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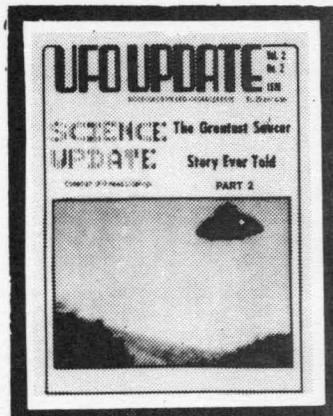
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Investigator Finds Mutilations To be 'Intriguing; Maps Campaign

By GAIL OLSON
Of the SUN's
Santa Fe Bureau

Ken Rommel, the 54-year-old retiring agent who will lead District Attorney Eloy Martinez' investigation of cattle mutilations, said last week he finds the "mute" question to be an intriguing one.

A 28-year veteran of the FBI, Rommel, whom some local law enforcement agents have dubbed "The Fox", is experienced in investigating bank robberies and "major kinds of violence" and is a former "counter espionage" man, he said. For the past five years, he has been senior resident of the Santa Fe FBI office.

"Mute" buffs in this area recently have been wondering why a seasoned FBI man would take on the task of bringing to justice property criminals who have been eluding a small but intense, national body of investigators, law enforcement and otherwise, for the past five years.

Rommel said last week he is facing mandatory retirement from the FBI this month and there are few jobs that could possibly be as interesting as the career he will leave.

He says he has investigated many "bizarre" cases during his career, and finds the mutilation question to be an interesting one — just the sort of case he'd like to crack.

Martinez, who recently received from the Law Enforcement Assistance Association a grant providing him with funds to conduct an investigation into the mutilations, admits the grant application's specifications for the investigator to lead the search for the property criminals, were written with Rommel in mind. He is pleased to have Rommel working on the problem because he believes Rommel's presence will lend credibility to the upcoming investigation.

The \$42,000 grant, the brainchild of Tom Fiorina of the DA's office, was accepted early this month, and shortly after its acceptance, Martinez announced Rommel had the job.

The DA's office is working fast to prepare for Rommel's appearance on the mute case. He officially will take over the investigation May 25, following his FBI retirement the preceding week.

Rommel will set up headquarters in the Espanola branch of Martinez' office, a location chosen because of the strong incidence of mutilations recorded during the past two years in Rio Arriba County.

Through Fiorina's efforts, Rommel said, Santa Fe County's computers will assist him in his investigation.

He will utilize the computers in the setting up of a "data bank" and through computerization he intends to analyze mutilation data and "look for patterns" which will help him solve the crimes.

U.S. Senator Harrison Schmidt, at a recent hearing on mutilations, expressed a strong hope that FBI computers could be used to aid in the solution of the crimes. Forrest Putnam, agent in charge of the Albuquerque FBI offices, reluctantly stated that though "it will be hard" his office would assist in investigations into the crime, and that he would try to receive approval from higher ups to make the computers available for investigations.

"We don't need the FBI computers", Rommel said last week when he announced that Santa Fe's computers would be available.

Through his new job, Rommel said, he hopes to establish a "retrievable bank of information" by the end of the year covered by the grant, and "hopefully accurate statistics."

"Most mutilations have come to someone's attention somewhere along the line," Rommel said. He explained that he hopes to coordinate mutilation data with communication with other states.

He also intends to develop a "standard reporting procedure" which officers throughout the nation can use in investigating mutilated cows. He explains that with "the same data in each case" involving further mutilations, the "patterns" of mutilations will be easier to pin point.

Rommel said that during his years with the FBI, many seemingly irrational cases he has looked into, upon solution had "a logical solution."

"Hopefully, there will be a logical solution to many crimes classified as cattle mutilations," Rommel said.

"With a good, solid investigation, we can take a lot of superstition out of it," he said of the phenomena.

Rommel's "logical" approach to such an investigation would be different from the logic of Spock, Star Trek's logician, in that his interest in extraterrestrial theories concerning mutilations would not be as pronounced.

When asked what he thought about UFOs, Rommel said, "I want to make it very, very clear that I am not conducting a UFO investigation." Rommel said he specifically is investigating "mutilated cows."

"I will approach this in the same way I would approach any other investigation. I will collect all the facts I can, collect and develop lead materials, and proceed", he said.

His first priority, he explains, is to get together a "credible team" and to get "on the scene quickly" with that team. His thinking is the same as most mutilation investigators in that sense. The "fresher" a mutilation find, the more evidence it yields.

If a mutilation occurs, he, like other serious investigators of the mutilations, wants to "search" the scene of the crime the way he would "search any other crime scene," collecting all evidence and exploring it for resultant leads.

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Nearby News

Rommel has received many offers for help from persons interested in assisting his investigation, he said, adding that he is uncertain that if those volunteers knew what a serious law enforcement investigation entailed, they would be more hesitant to come forward.

"I don't know if they realize that in the future they might have to go before a grand jury or a petit jury," he said. "I don't know if they've thought what it might entail."

The fact that an "expert" in mutes might have to testify against the

criminals is a part of the law enforcement function, Rommel said.

He said that the FBI, which has jurisdiction over Indian lands, has a traditional working relationship with the Indians. Many Indian reservations have been targets of cattle mutilators.

He stresses the need for cooperation among law enforcement agencies, but states that he doesn't see

"any problems" in that area.

It has been his experience, he said, that most members of law enforcement bodies are cooperative, adding "the FBI couldn't survive without the support of local law enforcement."

In this case, he said further, "citizens" too, will have to "support and cooperate" with law enforcement if the mystery is to be solved.

UFO SIGHTINGS

BRADFORD - Two UFO reports Wednesday are being investigated by Joan Jeffers, field researcher for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

Ms. Jeffers said one sighting was reported by a woman driving on Route 6 between Kane and Smethport. She saw what she first believed to be two headlights coming out of woods. She said it was a noiseless object, with colored lights.

The second sighting occurred between Port Allegany and Smethport as a woman watching television at 10 p.m. felt as if she were being watched. When she turned and looked out her front window, she saw two white lights shining toward her house. The object, from 150-200 feet away, was hovering, noiseless and had white lights. When those lights went out, colored ones came on, illuminating some of the body of object which appeared to be rectangular. It quietly took off in a westerly direction.

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Reports of two UFO sightings being probed

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She can be reached at 368-8558.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS - ENTERPRISE
 *****APR. 15, 1979*****

Area newslog

Balloon sparks flurry of calls

It wasn't a bird, plane or even Superman that had Beaumont residents manning the phones and flooding police, weather services and newspaper switchboards with UFO sightings Tuesday night.

It was just a lot of hot air.

One of the hot air balloonists who will participate in Saturday's Neches River Festival balloon race came to Beaumont a little early and caused all the commotion.

The balloon reflected the sun's rays in northern skies and appeared to be a shiny UFO, said a spokesman at KWIC Radio.

The station will sponsor the race at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Parkdale Mall parking lot. The race will feature 12 balloonists from all over the Southwest.

Woman Spots UFO Near Her Home?

By JOE DePRIEST
Star Staff Writer

Lanterns? Airplane billboard? UFO?

It could have been any of those things that Mrs. A.G. Owensby saw last night over Metcalf Road north of Shelby.

Mrs. Owensby told W.D. Gantt, captain with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department reserves, that as she and her three children came home last night around 9 p.m., they saw a bright light over their house, located about one-half mile south of the Zion Church Road.

"Mrs. Owensby said when they came into the yard it was lit up completely," Gantt said.

"She said it hovered."

Then the object "went down behind some trees around a quarter of a mile from the house on the creek, she said. Then it went up and out of sight into the west," Gantt continued.

A mercury vapor light on a pole in the yard was off, he added. Some type of light had apparently tripped the photoelectric cell in the vapor light, he said.

In checking the area where Mrs. Owensby said

the bright light had gone down among some trees, "we saw some lanterns where people were fishing," Gantt said.

Also, Gantt said there had been an airplane with an illuminated advertising sign beneath it flies in the Shelby area regularly and that there were reports it was out last night.

The pilot, Tom Futch of the Charlotte Flying Billboards firm, confirmed this.

Futch said he was in the air over Shelby for one hour and five minutes beginning at 7:45 p.m.

The stationary sign under the plane's wing is 44 by 10 feet and a computerized advertising message — last night it was for a new automobile. The ad moves "just like the marquee at Madison Square Garden," Futch said.

He flies over shopping malls, ball games, the "main arteries" — anywhere there are lots of people, Futch said.

"I fly 1,000 feet above" according to federal regulations, he said.

The sign has 315 bulbs. "You can see it (the sign) approximately 7 to 8 miles

away. You can't read it and it looks like the rights are revolving around the plane ... looks weird as the dickens," said Futch. UFO sightings are usually reported when he's in the area, he admitted.

Futch said his flying billboard wouldn't have caused a vapor light to go out.

WHITEVILLE, N.C. - NEWS REPORTER
*****APR 16, 1979*****

UFO Is Sighted In Bethel Area

An unidentified flying object sighted in the Bethel community last night might have been a weather kite, according to Deputy James Coleman.

The report was called in by a Bethel resident at 8:50 p.m. Sunday. Deputies Wayne Piver, J.A. Hayes, Barry Herring and James Coleman visited the area at various times during the night and the object was visible early this morning, according to Deputy Coleman.

"We've investigated the possibility of everything from a hive of bees to gas escaping from the ground, but the object looks like an oversize kite," Deputy Coleman said. He said it was not an ordinary kite, but was V-shaped, about 10 feet across and had ropes attached to it. Officers surmised that it might be some type of weather kite and made plans to get in touch with weather stations to check it out.

A light aircraft flew over the area this morning, but the strange object was not visible from the air.

HAINES CITY, FLA. - HERALD
*****APR. 19, 1979*****

In case you've felt left out by all those UFO sightings in other parts of Polk County, despair no longer—we've had a sighting!

It occurred last Wednesday about 7:15 p.m. when Nora and Fred Green were returning from Dundee on U.S. 27 shortly after sunset when they saw something swoop low over a grove near SR 544 and then disappear.

It was described as a big light with a lot of small lights emanating from it.

Fred swears it was a flying saucer, while Nora is more cautious about its origin, but she admitted it was like nothing she's ever seen.

Did anyone else see it?

Flying saucers are her cup of tea

OSHKOSH, WIS. - NORTHWESTERN
*****APR. 21, 1979*****

By **JEFF WRIGHT**
Northwestern Staff Writer
MENASHA — Spaceships flying over Menasha? Judie Fingal says there are. She backs that up with a

round white cakes for special occasions. She is the operator of a catering service in Menasha. Mrs. Fingal told the *Northwestern* she has seen many round objects flying around

I just wanted everybody else to know it," she says.

It was Aug. 13, 1978 when Mrs. Fingal walked outdoors at Eighth and State streets. The time was shortly after 10 p.m.

She aimed the camera at the sky and snapped just one picture at 1/15th of a second. What the developed film shows is a UFO, traveling at 54,000 mph, or twice around the world in an hour, says Mrs. Fingal. And what's even more incredible, according to Mrs. Fingal, is that the picture shows four UFOs in flight, rather than just one.

What is even more startling about Mrs. Fingal's interpretation of the picture is that she didn't even see the UFO in the air when she took

the picture.

"I think the UFO had its forcefield on, preventing the human eye from spotting the craft. Either that or it was traveling faster than the eye could see," she said.

She waited until this year to reveal that she has a photograph of a UFO. During that time she had a college professor and professional photographer examine the snapshot. They said it was definitely a UFO, she added. However, this could mean anything from a time exposure of a streetlight to an overexposed photograph of the full moon.

A *Northwestern* photographer believes that the object pictured is nothing more than a time exposure of a streetlight. Mrs. Fingal believes it is a spaceship.

She says watching UFOs is a lot like watching birds, and there is no doubt Mrs. Fingal gets as excited about spaceships as birdwatchers do catching a glimpse of a silver throated chickadee in flight.

She also believes that UFOs are something special for the human race.

"Watching a spaceship isn't just watching a UFO. I feel they are watching over me and our planet. They are here to help us out and save us from blowing up the earth."

But Mrs. Fingal is the first to admit that she isn't sure that all spaceships are friendly, just as she says no one can guarantee that all drivers of automobiles in Menasha are friendly.

Mrs. Fingal realizes that watching UFOs is not something everybody does.

She claims to have seen hundreds of UFOs since she saw her first one at the age of 20 in St. Petersburg Fla. She described the first craft as "shooting out of a ball of fire — then the fireball went out."

Mrs. Fingal and her friend Bonnie Meyer of Neenah ride around together chasing spaceships throughout the Fox Valley and the state.

On one occasion the pair followed a craft around Menasha towards Little Lake Butte des Morts, where they

"I'm not sure I have met anybody from another planet. No one has come up to me yet and said, 'Hi, I'm from Venus.'"

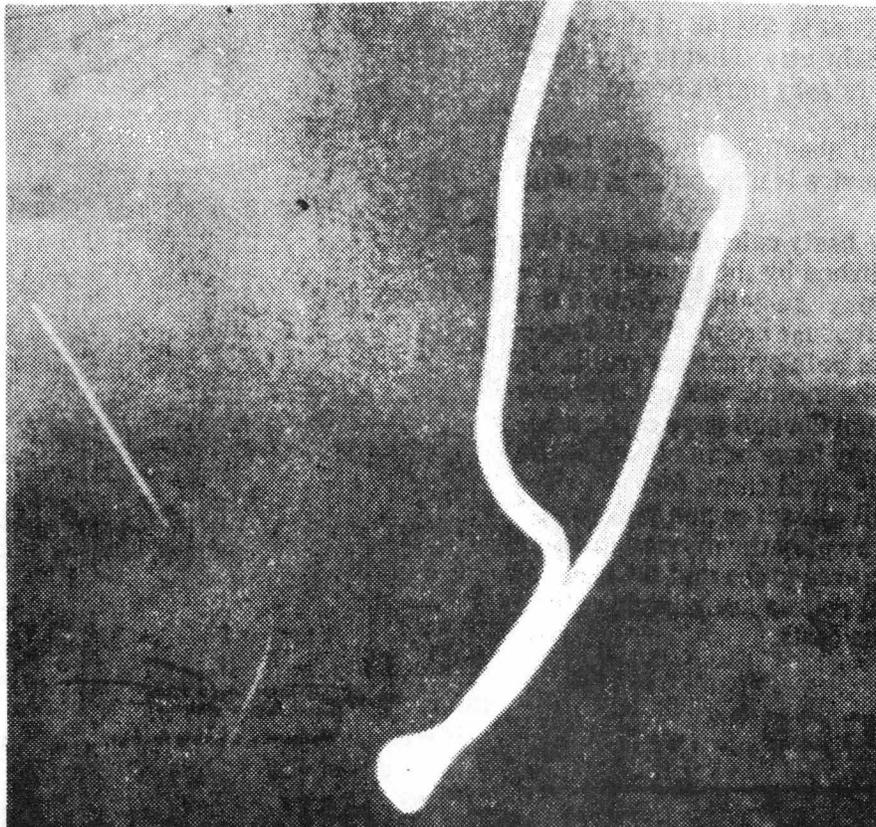
picture she says is a spaceship flying at 54,000 mph over the city. Mrs. Fingal took the picture and claims it shows the flight of an unidentified flying object.

