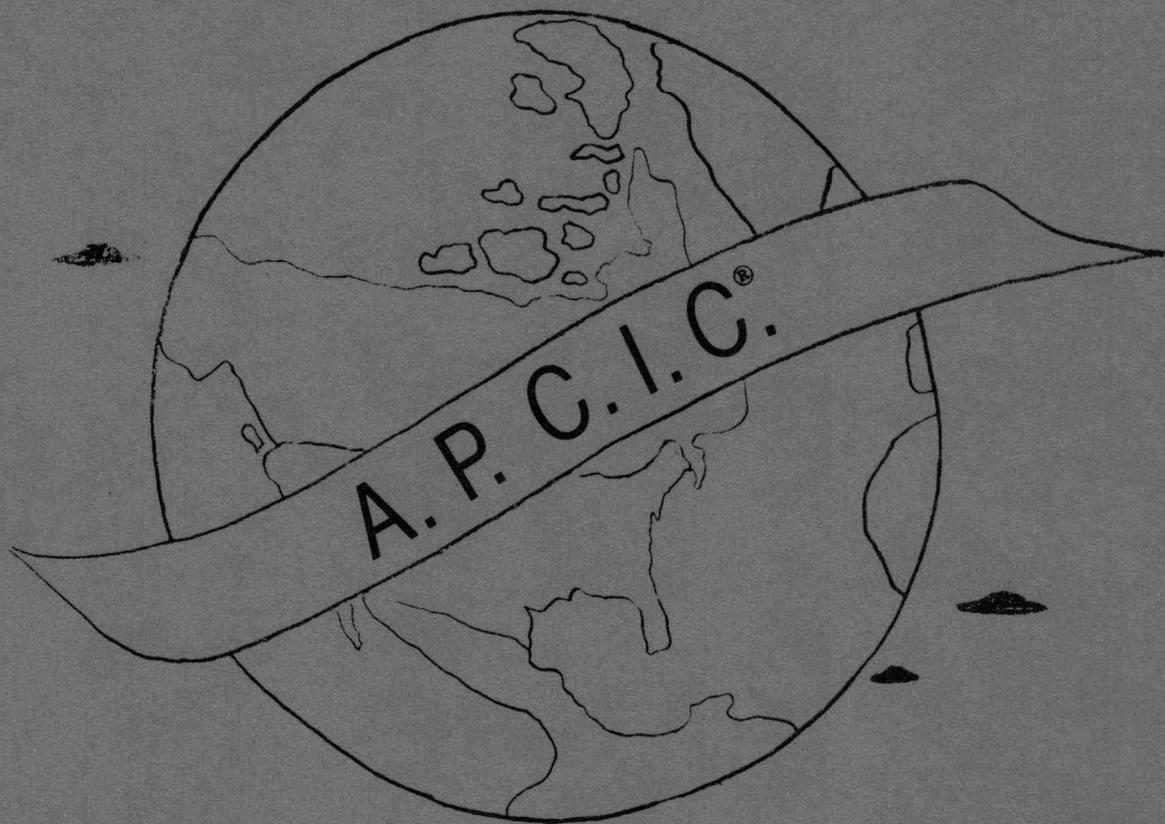


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# The Night I Saw My First UFO

NEBRASKA LIVING - OMAHA, NEB.  
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*"The sound had caused us to look up. What I saw was a large black shape moving rapidly away from the ship. To me it seemed like a basketball many times enlarged . . . the strange object had disappeared in the dark."*

I have been skeptical of the existence of UFOs since that acronym for Unidentified Flying Objects first floated into my consciousness. Whether in words or pictures, accounts of UFOs have always struck me as highly "fuzzy." In this frame of reference, my first, and so far only, encounter with unidentified flying objects proved unsettling.

It was one of those perfect evenings that occur in the brief dry spells in early August on the inside passage to Alaska. The gentle breeze was pleasantly cool as we sailed south through the narrow Granville Channel. Dense evergreen forests covered the steep shores on both sides. From time to time we caught glimpses of snow covered mountains in the distance.

Three of us were skipping whatever the entertainment was that evening in the salon below. Comfortably seated on the afterdeck, we spoke only to call attention to some particularly lovely aspect of the changing scene. A few other passengers appeared, and disappeared, as they made their determined rounds of the boat deck. Ten times around made a mile we had been told. Some stopped briefly to share the sunset with us.

The red disk of the sun settled slowly, casting a pink glow over the far off snow-capped mountains. Several times we thought we had seen the last of the afterglow, only to come upon yet another breathtaking view of pink snow capping a mountain rising higher than the now dark mountains close to the channel. The ship moved silently. No longer did we meet or pass the small fishing craft that had attracted our attention earlier. In the dusk we saw them tying up for the night in the little coves along the shore. Our conversation lacked direction. Mostly we just enjoyed our own thoughts, and the soft murmuring of the waves in the wake of the ship.

Once the silence was broken by a harsh blast from the ship's foghorn; then silence again. The moon had come out, a lovely crescent that didn't give much light, but which was in itself a thing of beauty. We spoke of the many songs about moonlight on various bodies of water, agreeing the lyricists had written truly.

Suddenly we were jarred out of our respective reveries by a noise that seemed to come from the pilot deck above us. That sound, it turned out later, was the one point on which we did not agree. On what came next we were in full agreement.

The sound had caused us to look up. What I saw was a large black shape moving rapidly away from the ship. To me it seemed like a basketball many times enlarged, but with a rim around its middle, very much as the planet Saturn is depicted in dictionaries. As the object sped away from me, I noticed two more shapes, one on each side of the first. Before I could ask my companions if they had seen what I had seen, the strange objects had disappeared in the dark.



*As it turned out, there was to be a natural explanation for the strange objects the foursome saw on the deck of their ship on their Alaska inside passage cruise. Prior to receiving that news, the viewers desperately wanted an explanation.*

My companions had, indeed, seen what I had seen — and even more. One of the women thought there had been five of the ball-like objects, and the other was sure she had counted six. Baffled as we were, we tried to come up with some reasonable explanation. None of us was willing to believe we had seen UFOs, though what we had seen were certainly unidentified objects. Try as we would, we couldn't come up with a "natural" explanation. One of the women suggested weather balloons, but the shape wasn't right, and surely balloons wouldn't travel in a row, nor at the high speed of our "objects."

Still puzzled, we went below to partake of the 10 p.m. buffet. Too excited to keep our experience to ourselves, we described to our tablemates what we had seen. As we should have known they would, they laughed at us, and joshed us mercilessly about our presumed lack of sobriety. How long had we been in the bar before going on deck, they wanted to know.

It was a frustrating interlude, and for once I did not enjoy the delicacies I had piled on my plate. My fellow UFO-viewers were as frustrated as I. What we had seen was sharp and clear in our minds — but what had we seen? We almost desperately desired an explanation. What we got was a lot of frivolous suggestions and loud laughter.

At breakfast the next morning we were kidded again. Had we seen any more UFOs in our dreams? Perhaps, our tablemates suggested, we needed tomato juice and strong black coffee to clear up our "hangovers."

The three of us then and there decided to drop the subject. Alas, we were not to be allowed that easy an escape. At lunch the ship's purser joined us. There was always a place set for him at our table, but sometimes his work schedule kept him away. No sooner was he seated than he was told with a good deal of hilarity about our encounter with UFOs.

Instead of joining in the ridicule, as we had fully expected, the purser asked quite seriously what time we had seen the objects. It had been about nine o'clock one of us explained.

"Could it have been 9:15?" he asked.

No longer laughing, the scoffers were beginning to hang as intently as we upon his words. It had been dark, we explained, and none of us had thought to check our watches.

"Did the ship sound its foghorn before you saw the objects?" was his next question.

"Yes, it did, perhaps ten or fifteen minutes before."

"Then you did indeed see some large round objects," the purser stated.

"Did you see them, too?" three or four of our tablemates asked in chorus.

"No. But I know what the objects were. Just at 9:15 the ship passed under an electric cable strung over the channel from one mountain to another," the purser explained. "Because the cable is so high and is not readily visible even in daylight, and not at all at night, and because it is so unexpected in this wild territory, the cable could be a real danger to airplanes. To make it visible to pilots large metal balls have been attached to it. It was those balls you saw. They were, of course, not moving, but the speed of the ship made them seem to be moving away from you."

So we had our "natural" explanation! While it was a let-down to get so prosaic an answer, I was not really disappointed. I found I had badly wanted a natural explanation so I could return to my previous disbelief in UFOs.

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## Photos taken in Shoreview

# U prof. 'solves' UFO mystery

by David Smith  
University News Service

The case of the "Shoreview UFO" has been solved by a University of Minnesota photography professor.

The mystery centered around two black and white photographs taken March 28 by Tom Hislop, a 17-year-old Mounds View High School student from Shoreview.

The photos, part of a class assignment, were supposed to have been of a picturesque spring sunset. But when they were developed, they revealed something else.

A bright object consisting of two oval-shaped rings and accompanied by a black shadow appeared to be hovering in the hazy sunset several hundred feet above the Shoreview skyline.

Hislop said that he did not actually see the object when he took the pictures. "I was concentrating on the light meters of my camera and just snapped the two shots," he said.

Some unusual qualities about the photographs made it seem that the pleasant, auburn-haired young man may have accidentally photographed a UFO.

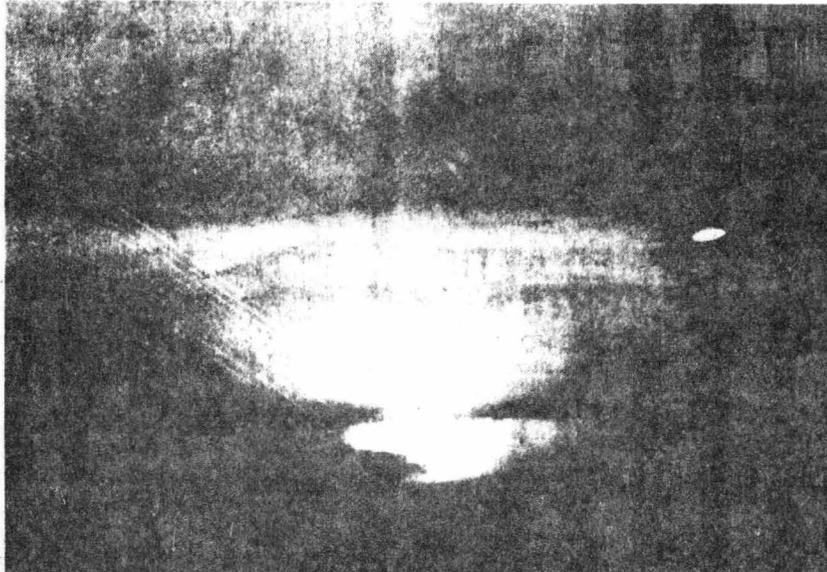
The object appeared only on the two negatives of the sunset and on no other frames of Hislop's film. This suggested, at first glance, that the object was not the result of some defect in the film.

The object also seemed to change positions in the two shots, which were taken about five seconds apart. A "ringer," or halo, showed up when the image was enlarged, suggesting the reflection of light by the object. Enlargement did not distort the object's features, either.

Finally, the possibility that Hislop may have altered the film intentionally was discounted by several professional photographers. They noted the presence and clarity of both the bright rings and the black shadow on both photos. Simultaneous effects like these would be difficult for a professional to manufacture, let alone a person with Hislop's relative inexperience.

**STILL, HISLOP** encountered a great amount of skepticism about his photos. "There weren't many people to go to who were seriously willing to talk about them," he said.

One person who accepted the photos at face value was Ellsworth Erickson, Hislop's photography teacher at Mounds View. Erickson, who has 40 years of photographic experience and was involved in aerial reconnaissance during World War II, said that he looked at the negatives and was convinced the photos were not the result of a defect in the film.



"He took the pictures under ideal conditions," he said. "Besides, I've never seen air bubbles that look like this."

Frank Fuller, a reporter for the New Brighton Bulletin, also thought enough of the photos to write an article about them which appeared on the front page of the Bulletin.

The article generated a call from a resident of nearby Maplewood who claimed to have seen "a bright yellow object" the evening before Hislop took his photographs.

Meanwhile, the astronomy department at the University of Minnesota received prints of the photographs from reporter Fuller.

Assistant professor John Warner, who was the first in the department to see them, maintained a healthy skepticism but was at a loss to explain the phenomenon. He suggested that the original contact sheet prints be sent to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a UFO investigator at Northwestern University in Illinois.

That is where the matter stood until last week, when James Brown, director of the photojournalism sequence in the University of Minnesota's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, received copies of the photographs.

**AFTER SCRUTINIZING** the prints, Brown became sufficiently intrigued to ask for a look at the negatives.

Armed with a magnifying glass, Brown carefully went over the two negatives and found what he was looking for — "abrasions" and "contact marks" on the emulsion of the negatives.

On the edges of the film near the wind sprockets, he discovered other ring-shaped objects which lined up perfectly with the objects on the main part of the film. "The conclusive piece of evidence was the pattern of the defects," Brown said.

Brown feels that the abrasions and unusual markings occurred accidentally, probably during the development of the film, although he is unable to pinpoint exactly how it happened. "You'd have to go back over every minute from the time the film was loaded until it was developed," he said.

However, he did give the photos credit for being somewhat unusual. "I've never seen that kind of defect before," he said.

Hislop said that he was glad his photographs had finally been explained, although he felt "a little disappointed" that they were only the result of some error in handling the film. But, Hislop said, Brown's findings present him with a new mystery.

"I've got a box full of about 2,000 negatives and this is the first time something like this has ever happened. I'd like to know what went wrong," he said, shaking his head.

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# Does star map prove the Hills' story?

Free-lance writers Walter Szykitka and Robert J. Durant conclude the strange story of Barney and Betty Hill in this last part of Pursuing the Unexplained.

By WALTER SZYKITKA  
and ROBERT J. DURANT

Special to the Sentinel Star

Was it fact? Or fiction?  
Reality? Or fantasy?

HAD BETTY and Barney Hill actually been abducted by visitors from a distant planet, as both had recounted while under separate and independent hypnotherapy investigation? Had they really been stopped while driving on a lonely country road on a starry New Hampshire night, put into a trance, and taken aboard a spacecraft for a thorough physical examination before being returned to their car?

Or had the most celebrated UFO case on record been simply the result of overwrought imagination, combined with fatigue and a misinterpretation of some natural phenomenon?

There are two compelling reasons for believing the Hills' story to be true: there's the truth-discovering nature of the hypnotherapy used to extract the story from the Hills' unconscious memory, and, if that isn't quite enough for the practicing skeptic, there's also the extraordinary clue of the star map, a puzzle that took six years to solve and that defies explanation unless the truth of the Hills' story is accepted.

HYPNOSIS IS used regularly by responsible doctors for the relief of pain and to treat psychiatric disorders. Police departments have used it to improve the memory of crucial witnesses. Hypnosis is also an excellent 'lie detector,' eliminating the possibility of a conscious hoax.

Dr. Simon, who treated the Hills, explains: "It must be understood that hypnosis is a pathway to the truth as it is felt and understood by the patient. The truth is what he believes to be the truth, and this may or may not be consonant with the ultimate nonpersonal truth. Most frequently it is."

Experts are not sure how hypnosis works, but they agree that it does work.

AND THE fact is that, in the course of a year's hypnotherapy during which Dr. Simon was very careful to question the Hills independently to eliminate the possibility of collusion, not only did Betty and Barney confirm the details of the close-range UFO sighting they had recalled consciously, but they were also able to pull out of their unconscious memory that most terrifying part of the experience, the abduction and physical examination. And their accounts, independently related, coincided exactly!

Dr. Lester Grinspoon, Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard, has suggested that cases of this sort might be examples of a rare form of mental illness known as folie a deux. This arises when the dominant person in a close emotional relationship suffers from a psychosis and infects the other with the same delusions.

Even Dr. Simon, who believes that the Hills did see a strange object, leaves open the possibility that the events revealed under hypnosis were a shared fantasy, an easy portion to sympathize with since the Hills did not bring back one shred of physical evidence. Every bit of data in the case came from the memories of Betty and Barney Hill.

IF THE THEORY is not a fantasy, the only alternative is to accept the existence of strange-looking but powerful and intelligent extraterrestrials flying around the universe in sophisticated spacecraft, an alternative many persons find impossible to accept.

All of these considerations notwithstanding, the skeptics must still reckon with the star map . . .

In 1966 the Hills and Dr. Simon cooperated with writer John G. Fuller to present their case to the public in Fuller's book "The Interrupted Journey." In addition to an account of the particulars in the case as they were known at the time, the book also contained extensive transcripts from the tape recordings made during the hypnotherapy sessions.

IN ONE OF those sessions, Betty described a box-like space, about three feet wide by two feet high, that she had noticed on the wall of the room where they were being examined. The space contained discs the size of a nickel and smaller, down to mere pinpoints of light, some of which were connected by heavy solid lines, some by light solid lines, and others by dashed lines.

Betty said she was told that she was looking at the stars visited by the UFO, that the heavy lines connected the stars most frequently visited, the light solid lines were "trade" routes, and the dashed lines were "exploratory" routes.

Under Dr. Simon's post-hypnotic suggestion, Mrs. Hill drew the map — probably as accurately as if she had drawn it while under hypnosis — and it, too, was published in Mr. Fuller's book.

AND SO it might have remained, just another curiosity in a story filled with curiosities, until it caught the attention of Marjorie Fish, a 28-year-old school teacher in Oak Harbor, Ohio.

Ms. Fish read Fuller's account of the Hills' experience and became fascinated by the star map. She reasoned that it just might provide the key to the entire mystery. If the map drawn by Betty Hill was merely a figment of her imagination, there was little chance that it resembled any pattern of real stars. But if, on the other hand, such a collection of stars did exist, then Betty Hill's map would demonstrate knowledge that she could have obtained in no other way than the way she related.

On that basis, Marjorie Fish set about to search for the pattern of stars in Betty Hill's map.

SHE BEGAN with certain assumptions: First, the map represented a pattern of stars from a vantage point deep in space, as would be the case with a star map used by space travelers. Second, the 'home star' of the UFO must be one of the larger (nearer) stars shown in the map. And third, our sun must be in the map, and it must be connected with one of the

other stars with a solid or dashed line, since the UFO visit itself would be a clear indication that our solar system was on one of the mapped travel routes.

To find the pattern seemed a straightforward task: All one had to do was construct a three-dimensional model of the stars in the vicinity of our sun and then view it from all possible angles until the Hill pattern emerged.

But Ms. Fish soon found that the problem was much more complex than she had anticipated. Eventually, she was to build over 20 models, using fine threads and beads to place the stars. The volume encompassed by her models ranged out to 65 light-years, a space including thousands of stars.

**BECAUSE OF** the huge number of stars involved, she was forced to include only that small percentage which astronomers believe might possibly have life-supporting planets. Although working with fewer stars greatly reduced the chances of finding the pattern, it also meant that if the pattern were found among those selected stars, there would be a much greater likelihood that it represented a genuine route system used by extraterrestrials.

After two years of painstaking research and model-building, Ms. Fish tentatively identified five of the 12 pattern stars in the Hill map. Several months later, she found four more. The remaining three, however, proved to be much more of a problem.

The difficulty was that a key star that would have completed the pattern was not located where Betty Hill had placed it in her map. It developed, however, that the distance and angular data on this star was incorrectly listed in the astronomical catalogs available at that time. It wasn't Betty Hill that was mistaken; it was the catalogs! A revised catalog, published a few years later, contained the correct data, and with this fresh information added to the model, Ms. Fish was immediately able to complete the pattern exactly as drawn by Betty Hill.

**THE 'MISSING'** star, vital to the pattern, had not even been listed in any astronomical catalog in 1964, the year when Betty Hill drew the map!

For many UFO enthusiasts, the validation of the star map is conclusive proof of the reality of the experience related by Betty and Barney Hill. Although many will not agree, the burden of proof would seem to have been shifted to the skeptics. Professor Carl Sagan, astronomer at Cornell University and inveterate critic of UFO proponents, believes that the star pattern found by Ms. Fish corresponds with the map drawn by Betty Hill only because of coincidence. To him, it was a lucky fluke.

Dr. David Saunders, a psychologist and statistician, disagrees. His mathematical analysis of the problem yields immense odds against such a 'chance' factor.

**THE STORY** of Betty and Barney Hill — reality or fantasy?

The answer, it seems, is as illusive as the space travelers themselves.



