents, Frank Warsaba and Bill Russell, reported seeing a flashy bright-colored object approximately three feet long flying in a straight line from east to west over Melita at midnight on Oct. 28.

The last time a UFO was reported at Melita was in October, 1969, when RCMP Constable G. R. Gratton spotted a bright object in the sky.

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A-pond is ruled 'clean' but confusion remains

By BRENDA W. ROTZOLL

WAKEFIELD, N. H. — (UPI) — State officials say there is nothing radioactive in farmer William McCarthy's pond, but McCarthy would still like to know why thick ice on his pond turned to slush despite a blizzard and 5 degree temperatures.

Gov. Meldrim Thomson yesterday dismissed rumors that a highly radioactive object had fallen from the sky into the pond Monday. He said initial readings of high radioactivity near a hole in the ice-covered pond resulted because the instruments were faulty or malfunctioned in the extreme cold.

There was some official confusion on whether there was any object at all.

Col. Leon Parker of the State Adjutant General's Office said "We know some object dropped into the farmer's pond."

But Thomson's office last night said investigators "found no evidence of any foreign object in the small pond."

McCarthy's son, Thomas, 26, said his parents, who raise saddle horses outside Wakefield, a township of

1400, contacted authorities after looking at the 150-foot-long, solidly frozen pond Monday and witnessing a strange phenomenon.

"The whole pond started to melt and it was five degrees," the younger McCarthy said.

"There was a hole right in the ice. The first day it was 16 or 18 inches across. The whole pond turned to slush. There was another small hole 50 feet away, linked by a crack in the ice," he said.

He said he didn't know what the first reading on radioactivity was Monday when the police called state authorities, but "It registered enough to get them going."

Thomson said Jack Stanton of the Radiation Control Agency found no radiative emissions yesterday when officials cut two holes in the refrozen ice of the pond. But officials carried a plastic bag full of sediment back to Concord for tests.

A spokesman for the Energy Research and Development Administration in Washington said if there were anything radioactive settling into the mud beneath the pond, ice and water could shield any emissions and make them undetectable.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS, N.S. CAN.
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UFO Sighting Pleasant Valley

NEW GLASGOW — An Unidentified Flying Object was sighted Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. at Pleasant Valley here in Pictou County, by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. (Bud) MacLeod who reside there.

"There was not too much time to make detailed observations because it was heading in a south westerly direction toward a skyline of trees that fringe our property," he said.

He said it was shaped like a banana and yellow with white, green and blue lights glowing from the underneath side of the object.

A retired pilot with the Canadian Armed Forces after 29 years service Mr. MacLeod said during his experience in the service and flying at altitudes as high as 50,000 feet.

he never saw UFOs.

"This is my first experience and like most people who have also sighted objects it incites your curiosity," he said.

Less than a month ago he said residents residing on Greenwood Street in Westville on more than one occasion sighted objects in the sky. These objects he said were in the same general direction as the one he and his wife saw Thursday night.

Mr. MacLeod said if the object had been at a high altitude he could accept the possibility it could have been a weather balloon reflecting the rays of the sun.

He said both he and his wife have no explanation concerning what they saw, "but it would be interesting if someone could come up with a reasonable explanation."



I talk to angels who fly UFOs

Gianni Schmitt, Director of the Cosmic Center, claims he has communicated with 'angels' in UFOs

"I know where flying saucers are based! And I can prove it!"

And I can prove it!"

With these startling words, Gianni Schmitt claims he is in constant touch with alien beings.

He calls his space friends the "Extra-terrestrials".

The so-called Extra-terrestrials, says Schmitt, are actually what we commonly call angels.

He says the strange beings are based on the "Black Moon", an artificial extra-terrestrial satellite which is orbiting between our moon and the planet of Venus.

The many UFO sightings in America and in other parts of the world are created by space ships taking off from this special base, according to Schmitt.

Schmitt? He wears a

unique seven-pointed star with a ruby in the middle which he claims enables him to stay in telepathic contact with the Extra-terrestrials.

"It's a synthetic ruby," explained Mr. Schmitt. "But there is something very special about it which helps me to communicate with 'them'."

"It is the symbol that the Extra-terrestrials have ordered me to wear. It is my duty to transmit their thoughts to other people on earth.

Schmitt is director of the Northern Italy division of the Cosmic Shady Center.

"It was founded in 1952 by Italian Eugenio Siragusa after his first telepathic and visual contact with the Extra-terrestrials," Mr. Schmitt said. "After years of preparation, he made physical contact with the... in 1963."

Schmitt actually believes that Jesus Christ was one of the earliest of these special Extra-terrestrials.

"He was the first Extra-terrestrial," insisted Schmitt. "And he said so Himself when he told the people that he didn't belong to this world."

Schmitt, who lives in Milan, went on to say that he and a very few selected others are the disciples of these remarkable beings — passing on their word to human beings.

"They know the people who have the ability to understand their lan-

guage," said Schmitt. "They know the people who are willing and ready to accept them and pass on what they have to say.

"We want to prepare the next generation on earth and we want to rouse in them respect in them for creation, nature and religious values.

"We want to interpret the Extra-terrestrials' thoughts — who want us to change the course of our lives."

Schmitt is a walking advertisement for the Extra-terrestrials. In his buttonhole he wears a silver mini flying saucer.

NAT'L. EXAMINER
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100,000,000,000,000 Planets Could Have Intelligent Life

Is there intelligent life in the universe?

Read the following figures provided by the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum — and then decide for yourself.

There are 100 billion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy. If only 10 percent of these stars are like our sun, then there

would be 10 billion sun-like stars. If only 5 percent of these sun-like stars have planets that are inhabitable, there would be 500 million inhabitable planets.

And if only 20 percent of these planets have intelligent life, there would be 100 million planets with intelligent

life just in the Milky Way Galaxy.

Since the Milky Way is only one of one billion galaxies in the universe, this means that there could be as many as 100 quadrillion planets with intelligent life!

NATIONAL ENQUIRER
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Future no shock as any seer can see

Once a year, Warren Smith sends a copy of "Predictions." Sometimes I use them. Or abuse them. And yet, 1977 is upon us and the world is ready for a psychic or a physic. Take your choice. Here's what the seers said for the year past and the new one. . . .

Robert E. Hill of Tampa sees danger in the coming year for the Queen of England. We will also have a new Pope, he says. Hill also predicted that Henry Kissinger would be forced to resign because of a scandal.

If the last one shakes you, consider "Mr. Harmony" of Clinton, Iowa. He stated: "I do not feel Ford will finish his presidency." I was under the impression that the presidency had finished Ford.

Tenny Hale, the Oregon oracle, is a female. She makes forecasts by

"remembering" the future. She claims to have predicted Watergate 40 years ago. If so, we weren't listening. Each year, Ms. Hale makes a lot of predictions. Some are — excuse the expression — far out.

She sees more epidemics everywhere. There will be a food scarcity — "raspberries will be hard to find." Watergate figures will benefit by something Prez Ford does before he departs. Also: "Watch out for an increase in tree and bush thefts right off people's property." If that isn't enough, watch out for "petnapping for ransom."

This may be linked to the theft of trees and bushes. She also predicted a child for Jane Fonda. Another parapsychologist is certain that Fonda is busy trying to find another nation to save. Logically, there is

time for both.

In New Castle, Delaware, Judith Haimes is busy with her "aura." She reads people from photos. Haimes says that Nixon is depressed, contemplating suicide and "will expire in the near future." She claims to have predicted the demise of Howard Hughes and Onassis.

She sees poor health for Nelson Rockefeller and a close assassination attempt on the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Please don't send the lady any pictures of me. Along with many others of the cult, she says that Jackie Onassis is going to marry again. This time for love.

In Chicago, Joseph East uses clairaudience, palmistry and psychic impressions to foretell that John Wayne "will finish on top of the heap, but without

the Indians." Nixon will stage a comeback. Eva Gabor is headed for surgery.

Mr. East dares to tell. In Washington, he says, the war cry will be "get the prostitutes off the payroll." This is so mystical that it is difficult to divine whether he means the women or the congressmen.

Joe Donnelly is an old man who lives in Lake Placid, Florida. Before Donnelly was born, Dr. Anton Mesmer, from whom we get the word "mesmerized," was dead. The good doctor, however, returned in "materialized spirit form" to teach Donnelly thermal electromagnetic healing which, you must concede, is one hell of a favor.

Joe says that if the UFOs wish to attack

the world in force, they can reduce all metals to dust and can short all electrical systems in a matter of seconds. Whether they do or not, Donnelly saw a world war in 1976 or 1977; also, a coast-to-coast earthquake. Either one would be bound to shake a lot of people.

Most seers wouldn't be caught dead predicting something happy. They are, to understate it, dire. John Catchings, who comes from a long line of psychics, was leaning on a car in Austin, Texas, when it was struck by lightning. He says he saw his astral body projected away from his physical body.

The bolt was strong, it burned out three bulbs inside John's house. It didn't burn Catchings out. He started predicting. Among his goodies:

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A fire in San Clemente will take nine lives. Jimmy Hoffa will be found alive and well in the Virgin Islands. Mao Tse-tung will pass into the spirit world in 1977. (Say again?) An explosion will rock Rockefeller Center. George Wallace will run for the Senate and win.

Do not knock the prediction business. 75 90 per cent of what these people say is going to happen doesn't, think how lucky we will be. In any case, it sure beats looking backward at our dismal past. . . .

Flying saucer a la Francaise

Associated Press

VALENCE, France — A French couple said yesterday a flying oval-shaped object resembling "a big growing star" chased their car near this southeastern French town, landed in a field, then took off again "in a flash."

Mr. and Mrs. Francois Perez told police the incident occurred the evening of Jan. 1, and that at first they thought they were being followed by a helicopter.