Most people know Mrs. Fingal as the lady who makes

the sky in the past few years.

But she worried that people would doubt her sanity without picture proof, so she bought a 35 millimeter camera and set out to capture one on film.

"I know UFOs are real and



Mrs. Fingal says this picture, taken Aug. 13, 1978 shows one spaceship near the middle of the picture

and three others at lower left "playing tag" in the sky.

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OSHKOSH, WISC. - CON'T

watched the craft hover behind the bridge before disappearing in the sky.

Another night they saw a light in an open field and watched it until the light began flying.

Another UFO, says Mrs. Fingal.

She says some nights are like circuses because hundreds of crafts are flying through the sky and it takes only a few minutes of concentration to spot several ships criss-crossing the sky.

Mrs. Fingal hopes that one day a pilot of one of these crafts will land and ask her along for a ride.

"I certainly hope I meet them. If a ship landed next door we'd go with them," she said.

Her belief in UFOs was strengthened by a chat with President Jimmy Carter during a Carter campaign stop at Treasure Island in Appleton. Carter apparently told her that he has seen UFOs and that he intends to make it known that he believes they exist.

How does one see a UFO?

Mrs. Fingal said the secret is to wait for a clear night and then pick out a constellation like the Big Dipper and see if any of the stars are moving.

Often times she said she will sit and watch a light or group of stars for several minutes before "it" takes off. When it starts flying, she knows it's a spaceship. The real thrill comes when the ship turns off its forcefield and she can see the outline of a ship with its windows.

How do the crafts travel at such high speeds without fuel tanks?

"The UFOs fly on the energy in the air. They are way beyond the technology of nuclear energy. They use electromagnetic energy; it's a safe means of energy," she said.

Do you want to meet a being from another planet?

"I certainly hope so, but I'm not sure I have met anybody from another planet. No one has come up to me yet and said, 'Hi, I'm from Venus.'"

Woman's Farmland Provides Amazing Proof UFOs Exist

Cathy Wilfong was spending a quiet evening with her sister, Cindy Bridges, when the electricity suddenly went off in her central Indiana farm home.

Later that same evening, Cindy went out to get some firewood and was amazed to see a pattern of bright lights hovering over a bean field near the barn.

"I thought at first an airplane had crashed—it was so big," she reports. "But then I realized there was no sound, and I saw that it was a UFO. I started honking the horn for Cathy to come out, and yelling, 'UFO, UFO!'"

They described the object as an inverted saucer, with lights on the corners and a circular feature in the center.

After hovering over the bean field for more than 15 minutes, it left a 40-foot impression in the field, similar to other "saucer nests" found in Australia and other parts of the world.

The "nest" has attracted the attention of the Center for UFO Study in Evanston, Ill. An investigator for the center, Allan Hendry, visited the Wilfong farm and estimated the winglike object was over 140 feet long.

Of the 30 to 50 sightings reported each week, this was only the second time in a year that a sighting produced "tangible physical evidence."

But the police, who refused to investigate the report, say it was only a group of Army helicopters flying east to west along nearby I-70.

They claim the impression could easily have been made by the downblast from a helicopter's rotors, and even went so far as to accuse the women of flattening out the area themselves.

But Mrs. Wilfong insists that if it had only been helicopters, they would have heard them. "We see helicopters out here all the time. But there just wasn't any noise."

She also reports the beans were not uprooted, and the stems were intertwined and matted together, an unlikely occurrence if a helicopter had been the cause of the "nest."

A check of National Guard records showed no flights had been scheduled for that area on that night.

BRADFORD, PA. - ERA
*****APR. 20, 1979

UFO may be bright star Arcturus

An object in the sky, described by a caller as "like a big star that changes colors," above the Boy Scout camp in Farmers Valley was reported Wednesday night to The Bradford Era.

The caller said the object, which had been in the sky for about 45 minutes, seemed to both move and hover, and was "changing all different colors" before it disappeared about 8:45 p.m. He added that one of his neighbors had seen the object before.

Joan Jeffers, field investigator with the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, said the location of the sighting would probably indicate the man was looking at the star Arcturus, which is a very bright and seems to flash.

She also said that when one looks at an object for a long time it seems to move, and the high altitude clouds in the sky Wednesday night could have blocked out the star, causing the "UFO" to disappear mysteriously.

Eh, you don't suppose it's.

NIPOMO—Yvonne Morrow of Nipomo doesn't believe in UFO's. Or at least she thinks she doesn't.

"I'm not sure I believe in that stuff," she said, but she has trouble explaining what it was she saw on the Nipomo mesa about 7:20 Thursday night. And so does Ann Weiner of Grover City.

"My son and I were driving west on the Nipomo mesa, with another girl following in a car behind us, when my son said, 'Look, Mom!'" explained Mrs. Morrow.

"The only way I can describe what I saw is four orange lights in a row—like an airplane—really bright in the fog. Then two of the lights on the right side went out and four more appeared."

Mrs. Morrow said when the car came out of the fog, "It was clear. You could still barely see it, but then it was completely gone and you couldn't see anything."

A friend of hers in Santa Maria saw a similar sight two weeks ago, added Mrs. Morrow, "Except that there was a rounded effect on the bottom of the thing, and there was no fog."

Mrs. Weiner of Grover City, miles away from the Nipomo sighting, also saw something she couldn't explain in the night sky above the city.

"I had gone to the store and was getting out of my car when I looked up," explained Mrs. Weiner. "And it was there. It was in the sky. I'm not seeing things, I said to myself. I see this."

What it looked like, said Mrs. Weiner, was like "a huge cargo plane or a small blimp. And it was dark. It was like a huge cargo plane with a large antenna with a red tip."

Mrs. Weiner explained that "I ran into the house to get a friend, because I knew nobody would believe me, and I couldn't have been gone for more than 60 seconds. But when I came out, it was gone."

The whole time, said Mrs. Weiner, "This thing was not making a sound, and the television was going like crazy. I've never seen anything like it."

Mrs. Weiner pointed out that she lives on the top of a hill and that "there wasn't a cloud in the sky. I had a clear, sweeping view. And I know this area. I've lived here three years and I know the view. But by the time I came out this thing had disappeared. It was gone."

She can't get the image of the thing out of her mind, said Mrs. Weiner. "dark, just dark and standing still. And it was close, too, not more than a quarter of a mile up, away and up."

Vandenberg AFB, which cleared up a UFO sighting in Arroyo Grande area some months ago by pointing out that a flight of odd-looking C-5 cargo planes had landed at Vandenberg about the time of the sighting, said there were no C-5 planes in the air Thursday night.

"There was no activity in the air at all between 7 and 7:30 last night," the air base reported.

MODESTO, CALIF. - BEE
*****MAY 28, 1979*****

UFO reported over Luzon

A disc-shaped UFO with flashing lights sailed over a city on the main Philippine island of Luzon, The Daily Bulletin newspaper reported Sunday. Residents of Legazpi, 220 miles southeast of Manila, were "enthralled" at the colors it emitted before it disappeared over the eastern horizon.

SHELBY, N.C. - STAR
****APR 24, 1979****

Woman Says Object Not Plane, Lanterns

By JOE DePRIEST
Star Staff Writer

"I'm not swearing what it was," said Mrs. A.G. Owensby about the "huge light" she said she saw in the sky near her home Friday night.

But she knows what the object wasn't, Mrs. Owensby said firmly Monday afternoon.

No way it could have been an airplane or lanterns being used by fishermen, she said. Those possible alternatives to an UFO sighting had been suggested by others.

Mrs. Owensby's three children — ages 7, 9 and 11, and her mother, Callie Robinson, agree. They saw the light too.

Mrs. Owensby and her son Robert, 11, were coming home Friday evening when they say they saw the big light almost over their residence on Metcalf Road.

When they arrived at home, Mrs. Owensby said she went inside to get her mother and other two children who all saw the object. Lighting up the yard, it hovered in the air below the house about 200 feet away in a clearing and made no sound, she said. The object had a row of lights and she had the impression of "gobs of windows" in it. The lights did not form any letters and the object gave off no heat, she continued.

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✓ Since reporting last week on a recent UFO sighting, I've heard of another sighting the same night and one about four weeks ago, both near Lake Marion.

The most recent one was the night of April 11 as Clarence Carter was out on his dock fishing.

He described it as a big blue light that headed northwest then zigged to due west and appeared to come down in the distance near Haines City.

He was by himself at the time.

In the second, two strange lights came up out of an orange grove near the lake.

One left quickly and the other hovered overhead as witness Lyle Winger flashed his headlights at it, perhaps hoping for a close encounter of some kind.

At the urging of his companion, Mary Clermont, he quit flashing his lights and the object left the area.

This one also was described as a very strange experience.

Spokesman Suggests Nuclear Studies, Mutilations Related

By GAIL OLSON
Of the SUN's
Santa Fe Bureau

David Perkins, a participant in the recent Conference on Cattle Mutilations, suggested to those attending that there could be a relationship between mutilations and nuclear activity.

Perkins, a member of the Department of Research at Libre School in Farasita, Colo., said the theory that cattle mutilated could be "test animals for some agency," is supported by a "correlation" in that "where they lie" when they are found often are places which are "sources of environmental problems."

Perkins brought with him a map which, through colored pins, marked the spots in the country where nuclear testing has taken place, where nuclear power plants are operated, where uranium mining and milling operations take place, and where nuclear weapons and military operations are located.

MAP

On that map, he pinpointed the spots where cattle mutilations have been reported nationally.

The map showed that mutilations occur near areas involved in nuclear development on various levels.

The answer to the mutilations, Perkins told the Conference, "May well have something to do with man's survival on this planet."

Perkins works with AMP, an acronym for Animal Mutilations Probe, which he explained is a Colorado based clearing house for the collection of data on the mutilations.

He told the conference audience he never has "run into a phenomena that challenged the rational mind" the way these mutilations have. They "assault rationality" he explained.

"Everything you know is wrong," Perkins said, as far as investigating the phenomena, adding that he finds the mutilations "troublesome."

Man's investigations into the phenomena have been to little avail, according to Perkins.

"Our best efforts for several years have netted nothing," he said.

NOT SNAKES

He continued that the mutilations might not have attracted so much attention if "the mutilated animals were snakes."

"It looks like UFOs could be involved," Perkins said, adding, "there have been some quite unusual occurrences."

His suspicions that the cows are being mutilated for nuclear-related test purposes was echoed by a number of persons at the meet.

The proximity of discovered mutilations to nuclear test sites is borne out, for example, in Rio Arriba County, near Dulce. Many of the county's mutilations in the past two years occurred in the remote northern portion of the county near or on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation.

Also located in that vicinity is Operation Gasbuggy, the site of the nation's first underground nuclear explosion designed to stimulate the production of natural gas.

That experiment was conducted as a part of Operation Plowshare, a plan designed under the now-defunct atomic Energy Commission, to harness nuclear energy for "peaceful purposes". El Paso Natural Gas and the AEC worked together on the plan, which failed because the resulting gas was deemed too radioactive to sell to consumers by AEC's successor, the U.S. Department of Energy.

The experiment, which took place on Kit Carson National Forest Land near the Jicarilla Reservation, last October was sealed by the U.S. Government after remaining gas was flared.

STRANGE

"Something strange and significant is occurring," Richard Sigismund, who described himself as a Boulder, Colo., mine owner, told the conference.

Sigismund is a proponent of the UFO theory and he cautioned investigators not to poo-poo the possibility of alien involvement in the mutilation phenomena.

"In areas where cattle mutilations are frequent,

UFO activity is heavy," Sigismund said, explaining he has for 20 years been a student of UFOlogy.

He also said that another "reality of UFO phenomena" is that the unexplained aircraft tend to "hover over nuclear weapon sites" and obviously are effecting "national security."

Of a relationship between UFOs and mutilations, he said "a possible association should not be lightly dismissed."

He said the federal government, during the production of Operation Blue Book, a series of reports made by the U.S. Airforce of its investigations into UFO reports, was making a "scientific investigation" of UFO phenomena "while ridiculing" persons interested in the phenomena.

"The quality and quantity of reports" regarding UFOs, however, has "made an impact" according to Sigismund.

Sigismund said the Washington Post recently reported there are many government reports in existence of "visits of UFOs to military bases and to missile launch sites" verified both by eyewitness accounts and by radar.

SIGHTINGS

These sightings have occurred in Montana, Michigan, and Maine, he said, and many sightings occurred only "after base security was penetrated."

He said that in the past years, international reports of UFO activities have surfaced.

Many "classic UFOs" have been seen in "relationship to cattle mutilations," Sigismund continued.

He mentioned the "surgical skill with which the mutilations are performed" and reiterated that canine predators won't approach a mutilated carcass.

"New Mexico has had more than its share of mutilations and of UFO sightings," he said further, explaining further that it is getting "increasingly difficult to link the mutilations with cult activities or coyotes."

"We do know that the mutilations do not lack organization," Sigismund said.

Sigismund, who said, "We are past the point of debating whether UFOs exist," said this "should cause alarm since there is no government agency to which UFO sightings may be reported."

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NO REPORTS

The government is not receiving UFO reports, he said, because there is "no agency to report to."

As a result, he explained, it is the law enforcement agencies people turn to when they see things they cannot explain. Law enforcement interest in the problem increases as the number of reports received increase.

"There should be a federal UFO investigation agency," Sigismund said, adding, "The president should start such an agency."

"Local police units are understaffed and lack facilities to study the phenomena," he added.

