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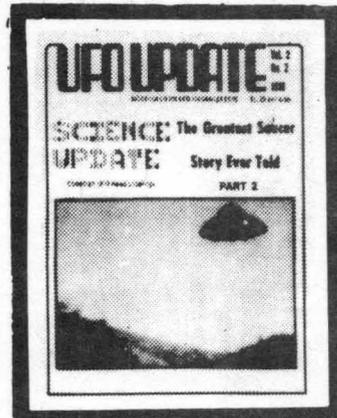
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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

Was it a star or a UFO that startled downstate?

By ERIC R. CHABROW
Staff Writer

SMYRNA—It looked like a star to the naked eye, brighter than other stars in the clear October sky, flickering green, white and red light to the earthlings below.

But four men, standing in a parking lot behind the Villas of Duck Creek 9:30 Sunday evening, believe they focused their binoculars in on an unidentified flying object.

The object appeared motionless in the sky, east-southeast of Smyrna, possibly over Woodland Beach, about eight miles away, one observer said.

Earlier Sunday evening, the men, who said they were too embarrassed to identify themselves, added that they saw an even brighter object hovering north of Smyrna, possibly over Townsend.

A Smyrna police dispatcher said Smyrna officers on patrol sighted the objects over the town, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The Delaware State Police at Bridgeville reported that they received a telephone call at 2:14 this morning from a person who claimed to see strange lights six miles east of Laurel.

One of the patrolmen answering the Smyrna call claimed to have seen the "UFO," a police spokesman said.

"You could actually see the lights go around it," one of the Smyrna observers said. "The lights moved right to left. First a red light, then a white light and then a green light.

"You could see the color change without any binoculars."

The objects did not appear to approach Smyrna, with the northern light fading from

sight, another observer said.

"But if that son-of-a-bitch comes down, I'm getting in my car and leave right away," he said.

The state police spokesman said Dover Air Force Base reported two objects on their radar that were not military aircraft.

But a Dover air base spokesman this morning said there were no unidentified flying objects on air force radar Sunday night or early this morning.

Estelle Hewlett, a planetarium specialist at the Fels Planetarium in Philadelphia, said she is certain that the objects were not spacecrafts from another planet.

"Atmospheric conditions can make some stars look bigger and brighter than others, Hewlett said.

TWISP, WASH. - METHOW VALLEY NEWS
*****OCT. 11, 1979*****

UFO sighted by Winthrop woman

By Mae Darwood

A Winthrop woman, Cam Pierce, who lives on Wolf Creek, was one of many across the nation and British Columbia who saw an Unidentified Flying Object early Saturday morning.

According to radio reports over the last couple of weeks there has been a flurry of UFO activity in Washington and British Columbia, and the report Saturday morning confirmed Mrs. Pierce's belief that she had seen one, also.

Mrs. Pierce, who works at Sun Mountain Lodge had arrived home near midnight Friday and went out to the barn to feed her calves. It was about 12:30 a.m. Saturday morning when she was attracted by "two really, really bright lights, white, with a long tail, or trail, which glowed."

She described the white lights in the sky

as "staggered", like they were not connected and said the tail was "fluorescent".

Directly behind the white lights were "three little colored lights, like those on an airplane," Mrs. Pierce said. These lights stayed directly behind the big lights but were strung out.

She said she believes none of the five lighted objects were connected because "It was just too big."

What amazed Mrs. Pierce, besides the apparent size, was "that it was absolutely soundless."

The object, or objects, was moving from the southwest to the northeast, "towards the Rendezvous. I watched it as it went over the first ridge because I thought I could see it again between the mountains

but it was so low that it just dropped below the horizon.

"I wanted to run into the house and call Mary Scott (who lives up the Rendezvous) but I hated to wake her up at that time of night," Mrs. Pierce said. "I wanted to share it with someone."

Her two children, Kathy and David were asleep and she knew by the time she got to the house and awakened them the UFO would be out of sight.

The next morning she heard a radio report that similar objects had been sighted in Spokane, and Quincy, and up in Canada, and that there was also a report from Iowa. One explanation offered was that it was a Russian rocket breaking up.

All In A Day's Work

Police Puzzle: Pot Bust, UFO Sighting



Drawing By Hal Crawford
(Oklahoma City, Okla.)

By HARVEY BURGESS
Robesonian Staff Writer

Reports usually vary widely at the Robeson County Sheriff's Department, and Thursday was no exception, with deputies investigating a marijuana seizure and an unidentified flying object.

The marijuana confiscation occurred around 2 p.m. Thursday, when deputies and detectives, acting on a tip, seized several marijuana plants in the back yard of a residence formerly occupied by a convicted drug dealer.

The illegal plants, totaling some 150 pounds, were discovered at the residence of Norman "Doggie" Barton, a mobile home located some two miles west of Pembroke.

The plants had a post-processed "street value" of around \$60,000, according to a Sheriff's Department spokesman.

Barton is serving time in the N.C. prison system after being convicted earlier this year on drug-related charges. He was arrested during a countywide drug sweep by deputies.

UFO?

Deputy Randal Patterson found no clues after searching the East Howellsville area following a report of "strange lights in the sky."

Sheriff's Dept. dispatchers received a call shortly after dark Thursday evening from an unidentified woman reporting "a UFO," which was described by the caller as being "two large lights with a smaller

light in the center."

The object, according to reports, would move in various directions, hovering at times and reportedly travelling at varying speeds.

Speculation was that the object may have been one or several helicopters from the Fort Bragg area, with a military spokesman confirming today that maneuvers which would take the aircraft over Robeson County were being performed this week.

The spokesman could not confirm, however, that any helicopters were over that particular area at the time of the UFO report, though he stated that it was "highly possible."

The UFO report was one of several the department has received this year, according to Sheriff's Dept. records, with each of the reports resulting in an "unconfirmed" analysis.

Prior to Thursday's phone call, most of the reports of unidentified flying objects have come from the Red Springs and Rowland areas, with one particular report in Rowland being confirmed as a plane.

In April of 1974, a flurry of UFO reports resulted in investigations by military and private agencies in and around Robeson County, though the identity of the craft in the alleged sightings was never determined.

Law enforcement reports from the 1974 incidents remain open.

Sighting of 'brilliant, globe-like' object reported by New Richmond couple

"We really did see something." So says a New Richmond woman who with her husband have reported seeing an apparent unidentified flying object (UFO) the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 4 near New Richmond. After reading a news story in *The News* last week about the sighting of an apparent UFO by three young men from Hudson near New Richmond, the elderly couple filed a report of their sighting with Brad Ayers of Lakeland, Minn., a field investigator for the Center for UFO

Studies in Evanston, Ill. Ayers was in New Richmond Saturday to interview the man and woman who have asked not to be identified.

The sighting by the New Richmond couple, according to Ayers, has possible connections to the sighting of the "small, silvery dome-like or disc-shaped" object by the three young men from Hudson. The men were traveling on County A near the Doboy turkey ranch just south of New Richmond about 7:30 p.m. Tues-

day, Sept. 4.

Based on his interview with the elderly couple here, Ayers calls their sighting a "very frightening, very intense experience."

Here is basically what the couple has told Ayers:

The man and woman were out for a drive about 7:30 p.m. on September 4. While eastbound on a town road southeast of Boardman near a former Dittman farm, they sighted a "brilliant, globe-shaped metallic-appearing object" which seemed to be moving toward their slowly moving car. After losing sight of the object for a moment, it seemed to pass over their car with "a tremendous roaring noise." It shook their car "violently," the man said, "like a dozen freight trains." Ayers said the sighting was unusual, too, because the witnesses reported the object emitting a tremendous sound and pressure.

Ayers said the man and woman, feeling very shaken by what they saw and felt, returned home that evening of September 4. They said nothing about the experience until reading *The*

News of September 27 which reported the sighting of the three young men from Hudson. The couple then contacted Ayers.

Ayers continues to search for additional witnesses who may have seen any kind of strange object the evening of September 4 in the New Richmond area. He can be contacted at 612-439-1945.

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A REPORT was also given *The News* this week by Ayers about the sighting of an apparent UFO by two middle-age couples who live in the northern suburbs of Minneapolis. They share a cabin in the Balsam Lake area. At about 9:30 the evening of Labor Day (September 3) they were driving on a road near Balsam Lake when, according to Ayers, they spotted a "large, intensely red, glowing disc" over the road in front of them. At about the same time, the dash and headlights of their car went out. The driver quickly hit the brakes to stop the car. Moments later the lights came back on and the "brilliant red globe" was then seen to "shoot off" to the southwest at a high rate of speed.