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Outer space water found

BONN, West Germany — (UPI) — Astronomers have found the presence of water outside the Earth's galaxy for the first time, indicating the possibility of life in outer space, the Max Planck Institute of Astronomy said today. The discovery meant the possibility that other solar systems exist with the same physical conditions as our solar system—with planets and stars also formed by the condensation of dust and gas with the same type of life span.

UFOs more science than fiction, says expert

By JIM OLSON
Staff Writer

THERE ARE and there aren't.

This, at least, is the conclusion of an expert on those strange, controversial, mind-boggling cigars, plates, discs and cones called "unidentified flying objects."

Sherman Larsen, a top aide to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, both of the Evanston-based Center for UFO Studies, feels, though, that the topic of UFOs has finally made it out of the laughing stages and into serious consideration from the public, from scientists and, generally even from the government.

"Now they don't start laughing over reports of sightings," he told a group of East Lake View residents last week. "It's finally become a serious subject with the public cooperating and with scientists becoming more and more interested in it. Before recently, this is where the problem has always been."

BUT EVEN THEN, he said, most people don't really know what an unidentified flying object is. One is only "unidentified" after a serious investigation fails to actually identify it and—as another test of UFO designation—the "thing" must have actual solidity (and be something that can be photographed).

"We are not talking about little greep men and all that jazz," he stressed. "And nothing can be done about those mysterious 'lights in the sky', although we do try to check them out if possible."

Many UFO sightings, after intensive studies by the center as well as other agencies, turn out to be nothing more than hoaxes, Larsen conceded. "We 'shot down' a lot of hoaxes just by careful careful examination of photographs and negatives." In one case, faulty film caused a "sighting" to show up on a snapshot. In another, two Franklin Park teens finally admitted to staging a photograph of a sighting by gluing a Thermos jug cap to a dinner plate and holding it close to the camera. Other cases have included such hoax attempts as a hubcap being thrown into the air and photographed.

"We strenuously question everything about a reported sighting. The evidence must fit the testimony in every way. One man told us he took a series of four pictures over a period of a few minutes, but when we studied the negatives and prints, we measured ground shadows and discovered the pictures were really taken over a period of an hour or so. We discounted the sighting right there," Larsen said.

MOST, IF NOT ALL, UFOs have a "Saturn shape," he pointed out (a ball within an oval, like the planet). They always travel with the front end slightly tilted upward in the direction they're going.

The serious sightings are carefully documented and catalogued on computer printouts. In Illinois,

alone, between 1947 and 1970, there were over 3,500 sightings the center considers real. Hundreds and hundreds of others studies have been made by the center for what Larsen said is "simply gathering all the material available for researchers (who can then pursue sightings to various conclusions)."

The UFO expert—a graduate of Lake View high school—also noted with relief that Congress has taken an advanced step in treating the subject more seriously from the days (in 1968) when an Armed Forces committee member could think of UFOs only in terms of his then favorite television program—"My Favorite Martian." The congressman, according to transcripts of committee hearings, asked Hynek and other serious researchers if the UFOs contained what he already knew: his favorite Martian.

BUT SOME government agencies are still cooperative and unwilling to help shed some light on the UFO sightings, he maintained. The Air Force is still reluctant on the UFO subject, he added, saying it still treats the subject in "a put-down" manner and dismisses reports in total disregard of evidence.

In 1952, the Air Force received 1,250 and possibly as many as 3,000 reports of sightings, Larsen said. But to calm the people, he noted, it then made a statement to the effect that the Air Force was really testing a "secret craft" that people around the country had been spotting.

Investigation revealed that the Air Force did, in fact, have such a secret craft—but that the \$3-million "UFO" was never tested until 1953, that its top speed was 35mph and that it never lifted off the ground more than 18 inches. The disc-shaped craft can be seen at an Air Force base where it is now being used by several birds who have made their nests in some of the craft's portholes.

WHEN AN OREGON farmer photographed (with a 1930 Brownie camera) another UFO, and after it had been verified as such, the center sent a blow-up of the picture to Life magazine for publication. The magazine sent it to the Air Force for additional study, and the Air Force then asked Life not to publish it, saying it would be too controversial. It was not published. But five years later, a French pilot saw something out his plane window and had a chance to photograph it; it turned out to be the exact craft the Oregon farmer had photographed, Larsen said.

Though the jokes have turned to computer studies, public apathy into cooperation, and professional disregard into professional regard, the entire subject of UFOs—and whatever the strange or deep reasons for them—could still use better understanding and treatment, Larsen concluded.

"There is still so much that is buried on the subject. There is a lot hidden yet to be found," he said.

Issue of U.F.O.'s Irks Authorities In Soviet Union

By DAVID K. SHIPLER

Special to The New York Times

MOSCOW, Dec. 25—A flying-saucer craze has been flourishing in the Soviet Union. In classrooms and around dinner tables, in buses and offices, it has infected conversation like a ubiquitous germ, sometimes dividing friends into hostile camps of believers and unbelievers.

The official press has thrown cold water on rumors that extraterrestrial beings have paid visits.

All this began several months ago. As Soviet dissidents circulate clandestine typewritten essays and statements opposing Government actions, someone began spreading copies of a five-page typed "lecture" attributed to F. Y. Zigel, assistant professor at the Moscow Aviation Institute. It said there had been 300 recorded sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Soviet Union over the years and gave some examples.

It is not clear whether Professor Zigel, who has written books on astronomy, is actually the author of the lecture, or even whether such a lecture was actually given. The professor himself has said nothing in public since the typed synopsis began circulating.

The typescript included the tantalizing line, "In the U.S.S.R. there exists a ban on all kinds of publications about U.F.O.'s," a remark sure to enhance the document's credibility. In a controlled society in which many people—intellectuals, at least—tend to disbelieve the official press, the typed papers known in Russian as samizdat, meaning unauthorized publications, take on extraordinary verisimilitude. The flying-saucer talk has a certain glitter, not only because it appeals to fantasy but because it is unapproved.

How Rumors Are Gobbled

"Everybody has to believe rumors because they are unofficial," a Russian observed. Indeed, the Russian propensity to gobble rumors like the first lettuce of spring has a long history. Under the czars, by one Muscovite's account, it was customary to start a rumor before a churchbell was cast in the belief that the more widely the rumor was accepted, the better the chance for a successful cast. The expression "to cast a bell," meaning to start a rumor, remains in the language.

If churchbells were still being cast, Moscow could overfulfill its plan these days. The typed lecture offers several examples of reported U.F.O.'s that are widely believed. Last January, the lecture avers, a U.F.O. hovered over the city of Nalchik for 36 hours. A U.F.O. trailed after an airliner from Vorkuta to Omsk. In 1961 a saucer hovered for 45 minutes over a railroad crossing at Golytsino, 28 miles west of Moscow; auto engines stalled and could not be started until the saucer left.

Three weeks ago the Government had evidently had enough. Yeremei Parnov, a Soviet science-fiction writer, appeared in print to denounce the samizdat lecture. "Typed in hundreds and thousands of copies, and even copied in handwriting," he wrote in the youth newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda, "the report lives a life of its own, causing violent arguments in the widest circles: from the youngest schoolboys to celebrated representatives of the creative intelligentsia. They gossip about the saucers—meaning U.F.O.'s—and humanoids everywhere, in trolleybuses and palaces of culture."

Less Than Science Fiction

Seeking to disprove the lecture's contentions point by point, he commented: "Honestly, I would not dare to write a science fiction story on such a threadbare, trivial topic."

The appeal to logic was followed by an appeal to fear. The same newspaper, which is an organ of the Young Communist League, implied that those who spread the flying-saucer stories were somehow subversive, indulging in the "mass culture" of the West, "flirting with superstitions and religious impulses, manipulated indirectly by the Pentagon."

"The Pentagon is entitled to the patent for the first speculations about flying saucers," the paper declared. "It was in the Pentagon's interests not to assuage but to arouse public opinion. The calculation is very simple here: The frightened American will not object to the growth of military allocations."

"Western militarists used the specter of flying saucers to fan the cold war," Komsomolskaya Pravda contended. "Are not the flying saucers the secret weapon of the Bolsheviks?"

"The whole development of the Western saucerology went along the road of antiscientific inventions, in step with other fashionable pseudoscience," it added. "The saucerologists are responsible in a considerable degree for spreading the cult of the supernatural among part of Western youth. Every pseudoscience is reactionary by its very nature."

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Strange sightings in Framingham

FRAMINGHAM—Two residents called both police and The News shortly after 10 p.m. Wednesday to report an "unusual object" in the sky near their homes.

Police were unable to confirm the object's presence or offer an explanation of its exact nature.

The first resident, from Indian Head Road, reported seeing "a circular object with a lot of white lights, sometimes moving, sometimes hovering" near her home.

The second caller, from Leigh Street, offered a similar description, except added that the object at first was moving horizontally, then stopped, then started moving again.

Separating the two roads, both in the Nobscot section of town, according to police, are the Sudbury River and Mass Pike.

Police said they received no other calls concerning the reports.

New Film To Explore Phenomenon of UFOs

Next year a large scale motion picture, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," will be presented by Columbia-EMI.

The picture stars Richard Dreyfuss, Francois Truffaut, Teri Garr and Melinda Dillon. The film is a contemporary mystery-suspense drama built around the UFO phenomenon and how it affects the lives of average people in America.

A Julia Phillips and Michael Phillips production of a Steven Spielberg Film, the movie will represent Spielberg's first film since "Jaws" and the Phillips' fifth film, including "The Sting" and "Taxi Driver."

Technical adviser will be Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern Uni-

versity and founder-director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. Dr. Hynek will soon write his third book on the UFO phenomenon, "Hynek's Report on Project Bluebook."

Since 15,000,000 Americans claim to have had close encounters with UFOs and according to a recent Gallup poll more than 100,000,000 Americans believe UFOs exist, the picture could be construed as a documentary. It is, instead, an entertainment drawn from fact.//

Space mystery: Where are

By Robert Cooke
Globe Staff

Scientists scrambling to decipher strange X-ray signals found in space report that some of the oddest signals of all now seem to be coming from Earth.