Sigismund does not believe the mutilations are the work of experimenting government agencies.

Supporting this contention he explained, is the equipment mutilators apparently use, which is "behind the means of the average citizen."

"It's an untenable process and it would call for such public clamor that I believe we can rule out covert government activities."

The "classic mutilations", he said further, "do not bear the characteristics of the work of predators."

They "share similarities of UFO phenomena," he said, and both the mutilations and UFO sightings are "subheaded under general UFO activities."

A UFO he defined as "Unidentified aircraft, whether man made or terrestrial or not man made."

PREDATORS

Dr. James Prine of Los Alamos also addressed the conference. He said he has studied samplings from mutilated cow carcasses and has looked into the phenomena, but he still believes the mutilations he's studied to be accomplished by predators.

Dr. Prine agreed, however, to keep an open mind about the phenomena.

Dr. Clair Hibbs, of the New Mexico State Veterinarian Diagnostic Lab, said he is new to this state, but he has studied the mutilation phenomena in Kansas and Nebraska.

He said that there, mutilations fit into three categories, the major facet being mutilations caused by coyotes and predators. Some, he said involved cattle which died from some cause other than mutilation, such as poisoning; with the mutilations caused by knife-bearing humans. A third category involved "kids" who "did some for fun and pranks."

He believes the best approach to solving the mutilations would be to study each new report with "a group of scientific people, along with other investigating ear, mutilation."

Grant Backed Mutilation Probe

SANTA FE — Albuquerque's FBI agent-in-charge said Monday he'd like to see the Santa Fe District Attorney's Office receive approval for a \$44,000 grant to coordinate a large-scale investigation of cattle mutilations.

The agent-in-charge, Forest Putman, said the more people trying to solve the problem, the better.

He also said the District Attorney's Office "has more jurisdiction than we do" to investigate the puzzling mutilations.

The proposal for the grant money, from District Attorney Eloy Martinez, comes up today before the New Mexico Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Martinez is district attorney for the First Judicial District, which includes Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos counties.

Cattle mutilations reported in many states over the past five years have baffled experts and prompted calls for a comprehensive investigation.

On Friday in Albuquerque, the mutilations came under the announced scrutiny of the FBI. At a conference to begin coordinating investigations of the mutilations, law enforcement officials decided to assign the direction of the investigation to one of three agencies — the FBI, the Santa Fe District Attorney's Office or the State Police.

At the meeting, U.S. Attorney R.E. Thompson said that within two weeks "we will decide which of the agencies will act as the primary investigative group and the central data collection agency."

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**MORE UFO'S
REPORTED IN AREA**

Reports of UFO sightings Sunday night were checked out by the St. Croix county authorities, and they too apparently led to the same dead end as other sightings reported over the past years. No evidence found that UFO's were in the area or that any had landed.

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The trouble with UFOs

So you think unidentified flying objects are not controlled by intelligent beings?

Why do you think they are most often observed in Bangkok, Zambesi or the back country of Australia?

And if one does come down in this country, it's always in rural America where the only witness just happens to be crazy old Zeke, the village eccentric. Zeke is a lovable guy, but he probably wouldn't know a flying saucer from a B-25.

Or, if you want to believe the scandal sheets, most of the UFOs presumably are sitting down there around the Bermuda Triangle swallowing up ships and planes.

Stock mutilation investigation continues

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Federal and state law enforcement officials will be dealing with "possible, not probable" areas of crime in an investigation into reports of livestock mutilations, Sen. Harrison Schmitt said Friday.

The officials announced the investigation at a conference Friday to obtain testimony on reports of mysterious livestock deaths in New Mexico.

Schmitt, R-N.M., and U.S. Attorney R.E. Thompson directed the meeting. The conference was the first time the federal government became involved in investigating mutilation reports.

"The hearing is to define the scope of the problem and the basis for federal assistance, and to examine how the FBI might be involved," Schmitt said.

Law enforcement officials at the conference stressed the need for cooperation between agencies gathering information.

A \$50,000 grant has been requested

from the state Criminal Justice Department to finance a clearinghouse for the investigation.

John Ramming, of the New Mexico Department of Justice, said the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council will conduct a hearing on the grant Tuesday in Santa Fe.

Forrest Putman, FBI special agent in charge in Albuquerque, said his agency supports coordinating efforts among investigating agencies. Agent Sam Jónes was appointed to take charge of the agency's investigation efforts.

"It is obvious that if we are going to solve the problem we need a task force and close cooperation," he said.

In the past, the federal government did not enter the investigations because it felt it did not have the jurisdiction, Schmitt said.

But, he said, mutilation reports from Indian reservations and other possible federal law violations provided a basis for jurisdiction sufficient to start an investigation involving the federal government.

A court order authorizing formal testimony was in force during the conference.

The mutilation controversy started when similarities were discovered in the condition of some cattle carcasses found by ranchers.

The eyes, ears, tongues, sex organs and chunks of flesh in the rump area were missing from many of the carcasses, and clean incisions to remove organs were reported.

About 8,000 mutilation reports have been received during the last six years in New Mexico and about 29 other states, Schmitt said. He estimated the mutilation cost at about \$2.5 million.

He said cattle mutilations were one of the first issues he was confronted with when he took office.

Testimony from Jicarilla Apache leader Raleigh Tafoya said threats had been made against the lives of several of those whose cattle were mutilated.

"I'm wondering whether the lives of human beings will be next," he said. "We don't know what we are dealing with."

A representative of the Colorado Bureau of Investigations said that state has confirmed nine cattle mutilations.

Carl W. Whiteside said many of the carcasses were not in good enough shape to obtain conclusive results.

David Perkins, representing the Animal Mutilation Probe, a Colorado group, said, "The only thing that makes sense about the mutilations is that they make no sense at all. Our best efforts for several years have netted us absolutely nothing. We should take a long, hard look at the possibility that UFOs are involved."

Dr. James Prine of Los Alamos discussed the mutilations from another angle.

"I've been involved in six cases and in none of them have I encountered anything unusual," Prine said. "I attribute it to animals."

He has found reports of mutilations from 1810 in Scotland, as well as one dated January, 1874. In 1875, he found a report from England in 1875, and one from Pakistan in 1876.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Detective Sherlock Holmes, was an early investigator of

mutilation activity, he continued, and reported on a number of animals found mutilated in London.

Tom Adams, a mutilation researcher who from his Paris, Texas headquarters, prepared a report on unmarked helicopter activities surrounding mutilations which he distributed at the conference.

"One special aspect of the mutilations are unmarked and unidentified helicopters" reported near the scene of mutilation finds, he said.

Dr. Henry Montief of Sandia Labs said people who live in areas surrounding the mutilation activity should be consulted about what is happening.

"The source of all knowledge is the people," he explained, adding, "we should gather all the information we can."

To study the phenomena, he said, investigators must "keep their minds real open," and scientists, particularly, "should be wide open" in considering the "vast problem."

American Indians, Dr. Montief said, "say very little" about mutilation though they might have

"valuable hints" as to what the mutilations are all about.

He said there are Indians who believe that mutilations are performed by "star people" and they don't report the mutilations when they find them because they believe the star people "know what they are doing."

Mutilations 220 Years Old

From the SUN's
Santa Fe Bureau

Reports of animal mutilations date back nearly 200 years, according to Tommy Bland of Louisville, Texas, a participant in a recent Conference on mutilations in Albuquerque.

Bland said he has been studying the phenomena for 12 years, and his research indicates "this phenomena is not new."

Suspected Mutilation Cases In Regina, Reported Santa Clara Canyon Areas

By GAIL OLSON
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A cow displaying some, but not all, characteristics of the "classic" cattle mutilation was found lying with her nose in a creek by two children engaged in exploring Santa Clara Canyon last Saturday.

One of the youngsters reported the finding to his father, a farmer the SUN has been unable to identify. The farmer called the Santa Clara Police.

The cow was the third possible mutilation reported in the county during recent weeks.

The April day when law enforcement officials from 11 states gathered in Albuquerque to plan a uniform strategy for dealing with "mutes", two cows, reportedly mutilated, lay unattended within four miles of each other in the vast, barren country surrounding Lindrith.

Roger Naranjo, Chief of the Santa Clara police, reported Sunday the cow in question died giving birth to a calf, not at the hands of the mysterious cattle killers who have been responsible for a number of county cattle deaths since 1976.

His contention, however, was disputed by David Perkins and Carl Seawell, both civilian mutilation investigators and members of AMP, or Animal Mutilations Probe, a Colorado-based clearing house of mutilation data.

The two pointed out certain characteristics of this cow that to them

indicated it was a mutilation victim.

The cows genitals were missing, as is the case in virtually all cattle mutilations. Though the animal was pregnant, and though it is possible for a cow to die in calf-birth, the rectal area was wiped clean, again with surgical precision, not torn the way it would have been had the calf been the cause of the tear. The sex organs and the anus were no where in sight.

A circular incision in the udder, an incision that was smooth and precise, was the deciding factor for Perkins and Seawell that the animal was mutilated, not dead from a difficult birth. The milk had been drained from the cow.

No blood was in evidence in the area surrounding the cow. Tell-tale coyote tracks inched up to within five feet of the cow, then turned around and walked away. The lack of canine predator activity around a carcass, are to many, one of the more perplexing signs of a cattle mutilation, as it is unlike coyotes to pass up a feast of beef when it presents itself.

A ranger near the site Sunday said the scent of humans near a carcass may discourage coyotes from approaching, but did not explain why the footprints crept so close to the cow before retreating.

The cow died lying on her left side, her snout in the running creek. Her tongue and ears were intact, not sliced as is the case in some mutilations. Her exposed right eye was gone, and if predator birds were responsible for its removal, they have a taste for brains too, for the area behind the eye was smooth to the bone, a clean cavity.

Many reports of UFO activity have come from the Santa Clara Canyon area in recent months, and a number of mutilations have occurred there in the past year.

The cow's hide was scratched, as though she had stumbled into the branches of a tree immediately above the site of the discovery. The tree's branches were broken and signs of struggle were evident underneath. Pieces of fuzz which matched the white of the animal's tail marked a trail between the tree and the creekbed where she lay.

One of the other two cows possibly mutilated April 20 near Regina also is suspected by some to have died in calf-birth. Those two cows lay within four miles of each other.

Sunday, April 30, two campers, Bob Moench and Frank Murphy, driving along a relatively well-traveled road in that desolate country, came upon one of the cow carcasses.

Moench, a camera-ready Santa Fe photographer, jumped out of the vehicle and set to taking pictures. It was the first mutilation he'd seen, but he was acquainted with the phenomena from

press accounts, and he recognized the symptoms of a mutilation when he saw one.

Moench said a nearby rancher appeared on the scene and told the pair this cow was not a true mutilation. It had died, the unidentified rancher explained, in calf-birth.

"If you want to see a real mutilation, there's one up the road," the rancher said.

He explained further to the photographer that this cow had died when the calf was taken from the mother's body with a chain. The calf, unfortunately, died too, but according to the rancher, human assistance with the birth accounted for the apparent mutilation.

Where cattle mutilations are concerned, one thing leads to another, and Moench and Murphy, who had nothing better to do, travelled to the second mutilation site. Moench again set to work with his camera.

Upon his return to Santa Fe, Moench reported the mutilation to Dave Perkins of AMP, or Animal Mutilations Probe, a Farasita, Colo., based clearing house for mutilation information.

Perkins and Carl Seawell, in Santa Fe from the Libre School in Colorado since the Albuquerque Mutilation Conference, where Perkins was a participant, examined Moench's lucid photographs. Perkins verified that they did indeed look like mutilations, estimated the time of death as April 20, the date of the mutilation conference, and, the following day, travelled to the sites.

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The SUN has not contacted Perkins since his on-site investigation of the apparent mutilations.

Perkins, who also is the Colorado section director of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), asked Moench if he saw any strange aerial phenomena during his camping trip.

Moench replied negatively, but said that both he and Murphy had a distinct sense of being watched from above while examining the animals. That feeling has been reported by many mutilated cow observers.

Moench said that the smell of the cow overwhelmed him, a feeling any observer of not-so-fresh mutilations can sympathize with.

A SUN source verified that human assistance at times is given during the birthing of a calf.

"Some people use tractors" to assist in the birth, the source said, but in those cases, there is no mistaking the way the calf is torn from the cow's body for the work of the Phantom Cattle Surgeons of the Plains.

From the first cow spotted by the campers, the genitals were missing and some skin was seared from the throat of the beast.

The tail was gone from the second animal, as the surgical cut that removed the genitals incorporated the tail. The udders, too, were gone, as were the eyes, Moench said.

He said further that the rancher, who did not give the campers his name, told them the police had been notified concerning the cow he considered a genuine mutilation.

One area law enforcement person told the SUN he had received a report of a mutilation on April 21, but the owner of the animal had been reluctant to talk to him, and as "I don't push an interview" in such a case, he hadn't aggressively pursued the case. That officer estimated the time of death to be April 15.

Gabe Valdez, the Dulce super-sleuth of mutilations, when asked by the SUN if he'd heard of the mutilation, said that

he had "checked into it."

No officer in the area, to the SUN's knowledge, knew of two possible mutilations.

The occurrences should alleviate fears on the part of those law enforcement officers who have been expressing concern that with all the publicity, no more mutilations will occur in the Rio Arriba County area.

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Viewpoint

The Philippines UFOs

Connoisseurs of unidentified flying object sightings have had little to sink their teeth into for awhile. Thus the succulent UFO reports from the Philippines are especially welcome.

We hear of a cluster of glowing objects hovering a couple of hundred feet in the air, a sight which existed residents of three villages located some 380 miles southeast of Manila. We hear also of an intriguing episode in Pagadian City, 155 miles northeast of Zamboanga, which involved that staple of UFO fanciers, a disc-shaped object in the sky.

In this case the alleged sighting was reported by none other than Pagadian's police chief, Col. Cipriano Geongson. He and Cesar Orcajada of Zamboanga, it seems, left a hotel very early in the morning and spied the object moving northward. They said many Pagadians were aroused from their sleep because the thing in the heavens emitted bright, multicolored light. And that's not all: a few minutes after the sighting observers heard a couple of explosions and then the spectacular object vanished.