ROCHESTER, MINN. - POST-BULLETIN
*****OCT. 16, 1979*****

2 UFO Reports Are Made In Mower County

AUSTIN - Two unidentified flying object reports in Mower County recently have been turned over to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. for investigation.

According to the Mower County Sheriff's Department, Thomas Gebhart of rural Waltham reported this week that something broke or pushed down a 12-foot square area of his bean field. Gebhart said there also were two 4-inch deep depressions in the area where the beans were burned. The damage was believed to have occurred two to four weeks ago, according to Gebhart.

In the other incident, Thomas Braaten of Coon Rapids reported seeing a UFO at about 1 a.m. Sunday shortly after arriving at a rural Austin residence where he was staying.

Braaten said he saw two oblong-shaped objects in the sky to the east of the home located near Mower 3.

The two objects, one large, one small, emitted a white colored steady glow and hovered for about 10 to 15 minutes, Braaten said. He said the objects then moved off to the northeast.

Both men notified the Mower County Sheriff's Department, which in turn notified the UFO Center.

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*****OCT. 4, 1979*****

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Bradley E. Ayers, Lakeland, Minnesota, an investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, Evanston, Illinois, has contacted the *Osceola Sun* in his search for additional information concerning the reported UFO sighting in the Dresser, Wisconsin area, mentioned in this column a couple of weeks ago. (Another sighting is said to have taken place about 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4th from a pick-up truck traveling along County Highway A near New Richmond.)

"I would appreciate it very much if you would publish an appeal for additional witnesses to these incidents which have occurred in your general readership area during recent weeks," Ayers wrote in his note to the *Sun*. "These matters are the subject of an on-going investigation which I have undertaken in behalf of the Center for UFO Studies, Evanston, Illinois, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Director," the investigator explained.

If you have some information about recent unidentified flying objects sighted in the *Osceola Sun* area, or if you know of someone who might, contact Mr. Ayers 24 hours a day at 612-439-1945, or drop him a letter at Box 36, Lakeland, Minnesota 55043. He claims he will maintain strict confidentiality of names of persons who make such reports.

Dozens report UFO sighting

Dozens of persons, including several law enforcement officials, reported seeing four to six unidentified flying objects in Bonner and Kootenai counties and eastern Washington early today.

Sandpoint residents reported seeing lighted objects traveling from west to east and disappearing on the eastern horizon. The Bonner County Sheriff's Office, the Sandpoint Police Department and the Idaho State Police all received reports from citizens who reportedly spotted the UFOs in the area. The objects were seen between 12:30 a.m. and 1 a.m. today.

A Sandpoint resident who reported the UFO sightings to the police department said that the six objects "seemed to change colors like Roman-candle fireworks." He claimed the UFOs "had jet sounds" and traveled in a direction north to east over the town. The UFOs were within his view for about 30 seconds, he said.

One pilot, who was flying a DC3 at 7,000 feet over Coeur d'Alene, told officials he observed six UFOs from his aircraft. The lights on the UFOs were blinking, and the pilot flashed his landing lights in return.

Other individuals who contacted area law enforcement officials reported seeing a "trail of fire tails move easterly". The objects reportedly passed over Schweitzer Basin.

Four Washington State Patrol officials reported sighting the UFOs in eastern Washington between midnight and 12:30 a.m. according to a UPI report. One trooper near Ritzville said a large, bright object which he saw at 12:15 a.m. had three or four red and blue bright lights on it. When the UFO moved from one place to another, it left a vapor, he said, adding that it appeared to travel at a high rate of speed.

Officials reported that the UFO was not picked up on radar. One trooper west of Spokane said he shut his car engine off, but did not hear any noise from the objects.

An earlier report which stated that several aircraft from Fairchild Air Force Base at Spokane were dispatched to investigate the UFO sightings was denied Friday morning. Lt.

Gail Hayes, chief of the public affairs division at Fairchild, said that no planes from the base were dispatched. No investigation of the incident is planned, she said.

As of 1969, the U.S. Air Force no longer investigates UFO reports, she explained. The Air Force "closed the books" on UFOs because "after reviewing all the investigations, no UFO report or investigation or evaluation ever gave any indication of a threat to U.S. security," Hayes said.

The U.S. Air Force launched an intensive study of UFOs

Hayes said if area citizens sight UFOs, they should contact local law enforcement officials. If they feel they are threatened by the UFOs or want further investigation of the objects, they could contact the universities.

owners report UFO sighting

Two middle-aged couples who share a lake cabin in the Balsam Lake area, and live in the northern suburbs of Minneapolis, have reported a UFO sighting.

The sighting ties in with the recent sighting in the Dresser area, reports Bradley Ayers, an investigator for the Center of UFO Studies.

Ayers reports that while riding together in the same car at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Labor Day evening, Sept. 3, enroute back to their homes in the Twin Cities, on a road near Balsam Lake, the couples were suddenly confronted with the appearance of a large, intensely red, glowing disc in the starlit sky over the road immediately in front of them.

Almost at the same moment that they perceived the strange, luminous orb, the dash and headlights of the car were unexplainably extinguished.

The driver of the car had to quickly apply the brakes to bring the car to a safe, emergency halt on the darkened road. After several seconds of eerie silence, the lights of the automobile came back on, again unexplainably.

The brilliant red glow was then seen to "shoot" off to the southwest at an exceedingly high rate of speed.

This sighting occurred two days before the daytime sighting near Trollhaugen at Dresser, Sept. 5.

New Richmond Sighting

On the night of Sept. 4, an elderly, retired New Richmond couple were out for a leisurely evening drive southwest of New Richmond. At about 7:30 p.m., in the same general area where three young SCUBA divers sighted a strange, small, silvery dome, the retired couple observed a brilliant globe-shaped metallic-appearing object which seemed to be moving toward their slowly moving car.

After momentarily losing sight of the object, it seemed to pass over their car with a tremendous roaring noise, violently shaking the car "like a dozen freight trains." Shaken by the experience, they returned home and said nothing until Sept. 27.

Three Hudson men were heading home near New Richmond on Tuesday, Sept. 4

when they sighted a small, silvery dome-like or disc-shaped object near the Dobby turkey farm. They watched it hover 10-20 feet over a field, in a wobbling motion. It eventually lifted and moved east along Highway 65.

Witnesses

"I am extremely interested in what we have come to refer to, collectively, as the Dresser-New Richmond case. It is unfolding as a classic UFO encounter, with a multitude of credible, unrelated witnesses, says Ayers.

Ayers hopes that if there are other witnesses to UFO encounters, they will contact him at: Bradley Earl Ayers, 1195 Quinlan Avenue South, Lakeland, Minn 55043. His phone is 612-439-1945.

CONFUCIOUS SAY: When shoe is on the other foot, you walk funny.

Whether you believe in 'em or not, the reported UFO sighting in the Dresser, Wisconsin area last week seems to be slightly spectacular, to say the least. The fact that it was seen by at least three persons in broad daylight, and on a cloudless day, makes it more believable than other claimed sightings, and, according to reports, the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) investigator of the incident is of the opinion that the sighting was probably genuine.

The reported sighting, which occurred several hours after the Osceola Sun went to press last week, apparently received a great deal of news coverage over a wide area. For example, a relative from Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, wrote to my wife, June, son Scott, dog Rusty and myself about learning of the incident on a news report over the local media in central Wisconsin.

Reports indicate the elliptical object was sighted first by Larry Hogan, an employee of Trollhaugen, Dresser, as he drove north on County Road MM at about 10:45 a.m. The object, which was reportedly also seen by a truck driver for Ostermann's Yellow River Supply then moved over a bean field owned by Louis Klocek of Dresser.

Dale Kelly Sr., Dresser, a Town of Osceola maintenance man, reportedly also saw the object from his vantage point at the Leo Pape gravel pit.

The witnesses indicated it finally disappeared swiftly up into the sky.

A UFO is just that—an unidentified flying object—so, supposing the witnesses really did see a flying object and not an optical illusion as is quite often the case, we'll probably never know exactly what it was that Hogan, Kelly Sr. and the truck driver saw on that fateful Wednesday, September 5th morning.

One thing is certain. The reported sighting will go down in history, adding yet one more page to the mysterious book of UFO sightings. And, being so close to home, doesn't it make you wonder a little?

"Shades of the Twilight Zone", Morgan exclaimed as his body began to dematerialize where he sat before the typewriter.

WALKER, MINN. - PILOT INDEPENDENT
*****OCT. 4, 1979*****

Cass Deputy Sees UFO

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A Cass County Sheriff's Deputy drew a picture Monday of a puzzling unidentified flying object (UFO) seen flying at treetop level near Cass Lake.