## Florence Museum Question Box

By William A. Burns, Director

**Do you believe that there is life on other worlds? C.B., Sr., City.**

If you believe in the laws of probability and chance you must believe that there is life — and intelligent life — on other worlds. With infinity going both ways — back and forward — the very element of timeless time makes it highly probable that somewhere in this endless universe a fortuitous combination of the right chemicals, radiation, temperature, breathable atmosphere and chance has developed life either from the simplest algae to some being capable of inventing tools, machines, and what we call a civilization.

There has been a great furor in the past twenty or thirty years about what people call "flying saucers." Some may laugh at some of the stories of little green men swooping down and capturing human beings to see what we are like but our own Federal government maintained Operation Bluebook for many years and I believe abandoned it, only to open the Bluebook again. I also believe that in the Pentagon, with all the maps and charts in Military Intelligence, there must be a map presented to the Commanding General every morning at eight, of so-called sightings of flying saucers (or as they prefer to call it — **Unidentified Flying Objects**).

Why should we human beings be so vain as to think that we are the only sentient beings among the countless trillions and quadrillions of galaxies? Our earth, with its nicely balanced combination of oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, and other life-supporting elements, certainly is not the only planet with such a life-supporting system.

You won't believe what follows but there are some theories circulating that we have already been invaded! We are already subject to the dictates of inhabitants from Sirius, the Dog Star. Millions of years ago, these people say, we were invaded by beings from the Dog Star and they have made us take care of them, do what they say, provide them with shelter, food, water, leashes, and snap dog collars to keep off fleas and ticks. Our master is an old lady basset hound whose earth name is Misty!

You read peculiar things in the newspapers too. I read the other morning in the F.M. News that the Boar President of some organization did so and so. Now you may think that that is a typographical error but perhaps it is the name of some extraterrestrial leader of a group already in our midst.

And in some of the New York and San Diego papers I have read such things as "etaoin shrdlu" which may mean nothing to you but may be a sentence in Aldebaranese or some other far-off world. Keep your eye on the Florence Morning News and you will read the same peculiar words that I find — "foreign spy," "woman found with rope around neck," "City Council states that zoning laws will change."

The invader may already be with us! Watch the Morning News!

## Caracas Survives Predicted Doom

Caracas, Venezuela porarily — just in case — and — **AP** — Despite a prediction there were quite a few of them, popularly attributed to a Martian visitor, Caracas was not destroyed by a tidal wave Sunday.

However, many residents of this Venezuelan capital had to wait to find out that it was still there. They were the ones who left town tem-

The rumor of destruction by water had spread for three months in this city of 2.6 million persons, despite its location 10 miles from the Caribbean Sea behind a range of 6,000 foot mountains.

Top NASA scientists are convinced that intelligent life exists in outer space — and they say that while alien beings might look monstrous to us, they are probably a lot smarter than we are.

"We see in other star systems what appear to be atmospheres where conditions could be right for the creation of life," Dr. Jacob Trombka, a planetary physicist at the Goddard Space Flight Center, told The ENQUIRER.

Said Dr. John Wolfe, deputy chief of the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) program at NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., who is working on a special project to receive messages from other worlds:

"The primary assumption is that we're dumb and they're smart . . . any civilization we do detect is almost certainly (going to be) more advanced than we are."

Added Charles Ivie, a space scientist who's involved in space vehicle research at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.: "To transmit signals across (our galaxy), they would have to be in advance of ourselves."

Dr. Harry O. Ruppe, head of the aerospace department at Munich Technical University in Germany — and for 10 years a leading NASA expert on Moon and Mars projects — says he is "completely convinced" such alien life exists.

"On many planets conditions will be quite favorable to life," he said, "and life will have risen there."

All the NASA experts interviewed by The ENQUIRER base their conclusions on what they say is overwhelming statistical evidence.

"Our galaxy contains a minimum of 100 billion stars," Ivie explained.

"More than 10 billion of these stars are similar to our sun. So even if intelligent life has developed only on planets orbiting one star in a million, we're still talking about the potential for millions of intelligent civilizations . . . it strikes me as inconceivable the earth could be the only place where life has developed."

William Stroud, a space scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. — and who pioneered in the development of weather satellites — agrees. "The chances are that on one of these planets the conditions

By JOHN M. CATHCART

are right for life," says Stroud.

And this electrifying possibility has captured the imagination of scientists the world over. "Man will never be satisfied," declared Dr. Trombka, "until he has contacted another civilization."

Beings from other worlds might look grotesque to humans, but they would still very likely be intelligent and highly advanced, the scientists suggest.

"It's unlikely they would look like us," said Dr. Wolfe. "But they probably have the same capacity with regard to the senses. They will probably be able to feel, smell, see and hear."

Dr. Ruppe told The ENQUIRER:

"I certainly would not be surprised if they looked different — say, four arms, four legs, two heads. The differences could be tremendous and startling.

"But whatever they look like, I believe they will have a brain structure and be capable of logical thoughts — because without logic, you can not develop science or space technology."

The scientists stress that mankind should not fear what many space experts regard as inevitable contact with alien creatures.

"If they were hostile, they probably would have destroyed themselves long before they reached the stage where they could send signals over such long distances," Ivie said. "And it would give us hope that we, too, could survive."

Contact could be closer than we imagine, according to Dr. Ruppe.

"We are much closer than we were only 10 years ago," he said.

"We have receivers capable of picking up messages from planets so far away in space we don't yet know anything about them.

"It's like a lottery — we could be lucky tomorrow. But one thing I do not doubt. There is life in outer space — and some day we will discover it."

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# Intelligent Life In Outer Space

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INTERGALACTIC WATERGATE

A nuclear physicist and long time U.F.O. researchers has charged that the Air Force's "Project Bluebook" smacks of a cover-up by the government bigger than the Watergate scandal.

Stanton Friedman told a special congress on U.F.O.'s in Chicago recently that the real story behind flying saucers is being deliberately suppressed.

According to Friedman, in the course of hundreds of lectures on U.F.O.'s throughout the United States and Canada, he has been approached by at least 75 former military people who told him of what he called "excellent U.F.O. sightings."

Friedman said he was told that, just about in every case, the reports of the sightings were sent-not to "Project Bluebook" for investigation but instead to the Air Forces' secret "Aerospace Defense Command."

Friedman speculated that American Government scientist, as well as those working for other governments around the world, may be in a race to figure out how saucers are propelled in efforts to gain military superiority. -- ZODIAC.

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## Small island asks UN probe of UFO's

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — Tiny Grenada wants the United Nations to take time out from the Middle East, Southern Africa and other world issues to investigate flying saucers because they may have a hostile intent.

The West Indian island, the smallest nation in the Western Hemisphere, has asked that its proposal to set up a U.N. agency on UFO's be included in the agenda for the upcoming 32nd session of the U.N. General Assembly.

Grenada wants an international group to collect the results of "research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena."

# So far, so good . . .

By LINDA O'DELL  
Staff Writer

LAKE CITY, Pa. — The Bicentennial has come and gone and so far, no little green men from outer space have landed at the "First Official UFO Landing Port" in this small, lakeside community.

"If they had landed here, I tell you I wouldn't be standing here right now," commented Rich Miller, one of the site's

promoters, as he stood looking at the half-neglected, sad remainder of one of the most publicized bicentennial projects.

Last year, this northwestern Erie County, Pa., town received worldwide curious attention for an ingenious bicentennial project — a lighted, radio and radar equipped landing pad for unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

The wire service picked the story up,

national magazines were there to interview the people who built it, and American and European radio and television stations brought the story into millions of homes.

Letters poured in from all over the world. In one, a Frenchman sent his own designs of a triangular UFO landing port. Alas, they were in French. In another, a woman from Italy wanted the promoters to find her a husband. And another, a Massachusetts man, sent along a picture of his homemade spaceship and wanted to know if it could be used at the site.

The main gist of letters, however, questioned the reasoning behind the port.

The answer is simple. The Chamber of Commerce wanted to find a bicentennial project the whole town could enjoy.

The idea came from a group of men discussing ideas over coffee in October, 1975. The talk got around to UFOs and to the fact that there were quite a few UFO sightings in the area in the early 1970s.

"We thought, well, no one's ever invited them to land, so we thought we would," remarked Lake City policeman and port security officer Robert Weaver.

"It was really surprising to see how many people are seriously involved in UFO study," Weaver said about the publicity.

Jim Meeder, last year's Chamber of Commerce president and the project's main promoter, said he sent the idea to Washington D.C. to gain approval as a



NO, IT IS NOT about to take off. This small replica of a flying saucer, donated by a fiber glass company in Butler, Pa., is permanently anchored in the small park in downtown Lake City, Pa. The saucer was used on a float in several parades last year. (Sunday Paper Photo)

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## UFO Reported Over Simi

An object police described as bright and glowing hovered for nearly half an hour over Simi Valley.

Police said that both a Simi Valley police patrolman on duty and a resident reported seeing the object, which moved slowly from east to west for about 24 minutes before disappearing late Saturday night.

A police spokesman said there was no report of the object's color or altitude.

Investigators said that officials at Vandenberg Air Force Base and at Simi and Van Nuys airports did not know what the object might be. Airport spokesmen told police that they had no received reports at the time of a plane in distress.

A Vandenberg spokesman said yesterday that the base would not investigate the sighting.

# no little green men

Bicentennial project.

They received an OK from the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission in January.

"By then it was too late to back out," he said.

A campaign was started and money for the project was donated mostly by local businesses. Pamphlets, bumper

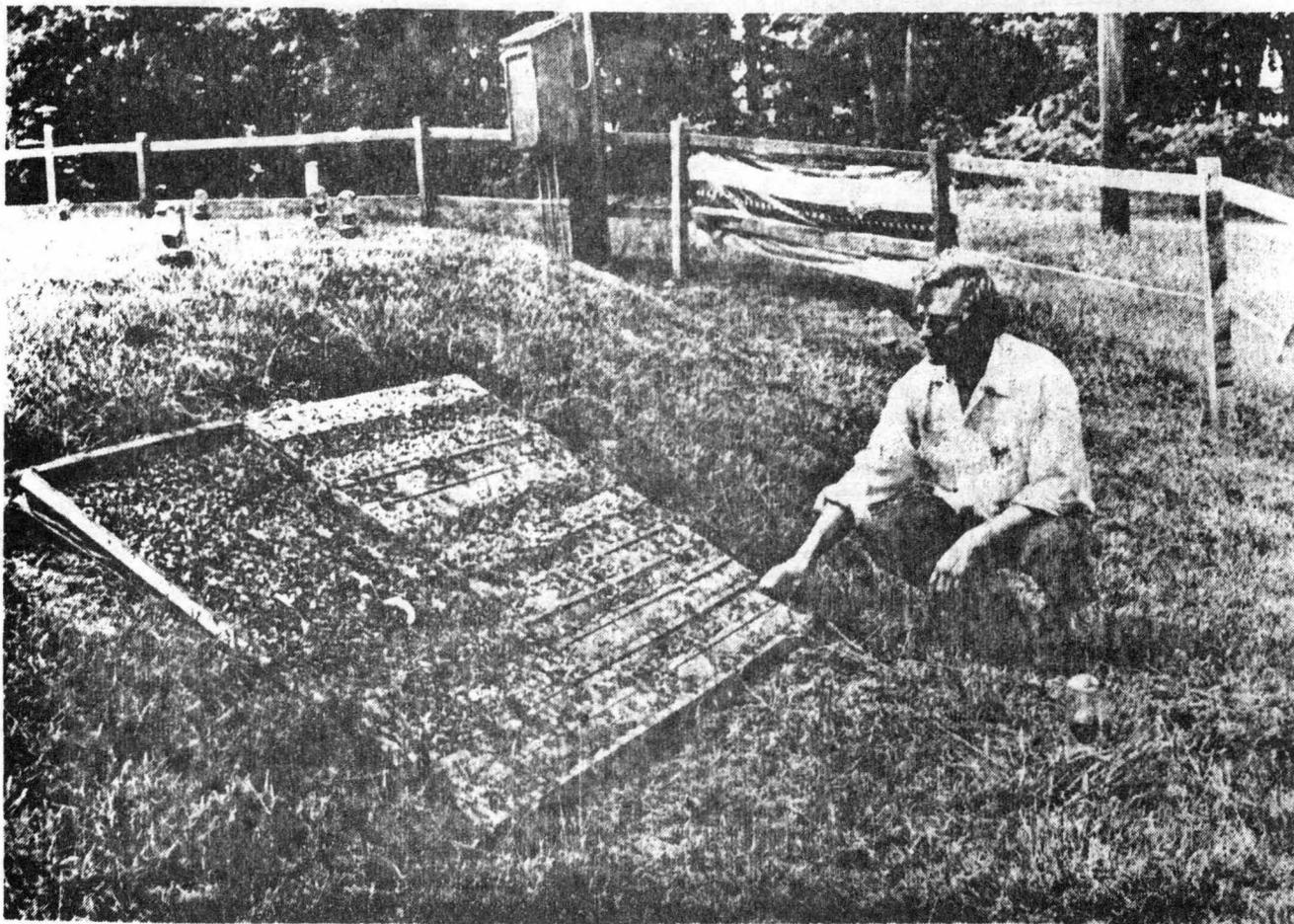
stickers, pencils and license plates were made up. They even had UFO pet rocks for sale.

The project was begun in May, 1976. Grand opening date was set for Independence Day. It was finished July 3.

"We had quite an elaborate Fourth of July celebration last year," Miller said.

That was a year ago. Now, nothing is happening there. The grass is overgrown around the site, the lights are not turned on at night any more, and a swarm of bees have made it their new home.

Sadly, the site may soon have to be dismantled and either made into a parking lot or a children's playground. No fitting end for one of the most celebrated, ingenious Bicentennial projects in America.



**THIS IS ALL** that remains of a beautiful glass-tiled Bicentennial flag located on the side of the First Official UFO Landing Port, Lake City Pa. Rich Miller, one of the

project's promoters, pauses beside the flag before quickly jumping the fence after discovering a bees nest behind him. (Sunday Paper Photo)

# U of Minnesota professor

By DAVID SMITH  
 University News Service

The case of the "Shoreview UFO" has been solved by a University of Minnesota photography professor.

The mystery centered around two black-and-white photographs taken March 28 by Tom Hislop, a 17-year-old high school student from the St. Paul suburb of Shoreview.

The photos, part of a class assignment, were supposed to have been of a picturesque spring sunset. But when they were developed they revealed something else.

A bright object consisting of two oval-shaped rings and accompanied by a black shadow appeared to be hovering in the hazy sunset several hundred feet above the Shoreview skyline.

Hislop said that he did not actually see the object when he took the pictures. "I was concentrating on the light meters of my camera and just snapped the two shots," he said.

Some unusual qualities about the photographs made it seem that the pleasant, auburn-haired young man may have accidentally photographed a UFO.

The object appeared only on the two negatives of the sunset and on no other frames of Hislop's film. This suggested, a first glance, that the object was not the result of some defect in the film.

The object also seemed to change positions in the two shots, which were taken about five seconds apart. A "ringer," or halo, showed up when the image was enlarged, suggesting the reflection of light by the object. Enlargement did not distort the object's features, either.

Finally, the possibility that Hislop may have altered the film intentionally was discounted by several professional photographers. They noted the presence and clarity of both the bright rings and the black shadow on both photos. Simultaneous effects like these would be difficult for a professional to manufacture, let alone a person with Hislop's relative inexperience.

Still, Hislop encountered a great amount of skepticism about his photos. "There weren't many people to go to who

were seriously willing to talk about them," he said.

One person who accepted the photos at face value was Ellsworth Erickson, a Mounds View High School photography instructor and Hislop's teacher. Erickson, who has 40 years of photographic experience and was involved in aerial reconnaissance during World War II, said that he looked at the negatives and was convinced the photos were not the result of a defect in the film.

"He took the pictures under ideal conditions," he said. "Besides, I've never seen air bubbles that look like this."

Frank Fuller, a reporter for the New Brighton Bulletin, also thought enough of the photos to write an article about them which appeared on the front page of the Bulletin. The article suggested the possibility that the "northern suburbs" were being watched by a UFO.

The article generated a call from a resident of nearby Maplewood who claimed to have seen "a bright yellow object" the evening before Hislop took his photographs.

Meanwhile, the astronomy department at the University of Minnesota received prints of the photographs from reporter Fuller.

Assistant professor John Warner, who was the first in the department to see them, maintained a healthy skepticism but was at a loss to explain the phenomenon. He suggested that the original contact sheet prints be sent to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a UFO investigator at Northwestern University.

That is where the matter stood until last week, when James Brown, director of the photojournalism sequence in the University of Minnesota's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, received copies of the photographs.

After scrutinizing the prints, Brown became sufficiently intrigued to ask for a look at the negatives.

Armed with a magnifying glass, Brown carefully went over the two negatives and found what he was looking for — "abrasions" and "contact marks" on the emulsion of the negatives.

On the edges of the film near the wind sprockets, he discovered other ring-shaped objects which lined up per-

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## 'Psychic Events' Worry Committee

/"Psychic plants," UFO's, exorcism, pyramid power, and the Bermuda Triangle may be of interest to the general public, but they are a source of alarm for a Buffalo-based scientific committee.

The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (SIOCOP) is concerned over what they feel is an unprecedented growth in the acceptance of these and other paranormal phenomenon.

They are especially concerned over what they say is an uncritical treatment of these subjects in news articles, radio and television.

"We're talking about recent television movies like 'The Snow Beast' and 'The Disappearance of Flight 424,' as well as pseudoscientific specials like the recent 'In Search of the Bermuda Triangle,'" said James Schoonover of Tonawanda, press director for SIOCOP.

### Attending 2-Day Conference

Committee members, headed by Dr. Paul Kurtz, cochairman, a professor of philosophy at the University of Buffalo,

are in New York City for a two-day conference to focus national attention on the problem.

SIOCOP members scheduled a press conference today to call on the television and publishing industry to hire competent scientific personnel and to present balanced views of paranormal phenomenon.

On Monday, the committee met with officials of NBC-TV, who provided time on this morning's "Today" program for members to present their opinions.

SIOCOP, which is headquartered at 923 Kensington Ave., was formed in fall, 1975, to examine and distribute information concerning paranormal claims. Membership includes scientists, editors, authors, philosophers, psychologists and magicians.

"The committee has a very positive attitude," according to Schoonover. "We never close the door on claims. We just feel they should be confirmed before they're accepted."

Why the alarm over what appears to be

only man's age-old fascination with magic and the seemingly unexplainable?

### 'Antiscientific Thinking'

The committee believes the current popularity of these phenomenon is part of a wave of "antiscientific" thinking, explained Schoonover.

"We're in a nuclear age. People are casting about for something to believe in," he said. "There seems to be a tendency to revert to primitive thinking, a breaking down of critical judgment."

In addition to responsible media coverage, SIOCOP would like to see improved college courses on the aims and objectives of science. Schoonover was critical of area colleges which offer credit for courses in astrology.

"Science often has a rational explanation for what seems bizarre or unexplainable," said Dr. Kurtz.

It is the committee's intent to make these explanations available to the public.



# The hunter kidnapped by a UFO

Doctors at a Wyoming hospital were certain something had almost frightened Carl Higdon to death.

The 41-year-old oil field worker insists that he was abducted by alien beings and whisked away to another planet while he was hunting for elk in Wyoming's Medicine Bow National Forest.

His frightening experience began when he fired a bullet at an elk, he said. The bullet had just started to 'float' out of the barrel. Police did find the spent bullet later, and experts stated they could find no scientific explanation for the condition of the shell. They said it had been turned 'inside out.'

He also said that one of the alien beings pointed something at his pickup truck as they were returning to earth and it simply vanished from sight.

Police later discovered the vehicle in a spot in the woods where it could not possibly have been driven.

Later, under hypnosis, Higdon related a bizarre tale of being kidnapped by alien beings and spending close to nine hours on board a strange device which took him to some strange place where he was X-rayed and examined.

Higdon said he had turned around after firing that bullet...

"As I turned," he explained, "I saw this strange-looking being in the shadows. He had slits for eyes, no ears, a row of uneven teeth, and his hair appeared closely cropped — like bristles on a broom. He had antenna-like rods sticking out from his forehead, while around his waist he wore a belt with oddly designed symbols engraved in its surface."

Police did find the spent bullet and ballistics experts from the Carbon County Sheriff's Department stated they could find "no scientific explanation for the condition of the shell."

Dr. Walter J. Walker, consultant in metallurgy to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization of Tucson, Arizona, commented after studying the bullet: "It was turned inside out."

Experts theorized that the bullet may have struck some kind of force field.

Higdon said the aliens also took the elk with them because of a shortage of meat on their planet. He said he was given several pills to swallow before he was taken aboard the UFO.

He said when he was finally returned to earth he was nearly blind. "The natural light of their world really hurt my eyes severely," he said.