This sounds much like other reports from other parts of the world, granted—which may or may not argue for their authenticity, depending on one's point of

view. There is a footnote to this report, though, that tends to boost its credibility: at the Zamboanga station of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration a staff member reported observing an unexplained bright object over Zamboanga five minutes after the incident in Pagadian.

Nothing conclusive in that. As usual, there may be simple, rational explanations for all that was reportedly observed. Still, isn't it kind of nice to have some fresh UFO reports to chew on again?

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Texas City-La Marque

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HOUSTON—Residents here and to the south of the city saw what many thought was a UFO late yesterday. The sighting sent many to the telephone to call newspaper and radios.

Relax, the 'visitors' was nothing more than a weather balloon which had dropped into visibility, according to men in the control tower at Hobby Airport.

The towers workers checked their radar and found nothing. Then one of them with the use of binoculars found what had aroused so much curiosity, a weather balloon.

More Bakerites recall seeing March 24 UFO

Editor's note: This follow-up report on an unidentified flying object sited last month was prepared at the request of several readers.

By JIM EVANS
Of the Democrat-Herald

Whether an unidentified flying object seen on March 24 was a Russian satellite or a meteor or a more mysterious visitor, five additional Baker observers do not know.

But they have come forth to describe a strange sight in the sky near Baker that night.

Like pilots and other observers in Northern California, Nevada, and Utah, none could identify the object that appeared for several seconds in a rapid flight east of town.

Their sightings were from Hillcrest, from the west side of Baker, from the freeway near

Ladd Canyon, in addition to the previous report from Post Office Square in Baker.

Theresa Miller, who saw the lights for "about 30 seconds," thought the object tumbled.

She and Charles Carpenter were driving south on Fifteenth Street when they saw a bright orange light "about like a sunset color" that came over the mountains to the south and proceeded northeast.

At first they thought it was a falling plane. It had a tail like a meteor, but was not a meteor, they said.

Ann Clarke, an elementary teacher who lives on Hillcrest, glanced out of the window and saw a sight which caused her to rush to the window.

"I couldn't believe it," she said. "It was a great ball of light, at first quite round with a streak behind it. I don't know if it was really a streak or if my eyes were

playing tricks on me and retaining the image as it moved."

"It was not like a meteor," she said positively. "As the object changed direction, the light went out."

Carl and Evelyn Johnson were coming toward Baker at 9:30 that night, saw the spectacle, and stopped to view it from the hill near Ladd Canyon. Their observation was similar to the others in Baker.

Federal Aviation Administration flight controllers from northern California, Utah and Nevada reported pilot sightings, and pilots in Idaho and Colorado made individual reports of the event.

An Associated Press report indicated that the National Center for UFO studies at Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., was unable to explain the object.

All eight Baker observers agreed it was mystifying and unforgettable.

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2 UFO Sightings in Atwater

ATWATER — There were some strange things going on in the sky here over the weekend — at least several local residents swear so.

Two unidentified flying objects were spotted Saturday and Sunday afternoon, and sheriff's deputies say the people genuinely believe they saw UFOs.

The first sighting came about 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Joaquin Mendoza, 3669 N. Steinberg Road, told deputy James Williams that he, his wife, Lupe, and son, Joaquin Jr., spotted the UFO hovering

near his home.

Mendoza described the disc-shaped object as three feet wide, seven feet long and metallic in color. He said it hovered at the tops of telephone poles, made a humming noise and attracted birds, which followed it.

"I don't believe in UFOs either," Williams said this morning. "But I believe these people. They were scared."

Louis Krecy, 9132 Sunset Drive, saw the same object from about 1/4 mile away, Williams' report said. He described it as shiny blue and said it had an odd tail.

The second UFO was spotted by Al Chibante, 3620 N. Steinberg, about 1 p.m. Sunday. He described the object as having a two-foot diameter, about 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches thick, with two bow-type protrusions from the top. He said the object was shiny, rose to a height of 200 feet, then disappeared.

Chibante, a pilot, told Detective Sgt. Gary Sorg he thought it might be a weather balloon of some type.

According to the sheriff's reports, Mark Uriarte of Foothill College, a center for UFOs, has asked for information on the sightings.

Researchers say local UFO sightings unexplainable

UFO investigators believe that seven of 12 reported UFO sightings in the Metrolina area on March 12 cannot be explained. That's the conclusion a panel of researchers has reached after several weeks of investigation.

A total of 37 people reported seeing UFOs that night. Investigators have attributed five of the sightings, seen by 16 people, to a flight of four military helicopters that arrived at Charlotte's Douglas Airport from Greensboro that night. The helicopters stayed at the airport for approximately an hour before flying back to Fort Bragg.

The remaining sightings have not been explained.

"Everybody's seen basically the same object at the same time," said local UFO investigator Wayne LaPorte. "It's been seen over many cities and by many people."

LaPorte says most UFO sightings take place in isolated areas and are witnessed by relatively few people. The sightings are also usually brief.

But on the evening of March 9, there were three sightings in Union County, two in Charlotte and one each in Matthews and Pageland, S.C.

Investigators believe the sightings happened in the following order:

—At 8:30, two people living on Providence Road in Charlotte saw an object with two white lights and a red light traveling at treetop level toward Monroe. The object appeared to be triangular in shape.

—At 8:45 Nelda Bahr and her daughter, Kathy, saw three clusters of lights, the size of a house, in Matthews. The lights were in a "V" formation. The Bahrs heard a humming sound as the object passed overhead.

—Three Union County teenagers

saw a similar object at approximately the same time as they traveled west on U.S. 74. They saw two white lights and a red light, and said the object appeared to be V-shaped. They heard no sound as it headed southeast.

—Steve Morton, Union County Building Inspector, and seven other people saw the same object or a similar object over a field on the Corinth Church Road, southeast of Monroe. The object made no sound, and with its red and white lights, moved slowly away to the east. The time was approximately 9 o'clock.

—Four people saw a blimp-like object southeast of Monroe at about the same time. The object was covered with white lights.

—A Pageland couple went outside their home after hearing a sound. The sound stopped and they saw an object the size of a house with red and white lights on it. The object seemed to turn on its side and left the area at high speed, heading south.

—Two Charlotte residents saw two white lights and a red light in the sky at approximately 10:45.

The object show shot two beams of light on them. They heard no noise. The UFO moved off to the west.

LaPorte, an engineer who lives in Matthews, has been investigating UFOs for three years. He plans to publish his report on the March 9 sightings in UFO journals.

He said the March 9 sightings are not unique in UFO history. There was a similar case in Minnesota in March 1978, when UFOs were sighted about the same time as there were helicopters in that area.

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Residents report UFO in Greenbrae

Several Greenbrae residents reported seeing an unidentified object rotating slowly as it moved through the sky Friday about 10 p.m.

Claudette Josephson of the Greenbrae Boardwalk said she was in her house when she heard "an incredible shriek" from her 17-year-old daughter.

She ran out to see the object, which she said was intermittently lit up by a searchlight being used to attract customers to the nearby Cost Plus store. The round or oval object was about the size of a large house, she said, and moved slowly.

Larkspur police said they also received a call about the object from some youngsters living on Riviera Circle who said that whenever the searchlight hit the object it seemed to "pop."

At Cost Plus, however, assistant manager Scott Pace said he saw nothing, although he had gone outside several times to check the light.

UFO reports here match 'encounters' elsewhere

By BOB GLENDY
News Staff Writer

MONROE — There's no earthly explanation for some unidentified flying objects spotted in the area March 9, and descriptions of the local sightings match those given in other parts of the country, UFO investigators say.

Five sightings in Mecklenburg and Union counties and Chesterfield County, S.C., have been identified as Army helicopters, but seven others, witnessed by 19 people, will go on the record books as UFOs.

UFO investigator Wayne Laporte of Indian Trail said there were a total of 12 reports the night of March 9, involving at least 35 people.

"On closer investigation, it appears that five of the sightings, involving 16 people, were of a flight of Army helicopters on a night-training flight from Pope Air Force Base," Laporte said.

However, the sighting of "something" in the sky southeast of Charlotte follows the pattern of sightings elsewhere in the country during the past year.

Laporte said the sightings seem similar to those reported in Scandia, Minn., on March 22, 1978, when more than 50 people reported

sighting an object prior to and after a flight of Army helicopters passed through the area.

Most of the Minnesotans reported no sound and a large blimp-like object with varying red and white lights.

"Most of the UFO reports were written off after the flight of heli-

copters was discovered, but the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization found that apparently there had been UFOs and helicopters in the area at the same time," he said.

"It appears that this was the situation in Charlotte," Laporte added.

Other sightings that seem similar to those in Charlotte include incidents in Wheeling, W.Va., on Nov. 3, 1978; in Orange, Calif., on Sept. 27 and 29, 1978; and in western Wisconsin March 22, 1978.

A report on the local sightings, compiled by Laporte and other UFO investigators, shows a silent mystery object left Charlotte about 8:30 p.m. and traveled 42 air miles southeast to Pageland, S.C., and a similar object was spotted again in Charlotte at about 10:45 p.m.

"There was nothing spectacular about these sightings in that the object did not make any right-angle turns, suddenly disappear, or go off at a high rate of speed, but we know there was something because we have 19 people who saw it at six different locations," Laporte said.

The first sighting came at about 8:30 p.m. when a Charlotte couple heard a helicopter-like sound and

went outside to see two white lights and a red light in a triangular shape traveling toward Monroe.

At 8:45 p.m. a Matthews woman said she heard a noise like a tornado and went outside with her daughter.

Mrs. Nelda Bahr said she saw three clusters of white lights in a triangular formation with a blinking red light near the rear.

Mrs. Bahr and her daughter thought they were observing a blimp or secret military aircraft.

At about the same time, three teen-agers, traveling west on U.S. 74 between Monroe and Indian Trail, saw an object traveling southeast near Kendrick Brick and Tile Co. with white lights in a triangular shape with a red light at the rear.

The girls said they rolled the windows down, but couldn't hear any sound from the object.

Between 9 and 9:15 p.m., Union County building inspector Steve Morton was traveling toward his home in the White Oaks subdivision with his family and several neighbors in the car.

Morton and his family reported seeing a blimp-like object with three rows of white lights, a red light on the top and another on the front tip.

"When we first saw it, I thought we were watching an airliner crash, but it hovered there and we rolled the windows down and couldn't hear any sound at all," Morton said.

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AN AMERICAN SCIENTIST said Sunday he and 600 villagers saw an unidentified flying object emitting flashes of light whiz over the Philippines' highest peak and land near their huts. Ron Kruppa, 36, of the American-based Film and Research for the Endangered Environment, told officials he saw a round object moving over Mount Apo, at the edge of Davao, 600 miles south of Manila.

UFO in Philippines

An American scientist, Ron Kruppa, said he and 600 villagers saw an unidentified flying object emitting flashes of light whiz over the Philippines' highest peak and land near their huts at Davao, 600 miles south of Manila. There have been hundreds of reported UFO sightings over wide areas in the Central Philippines since April.

UFO hobbyist looks to the sky for proof of spaceships

By JEFF WRIGHT

Special to The Sentinel

Menasha — Judie Fingal, who scans the skies for UFOs the way birdwatchers seek out new sightings, says spaceships are flying over Menasha.

She backs up that statement with a picture she took last August showing four streaks of light that she claims is a spaceship flying at 54,000 m.p.h.

Most people in Menasha know Mrs. Fingal as the lady who makes round white cakes for special occasions. She is the operator of a local catering service.

At night, however, Mrs. Fingal said she has seen many round objects flying around the sky in the past few years.

But she worried that people would doubt her sanity without photographic proof, so she

bought a 35 mm. camera and set out to capture a UFO on film.

"I know UFOs are real and I just wanted everybody else to know it, too," she says.

It was Aug. 13, 1978, when Mrs. Fingal walked outdoors at Eighth and State Sts. shortly after 10 p.m.

She aimed her camera at the sky and snapped just one picture at one-fifteenth of a second. The developed film showed four streaks of light that Mrs. Fingal claims are UFOs traveling at 54,000 m.p.h.

This despite the fact that when she aimed her camera she didn't actually see anything in the air, she says.

"I think the UFO had its force field on, preventing the human eye from spotting the craft. Either that or it was traveling faster than the eye could see," she said.

She has waited until now to reveal her photo-

graph, she said, in order to allow a college professor and a professional photographer to examine it. They said it was definitely a UFO, she added.

However, to the untrained eye it looks just like a time exposure of a street light.

She likens watching UFOs to birdwatching and claims to get just as excited about spaceships as birdwatchers do catching a glimpse of a silver throated chickadee in flight.

She also believes that UFOs signify something special for the human race.

"Watching a spaceship isn't just watching a UFO. I feel they are watching over me and our planet. They are here to help us and save us from blowing up the earth."

But Mrs. Fingal is the first to admit that she is not sure that all spaceships are friendly, just as she says no one can guarantee that all motorists are friendly.

She claims to have seen hundreds of UFOs

since sighting her first one at the age of 20 in St. Petersburg, Fla. She described the first craft as "a shooting ball of fire — then the fireball went out."

Mrs. Fingal and her friend, Bonnie Meyer of Neenah, ride around together chasing spaceships throughout the Fox Valley and the state.

On one occasion the pair followed a craft around Menasha towards Little Lake Buttes des Morts, where they said they watched the craft hover behind a bridge before disappearing in the sky.

How does one see a UFO?

Mrs. Fingal said the secret is to wait for a clear night and then pick out a constellation like the Big Dipper and see if any of the stars are moving.

Often times she said she will sit and watch a light or group of stars for several minutes before "it" takes off. When it starts flying she knows it's a spaceship.

Apache chief doubts space aliens cause mutilations, cites threats

By Bob Klein

"There have been threats made on some of the people who have lost livestock" to mutilations, Raleigh Tafoya, chief of the Jicarilla tribe, told some 100 people who attended a mutilation conference last Friday at the Main Library.

"I wonder if the lives of human beings will be next."

Refusing to elaborate, Chief Tafoya, who said he had lost three cattle to mutilations, added, "I don't believe it's UFOs. But there is definitely something going on there."

The three and a half hour meeting was called by Senator Harrison Schmitt to discuss the series of animal killings which has plagued New Mexico and at least a dozen other states during the past five years.

Causes of the mutilations, variously thought to be space aliens, top-secret governmental agencies or the work of predators, have never been identified.

Thousands of animals, many of them bulls, are said to have been mutilated in the last decade.