Deputy Melvin Dick reported seeing glowing red, green and yellow light Saturday night moving slowly at treetop level near Cass Lake.

Dick saw the object about 9:30 p.m. while on routine patrol, according to Sheriff Louis Chalich.

Chalich said Dick described the UFO as a large aircraft-type object, with red

green and yellow lights.

The object, flying at treetop level, was spinning and moving slowly, Dick reported. It was headed west, but then made a 90-degree turn and flew north.

Other witnesses also saw the object, Chalich said.

Dick radioed ahead to Beltrami County and the object was also seen there, Chalich said.

Chalich said he heard rumors that the object was followed as far as Red Lake.

FARMINGTON, MINN. - TRIBUNE
*****OCT. 4, 1979*****

Was It A UFO?

CANNON FALLS - About 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, nine people at two different locations looked up into the sky and saw a shiny, round disk, described by one as "chrome-colored," that looked like an upside-down hubcap.

All nine believed they saw the same object. But what was the object? Was it a UFO or exactly what was flying in the sky is the question puzzling not only residents of Cannon Falls, but top officials in the country.

Those seeing the object included Tanya Weber, 11; Tony Weber, 9, Kevin Molstrom, 11, and Jody Fregien, nine, who were in the back yard of the Weber home, 512 E. Water St.

The other five included Arnie Hjermstad, Dennis Felton, Jerry Ratzlaff, Jerry Schanink and Allen Barsness who were working at the Hjermstad house, 518 E. State St., a block away.

Linda Weber said, "My daughter definitely says it's not an airplane."

Felton said he believes it was

an unidentified flying object.

Hjermstad said that when a jet goes over the horizon it appears to be going down, because of the curvature of the earth. "This thing stayed the same or got even higher," he said.

The Weber children have been contacted by the New York Star and reporters from the National Enquirer have talked with the children.

North State UFO Probably a Star

PAGE ONE

An object hovering in the sky, flashing red, blue and green lights was seen over Oroville early today.

Though originally thought to be an unidentified flying object, observers from the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton, west of San Jose, said there is a logical explanation.

Several sheriff's deputies and police officers saw the object, beginning at about 2:45 a.m. A sheriff's department dispatcher said it was "weird looking." Its exact shape couldn't be discerned, she said, but it appeared to officers to be hovering at between 3,000 and 4,000 feet.

Officers in Chico, Gridley, Biggs and Colusa, Sutter and Yuba counties also reported seeing it.

Observers at Mount Hamilton said early today that the object was Ceres, a large asteroid. However, an observatory spokesman said later that Ceres would have been too dim to see.

"Sightings such as this almost always turn out to be a planet or bright star," said the spokesman. "I've seen them flash different colored lights."

He said the atmosphere acts like a prism, bending the light that hits the observer's eye. As the atmospheric conditions change, different colors are seen.

Fennimore farmer sights UFO

LANCASTER, WISC. - HERALD INDEPENDENT
*****SEPT. 26, 1979*****

Unidentified flying objects seem to be visiting southwestern Wisconsin again this fall, with a Fennimore man reporting a UFO at his farm.

According to the sheriff's department, Guerdon Gratz contacted that department after hearing of other sightings in this part of the state. He said he was getting the cows about 5:30 a.m. Sept. 20 when he observed a brilliant white light above him.

Gratz said the light was moving from the north to the south, and sparks could be seen behind the object. He said it left an odor of sulphur.

At the time of the sighting, the sky was clear and Gratz said he heard no motor noise, just "air noise." He said the light illuminated the surrounding area.

There have been other reports of moving blue lights in this part of the state.

Could space brothers bring cold remedy?

Three separate events of the past few weeks combine to stir interest in the most fascinating question of our time: Is there life elsewhere in the universe?

The best evidence to date that there is, indeed, life somewhere other than this tiny planet comes from a report to the American Chemical Society national meeting in Washington, D.C. The director of the University of Maryland's Laboratory of Chemical Evolution told colleagues that the chemical precursors of life have been discovered in two rare meteorites. The meteorites contained amino acids — carbon compounds that are the building blocks of proteins. The amino acids found on the meteorites are not of Earthly biological origin. The finding gives scientific credence to the theory that the chemical evolutionary process postulated for Earth has taken place elsewhere, according to the report.

More physical evidence that can be used to build a case for extraterrestrial life comes in the "close encounter of the second kind" that happened to Marshall County Deputy Val Johnson on Aug. 27. Johnson was on routine patrol duty when he was attacked by what he called, "an unidentified thing." It dove at his car and smashed the windshield and one headlight. There was a small dent in the hood, the red light atop the car was broken and two spring-mounted antennae were bent at angles of nearly 90 degrees. The deputy suffered burns on his eyes from the bright light of the object, and he was treated by a physician for this condition.

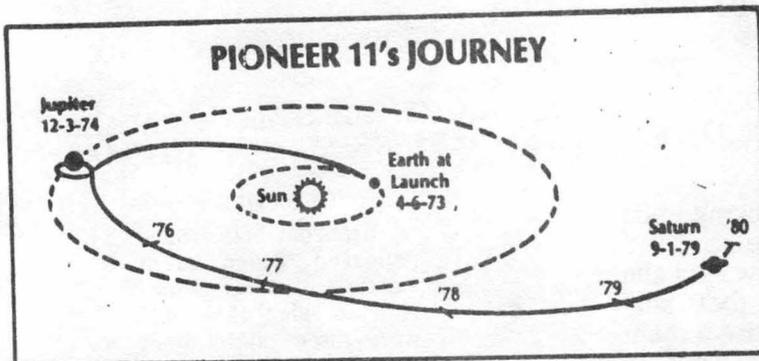
The chief investigator of the private Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. has called the encounter "certainly as good a case as any I've seen in the past year." His group is conducting tests on the patrol car and the area where the incident occurred.

No explanation of the case has been offered. There is no question that something very unusual happened to the deputy and his patrol car. The hypothesis that the "thing" that hit the car and injured the deputy's eyes was a vehicle manned or controlled by beings from another planet is certainly as good an explanation as any others that have been offered.

It is puzzling that the federal government has not shown more interest in the Marshall County incident. It would appear that government scientists would be interested in examining the damaged patrol car and interviewing the deputy in light of such intriguing physical evidence and the proximity to U.S. defense installations in North Dakota. Perhaps the best explanation for the government's lack of interest is that the cause of the crash is already known.

Can we really trust the government to announce to us that we are being surveyed by technologically superior beings from another planet? Could we have expected the government to tell us a couple of decades ago that it was conducting LSD tests on unsuspecting armed services personnel? The government's inaction on the Marshall County UFO incident raises some big questions.

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The last event in our space trilogy is the remarkable voyage of Pioneer 11. The tiny craft, soaring through space at more than 21,000 mph, has just recently sent some incredible pictures of the planet Saturn and its rings and moons back to Earth. Earlier it sent us some beautiful photographs of Jupiter. Pioneer 11 will eventually race out of the solar system into deep space. On the possibility that it may be intercepted by beings from another world, the space craft contains a greeting, drawings of the human body, a collection of music, art and literature of our planet and a map showing where we are located in the universe. It's sort of a cornerstone of our efforts to build a space program beyond our solar system.

The fact that humble man on Earth is able to send an explorer space craft so close to the other remote planets of our solar system must open our eyes to the possibilities that beings on other planets, evolved from amino acids similar to those found on the meteorites, could be sending such vehicles to examine our solar system. Many of these beings could be expected to possess a far greater technology than we have on Earth at this time. Obviously, explorers from other planets would be extremely interested in Earth, so far as we know the only planet in our solar system teeming with life. One of these vehicles, manned or run by remote control, could have been the object that crashed into the Marshall County deputy sheriff's car.

Those of us suffering from the effects of the common cold and influenza should welcome any contact we can make with advanced beings from another planet. According to a new book by two prominent London astronomers, Sir Fred Hoyle and Chandra Wickramasinghe, viruses and bacteria responsible for infectious diseases fall to Earth from outer space. When the orbit of a comet is disturbed, bringing it close to Earth — as happens about 10 times per year — the heating effects of the sun cause evaporation of the comet's outer layers. The emergences of gas and fine particles produce the tail of the comet and rain several hundred tons of life-threatening materials on our planet every year, the scientists claim. It is the sheer persistence of the attack on the individual that gives the common cold its great nuisance value. Some of the meteorites that perpetually bombard the Earth always contain the common cold virus. Such viruses would also fall on other planets in the universe, barren and inhabited.