Carl Higdon (above) fired the bullet (below) that aliens stopped in mid-air.



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## Quakes, bombs and UFOs

DURING a recent talk-back programme on 6WF, information was promised regarding UFOs having been observed in the Meckering area along the fault line.

We received reports from office workers in Perth about two UFOs which were observed about 10 minutes after the tremor on Friday, August 19.

Some researchers believe that some UFOs play a beneficial and humanitarian part in monitoring bomb explosions and lessening their effects on the environment.

One of our guest speakers recently told of his beliefs that some such explosions have been used for military purposes to trigger off tornadoes and earthquakes.

Readers of your paper could assist with our research regarding the UFO aspect by sending copies of this letter to anyone they know overseas or in the Eastern States who might supply us with useful information.

Any sightings during Friday's tremor also would help, and letters should be addressed: UFO Res 216 Lawrence Street, Bedford, Western Australia, 6052.—Geo. A. Hume, Bedford.

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## Who knows?

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FORT PLAIN — Bill Diotte last week said he might have an explanation for the mysterious UFO spotted over Fort Plain last week.

Diotte said he once saw, at an airshow, an aircraft called the Harrier which, through the control of huge air ducts powered by thrust, can hover, takoff vertically, and pivot on its own axis.

The English-made jet is utilized in this country by the U. S. Marine Corps. Classified as a vertical takeoff and landing aircraft (VTOL), it's primarily used for ground support.

Nevertheless, the local resident found it difficult to explain how the object spotted earlier this month was noiseless, could hover at an apparently high altitude where the air is thin, thus affecting lift, and appeared as a single bright light, since most aircraft are equipped with numerous lights.

On the latter point, he felt that the object, if utilized by the military, might possibly not comply with FAA regulations, particularly if a classified program was being conducted.

Who knows? Bill's guess is probably as good as anyone's.

## UFO Sightings Reported Here

Unidentified flying objects (UFO's) hit the Cambridge area early this morning with sightings reported to both the Cambridge police and the Guernsey County sheriff's office.

Lt. Dave Clark of the sheriff's office said it was too early in the year for UFO's, noting most calls of this nature come around Halloween.

Cambridge police said the planets Venus and Mars were especially bright during the night and speculated this was what residents thought were UFO's.

Both calls were received at approximately 5 a.m.

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# FARMERS SEE FIERY UFO

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS**  
**FAWN GROVE, Pa.** — A tiny farming community is being buzzed by the same type of UFOs that are mentioned in the Bible, residents claimed recently.

In the most remarkable sighting, eye-witnesses reported a "ball of flame" appeared over several farms in Fawn Grove, Pa.

Witnesses said the object touched down briefly, leaving a perfectly round ring of fire with an unscathed area the shape of a triangle within the burned patch.

Frank Brown, owner of the farm where the UFO is reported to have landed, said he is convinced his property was visited by the same type of UFOs which, he said, have been described in the Bible.

"Jerusalem was destroyed by

## Bible verses tied in

fire," he said. "Flaming chariots were seen in the Old Testament days. I think that what we are seeing is an act of Providence."

Eleven residents of Fawn Grove saw the object hovering 200 feet above the ground.

One witness, Mrs. Everett Miller, said: "I've seen funny things in the sky for about four years, but I was afraid to speak up until now — afraid people would think I was a nut or something.

"But after that thing landed on the Brown farm, I don't intend to keep my mouth shut."

Mrs. Miller said the UFO was "the most incredible thing I have ever seen. It was a big ball of fire that was just hanging in the air a few hundred feet off the ground."

She said that she and her son Timmy watched it for about five minutes before it began to drift toward the Brown farm.

The Fawn Grove volunteer fire department was alerted but two other residents arrived on the scene first and discovered a perfectly round ring of fire which they doused before the fire department arrived.

Rev. Doug Windward, who was in charge of the volunteer unit, said he doubted that the fire was caused by a UFO.

## Porter UFO is still a mystery

Police officials still have no explanation for the silent, intense light seen moving in the skies above Porter and reported to three different agencies last Thursday morning.

Among those who spotted the UFO were Montgomery County sheriff's deputies John Bruner and John Coogler, who made

the sighting about 5 AM near Loop 494 and Ford Road.

"It was dim and intense at times. It went from light to bright," Bruner recalled. "I was not able to determine any shape or size, only the light."

"I do not believe it was a balloon or helicopter," said Bruner, who spent

four years in the U. S. Air Force doing helicopter maintenance.

He said the object remained in view for more than 45 minutes before disappearing behind a cloud.

The mysterious light was reported by other witnesses to sheriff's departments in Harris and Mont-

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gomery Counties as well as Ellington Air Force Base.

But radar checks at Ellington, Houston Intercontinental and Hobby Airports turned up no trace of an unidentified flying object. A Harris County helicopter dispatched to

the scene found nothing.

Bruner said he and his partner observed the object a minutes, then shone their patrol car spotlight toward it.

The object then moved in their direction 10 degrees east, he said, remaining at 45 degrees above the horizon and then moving west 10 degrees till it lined up with the Little Dipper.

## 'Like a hooded thing'

Three Kentucky women insist they were kidnapped and experimented on by hooded alien beings when they were driving home on the night of January 6, 1976.

Louise Smith, 44, Mona Stafford, 36, and Elaine Thomas, 49, under hypnosis told authorities iden-

tical stories of their bizarre experiences.

"When I came to, I saw one of them," related Mrs. Smith. "It was a creature about four feet tall and was wearing a sort of hood. All I could see were its eyes. They were bigger than a human's — and slanted. They were so piercing. It never said a word, but somehow when it looked at me, I knew everything it wanted me to do."

She said they poured something over her and made a mold of her body. She said she was in great pain.

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**ENNIS, TEXAS - NEWS**  
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(PORTER — A helicopter from Houston has joined in the search for a UFO reported in Montgomery County this morning. A sheriff's dispatcher said that a deputy spotted what he described as a bright light hovering briefly over the town of Porter. ✓

# UFO:

## Local sighting resembles object

By KEITH LAWRENCE  
Messenger-Inquirer Staff

WEST LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Was the crash of a burning object in a field near a Green Coal Co. mine south of here early Wednesday related to a UFO sighting in far-western Kentucky 23 hours earlier?

As yet no one is speculating as to what four coal miners and four young campers saw fall into a field on the Bill Mulligan farm about 1 a.m. Wednesday.

But descriptions given of the falling object resemble descriptions of a UFO sighted by a Carlisle County family, a Kentucky State Trooper and the Illinois State Police about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Bill Vineyard of Panther and a coal shovel operator, saw something falling from the sky near West Louisville Wednesday morning. He described it as "blue-green and appeared to be spinning, throwing off blue-green fire."

The light was "so brilliant it almost

blinded me when I looked directly at it," he said.

Vineyard said the object appeared to be about the size of a construction worker's helmet.

Kevin Martin, 12, of Bardwell, told the Paducah Sun-Democrat he had gone to bed about 2:15 a.m. Tuesday. The air conditioning was on the blink so he had the window open.

Fifteen minutes later, Martin rushed into the kitchen to tell his mother and some house guests about strange blinking lights in the northeastern sky.

His mother, Kay Martin, told the Paducah newspaper, "It was in the northeast sky and looked like it was about 3,000 to 5,000 feet up. I don't mind telling you I got a very eerie feeling when I saw it."

Kevin Martin described the object as a large white light that appeared about "baseball size" with smaller green blinking lights above and below it.

"It wasn't exactly sitting still either," Mrs. Martin said. "It was sort of bobbing around."

She called the Kentucky State Police post at Mayfield and dispatcher Dennis Crawford walked outside to take a look. He saw the lights and awakened Major Bobby Hancock, who was visiting the post from Frankfort.

"I had to come up with some explanation and thought he could help," Crawford reported. But Hancock couldn't explain the sight either.

Illinois State Police at Cairo also reported the lights were visible over that city at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

Mrs. Martin said that after she called police the object began to move away, climbing to the north.

"It was almost like the thing knew we were watching it," she said. As the object retreated it took on a different shape — a

## reported in Carlisle County

kind of pulsating greenish-white half moon above two small red lights, she added.

Berry Craig, a Sun-Democrat reporter, said there had been speculation the lights were from a helicopter. But no one who saw it heard any sound accompanying it, he said.

Mrs. Charles May of St. Joseph reported Friday that her son and three other boys ages 10 to 13 were camping on the George M. Warren farm on Mulligan Road within a mile of the site where the coal miners reported seeing the object crash early Wednesday.

The boys came in Wednesday morning and said they had seen a falling star, she said. "We didn't really pay any attention to them at the time," she said.

One of the boys, she said, described the falling object as looking "like a rainbow with all different colors."

Pat Biggs and Jerry O'Bryan, operating a dragline at the strip mine, saw the object

burning in a field about three-quarters of a mile from where they were.

Biggs said it burned for four minutes and then went out. The flames, he said, rose straight up and did not spread. Although the miners have searched for the object, it has not been found.

Joe Ford, director of the Owensboro Area Museum, who was contacted first by the miners, believes the object is part of earth's "space junk" — old satellites or booster rockets — or a meteorite rather than something from "another planet."

He said a museum employe had been out driving about the time the falling object was reported and said he saw what he thought was a meteorite in the direction of West Louisville.

Whether the West Louisville crash was connected with the sighting over the Mississippi River some 23 hours earlier may never be known, however, unless the object is found. @

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### UFO reports are baffling

Unexplained sightings of up to a half-dozen unidentified flying objects (UFOs) over northwest Florida have authorities baffled.

Three Bay County sheriff's deputies reported watching five objects which seemed to be hovering in formation over Callaway, a Panama City suburb, at about 4:30 a.m. Friday. They said the objects resembled inverted cones. Several hours earlier, the Leon County Sheriff's Department reported six of the flying objects were seen in the night sky over Tallahassee. Officials at Tyndall Air Force Base in Bay County and at Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach said they had no planes in the air at that time.

# If Anyone's Out There, NASA Wants to Know Quick

Washington Post Service

Pasadena, Calif. — The Air Force and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are at war again.

Recently, they clashed over how to share the Mojave Desert. Now they're battling over a portion of the microwave radio frequencies that NASA says is the key to contacting alien intelligences and that the Air Force wants to jam with navigation signals.

Most space scientists say they believe that there are so many stars with planets likely to be able to support life that the odds are good that there is at least one other civilization near enough to ours to detect, to listen to and possibly engage in a dialog.

Many of these scientists say they believe that nearby beings may be so many millions of years older and more scientifically advanced than we are that they might hold the secret to our technological survival.

## Find Out How

"Stars similar to the sun came into existence 5 billion years before the sun, so, if our experience is typical, we may have had intelligent societies on distant planets for thousands or even millions of years," said Dr. Robert E. Edelson, director of the search for extraterrestrial intelligence at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"People look at our society and say that in 100 years it will all be gone, so if it's possible for technological societies to exist for thousands of years, we ought to find out how they did it," he said.

The Air Force has not formed a public opinion on that subject, but it has evolved firm plans to orbit 24 satellites in the next eight years that will allow subma-

rines, surface warships, combat aircraft and even foot soldiers to pinpoint their positions on Earth. The Pentagon calls them Global Positioning Satellites, and says 24 are needed to have 4 over any spot on Earth at all times.

## Use Same Frequency

The problem is that the Air Force satellites will broadcast in the same microwave frequencies in which space scientists believe that aliens would broadcast if they wanted to be heard. These frequencies range across a band of the microwave spectrum scientists call the "Waterhole." Only in that band do hydrogen and oxygen radiate natural radio signals into space. Combine hydrogen and oxygen and you have water, which is why it is called the Waterhole.

Scientists assume that no life exists without water, that no planet populated by intelligent beings or animals thrives without an atmosphere rich in oxygen and heavy with rain.

They also assume that aliens advanced enough to broadcast messages would be at least as familiar with the Waterhole as we are and would choose it for their fre-

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find out how...."*

—NASA official

quency for the same reasons we would if we were broadcasting. The Waterhole has been described as the "sign language" in which alien civilizations might best conduct a dialog.

The Air Force picked these

frequencies because they are free of radio interference. Space scientists find the same frequencies appealing for the same reason. Signals from aliens reaching Earth free of radio noise would be much easier to detect and identify.

But not for too long. The Air Force plans to orbit its first global positioning satellite as early as next year and have its network of 24 in place by 1984. Once the network is in position, it will drown out with its own noise any signals beamed to us from an alien civilization anywhere near its frequencies.

"We're talking about detecting signals that may be infinitesimal in strength by the time they reach Earth," JPL's Edelson said. "If one of these Pentagon satellites broadcasts its signal down, it wipes out the rest of the spectrum where it's broadcasting."

The space agency's strategy in fighting the Air Force is to get a program underway this year that will survey the sky starting next year for alien broadcast signals. The idea is to get evidence for an alien civilization before the Air Force has its satellites in place. If the space agency does that, it might be able to gather public or even world opinion behind a more intense search.

Space scientists are deadly serious about searching the sky for alien broadcasts. They say the detection of such signals would be discoveries that would alter the course of human history for centuries to come.

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## UFO Sighted At Cannery Beach

An unidentified flying object (UFO) sighting has been reported, apparently viewed last Sunday night by five islanders at Cannery Beach on North Bay.

Norval Cunningham reported sighting "an object of light" which gave him "an impression of brightness, of red and white" at 11:30 pm Sunday while the group was enjoying a barbeque campfire.

He said that the object moved from horizon to horizon at an elevation estimated at 2,000 feet and an arc of 20 degrees in only 4 or 5 seconds. Cunningham said that he didn't believe that the object was an airplane or helicopter because of the speed with which it moved at low altitude and because it was soundless.

He conjectured that it was a "vehicle of some nature" and said that he is "highly interested in knowing about anything which can travel at that speed!"

The other four sighters were Michael Lancaster, Don Curtis, Tony Murray and Sherry Little.

HOUGHTON LAKE, MICH. - RESORTER  
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## UFO Reported

A report of an unidentified flying object was investigated by Roscommon Village Police and Crawford County Sheriff's deputies early July 22.

Village Marshal Leroy Baker said four persons reported seeing an object in the Chase Bridge Road area northeast of the village. Baker and his deputy accompanied the subjects to the location.

Baker said they all saw an object with four colored lights. It remained stationary except for occasional slight movements, he said. Later, several other similar objects appeared nearby, he added.

Crawford County deputies who came to the scene also saw the objects, according to Baker. They reported there were no National Guard helicopters in the area at the time.

# Martin family, state troopers spot UFOs

By BERRY CRAIG

UFO-spotter Kevin Martin says it'll be a while before he sleeps with his bedroom window open again.

The 12-year-old Carlisle County youth was among the first of several area residents, including state police in Kentucky and Illinois, to report strange lights in the sky early Tuesday morning July 12. "It was a real spooky feeling," Kevin recalls. "I've never seen anything like it before and I hope I never do again."

Out-of-town guests had caused him to retire later than usual Monday night. The air conditioning was on the blink and before turning in, Kevin opened his window.

"I was just laying down and looking out and there it was," said the youth, remembering that the time was about 2:15 a.m.

Mrs. Martin was in the kitchen with her houseguests when Kevin burst in wide-awake about 2:30 with the story of strange blinking lights in the northeast sky. They followed the seventh grader back to his bedroom and outside the window, the UFO was still hovering.

"It was in the northeast sky over toward Illinois and looked like it was about 3,000 or 5,000 feet up," says Mrs. Kay Martin. "I don't mind telling you I got a very eerie feeling when I saw it."

Kevin described the UFO as a large white light--he said it appeared about "baseball size" in his window--with smaller blinking and green lights above and below it. "It wasn't exactly sitting still either," added Mrs. Martin. "It was sort of bobbing around."

Binoculars revealed that the object would pulsate, alternately obscuring the red and green lights. Kevin lamented that his visiting friend hadn't brought his telescope along. "This was the first time he didn't--we could have gotten a real good look at it if he had."

At 3 a.m. Mrs. Martin decided it was time to contact the authorities. She put in a call to the local Disaster and Emergency Services unit at Bardwell but didn't get an answer. So she dialed the state police at Mayfield and got dispatcher Dennis Crawford.

After listening to Mrs. Martin's story, Crawford radioed a trooper on patrol to look for the lights, but the officer didn't see any. The dispatcher then phoned the Illinois State Police at Cairo and was told the lights weren't visible there either.

Crawford then stepped outside and saw the lights. Unable to account for the peculiar sight, he awakened Major Bobby Haddock, visiting the post from Frankfort. "I had to come up with some explanation and thought he could help," laughed Crawford. "He verified the sighting but couldn't explain it any better than I could."

The dispatcher called Cairo again and this time was told the lights were visible over the Southern Illinois town. Crawford proceeded to phone several air traffic control and weather facilities to try to identify the lights but he came up empty-handed.

Mrs. Martin added that after she called the police, the UFO began to move away slowly, climbing to the north. "It was almost like the thing knew we were watching it," she smiled. As the UFO retreated, it took on a different shape--a kind of pulsating greenish-white half moon above two small red lights.

"We watched it until it appeared in the sky like a star," said Kevin. "It was about 5 then and we were so tired we just went to bed."

"I was pretty skeptical about UFOs like everybody else I guess," said Mrs. Martin. "But we saw something and whatever it was it sure gave us an eerie feeling."

HILLSDALE, MICH. - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*JULY 27, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO sighting a county first

Michigan State Police of the Jonesville Post received the first report recorded in Hillsdale County this year of a UFO sighting at 2:08 a.m. today.

Officers say Maxine McIntosh, 305 Jonesville St., Litchfield called them to report she was driving home from Quincy with her son on US-12 east of Hog Creek Road. She told State Police she heard a sound first and then saw a large, oval object with blue flames all around the edges. She said it flew over her car traveling south to north and she thought it crashed into a field 200 feet from the road. She requested State Police check the area and also that she be allowed to go home and get her husband and flashlight and return to look in the area. She reported she found nothing.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA. - SUN-GAZETTE  
\*\*\*\*\*AUG. 2, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## South Side Brothers Report Sighting UFO

Two South Williamsport boys claim they were frightened about 12:45 a.m. today by an unidentified flying object that rose from the dike area near the Market Street bridge and streaked off to the northeast.

Jonny Bowman, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bowman, of 1210 West Southern Avenue, South Williamsport, said he and his brother, Jay, 15, were walking along Sidney Street in the borough when the bright object, "about the size of a car," rose above the rooftops, hovered a short time and then "took off so fast you couldn't really tell which way it went."

Jonny described the UFO as appearing to be a glowing blue-white light, "like the flame of a blow torch." He said it rose noiselessly to about 100 feet above the ground before disappearing.

"I don't know how my brother felt," he said, "but I was so scared I almost cried."



#### CHARTS SIGHTINGS

Mrs. Kathy Krogstad points to some spots on a map where unidentified flying objects have been reported in this area of New Jersey. Mrs. Krogstad is a member of Vestigia's UFO investigating committee. (Staff photo by Mark Horwath)

## UFO Stories Are Pursued

(Increased sightings of UFOs have been reported recently throughout the world. This is the first in a two-part series of articles on investigations conducted by members of Vestigia, an area scientific group.)

Investigations of UFOs (unidentified flying objects) in Warren, Morris, Sussex and Hunterdon counties are being conducted by members of Vestigia, a scientific organization involved in the serious study of natural, but unexplained phenomena.

A number of UFO sightings have been reported recently and Mrs. Kathy Krogstad of Randolph Township has interviewed several persons who claim they have observed "unusual lights or objects."

Mrs. Krogstad is one of the leaders of Vestigia's UFO Committee. The attractive auburn-haired mother of two lively young sons, Mrs. Krogstad joined Vestigia last September after reading about the organization's activities in *The Forum*.

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### ROCKAWAY TIMES - CON'T

#### Interested Since Childhood

"I've been interested in UFO's and other unusual phenomena since childhood," said Mrs. Krogstad, who grew up in Queens, N.Y. "I guess I've always been a science buff."

Kathy's husband, a group pension manager with an insurance company, shares her interest in Vestigia's activities.

"He often plays the devil's advocate, which makes our discussions even more interesting," says Kathy. "I think most people have changed their attitudes over the years towards unexplained phenomena. People are not as afraid of being ridiculed, but Vestigia still respects the confidentiality of its contacts."

Mrs. Krogstad recently talked to two women who have reported observing unidentified flying objects at different dates in Harding Township and near the Livingston Mall. Mrs. Krogstad said a Morristown woman told her she saw a "a very pale, oversized moon which seemed to be energizing as it floated horizontally across the sky over the Livingston Mall and disappeared in seven or eight seconds."