"Right now," said MIT's Dr. Walter H. G. Lewin, "we don't believe these X-rays come from outside the Earth, but God knows where they come from. They last from 20 to 30 seconds, and they blast right through the spacecraft."

Most of the strange signals remain unidentified, he added, and this "is something we are extremely puzzled about. For the past three months we have been receiving blasts of short duration, somewhat like the X-ray bursts" known to be coming from some distant stars.

In one recent instance, however, MIT physicists said, they probably detected the X-rays from a Chinese atomic weapons explosion as their SAS-3 satellite was passing over Southeast Asia.

A second event — seeming to mimic the atomic explosion — was not attributable to a bomb, however, and is still a mystery.

"All we can say is that the first phenomenon we detected came within 6 minutes of an atomic bomb blast when we were over Singapore," said Dr. Walter Lewin.

"Then we saw a second event that was quite similar, though not exactly like the first. We thought it might be a bomb, but we haven't heard anything."

Nuclear bomb explosions in Russia and China are normally detected by a variety of instruments, including

seismometers and an array of Vela satellites orbiting deep in space. None of these instruments, however, apparently detected another nuclear explosion in mid-December.

Asked if the strange X-ray signals might have come from the sun, from sunspot activity, Lewin replied that "we checked that with the solar observatory in Colorado, and they reported there was nothing like that."

Thus the strange bomb-like signal remains unidentified, but Lewin said it may be related somehow to the other set of strange X-ray events.

These new signals, Lewin said, seem to come from all directions, but for some reason not all of the X-ray detection satellites in orbit are seeing them.

The first of these X-ray

"We don't believe these rays come from outside the Earth, but God knows where they come from. They last from 20 to 30 seconds and they blast right through the spacecraft."

—DR. WALTER LEWIN

events, he noted, came last Oct. 28, and "we thought it was almost a real astronomical phenomenon in the sky. There have been more than 60 now, and they are distinct events which any of

X-ray signals from?

my graduate students might have identified as X-ray bursts" from stars.

That conclusion, he said, "is probably wrong. We can't point our finger in the sky and say this is where it comes from. We no longer believe we can point out where the signals are coming from, and we think it may be some combined effect of the Earth's ionosphere and magnetosphere."

If the bursts of X-ray energy were coming from a star or star system, he explained, it would be seen from many other positions on the spacecraft's orbital track, "you would expect to see them regardless of where the craft is in orbit."

"However," he explained, "many of these bursts of X-rays, probably half, come always within 20 degrees or so of the South Atlantic Ocean, and that is very smelly.

That is where the Van Allen radiation belts extend out into our orbit, and if you see half of your events there, then something is wrong in the state of Denmark."

The Van Allen radiation belts, one of the first and most surprising phenomena to be discovered by early satellites in near-Earth space, are zones in which charged particles, probably from the sun, are trapped in the Earth's magnetic field.

Another MIT physics professor involved in the SAS-3 satellite program, Dr. George Clark, added that even though the X-ray bursts look somewhat like signals from stars, "there is no reason why stellar signals should appear to be associated with geophysical (Earth-bound) phenomena."

Clark, too, said the sun has been relatively quiet in past months, and no other

source of X-rays signals has been found.

Lewin added:

"We are puzzled. Really puzzled, and we hope to find out what it is sooner or later."

But, he noted, "we haven't seen any of these strange events for the past 10 days, yet from October through December we saw as many as two per day. We've sort of seen one per day, or sometimes two only 50 minutes apart, and sometimes nothing for five days."

While there is no answer yet for this space mystery, Clark did note that the SAS satellites (SAS standing for Small Astronomy Satellite) represent "one of the most productive scientific programs the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has ever developed."

The SAS satellites, along

with other X-ray viewing instruments in space, have opened up what is probably the most exciting area in modern astronomy.

"Bruno Rossi (now at MIT) suggested in 1958 that there was an X-ray window (a certain wavelength of X-rays) that had not been exploited," Clark said.

The Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory, in collaboration with a firm called American Science & Engineering Inc., of Cambridge, sent up the first rocket to make X-ray observations in space in space in 1962.

"The upshot of that, in June of 1962," Clark said, "was that a powerful X-ray source was seen, called Scorpio X-1, and this was a big surprise. It was a very strong signal, but the research group did a great deal of careful analysis before publishing their paper."

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From outer space

Windsor Star

Sir Martin Ryle is a Nobel laureate in physics and Britain's astronomer royal.

He is, it would seem, qualified to express opinions on things astronomical.

He is trying to persuade the radio astronomers of the world to refrain from making known the existence of intelligent life on this planet.

Sir Martin fears that earth may be invaded by hostile beings.

Alien beings, that is. Creatures from another planet.

Far be it from us to make mock of Sir Martin's suggestions. Britain's astronomer royal certainly would seem more than qualified to speculate on the existence of extra-terrestrial beings.

What we find puzzling is his apparent belief that those aliens do not know of our existence now.

His concern was sparked by a news report that powerful signals were being

transmitted to attract the attention of civilization far out in space. He fears that such a civilization might see the earth as a tempting place for colonization or for extraction of mineral resources.

Most astronomers, however, point out that normal transmission from earth, dating from the development of high-powered radar and other transmissions, have by now reached out at least 20 light years in all directions.

In addition to that, we have done things like explode atomic bombs — some in anger — on the surface, below the ground and high in the atmosphere. We have sent probes zooming off into space, we have landed men and equipment on the moon, equipment on Mars and have cluttered the space near our planet with tons of expensive, abandoned litter.

And then there are those UFO sightings that have been reported for quite some time. Somehow one gets the feeling that it can't all be sun spots or swamp gas.

Sir Martin's concern seems to be voiced a little late.

But, if it's any consolation, according to radio astronomers on earth, there are no attempts under way to send signals to other worlds.

Radio astronomers in the U.S. and the Soviet Union are actively seeking signals of intelligent origin, but the emphasis is on listening rather than sending. Those radio astronomers point out, with what seems like so much logic, that there is little sense trying to send communications signals anywhere, at least until one has some idea where to send them and how to communicate.

Strange Glow in Sky Baffles Phillipston

A strange, fiery glow in the sky continues to baffle Phillipston Fire Chief Gordon Tallman, other firemen and several Athol State Troopers who observed the phenomenon for an hour and a half early Monday morning in Phillipston. Trooper Francoeur said Tuesday that a ground and air search for the cause of the phenomenon had been called off.

"The only way I can describe it," said Chief Tallman Tuesday, "is that it looked like a house engulfed in flames from a distance. It was a reddish-yellow glow in the sky and it lasted for about an hour and a half. The state troopers saw it first and then they called us. Nobody got a photograph of it because our first concern was to try and locate a fire.

We set up a standard firefighting procedure and made a thorough search, but there wasn't a trace of anything. It is the most baffling thing! We tried different ways of trying to get in to find the fire, and the state (Division of Environmental Affairs in Wakefield) sent in a helicopter and it searched, but they didn't find anything either." The search was in a wild swamp and wooded area southeast of the center of Phillipston.

Continuing, Chief Tallman said "Some of the firemen from their locations said they could see puffs of smoke coming from the fire in the sky. Some people theorized that the fire came from people burning wood, but no ashes were found. There is another theory that the fire could have been swamp gas.

Some old timers told me that they can remember having seen swamp gas burn in the air like that, but I've never seen anything like this before."

Could the fiery glow have been an Unidentified Flying Object? "I guess every newspaper that's called me has asked that," Tallman replied, "I just can't say whether it was a U.F.O. because there was no indication that this was anything out of the ordinary. We really thought it was a fire in the woods. The fire died out on its own as the sun came up Monday morning. The fire chief's wife in Petersham got quite a few calls about it, too."

At first, firemen and the troopers thought the fire in the sky could have been the result of a plane crash and Chief Tallman stated that a plane had been reported missing out of Nashua, N.H. A trooper said "If it's a fire, we want to put it out. If it's a plane crash, we want to find it."

What else could it be but UFO

Carl Blackburn, 11831 123rd St., thinks he may have photographed an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) hovering over Caracas, Venezuela.

Mr. Blackburn, a Trinidadian immigrant to Canada, was on an early morning bus from Puerto Odaz to his job in Caracas.

"I was just shooting wild with the camera through a bus window and didn't notice what I'd taken a picture of until the slides were developed after my return to Canada."

The slide shows a saucer-shaped object seemingly hovering over the Caracas outskirts. As far as Mr. Blackburn is concerned, the object must be a UFO because he does not know what else it could be.

Aroused Police, Lawyer, Publisher Tell of . . .

Glowing UFOs Sighted 100 Times Near Huge Nuclear Power Plant Outside New York City

As though it were a giant magnet for UFOs, a huge nuclear power plant near New York City has been the scene of 100 different sightings in a recent three-week period.

Police and residents — including a respected attorney and a publisher — are so aroused that a chain of observation posts has been set up to monitor UFO activity in the vicinity.

"I saw two large, metal objects in the sky that could not possibly have been manufactured on this earth," insists lawyer Warren Berbit, 33.

Berbit made his sighting as he drove off a thruway in early September near his home in Suffern, N.Y. In addition to his law degree, he has two degrees in engineering and is experienced in aviation flight computers.

"The objects were hovering over a dip in the mountain range about seven miles from the big nuclear power plant in Indian Point," he said. Indian Point is some 30 miles north of New York City.

"They were made of metal and shaped like gigantic soup bowls turned upside down," he continued. "I got out of my

. . . All Within a 3-Week Period!

car and watched them. They were only about a mile away, and at least 200 to 300 feet in diameter. One slowly turned from a vertical position to horizontal. That was their only movement. There is nothing in our technology that could have produced those things," he declared firmly. "They were totally alien."