Although mankind here has made great strides in science, we are as yet unable to come up with a cure for the cold. We may find help from friends in outer space. Surely a civilization that is capable of putting men on the Earth should be able to find a cure for the common cold.

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UFO investigation
 FRONT PAGE

UFO investigator Brady Ayers reported recently a UFO sighting the night before a Dresser UFO occurrence of three weeks ago, appears to be related to the earlier incident.

Three young men, all employees of Andersen Windows in Bayport, recently told Ayers they observed for about 10 minutes a small silvery object, about three feet in diameter, in the shape of a saucer outside New Richmond, Wisconsin on the evening of Sept. 4.

They watched it hover above a field and wobbily move at a slow speed of 10-15 miles per hour. The metallic disk gradually drifted off to the east and rose to an elevation of about 70 feet. The men pursued the object in their car as it began drifting off and eventually lost sight of it.

Ayers told the Press last week the occurrence can not be accredited to any natural or manmade phenomenon and noted in particular his investigation with the weather bureau has definitely ruled out the possibility of a weather balloon.

He commented at this point in the investigation there appears to be a connection between the Dresser sighting and the New Richmond sighting because of the descriptions and the timing. He said it was one of the best UFO sightings of the year.

According to Ayers, two other cars, besides the one the three men were in, reportedly stopped and watched the UFO alongside them. He is especially interested in appealing to those unidentified witnesses to come forth with their description. He said their information is essential in verifying the sighting of the three men.

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UFO Sighted Over Lake

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WINSTED—A Wakefield Boulevard resident, who has been living at Highland Lake for 26 years, reported to police that a ball of light with a streaming tail passed over the lake shortly before 11 p.m. Thursday night.

Marion Raydenbow said she was outside when she noticed "a great ball of white light which left a stream of light behind it," sweep silently over the lake moving in a westerly direction. "It went so fast," Mrs. Raydenbow said, "if you weren't looking you never would have seen it."

Mrs. Raydenbow said she was outside at that particular time because a man, whom she didn't want to identify said he had seen a colorless "great big light" in the sky over the lake. "I was coming back to the house and was quite shocked to see it," she said. "I remained outside but didn't see it again," she added.

"I know it was not a plane," Mrs. Raydenbow said, adding she had never seen anything like it before.

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UFO COPS

Bavarian police have reported independent sightings by about 10 officers of what they said were three unidentified flying objects that hovered silently near Ingolstadt, West Germany, then rapidly disappeared from sight.

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'Strange Lights'

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Police, Residents Sight UFOs In Delaware

By WAYNE NOBLE
Of The Times Staff

LAUREL — Delaware State Police and Smyrna Police reported sightings of unidentified flying objects Sunday night and early today in the skies over the Laurel and Smyrna areas.

State Police at Bridgeville said they received a call at 2:14 a.m. today from a person who reported there was "strange lights" in the sky along Route 437-A about six miles east of Laurel.

Dover Air Force Base was immediately contacted, but they reported they had no aircraft in the area at that time, according to police. However, radar at the air force base detected two stationary objects in the area where the UFO sightings were reported, police said.

Four State Police units were dispatched to the area, and at least one officer observed the strange lights before they disappeared, police reported.

"One police officer apparently saw the strange lights . . . But I don't think I better give you his name," a police spokesman said today.

Around 8:30 p.m. Sunday, five UFOs were reported hovering over the Smyrna area by four town policeman and a police dispatcher. Bruce Peachy, the police dispatcher, said he received

calls from four town policemen that they had spotted UFOs over the town.

When Peachy went outside, he said he observed three UFOs at the north end of town and one each at the east and west ends of town.

"We couldn't make out a shape. They had red, green and white lights which revolved. One of them stood still for about 20 minutes, then took off and stopped," Peachy said.

He said town police received numerous calls from residents living on the outskirts of Smyrna reported sightings of UFOs. Some people said they observed as many as 10 UFOs, he added.

Officials at the Greater Wilmington Airport, who were contacted about the sightings in the Smyrna area, said they did not observe any lights in the sky. At the time, the airport officials said they could see for about 20 miles away.

Peachy said he had done some reading on UFOs and has believed they must exist because of so many reported sightings. "This is something else. It just confirms something I thought was so all along," he concluded.

Police said the investigation into the UFO sightings would be turned over today to the National UFO Reporting Center in Washington, D. C.



Four eastside kids point to the spot in the sky where they saw a UFO a week ago Tuesday afternoon. L to R: Kevin Molstrom, 11; Tony Weber, 9; Tanya Weber, 11; and Jodi Fregien, 9.

'Something I'd Never Seen Before'

Was Object a UFO?

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By Kate Johannessen

"Hey! Look up there. What is that thing?"

At least nine people at two different locations in Cannon Falls were making similar exclamations about 4:15 p.m. last Tuesday, Sept. 18.

All nine saw what they believe to be the same object, a shiny, round disk described by one as "chrome colored" that looked like an upside down hubcap.

Four of the nine, 11-year-old Tanya Weber, her 9-year-old brother Tony, 11-year-old Kevin Molstrom and 9-year-old Jody Fregien, were tumbling in the back yard of the Tom and Linda Weber home, 512 E. Water Street.

The other five, Arnie Hjernstad, Dennis Felton, Jerry Ratzlaff, Jerry Schanink and Allen Barsness, were working on the Hjernstad house, 518 E. State Street, only a block away.

"My daughter definitely says it's not an airplane," said Linda Weber about the sighting.

Relatives of the Webers own a hot air balloon and the children have ridden in one. They are also familiar with airplanes and don't believe that this object was either a plane or a balloon.

"When they came in they were excited but also hesitant," commented Ms. Weber about her children's experience. "I think they saw something."

Father, Tom Weber, also believes his children. After hearing the story of a possible UFO landing in the Curtis Olson cornfield near Lake City, he called WCCO radio to relate their story.

The children said the object was moving from northwest to southeast. Workers at the Hjernstad house said the same.

The object was "sighted at 11 o'clock in the sky moving from northwest to southeast," said Arnie Hjernstad. "We're sure it was the same sighting," (as the Weber children).

According to Hjernstad, air currents that day were moving from west to east, but this object "was going faster than air currents. It was flying as fast or faster than a jet, I'm

guessing."

When asked if he thought the object he had seen was a UFO, Hjernstad commented, "I don't dare say because you just don't know. It was weird. It was something I had never seen before. It didn't act like anything I have ever seen before."

Hjernstad did comment that when a jet goes over the horizon it appears to be going down, because of the curvature of the earth. "This thing stayed the same or got even higher," said Hjernstad.

Dennis Felton, who was working at the Hjernstad house, believes it was an unidentified flying object.

"I always thought there were UFO's," said Felton. "I'd say it was."

Was this object an unidentified flying object? Perhaps that question will never be answered. So far no experts on UFO's have been to Cannon Falls to talk with the eyewitnesses.

But they are getting national recognition. Tom Weber commented that reporters from National Inquirer and the New York Star have talked to his children.

Investigator comes to Dresser to probe UFO

Following the sighting of the UFO east of Dresser Wednesday, Sept. 5, the incident was investigated by Bradley E. Ayers of Lakeland, Minn., a field investigator for UFO Studies, who drove to Dresser Sept. 6.

Ayers described the incident as a close encounter of the first kind.

When the space object was sighted by Larry Hogan at about 10:45 a.m. and as it approached him, the dark green foliage of the woods made an exceedingly good background for defining the lines of the metallic silvery craft, Ayers' report stated.

The object made absolutely no noise as it hovered over the Louis Klocek bean field about 10 feet above the vegetation, Ayers was told. There were no external features to the craft, no lights or appendages and at that point it seemed to be moving about 30-40 miles per hour.

Unique

Hogan had by this time concluded he was looking at something totally unique to his previous experience, Ayers reported. Hogan had excluded all known natural or manmade possibilities during his observation of the craft.

When Hogan stopped his vehicle to observe the craft better he was joined by a man from Yellow River Supply. The

two saw the silvery object rise slowly and move to the southeast over East Lake where it again seemed to hover at an altitude which the witnesses estimated at 200 feet. It was then observed by others who were at the nearby gravel pit.

Common observations of the witnesses were that the vehicle moved in a deliberate manner and that it was intelligently controlled, possibly by remote control. It seemed to have a purpose, like one of our "space probes", the men said.

All of the witnesses insisted the object was not like anything natural or manmade they had seen before.

Size

The size was estimated at 6 to 8 feet (one witness said 10 feet) with a 2 to 4 foot thickness and silvery to redish metallic coloring.