#### "Big Glowing Thing"

Another sighting was described to Mrs. Krogstad within a few days by a Harding Township woman who, with her two children, "noticed a big glowing thing in the sky in the direction of Bernardsville."

"The women told me the thing was too big and too close to be a star and it appeared to be motionless," said Mrs. Krogstad. "I talked to her on the phone and plan to meet with her."

Since Mrs. Krogstad has become known as a Vestigia investigator, she has been interviewed on a radio station and has had several telephone calls.

"One woman told me she had witnessed an object similar to the Livingston Mall phenomena about 10 years ago but hesitated to tell anyone about it," said Mrs. Krogstad. "Another woman, who refused to identify herself, told me she had seen 'a car' completely disappear from a road in East Hanover. I would like to hear from her again. Vestigia respects the confidentiality of its contacts and will not reveal the names of those making inquiries or reporting incidents. We'd like to assure them we are serious investigators."

#### Sussex County Sightings

Two Sussex County police officers met in November with Mrs. Krogstad and Dennis P. Levin of Mt. Hope, another member of Vestigia's UFO Committee, and described two unrelated sightings.

"The first officer told us he was in a patrol car around midnight in 1975 when he saw a large white light 'definitely too big for a star or a plane,'" said Mrs. Krogstad. "The policeman said the light changed to a reddish color and when he got out of the car, the light seemed to vanish."

The other police officer told Mrs. Krogstad and Levin he was on patrol about 2:30 a.m. one day in 1973 when he spotted a bright light through the top of his windshield. He said he stopped the car and got out.

"The light seemed to be as big or bigger than a full moon and there was no sound," Mrs. Krogstad said the officer related. "He told us the light moved very erratically and at the same time changed from a very pale light to very bright — almost every color in the rainbow. He said he watched it for awhile and it grew smaller. He thought perhaps it was moving away. Then two small lights emerged from the original light and each one repeated the erratic movements of the original."

"I decided I'd had a little fun with it," the officer told Vestigia investigators. "I turned on my red flashers and directed my spotlight on the object. The two smaller lights re-entered the larger one. The object seemed to come directly at me. Then it suddenly shrank and disappeared."

About an hour later, according to Mrs. Krogstad, radio station WABC in New York received numerous calls from persons who had observed colored lights in the sky.

"A pilot friend of mine told me he believed 90 per cent of such occurrences could be explained logically, but at least 10 per cent still can't be reasonably resolved," said Mrs. Krogstad.

# UFO's are time machines from the future, says photo expert

By BOB BOYD

UFO'S are really time machines from the earth's future, according to an authority on the subject.

Adrian Vance, West Coast editor of Popular Photography magazine and a UFO expert says an amazing photograph (at right) which shows a UFO in three separate places at the same time proves his time machine theory.

Vance told THE STAR: "The picture, taken in Oregon in 1966, proves beyond reasonable doubt that the UFO pictured was traveling in time.

"It was in three different

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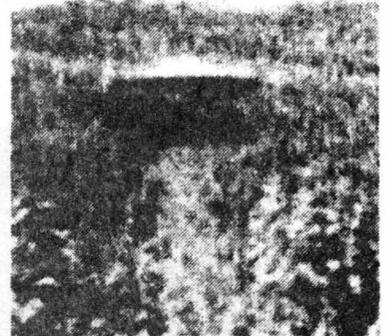
places at the same time. That can only be done if the craft is traveling in time."

Vance, who has documented his findings in a soon-to-be-released book, UFOs, The Eye And The Camera (Barlennire House, \$8.95), says the photo, which shows no tampering, spurred him on to search for more documentation. He found another photo taken near Anchorage, Alaska, which he says, showed the same phenomenon. Using his knowledge of photography and his training in the physical sciences, Vance has constructed a startling theory to explain the rash of UFO sightings.

He believes that UFOs fall into two distinct categories: those which use time simply as a medium of transportation, and time travelers who can move from the future into the past and vice-versa.

"This explains why no wreckage of a UFO has ever been found," says Vance. "If trouble occurred, a rescue ship could simply travel back in time and correct whatever went wrong."

His most stunning theory is that a Turkish helmsman on the Columbus expedition of 1492 was actually a time traveler, sent along to make sure Columbus made a



Oregon photo said to prove UFO'S are traveling in time.

landfall in an area that would insure rapid colonization.

"I believe the Turkish helmsman was a soldier of the future, sent to alter history," says Vance. Vance noted that the expedition landed in one of the only areas of the New World where there was gold.

He said: "The Spanish were interested in gold. If Columbus had landed where the Vikings did, the Spanish would not have pursued the find because it would not have been economically feasible.

"The Columbus expedition was the single most important event in the past 500 years. If someone is going to tamper with the past to insure a better future, the Columbus expedition is a likely target."

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## A-BOMBS UPSET ALIENS

Country and Western singer Johnny Sands is convinced alien beings from UFOs are right now walking among us. He insists he was confronted by two UFOs while in the desert on the outskirts of Las Vegas driving to work.

Sands was given a lie detector test by the Las Vegas firm of R.L. Nolan and it indicated that he was indeed telling the truth.

Sands said his traumatic experience began when he noticed a weird light following his automobile.

"Then my car started to malfunction," recalls the singer. "I got out of the car and went around to the front. That's when I noticed a strange cigar-shaped vehicle."

Then he received the shock of

his life as two weird figures started moving towards him in front of his headlights.

Sands said the UFOsaut produced a large, shiny ball about the size of a basketball. The alien being passed his hands over the suspended orb, and suddenly there were a series of explosions which almost caused the sphere to wobble out of control.

The alien told Sands: "When you detonate nuclear devices for tests, this causes your planet to go through the same motions that I have just shown you with this ball."

Sands said he was informed that the exploding of nuclear devices causes "time to hesitate," causing the UFOsauts "to grow older faster."

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## 'Hovering' UFO was just Mike's flying ad

By-PHIL CORNELL

! A flying saucer over Central New Jersey? No, just "Mighty Mike's Meteorite," also known as a Cessna airplane, plugging a local fast food restaurant.

Police in Piscataway, Middlesex, North Plainfield and Bridgewater last night received calls of UFO sightings. Callers generally described something round with blinking lights.

One caller said the machine appeared to hover near the ground. Another reported it had landed and then took off over the trees.

The Bridgewater police, upon receiving one such call, contacted a government UFO information center.

Mike Theodorakis, owner of Stewart's Root Beer fast food restaurant on Bound Brook Road, Middlesex, said the plane with illuminated lettering on its side flew between North Plainfield and Finderne about 9 p.m. and advertised the new name of his establishment, "The House of Grille Repute."

He said the plane took off from Teterboro Airport and then flew west on Route 22 and east on Route 28.

He said there will be seven more flights by the pilot he hired over the next couple of months as he attempts to change the establishment's image from a drive-in to a fast food restaurant. 2

# Mystery Rides Clouds Over Allegan County

By Jim Mencarelli

Three separate incidents this week involving strange objects in the sky have Allegan County residents straining their eyes upward.

Two of the incidents were reported to the Allegan County Sheriff's Department Thursday and still have authorities shaking their heads in wonder.

The third incident, in which a basketball-size ice ball plummeted into a field near the Barry County line may be nothing more than waste material discharged from a passing jet.

A 32-year-old Allegan County sheriff's deputy said he and two other officers saw an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) float slowly over the city of Allegan and surrounding countryside early Thursday morning.

"It was a flying vehicle with two large spotlights mounted on the bottom," said the deputy, who refused to be identified. "It appeared to be large and round and was about 200 to 300 feet above the ground."

"It moved very slowly toward the west, about 20, 30 miles per hour. Its lights were mounted about 10 to 15 feet apart and were pointed toward the ground, as if they were scanning the ground."

The deputy said he and his partner were on patrol in the southwestern portion of Allegan County when they first saw the object. "It came from the east and emerged from a fog bank near us. It made absolutely no sound."

At one point, he said, one of the spotlights passed over them, and he and his partner momentarily were blinded. The object moved out of sight to the west.

"I can only say I was in infantry combat and know what a helicopter and airplane look like from the ground. This was definitely not one of them," he said.

The third deputy said he said a UFO maneuver over the city of Allegan sometime before 4 a.m. He said he was on stakeout when he noticed an oval-shaped object pass slowly over the city with spotlights pointed downward.

In the second incident, Allegan officials said three other men claimed to have seen a UFO over New Richland about midnight Thursday. They described it as oval-shaped, 30 to 40 yards in diameter, with a belt of reddish to purple lights along the midsection and a large spotlight on the bottom. They said it made a whirring or humming sound and moved slowly from east to west.

At one point, the object hovered briefly before shooting straight up at a high rate of speed. Allegan officials speculated that the second incident may have been a hoax, stemming from the earlier reported sighting.

In the third incident, a group of teenagers was playing basketball at the Shady Shores Resort on Paterson Rd. near Gun Lake about 9 p.m. Thursday when they heard a shrill, whistling sound. They said they looked up and saw a dark ball hurtling from the sky.

"It came in at an angle from the south," said 15-year-old Jack Veldkamp. "It hit the ground and shattered."

Veldkamp said the object resembled an ice ball and scattered ice chunks over a small field. It left a basketball-sized dent in the ground.

Fifteen-year-old Jeff VanderMeer said he and several of his friends gathered up some of the debris and took it to his father, who placed the material in the family freezer.

The ice chunks resembled cave formations with orange and brown streaks.

Chemists at Williams and Works, 61 Cascade West Parkway SE, determined the samples had a high chloride content.

They surmised the material was human waste, probably from the holding tank of a passing jet. |



PIECES OF mysterious ice ball which fell from the sky are held by Jack Veldkamp and Jeff VanderMeer.

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\*\*\*\*AUG 13, 1977\*\*\*\*

## 'UFOs' Probably Meteorites

William Bingaman, director of the planetarium at Upton junior high, St. Joseph, says there's probably a natural explanation for the rash of UFO reports in the Twin Cities area the past few days. Bingaman said it's the time for the annual meteor shower originating in the constellation of the Gemini Twins. The shower called Persids occurs about Aug. 12 and its intensity can vary from year to year. State police of the Benton Harbor post said Friday they had received reports of 25 UFO sightings. Bingaman said the shower produces meteors which can resemble "fireballs" of different colors and sizes traveling through the skies at night.

# Uncovering that UFO report

By FLYNN J. ELL  
Of The Gazette Staff

All kidding aside, Billings did have an unidentified visitor Sunday night in its western sky.

At least three air officials, including the pilot and co-pilot of a Frontier Airlines plane en route to Havre from the Magic City, have confirmed seeing the unidentified flying object (UFO), despite an apparent attempt by others to downplay the incident.

At one point, the conversation between Frontier Capt. James Webster of Denver and the Billings control tower operator, who has asked to remain nameless, went like this:

Webster: "Do you see it turn red and and glow right now?"

Control: "Yep."

Webster, flying a 19-passenger Twin Otter, said the air traffic controller contacted him at 10:50 p.m. as he took off and asked for confirmation of the phenomenon he was watching from the tower.

The pilot said he dimmed his cockpit lights and peered into the western sky at an angle corresponding to 11 o'clock.

He quickly called the object to the attention of his co-pilot Larry Helm, also of Denver.

"Larry's Swisher Sweet (cigar) fell out of his mouth to the floor," Webster said.

What they saw appeared oval in shape, about 150 feet in diameter, flying at an altitude of 15,000 to 18,000 feet and 10 to 15 miles west of Billings.

It was "pulsating" from a circular

shape toward oblong, and giving off a red-dish-green glow speckled by throbbing white, green and red lights on its side, Webster said.

"It gave me the willies."

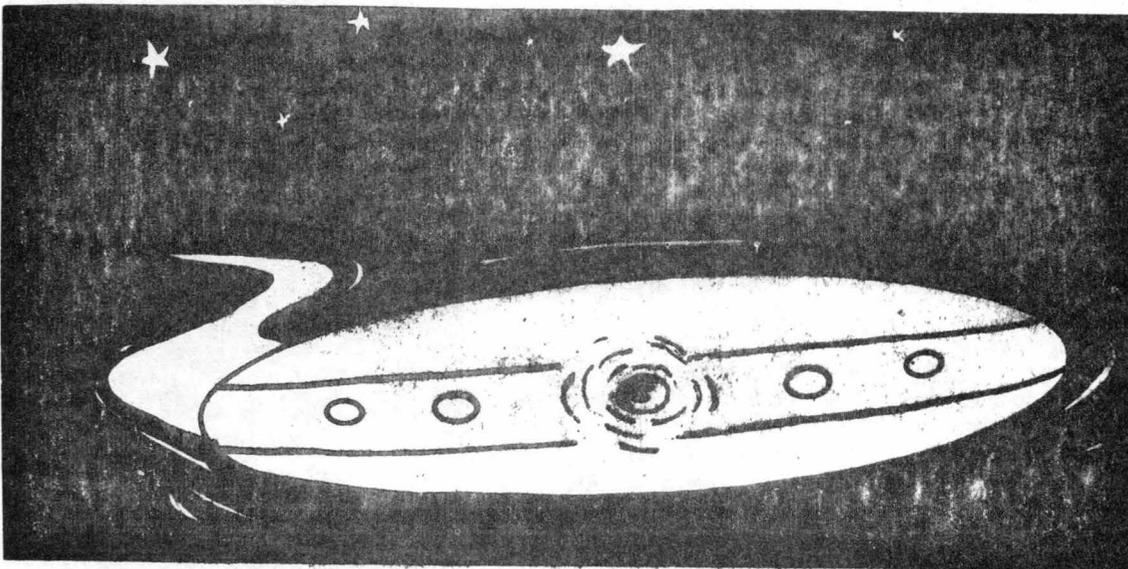
Webster, who has been flying for eight years, said he was on the verge of retreating back to the Billings airport with his 10 passengers if the object had moved toward his plane.

He chose not to alert his relaxed passengers, some of whom were sleeping, others reading.

"I looked back at them and pulled the cockpit door shut," Webster said.

The pilots and control operator all said that, in their opinion, the UFO was neither a

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According to one observer, this is how the UFO appeared

BENTON HARBOR, MICH - HERALD PALLADIUM  
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## Sightings Of UFO Reported By Police

ALLEGAN — Three police officers from two different departments claim to have spotted an unidentified flying object (UFO) during the night. According to the Allegan county sheriff's department, a sheriff's deputy and reserve officer around 4 a.m. both spotted the UFO some 50 to 55 feet above ground traveling in a southwest direction over Casco township in southwest Allegan county. The pair described the object as a big spotlight with a red light on the back. They said it was traveling between 25 and 35 miles per hour. Just prior to that, an Allegan city officer claimed to have spotted a similar UFO flying over Allegan city, the sheriff's department said. The Federal Aviation Administration's traffic control tower at Kent County Airport, Grand Rapids, said they had no reports of any UFO's last night. ✓

DETROIT LAKES, MINN. - TRIBUNE  
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## UND researchers probe UFO's, other phenomena

Have you ever seen a UFO? If so, you're among the 15 per cent of the general population who have, according to Richard Faflak of CUP — the Center for Unusual Phenomena — at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

Faflak added that 90 per cent of these sightings are some type of phenomena, and that 40 per cent of the population does believe in UFO's, although they may not have seen one.

CUP began nearly two years ago when there was a considerable amount of UFO activity in the area. The original plans were to file all of the sightings and then do a spatial analysis using the statistics and a computer.

These plans, said Faflak, have been hampered because UFO activity is no longer as prevalent as it was a year and a half ago, and because people are afraid of being ridiculed if they do mention seeing one.

Faflak added, however, that "the tendency now seems to be for less ridicule — people aren't laughing at UFO's or at the people who sight them anymore."

One of the sightings in North Dakota took place in Regan earlier this year. A "mysterious light" followed a Regan native and her daughter as they drove to their farm, they reported. Other persons in that area have also reported that they were followed by a globe of light, or that they have seen it at a distance.

This occurrence, as most of the others in North Dakota, took place at night, but occasionally there are reports of a daylight discus, according to Faflak. He also added that a close encounter is much rarer, but that there apparently has been one recently in northwestern Minnesota.

Faflak asks that anyone observing unusual phenomena should contact him by writing to the Geography Department, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND 58202. All reports he stressed, are kept confidential.

helicopter nor another airplane, nor was it a satellite, star or planet.

They concluded unanimously: they had never seen such a thing before.

Webster said that an unsuccessful attempt was made by radar scanners at Billings and Salt Lake City, Utah, to spot the UFO on their screens.

The Gazette learned of the incident late Sunday night when the control tower operator "routinely" contacted the paper to learn if area residents were phoning in UFO reports.

None were.

The controller had received a call from a Billings woman about 10:20 p.m., who asked if he would confirm an object she saw blinking red and white lights southwest of the city.

"It was on a direct line over the (Genex) refinery," he said, "but farther out than that."

It was barely visible to the naked eye at that point, the controller said.

He then was busy with aircraft for "five or 10 minutes," and when he looked back to the southwest the UFO was gone.

Another five or 10 minutes later, following another period of handling air traffic, he picked up the UFO due west of the airport.

Using binoculars now, the controller said he could see the UFO was "definitely an object," and not like anything he had ever seen before.

The control operator then picked up his conversation with Webster, who retained sight of the UFO for 107 miles as he flew north to Glasgow.

The men said the UFO faded slowly on the horizon, occasionally bobbing up and down, as it flew a northwesterly pattern.

By 12:05 p.m., it was gone. None of the air officials has seen anything similar in the sky since their Sunday night sighting.

On Labor Day, control operators on

duty refused to confirm the incident, referring questions to their supervisor, who would be in Tuesday.

Said one: "That information is verboten to the public."

Both city police and the county sheriff's department were aware of Sunday's incident and a report was filed by a police dispatcher.

But the city police report was absent from pink sheets reporters routinely check for news items.

"I don't think we're supposed to let that stuff out to the public," one unidentified officer said, in explaining the missing report.

A deputy sheriff said county officers spent the late evening trying to see the UFO from the roof of the county courthouse.

On Tuesday, Bob Grasser, chief controller at the airport, said he thought the UFO was a low-flying B-52 bomber on a practice run from Red Lodge to Reedpoint.

Grasser said it is not unusual for tower operators to see lights they can't identify.

When asked about Sunday night's taped phone conversation between one of his controllers and a pilot, Grasser said his schedule was too busy to permit replaying the recording until next week.

But Grasser did release the name of the Sunday night control operator.

Grasser said he and his operator had agreed that the UFO was a low-flying B-52 — a point later denied by the operator.

Grasser said he's received as many as 30 calls from residents, following a night flight by a Billings-based advertising airplane.

"We advise them to call a scientific foundation in Seattle," which privately investigates UFO reports.

That number is 206/722-3000, he said.

Grasser said the U.S. Air Force and the Federal Aviation Administration no longer investigate UFO reports.

## UFO Is Sighted Here

TARBORO, N.C. - SOUTHERNER  
 \*\*\*\*\*AUG 12, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

A Tarboro man described by one acquaintance as a "pretty sound fellow" reported a UFO sighting to local police last night.

Melvin Hoard of 1312 Dancy St. told police officers at 11:30 that he had been advised to contact them by Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

Hoard pointed out a light in the sky that, the report said, "at first glance looked like a star"

But, when looked at through a nine-power rifle scope, the object was "flashing red, flashing green, and flashing white or yellow".

"This object was toward the west," the report continued. "And was sitting still. At other times it would move some, but most of the time it stayed in the same spot." 7

# 'Mystery' object spotted in sky as Siberian blast seen

By JOSEPH DIORIO

Something was in the sky this morning and those who saw it agreed it wasn't an airplane.

It was silver and was "just floating there," approximately 900 to 1,000 feet up, agreed those who saw it and called The Herald.

Local police departments and the air towers at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks and Brainard Field in Hartford said they had no sightings or reports of UFOs (unidentified flying objects).

A spokesman for the National Weather Service at Bradley said they also had not received any UFO reports.

Regardless, ambulance driver Marty Sullivan was driving down Cedar street past the Children's Hospital in Newington this morning when he saw the unusual sight.

Hovering in the sky, somewhere over Farmington or Avon, was what Sullivan claimed to be a flying saucer.

Sullivan was in the ambulance with his partner, Dennis Kacy. The two were bringing a patient from the Maplewood Convalescent Home to the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital at approximately 7:30 a.m. when Sullivan, a resident of Wethersfield, saw the object.

"At first I said to my partner, 'Hey look at the weather balloon.' This thing was about 30 to 40 feet across," he said.

But Sullivan's belief that the strange sight was nothing more than a weather balloon soon ended.

Sullivan said when he got to the Veterans Hospital, he pointed it out to the patient, who also saw it.