Dan Cetrone, publisher of the Rockland County Almanac, who lives in Tomkins Cove, directly across the Hud-

son River from the Indian Point plant, told The ENQUIRER: "The UFOs seem drawn to the nuclear power station, and they are coming in increasing numbers. My wife and I have seen them on several occasions. They were cylindrical and ringed by bright, flashing lights, usually red, green and white."

With the cooperation of local police, Cetrone set up, at his own expense, a system of UFO observation points, manned by volunteers.

"Now all sightings in the area are referred to me by the police for investigation," he disclosed. "In one three-week period in late August and early September, we investigated 100 different sightings."

Police officer Bill Patrick of nearby Stony Point, N.Y., is working with Cetrone in the investigations. "I never believed in UFOs before, but what's been happening has got me convinced," he said.

"I've witnessed UFOs, cylindrical in shape, showing dazzling lights, above or near the power plant. And an increasing number of sightings are being reported to the police."

In nearby Putnam County, police are also busy investigating sightings. Carmel,



LAWYER Warren Berbit holds drawings of the two UFOs that he saw while driving his car. "They were at least 200 to 300 feet in diameter," he said.

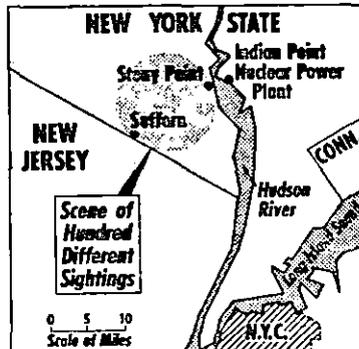
N.Y., police officer Ken Stern followed one up in late August. He told The ENQUIRER:

"I answered a call about a UFO hovering over a house. I went skeptically, but when I got there, I saw a cylindrical object slowly turning around! It was ringed with bright red, green and white lights as I studied it through powerful field glasses. It had to be about

300 feet across, and it certainly wasn't a star, the planet Venus, or any other natural phenomenon.

"I served four years in the Air Force, so I knew I wasn't looking at an aircraft. It was a flying object — a manufactured object of some kind. It was certainly an eerie, strange experience."

— JOE WEST



MAP shows proximity of the scene of sightings and nearby nuclear power plant to New York City.

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Air Force jet is buzzed by 'saucer'

A-U.S. Air Force-National Guard pilot, flying a Corsaire jet fighter, was buzzed by a UFO near Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico.

While flying his A-7 on a routine flight, Captain Randolph Jenkins, 32, said he was chased by a UFO and "contacted" mentally by its crew.

"They were beaming some message to me. They were extraterrestrial beings who were definitely hostile," said Jenkins.

"I suddenly became aware of a brilliantly-lit circular object climbing behind me."

Jenkins, a veteran of the Vietnam war, reacted instinctively. "I had to throw my plane into a violent turn to avoid colliding with whatever it

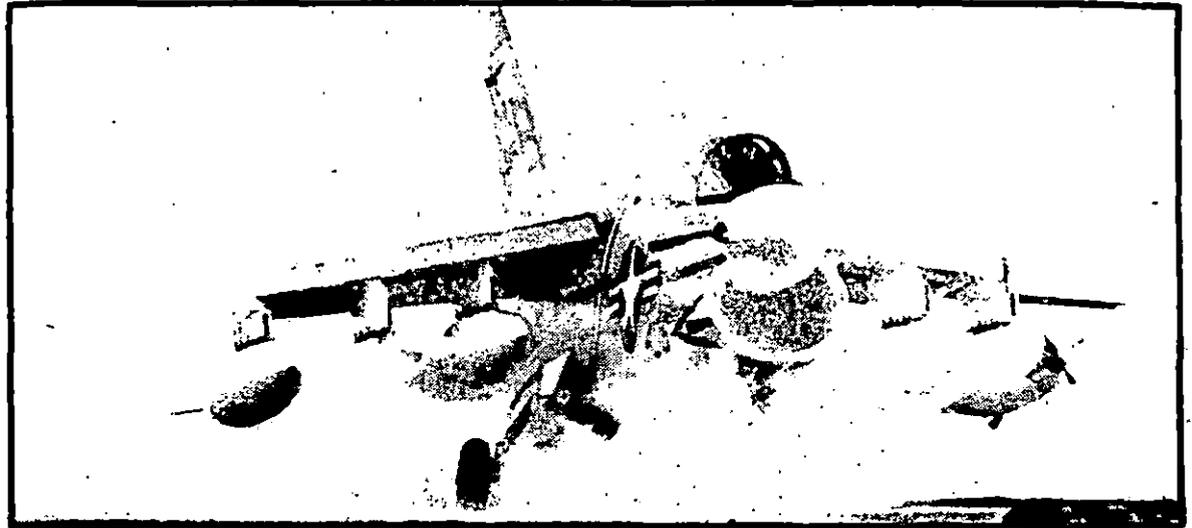
was. That's when I felt these mental stirrings which seemed to come from the UFO. Some form of telepathy was being used to probe inside my head."

Jenkins, a man trained in aircraft recognition, got a very clear view of the UFO. In describing it, he said: "It was the traditional saucer shape, with a raised area that might have been a crew's quarters and a propulsion outlet along its side."

According to Jenkins, the mental "vibrations" faded rapidly as the UFO accelerated and vanished over the horizon. Jenkins then landed and made a full report of the incident.

What will the Air Force say now?

This is not some farmer or teenager who saw the UFO, but a veteran pilot.



Captain Jenkins was flying an A-7 Corsaire fighter when he suddenly 'became aware of a brilliantly-lit circular object climbing behind me'

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German astronomers find water in distant galaxy

MUNICH, West Germany (AP) — Astronomers using a giant West German radio-telescope have confirmed for the first time the existence of water outside the earth's galaxy, according to the Max Planck Scientific Society.

The discovery by the society's Institute for Radio-Astronomy strengthened the possibility that planets resembling earth may exist in the universe's other spiral galaxies beyond the Milky Way.

The scientists used the Effelsberg radio-telescope in the Eifel Mountains near Bonn to pinpoint a cloud of water vapor about 2.2 million light years from earth. They located it in a nebula known as "IC 133," on the edge of a spiral galaxy called "M 33."

Do Angels Of God Navigate 'Unidentified Flying Objects'?

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Recently I had dinner with several senators and congressmen in a dining room in the Capitol building. We began discussing the rising interest in the occult with special reference to *The Exorcist*.



Graham

One of the senators, who had recently passed through a deep religious experience, said that due to his past experience with the occult, whenever he knew of a theater that was showing *The Exorcist*, he would drive a block around it. He was afraid even to go near it. He said, "I know that both angels and demons are for real."

SEVERAL YEARS AGO Pope Paul

said he was sure that the evil forces attacking every level of society had behind them the work of a personal devil with a whole kingdom of demons at his command. The Roman Catholic Church has been rethinking its position on the reality of the spirit world and interest in this subject has revived among both theological liberals and evangelicals in Protestant churches everywhere.

The renewed interest in the occult and satanism is not the only evidence of the new openness to the supernatural. It also shows in the widespread revival of speculation about the so-called "un-identified flying objects" — UFOs.

Some reputable scientists deny and others assert that UFOs do appear to people from time to time. Some scientists have reached the point where they think they can prove that

these are possibly visitors from outer space. Some Christian writers have speculated that UFOs could very well be a part of God's angelic host who preside over the physical affairs of universal creation.

WHILE WE CANNOT assert such a view with certainty, many people are now seeking some type of supernatural explanation for these phenomena. Japan recently witnessed a typical

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straight formations, flew over Japan inside a strange misty cloud. Further, they were sighted and reported in cities seven hundred miles apart in less than an hour.

HUNDREDS OF frantic telephone calls jammed switchboards of police stations and government installations as the spectacular formation sped south. "All the callers reported seeing a huge cloud passing over the city. They said they saw strange objects inside the cloud moving in a straight line," recalled Duty Officer Takeo Ohira.

Were they planes? "No," said Hiroshi Mayazawa, "because no planes or natural phenomena appeared on my radar. It was an exceptionally clear night. To me the whole thing is a mystery."

Hundreds of similar events are being reported every year on every

continent. A scientist at the atomic laboratory research installation at Los Alamos told me that for every one in twenty of these UFOs that have been investigated no scientific explanation exists.

AN ALMOST unbelievable rise of interest has occurred in books and films centering on the ideas of Immanuel Velikovsky and Erich von Daniken. Von Daniken in his best seller, *Chariots of the Gods?* theorizes that in pre-history astronauts from distant stars visited earth in spaceships.

example of unexplained objects that appeared in the night skies. On January 15, 1975, a squadron of UFO-like objects, resembling a celestial string of pearls, soared silently through the evening skies over half the length of Japan.

As government officials, police and thousands of curious citizens stared at the sky in wonder, from fifteen to twenty glowing objects, cruising in

traced to a violent scattering of the polar system that caused ruin on earth.

Some sincere Christians whose views are anchored in a strong commitment to Scripture contend that these UFOs are angels. But are they? These people point to certain passages in Isaiah, Ezekiel, Zechariah and the book of Revelation, and draw parallels to the reports and observers of alleged UFO appearances.

THEY TAKE THE detailed descriptions, for example, of a highly credible airline crew and lay them alongside Ezekiel 10, and put forward a strong case.

In Ezekiel 10 we read, "Each of the four cherubim had a wheel beside him — 'The Whirl-Wheels,' as I heard them called, for each one had a second wheel crosswise within, sparkled like chrysolite, giving off a greenish-yellow glow.

"BECAUSE OF the construction of these wheels, the cherubim could go straight forward in each of four directions; they did not turn when they changed direction but could go in any of the four ways their faces looked. . . and when they rose into the air the wheels rose with them, and stayed beside them as they flew. When the cherubim stood still, so did the wheels, for the spirit of the cherubim was in the wheels" (Ezekiel 10:9-13, 16-17 Living Bible).