The spacecraft caused no mechanical interference with the CB radio or with the vehicle engines.

There were no known physiological effects to the witnesses, said Ayers, nor any psychological effect beyond the initial feeling of strangeness, awe and puzzlement (in varying degrees among the witnesses).

Ayers reported there was nothing to make him doubt the credibility of the witnesses and their sighting. They appeared to be mature, responsible, hard working individuals. he

reported.

Ayers has been in the U.S. Army paratroopers where he rose to the rank of captain and has also worked on undercover assignments with the Central Intelligence Agency. He is a graduate of the Minnesota Metropolitan State University and is involved in a graduate studies program currently with the Heed University at Hollywood, Fla.

Help

Ayers has asked the help of the Ledger in obtaining any other information about the sighting. Other witnesses are urged to contact: Bradley Earl Ayers, P.O. Box 36, Lakeland, Minn. 55043, or call 612-439-1945 anytime.

YREKA, CALIF. - SISKIYOU NEWS
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UFO's Light In Siskiyou?

YREKA — The Sheriff's Office received several reports of a bright, white light in the sky over the southern part of Siskiyou County last night.

The Sheriff's Office feels the reports described a falling star.

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*****SEPT. 15, 1979*****

Were There UFOs Near Burke Mt.?

Sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported in the skies over Burke Mountain Wednesday night by some residents of East and West Burke.

John Collins, engineer for Vermont Educational Television, which is located at the summit, reported receiving a couple of calls from people asking him if he saw the objects.

But Collins said he saw nothing out of the usual at the mountain top when he went out to check. Collins said the night was the clearest he has seen on the mountain.

One witness to the U.F.O.'s, who chose not to be identified, said herself and a group of friends watched the objects from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday night.

The witness said the objects, which glowed in blue, white, green and orange colors, performed maneuvers which would be impossible for conventional aircraft.

"They would just be suspended in the air, then they would zoom away with incredible quickness.

Dozens report UFO sighting

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Dozens of persons, including several law enforcement officials, reported seeing four to six unidentified flying objects in Bonner and Kootenai counties and eastern Washington early today.

Sandpoint residents reported seeing lighted objects traveling from west to east and disappearing on the eastern horizon. The Bonner County Sheriff's Office, the Sandpoint Police Department and the Idaho State Police all received reports from citizens who reportedly spotted the UFOs in the area. The ob-

jects were seen between 12:30 a.m. and 1 a.m. today.

A Sandpoint resident who reported the UFO sightings to the police department said that the six objects "seemed to change colors like Roman-candle fireworks." He claimed the UFOs "had jet sounds" and traveled in a direction north to east over the town. The UFOs were within his view for about 30 seconds, he said.

One pilot, who was flying a DC3 at 7,000 feet over Coeur d'Alene, told officials he observed six UFOs from his aircraft. The lights on the UFOs were blinking, and the pilot flashed his landing lights in return.

Other individuals who contacted area law enforcement officials reported seeing a "trail of fire tails move easterly". The objects reportedly passed over Schweitzer Basin.

Four Washington State Patrol officials reported sighting the UFOs in eastern Washington between midnight and 12:30 a.m. according to a UPI report. One trooper near Ritzville said a large, bright object which he saw at 12:15 a.m. had three or four red and blue bright lights on it. When the UFO moved from one place to another, it left a vapor, he said, adding that it appeared to travel at a high

rate of speed.

Officials reported that the UFO was not picked up on radar. One trooper west of Spokane said he shut his car engine off, but did not hear any noise from the objects.

An earlier report which stated that several aircraft from Fairchild Air Force Base at Spokane were dispatched to investigate the UFO sightings was denied Friday morning. Lt. Gail Hayes, chief of the public affairs division at Fairchild, said that no planes from the base were dispatched. No investigation of the incident is planned, she said.

As of 1969, the U.S. Air Force no longer investigates UFO reports, she explained. The Air Force "closed the books" on UFOs because "after reviewing

all the investigations, no UFO report or investigation or evaluation ever gave any indication of a threat to U.S. security," Hayes said.

The U.S. Air Force launched an intensive study of UFOs prior to 1969. The investigation was known as "Project Blue Book."

Hayes said if area citizens sight UFOs, they should contact local law enforcement officials. If they feel they are threatened by the UFOs or want further investigation of the objects, they could contact the universities.

Hayes said the base did receive calls about the UFOs Friday morning. She did not comment on whether any Fairchild aircraft spotted the UFOs.

Cass deputy sees UFO

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WALKER — A Cass County Sheriff's deputy is drawing a picture today of a puzzling unidentified flying object (UFO) seen flying at treetop level near Cass Lake.

Deputy Melvin Dick reported seeing a glowing red, green and yellow Saturday night moving slowly at treetop level near Cass Lake.

Dick saw the object about 9:30 p.m. while on routine patrol, according to Sheriff Louis Chalich.

Chalich said Dick described the UFO as

a large aircraft-type object, with red, green and yellow lights.

The object, flying at treetop level, was spinning and moving slowly, Dick reported. It was headed west, but then made a 90-degree turn and flew north.

Other witnesses also saw the object, Chalich said.

Dick radioed ahead to Beltrami County, and the object was also seen there, Chalich said.

Chalich said he heard rumors that the object was followed as far as Red Lake.

Woman Reports UFO

By ROGER AYLWORTH
(E-R Staff Writer)

"You just don't know the feeling until you're there."

That's how Donna Gillispie, 30, of Chico described what she believes was a sighting of a flying saucer she had Thursday night.

At about 11:30 p.m. Mrs. Gillispie was driving north on Highway 70, just beyond the afterbay, when she saw "this red light" flying above the roadway.

She said she watched the light for a moment when "it zoomed out" to a much higher altitude.

As she drove she said she reached a point where the object was traveling parallel to her. The unidentified flying object came closer to the road hovering next to some nearby powerlines.

"I was really shocked because it held in one place so long," she said.

Then the vehicle drifted out over the road "right in front of my car," Mrs. Gillispie said.

As she drove under the object she said she could see the "silver, oval shape of it," and as she passed under it she said her car radio, which she had been on, began to crackle with static "so bad I could no longer hear it."

She said the light on top of the oval vehicle was a dome-like projection and was flashing red and white.

"I would say if you put two

cars together it was at least that wide. It wasn't really that tall. It was more cylindrical," she said.

She watched the vehicle for five to 10 minutes before her view was obscured by intervening hills and when she got home she tried to report her sighting.

"When I called the Sheriff's Department a lady answered and I said, 'I'd like to report a UFO and she said, 'Oh, no'"

Mrs. Gillispie assured the woman that she was sane and serious but the woman said there was nothing she could do and suggested she call one of the UFO research organizations. The woman then provided Mrs. Gillispie with a number for one of the organizations but the number proved to be no longer in

service.

"The thing is it's really weird. Once you see something like that you feel like you have to do something about it," she said.

Mrs. Gillispie admitted the sighting was frightening.

"For one thing, we watch too many movies. As I drove under it I thought, 'Oh God! What happens if I disappear?'" she said.

The Chicoan said she has never seen anything like this before and "and never hope to see it again."

A check with area law enforcement agencies and air traffic controllers at Chico Municipal Airport shows no other sightings were reported Thursday night.

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IN SEARCH OF...U.F.O.'s--

Last Sunday evening about 7:30, Tony, Richard and Marilyn Blasky who live on North Main sighted a U.F.O. in the Western Sky. They forthwith reported the sighting to their mother, Jo Ann Blasky, and for some time they watched the unidentified object. Neighbors were called in, and they, too, saw the U.F.O. The light seemed to hover over the vicinity of Northshore, and was relatively stable, not moving around, for some 45 minutes. Colors changed on the object—white, yellow, orange, red and then orange with a red ring around it. Mrs. Blasky called The Star, and interested persons went in search of it. However, while we were out trying to find the strange light, it disappeared. Mrs. Blasky said that after calling us, she returned to observing the thing, and saw it suddenly shoot straight up and disappear into the clouds. Of course this happened before The Star observers were able to locate it. Did anyone else see this strange light? If so, call us at 426-4586 or 426-2613.

CRESCENT CITY, CAL. - DEL NORTE TRIPLICATE
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Police officers, others spot UFO

Did you see a UFO Thursday night?

If you had been riding with a couple of patrolling Crescent City police officers you would have seen something green floating through the sky "headed for the hills."

Officer Bill Galatioto reported to his superiors that he spotted the "flying object" about 11 p.m., and it was "big and green." At about the same time, officer Dennis Halbasch reported he was on patrol in another part of town and he saw it too, but only for a moment.