But, when Sullivan and Kacy came back out from the hospital, the object was gone.

"If it was a weather balloon, it wouldn't have vanished like that. I mean, where did it go? Up? Down? Where?" he said.

The National Weather Service reported that weather balloons are sent up "every six hours."

However, the nearest place where balloons are sent out is Albany, N.Y. The spokesman said the wind has been blowing from west to east and added that one weather balloon was found last week in Burlington.

"I won't say for sure, but it could have been a weather balloon," he said.

Brian Boland, a teacher in the Farmington school system and a hot air balloonist, said he was up and flying this morning from 7:10 to 8:25 o'clock.

"I took off from Farmington and landed at the Patton Brook Country Club in Southington," he said, adding he flew at 5,300 feet.

However, Boland was not flying a silver balloon, but a green and purple one.

Boland added that, while he was flying over Southington near I-84, he radioed a friend who lives nearby.

"My friend asked me if I was flying. When I told him I was he said, 'Oh, which one are you?'" Boland said.

The friend had reportedly seen what looked like a white balloon in the same area Sullivan saw the silver object.

LONDON — (UPI) — When the explosion happened, that morning of June 30, 1908, in the valley of the stony Tunguska River in Siberia, it burned the shirt off a farmer sitting on his porch 37 miles away.

The blast felled trees like matchsticks for nearly 20 miles around and produced one of the great scientific mysteries of the century.

What was it?

Scientific work published in the magazine Nature has convinced some scientists that Ari-Ben-Menahem of the Weismann Institute at Rehovoth, Israel, probably got it right when he said it was the explosion of a comet about five miles above the earth with a force of 12.5 million tons of TNT.

A Soviet expedition to the site

from Tomsk University, in a report published in the New Scientist, recently says its latest data indicates the Tunguska visitor was not a meteorite as some had believed but probably a comet of about 10,000 metric tons, which scattered into such small particles it took a long time to arrive at a reasonable figure of size.

The article in Nature by John Brown of Glasgow University and David Hughes of Sheffield clarified a point that had been puzzling some experts. Some years ago three American scientists reported an increase in radiocarbon in the tree rings for 1909, a year following the explosion, and calculated this could have been caused by neutrons from a nuclear explosion.

Brown and Hughes said, however, that this finding did not mean there had to be a nuclear explosion. They said the physics of a comet penetrating the atmosphere could also produce nuclear effects such as X-rays, Gamma rays and highly accelerated electrons and nuclei.

Thus, said Ian Ridpath, editor of the Encyclopedia of Astronomy and Space, in an article in New Scientist, "even if the Tunguska event did cause nuclear effects that still would not invalidate the identification of the Tunguska body with a comet."

"Skeics of the comet theory have thus far doubted that an object large enough to cause the Tunguska event would have been invisible (before exploding) as the astronomers claim," he said.

"This doubt was dispelled by a demonstration in 1976 when an asteroid passed the earth at a distance of just over one million kilometers (625,000 miles), avoiding a direct repetition of the Tunguska event by only a few hours..."

He said the asteroid would not have been visible to the naked eye until 25 minutes before impact had it come out of a dark sky. The Tunguska comet was not seen because it struck in daylight out of a sunny sky.

## Military Pursues U. F. O.

IXTACAMITITLAN, Puebla — Military troops, aided by helicopters, covered much of the mountainous Puebla countryside Friday in search of an unidentified flying object which presumably crashed here last week.

Reports Thursday that military detachments had located the object and were guarding it were subsequently denied. But military sources Friday said they have encountered burst vegetation in the area.

Newspaper reports said Friday UFO sighting reports have been received from throughout the Republic as a result of the Puebla incident.

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# 'Honest, There Was This Thing

By LAURA COLEMAN  
P-I Staff Writer

Want to know an easy way to lose your reputation for truth and sanity?

Say you've seen a UFO.

People who you've thought always respected you will give you a strange look, then speak to you in patronizingly attitude.

For the record, this reporter saw an object high above Paris about 1:30 a.m. today. Actually, I saw it twice, once over the south end of Paris while driving on Paris Parkway toward Mineral Wells Avenue and again a few minutes later over Emerson Electric Co.

I had been called twice during the

night by Emerson employes about the sighting. The first time, about midnight, I merely took notes and went back to bed.

But the second time the workers were persuasive. "Come out here and get a picture of it," they said. "It's right over the plant."

"You're not putting me on, are you?" I asked, hoping they were so I could get some sleep.

"No, it's right out here, just like before."

Shortly after that, on the way to Emerson, I saw it. It partially fit the description made by others this week who've reported similar sightings because it had different-colored flashing

lights. I could not, however, determine its shape since I was driving at the time and didn't care to meet a light pole.

When I saw it the second time, it was much higher, almost appearing to be a star. Only it had red flashing lights. It stayed stationary for several minutes before I gave up hope that it could come closer.

On the way home, I asked myself, "Should I tell anyone and become known as one of 'those' people?" Or, I thought, should I just be quiet about it, and hope those workers won't say anything about it either.

The workers, by the way, are Billy Carter, Willie McGehee Jr., Carl Howard, Larry Kelly and James Tharpe. The police laughed at them, they say, when they first called to report the sighting.

"If they saw it they wouldn't be laughing," one of the workers told me when I arrived at Emerson, "they'd be getting their guns out."

I don't care what the thing was. I don't care if it was a helicopter, as some have speculated, hovering for some strange reason over the city in the wee hours of the morning, or if it was a vehicle containing antennae-wearing men in aluminum foil jumpsuits checking out our planet.

But don't question my sanity because I tell you I saw an unidentified object. It was unidentified by me.

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## Seek information

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### on UFO's

Have you ever seen a UFO? If so, you're among the 15 per cent of the general population who have, according to Richard Faflak of CUP--The Center for Unusual Phenomena--at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, ND.

Faflak added that 90 per cent of these sightings are some type of phenomena, and that 40 per cent of the population does believe in UFO's, although they may not have seen one.

CUP began nearly two years ago when there was a considerable amount of UFO activity in the area. The original plans were to file all of the sightings and then do a spatial analysis using the statistics and a computer.

These plans, said Faflak, have been hampered because UFO activity is no longer as prevalent as it was a year and a half ago, and because people are afraid of being ridiculed if they do mention seeing one.

Faflak added, however, that "the tendency now seems to be

for less ridicule--people aren't laughing at UFO's or at the people who sight them anymore."

One of the sightings in North Dakota took place in Regan earlier this year. A "mysterious light" followed a Regan native and her daughter as they drove to their farm, they reported. Other persons in that area have also reported that they were followed by a globe of light, or that they have seen it at a distance.

This occurrence, as most of the others in North Dakota, took place at night, but occasionally there are reports of a daylight discus, according to Faflak. He also added that a close encounter is much rarer, but that there apparently has been one recently in northwestern Minnesota.

Faflak asks that anyone observing unusual phenomena should contact him by writing to the Geography Department, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND 58202. All reports, he stressed, are kept confidential.

# That 'demon' in Dover was real to UFO author in Needham

By JOAN WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

NEEDHAM— There's something in the town of Dover that has Loren Coleman intrigued.

Coleman, a thirty-year old resident of Needham, has spent a good deal of his life investigating unexplained phenomena such as UFOs and strange creatures all over the country. Last April, when four youngsters reported sightings of a "demon" in Dover, Coleman's interest in the subject hit closer to homebase.

The youngsters, all teenagers from Dover, reported seeing an odd-looking creature in three different spots in the town, all at different times. Their reports to the police aroused Coleman's curiosity and soon he was on the job getting every minute detail about each sighting.

Coleman says that the youngsters gave identical descriptions of the creature even though only two of the four saw it together. He firmly believes they definitely saw something there.

The whole incident started on April 21 at 10:30 p.m. when Bill Bartlett, 17, spotted the creature on Farm Street on a stonewall. Bartlett drew a sketch of the creature which he described as something with a watermelon shaped head and pink skin like that of a comic strip character. He said that the creature had no nose, no mouth, no ears, nor any eyelids. The eyes were glowing.

Two hours later, at 12:30 a.m., John Baxter, 16, saw the creature walking towards him on Miller Hill Road, which is off of Farm Street. Baxter reported that the creature stopped and looked at him, then changed direction and walked away. His description matched Bartlett's.

On April 23, at 12:30 a.m., Will Traintor, 18, and Abby Brabham, 15, were driving down Springdale Avenue, also off of Farm Street, when the creature appeared in the middle of the street. Traintor, who was driving, said he only saw a blur, but Abby saw the creature clearly and matched Bartlett and Baxter's description.

Coleman spent a good deal of time interviewing each witness. He said they were all willing to undergo hypnosis to prove what they saw but complications got in the way. Shortly after the sightings which drew the majority of publicity to him, Bartlett was hospitalized for mononucleosis. Baxter's father suddenly became ill. And all the parents were hesitant over the use of hypnosis.

But despite the fact that the witnesses could't prove themselves via sub-conscious methods, Coleman believes that they are telling the truth. Somewhat of an authority on UFOs and the unexplained, Coleman has studied such phenomena since 1960. He claims that 80 per cent of creature sightings are real and not manufactured.

There is an interesting correlation between the spots of each sighting and the place where Coleman lives and works. Coordinator of the Weekend Program, Coleman works and lives in Needham at the Walker House, a school for boys.

Several years ago, a UFO enthusiast from France wrote about a theory discussing the pattern of UFOs to travel in straight lines. Coleman followed up on the theory, plotting the three sites on a map of Dover and Needham.

All three sights fell into a straight line, and to Coleman's amusement, the Walker House was also in direct line with the creature's path.

It could be coincidence, but Coleman implies it's more. He reported that two months to the day of the first sighting, two "men in black" appeared at the Dover House, (similar in philosophy to the Walker House) looking for Coleman.

A woman at the school gave the men Coleman's address but they never contacted him. However, the men told the woman not to tell anyone about the Dover Demon. Wearing black leather jackets and white motorcycle helmets, the men, according to the woman, stood perfectly erect with their arms by their sides and spoke in a monotone. They identified themselves as investigators from the National Geographic.

Coleman spoke to a friend in Ohio who, in what appears to be another coincidence, experienced the same thing. The man said that three years ago, after a sighting in Ohio, two men fitting the same description' talking the same way, and also identifying themselves as being from National Geographic, demanded of some witnesses that they not say a word about what they saw.

Coleman believes these men are trying to terrorize the witnesses while at the same time, sending a warning to investigators to back off.

On Friday, August 19, Coleman ventured back to Dover to speak with some people there about the demon. George Atkinson, a farm manager at the Saitonstall Estate' told Coleman that several years ago, he and his family spotted a UFO in the area.

Atkinson said that in June, 1969, his son Rick who was 17 at the time, saw a UFO over the estate and summoned his father, mother and the housekeeper to come look. They all described the object as being barn-sized with red lights rotating on the bottom. When it turned, Atkinson said, it looked like a triangle with white lights on the edge.

Coleman also spoke with Catherin and Lucius Taylor who live on Farm Street, the same street where the first demon sighting took place. They pointed out a rock in their front yard which is called the "Polka Rock." The Taylors report that the rock was where a phantom horseman was sighted in the 1600s. They also added that the rock is perpendicular to the spot where Bartlett saw the Dover Demon.

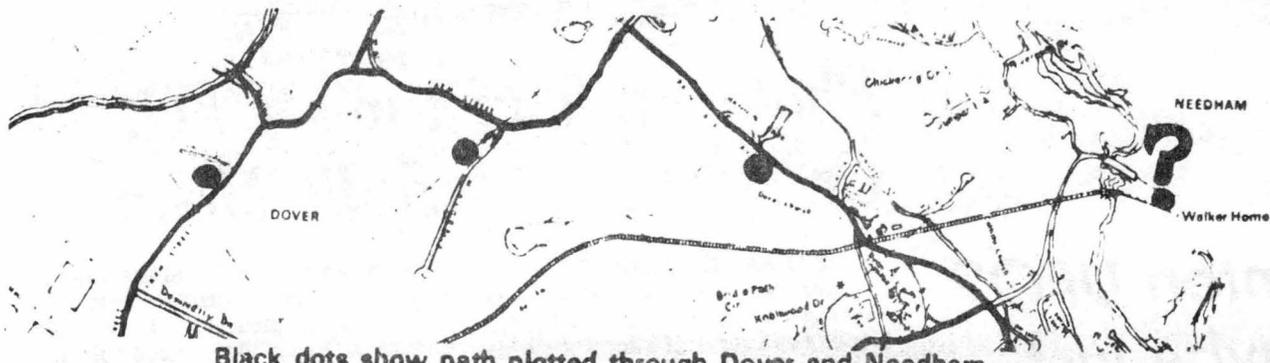
Coleman spoke to a group of Fortean, (followers of Charles Fort — a leader in explaining things outside of science) about the demon at the International Fortean Organization Conference held last month in Washington, D.C. He will include one chapter about the demon in his latest book "Creature of the Outer Edge", due for release next May.

He has already co-authored one book, "The Unidentified", and has written over 40 articles for various publications. He is an honorary member of the Society for the Investigation for the Unexplained and is consulting editor for the International Fortean Organization.

In addition to his interest in phenomena, Coleman is an active social worker. As part of his program at Simmons College, School of Social Work, where he is a secondyear student in the graduate program, Coleman will be a social worker at the Framingham Youth Guidance Center. He will also continue his work as Weekend Coordinator at the Walker School in Needham. He has done individual and family therapy for the last 11 years in Illinois, California, and Massachusetts.

Coleman has investigated a lot of creatures in his time. He has spent time on UFO and Bigfoot research groups throughout the country and in England. But right now, his major interest lies right here in Massachusetts, and in particular, in Dover. Because Coleman believes there really is something out there.

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Black dots show path plotted through Dover and Needham.



Loren Coleman

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Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gedden of 1809 Second street, reported seeing a UFO-like (flying saucer-like) object in the sky Wednesday evening at around 9:45.

She said it was an enormous object, with a huge round light on the front. It hovered over the Wellman home across the street for several minutes; then took off rapidly, in a north-eastern direction. There was no noise; and she said it was definitely not an airplane (several of those appeared later.) When it left, it was seen to be silver, round and flat.

Although Mr. Gedden saw this one first, Mrs. Gedden alone saw one (also silver-colored) over the hills east of town, about two years ago.

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# They Came In Search Of UFOs

By VICKIE CARR

Patriot Ledger Staff Reporter

DEDHAM — "How do you know if it's a real person or martians?" quizzed a wide-eyed youngster at a lecture on UFOs at the Dedham Public Library last night.

A bemused Raymond Fowler, national authority on the subject of unidentified flying objects, answered the question with a chuckle — "I doubt there are too many people going around in skin tight uniforms of silver with pointed ears," he said.

While skeptics may be leery of the possibilities of flying saucers or extraterrestrial creatures, Mr. Fowler told an audience of about 70 people that many sightings of such phenomena are reported each year.

Mr. Fowler, who is an investigator for the Center on UFO Sightings, said between 15 and 20 sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported in Massachusetts alone this year.

He discredited about 80 percent of these sightings, saying they result from either natural or man-made phenomena. However, nearly 20 percent of the sightings remain unexplainable after an official investigation.

**Back To The Ancients**

In a slide and tape show, which accompanied the presentation, Mr. Fowler traced the history of unidentified flying objects back to biblical times.

He cited a scriptural passage, substituting his own interpretations. "As I looked on, behold a whirlwind came out of the North (roaring sound), a great cloud (exhaust) and a fire infolding itself (flashing continuously)..."

Mr. Fowler referred to early paintings and land markings in

Peru that could also be indications of early UFO sightings.

Sightings, he said, usually occur in waves. Until the 1960s, a large number of reported UFO sightings usually occurred every 28 months. Since then reports have remained at a fairly frequent level.

Mr. Fowler said one scientist, who has been charting sightings through a computer, described them as moving like a large chain of windows across the world. The scientist has predicted that the next big wave of UFO sightings will occur near Siberia in December of 1977.

Mr. Fowler, himself, remains skeptical of the authenticity of many reported UFO sightings. He admits that about one percent of the reports are hoaxes and that many could be the result of hallucination or misinterpretation of natural phenomena.

"Most people are serious when they report a UFO, but most are seriously wrong," he said.

However, Mr. Fowler said he does believe there are UFOs and that there is a possibility of extraterrestrial life.

**UFO Coverage**

Referring to various governmental investigations and reports which have depicted the UFO phenomena as a sham, he cited national interest and security as possible reasons for covering up or ignoring UFO reports.

He noted the cultural and scientific shock documented reports of UFOs or interplanetary life would

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present.

"We're probably dealing with something that we can't really explain unless they (scientists) help us — it's very frustrating," he said.

In a period preceding a slide show depicting photographs of crescent shaped objects in the sky, odd creatures sketched from descriptions of sightings and mammoth stellar constellations, Mr. Fowler commented, "It would seem they're machines; they're unconventional, and they come from some place other than here."

# Photograph Pictures UFO, Or At Least A Split Moon

By RAMON VILLALOBOS

A Juarez news photographer was basking in nationwide publicity Monday as a result of a news photo his editors believe pictured a flying saucer hovering over the city.

Juan Robles Reyes, El Correo morning newspaper photographer, said he has been flooded with telephone calls from all over the country asking him for more information on a strange object in the background of a sports photo. The unidentified object, or OVNIS as they are called in Mexico, was captured in a photograph taken last Tuesday night of Martha Guzman, a Juarez volleyball player.

Robles said he first thought light had filtered into his camera when he snapped the picture. Upon examining

the film sequence, he said the object only appears on the Guzman photo.

The unidentified object in the picture is shaped like a moon split in half from top to bottom.

His curiosity aroused, Robles said he returned to where he took the picture to see if any light had been reflected from nearby buildings. "I checked all around and from all angles, and couldn't find lighting of any type," he said.

A report from Dr. Pablo Gutierrez of Caseta, a farm community across from Fabens, added credence to those who believe the half moon is a UFO. He said he and five other persons had seen a strange object in the sky around the time Robles reportedly took the picture.

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# Clinton UFO? Maybe just a helicopter

By MARK SAUER  
Staff Writer

An unidentified flying object (UFO) that "rattled windows, shook houses, hovered briefly flashing bright lights, then was gone," over St. Johns Thursday night probably was a squadron of military helicopters, according to local aviation officials.

Mrs. Shirley Moon, 1060 E. Maple Rapids Rd., St. Johns, reported the "strange aircraft" to police and The State Journal.

"THERE WERE LOTS of lights — more than on any plane I've ever seen — it was very large and it roared," she said. "We watched it for two or three minutes, then it disappeared like someone turned off a light switch."

"My neighbors saw it too," she continued. "They were driving home on U.S. 27 and they watched it for about 25 minutes."

Mrs. Moon said she contacted the Ithaca State Police Post and the Clinton County Sheriff's department about the sighting.

"The gal at the police switchboard told me they'd had many calls," Mrs. Moon said. "She also said there'd been other UFO reports this week and last — including one from the police dispatcher who saw a UFO hover for two hours."

**THOUGH NO UFO SIGHTINGS** were called in to the control tower at Capital City Airport, Ray Kerwin, tower chief for the Federal Aviation Administration, said air traffic controllers reported heavy helicopter traffic in the area recently.

Officials of the Michigan National Guard Amry Aviation Support Facility in Grand Ledge said U.S. Marine aircraft headed for Glenview Naval Air Station in Chicago stopped for fuel at the local facility on Hartel Rd. Thursday evening, lending support to Kerwin's explanation.

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# Odd UFO Seen By Marine Pilot

An Arlington, Va., woman has had a strangely frightening UFO experience which defies conventional explanation.

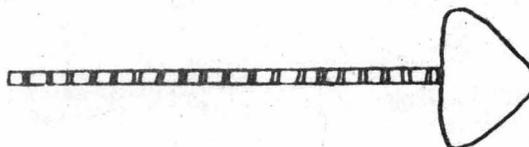
Francine Van Curren, a licensed pilot and airport control tower operator, happened to look into the night sky from her ninth floor balcony. The bizarre events which followed can only be described in her own words.

"This large, strange something went over, traveling from south to north at what I estimated to be above 2,000 feet. There were no flashing lights visible; there was no noise; I saw no tow plane or blimp. I frankly could not identify the object in the possibly 1/2 seconds that I had it in sight.

"It must have been 100 feet long or larger. It appeared to be a long luminous arrow, with a long and thin shaft and a blunt, large tip. It appeared to have about 15 to 20 segments, and there was a luminous strip between each segment."

The object itself, Francine observed, was softly luminous and each segment of the shaft was easily seen. The luminous bands dividing the segments of the shaft were glowing a red color.