Any attempt to connect such passages with the visits of angels may, at best, be speculation. What is interesting, however, is that such theories are now being given serious attention even by people who make no claim to believe in the God of the Bible.

African tribe contacted by aliens ... 5,000 years ago

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The Dogon, a primitive African tribe in Mali, West Africa, were visited by aliens from a distant galaxy 5,000 years ago and since then, they alone have known all along the details about a planet which astrologers only discovered in 1865.

According to American scholar Robert K.G. Temple, the knowledge possessed by the African tribe could only have come from association with alien visitors. Even today, the tribal priests still tell stories of "fish men" and rocket ships that landed in ancient times.

Says Temple: "At first I was skeptical but now I've been convinced by the sheer weight of evidence that travelers from the star system Sirius made contact with ancient earth civilizations."

Temple has studied the tribe

for about eight years and both he and other renowned scientists can offer no other explanation for the baffling knowledge held by the tribe.

Francis Huxley, another authority on the Dogons of Mali says: "It could well be, as Mr. Temple suggests, that these are memories of contact with another world."

Dr. Irving W. Lindenblad of the U.S. Naval Observatory also tended to agree, saying: "It's certainly a possibility that previous UFO visits could be the source of this information."

by **PETER STOKES**

Because of his findings, Temple was awarded a fellowship in the Royal Astronomical Society of London, a very prestigious organization that has no room for quacks and charlatans.

The findings Temple uncovered are that the Dogon tribe has worshipped Sirius B for centuries even though they couldn't see it, nor can anyone else — except that astronomers now know that it does exist.

The natives also knew how long it took this star to orbit its parental star, Sirius, which is the brightest star in the nighttime sky. They even drew the strange elliptical orbit long be-

fore scientists discovered that stars have elliptical orbits.

The Africans also knew that the star was very small, as stars go, and that it was immensely heavy compared to earth and that it was composed of a type of material alien to earth.

The natives also described a rocket ship that had landed in the ancient past and a larger mother ship that had remained overhead.

Temple also believes that the Dogons of today are actually the remnants of an older and much more advanced people.

He says: "Not only do the Dogons know about things they shouldn't — but I'm convinced this backward tribe is descended from the highly civilized ancient Egyptians or Babylonians.

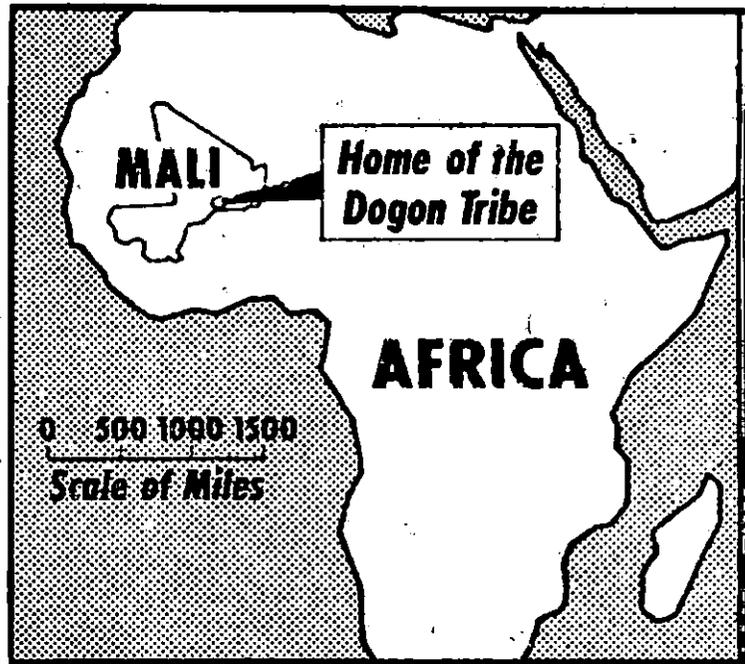
"I've seen amazingly similar Egyptian and Babylonian drawings and cave paintings

which tie in exactly with Dogon legends and I've traced the tribe's migration from the Mediterranean area. From these artifacts, I've pieced together what I believe happened 5,000 to 10,000 years ago."

According to descriptions given by tribal priests, the alien visitors came from Sirius to earth. They were a mixture of man and fish, something like dolphins.

Says Temple: "The tribe still has a drawing which depicts the whirling descent of the "ark" of Nommo, their name for the gods. When it touched earth, a flame went out. This was probably a rocket-propelled craft.

"In addition, tribal legends tell of a new star that left when Nommo did. I'm sure this was the glimmering parent starship which would have looked like a star."



Map indicates the location of Mali, the West African country which is the home of the Dogon

****AUSTRALIA****
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Nurse tells of glowing UFO

'Portholes showed white light'

By BRIAN PASH

A sighting of a brightly lit bell-like object that followed a car driven by a young nurse near Sawyer's Valley has excited UFO experts in WA.

The nurse, 25, who does not want to be named, was driving her car along the Great Eastern Highway to Perth on December 13.

About 4km before the turn-off to Lake Leachenaithia at 9.40 pm, she noticed a bright orange glow on the right side of the road.

She saw what at first appeared to be a capsule or rocket flying at the same speed as the car.

A second look confirmed its true shape — a large bell. It was flying just beyond the width of the road skimming the tree tops.

"It was like a dream," she said later. "I grew agitated and lost my sense of steering. The car was swerving from side to side, so I stopped."

The object stopped, too. It hovered about a tree.

The car engine was running and the radio turned on full which drowned any noise coming from outside.

The nurse, although lonely and scared, forced herself to take a good look at the object.

She said it was made of a reflecting type of metal and was many times bigger than the car.

A series of port holes along the bottom half of the bell shape showed white light.

Oblong apertures at the top shone with a yellow glow.

On the flat surface underneath were four colored lights. The nurse identified a red and a

blue but could not remember the other two.

She drove away and the object hovered her for about 2km when it suddenly dipped into a gully and veered off.

The nurse did not stop until she arrived at her sister's house in Belmont. She was in an agitated state.

Description

Police at Mandurah were contacted but no UFO reports had been made that night.

The RAAF base at Pearce stated that no object had appeared on radar screens.

A report was made to the Perth UFO Research Group whose publicity officer, Mr George Hume, said it was the best description of a UFO received for some years.

There had been two other recent sightings, one at Midland on December 17, and the other at Dumbleyung the following night. Both were bagging lights in the sky.

Last week two UFOs were sighted by Mr Michael Winterbourne, meteorological officer at Kalgoorlie airport. On the same day a UFO was seen from the Scotia nickel mine.

The nurse's sister said she was convinced that the description of the object near Sawyer's Valley was correct.

"My sister is a down-to-earth person and as a nurse she is concerned with the realities of life," she said.

"She does not want her name mentioned because the event was so way out that the staff at the country hospital where she works would lose confidence in her."

Mr Ross Vollprecht, a retired senior meteorologist, this week gave some explanations for many of the UFO sightings. During his 38 years with the Perth Weather Bureau, Mr Vollprecht studied UFO reports.

He said it was difficult to judge the height of small objects in the sky. A speck of light could be a few feet up or many thousands of feet.

The Kalgoorlie sightings, made during the day, could have been a thistle blown by the wind. The sun would have lit up the thistle.

Other explanations were:

- Lights on farm tractors working at night.
- A flock of pigeons disappearing when they flatten their wings for a change of direction together.

- Reflections of the moon on the windscreen giving the appearance of a bright object following the car.

- Metal foil dumped on a rubbish tip and made airborne by hot air currents.

- The planet Venus sighted by a couple on the beach who thought it was a flying saucer.

- Reflection of a distant building on car windows giving the impression of a flying saucer with porthole lights.

- A photograph of a supposed flying saucer showing cars on the road, which with the exposure time stated, would have made the cars travelling at 1,400 mph.

UFO nauts attacked our car, say terrified couple

A MIDDLE-AGED couple told this week of their nightmare experience when their car was attacked by a UFO.

A glowing cigar-shaped object flew alongside them, forcing the car to shudder uncontrollably and veer off the highway.

Then a creature, dressed in a silvery boiler suit, got out of the UFO and walked toward their stalled auto.

"It was the most frightening experience of my life," 42-year-old housewife Mrs. Joyce Bowles told The Star this week at her home in Winchester, England. "I've never been through anything like this before and I hope to God I never do again.

"I was terrified. I thought my end had come. I really thought the creature was going to take me away in that thing."

Mrs. Bowles' passenger, retired farm manager Ted Pratt, 58, said: "I am convinced we saw a UFO. It was an unnerving experience and I shall certainly never go down that road again."

The couple was heading along the deserted stretch of highway after dark on their way to pick up Mrs. Bowles' young son when the ordeal began.

She said: "We suddenly saw an orange light in the sky and we both remarked on it.

"Then the car began shaking and shuddering and it seemed to leave the ground and travel sideways across the hard shoulder. Ted tussled with the steering wheel to try and get us back on the road, but he could not budge it.

"We stopped with a bump as if we had landed and the engine just cut out, though neither of us had turned it off.

"Then we saw the orange light again and we could make out a cigar-shaped object a few yards away. It seemed to be hovering and we could see three people inside.

"Ted turned the ignition off and we saw a man leave the object. I don't know how he did it because there was no door.

"He started to walk towards us and as he came I could hear a noise like the whistling of a kettle. He was dressed in a silvery sort of boiler suit with a high neck. It was bright and shiny, like cooking foil, and it was billowing as if there was a wind, although it was a still night.

"He walked right up to the car and leaned in. He didn't speak, but as I looked up I saw that his eyes were pink, like a white rabbit's. They were piercing, and looking into them was like looking straight at the bright sun.

"I screamed and clung to Ted with my eyes shut. I was petrified. When I looked again the

man and the thing had gone. We did not see how it took off."

Mrs. Bowles said she was still shaking with fear when she arrived back at her home.

Mr. Pratt, who had been visiting the Bowles family with his wife, lives in the nearby village of Stockbridge, Hampshire.