Cattle industry observers and others have conservatively estimated the losses at between two and three million dollars.

"There are few activities more dangerous than an unsolved pattern of crime," Senator Schmitt told the gathering of ranchers, law enforcement officials and private investigators of the phenomenon. "There is always the potential for such crimes to escalate in frequency and severity if allowed to go unsolved and unpunished."

"These crimes are obviously continuing in spite of the excellent efforts of state and local law enforcement officials and the growing publicity the mutilation incidents have received."

Speakers at the conference, including a Los Alamos laboratories scientist who attributed the killings to predators and a representative from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation who encouraged

those present to "go about this [investigation] in a sensible fashion," stressed the need for cooperation among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and members of the scientific community, as well as private individuals and groups actively collecting information on the incidents.

Dr. John Ramming, of the New Mexico Criminal Justice Department, announced that his agency is requesting \$50,000 in federal funds from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

At a press conference later, Senator Schmitt said he was highly impressed with the presentation offered by David Bernd, a manager at BDM Corporation.

Bernd outlined an approach to gathering and evaluating data about the mutilations which included careful documentation of the evidence, the cataloguing of data "to determine what is fact," and the short-term and long-term impact of the mutilations on the cattle industry so as to determine "what profit or gain can be accomplished" by those responsible.

Bernd recommended as a possibility joint science-law enforcement teams.

"His was one of the most impressive pieces of testimony," the Senator said of Bernd's material.

"He proposes that we use modern management techniques in a problem of this kind. That's expensive but the concepts are very important to remember and implement insofar as resources are possible."

Manuel Gomez, the only rancher to address the conference, supported the need to organize a comprehensive in-

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investigation. Most speakers spoke in generalities or restated the often heard request for a concerted effort to solve the mystery.

Nothing new of a materially substantive nature was offered, though those present pledged to work cooperatively.

"You have to keep an open mind when you approach an investigation of this kind," concluded Senator Schmitt, who claimed federal jurisdiction because several mutilations have occurred on Indian lands. "There will probably now be a series of investigative efforts underway."

"What we are dealing with is a possible, if not probable, pattern of crime. There are few things more serious than an unsolved crime."

"The perpetrators have to be brought to justice."

New Mexico's U.S. attorney, R.E. Thompson, said after the conference that he would meet with representatives from several law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, to see what kind of approach to take.

Thompson, saying he would look into the alleged

threats cited by Chief Tafoya, insisted the case is still wide open.

"I don't think there is anything imminent at this point," he said.

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Strange orange lights reported in the skies over Lowell, Dracut

By BRIAN C. MOONEY
Sun Staff

LOWELL — "Uh huh. Right sir. Strange orange lights. You say you counted 13 or 14. Got it. Out of formation? Yeah. One of them hovered you said? And they looked like they were heading toward Dracut. Okay. Thanks for calling."

Then the phones at The Sun started ringing off the hook last night, between 10:15 and 10:45. More than a dozen people called.

They were from Pawtucketville, Centralville, and Dracut, they said, and they all reported a group of eerie lights. No one mentioned ~~any~~ identified flying objects, but that's what they thought they saw.

They called police too. Lowell Police reported at least a dozen calls around the same time, all saying the same thing. Dracut Police got two calls; same time; same phenomenon. One couple drove up to Dracut PD headquarters. Wouldn't leave their names. Didn't want anyone to think they were crazy, one cop said.

There were several theories: Air National Guard planes dropping equipment with lights attached at Fort Devens; government high atmospheric tests; maybe even a meteor shower.

Two Sun reporters, more than a little skeptical, drove off toward the University of Lowell's north campus, where most of the "sightings" were coming in from.

Nothing there.

But the calls kept coming in. From Sparks Street, Exeter Street, the VFW Highway, Martin Street.

One man called from his Pawtucket Boulevard apartment. He was driving along the VFW Highway when he saw it. Several cars pulled over and watched, he said.

"They were big balls of light, about 30 of them. They moved very slow," he said. "One went vertically, the rest horizontally. They were headed from Lowell toward Dracut, right over the (Aiken Street) bridge."

Other callers said they counted either 13 or 14 yellowish-orange lights. No sound, and all of them headed east or east-northeast.

"Weird, huh?" one male caller said after giving a similar description. Several callers wanted to make sure they weren't the first to telephone The Sun. "You getting many calls about funny lights up around the Tech School?" one asked.

Michael Miles, a civilian CETA worker manning the phones at Lowell Police headquarters, said there were a dozen calls from people of varying ages and both sexes, mostly in Pawtucketville and Centralville.

"They sounded pretty authentic," Miles said. He called the UFO hotline in Evanston, Ill.

Then, The Sun called the UFO hotline in Evanston. The hotline operator said the Lowell PD call was the only call they received. They passed the information along to the UFO information center, also in Evanston, "in case there was a landing," she explained.

Dracut Patrolman Peter Apostalas said a couple in their mid 30s drove up to the

front of the station to report "a formation of 15 or 20 balls of light, like orange balls of flame going out toward the Kenwood section (in east Dracut). They seemed fairly serious," Apostalas remarked.

One Dracut Police officer called The Sun this morning and said he saw the lights too. Unfortunately, he's been getting grief from loved ones ever since, he said.

Another Dracut officer said callers refused to give their names when they reported the lights.

"They wouldn't tell me so I wouldn't think they were crazy," he said.

A check of military and scientific groups in the area turned up some interesting theories, the most plausible of which was that C130 transport planes dropped off materiel at Fort Devens about 15 miles from Lowell. The equipment dropped by parachute, has "illuminous lights attached to the 'chutes," says Gary Sebring, an aircraft dispatcher at the Fort.

"I'll bet that's what they saw. I've been doing C130s for 15 years, and people see all sorts of things," he said.

"It was a nice night out with plenty of stars; the visibility was probably 20-30 miles," Sebring said. The drops were made from an altitude of 1,250 feet, and depending on where someone was, the lights on the parachutes could have looked bright yellow or pale yellow, he added.

The C130s were out of the Rhode Island Air National Guard base in Warwick, but Capt. Stephan Stubits there said he thought the equipment

had green, almost chartreuse-colored lights. There were four drops at Devens between 8:50 and 9:45 p.m., two planes each time dropping heavy equipment and sandbags, Stubits said.

Also, he thought there might have been some C123 transports out of Westover Air Force Base in western Massachusetts making drops at Devens last night. Maj. Robert Hafner at Westover said this morning there were no drops in this area last night, however.

A check of the Federal Aviation tower in Nashua, N.H., which monitors all air traffic in New England turned up no explanation for the Lowell-area reports.

Astronomy Professor William Pinson of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which operates the Haystack Observatory in Westford, confirmed there have been meteor showers recently.

"But they're not a very spectacular thing. It would have to be a real dark night and you would have to look hard to see them," Pinson said.

However, he recalled a few years ago when government high-atmospheric testing in Virginia was visible in southern New Hampshire. The firings released greenish barium vapors and yellow-orange sodium vapors high in the atmosphere, he said. Maybe something like that was what people in Lowell and Dracut saw last night, he theorized. "I'm not saying that's what it was," he cautioned.

Nobody could.

U.F.O. object sighting reported

U.F.O.

At approximately 8:30-8:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, two Tiskilwa high school students were in a car, south bound on Presbyterian road past Taylors, when the driver of the car sighted two lights in a field east of the road, just south of the west turn-off leading to Tiskilwa.

As they approached the lights, one orange, one approximately 5-6 feet apart. They noted that the lights were attached to something which one said "could have been touching the ground, but most likely it was just hovering over the ground."

This same person also thought the object to neutral in color, that there was a light beaming from underneath it resembling a small spot light, and that it had long legs, but could not tell if the legs were touching the ground. The object was traveling west towards Presbyterian road and seemed to move in a wobbling manner.

The lights rotated and at times only one light was visible. After they passed the object, they turned around and went past it again. The person occupying the passengers seat said that at one point the object was a close as 35-50 feet from the car. They heard a humming sound like that of a small motor, and they could also hear at least two dogs barking consistently.

The two turned left on the west turn-off to Tiskilwa and went to one of the person's home at which another person called the Princeton police. After this they took four more people and another vehicle back to the road on which they sighted the object.

At this time they could not see

it. They did not see any fresh tracks leading from the road into the field, and noted that the field was very muddy. One of the two students also stated they they could find no evidence of the object having been there.

UFO reported in Philippines

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"Ball Of Fire" Baffling Sight

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At least three persons reported seeing an unusual "ball of fire" over the French Broad River in Cocke County Monday night.

Sheriff's Department dispatcher James Finchum said about 9:30 p.m. he had the first of three calls from men who said they saw a "ball of fire" appear in the sky and then crash to earth in the county.

Jim Teague said he was driving toward the Dr. Valentine Bridge after 9:00 p.m. and had just passed Arms Grocery on Highway 160 when he suddenly saw a bright light through the upper left corner of his windshield. "I couldn't miss it." He said it appeared suddenly like something exploding and then drifted and started falling faster and faster.

At first Teague said he thought it was an airplane because the object "lit up the sky" and appeared about the size of a basketball in the distance. He estimated that it hit the ground near the French Broad. Later he went to the Sheriff's Department to report the incident. Two other men, one in Bybee and another near the Rock Hill Road described a similar sighting. One said it must have been a UFO and the other said it was an airplane exploding.

Teague said that he thought it might be a meteorite but the object exploded about three times as it sped to the ground. "I need an explanation," said Teague, who reported the object to McGee-Tyson Airport in Knoxville.

Deputy Finchum said that there were no reports of any plane crashes in Cocke County but apparently the men saw something.

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(Unidentified flying cushion)

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By RICHARD BROOKS
Sun Staff Writer

If that was a flying saucer that floated over Colton on Monday, the Martians inside must have been little tiny folk.

And they probably have a fairly low opinion of Colton hospitality.

A local man used binoculars to spy on the tire-sized UFO, a helicopter pilot tried to force it down, and a sheriff's deputy chased it away. At last report, the thing was heading toward San Bernardino.

"It looked like a kid's toy, but . . . more sophisticated than that," said sheriff's Flight Sgt. Ron Hittle. It most resembled a silver couch cushion with a red stripe around the middle, he told a reporter.

On top there were colored patches that contained numbers, Hittle added, but said it didn't appear to be a weather balloon. He said he feels reasonably certain of his observations because, "I got to within three or four feet of it."

Hittle first noticed the thing about 11 a.m. when a "small silver object" flashed past the door of his helicopter. He turned the copter around and chased it, using the ship's rotor blast to force the UFO down near the sand dunes north of Colton Air Park.

Then his observer, Deputy Scott Field, jumped out and tried to catch it. But the cosmic cushion managed to evade the long arm of the law.

Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Navarro of 1848 Evelyn Circle, Colton, were keeping an eye on things.

"I was working in the garage . . . and I could hear the sheriff's helicopter buzzing the area," Navarro said. "It stayed around for about five minutes, so I walked outside.

"My wife said 'hey, look, there's a bird under it'."

Navarro got his binoculars and saw that the object "was about the size of a tire . . . or hubcap," in comparison to the helicopter. He also noticed the red stripe, but thought the bottom was black.

He said he watched for about 10 minutes, until the helicopter went in one direction, and the UFO in another.

Pilot Hittle later explained, "We didn't want to mess around low

over those houses, so we just let the thing go."

Alvin Lawson, an English professor who runs the UFO Report Center of Orange County, said there are an estimated 100 UFO sightings per day throughout the world. "And," he conceded, "90 percent of them amount to zilch."

As for the Colton cushion, it's a "little small," Lawson said. Most UFOs are estimated at 10 to 40 feet.

"This one's unusual because, apparently, it's explainable," as some sort of commercial or military craft, the professor said.

But Lawson's willing to talk to anyone about any UFO, regardless of size. Just call the UFO Hotline, at 897-4836.

'UFOs' finally identified as ULowell student prank

LOWELL — The unidentified flying objects seen over northern parts of Lowell and southern sections of Dracut Tuesday night are no longer unidentified.

They were homemade candle-powered dirigibles fashioned by University of Lowell students evidently relieving some of the mounting pressure of final examinations that start next week.

A ULowell night student called The Sun Wednesday night and said he saw two of the devices, candles attached to plastic bags.

This morning, university officials confirmed that students from Bourgeois Hall dormitory for the orange lights that many Centralville, Pawtucketville and Dracut residents reported seeing aloft Tuesday night.

"They've been told to stop," Ellen Duggan, assistant dean of students said this morning.

THE NIGHT student, who asked not to be identified, said he saw one balloon at around 40 feet and another at some 600 feet between the nuclear

center and engineering building on the north campus Tuesday night.

That's about one-quarter of a mile from Bourgeois Hall across the Merrimack River.

"It must have been some day students getting out from under the pressure of final exams," he theorized. Duggan agreed.

Both the night student and Duggan described the devices as lightweight dry cleaning bags with candles attached. The candles build heat inside the balloon, causing it to rise. Duggan said it has been going on for "a couple of weeks.

"Apparently, it's quite popular at other schools," she said. "I think it was brought here by a transfer student."

The lightweight bag had a "contraption" consisting of crossed straws attached to its base. The straws were punctured and small, birthday candles inserted. A larger candle was inserted into the bag to build up heat and the birthday candles lighted, Duggan explained. Then, the bags rose until the candles went out and the heat subsided.

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HUERFANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATION IS continuing into the latest cattle mutilation in the county reported to Dep. Gary Hurtado Sunday, May 20, by John King, owner of King Ranches east of Walsenburg. According to Hurtado's report, the animal's left ear, tongue, sex organs and rectum had been removed. There were no shots fired to kill the animal, and no sign of any struggle or of tracks near the carcass, Hurtado's report said. King said the mutilation occurred sometime between May 13 and May 17, and was reported Sunday morning about 8:30 a.m. Value of the bull was placed at \$700. Cattle mutilations reported in the county late last year remain unsolved.

'We Know We Saw It'

The sighting of a UFO over Kalama Valley and the visit of Dr. J. Allen Hynek last week probably are pure coincidence. This much is known for certain: Hynek did not arrive by flying saucer. He flew in Tuesday morning by commercial jet.

The UFO was spotted at 10:45 Sunday night by a woman and her husband driving through Kalama Valley. She says she doesn't want her name used, because what she doesn't need right now is crank calls. She's got enough on her mind.