According to Galatioto, he was on routine patrol heading south along U.S. 101 when suddenly, "there it was, right through my windshield." What he had reference to was that the big object was seen through his windshield.

Galatioto told The Triuplicate he

watched the unusual sight for perhaps 10 or 15 seconds before it disappeared behind Hambro Forest Products and then over the hills east of Crescent City. He said the skies were clear, and he was so surprised at seeing the object that he could only guess at the height, perhaps 2,000 to 3,000 feet, before it disappeared. No noise, no discernable features, other than perhaps a slight tail vapor, which also was green.

The two local officers were not the only ones to report the unusual incident. At 11:10 p.m., a Smith River woman called the sheriff's department to report she had sighted a red and green flare coming from the west, which appeared to have landed near Valley View Motel in Smith River.

According to Galatioto, the object,

which he thinks was possibly a meteor, appeared to have come in over the Pacific west of Crescent City. He said he had contacted the Coast Guard in Crescent City and they knew nothing of the sighting.

There were about three other persons who reported seeing the "whatever," including a treasury agent who observed the "greenie" in Humboldt County near Orick.

Also, an unconfirmed radio report said the same object had been spotted over Klamath Falls, Ore., at about the same time it was observed here.

Although Galatioto said the object appeared to have possibly "crashed in the hills east of Crescent City," it probably didn't and was possibly the same object observed over Klamath Falls.

Dover AFB Admits Blips at Scene of UFOs

By JEFFREY R. WELSH

Dover Air Force Base has confirmed that its approach radar reported two unidentified contacts about six miles south-southeast of Laurel Monday morning — at the same time and location that Delaware State Police were watching

Teen to Serve 15 Years For Central Park Attack

NEW YORK (AP) — A teen-ager was given the maximum sentence of 15 years in prison for leading an assault last summer on Central Park strollers, including former Olympic ice-skater Dick Button.

Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Thomas B. Galligan said yesterday that Kenneth Straw, 19, must serve five years before becoming eligible for parole. Two accomplices were sentenced to nine years and must serve a minimum of three years.

Assistant District Attorney Stephen Dreyfuss said Straw had an "astounding criminal record" of 19 arrests dating back to the time he was 9.

two objects hovering motionless in the sky.

Twice earlier this week, a base spokesman had said there had been no contacts on the base radar.

But Maj. Robert Groom, the base information officer, emphasized that the Air Force, by confirming the unidentified radar blips, was not reporting a UFO sighting. He suggested the radar may have been showing "ground clutter" — objects on the ground which frequently appear on radar screens.

According to Groom, the operator reported the radar images at least three times Monday morning while in contact with state police and the U.S. Coast Guard in Cape May, N.J.

Earlier on the same night the state troopers were watching the lights near Laurel, Smyrna policemen and residents had reported similar sightings.

The Air Force officially confirmed the radar contacts only after being told the Evening Journal had learned from state police and the Coast Guard that an air base radar operator had confirmed the con-

tacts in several phone conversations early Monday morning.

Later, a man who identified himself as a pilot, called the Federal Aviation Administration station at the Wicomico County (Md.) Airport to report a similar sighting in Delaware early Monday morning. He said he couldn't tell if the unidentified object was in the air or on the ground.

The state troopers watched the the UFOs off and on until nearly dawn. The sky grew lighter and the objects disappeared from view.

According to Sgt. Robert West, desk officer at Bridgeville Sunday night, the troopers said the objects were stationary and made no sound.

Monday morning, an air base spokesman said the only involvement of base personnel on duty Sunday night and Monday morning had been to relay a request from the

state police to the U.S. Coast Guard station in Cape May for a helicopter to check the sighting.

But the official Air Force version did not coincide with state police and Coast Guard reports.

During the night, a radar operator at Dover told both agencies that he did have contacts on the approach radar screen and pinpointed the location for the police as six miles east of Laurel. He estimated the altitude at 1,000 to 1,500 feet. According to state police, the operator said the objects at first seemed to be "going around and around." There were no aircraft in the area other than the two stationary objects.

At the request of state police, the air base duty officer called the Coast Guard for a helicopter to investigate, but it was being used somewhere else.

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RICHARD COHEN

Seeing Is Believing Except in This Case

I AM GOING TO TELL you about my Unidentified Flying Object. I am going to tell you about it with the understanding that I will accept no mail from persons who feel compelled to tell about experiences with three-eyed persons of the Martian persuasion and who underline their words in red ink. Just because I saw a UFO does not mean that I believe such a thing exists.

To begin, as Lewis Carroll once suggested, at the beginning, I first spotted this particular UFO about 9 one night. This was two weeks ago and what I did was go out the back of the house with my dog, so that he could do what he had to do and which, strictly speaking, has nothing to do with the UFO but somehow I think all the details are important. Anyway, I went down the stairs and looked up and there it was.

It was something like a telephone or utility wire. It was maybe an inch in diameter and it seemed to float in the air, 10 feet long or so and taut as if attached to something, but it was attached on either end to absolutely nothing. Where the spotlight

from the back of the house hit it, it seemed illuminated, but the rest of it was dark. It was about 20 feet off the ground most of the time and it was not a wire because, simply stated, there is no wire there. Also, it moved up and down.

I went down the stairs and walked under it— whatever it was. I walked on the other side of it. I studied it. I tried to find where it began and where it ended. I could not. I thought I might be seeing things so I called my son outside. He saw it, too, and enthusiastically helped me with my experiments. He believes in UFOs and was not startled to have one in his back yard. He is 7. I am quite a bit older. Maybe that is why I was startled.

The two of us walked under it. My son saw it move. He was what is called in science a "control" and I thought that if I moved and the UFO moved and yet my son did not move, that proved that I was not somehow imagining it was moving. I did not, after all, take honor bio in high school for nothing.

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In the daytime, it was gone. Both my son and I went to look for it and there was nothing there. No wire. No string. No nothing. The next night it was back. We repeated our experiments. This time I looked down on it from the second floor porch. It was still there.

Now, if it were me reading this column, I would stop at this point, or maybe I would have stopped earlier. I would do that because, a long time ago having studied the whole issue, I decided that I did not believe in UFOs and I no longer want to think about them. The issue is closed. Same for my positions on abortion, the existence of God, the meaning of "nothing" and the issue of whether

Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing John F. Kennedy. He did.

I mention Oswald because he illustrates the sort of thing I'm talking about. When it was announced, for instance, that tape recordings of the rifle shots indicated more than one gunman, I did not flinch. I merely ignored it, dismissed the new evidence as inconsequential and most people, I think, did the same. Once you make up your mind, you make up your mind. This explains, incidentally, everything William F. Buckley has written in defense of Joe McCarthy and the FBI.

So, I do not believe in UFOs and I believe that what I saw in my backyard can be explained. But not by me. Nor by my wife. She was out of town

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on business during the original sightings, but she did come back in time to catch the UFO. My son and I mentioned it at dinner and she laughed. Then my son went outside, called "Mother" and my wife laughed no more. She saw it and she, just for the record, is of stolid, Midwestern stock. Nothing flakey there, thank you.

That, though, was the last night we saw it. It never came back. I have mentioned it to some friends who look at me puzzled and if my son is

around, people prefer to talk to him about it. It is comforting to pretend this is the fantasy of a child. I understand. I don't want to deal with it either.

Since then, I've talked it over with my editor who nonetheless has kept me on the staff of The Washington Post and suggested that I should have called for a photographer from the office. He is a true newspaperman and he believes that if it's not in the paper, it didn't happen. So now it's in the paper and now I've told it all. Just one thing I didn't mention. The first night we saw it, my son suggested we squirt the UFO with the hose. I ignored him and he went for the hose to do it himself. I ordered him to stop. Understand, I don't believe in UFOs.

But I don't believe in being unfriendly, either.

Educators told that UFOs come from inside earth

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By ERIC ROZENMAN
Press Ohio Bureau

COLUMBUS — The puzzle of unidentified Flying Objects will soon be solved, futurist Harold Pluimer told the Ohio School Boards Association convention yesterday.

"The pieces are fitting together and the emerging answer is simple," maintained Pluimer, a former senior lecturer for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "UFOs are not from outer space but from the bowels of the earth."

He said after his speech that plate tectonics and electromagnetism are the keys to the UFO riddle. Plate tectonics is a geological theory that the earth's crust rests on mammoth overlapping and sliding plates. Electromagnetism is the motive force for the UFOs, Pluimer said.

"The UFOs come from about 40 miles below the surface," he asserted.

"The powerful electromagnetism can make people hallucinate and also affects automobiles and planes."