He said: "The man from the UFO was about six foot tall with shoulder-length hair and a beard.

"He had a pale face and a pointed nose, but his most outstanding feature, which I will never forget, was his pink, piercing eyes."



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Curious passersby stopped to see mysterious hole in frozen pond at McCarthy Farm in Wakefield, N. H.

****THE STAR****
****12/14/76****

Was it a UFO or a hoax?

By **HERB PERONE**

MARTINSBURG, W. Va. — Did a red-hot, pie-shaped flying saucer really menace a 31-year-old Martinsburg pilot named Leon Senjanec on the night of Sept. 7, causing him to lose control of his plane and crash?

The Dec. 20 edition of the weekly tabloid *Midnight* says that the incident did, in fact, occur.

But if it did happen, nobody in Martinsburg seems to know anything about it — including some of the people mentioned in the *Midnight* story.

And at least one person named in the *Midnight* article doesn't appear to exist at all.

According to *Midnight*, "The terror-ridden moment occurred when Leon Senjanec, 31, was practicing landings in a small plane at an airfield in his hometown of Martinsburg, W. Va. As he banked and descended, he noticed a bright, almost blinding light following him through the sky."

The story quotes Senjanec as saying the UFO was saucer-shaped and was "zig-zagging from side to side."

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That is the question

The Berkeley County assessor's office has no record of any property belonging to a Leon Senjanec.

A spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration's records division in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma said Monday that the office has no record of a pilot's license being issued to a Leon Senjanec anywhere.

Martinsburg airport officials, who said they know nearly all of the pilots who use their facilities, did not know a Leon Senjanec.

The *Midnight* article says that a West Virginia state trooper named David Shumaker spotted the same UFO on the night of Sept. 7. It quotes Trooper Shumaker as saying, "It was a definite UFO."

A spokeswoman for the Eastern Panhandle State Police Headquarters in Martinsburg said Monday that no trooper named David Shumaker has been stationed in the Panhandle "in the two years that I've been here."

A spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety in Charleston reported Monday that "there is no trooper named David Shumaker employed by this department at all."

Midnight continues: "The intruder bore down on Senjanec at frightening speed. Fearful of a mid-air collision, he yanked back on his control stick, an almost fatal mistake. Instead of climbing, his Cassna 150 plummeted toward the ground . . .

"Senjanec's plane hit the ground, bounced, came down again and swerved into woods adjacent to the runway. Both wings were sheared off and Senjanec was briefly knocked unconscious."

The article quotes Senjanec as saying the UFO was "red hot," "pie-shaped," and "clearly under intelligent control."

Although the *Midnight* story says that Senjanec is a Martinsburg resident, *The Morning Herald* was unable to locate any person by that name Monday. He is not listed in the Martinsburg telephone directory. Information operators said Monday that they have no listing under that name — not even an unpublished number.

The name Senjanec does not appear in directories for Morgan County, Jefferson County or Hancock, Md.

Bob Frezee, a manager of the Martinsburg airport, said Monday that there have been no small aircraft crashes at or near the airport "in the last year."

According to the *Midnight* article, "The Air National Guard unit at the airport received several telephone reports of (UFO) sightings" that same night.

But according to Air National Guard operations officer Col. Kenneth Gornall, "We never received any telephone reports on UFOs. And there have been no light plane crashes in over a year. I don't even remember when the last one was.

"I know almost everyone that flies in Martinsburg, even a couple of Leons, but I never heard of a Leon Senjanec," Gornall said.

"I find this very upsetting," Malcolm Abrams, *Midnight's* articles editor, told a *Morning Herald* reporter Monday.

"If all of this is true, we may have gotten duped," Abrams said. "Somebody may have sold us a phony story.

"That would surprise me," he said, because the writers *Midnight* buys its stories from "are usually very reliable."

THE NASHVILLE BANNER
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Maury County

Citizens were enraged in October at news reports that dogs and cats were being killed by rifles when the county dog pound ran out of a suffocating drug used to put them to sleep. The pound was closed the day after the disclosure and its staff dismissed.

The pound reopened in December, with new cages and new rules about the care and killing of stray animals.

All was not tragic, though, as Maury County and Mt. Pleasant police witnessed three sightings of UFO's in one September week — blue, green, red and orange flashing lights in the sky. But they weren't alone. More than 50 townspeople and truck drivers filled the town square to view the egg-shaped UFO.

Space Beings Will Land On Earth, Woman Says

If beings from outer space land on the property of Ruth Norman by March 30, she will make about half a million dollars.

Mrs. Norman, the 75-year-old founder and leader of the Unarius Life Science Center in El Cajon, Calif., bet more than \$4,000 at 100-to-one odds. She placed the bet last March with Ladbroke and Company, Ltd., at London, Britain's largest bookmaker. She had read that Ladbroke was taking bets on landings of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Unarius stands for Universal Articulate Interdimensional Understanding of Science.

Beginning in 1954 Mrs. Norman and her late husband, Dr. Ernest L. Norman, wrote and published

45 books detailing "an entire new way of life." She said the books were "channeled" through mental communication between them and beings on 32 alien planets.

Volume 4, for example, describes the appearance of other-world beings. Volume 7 tells about the operation and propulsion systems of their space-ships.

Why is Ruth Norman so sure such an unlikely event is going to take place that she would risk a \$4,000 wager on it? Because the time of the "cycle" is right.

Fear Reduced

Up to now, she said, man's fear of alien beings deterred these beings from landing on earth. But the increasing number of UFO sightings has greatly lessened these fears.

Mrs. Norman views her role as that of "Spacecraft Coordinator" and messenger of the Space Brothers" to "tell earthpeople not to fear and welcome the Space People."

Large signs on the 65 acres in Lawson Valley that she purchased

three years ago for the landing say: "Welcome Space Brothers." A model of the "Space City" to be built at the Lawson Valley site is on display at the Unarius operations center in El Cajon.

Evangelist Believer

Will it happen?

The Rev. Billy Graham thinks it's possible. He has stated in national media that he believes outer-space beings exist, that they are capable of visiting earth, and that they worship God. He said many of America's top scientists and astronauts share his belief.

Sightings of UFO's are said to be increasing. In fact, they're so commonplace now that they rarely merit headlines.

In addition to Mrs. Norman's wager, about \$6,000 has been bet by followers of hers, causing the London bookmaker to cut the odds down to 33 to one.

Perhaps Shakespeare anticipated Mrs. Norman's quest when he had Hamlet say:

"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

"Rays from space ship burned me!"

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Eero Lammi says he's learned a lesson he'll never forget: don't go too close to a flying saucer or you'll get burned!

Eero claims he and two friends, Seppo Mollanen (left in the picture) and Resto Partanen, were walking in the woods in Helsinki, Finland, when they saw a UFO landing in a clump of trees.

Eero decided to investigate. Slowly, carefully, he approached the glowing object he saw before him.

To this day, Eero says he doesn't know what hit him.

According to him, he was about 10 yards away when a flash shot from the UFO and struck his chest. He was knocked unconscious by the "rays".

Seppo and Resto both confirmed the fact that the UFO then disappeared into the sky as mysteriously as it had appeared.

The whole story would have been dismissed as a childish prank if it weren't for one thing: a mysterious burn on Eero's chest which a doctor examined but couldn't explain.

Rays from a spaceship? Eero says he doesn't care whether people believe him or not.

All he knows is that the next time he sees a flying saucer, he won't go sticking his nose... uh... chest... where it doesn't belong.



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346 Saucers Infect Soviets

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MOSCOW — A flying-saucer craze has been flourishing in the Soviet Union. In classrooms and around dinner tables, in buses and offices, it has infected conversation like a ubiquitous germ, sometimes dividing friends into hostile camps of believers and unbelievers.

The official press has thrown cold water on rumors that extraterrestrial beings have paid visits.

All this began several months ago. As Soviet dissidents circulated clandestine typewritten essays and statements opposing government actions, someone began spreading copies of a five-page typed "lecture" attributed to F. Y. Zigel, assistant professor at the Moscow Aviation Institute. It said there had been 300 recorded sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Soviet Union over the years and gave some examples.

It is not clear whether Zigel, who has written books on astronomy, is actually the author of the lecture, or even whether such a lecture was actually given. The professor himself has said nothing in public since the typed synopsis began circulating.

The typescript included the tantalizing line, "In the USSR, there exists a ban on all kinds of publications about UFO's," a remark sure to enhance the document's credibility. In a controlled society in which many people — intellectuals, at least — tend to disbelieve the official press, the typed papers known in Russian as samizdat, meaning unauthorized publications, take on extraordinary verisimilitude. The flying-saucer talk has a certain glitter, not only because it appeals to fantasy but because it is unapproved.

"Everybody has to believe rumors because they are unofficial," a Russian observed. Indeed, the Russian propensity to gobble rumors like the first lettuce of spring has a long history. Under the czars, by one Muscovite's account, it was customary to start a rumor before a churchbell was cast in the belief that the more widely the rumor was accepted, the better the chance for a successful cast. The expression "to cast a bell," meaning to start a rumor, remains in the language

If churchbells were still being cast, Moscow could overfulfill its plan these days. The typed lecture offers several examples of reported UFO's that are widely believed. Last January, the lecture avers, a UFO hovered over the city of Nalchik for 36 hours. A UFO trailed after an airliner from Vorkuta to Omsk. In 1961 a saucer hovered for 45 minutes over a railroad crossing at Golytino, 28 miles west of Moscow; auto engines stalled and could not be started until the saucer left.

Three weeks ago the government had evidently had enough. Yeremel Parinov, a Soviet science-fiction writer, appeared in print to denounce the samizdat lecture.

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A UFO by any other name

I read with interest—and some amusement—the letter by Bruce Maccabee (March, page 90), "More Lights In the Sky". With interest because Maccabee (and Rutledge, Epstein and Heaton) are calling attention to what may be a new phenomenon, and certainly a new empirical observation—with amusement because of the careful and obviously studied avoidance of the term UFO.