The couple had been visiting friends and were headed home when "I saw something in the air coming from Makapuu," the woman says. "It wasn't a plane and it wasn't a helicopter. I'm a stewardess; I know my planes.

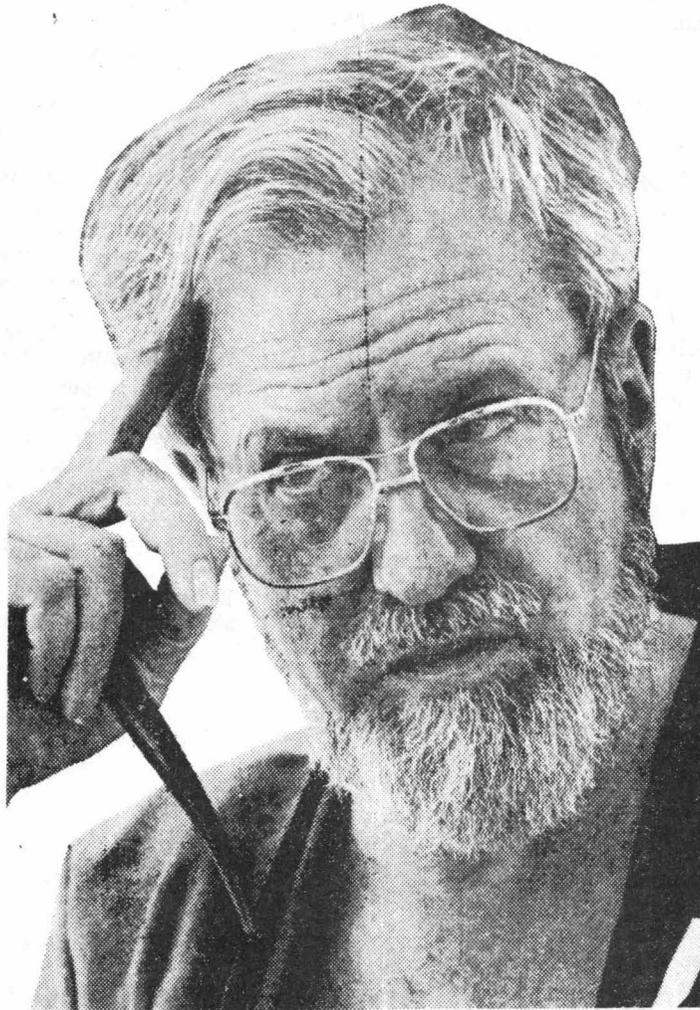
"We pulled off the road and watched. It was coming towards us very slowly. Less than 100 miles an hour, I'd say. My husband said it was about 2,000 feet up. That's a rough guess.

"It was huge. Somebody asked me to hold a thumb up in the air and compare it to that: It was two or three hands. It should have fallen out of the sky it was so big.

"IT HAD AN awful lot of lights all over it. It was shaped like a triangle in front and in back and there were no wings. It was one solid mass. It made a real loud humming noise, and then sometimes you wouldn't hear it, and then it would make

the humming noise again.

"It had two big headlights and underneath it was filled with lights, maybe two dozen or more. There were kind of glowing white lights and red



Hynek: 'There's something damned interesting going on.'
Star-Bulletin photo by Warren R. Roll

and green lights. All of them were blinking on and off.

"My husband and I kept looking at each other. We couldn't believe it. I've always felt it was possible there were UFOs,

but my husband's a disbeliever. Or was. He's not now."

The object flew over the residential section then "headed toward Koko Head. It went around that and headed toward Sandy Beach and the water, going much faster. We noticed as it was going faster that it would move funny, sort of up and down. Then it headed out to sea, and we lost it."

THEY ARE THE only ones to have reported the object. There apparently were no calls to police, and the woman called the newspaper Monday morning to see if anyone had reported it. No one had.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration says the radar at Honolulu International Airport reported nothing unusual that evening. A spokesman at the Marine Corps Air Station in Kaneohe suggested that what they probably saw was "one of our helicopters. They look pretty strange when they're all lit up."

But he said the Marines had nothing in the air after 9 p.m. that night.

"I wish I'd had a camera, it was moving so slow," the woman says. "But we just stood there and looked at it. We were awed. It was really beautiful. But it wasn't a plane. It was a . . . a . . . machine."

She says they've mentioned it to a few friends, but not many. "Some laughed, some said 'Su-u-r-r-e.' But at least my husband was there, so it doesn't bother us. We can look at each other and know we saw it."

UFOs: Not unidentified, not flying and not objects?

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — AP — So-called unidentified flying objects may not be that at all.

UFOs may even have been created by sophisticated mind manipulators based on Earth, says Jacques Vallee, a French born scientist and one of the world's leading experts on the UFO experience.

"There is a real potential for manipulation of people's minds," says Vallee, a 39 year old astrophysicist and computer consultant. "Human technology could produce a UFO experience."

In his book "Messengers of Deception," Vallee explores UFO sects and cults and recounts the experiences of witnesses and contactees. In researching the book, he studied French air force records of sightings as well as records kept by the US Air Force.

He contends UFOs need to be seriously researched "because it's not all nonsense, and people who see them are not necessarily crackpots."

Vallee's interest in UFOs began in 1961 with his own

experience as an astronomer at the Paris Observatory.

He and other astronomers were tracking the paths of satellites when something streaked across the sky. The astronomers tracked it and tape recorded the coordinates.

But their supervisor decided to erase the tape, a move that surprised Vallee because the supervisor was "a good astronomer, and good astronomers don't throw away data that doesn't fit a model."

Until then, Vallee had scoffed at UFO reports because of a lack of sightings by astronomers and experts.

After four years of research, Vallee found that three of four reports of UFO sightings could be attributed to weather balloons, gas, cloud formations or airplanes.

But that left him with more than 2,000 unexplained cases since 1947 with witnesses able to supply detailed information. UFO sightings are reported in Africa and South America, as well as in the US and Europe.



AN EXPERT on UFOs, Jacques Vallee, says in his book, "Messengers of Deception," that they present a real potential for manipulation of people's minds. — AP

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Manila Reports UFOs

MANILA, Philippines — Another UFO has been reported sighted over the Philippines.

An Unidentified Flying Object, flashing a rainbow of colors, was seen over a southeastern city on the main Philippine island of Luzon last week, according to published reports Sunday.

The newspaper Daily Bulletin said residents of Legazpi, 220 miles southeast of Manila, rushed out of their homes to view the object and were "enthralled" at the colors it flashed before it headed east.

Mutilation of bull under investigation

WALSENBURG — An apparent cattle mutilation is being investigated by Sheriff Harold Martinez.

The animal, a 1,300-pound prize rodeo bull named Fool's Gold, was found Saturday evening in the Rattlesnake pasture, north of the Bustos sheds on the Johnny I. King lease east of here by a King Ranch cowboy.

The rectum and sexual organs apparently had been surgically removed. There was no sign of predator tracks and the only footprints were those of the cowboy who found the animal. It was reported that there was no sign of a struggle and no bullet holes were found in the animal.

This is the first apparent cattle mutilation reported in this region in several months. □

They're making stars out of UFOs

By JUDI JOSEPH
Leader staff writer

Those mysterious lights in the sky — are they aliens from another planet? Secrets of the U.S. Government? Or works of the devil?

Those are some of the explanations gathered by three University of Kentucky students who have produced a documentary video tape on unidentified flying objects, or UFOs.

The documentary, called "Lights in the Sky: A Central Kentucky Phenomenon," explores reported sightings of UFOs in Madison and Estill counties in the past three years.

The film started out as a class project last fall for Ellenann Andrews, Nancy Barucco and Darwin Singleton. But the three telecommunications majors became so involved in the project, they kept editing and re-editing, long after the semester ended.

They will show the documentary tonight at a meeting of the Blue Grass Astronomical Society, at 8 o'clock in room 179 of the Chemistry-Physics Building at UK. The meeting is open to the public.

After months of work on the project, the students aren't willing to say whether they believe in UFOs or not.

"We thought this would be an interesting topic for a documentary," said Ms. Barucco, 23, a senior from Long Island, N.Y.

"I don't think anyone said 'yes I do' or 'no I don't' believe in UFOs when we started the project," she said. "We wanted to do a very unbiased documentary showing both sides, to let the audience make up their own minds."

"And if you're going to put so much work into a project, it had better be something you're interested in," added Ms. Andrews, 20, a junior from Lexington.

The documentary contains interviews with UFO authorities from UK and Eastern Kentucky University who reported seeing strange lights in the sky, but have no explanations.

Several Estill Countians interviewed have more colorful explanations. One man believes the flashing lights are works of the devil, while another thinks they are secrets of the government.

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The students admit they didn't videotape any UFOs, and those seen in the documentary are simulated. How did they create the mysterious red and white lights in the night sky? "That's our trade secret," said Singleton, 21, a junior from Feisty, in Knott County.

Much of the work on the documentary was done between midnight and 8 a.m. on editing equipment in McVey Hall. That was the only time there were no conflicts with jobs and classes, they explained.

But they hope the long hours will pay off. The documentary is entered in UK's Oswald Awards for Creativity and Research contest, a campus competition in the areas of physical science, biological science, sociology, humanities and the fine arts.

The documentary cost about \$150 to produce, said Ms. Andrews. And if they win the \$100 Oswald prize, they plan to produce another one.

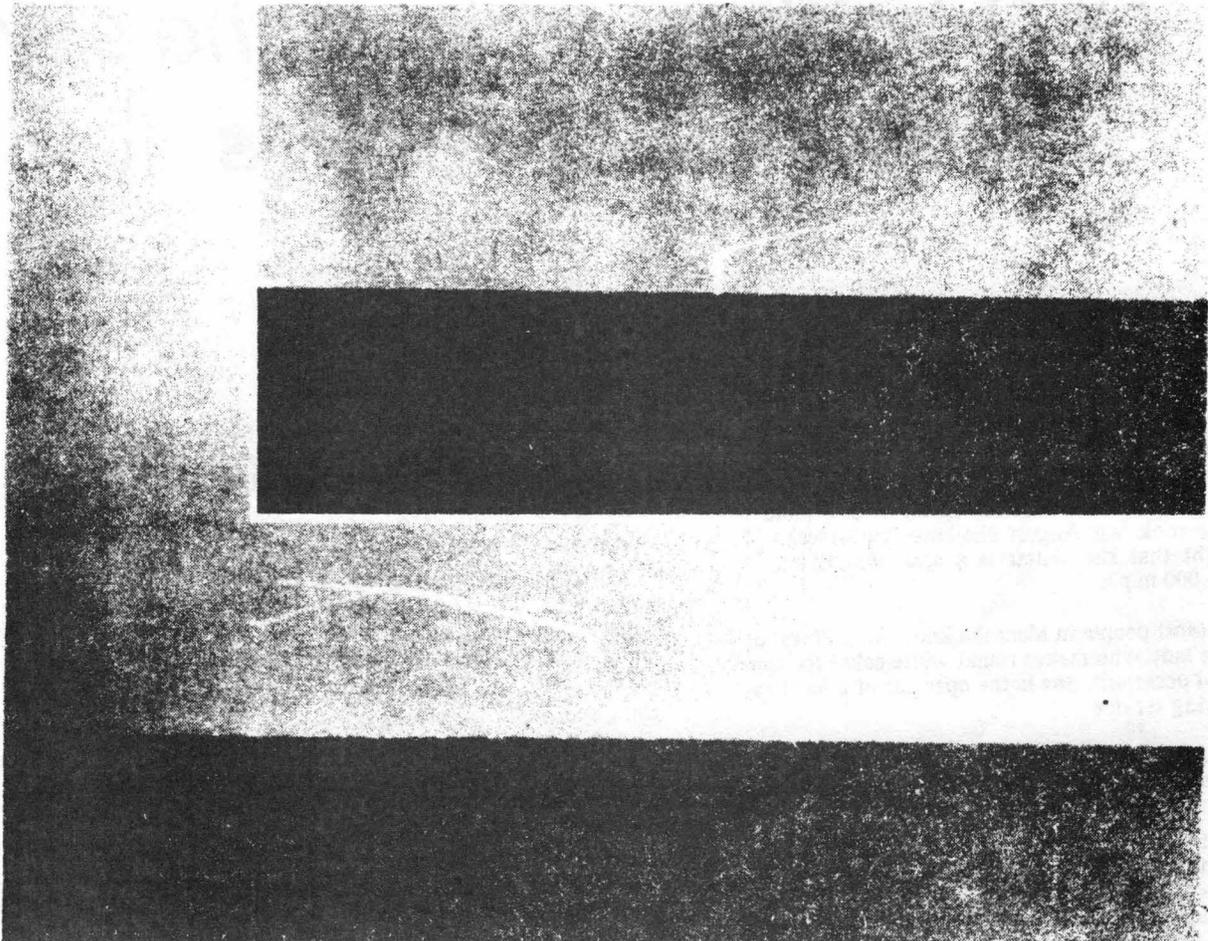
While the students won't tell if they believe in UFOs, they have become a bit jumpy about the subject.

When Ms. Andrews laughed about a strange explanation for UFOs, Singleton warned, "you'd better be careful, those words may come back to haunt you."

And the two women once thought they were about to witness a UFO. But it turned out to be a false alarm.

"The weirdest thing that happened to us was right after interviewing one of the professors in Richmond," Ms. Barucco explained. "We were driving back when we saw a meteor falling through the sky."

"We had these things on our minds, and we went berserk at first," said Ms. Andrews. "It was beautiful, all orange and green, and I bet a lot of people mistook it for a UFO."



Note Lakeview generating station (top) in Grey's time exposures

We may not be alone

Local man says lake is UFO base

By DEBBIE IRVINE
Times staff writer

Close encounters of the wet kind? Some people pass them off as falling stars, ship's flares or lighted buoys guarding small boats from harm.

But Tom Grey knows better.

Three weekends out of four, Grey and other members of the Northeastern Unidentified Flying Objects Organization watch the strange orange lights which hover over Lake Ontario from their lookout point at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Grey says the lights seem to come from nowhere. After a few moments they are gone — as if they've dis-

appeared into the dark depths of the silent water.

Grey is positive that his latest photos taken April 8 of the Mississauga waterfront back up a theory that has been circulating among those interested in UFOs.

Grey believes there is an underwater UFO base in Lake Ontario.