Miss Van Curren is a U.S. Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer.



Witnesses' sketch of flying object.

## Vacationers Claim They Saw UFO Over Lunenburg

By SUSANNE TERRY GOWAN

A Canadian couple traveling through the area late in July spotted what they believe to be a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) over Lunenburg.

Howard and Alice Crone, on their way from Scarborough, Ontario to Maine, were traveling east on Rt. 2, approximately one-half mile from Lunenburg at 3:35 a. m. on July 31.

"Our Yorkshire was sitting up on the back of the front seat, like a cat does," Crone said yesterday, coming back through the area after his vacation. "All of a sudden it started whimpering and shaking and jumped into the back seat on the floor. I had a blanket down there and he tried to climb under the blanket."

Approximately 3 or 4 minutes later, according to Crone, with the dog still whimpering, the car crested a hill and the couple began to notice that the interior of the car was getting brighter. "At first I thought it was the moon, but then I saw that it wasn't. It got almost bright enough to read a newspaper by."

The light, Crone says, was limited to the car and the immediate surrounding area. "The trees on either side of the road were lit up too. It was like we were in a beam of light."

Almost immediately, Crone says, he and his wife saw an object in the sky ahead of them, "about 10,000 feet away." A bright diamond shaped glow with what appeared to have a hump of some sort on it. "It was hovering when we first saw it, then it would move and hover again."

Apparently as soon as the object made its first move the "hump" broke away and appeared to be a smaller diamond shaped glow with bright red, green, and blue lights on it.

The larger object had a horizontal band of light extending across the top of it.

According to Crone, the object not only appeared to move toward them, but slightly to the left. He said there was a curve of light around the left side of the object, the side toward which it was moving.

The Crones pulled their car to the side of the road and turned the lights out. "I wasn't about to get out of the car," Crone said. "I don't imagine tha anybody else who had been there would have gotten out either."

"We didn't hear any sound," he said, "but I think the dog did. They can hear things that humans can't hear."

Crone grabbed his camera that was on the seat beside him. "It has a zoom lens, so I knew it would get a pretty good shot," he said. Almost as soon as the photo was taken, Crone said, both objects backed away quickly and disappeared. Alice Crone wrote the time down. It was exactly 3:40 a. m.

The couple continued on their vacation and only yesterday came back through the area, bringing their story and the photo to the Caledonian. "We went to the newspaper in Calais (Maine) but we thought people here would be more interested in it."

Crone says that he and his wife have been thinking about their experience and considering who they should tell the story to. "We've been thinking about it. We were wondering who would want to see the picture and who would believe it."

Howard Reed, of the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury, says that although there was no report of any atmospheric disturbance fitting that description that night, the Crone's story cannot be dismissed. "Most of these reports, I think are honest. Because people as a rule, cannot describe well, we often have trouble believing something like that. I would believe he saw something, but

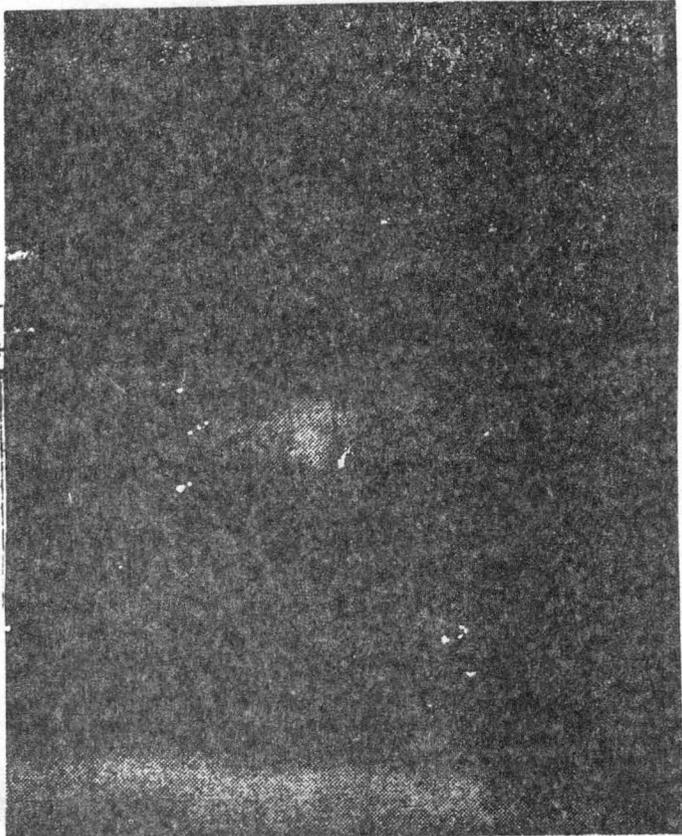


Photo taken by Howard Crone, Ontario, of what he believes to be a "UFO." Crone and his wife sighted the object on July 31, over the town of Lunenburg. Diamond shaped spot in center is the object that "hovered, glowed, and moved." Faint diamond spot above is second, smaller object. Foreground is dashboard and other spots are reflections from windshield.

I can't go any further than that. I'm skeptical of drawing too many conclusions from it one way or the other."

Blaine Colby, of the Lunenburg fire department, says that no other citizens, to his knowledge have reported such a sighting. State police and the St. Johnsbury fire department, after searching their records, say that no one had made such a report to their switchboards.

Crone is convinced that what they saw was real. They are also sure that they have never seen anything like it before. "I've seen some of those UFO books that my oldest daughter reads, but I've never seen anything like this in them," he said. He claims never to have had much interest in such phenomenon before.

The Crones have returned to Canada, with their dog that still "whimpers more than usual", a picture of two strange objects in the sky, and a memory and questions about an unusual occurrence in Lunenburg.

# Residents Report UFO Sightings

By RICHARD L. MYERS

Shades of 1939 and the famous radio broadcast "War of the Worlds."

Are the little green men from Mars here for a Florida vacation? Could the Orson Welles classic be a harbinger of events to happen in Martin County almost 40 years after their eerie radio program panicked most of the nation?

Several Palm City residents were shook up recently when they saw what appeared to be a hovering spaceship in the tranquil tropic sky.

Boo Lowery of Sunset Trail called the Martin County Sheriff's Department when he saw a hovering craft flashing red and green lights.

He watched the "thing" through field glasses as it stood about 15 to 20 degrees above the north-northwest horizon at 11:30 p.m. Thursday.

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However, Sgt. Don Jones, who responded to the call, said he could only see a star when he checked through the glasses.

Lowery is not alone, though, in his apparent sighting of mysterious phenomenon in the peaceful Palm City sky.

Timi Strieter 13, of 42nd Avenue, Palm City, and Tim Henry, 19, also of Palm City, said they spotted an unidentified flying object hovering over Palm City Saturday night.

They estimated the circular object to be between 12 feet and 24 feet in diameter flashing green, blue and yellow lights at anywhere from 5,200 feet to 20,000 feet above the ground.

Ms. Strieter said the craft was emitting "a beeping noise." She said she believes UFOs are spaceships from another world.

Despite seeing the object, Henry remains skeptical. Even though he ruled out the possibility of it being an airplane and it was "too low to be a satellite," he doesn't quite buy the spaceship theory.

While Ms. Strieter who said she and her mother and brother were "scared," went inside and locked the doors, Henry said he was "interested" and watched the object for awhile.

Neither Lowery nor involved sheriff's deputies were available for comment today.

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## Bright UFO seen in sky

JOSEPH - A Joseph resident has reported seeing a round, bright object in the sky near Joseph on the same night as a La Grande resident reported a UFO sighting.

Ann Sawyer said she saw a strange object hovering in the air south of Joseph last Thursday between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Sawyer said the object appeared similar to the description given by the La Grande resident, "but was emitting a bright blue light as well."

She said she watched the object move slowly from east to west in front of Chief Joseph Mountain, about one mile south of Joseph. She said the object disappeared for a short while, reappeared and suddenly vanished.

"I called a friend, who drove to the Enterprise airport to look for it," Sawyer said. "She didn't see anything, so I thought maybe I was a little crazy until I read about the same thing in La Grande."'

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## Israel had help from UFOs in 4 wars, sect members told

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CAPE MAY, N.J. (AP) — Robert Barry says he's convinced Israel has a secret weapon. He says unidentified flying objects, some of them flown by angels, have turned the tide for the Jewish state in four wars.

"I believe that godly or angelic pilots of UFOs could be on the side of the Israelis," says Barry, 55, a radio advertising manager from Yoe, Pa., and director of the 20th Centu-

ry U.F.O. Bureau.

Barry's group, sponsored by fundamentalist radio preacher Dr. Carl McIntire, is holding its sixth annual conference this week in McIntire's Christian Admiral Hotel here. About 185 believers—in Christianity and UFOs—are attending.

Barry, who is giving a five-part lecture entitled The Invincibility of Israel and UFOs, said Israel's four wars have coincided with the great flying saucer "flaps," or sightings, in 1947-48, 1956, 1967 and 1973.

"Every time there has been a war between Israel and the Arabs; there have been world-wide sightings of UFOs," he said.

Barry says many biblical passages link religion and UFOs. For example, Luke refers to "fearful sights and great signs from heaven"

before God returns, he said. This could mean UFOs, he said.

Barry says a line from Exodus shows Israel is protected by UFOs: "As birds fly, so will the lord of hosts defend Jerusalem."

Barry maintains that secret Israeli and U.S. reports show that Israeli troopers were saved during the 1967 war by "miracles" when UFOs were reported over the battlefield.

Once, a sudden whirlwind in the Sinai Desert exposed Egyptian land mines to the Israelis, he said. In another case, thousands of Egyptian soldiers surrendered to 100 Israelis after the Arabs had "visions" of thousands of Israelis and hundreds of enemy tanks, Barry said.

"God's nation is Israel and He's going to take care of them one way or another," Barry said.

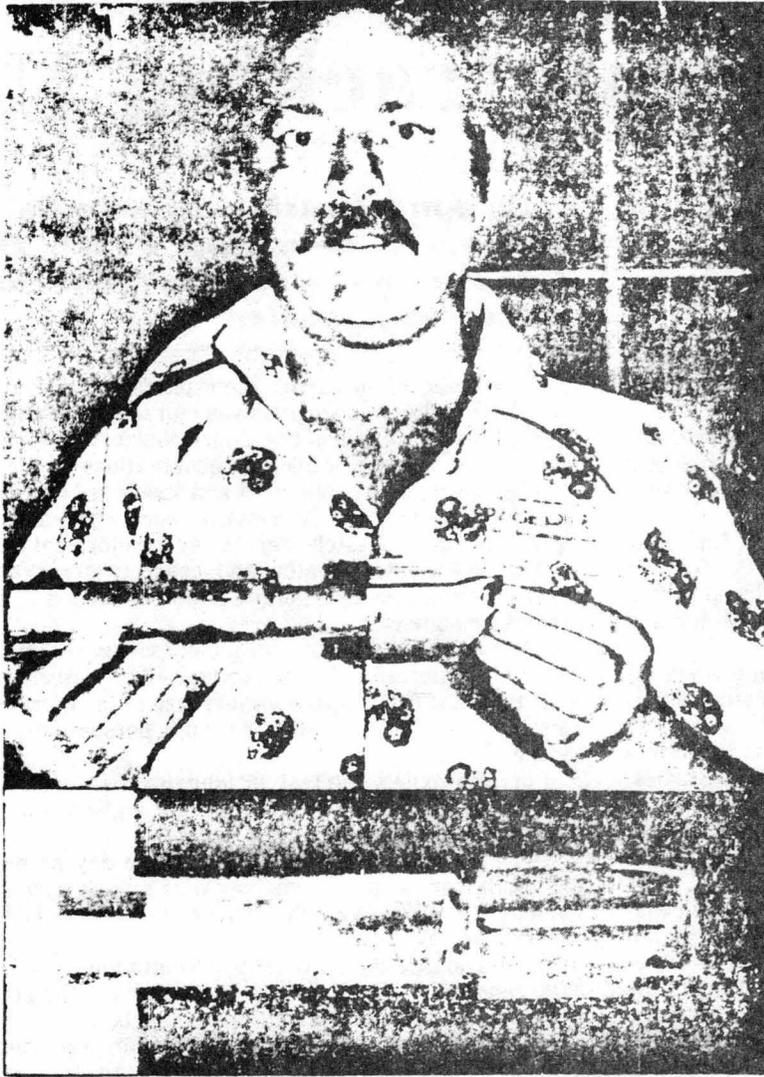


Photo by Ray Crew

## Mystery missile

Fort Street resident Bink Bigler holds the silver rocket that landed in the backyard of a neighbor last week. The origin of the rocket is still unknown but will be investigated by local police.

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## UFO Is Described By Winsted Trio

By JACK BOURQUE  
 WINSTED — A soundless, hovering object with a red light on top and two yellowish-white beams shining toward the ground was reported seen by four persons near the town's sewer treatment plant Wednesday night, authorities said.

A member of the Winsted Memorial Hospital nursing staff, her 28-year-old daughter, a Winsted patrolman and one other unidentified motorist saw the object, which they say appeared in the sky around 9 p.m.

The local sighting was similar to one reported Wednesday night in Arlington, Mass., the national UFO answering service in Chicago said.

Hospital nursing staff employe Connie Barber of North Main Street said Thursday she was approaching the bend on Rt. 8 by the treatment plant when her daughter, Mrs. Lynette Bell, spotted the lights in the sky.

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## Unidentified rocket puzzles local police

By RAY CREW  
 Staff Reporter

"My family and I were sitting in the living room when we heard a whooshing sound like a rocket passing over head." That's how Fort Street resident Bink Bigler remembers what happened near the intersection of Fort and Penn Streets Tuesday night.

Shortly after hearing the noise Bigler reports that his neighbor, Mary Rotz, who lives on Penn Street, called to tell him that she had not only heard something but she's seen a flash of light accompanied by burning embers falling from the sky. The embers, in fact were falling on the artificial turf around her swimming pool and it was beginning to burn. Bigler rushed to his neighbor's house and after extinguishing the smouldering turf he phoned police.

The police arrived on the scene and after an extensive search found nothing but a piece of charred cork in a nearby alley. According to Bigler, the cork smelled strongly of gunpowder.

The mystery may have ended right there, but the following day another Penn Street resident, Leila Beckenbaugh, found what Bigler described as "cylinder" lying in her backyard.

Police speculate that the cylinder, which stands 8½ inches high and is 1½ inches in diameter may be a type of flare.

Police were again called to the scene and they retrieved the mysterious object which, Bigler went on to explain, featured fins on one end and some kind of burner on the other. For their part, the police were puzzled. "They called it a rocket but other than that they had no idea what it was," Bigler remembers.

This unidentified object was then taken to local police headquarters where it is being held pending further investigation. According to Officer Richard Killinger, Harold Eutzy, also of the department, will be conducting the investigation and his first step will be to question military officials from the Letterkenny Army Depot.

Bink Bigler insists that, when the investigation is completed, he wants custody of the so-called rocket. In his words, "I want to put it up on my wall for a souvenir."

Perhaps an investigation will promptly reveal the nature of the unidentified flying object that landed in Leila Beckenbaugh's backyard. Until then it remains a mystery. ✓

# He's serious about tracking UFOs

By SHEILA GABAY  
Staff Writer

Flickering lights in the sky and fears of being abducted by humanoid creatures are among the many mystifying complaints that Phil Imbrogno investigates.

Imbrogno is an unidentified flying objects investigator for the National Observers on Aerial Phenomena (NOAP), a private group which has been tracking down UFOs since 1974.

To many people, thoughts of little green men with antennae invading in flying saucers seems ridiculous. But Imbrogno, who lives in Greenwich, takes his work seriously.

Calling himself a UFO "field" investigator, Imbrogno cautiously admits he has never seen any UFOs. But this does not stop him from compiling case studies of people — from doctors to firemen — who call him with fears of being captured and taken to a foreign planet.

Certain that his work is valuable, Imbrogno offers his services free of charge as part of what he calls his professional hobby.

The information he gathers about UFOs is typed into a research report and sent to the Center of UFO Studies, a data-gathering center in Evanston, Ill. Imbrogno said the information is reviewed by scientists in the area of UFO research and then fed into storage computers for future study.

Imbrogno attended the University of Texas and majored in astronomy. He works as a medical technician when he isn't tracking down UFOs. He is also director of the Milbank Observatory, located behind the Julian Curtiss School in Greenwich. The modest observatory is a second home for amateur stargazers like Imbrogno who say there is nothing lovelier than studying a cloud belt or

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the outer limits of the earth's atmosphere.

"There's always a surprise you can see with this telescope," Imbrogno said of the 10-inch Newtonian reflector scope which aids him in his solar observations.

The observatory is operated and sponsored by NOAP in affiliation with the Greenwich school system. It is open to groups in Westchester, but by appointment only.

The 30-year-old metallic and concrete observatory dome houses all the necessary equipment needed by amateur astronomers.

Imbrogno said members of the observatory staff are especially interested in monitoring solar disturbances and sunspots. They believe an increase in the number of sunspots may have a bad effect on a person's nervous system.

But Imbrogno's interest in studying new phenomena in space is not limited to his night vigils at the Milbank Observatory.

During his spare moments during the day he might get a call from someone who has seen a color spectrum flashing in the sky or claims to have been contacted by a supernatural being.

Imbrogno said the UFO craze is continuing, as people have reported everything from helicopters to the planet Venus as mysterious, unidentifiable objects.

He said the number of cases reported in Westchester and Fairfield Counties has been increasing. He has already investigated 30 complaints in the area within the last year.

Imbrogno is also registered as a UFO field investigator with the Greenwich and Port Chester police departments who call him when they are told of strange sights in the sky.

Imbrogno said most people still treat the subject of UFOs as nonsensical and humorous.

But he said he is convinced there is more in the sky than planets and millions of stars.

"Some persons have totally changed their personalities and can no longer function normally from UFO fears," he said. "This could have serious ramifications in the area of mental health."

He cited one case of a career officer who felt an intellectual force taking over his mind and was so shocked he lost 30 pounds and his career.

Imbrogno said the cases most steadily increasing are those involving "contactees" — persons who think they have been abducted by unidentified beings and say these creatures are programming them.

"These are psychological invasions of the mind," he said. "No one can explain why they are being programmed but recurring sightings can lead to complete mental deterioration," he said, a little worriedly.

According to Imbrogno, most people who believe that UFOs exist are convinced that they are visiting earth for good purposes such as to study mankind.

"But I think they are here for no other reason than to lead to the psychic deterioration of man," said the investigator. "Why can't people who say they have been abducted ever remember what happened to them?" he asked.

If you think you might know the answer, or have any UFOs to report, look him up at the Milbank Observatory.

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## HARTFORD COURANT - CONN.

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About the same time, a motorist just ahead of Mrs. Barber's car also spotted the lights and stopped to get a closer look, Mrs. Barber said. The identity of the second motorist is not known.

Mrs. Barber said at first the object appeared to be "very slow-moving" and then stopped in the sky.

There was no sound from the object, she said. After her daughter expressed fear of rays from the object and the potential hazards that might be emitted, Mrs. Barber said she drove away from the spot.

When she returned less than five minutes later after taking her daughter home, the object was not in sight, she said.

Patrolman Gerald Peters said that as he arrived in his cruiser he saw an object of the same description given by Mrs. Barber leaving the area.

He said the object "lifted up into the sky and disappeared without a sound."

"It was like it was going up to outer space," he said.

Those reported to have seen the object said it was hovering at about tree-top level. They said they could not say how large it was because they could see only the lights.

## OCEAN FLOOR

As found on land, the ocean floor also has its mountains, valleys, gorges and rolling plains.

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# 'Mystery' object spotted in sky

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By JOSEPH DIORIO

Something was in the sky this morning and those who saw it agreed it wasn't an airplane.

It was silver and was "just floating there," approximately 900 to 1,000 feet up, agreed those who saw it and called The Herald.

Local police departments and the air towers at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks and Brainard Field in Hartford said they had no sightings or reports of UFOs (unidentified flying objects).

A spokesman for the National Weather Service at Bradley said they also had not received any UFO reports.

Regardless, ambulance driver Marty Sullivan was driving down Cedar street past the Children's Hospital in Newington this morning when he saw the unusual sight.

Hovering in the sky, somewhere over Farmington or Avon, was what Sullivan claimed to be a flying saucer.

Sullivan was in the ambulance with his partner, Dennis Kacy. The two were bringing a patient from the Maplewood Convalescent Home to the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital at approximately 7:30 a.m. when Sullivan, a resident of Wethersfield, saw the object.

"At first I said to my partner, 'Hey look at the weather balloon. This thing was about 30 to 40 feet across,'" he said.