Yet what else is the letter about? After all, the U in UFO simply means unidentified, and the observations described certainly fit this definition of UFO.

The literature of UFO's is replete with similar descriptions—of lights not only unidentified to the original observer, but that remain unidentified even after competent scrutiny by persons like those associated with the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois. The Center has associated with it scientists from various disciplines (anthropology, sociology, psychology—even psychiatry, as well as physics and astronomy—we don't know to whom these new empirical observations, akin perhaps to the first observations of the fall of meteorites, or of bacteria or of cosmic rays, belong—perhaps we should include a chaplain!)

At any rate, kooks and crackpots aside (and they do obscure the issue), considerably more attention is being accorded today to the UFO phenomenon by academically trained persons. And why? Because of the incontrovertible fact that UFO reports exist, they have persisted for at least a quarter of a century, they represent a world-wide phenomenon, and the majority of the reports that fit the above definition (that is, the content of the report must remain really puzzling after serious study) are made by as responsible persons as those described by Maccabee. Isn't it time for us to recognize that a new empirical phenomenon exists (is being reported) which, whether one calls it the UFO phenomenon or not, still deserves to be studied. The Center for UFO Studies will be happy to furnish readers of PHYSICS TODAY with information on the nature and quality of the surprisingly

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French Couple Report Being Chased by 'Big Glowing Star'

VALENCE, France (AP)—A French couple said Saturday that a flying oval-shaped object resembling "a big glowing star" had chased their car near this southeastern French town, landed in a field, and then taken off again "in a flash."

Francois Perez and his wife told police that the incident had occurred the evening of Jan. 1, and that at first they had thought they were being followed by a helicopter.

The couple said that in trying to find out more about the object, they had driven back along the same road an hour later, and suddenly had spotted the craft parked in a field 400 yards from their car.

Perez said it was 30 to 40 yards in diameter and "surrounded by a halo of white light." He said that 10 minutes later the vehicle's lights began flashing and the craft zoomed off at a 45-degree angle.

Both Perez and his wife said their eyes had hurt them for the next 48 hours, and the husband said his wristwatch had not worked since the episode.

Second UFO spotted

When Sarah Christopher saw it, it was over the WQOK radio broadcast towers on White Horse Road, she said.

It was a round, glowing light that followed her down White Horse to Highway 253 to the Old Easley Highway and all the way to Easley, she said.

Mrs. Christopher was driving a friend back to her home in Easley. The light, which they first spotted about 8:30 p.m. Saturday, followed them for about a half hour, she said.

"It was terrible," the 23-year-old woman said. "My friend got almost hysterical. She thought it was Jesus coming back on a star. And that entered my mind too, after a while."

The light, she said, "looked like a street light, just a glow" and was "as big as a Gulf sign. It was huge."

She called the newspaper to say what she saw, she said, when she read a story Thursday about a Greenville man who said he had seen a similar light. M.E. Suttles said a round, white light which looked "Like a giant light bulb" had followed his car from Princeton to White Horse Road about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

At first, Mrs. Christopher said, she thought the light was "something connected with the WQOK towers." But then, she said, it started after them down the highway and followed them all the way to Easley.

At Easley, she said, she stopped in a gas station to ask the attendant if he saw it, too. She said he did, but couldn't identify it. The attendant could not be reached for comment today. When she reached her friend's trailer, she said, the light disappeared.

"I almost wrecked several times," she said. "We were scared to death. At first I thought it might be a falling star, but it was coming down real slow. And it never hit, it went back up and then went all the way to Easley."

UFO's and Science

THE CONTENTS of the book *The Invisible College* by Jacques Valle (Dutton, \$8.95) are not "invisible" for the author has brought into the limelight all the U.F.O. evidence at his command. This is considerable. During his four-year association with the official U.S. Air Force advisory board, he had access to much current material. Added to this is the growing literature, including his previous book, and the *Flying Saucer Review* published regularly in London. The word "college" is not related to a university but to the clandestine gatherings of specialists.

Jacques Vallee, reared in Southwest Europe where miracles and other para-normalities abound, does not claim to be an eye-witness, though he has spent many hours in tracking down and listening to accounts of those who were. Accepting these reports, he is most critical of members of the "college" who express doubts, especially to certain members of the advisory board set up by the U.S. Air Force.

Once it is assumed that there may be life within planetary systems other than our own, the gate is opened to explore what kind of societies they are. Vallee gives credence to what a government worker in Madrid is credited with finding out about a place called UMMO, a small "planet" with a higher level of civilization than that on earth. It has such gadgets as telephones, typewriters, computers and three-dimensional photography. It professes a theocentric religion. Their scholars have exposed

errors of earth physicists. Communication is by telepathy or a buzzing sound. Articulation of words is absent because an operation is performed on the vocal cords of each child upon reaching age 15.

The play of dazzling light upon some object is a kind of trademark, as in a case recorded in *Magonia* by Vallee: "a flattened dome giving off a blinding light illuminating the countryside." This is paired to a religious miracle occurring at Fatima, Spain, August 13, 1917, when a "luminous globe spinning through the clouds," was beheld. An entire chapter is given to proof of the similarity of religious and secular "miracles."

Science has erected giant receiving stations to catch possible radio signals but pseudo-science is tempted to take whatever shortcuts are offered, misinterpreting events in our atmosphere filled with spent rockets and live aircraft. We have yet to awaken to the real problem of a "spent atmosphere" and in this age of psychology to apply it all along the line. We should beware of turning science-fiction into a fictional science.

The author sees "no better hypothesis than we at this time are facing—a psychic technology whose applications know few if any limitations in space and time." A cynic might say to this, "U.F.O. means 'you fooled me once,' from now on I'm eating from a different saucer."

HAROLD P. MARLEY

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They blinked, they hovered, they vanished

Two recent sightings of unusually-shaped objects with blinking lights in the night sky have been reported to The Beaver.

About three weeks ago, Howard Church who lives on the Deseronto Road trained his field glasses on something which he said looked like a pair of inverted Christmas trees covered with different colored lights that blinked rapidly. "It was a long way off," Mr. Church said and the overall effect was a shape like a football.

Mr. Church's wife and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mike Church also saw the lighted object and the time was near midnight.

Last Thursday, Mrs. Mike Church was driving to her home on the Slash Rd., and saw a strange pulsating cluster of lights that appeared to be hovering in the sky over the Slash Rd. substation of Ontario Hydro. She called a neighbor to come out and see what looked to be two objects and watched for 20 minutes until both disappeared.



Charles Regan jabs stick into icy water in Wakefield, N. H., where object reportedly sank.

NH natives 'saw' mystery object, state officials say they didn't

Depending on whom you believe, a radioactive object was retrieved yesterday from a pond on Bill McCarthy's farm in Wakefield, N.H. — or it was only a figment of people's imaginations. Here are the two versions, one from eyewitnesses and the other from equally-positive government officials, as compiled by staff writer Robert Keeley.

Eyewitnesses

WAKEFIELD, N.H. — New Hampshire National Guard troops and State Police yesterday removed an unidentified object from a Wakefield pond and rushed it to Concord, apparently for analysis, according to eyewitnesses.

Wakefield Police Chief Michael Senecal told reporters he knew what was retrieved. Asked what it was, he replied, "No comment."

So the mystery — which began last Monday when the object reportedly fell from the sky into the pond — deepened.

Reporters pressed Senecal to give out some information, but he replied he was "under a gag order" issued directly from Gov. Meldrim Thomson and the state attorney general's office.

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State officials

CONCORD, N.H. — State officials have found no unidentified object and no radiation in that now-famous little pond in Wakefield, Gov. Meldrim Thomson announced yesterday.

He gave the "all clear" after National Guardsmen and State Police cut through the ice, searched the bottom and reportedly carried away nothing but mud and water for analysis.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Gregory Smith reported to the governor after the search was over that the probe "has proved the whole thing is false."

"The entire matter was caused by false preliminary instrument readings," said Roland Jenkins, a spokesman for the governor.

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Town: we saw it -- State: you didn't

Eyewitnesses

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"I can't tell you what it is, but it is safe to say it is not a space ship," the police chief said.

William and Dorothy McCarthy, who own the farm on which the pond is located, were telling all they know.

Mrs. McCarthy said her husband was in the family room Monday afternoon when he looked out and saw the pond was melting despite near zero weather.

"Ice and snow don't melt for nothing around here," said Mrs. McCarthy. "We were in the midst of a blizzard and the temperature was near zero."

McCarthy and his daughter, Kathy, walked out to the pond and discovered a three-foot-square hole in the ice, which was two-to-three feet thick, Mrs. McCarthy said.

She continued that her husband used a pole to poke around in the hole and observed what appeared to him to be a black flat object about 24-inches square, with a round, bubble-like protuberance. He prodded it with the pole, she added.

The pond, which is man-made and about 50 feet in diameter, melted in more than one spot, Mrs. McCarthy continued.

"There appeared to be a square trench in the mud below the surface from the first hole going across to the second hole," she said.

The melting continued over several hours and at one point the ice became so weak her husband fell through, she said, pointing out that it held up one of the family's saddle horses the previous day.

"There definitely was something different in the pond," she assessed. "Ponds do not melt in the dead of winter. This is not Miami Beach."

Like everyone else, Mrs. McCarthy remains befuddled by it all.

"At first we were told there was a high radioactive reading from the scene and that the state wanted to quarantine us," she said. That was after the McCarthys' reported the matter to police after the ice started to melt.

She said Chief Senecal arrived with a geiger counter that Monday night and reported high radiation in the area. She added that secrecy seemed to surround the matter after the attorney general's office was called in.