"It would be a perfect place to hide," says Grey. "There are some deep spots in the lake where activity could go on and no one would know anything about it. If these space ships can fly from so many millions of miles away, they could easily be converted into submarines also."

The Mississauga resident says he's been investigating suspected UFO sightings for years. He says the latest photos are part of a series that have been taken since the first reported sightings of the orange lights in 1965.

Grey plans to send these new photos to Ground Saucer Watch in Phoenix, Arizona where they can be computer-analyzed to determine if the lights represent a solid object.

While waiting for the results, Grey and other members of the organization will continue to watch Lake Ontario for the final proof that we are not alone.

UFO hobbyist looks to the sky for proof of spaceships

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By JEFF WRIGHT
Special to The Sentinel

Menasha — Judie Fingal, who scans the skies for UFOs the way birdwatchers seek out new sightings, says spaceships are flying over Menasha.

She backs up that statement with a picture she took last August showing four streaks of light that she claims is a spaceship flying at 54,000 m.p.h.

Most people in Menasha know Mrs. Fingal as the lady who makes round white cakes for special occasions. She is the operator of a local catering service.

At night, however, Mrs. Fingal said she has seen many round objects flying around the sky in the past few years.

But she worried that people would doubt her sanity without photographic proof, so she

bought a 35 mm. camera and set out to capture a UFO on film.

"I know UFOs are real and I just wanted everybody else to know it, too," she says.

It was Aug. 13, 1978, when Mrs. Fingal walked outdoors at Eighth and State Sts. shortly after 10 p.m.

She aimed her camera at the sky and snapped just one picture at one-fifteenth of a second. The developed film showed four streaks of light that Mrs. Fingal claims are UFOs traveling at 54,000 m.p.h.

This despite the fact that when she aimed her camera she didn't actually see anything in the air, she says.

"I think the UFO had its force field on, preventing the human eye from spotting the craft. Either that or it was traveling faster than the eye could see," she said.

She has waited until now to reveal her photo-

graph, she said, in order to allow a college professor and a professional photographer to examine it. They said it was definitely a UFO, she added.

However, to the untrained eye it looks just like a time exposure of a street light.

She likens watching UFOs to birdwatching and claims to get just as excited about spaceships as birdwatchers do catching a glimpse of a silver throated chickadee in flight.

She also believes that UFOs signify something special for the human race.

"Watching a spaceship isn't just watching a UFO. I feel they are watching over me and our planet. They are here to help us and save us from blowing up the earth."

But Mrs. Fingal is the first to admit that she is not sure that all spaceships are friendly, just as she says no one can guarantee that all motorists are friendly.

She claims to have seen hundreds of UFOs

since sighting her first one at the age of 20 in St. Petersburg, Fla. She described the first craft as "a shooting ball of fire — then the fireball went out."

Mrs. Fingal and her friend, Bonnie Meyer of Neenah, ride around together chasing spaceships throughout the Fox Valley and the state.

On one occasion the pair followed a craft around Menasha towards Little Lake Buttes des Morts, where they said they watched the craft hover behind a bridge before disappearing in the sky.

How does one see a UFO?

Mrs. Fingal said the secret is to wait for a clear night and then pick out a constellation like the Big Dipper and see if any of the stars are moving.

Often times she said she will sit and watch a light or group of stars for several minutes before "it" takes off. When it starts flying she knows it's a spaceship.

Centuries-Old Writings Show UFOs Visited Earth in 4,000 B.C.

By BOB TEMMEY

Centuries-old writings in Sanskrit, the classical language of India and Hinduism, prove that aliens from outer space visited earth, insists a renowned scholar.

"Fifty years of researching these ancient works convinces me that there are living beings on other planets, and that they visited earth as far back as 4000 B.C.," says Dr. V. Raghavan, retired head of the Sanskrit department of India's prestigious University of Madras.

"There's just a mass of fascinating information about flying machines, even fantastic science fiction weapons, that can be found in the translations of the Vedas (scriptures), Indian epics and other ancient Sanskrit texts.

"In the Mahabharata (writings) there is mention of divine lightning and ray weapons, even a kind of hypnotic weapon.

"And in the Ramayana (writings) there is a description of Vimanas, or flying machines, that navigated at great heights with the aid of quicksilver and a great propulsive wind.

"These were space vehicles, similar to the so-called flying saucers reported throughout the world today.

"The Ramayana even describes a beautiful aerial chariot which 'arrived shining, a wonderful divine car that sped through the air.'

"In another passage, there is mention of a chariot being seen 'sailing overhead like a moon.'

"The references in the Mahabharata are no less astounding: 'At Rama's behest

the magnificent chariot rose up to a mountain of cloud with a tremendous din.' Another passage reads: 'Bhima flew with his Vimana on an enormous ray which was as brilliant as the sun and made a noise like the thunder of a storm.'"

From the ancient Vymanika-Shastra (Science of Aeronautics) comes this description of a Vimana: "An apparatus which can go by its own force . . . from place to place or globe to globe."

Said Dr. Raghavan: "The text's revelations become even more astounding. Thirty-one

Earth in 4,000 B.C.

parts — of which the machine consists — are described, including a photographing mirror underneath. The text also enumerates 16 kinds of metal that are needed to construct the flying vehicle: 'Metals suitable, light and heat-absorbing, are of 16 kinds.'

"But only three of them are known to us today. The rest remain untranslatable."

One top expert who agrees with Dr. Raghavan's interpretations is Dr. A.V. Krishna

Murty, professor of aeronautics at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore.

"It is true," he says, "that the ancient Indian Vedas and other texts refer to aeronautics, spaceships, flying machines and even astronauts.

"A study of the Sanskrit texts has convinced me that ancient India did know the secret of building flying machines — and that those machines were patterned after spaceships coming from other planets."

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UFO reporter says story led to misery

A TELEVISION newsman who reported one of the world's best documented sightings of a UFO claims the experience has dramatically changed his life.

"I often wish it had never happened," says 32-year-old Quentin Fogarty about the biggest scoop of his career. "I never realized I would go through so much trauma — that it would put such a terrible strain on my health, marriage and friendships."

Fogarty's report and a documentary film shot by a New Zealand camera team just before the New Year has put the scientific world on its ear.

A team of 20 American space phenomena experts confirmed in March that the film was the best

evidence ever examined of the existence of UFOs.

But for reporter Fogarty, what started as a routine assignment turned into nightmare of misery and anguish he could never have foreseen.

Speaking from his home in Melbourne, Australia, where he is now writing a book about his experience, he says the story of a lifetime put him in hospital, mentally and physically broken.

In three days of drug-induced sleep he lost 11 lbs in weight, and was so gaunt many of his friends barely recognized him.

After Fogarty's story and the film was shown on American TV stations, he was bombarded with requests from around the world.

"At one stage I was on my feet for 50 hours," he says. "Then I reached a point when I just couldn't handle it any more. I was drained physically and mentally."

"The whole thing put a terrible strain on my family life," he says. "People who had been friends for years suddenly started making nasty cracks about UFOs and seeing little green men."

Fogarty's book is tentatively titled *Let's Hope They're Friendly*.

Fleet Of UFOs Terrify Fishermen

Ralph McConahy and his father-in-law believe in UFOs, and who wouldn't after having such an incredible experience as they recently had?

"We were fishing on the south side of Rock Lake (Wyoming); it was about 4:30 in the afternoon," Ralph vividly recalls.

"I heard a noise that sounded like a jet but it didn't register. Then it started getting louder and developed a droning, pulsating sound.

"Then I saw an oval formation of silver-colored objects. Then things happened so rapidly I could hardly believe it. I looked up and there were a whole fleet of round objects, totally round, and I thought it was the Thunderbirds or the Flying Blue Angels.

"I thought, 'The Blue Angels are practicing. What are they doing here?' Then it dawned on me that there were no wings on these things," Ralph spoke in amazement, spellbound.

"I just started trembling inside . . . I wanted to rub my eyes . . . I didn't believe what I was looking at. Frightened, I walked about six steps through the water to the bank and onto dry land.

"What I saw then was a beautiful oval formation of objects. (Later my father-in-law and I both figured there were between 30 and 40 in this formation).

"They were round-shaped and glittering silver in the sunset.

"The bottoms were distinctly different from the tops. They were flat and of a grey metallic or aluminum appearance. They seemed to absorb the light rather than reflect it as the tops did.

"I strained my eyes to see some ports or signs; and I tried to think I saw some ports on them, but I couldn't identify anything.

"Then they accelerated in a northerly direction at a tremendous rate of speed. There was the blue sky and they were fading. Suddenly they were all out of sight. They faded into the blue with an acceleration that staggered my mind!"

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Rainbow-Hued UFO Sighted Over Luzon

MANILA, Philippines - Another UFO has been reported sighted over the Philippines.

An Unidentified Flying Object, flashing a rainbow of colors, was seen over a southeastern city on the main Philippine island of Luzon last week, according to published reports Sunday.

Last Sunday, an American scientist claimed he and hundreds of villagers saw a UFO land in the southern Philippines at the country's highest mountain peak.

CHASE CITY, VA. - NEWS PROGRESS
*****MAY 16, 1979*****



Birch Viewer Or UFO Seen

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MARION, VA. - NEWS
*****MAY 15, 1979**

SUGAR GROVE - The UFO you didn't see in Sugar Grove Saturday really wasn't there.

Rumors have been circulating that an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) crashed on U.S. Forest Service property in Sugar Grove over the weekend. The rumors, however, have no foundation, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service.

According to the spokesman, the report of the UFO crash is "the craziest story I've ever heard." He reports that on

Saturday a portion of the Mount Rogers Naturalist Rally was going on in Sugar Grove and, although no roads were supposed to be blocked, that some blocking might have occurred.

Apparently, the rumors contends that roads near the UFO crash site were blocked and that several "official looking" cars were there.

The spokesman says that the UFO was really a group of naturalists looking at the brown leaf birch, as far as he knows.

We hesitate somewhat in sharing these next experiences with you for memory reminds us of those UFO days back in the sixties. Some folks accused us of not having a full deck.

But it's been two days now and we are yet to come up with an explanation of what we thought was an auto crash late Sunday night on Route 722. We had been asleep, perhaps, an hour when we were awakened by the high-pitched sound of what we thought was an auto

passing by the house. We sat up straight in the bed to hear it proceed only a short distance away and crash. Two distinct impacts we heard and then, total silence. So confident that both of us had heard what we knew was a tragic crash, we called the rescue squad immediately. Next, we phoned the neighbors and they heard the same thing.

We headed up the road to find what we knew would be twisted metal around a tree but we found nothing. Not even a leaf was disturbed. State police and rescue units searched with us for almost two hours. Still nothing.

We've walked that road and portions of a tract of more than 200-government-owned acres since Sunday night. We've checked with area airports for missing aircraft and notified State Police for any reports of missing persons. We've heard nothing.

Yet, that crashing sound haunts us all.

Down to earth quest for the truth on UFOs

STRANGE lights seen in the night skies are a serious business; say two Birmingham research groups.

To prove their interest, the city's Astronomical Society has combined forces with the three-year-old Unidentified Flying Objects Study

Information Service to put on an exhibition that highlights UFO mysteries.

Little green men are not on the casting list though because Service members are determined to stick to the facts in their research.

Nothing could be less

airy-fairy than the backgrounds of the current secretary and chairman of the club.

For 38-year-old former policewoman Margaret Westwood and her 40-year-old police officer husband Geoffrey were as sceptical about UFOs as anyone — until they

saw one.

From their back yard in Wentworth Way, Harborne, the couple and a neighbour watched in terror and astonishment as a glowing object dipped towards them, hovered and rose again into the night.

Now they and a team

of 60 volunteers — including a teacher and an electronics expert — sift all the information they can get about UFOs.

The Service's investigations officer, Ted Horton, said: "Ninety per cent of sightings have a natural explanation. We automatically check with

civil and military air stations and known satellite trackings."

Now the Service has affiliated to the Astronomical Society and they hope to enlist the research support of experts at Aston University in their hunt for the truth.

Police support UFO reports

POLICE stations across the West Midlands received reports of UFO sightings during the night.

Many of the sightings between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. were reported by police officers.

At Chelmsley Wood a woman police constable reported that a "disc-shaped object emitting a bright light" had landed in the town centre car park, but no trace was found when a search was made.

In Coventry five police officers, including a sergeant, reported seeing a strange object, describing it variously as round and illuminated and either green, blue or white.

All the reports emphasised that the object made no noise.

A spokesman at Elmdon Airport, said: "These reports always tend to occur when it is a clear cloudless night like last night. We picked nothing up on the radar and the controllers on duty made no report of a U.F.O. sighting."

Meteorite?

The apparent path was not one used by planes landing at Elmdon. Planes had green, red and white lights, but certainly nothing blue.

A spokesman for Edgbaston Observatory said: "We have had no reports of U.F.O.s here and certainly did not see anything. I should think that it was probably a meteorite."

Local UFO sighting

Two Painswick families spotted a strange object in the sky on Sunday night which could be linked with a nationwide UFO alert.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillian Gyde and her family were driving to their home at The Park, Painswick, when they saw what they thought was an aircraft in trouble.

"It suddenly burst into flames and bits of it fell to the ground. It was very low and had come from the Golf course direction," said Mrs. Gillian Gyde.

The UFO seemed to crash in the Sheepscombe and Birdlip direction, added Mrs. Gyde.

"In fact we did go to Sheepscombe to see if we could find any wreckage."

At about the same time — around 7.45 p.m. — Mrs. Catherine Smith saw the mystery craft from a large window at her home.

"It was like a rocket, only coming down. As my husband looked, it seemed to explode," said Mrs. Smith who lives at Madams Wood, Painswick.

Her husband telephoned the local police because the couple feared a light aircraft had crashed.

Sightings of a similar nature have been reported all over the country.

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HERLAD EXPRESS - DEVON, ENGLAND *****
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Torbay UFO sighting

A retired schoolteacher claimed today that he saw an unidentified flying object over Torbay last night.

Mr Arthur Webb, and his wife Musette, said they saw the object from their home in Chatsworth Road, Torquay.

"It had a reddish hue and was an angular shape," said Mr Webb. "It seemed to be travelling slowly as it went east. Then suddenly it disappeared."

"Its action reminded me of an American satellite I saw a couple of years ago. So perhaps it was very high up, very large and travelling very fast," he said.