But Sullivan's belief that the strange sight was nothing more than a weather balloon soon ended.

Sullivan said when he got to the Veterans Hospital, he pointed it out to the patient, who also saw it.

But, when Sullivan and Kacy came back out from the hospital, the object was gone.

"If it was a weather balloon, it wouldn't have vanished like that. I mean, where did it go? Up? Down? Where?" he said.

The National Weather Service reported that weather balloons are sent up every six hours.

However, the nearest place where balloons are sent out is Albany, N.Y. The spokesman said the wind has been blowing from west to east and added that one weather balloon was found last week in Burlington.

"I won't say for sure, but it could have been a weather balloon," he said.

Brian Boland, a teacher in the Farmington school system and a hot air balloonist, said he was up and flying this morning from 7:10 to 8:25 o'clock.

"I took off from Farmington and landed at the Patton Brook Country Club in Southington," he said, adding he flew at 5,300 feet.

However, Boland was not flying a silver balloon, but a green and purple one.

Boland added that, while he was flying over Southington near I-84, he radioed a friend who lives nearby.

"My friend asked me if I was flying. When I told him I was he said, 'Oh, which one are you?'" Boland said.

The friend had reportedly seen what looked like a white balloon in the same area Sullivan saw the silver object.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Despite what the skeptics say about the legendary creature Big Foot or Sasquatch he is very real. This my brother Bill and I can vouch for, having met him a few years ago on a lonely highway east of Winona, Miss., about 1 a.m.

This creature, part human and part animal (ape or gorilla), caused me to nearly wreck my pickup-camper that night.

This creature from a nightmare world is not usually aggressive, but my headlights was blinding him and he charged us twice and only because he would not come on the blacktop or concrete of the highway is the only reason he did not completely demolish the pickup-camper with us in it. Yes he is that big and powerful.

Out-laying farmers and ranchers would be wise to have flood lights, plus 3 or 4 dogs around their place, plus a handy automatic rifle close by.

This creature should not be shot at unless he becomes aggressive and charges—then a person would have no other choice, but defend themselves best they could.

Having studied this creature up close appx. 20 feet, I noted the heavy brownish-red hair matted very thick on his chest which would serve him well like a bullet proof vest. Only his face would offer a target that would stop him in a do or die situation.

His strength is unbelievable no 10 or 12 men could handle him if no weapons are involved. His shoulders are unbelievably wide, runs like a man would. Big thick chest, which tapers like a "V" to his waist. He can see in the dark, has powerful arms and legs, hair all over body, except face and palms of hands. Large round burning eyes, no pupils noticed. He has curiosity of a cat, but at some time has some understanding like a person. He is probably a descendent of Cain, whom God abolished from civilization centuries ago. My personal opinion.

Should you use this letter in your newspaper, please use my initials, as my privacy is dear to me.

Big Foot may be around our parts sometime as the akes west of you has him locked from migrating north westward. Where he is home in the mountains of the northwest. The drought out here has no doubt sent several out of the hills and mountains in search of food. They usually follow the Arkansas and Mississippi river basin southward, but his usually takes place in all.

The legendary Big Foot has errorized the town of Colonne, Calif., at one time. This happened a few years ago. Many have been seen in the Blue Ridge mountains of he east also. So, they can turn up about any where.

I am 60 years old and have prospected and hunted all over the western states, and over years I did not believe the stories of the giant Sasquatch, but that all hanged when we had a eyeball to eyeball meeting.

The U.F.O.'s may have brought them from another planet—if so, they can come and get them, far as I'm concerned. The one we saw cost me about 2 weeks loss of sleep afterwards. And only because the Chevrolet people make a good pickup, and God's mercy I am alive today to tell our encounter.

Best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

J.C.

Box 13

Heavener, Okla.

**\*\*THE STAR\*\***  
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# Evidence shows that UFOs are from outer space, says expert

EVIDENCE proves that Unidentified Flying Objects really do come from outer space, says the nation's top investigator of UFO landing sites.

Ted Phillips, an associate of the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., said there are three features common to all confirmed UFO sightings:

- The UFOs are all circular and have flashing lights;
- They dehydrate trees and plant life when they are near the ground and the effect lasts as long as five years;
- They temporarily stall en-

By **BOB ABBORINO**

gines of cars and electrical appliances in homes they pass over.

The consistency of this evidence points to only one conclusion, said Phillips, who lives in Columbia, Mo., and is a state highway department engineer:

"The Earth has been visited by extraterrestrial beings."

Phillips said evidence from his investigations leads him to believe UFOs may weigh as much as 10 tons and have a diameter of 35 feet.

Besides studying 1,100 reported UFO landings in the United States, Phillips has also studied reports of sightings in 57 other countries.

All the authentic ones have the same pattern in common, he said. He believes the world is now on the verge of taking UFOs more seriously. Until now, fear of ridi-

cule has kept many people from reporting UFOs and it has kept scientists from admitting their belief UFOs are from outer space.

"About 100 sightings around the world are reported every day, but this number is far smaller than the actual number that are sighted," he said. "In any group of 10 people, at least two will usually admit they have seen a UFO."

Phillips is convinced the U.S. government — because of public pressure — will soon abandon its attitude of skepticism about UFOs.

Before the end of the year, he predicts the government will reveal some startling information proving that UFOs do exist and are outer space vehicles.

"President Carter's courage in admitting he has seen a UFO will break down much of the government's reluctance," he said.

A story in THE STAR earlier this year revealed that Carter filed an official report of sighting a UFO while he was governor of Georgia.

## Zanies and the serious come to UFO conference

By **JACK CHEEVERS**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — At one table, "UFO Magazine" and "Flying Saucer Digest" were selling next to "The Zeta Reticulin Incident." Sales of "UFOs — Myth and Mystery" were, well, astronomical.

A few feet away, a man named Alpha hawked "UFO kits" stuffed with star maps between snatches of conversation with a man wearing a moon pendant and a lightning-bolt T-shirt.

The gathering of zanies and serious students of the extraterrestrial was the 14th annual National UFO — Unidentified Flying Object — Conference. It came complete with brainy-looking kids behind inch-thick glasses, young mothers bouncing babies on their knees and tweedy scientific types.

ABOUT 500 fans of the far-out packed the hotel ballroom to hear speeches, trade UFO stories and speculate about why more and more little green men seem to be touching down on Planet Earth.

The conference was keynoted by Stanton Friedman, a self-described "Ralph Nader of the UFO world" and nuclear physicist who has made a career of contradicting government reports debunking UFOs.

"The government's investigation of UFOs has been completely inadequate," he said. "Sightings by military people, like pilots, are reported to the Air Force's Air Defense Command, where they slap an immediate security clamp on the information."

After years of working for government space contractors and seeing what secrets the government keeps, Friedman came to believe flying saucers are real and the government knows it — but is keeping its mouth shut.

"They're out there all right, and the government is aware of it. But even if you've seen the saucers, wait'll you see the drivers," he said.

IN THE 1960s, when he worked on nuclear powered aircraft engines, Friedman said he thought the whole idea of gleaming saucers running cars off country roads and alien in the neighborhood was crazy.

Then, in 1955, he read Project Bluebook's Report 14.

Project Bluebook was a 20-year-long investigation by the Air Force of reported UFO sightings by military personnel, especially fighter pilots.

In its heyday, Friedman said, Project Bluebook consisted of a major, a desk sergeant and a couple of filing cabinets. He said much evidence documenting the existence of saucers was intentionally covered up and will never surface.

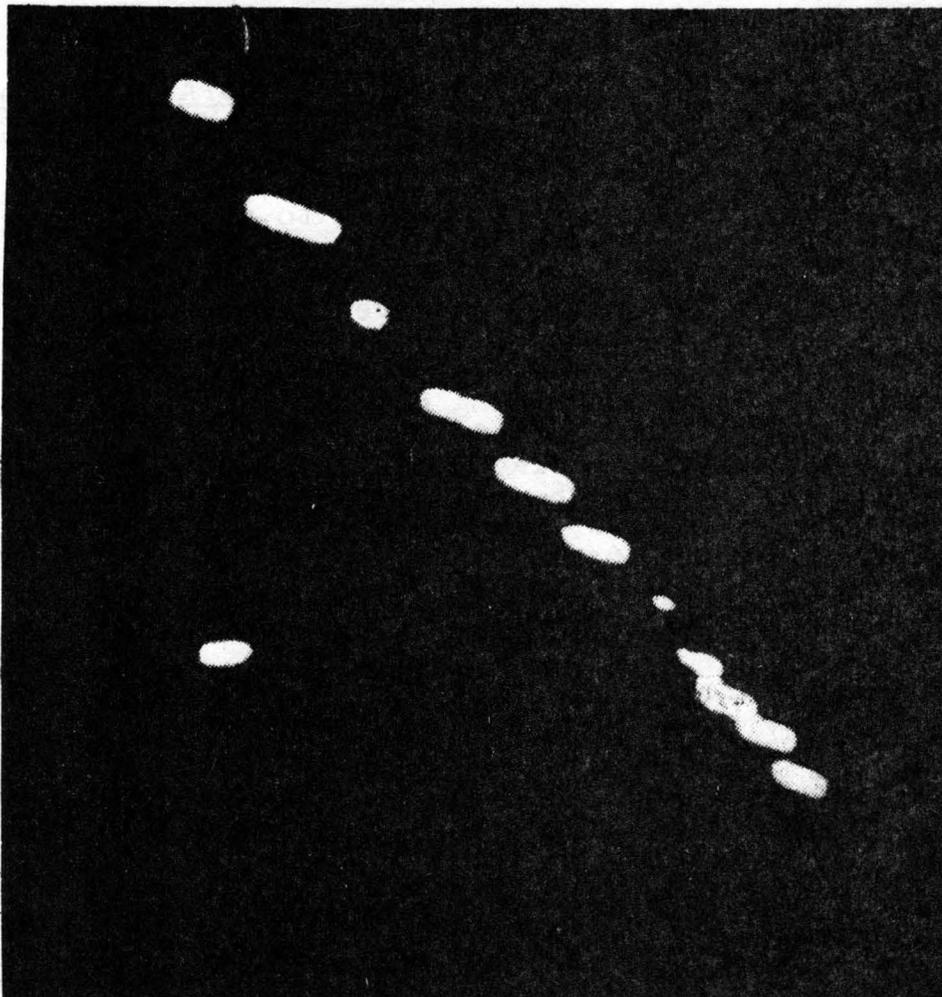
"I've talked to about 75 former military people, some of whom reported their sightings to Bluebook. What happened to all those reports?" he asked.

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\*\*\*AUG. 29, 1977\*\*\*

# Adesso gli Ufo esagerano

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"STAMPA SERA DEL LUNDE"  
ITALY, AUG. 9, 1977

NOW UFOS ARE OVERDOING IT!

(PHOTO CAPTION READS):

THIS summer has had plenty of unidentified flying objects. The photo here shows a formation of "unidentified flying objects" between Monza and Sesto San Giovanni, Italy.

*Foreign Clippings*

Gli Ufo, questa estate, abbondano. La foto, scattata tra Monza e Sesto San Giovanni, mostra una serie di «oggetti volanti non identificati» che volano in formazione

## DES O.V.N.I. PILOTÉS PAR DES "ANGES PRO-ISRAELIENS" ?

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"Le Parisien" Paris, France, August, 11, 1977

ARE UFOS PILOTED BY PRO-ISRAELIAN ANGLES?

M. Robert Barry, directeur du "Bureau des OVNI" (Objets volants non identifiés) à Yoe, en Pennsylvanie, est persuadé que l'Etat d'Israel est protégé par des OVNI envoyés par Dieu et ses anges. Selon M. Barry, qui dirige également les services de publicité d'une station de radio, des OVNI conduits par des anges ont fait pencher la balance en faveur d'Israel lors des quatre guerres israélo-arabes de 1947-48, 1956, 1967 et 1973.

Mr. Robert Barry, Dir. of "The UFO Office of YOE" in Pennsylvania, is persuaded that ISRAEL is protected by UFOS sent by God and his Angels!

According to Mr. Barry, who is also managing the advertising Department of a Radio-Station, some UFOS driven by some Angels have turned the scale in favour of ISRAEL, during the four wars ISRAEL-Arabian Countries in 1947/48, 1956, 1967, and 1973.

During a conference told to CAPE MAY in New Jersey, Mr. Robert Barry treated of "The UFOS and the invincibility of ISRAEL".

Among other things, he said that every time that ISRAEL was at war with Arabian Countries, some UFOS had been observed above battle fields.

Prenant la parole cette semaine à Cape May, dans le New Jersey, M. Robert Barry a tenu une conférence intitulée "l'invincibilité d'Israel et des OVNI". Il a assuré qu'à chaque fois qu'il y a eu la guerre entre Israel et les Arabes on a pu observer dans l'air la présence d'OVNI.

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## DES VILLAGEOIS ESPAGNOLS CROIENT A UNE AGRESSION DE MARTIENNES

HUELVA — Les Martiens auraient réalisé hier leur premier hold up sur la Terre, selon les habitants du village de Almonaster la Real, dans la province de Huelva, en Espagne.

Deux êtres étranges, habillés de costumes brillants et lumineux, et dégageant de puissants rayons de lumière, se sont, en effet, emparés de la carte d'identité et de la montre d'une habitante du village.

Cette dernière, dont l'identité n'a pas été révélée, a dû être hospitalisée en état de choc.

Selon son premier témoignage, les deux Martiens seraient des femmes : l'une très grande, et l'autre minuscule.

Aucun habitant du village n'a signalé la présence de ces deux "êtres". En revanche, plusieurs personnes affirment avoir vu ces derniers jours, et à plusieurs reprises, un objet étrange qui se déplaçait dans le ciel.

## SOME INHABITANTS OF A SPANISH VILLAGE ARE BELIEVING TO A MARTIAN-WOMEN AGGRESSION!

HUELVA: According to some inhabitant from Almonaster La Real Village in Spanish Province of HUELVA, the Martians would have committed their first "hold up" on the Earth! Two strange "beings" dressed in bright and shining clothes and who were giving off some mighty beams of light would lay hold of the identity card and the watch of a woman from village. The latter who preserved his incognito, had to be admitted in a

hospital, being so shocked.

According to his first statement, these two "martians" were women; one was very tall, the other very small.

No inhabitant of village has reported presence of these two "beings". But several witnesses stated to have seen these last days, and on several occasions, a strange object traveling in the sky.

### *Seres extraterrestres*

PORTO ALEGRE, 23 (ANSA) — "La Tierra está siendo constantemente vigilada por inteligencias superiores de otros planetas, que quieren evitar una guerra atómica, fatal para todo el sistema solar", afirmó anoche en esta capital el profesor argentino Pedro Romaniuk, autor de libros sobre parapsicología y discos voladores.

El especialista, profesor del Instituto Superior de Ciencias Técnico-Humanistas del colegio La Salle, agregó que estuosos rusos, norteamericanos y de otros países realizaron contactos con seres extraterrestres.

Para ilustrar sus afirmaciones, durante el simposio sobre discos voladores que se realiza en esta ciudad, mostró fotografías —según dijo— sacadas por observatorios astronómicos de varios países, aunque "la mayoría de las veces los discos no son visibles, porque se despiazan con una vibración superior a una frecuencia de 10 en la potencia 27, cuando el traslado es hecho en forma de energía y, de esa manera, ni los radares pueden detectarlos".

Afirmó también que "no hay por qué dudar de la existencia de otras civilizaciones, en otros planetas, en otros sistemas solares, pues la vida en el cosmos es un fenómeno natural, que proviene de la combinación de cuatro elementos —carbono, oxígeno, hidrógeno y nitrógeno— con aminoácidos".

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### EXTRATERRESTRIALS

PORTO ALEGRE, 23 - "Earth is being constantly watched by superior beings from other planets who wish to avoid an atomic war fatal to all the solar system" said Argentine professor Pedro Romaniuk, author of books dealing with parapsychology and flying saucers, last night.

The specialist, a professor in the Institute of Technical and Humanistic Sciences of La Salle College, added the Russians, Americans and other foreign scientists, have contacted extraterrestrials.

As an illustration for his worlds, spoken at the Symposium on Flying Saucers which was held at this city, he showed photographs which, according to him, were taken from astronomical observatories from several countries, regardless of the fact that "most of the times these discs are not visible due to their operating at a vibrational level higher than the frequency of 10, in the capacity of 27, this making them undetectable by radar".

He also said that "there are no reasons to doubt the existence of other civilizations on other planets, in other galaxies, for life in the cosmos is a natural phenomenon, derived from the combinations of 4 elements; carbon, oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen."

# Ecco i dischi volanti fotografati a Sesto

La nuova apparizione (13 «oggetti» luminosi) è avvenuta nella notte di sabato

Si moltiplicano gli avvistamenti di «dischi volanti» nel cielo di Sesto San Giovanni. Sabato notte, di un'apparizione del genere, sono stati testimoni i componenti di un'intera famiglia: Erminio Ferranti, 38 anni, abitante a Monza in via Azzone Visconti 41, titolare di un negozio di materiale fotografico e corrispondente di un'agenzia internazionale di informazioni; la moglie, Nuccia Galbiati, 35 anni, e il figlio Lorenzo, di 9 anni.

Ecco il loro racconto: «Qualche giorno fa è venuto nel nostro negozio un signore, Cesare Bisesti, elettricista alla Falck, che voleva comprare una cinepresa per "filmare" gli UFO da lui già avvistati (la notizia dell'avvistamento è stata pubblicata dal «Giorno» sabato scorso n.d.r.). Gliel'abbiamo venduta, con tanti auguri. Ma il suo racconto ci ha incuriosito. Così, ieri sera, Lorenzo è rimasto "di guardia" sul balcone di casa.

«Alle dieci ci ha chiamato, dicendo che c'era qualcosa nel cielo. Quasi contemporaneamente abbiamo ricevuto la telefonata del signor Bisesti e assieme a lui, dopo aver caricato sull'automobile macchina fotografica con cavalletto e teleobiettivo di 600 millimetri, abbiamo raggiunto la zona dove gli oggetti erano più facilmente visibili, dietro la Falck, a Sesto».

Sempre secondo il racconto di questi testimoni, gli «oggetti» emanavano luci cangianti, dall'azzurrognolo al rossiccio. Ne sono stati contati tredici: tre di essi, che parevano rappresentare una specie di triangolo, illuminavano gli altri, disposti in fila indiana. Si spostavano lentamente.

«Due sono stati i momenti più emozionanti — dice Erminio Ferranti. — Quando uno degli oggetti si è abbassato, spandendo una luce vivissima (i cani si sono messi ad abbaiare, due ci sono passati accanto di corsa). E quando ho sviluppato la fotografia e mi sono accorto che l'"oggetto" aveva una specie di antenna, che non avevo notato in precedenza.

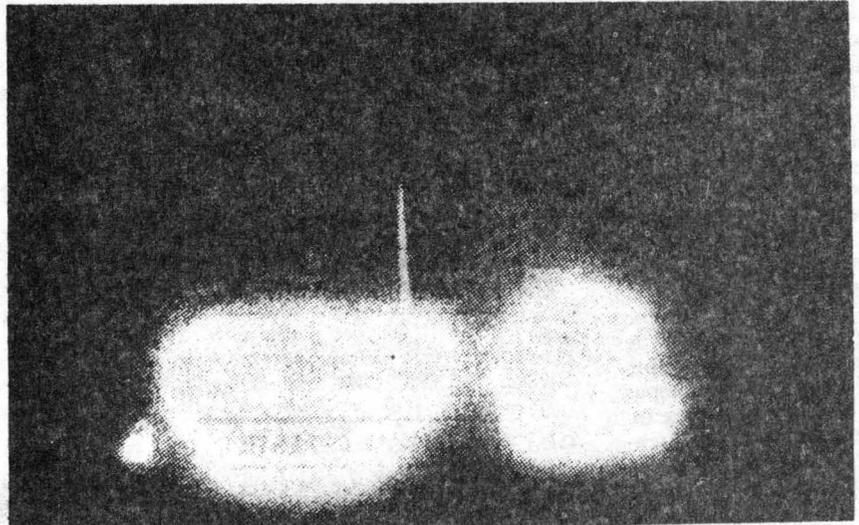
Ferranti e Bisesti sono rimasti sul posto dell'avvistamento fino alle 5.15, all'alba. Le «luci» cominciavano a spegnersi una ad una, ma due erano ancora accese quando gli avvistatori sono andati a letto, stanchi ed emozionati.