He also predicted:

- The knowledge industry — including education and communications — will supplant automobile production as America's top industry. It is already altering the nature of work, politics and military strategy, not to mention personal affairs.

- Because "as much has happened in your lifetimes as in all the age past," there will be "enormous and unbelievable disturbances in the 1980s. We're outracing the solutions to today's problems."

- Crisis after crisis with energy, but health will be the No. 1 issue, with men beginning to outlive women.

- Japan will win the World Series.

Sky thing a midweek mystery

By Carol Roberts
Staff Writer

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FRONT PAGE

Don Williams of Morro Bay said he was struck as he gazed heavenward Wednesday to watch what looked like a huge ball of fire tumble into the ocean.

Williams saw the fiery object from his home atop Morro Heights around 3 p.m. Another man, who didn't give his name, said he saw the same thing from Pismo Heights as he was picking up his daughter for an early dinner in an Arroyo Grande restaurant:

The great ball of fire — which Coast Guard officials believe was a meteor — was seen by persons along the coast from San Francisco to Long Beach.

Lt. Col. Frank Kafer at Vandenberg Air Force Base said he had received numerous

calls about the object, but that the Air Force hadn't sent up any missiles.

"We had no missile activity at all. I don't know what it was," Kafer said.

A Coast Guard official in San Francisco said late Wednesday that he had been in touch with Federal Aviation authorities.

"At first we thought it was a downed plane off Santa Cruz. We called off the potential rescue mission, when further investigation and talks with FAA authorities showed it wasn't a plane," the Coast Guard spokesman said.

He said he talked with a Pacific Southwest Airlines pilot who saw the bright, fast-moving object.

"The pilot was flying at 28,000 feet and he first saw it about 65,000 feet above him. The

pilot had been flying for 20 years and said it wasn't an airplane but that it was 10 to 15 times bigger than a shooting star."

The Coast Guard official said he'd heard reports from those who saw the object from the ground as far away as Long Beach. "We think it went down off Davenport, which is about 10 miles north of Santa Cruz," he said.

Williams of Morro Bay said "it was really something to see." He said it looked like the blaze from a blow torch.

"It had a tail. It was spooky."

This morning Ted Bunch at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in San Francisco suggested the object may have been "space junk" and not a meteor.

"It could be the remains of a small satellite that burned up which would create a meteor-

like effect," Bunch said.

The NASA spokesman said meteors travel from 10 to 40 miles a second when they burn out. Even one the size of a basketball could be seen in several states because its fiery light makes it appear bigger than it is, he said.

Bunch indicated if it was a meteor, folks should be happy it landed in the ocean and not on land. He said a meteor that's, say, 25 meters in diameter can make a hole in the ground a mile wide and 600 feet deep, equivalent to the energy involved in the biggest hydrogen bomb ever exploded by the Russians.

Bunch said another theory this morning was that the object could have been a ship's flare and the light from it bouncing off the clouds could have created a meteor effect.

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Pilot sights UFO, lands plane

VALENCIA, Spain (AP) — The pilot of a Spanish charter flight to the Canary Islands made an emergency landing here Monday after sighting an unidentified flying object near the Balearic island of Ibiza, airport officials reported. Military authorities launched an investigation.

It's a bird...it's a plane...it's a UFO!

By MAX RIZLEY, JR.
News Staff Writer

I finally saw my first Unidentified Flying Object last week.

It was a bit disappointing, actually, kind of like going to your first X-rated movie. You waited and waited until you were old enough to go in and see what the fuss was all about, and when you did, you felt like a fool. In the words of the song, "is that all there is?"

This UFO was not the stuff close encounters are made of. No death ray, no flashing or pulsating lights, no big brain bulging out the top or eyes on stalks. It wasn't even doing a decent flying saucer zip-here-zoop-there routine. Just sitting there.

It was just a white light in the western sky, around sunset. It was obviously not a star or planet, because it lacked that certain starry quality. It was bigger than a point of light, more like a frosted lightbulb someone hung in the sunset.

But everybody saw it, and they all had their hopes up, judging from the number of calls we got here at The News.

"Have you seen that thing up there?" "Can you tell me what that bright light in the sky is?" We could sense the hope in some of those voices. Please, let it be something more than just another weather balloon. It's been so long since we had a good round of honest-to-goodness

flying saucers. "Hey, we saw it through our telescope, and it's something. Kind of pear-shaped. We'll send you the pictures if they come out."

Yes, ma'am, we know about it. It's a weather balloon. (If you want to get nitpicky, it was a balloon-borne telescope, launched from Palestine, Texas, 125,000 feet up. Flying saucer or no, it's kind of interesting to see something that far up—25 miles high. Wonder how the view is from there?)

"I thought so." A curious mixture of relief and disappointment. But the truth is the truth, even if it is a letdown. Still, the fantasy is nice.

Yes ma'am, we know about it. No ma'am, we don't know what it is. Neither does the weather service. The Air Force has scrambled a squadron of interceptors from San Antonio to check it out. No ma'am, they haven't heard anything for the last 20 minutes. Their latest transmission was a little strange—"Abel Charlie One to squadron, closing in for a look—my God! what ... " and static. Yes ma'am, I would keep my tank full. Thank you ma'am, bless you too—"bye now."

I will admit I was tempted to have a little fun that day—I would have loved to have answered one of the many concerned phone calls in my most metallic, alien voice and say

"Please-do-not-worry-there-is-no-cause-for-concern ... concern ... concern ..."

But common sense won out. This is, after all, a 1979 newspaper, not the 1938 Mercury Theater of the Air.

Don't worry. There'll be some real UFO's around before long, I'll wager. It's been at least 10 years since the last major invasion from Mars, or Titan, or Remulac, or wherever, with anything in the sky

from an out-of-season spoonbill to a Stearman biplane causing mass hysteria ("Calm down, lady, why would the Martians write 'Goodyear' on a battlestar?")

But this time, the balloon stayed a balloon. Southeast Texas, no longer mystified; took a last look skyward, said "oho!" and the thing reddened in the sunset and faded out altogether.



CLEAR LAKE STAR - WISC.
OCT. 18, 1979**

On my Sunday tour, I stopped in Clayton for coffee. One resident, Pam Overberg, reported that she and a co-worker at Kurt's Kitchen had spotted a "UFO" on Saturday evening.

The large, lighted object, seen about 10:00 p.m. appeared to be over the Amery area. At first, they thought they were seeing the control tower lights but the light seemed to move too much.

We've heard no other reports of the spotting and have not been able to develop the story any further.

I've spotted these "things" myself but they always turned out to be the clouds reflecting a search light beam. Were there any other spottings in the area that night?

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL - WISC.
*****NOV. 16, 1979*****

Experts to discuss bomb-like flash

Washington Post Service

Washington, D.C. — The White House has gathered seven outside experts on atmospheric science to discuss whether natural events might have caused the atom bomb-like flash in the sky south of South Africa in September.

A US surveillance satellite observed a double pulse of light characteristic of a nuclear explosion in the vicinity of South Africa in late September.

UFO center checking St. Croix County, area sightings

EAU CLAIRE LEADER TELEGRAM - WISC.
*****OCT. 17, 1979*****

NEW RICHMOND — The Center of UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., has been interviewing persons in the New Richmond and Hudson areas who have reported sighting unidentified flying objects.

The UFO center is also investigating an incident in Marshall County, Minn., when rays from a UFO reportedly damaged a police car and rendered a police officer unconscious. At Warren, Minn., Sheriff Dennis Brekke said infra-red photographs of vegetation in the area where a county deputy sheriff was knocked unconscious in August indicate there was intensely bright light in the area.

Deputy Van Johnson, 35, was patrolling a lonely stretch of road Aug. 27 when he said he spotted a bright light. As he approached, he said the light swooped in on him.

When Johnson regained consciousness about 30 minutes later, his squad car was damaged and his eyes were burned. Doctors later said the burns could have been caused by a bright flash of light.

Sheriff Brekke said preliminary results of infra-red photographs taken later in the area indicate a 2½ mile path from where Johnson says he first spotted the object to the point of impact.

Chlorophyll stimulated

Laboratory analysis showed chlorophyll in the vegetation was stimulated as if by a super-bright light.

Sheriff Brekke has calculated the incident occurred about 1:40 a.m. It was 2:19 a.m. when Johnson called for assistance. Johnson's watch and an electric clock in the

patrol car stopped for 14 minutes during that time.

Al Hendry, chief investigator for the center, inspected the area and said, "A truly anomalous case." He said his office receives about 1,000 tips of UFOs a year and most of the investigation is done by phone, except for incidents when damage can be documented.