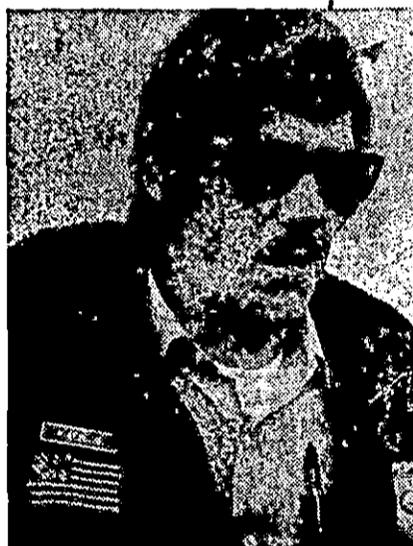
Meanwhile, excitement was the commodity of the day this normally quiet town of less than 2000 population, located near the Maine border.

Hundreds of visitors—including newsmen from far-flung states—descended on the farm, which the McCarthys had chosen as a quiet refuge from Massachusetts seven years ago.

Spectators were held some 300 yards



Mrs. Dorothy McCarthy: "Ponds do not melt in the dead of winter."



Chief Michael Senecal knows the answer but "no comment."

from the farm yesterday while the National Guard attempted unsuccessfully to pump out the pond. Failing this, large ice saws were used to cut a six-by-three foot rectangular hole in the ice.

Eyewitnesses in the crowd said they saw workers place the object—whatever it was—into a metal box. The box was placed in a van, believed to be a National Guard vehicle, and driven away.

After the alleged object was carted away, Senecal told reporters he knew what it was but couldn't talk. He then went to the Palmers Motel, center of the town's activity, and told Bob and Charlotte Palmer there was nothing to worry about because nothing was found, according to eyewitnesses.

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The excitement began Monday after Mr. and Mrs. William McCarthy reported an object had fallen into a pond behind their farmhouse and had melted ice which had been two-to-three feet thick. Subsequently, Geiger counter readings reportedly showed radiation in the area.

But Jenkins said that equipment was "faulty."

Other state and federal officials contacted agreed with the governor's official assessment. There was no radioactive object in the pond and the whole matter has been blown out of proportion.

In a prepared statement, Thomson said that what may have looked like something on the bottom of the pond was "the result of shadows of cracked ice."

National Guard Adjutant Gen. John Blatsos, said he had called various installations to determine whether any government equipment had fallen from the sky.

"I called Pease Air Force Base to see if something fell off an airplane," said Blatsos. "I called the satellite station. Nothing."

He explained a Civil Defense worker had thought he heard a "beep" on a geiger counter earlier in the week. But tests yesterday found the pond free from radiation, he added.

Blatsos said that plastic bags seen by eyewitnesses at the site could have been used for lowering monitoring equipment into the water for better readings. He also noted that officials were taking water and soil samples in the area.

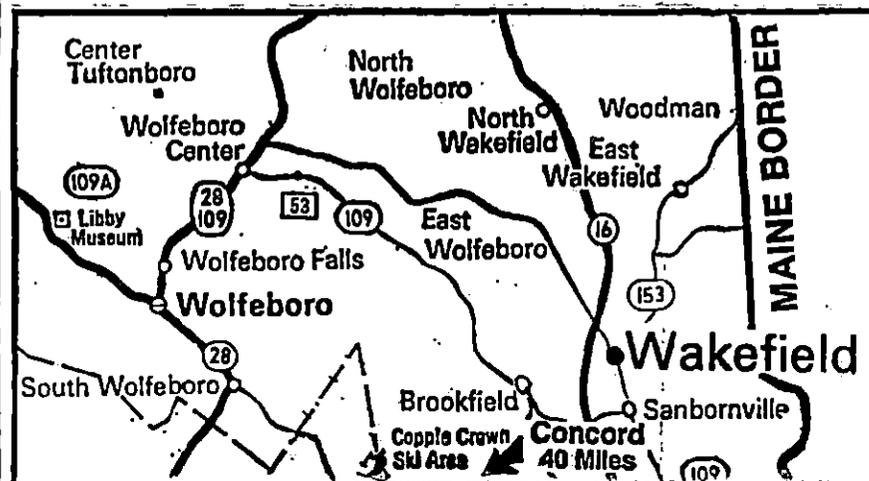
After state investigators had left the scene, Charles Regan, a college-student from Portsmouth, took a reading with his own geiger counter.

He said the mud he tested registered high radioactivity.

However, government spokesmen were depending on their own readings with their own equipment — not on unofficial reports.

Meanwhile, Asst. Atty. Gen. Thomas Rath announced that rock and soil samples from the floor of the pond were taken by state public health authorities to the state laboratory for examination.

Also checking out the pond for the state were the Fish and Game Dept. and the New Hampshire Dept. of



Local man reports UFO sighting

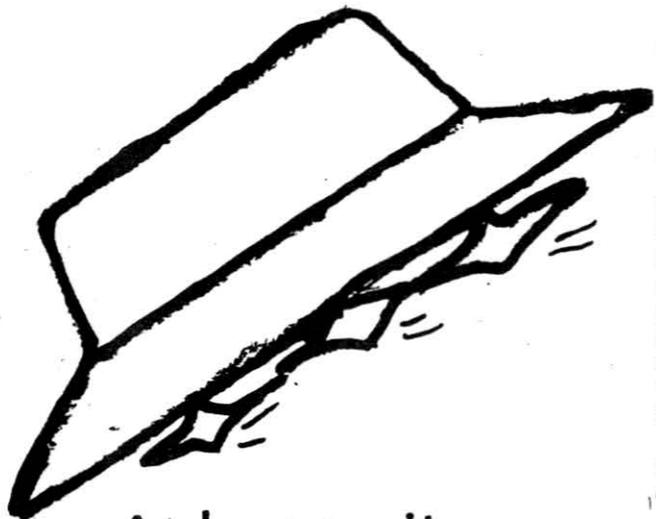
A real-life scene from 'The Invaders'

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Warren Martin and his four friends had a problem. The rear tires of the car they were driving in had become stuck in the mud a few feet from a set of railroad tracks in Canton.

They feared the vacuum created by a train passing at high speed might cause the vehicle to smack into the train. Then, at about 9 p.m. on this eerie November 29 night, a sound from the skies caught their attention.

"I thought it was a plane at first," Martin said. "Then I noticed that the colors of the lights were wrong. An airplane couldn't have stood up to the way it moved. The stress on the wings would probably have snapped them off."



As he saw it...

Sketch by Warren Martin shows craft he and four friends reportedly saw in neighboring town. Three-diamond-shaped lights are at bottom. Martin was unable to provide much detail, since ship could only be seen by reflections from the moonlight.

The Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) prompted a more emotional outburst from one of his friends: "Omigod! We're seeing a flying saucer!"

"We were really kind of paranoid about it," said Martin, 18, who felt "just amazement" as the craft swooped to within 500 yards of the car. He recalled one companion complaining about the indoor dome light: "Turn it off. Turn it off. They'll see us."

Martin was the only one of the five Stoughton men who consented to be interviewed,

or even identified.

He described the UFO as "shaped kind of like a top hat," with three diamond-shaped lights at the bottom flashing only occasionally in sequence. He spotted the colors purple, orange, red, and blue on the lights.

"I never saw any green," he said. "It couldn't have been a plane."

According to Martin, the ship appeared by a set of transmission lines and started performing "aerial games, dipping and swerving."

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Another UFO sighted

FRAMINGHAM — Another unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported in Framingham Thursday night.

Two UFOs were reported to The News and police in Framingham Wednesday night.

Peter VanGel of 20 Vernon Road in Natick said as he was driving towards Natick on Rte. 30 in Framingham, he saw a "red fireball" in the sky.

VanGel said the object was "the most beautiful red color I have ever seen." He said the object was egg-shaped and seemed to have a tail.

"It came down slowly over the tree tops," he said. "It was about 10 degrees from my direction. It looked like it was heading for Sudbury."

Wednesday night, residents in the Nobscot area of town reported seeing an object with bright, white lights all around it.

Thursday, one man had an explanation for Wednesday's sighting.

Richard Mooney of 413 Union Ave. said he saw a similar sight in early September and later found out it was a bi-plane displaying advertising for a certain automobile company.

Mooney said the plane he saw had lights all across its wings and was probably getting ready to land somewhere. Residents said Wednesday night that the object looked like a plane with lights all over its wings.

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"It was a little bit frightening," Martin said. "Everyone has a fear of the unknown." He said one friend expressed a desire to leave, which would have necessitated abandoning the car, "but the rest of us wanted to sit there and watch, so we stayed." He noted the ship bore a resemblance to the spacecraft of "The Invaders" television series.

For about ten minutes he said, the UFO darted around in the sky. Then: "It seemed to know the train was coming. It left two or three minutes before it came, and reappeared afterwards" for another ten minutes.

Fortunately for the group, the train sped by on the set of tracks furthest from the car.

When the ship finally left, the men pushed the car out of the mud, and tried to follow it in hopes of discovering it had landed. They drove from the vicinity of the Knollwood Cemetery, where the sighting occurred, to a residential area by Cobb's Corner, but they could not pick up the trail.

Martin said he had not partaken of liquor or any mind-expanding drugs that Monday, and was confident that at least three of the four others had not either. He questioned how five persons in any state could watch the same phenomena and recall it afterwards "unless it was true."

The next day, Martin said, he reported the sighting to the Air Force, which referred him to the Federal Aviation Administration. S.G. Payne, deputy public affairs officer, confirmed Martin's call, but added: "We're not the gathering agency. We have no vested interest in these alleged reported sightings."

Payne, in turn, referred all inquiries—as he had the report—to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. UFO sightings are apparently no longer in vogue, however, because spokesmen in several MIT science departments denied handling such matters.

Those who see UFOs in the future can call, toll-free, a nationwide UFO Center answering service in Arizona. Dial 1-800-621-7725.

Martin, a television technician who believes there is life on other planets, is convinced that what he saw was real. He said: "I can guarantee you this is no hoax. My eyes don't play tricks on me."