Fin qui il racconto dei «testimoni», che naturalmente non commentiamo. Ormai i dischi volanti hanno dato vita a una sorta di «scienza», l'«ufologia», che ha cultori soprattutto in America ma che comincia a fare proseliti anche in Italia (come dimostra un recente congresso che si è svolto proprio in Lombardia). Roba da «addetti ai lavori», insomma, sulla quale non avrebbe senso, per noi, pronunciarsi.

"At 10p.m. he called us telling there was something in the sky. Nearly at the same time, Bisesti phoned us to tell he was seeing and filming them, so we all took a camera with tripod and a 600millimeters telephoto lens and got by auto in an area where the objects were easily visible, behind the Falck.

According to the witnesses, the "objects" were emitting changing lights from the light-blue to the reddish. 13 of them were counted, three of which in a triangle were lighting up the others, which were in a row. They all were moving slowly.

"Two moments were the most exciting", says Erminio Ferranti, "when one of the objects came down, emitting a very strong light and dogs began barking (two of them passed running near us); and then when I developed the photo and saw that the "object" had like an antenna, which I had not seen before.



"IL GIORNO" ITALY - AUGUST 8, 1977

THE UNUSUAL TESTIMONIANCE OF A FAMILY-HERE ARE THE FLYING SAUCERS PHOTOGRAPHED AT SESTO THE NEW APPARITION (13 LUMINOUS OBJECTS) TOOK PLACE SATURDAY NIGHT

Sightings of "flying saucers" keep coming in the sky at Sesto San Giovanni. On Saturday night (Aug. 6) a whole family has been witness of such an apparition: Erminio Ferranti, 38, owner of a photography-shop and correspondent of a press-agency; his wife Nuccia Galbiati, 35, and their son Lorenzo 9 yrs. old.

Here's their story: "A few days ago a man, Cesare Bisesti, electrician at the Falck, came into my shop and bought a cine-camera to "film the UFOs" he had already sighted. We sold him it wishing him every luck. But his account had made us curious. So, last night, Lorenzo remained "on watch" on the balcony at home.

## Les équipages d'OVNI comprennent l'espagnol...

Les extra terrestres comprennent l'espagnol, et sont parfaitement capables de capter les émissions radio des avions terriens, a constaté samedi matin le pilote d'un avion-cargo colombien, le commandant Camilo Barrios.

Au-dessus du triangle des Bermudes, zone maritime connue pour ses disparitions mystérieuses de navires et ses nombreuses apparitions "d'OVNI" (Objets Volants Non-Identifiés), le commandant a aperçu un "OVNI". L'objet "était de forme circulaire et émettait des lueurs oranges et rouges. Il nous a escorté une heure environ", a indiqué le commandant Barrios. Il a alors demandé par radio, en espagnol, à l'éventuel équipage du mystérieux appareil de "prendre de l'altitude, s'il recevait ce message", et la soucoupe volante est montée, puis elle a de nouveau perdu de l'altitude après que le pilote l'eut invité à le faire, pour confirmer son observation.

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### UFO's AIRCREWS WOULD UNDERSTAND SPANISH LANGUAGE

Extraterrestrial-men would understand Spanish language, and are really able to pick up broadcastings of our aircrafts, according to a air-freightre pilot, Camillo Barrios, Colombian air-officer. Saturday in the morning (July 30) the Colombian pilot has seen above the famous "Bermuda Triangle", maritime zone well-known about its mysterious vanishings and numerous UFO sightings, an object which would be a UFO. This object was shaped like a circle and gave off some orange and red gleams; It escorted us for about one hour pilot has said, who asked with his wireless to the eventual aircrew of the strange aircraft, in Spanish language to rise up in altitude, in the case where he would receive this message. And the "saucer" rose up, then came again on its preceding altitude, after pilot Camillo Barrios asked it, to confirm his sighting.

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### UFO IN NORMANDY, (with landing)

The UFO which had been seen two times running in a field of HUOETTENVILLE (Eure department), has left tracks of its landing.

Gendarmes (policemen) have found three holes being from 15 to 20 centimetres in depth, shaping a perfect triangle having 8 metres in every side. On all sides round, there were several square metres of haulm which was burnt.

A medical man who was with a friend, had sighted the silencious "engine", shaped like a cigar, the first time in night from 6 to 7 August and the second time in the night from 13 to 14 August.

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Several UFOs have been seen these last days, in Brazil, over the satellite-town BUCLEO-BANDEIRANTE. UFOs have been seen by numerous people. According to different witnesses, they had oval-shaped or shpaed like missiles. They did not cause panic among Brazilian populations.

## OVNI normand

L'ovni aperçut à deux reprises dans un champ d'Houetteville (Eure) par un médecin normand a laissé des traces de son passage.

Les gendarmes ont, en effet, découvert trois trous profonds de 15 à 20 centimètres, formant un triangle parfait de 8 mètres de côté. Tout autour plusieurs mètres carrés de chaume avaient été brûlés.

Le médecin, qui se trouvait avec un ami, avait aperçu l'engin silencieux, en forme de cigare, pour la première fois dans la nuit du 6 au 7 août, puis dans celle du 13 au 14 août.

• UN CERTAIN NOMBRE d'"objets volants non identifiés" ont été aperçus ces derniers jours, au Brésil, près de Brasilia, dans la ville satellite de Nucleo Bandeirante. Les OVNI ont été vus par de nombreuses personnes. Ils avaient, selon divers témoignages, soit une forme ovale, soit l'aspect d'une fusée. Digne des temps, ces engins n'ont provoqué aucune panique dans la population brésilienne.

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ONE UFO MORE! (POSSIBLE LANDED)

## ENCORE UN O.V.N.I

**EVREUX.**— En pleine période estivale, où les nuits sont particulièrement riches en étoiles filantes -c'est "l'averse" des Perséides, qui dure du 25 juillet au 17 août...- le nombre de personnes ayant vu des O.V.N.I. se multiplie.

Mais cette fois, près de la petite commune de Houettenville (Eure), ce sont 2 engins qui se seraient posés sur les bords de l'Iton, célèbre petite rivière à truites de la région. Un médecin les aurait vus à 2 reprises, dans la nuit du 6 au 7 août, puis durant celle du 12 au 14, non loin du château de Houettenville.

Les gendarmes d'Evreux et de Louviers, qui mènent une enquête, procèdent actuellement à des prélèvements du sol aux fins d'analyses.

Les "petits hommes verts" venus de l'espace seraient-ils des amateurs de la pêche de la truite à la mouche artificielle? Mais ils devraient savoir qu'il est interdit de s'y livrer entre le coucher et le lever du soleil.

**EVREUX:** In full festival time, where nights are particularly rich in shooting-stars, (it is the arrival of "Perseides", which last from July 25 to August 17), UFO sightings are very numerous.

But, this time, close to the little village of HOUETTENVILLE, two "engines" would have landed on brinks of Iton-river, well-known in the area about its trouts.

One medical man would have seen them twice, in night from 6 to 7 August in a first occasion, and during the one from 13 to 14, close to HOUETTENVILLE Castle, in a second time.

Gendarmes (Policemen) from EVREUX and from LOUVIERS, who are inquiring, have cut off some samples of ground with a view to doing analysis.

Would the "little green men" from space like trout-fishing with salmon-fly? But, they would have to know that it is forbidden to fish between sunset and sunrise!

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"LE PARISIEN" Paris, France Aug. 15, 1977

UFO IN SKY OF ALSACE DEPARTMENT

## O.V.N.I. dans le ciel d'Alsace

**STRASBOURG.**- Un couple d'Alsaciens, M. et Mme Joly, de Strasbourg-Neudorf, leur fils et une soeur de Mme Joly ont observé, peu avant minuit, un étrange phénomène céleste, alors qu'ils circulaient voiture sur la route E.D.F. Rhinau-Strasbourg.

Ils ont déclaré avoir vu un objet avec "des phares allumés jaunes, dirigés horizontalement par rapport à lui-même, et plusieurs autres lumières rouges".

L'O.V.N.I., ont-ils ajouté, s'est d'abord déplacé en sens contraire de la voiture, puis a fait demi-tour très rapidement, pour rejoindre les automobilistes avant de repartir à nouveau en sens contraire, toujours à grande vitesse.

D'après les gendarmes, aucun hélicoptère ne survolait le secteur à ce moment-là.

Strasbourg: Mr. and Mrs. JOLY from Strasbourg-Neudorf, their son and Mrs. JOLY's sister, have observed, a few minutes before midnight, a strange phenomenon in sky, when they were driving their car on EDF road from Rhinau to Strasbourg.

They have stated that they had seen an object with some yellow "head-lights", pointed horizontally with regard to him-

self, and several other red lights.

They have added that UFO, in first, was moving in a contrary direction of car, then it came back very quickly to come again towards motorists before to go again another time, in a contrary direction, always with high speed. According to policemen, no helicopter was flown over this district area at that moment.

## Imperia: un «Ufo» s'è calato in mare?

Imperia, 1 agosto.

(r.c.) Era un Ufo o un pallone-sonda? Secondo i testimoni oculari che lo hanno avvistato era per lo meno un oggetto misterioso, molto simile ai già descritti dischi volanti. E' stato notato domenica mattina da numerose persone mentre si calava in mare al largo di Imperia, a due chilometri circa dalla spiaggia della foce di Porto Maurizio. Nella zona c'era una mostra d'arte, quindi ad averlo visto sono stati soprattutto dei pittori.

«E' rimasto immerso per almeno mezz'ora — dice Raffaele Ascheri, di Imperia — e il mare era molto agitato. Subito, insieme ad altri amici, ho pensato che fosse un pallone-sonda, ma quando l'ho visto riemergere e sparire nel cielo mi sono dovuto ricredere. Era di forma ellittica, bianco e luminoso».

Lo specchio d'acqua segnalato è stato perlustrato da alcune motovedette della Capitaneria di porto, ma senza esito. DeH'Ufo nessuna traccia.

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"LA STAMPA, ITALY - AUGUST 2, 1977

IMPERIA: AN "UFO" DESCENDED INTO THE SEA?

Imperia, August 1st.

Was it a UFO or a balloon. According to the eyewitnesses who sighted it, it was at least a "mystery object", quite similar to the 'flying saucers.' It was seen on Sunday July 31st morning by several people while it was descending into the sea out of Imperia, two kilometers from the Porto Maurizio beach. There was an art-exhibition in the area, so most of the witnesses were painters.

"It remained underwater for about half an hour—says Raffaele Ascheri ballon, but when it Raffaele Ascheri from Imperia, and the sea was very rough. We thought at once of a weather ballon, but when I saw it emerging again and going back disappearing into the sky I had to change my mind. It was bright white in color and elliptical in shape".

The area was patrolled by some motoboats of the Harbour Office, but no trace of UFOs was found.

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A "UFO" SIGHTED NEAR PERUGIA

Perugia - While UFOs are talked over in the North, at Nocera Umbra, in Boschetto area, a mysterious twinkling being, triangular in shape, has been sighted.

The one who saw "it" was Bruno Vitali, 44, employed of a coiety working for the Railways, married and father of a daughter. He told his adventure with uneasiness and fear.

But he was soon conformed by another witness, 27 year old Oscar Tega, who told he heard a very loud hissing sound in the same spot where Vitali saw the strange luminous being, later on.

Bruno Vitali was coming back home after work. It was past midnight. "Suddently, I saw a dark shape in front of my car-headlights; I slowed the car, not understanding what it was. When nearer ot it I saw this luminous thing's outline; it was about 1150 meter tall, not wider than 80 centimeters, and was skipping about, as though trying to hide itself from my sight".

## Avvistato un «ufo» vicino a Perugia

PERUGIA — Mentre si parla di «ufo», in particolare nel Nord Italia, a Nocera Umbra, in località Boschetto, è stato avvistato un misterioso essere scintillante, di forma triangolare.

Lo ha visto Bruno Vitali, di 44 anni, dipendente di una cooperativa che lavora per le ferrovie dello Stato, sposato e padre di una figlia, che ha raccontato con un certo disagio e paura la sua avventura.

Il Vitali però è stato confortato subito dal racconto di un altro testimone, il ventisettenne Oscar Tega, il quale ha raccontato di aver udito un fortissimo sibilo nello stesso punto dove il Vitali ha più tardi avvistato lo strano essere luminoso.

Bruno Vitali stava tornando a casa, (era da poco passata la mezzanotte) dopo il suo turno di lavoro. Ad un tratto — questo il racconto dell'uomo — ho visto una sagoma scura dinanzi ai fari della macchina, ho rallentato, non rendendomi però conto di che cosa fosse quell'essere. Avvicinandomi ho scorto una sagoma ed i contorni di quella "cosa" che luccicava; era alta un metro e mezzo circa, non più larga di 80 centimetri e saltellava dinanzi alla mia vettura quasi per sfuggire alla mia vista.

# Especialistas Argentinos y Uruguayos se Han Reunido en Ensenada Para Hablar Sobre los Fenómenos Extraterrestres

ORGANIZADO por el Centro Investigador de Fenómenos Anormales, CIFA, de Ensenada, provincia de Buenos Aires, se realizó en esa localidad el Simposio Nacional de Vida Extraterrestre, del que participaron entidades dedicadas a las investigaciones científicas y tecnológicas referidas a los fenómenos no identificados, aéreos, terrestres o acuáticos, de la Capital Federal, provincia de Buenos Aires y de la República Oriental del Uruguay, así como investigadores y estudiosos privados de dicha disciplina. En el transcurso de las sesiones, que abarcaron 3 jornadas, se escucharon exposiciones de casos observados en distintas partes del territorio rioplatense, análisis y conclusiones de los diferentes estudios hechos por los centros especializados, así como informes sobre determinados aspectos de los fenómenos extraterrestres, confeccionados por

investigadores individuales y científicos del país y del extranjero. El Simposio decidió, entre sus resoluciones más trascendentes, crear la Red Argentina de Información OVNI, RADIO, que permitirá la comunicación permanente de todas las agrupaciones e investigadores del país a los efectos del intercambio de información especializada. En el estatuto de la entidad, centralizadora se han incluido normas tipificadas, para facilitar la nomenclatura a utilizar y confeccionar, de esa manera, un lenguaje común a los centros y científicos, que podrán agilizar y sistematizar los conocimientos tecnológicos y de percepción de los fenómenos a estudiarse. Se optó por designar con el término Ovni (con mayúscula inicial y sin puntos intermedios) "todo fenómeno no identificado, sea o no un objeto, aéreo, terrestre o acuático". Se decidió, también, iniciar los estudios para

confeccionar un cuestionario tipo, para su utilización por todos los miembros de la red, así como la adopción de criterios normativos y tipológicos comunes. Se aplicará, inicialmente, la fórmula "Guía del Encuestador", de la SOBEPS, y los criterios tipológicos de los investigadores Luis Burgos, Rubén Morales y Jaques Vallée. Durante las deliberaciones se analizaron los trabajos presentados por el Centro Investigador de Fenómenos Extraterrestres, CIFEX, de Buenos Aires, sobre la necesidad de organización de los grupos investigadores nacionales y del CAIFE, relativo a la Probabilidad de Vida Inteligente en las Distintas Galaxias. Se discutieron ampliamente los distintos casos presentados, con la exhibición de películas y diapositivas, participando el público asistente. La próxima reunión se efectuará en enero de 1978 en la Capital Federal.

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ARGENTINE AND URUGUAYAN SPECIALIST HAVE MET IN ENSENADA TO TALK ABOUT EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL PHENOMENA.

Organized by the Abnormal Phenomena Investigation Center, of Ensenada, Province of Buenos Aires, the National Symposium on Extraterrestrial Life took place in this city. It was attended by several groups engaged in the scientific and technological research on unidentified phenomena, aerial, terrestrial or aquatic. These groups came from the Federal District, the Province of Buenos Aires and Uruguay. Also present were private researchers. During the three days the Symposium lasted reports on cases which have recently taken place in the River Plate area were heard, as well as analysis and conclusions of studies conducted by specialized centres, and different reports on certain aspects of extraterrestrial phenomena, prepared by private researchers and scientists from the country and abroad. The Symposium decided, amongst other things, to create the Argentine UFO Information Network (RADIO), which will allow a permanent communication between every group and researcher in the country. RADIO's statute includes a technical glossary which would work as a language common to the different centres and scientists, thus systematizing the exchange of technological data and information regarding UFO sightings. It was also decided to apply the term UFO (with a capital U and no full stops) to "any unidentified phenomenon, be it or not an aerial, terrestrial or aquatic object". Also, to begin to work on a standard questionnaire which would be used, in future, by all RADIO's members. To begin with SOBEPS' "Guide de l'Enqueter" will be used. Also the typological criteria of investigators Luis Burgos, Ruben Morales and Jaques Vallee. Amongst the papers analyzed during the deliberations were those presented by the Extraterrestrial Phenomena Investigation Center (CIFEX), on the necessity of organizing the Country's investigation groups, and by the CAIFE, on the Probability of Intelligent Life in the Different Galaxies.

## "Ufo" con clacson sorvola Alba

(Dal nostro corrispondente)  
Alba, 9 agosto.

(g.l.) Un «Ufo» ha sorvolato questa sera Alba? E' quanto sostengono alcuni passanti che, verso le 20, stavano transitando nella centrale piazza Savona e nelle vie adiacenti.

Secondo il loro racconto, un oggetto misterioso sarebbe stato avvistato poco prima che sulla zona si scatenasse un violento temporale. Molti sostengono di averlo visto muoversi tra le nuvole per qualche minuto mentre udivano un suono strano, simile al clacson di un'auto suonato a brevi intervalli regolari.

Dopo la fugace apparizione, il misterioso oggetto sarebbe scomparso nel cielo mentre si facevano numerosi commenti e la notizia faceva velocemente il giro della città.

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"LA STAMPA" CUNEO, ITALY AUG. 9, 1977

"UFO" WITH KLAXON FLYES OVER ALBA

(from our correspondent) Alba, August 9th-

Did a UFO fly over Alba, today in the evening? This is affirmed by some walkers who, at about 2:00 p.m., were in Savona Square, in the center of the town.

According to their report, a mystery object was sighted a little before a strong storm. A lot of people say they saw it moving among the clouds for some minutes, while they heard a strange sound, like a car klaxon honking at short, regular intervals.

After the short apparition, the mystery object disappeared in the sky while numerous comments were made and the news being reported in all the town.

# ABBATTUTO DISCO VOLANTE

CITTA' DEL MESSICO — Il giornale *Il sole del Messico* nella sua edizione di ieri sera, ha riferito che un «disco volante» è esploso nel cielo del Messico dopo essere stato inseguito da due altri apparecchi non identificati. L'esplosione è avvenuta alla presenza di parecchie decine di testimoni a Zihuatanejo, vicino al noto centro balneare di

Acapulco. Secondo i testimoni oculari, il disco volante si spostava in linea retta, affiancato da due altri oggetti più piccoli che cercavano di intercettarlo. Poco dopo il disco volante, è scoppiato e secondo quanto affermano i testimoni, la «grande massa brillante e arrotondata si è trasformata in quattro oggetti più piccoli che sono scomparsi».

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"STAMPA SERA" - ITALY - AUGUST 9, 1977

FLYING SAUCER SHOT DOWN!

Mexico City - The newspaper "Mexico Sun" reported yesterday that a "flying saucer" exploded in the Mexican sky after having been pursued by two other unidentified objects. The event took place in front of tens of witnesses at Zihuatanejo, near Acapulco. According to the eyewitnesses, the flying saucer was moving in a straight line, and there were two smaller by its side which were trying to intercept it. Moments later the saucer exploded, and "its great bright mass, round in shape, changed itself into four smaller objects which disappeared".

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## UFO's in Avellaneda

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects were sighted over Avellaneda last July 19, according to a report printed in yesterday's *La Razón*. Eduardo Uhalde, 33 and Ricardo Larrieu, 36, who spotted the UFO's, were able to take pictures of the flying objects which, they said, "turned upon themselves like spinning tops".

Uhalde and Larrieu, who

had organized a birthday party for their children, were outdoors taking pictures of them playing soccer when they heard loud noises above them. Looking up they saw a large number of UFO's flying in formation over Avellaneda. They also saw a helicopter flying at 300 metres but the UFO's, they said, were much higher up.

Following a circular path the flying saucer squadron slowly began to open up ("like a fan", according to Uhalde and Larrieu) before zooming off at high speed.

All this took place in just a few seconds. *La Razón* also published a picture of the UFO's taken by Uhalde and Larrieu which shows the objects rather blurily outlined against the sky. An Avellaneda building and a helicopter can be clearly seen in the photograph.

*La Razón* also carried a Uruguayan UFO story yesterday. Laco Ozano, a farm worker in Rocha, Uruguay, was reported to have been struck by a low-flying luminous object which knocked him out cold and singed his hair. Ozano received medical care at a local hospital.