STROUD NEWS AND JOURNAL - ENGLAND *****
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Man saw whistling saucer fall to ground

Police at St. Helens searched the Parr area, after a 20-years-old man reported he had seen a U.F.O. fall to the ground.

Mr. Ian Pennington, of Webb Street, St. Helens, was putting his motor-cycle away, at home, when he suddenly saw the object in the sky, at 1.30 a.m. on Monday.

"I just looked up to see what the weather would be like the following day, and there it was coming down," he said.

"It was basically orange with a white tail and I only noticed it because it was making a distinctive whistling noise.

"It was in the north-east, over Fingerpost, and about the size of a football. It was travelling in a zig-zag pattern and appeared to fall to the ground, but I did not hear it hit."

A police spokesman said: "We searched the area where the object might have fallen, but found nothing."

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UFO group to lobby Whitehall after sighting

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THE British UFO Investigation Bureau is demanding that the government take a serious interest in sightings following reports of an orange fireball seen by several Formby residents and other Merseysiders.

The bureau wants the Government to set up an office to disseminate information and material gathered by U.F.O. groups.

The demand, which they intend to pursue with a report to the Ministry of defence, follows the recent alleged sightings over Merseyside.

Among the witnesses was secretary Jenny Hoy who was sitting in her boyfriend's car outside her parent's Phillips Lane home when she saw a huge ball of fire in the sky.

"I was petrified", she said. "I had been watching the television programme 'Collision Course' and my first thought was that the thing was a plane exploding. It was absolutely incredible."

Others who spotted the object said they heard a thunderous droning, like the sound of an engine.

A police officer in Rainford said the object illuminated a field and seemed to be following, and possibly pacing his car.

FLICKERING

Another local resident, Mr. John Vallor of Smithy Green, was driving his fiancee home to Ormskirk when he noticed flickering lights on his back window.

"I thought the car was on fire and I told Pat to get out quick. But when I jumped out there were no flames, there was nothing. Then I saw this thing in the sky. It looked like a plane on fire.

"It was flying over the roof of my car from left to right and making a droning noise."

The UFO Bureau received more than a dozen calls — and all descriptions tallied.

Eighty per cent of the witnesses reported hearing a loud droning noise; 60 per cent saw a

large fire ball and 10 per cent reported having seen light shafts. Five per cent said their radios cut out as the object flew overhead.

The bureau's president, Mr. Gary Raymer, said he was 90 per cent sure that the object was extra-terrestrial, (not from this planet).

Three explanations have been given he said. Firstly, it might have been an inboard aircraft taking landscape pictures; secondly, a jet aircraft using re-heat, and lastly, a military aircraft re-fuelling exercise.

DETAILED

But investigations by the bureau — combined with detailed accounts from eye witnesses — discount all three theories, said Mr. Raymer. "It's either a very secret weapon or a flying saucer and we aim to find out."

"We want the government to set up a study bureau. If there is life out there we should make an approach to them . . .", he added.

Similar sightings have been witnessed in previous years. In 1964 a police officer in New Mexico saw an object give off blue and orange flame. There was no smoke, only dust.

Last year an orange ball was seen over Stonehenge and on New Year's Eve the bureau received 25 calls from people who claimed to have seen the same object as seen by Merseysiders on February 24 this year.

Footnote: Any local residents who may have witnessed the latest sightings are asked to contact Mr. Raymer on 051-928 8019. All relevant information will be included in a report destined for whitehall.

Flying Saucers

Sir, While there may be doubt as to whether the sighting reported in the "Stroud News and Journal" on March 22 was indeed a UFO sighting, there is no doubt that "Flying Saucers" exist and have been visiting this planet for centuries. People who do not accept this fact after the mass of well authenticated evidence that we now have, either do not think at all or are, perhaps, frightened by the implications of such thought. Most people nowadays accept the theory of evolution — that life has evolved from the one cell up to the complicated mechanism called man. If evolution exists then it must be continuous and it would be a tragedy if man, with all his imperfections, was the final product of this evolution. Fortunately, he is far from being the end product, in fact he barely has his feet on the bottom rung of the ladder. The Intelligences now visiting this Earth are evolved beyond our comprehension and are highly Spiritual and scientific people.

The Aetherius Society knows all about UFO'S where they come from and, more importantly, why they are here. These facts are vital to everyone but the British Government, for reasons best known to itself, conceals most of its knowledge from the public. We are drawing up a petition to be presented to the Government demanding that these facts are released. If you would like to add your name or wish to know more about the Aetherius Society, do please contact me.

Yours faithfully,
Jean Berry (Mrs.)

10 Priory Field,
Horsley.

STROUD NEWS AND JOURNAL - ENGLAND
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New 'light' mystery

Neighbours called to watch

UFO 3128 SCARE HITS TOWN

by JOHN FORBES and ROBIN MOORE

SEVERAL Swindon families were held spellbound as UFOs hovered over them—in two separate incidents.

In the first sighting a whole street was thrown into panic by mystery lights in the sky.

Mr Roy Randall, 31, of Knowsley Road, was visiting his children in Tovey Road, Moredon, when he spotted strange orange lights.

"I was sitting in the house and the kids came in and told me they had seen some lights. I rushed out, but by the time I got outside they were just going away over the houses by the church.

"I took no notice, but I was still standing outside the door when I saw two more. It was like looking at two spotlights on a car. They were like huge yellow lights.

'Panicked'

"I just panicked when I saw them. I was rushing up the street banging on doors getting people out to see them. It was the first time I've seen anything like it."

Maria Hunt, 13, and her friend Debbie Quinn, 13, were the first people in Tovey Road to see the strange lights.

And they say they saw three a week ago. Maria described them as bright orange, "like traffic lights," she said.

Mrs Joyce Randall didn't believe her husband when he told her to look out of the window. But she saw two more pairs of lights like the ones Roy saw, moving in the same way.

Joyce and Harry Greenaway were two of the people Roy got out of the house to see the strange objects.

Mrs Gwen Randall, 50, of Tedder Close and Mrs June Samways, 37, of Tedder Close, saw the mystery objects independently of the people in Tovey Road.

AN INSCH man, after reading in the "Evening Express" of an Aberdeen van driver's mysterious night encounter with a dazzling light, has revealed that he had a similar experience.

Mr Richard Queen, 23 Golf Terrace, said: "This light came into my bedroom at 2.50 a.m. on Friday. It was a violently bright light that exploded in my room and woke me up. It must have lasted about half a minute."

Mr Queen said the light was accompanied by a noise like an engine with a loose fan belt.

"It just flashed all round the room, as bright as anything. I got up and went downstairs for a drink. I was pretty dozy, but I was startled, and it gives you a queer feeling."

The light reappeared again around the same time on Monday morning, says Mr Queen, but without the noise. "But it didn't really bother me. I've never seen

anything like this before, and I don't know if I will again. I've no idea what it was — it was like lightning — but you hear all this talk about UFOs and you wonder."

Mr Queen decided to contact the "Evening Express" after reading how Mr Robert McAlley saw a blinding light around 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday above the Glens of Foudland when he was making his nightly bread delivery from Aberdeen to Elgin and Inverness.

Ray and Jean Gardner spotted the "flying saucers" from their back garden in Lennox Drive.

EVENING EXPRESS - ABERDEEN, ENGL.
*****MARCH 31, 1979*****

Setting sights on ³¹²⁸exposing big UFO cover-up

by Janet True

"Everything in the sky is a U.F.O. until it is otherwise identified".

This is perhaps a different way of looking at what we call the Universe. Most of us tend to try and identify everything we see in the sky as a star, a plane, a meteorite or even a bird. In fact celestial objects are usually explained away as anything but U.F.O.'s.

The British U.F.O. Investigation Bureau thinks differently. Its problem is trying to make others think the same way.

In the Crosby area a branch of the B.U.F.O.I.B. has existed for about nine years and sometime in March its members intend to publish a magazine about their findings called Viewpoint.

The editor of this magazine, Paul McCarthy along with the president, Mr. Gary Raymer; secretary, Miss S. Earlam; and P.R.O., Mr. R. Clark, have one aim in mind — to bring out in to the open what they believe has been there all the time — life from other planets in the shape of U.F.O.'s.

Claimed the editor, Paul: "There is a big cover-up by the Ministry of Defence whenever a U.F.O. sighting is reported." He believes as do all his colleagues, that so many people, not just in Britain but all over the world, have seen U.F.O.'s, so to cover-up and ignore their existence is sheer nonsense.

Paul has experienced U.F.O. sightings twice in 22 years; one when he was 11-years-old; the other on New Years Eve 1978.

This is his description of the latter sighting: "An unidentified flying object flew across British air space on December 31, 1978. Reports were sent in from all over the country — police stations, airports and the Ministry of Defence were flooded with reports from people sighting a giant object like a lit-up tadpole, a railway carriage with lighted windows, a massive cigar trailing vapour.

"In the newspapers our top scientists and astronomers give us different explanations as to what the object was, for example, probably space debris say the Ministry of Defence. Sir Bernard Lovell of Jodrell Bank said it could have been a meteorite or space debris.

"If either of these two statements are true, then where did they land and why weren't the public told? Surely the previous two theories constituted a navigational danger to our air space and to the general public at large."

Paul goes on to say that the British are not unusual in their dealings with U.F.O.'s. The Americans also cover up any reported sightings.

One country which does seem to have finally accepted U.F.O.'s is France which, according to Paul, has openly admitted to the public that U.F.O.'s do exist.

The dedication of Paul and his group can only be described as amazing. They all follow the ordinary working life of most people in Britain, they are not weird or insane as some people might think. In fact Paul said:

"There are hundreds of sightings more than those which are reported but people keep quiet because they can't face the ridicule."

"I believe in being outspoken," said Paul.

"And I can put up with the ridicule. I know that I'm not insane or having hallucinations. I hope to prove that to everyone else by this magazine."

After an interview lasting almost two hours I was completely pulled along by their dedication and stable arguments. They are not, as you would expect, going to concentrate on recent sightings and the future (although this does have an important place in the magazine) but on U.F.O. connections with the past.

Paul believes whole-heartedly that U.F.O.s are not a recent development but have been with us for centuries, perhaps even before the Earth was formed.

But despite all the data they have collected they still need to convince the public that their finds are true.

For now until the magazine is published be aware of what is happening above you. If you see a unidentified object in the sky report it straight away to Mr. G. Raymer (051-928 8019) or (051-920 9349). The bureau will accept any help they can from the public to bring out into the open this U.F.O. phenomena.

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³¹²⁸UFO seen

A mystery orange object in the sky seen over a wide area of Lancashire early today has been logged by police as a UFO.

Six policemen from Fleetwood to Leyland reported sighting the object. On the coast, the light was seen materialising from low over the sea.

Constables in ³¹²⁸ close encounter with UFO

AN UNIDENTIFIED multi-coloured flying object was spotted early today from the "Whisky Galore" Island of Barra.

But the spotters were two sober policemen who reported the matter to their headquarters in Inverness.

Constable James Waugh (24), was outside the police station at Castlebay on Barra when he first saw the object, hovering over the nearby island of Vatersay just after midnight. He drew it to the attention of his colleague, Constable John McIver.

The police kept it under observation for nearly an hour, both with the naked eye and through binoculars.

Constable Waugh said today that he first spotted the light hovering over the north of Vatersay about two miles across the water from the police station.

"It appeared to be moving back and forth over a certain spot. It then moved south and stopped again before going off south-west over the Atlantic. It seemed to be about 1500 feet up.

"It was a bright light but it had various colours — it went from white to orange, to green, back to white and then to red and blue."

Constable Waugh said that weather conditions were "absolutely clear" and perfect for observation. He added that so far they had received no other reports from islanders about the light.

Barra was immortalised by Sir Compton MacKenzie in his book "Whisky Galore," which was later made into a successful film.

'Strange lights' ²¹²⁸ over Essex

SCIENTISTS have scotched rumours linking the geese deaths with a flood of UFO sightings in the area.

All this week, the Standard office has been inundated with callers reporting seeing "strange lights" in the skies to the east of Colchester.

Among those who say they saw the UFO is assistant borough planner Mr Ted Gittins.

Like all of the spotters, Mr Gittins, who lives in Francis Street, Brightlingsea, made his sighting on Sunday evening at about 8 pm.

"I was just going into a restaurant in Colne Road with my mother and son when we saw it," he said.

"It looked like four medium bright stars in a diamond shaped formation moving fairly slow from the east.

"Whatever it was it could not have been an aircraft. As well as myself and those who were with me, at least four other people stood and watched it. I have never seen anything like it before."

Mr Michael Hester, of Luxton Road, Alresford, was driving home with his wife and children that night when they caught sight of the UFO.

"We were driving along the Colchester bypass when I saw two fairly large white coloured brightly lit objects moving over Greenstead towards Clingoe Hill," he said.

"It seemed quite high up in the sky and appeared to follow us before we lost sight of it."

And observant schoolboy, 12-year-old Julian Appleton, made a diagram of the object after he saw the lights from the window of his Drury Road home that Sunday evening.

The drawing shows two large lights and two smaller lights in a diamond shape which he says was moving "in an easterly direction."

Many more reported sightings have come in from members of the public including amateur astronomers and aviation fans.

Mr Roger Diggings, of Colchester, saw the object with his wife Christine while on his way to a dinner engagement in Brightlingsea.

"I have studied aviation as a hobby for many years and it certainly was not any conventional type of aircraft," he said.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: "These things can usually be explained by odd meteorological conditions or civil aircraft activity."

UFO over the Fylde ³¹²⁸ —or flight of fancy?

LATE - NIGHT revellers and sky watchers in the Fylde have had a close encounter with a mystery flying object.

Dozens of people saw a fast moving orange glow over the Fleetwood area and heard the explosive roar that accompanied it.

The sightings — in the early hours of Saturday morning — got some official police backing today.

A Blackpool police spokes-

man confirmed that two officers, one an inspector the other a sergeant, also saw the object. Police have logged it as an unidentified flying object.

One person who spotted the UFO was Mr Peter Hewitt, of Rodwell-walk, Layton, a musician, who was returning home from Preston.

"We saw two red lights moving towards us very fast. It sent out a very large flame and was so high I could not

put it down to anything I have seen before," he said.

Air traffic control at Blackpool Airport said that similar sightings had been made over Fleetwood at the New Year.

But coastguards at Formby were more cynical. They believe it was probably American aircraft using photoflash equipment.