Hendry said the Federal Aviation Agency and Grand Forks Air Base had no reports of aircraft in the area at the time of the accident.

Brad Ayers of Lakeland, Minn., a field investigator for the center, interviewed a man and a woman from the New Richmond area who last month said they saw a UFO near New Richmond.

Hudson sighting

Their sighting followed a report in the New Richmond News that three men from the Hudson area had sighted a UFO in that area.

Ayers said the man and woman asked not to be identified, but he confirmed talking to them. They reported the sighting while driving southeast of Boardman in St. Croix County on a town road. They say they saw a "brilliant, globe-shaped metallic appearing object" which seemed to be moving toward their car.

They said after losing sight of the object for a moment, it seemed to pass over their car with a "tremendous roaring noise." The couple reported their car shook violently "like a dozen freight trains."

Ayers said the sighting was unusual because the couple said the object emitted a tremendous sound and pressure.

The man and woman did not publicly report the incident until after they had learned of the New Richmond sighting.

'Red, glowing disc'

Ayers also said that two middle-age couples from the Minneapolis area were traveling to a cabin in the Balsam Lake area when they saw a "large intensely red, glowing disc" over the road in front of them. He said they reported at the time the dash and headlights went out but came back on as the object seemed to "shoot off" to the southwest at a high rate of speed.

Ayers said he has talked with about 14 persons from the New Richmond and Dresser areas concerning sightings.

"They appear different in some instances," he said. "Some are daylight type lights and others are nocturnal lights."

He added all of the persons he has talked to are credible as to what they report.

"We haven't found any of the sightings related to each other and the people we have talked with have seen them independently," he said. "None of them except the four persons in the same car, are related in anyway."

He added there is no explanation for the sightings because of the lack of scientific data, but they are interesting reports.

Ayers said the identity of the persons reporting the sightings is confidential and any person can reach him by calling 612-439-1945.

Another UFO Spotted in City

Another unidentified flying object has been sighted in Cannon Falls.

Ray Davisson, Cannon Falls, saw an object flying low in the sky about 7:40 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24. The object he saw was moving slowly northeast to southwest, and looked like two "Scrubby bubble" bathroom cleaner characters put together. He described the UFO as grey on the bottom and opel-glass colored on the top.

"We don't know what it was," said Davisson, adding "I think most people have the idea that a UFO is from outer space. I don't think this was necessarily from outer space."

Davisson doesn't think the object was a balloon. He feels it was traveling too fast, and in the wrong direction (against the wind which was from the southeast that morning) to be a balloon. But the UFO was moving quite slowly. Davisson watched the object for a minute or more, and even feels he would have had time to photograph it.

He didn't even try to get his camera, though, because he had heard a UFO moves too fast to have time to find a camera.

"There were no signs of headlights, no signs of aerials, and no signs that there were holes in the bottom," said Davisson.

"I was wondering if someone else had seen it," he concluded.

CANNON FALLS, MINN. - BEACON
*****OCT. 25, 1979*****

Jetliner dives 14,000 feet to avoid UFO

LAS PALMAS Canary Islands (UPI) — The pilot of a Spanish jetliner that made an emergency landing after being "pursued" over the Mediterranean island of Ibiza said today he was forced to dive 14,000 feet to avoid collision with an unidentified flying object.

The Spanish transport ministry is investigating the Caravelle's emergency landing at Valencia's airport in eastern Spain.

The plane, carrying 109 passengers, mostly German and Austrian tourists, was on a flight from Mal-

lorca to Tenerife in the Spanish Canary Islands on Sunday when bright red flying objects appeared to buzz it.

Pilot Francisco Lerdo de Tejado said he asked permission to land in Valencia "because my plane was in danger of colliding with an unidentified object."

Technicians said the plane was in perfect working order.

Asked if he thought the object was a UFO, Lerdo replied: "If I knew what these flying saucers looked like, I would tell you. I only know that it was a devilishly fast thing,

with a terrifying capacity for maneuver."

Lerdo said he was climbing from 23,000 to 33,000 feet shortly before midnight when he saw "two parallel red lights so strong that they hid their ship, or whatever it was, from sight."

"They were on a collision course with us, traveling at a speed no conventional aircraft has, when they suddenly stopped very close to the Caravelle."

Other members of the crew confirmed his description.

Lerdo said the objects "played

with us for some 10 minutes" as the nearest control tower reported the objects did not show up on its radar.

When the objects appeared to start on a second collision course "much more precise than the first," Lerdo said he dove from 29,000 to 15,000 feet and radioed for permission to land at Valencia's Manises airport "because of pursuit by an unidentified plane with risk of collision."

Sources at Valencia airport said the red lights could be seen around and over the airport several hours after the plane's landing.

ATHENS, TENN. - POST-ATHENIAN
*****OCT. 19, 1979*****

UFO is reported

A local resident reported the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) north of Athens shortly before noon Thursday.

The witness, who asked that his name be withheld, said he was working in the vicinity of the United Parcel Service building off Congress Parkway when he noticed what appeared to be a "perfectly round, clear" object hanging motionless in the air.

He said his first impression was that the object was a weather balloon. But he said the object began to turn and he observed that it was actually flat and "as thin as a wafer."

After turning, he said the object suddenly sped off through the sky in a northern direction at an extremely high

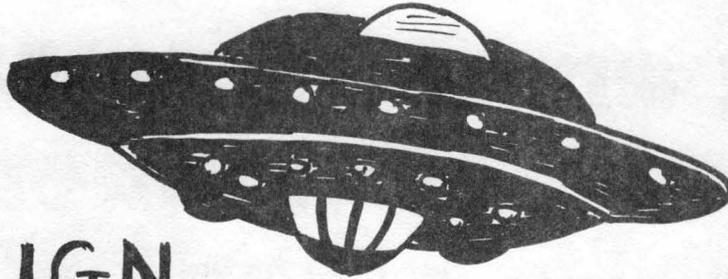
rate of speed. "I would say that it was going faster than a jet," he said.

He briefly lost sight of the object but then noticed that there were actually two of the crafts.

The witness said he could not estimate the size of the objects because there was no reference point in the sky to measure them against.

He added that he wasn't sure if any other persons witnessed the incident and that he was reluctant to report it to the authorities. "It's so hard for me to believe in a UFO," he said.

There have been occasional UFO sightings in the local area in recent years, but a spokesman for the McMinn County Sheriff's Department said that no reports had been received Thursday.



FOREIGN

CLIPS

WHITEHAVEN NEWS - CUMBRIA, ENG.
*****OCT. 25, 1979*****

UFO or ³¹²⁸meteorite?

A St. Bees woman saw a "brilliant incandescent white ball of light" shoot high over the village early yesterday morning.

Mrs Patricia Hambridge, of Vale View, says that the object, which had a red tail, went inland and disappeared behind Bigrigg.

Her sighting coincides with a similar report in Scotland, where scores of people saw what was described as a large meteorite burning up in the atmosphere 30 to 40 miles high.

Whitehaven police said they had not had any reports of the mystery object.

WESTERN MORNING NEWS - ENG.
*****OCT. 26, 1979*****

UFO ³¹²⁸seen

A COMET-LIKE object was seen over Cornwall early on Wednesday morning by a retired naval lieutenant commander, who wonders if it was observed by anyone else.

Cdr. John G. Baskcomb, of Trekelryn, South Petherwin, saw it at 6.10 a.m. when he was on his way to catch the Landon train and nearing Launceston.

"It was like a bright cricket ball with a burning tail, almost like a comet but much lower and appeared to be over Launceston," he told me. "It was clearly visible in the sky and moving from east to west."

"I told the police later in case they had received any other reports. I am sure other people must have seen it even at the early hour."

IPSWICH EVENING STAR - SUFFOLK, ENG.
*****OCT. 25, 1979*****

'Spinning top' seen in sky!

³¹²⁸THE UFO spotted over Westbourne last Thursday evening was also seen by two women in the Wherstead area of the town.

Mrs. Nora Squire, of Glamorgan Road, and Mrs. Gail Dersley, of Rectory

Road, were at work at the Electricity Board at Wherstead when they spotted the UFO.

Mrs. Dersley was the first to notice the "spinning top" shape object, with red and green lights, and a glow

around it.

"At first we thought it could be a helicopter as it seemed to be hovering, but when we stuck our heads out of the window we realised it wasn't," said Mrs. Squire.

She said that the object was not making any noise.

The incident happened at about 7.45 p.m. and the two women watched it move very slowly towards the town.

Mrs. Squire said that when she and Mrs. Dersley told their workmates what they had seen, they thought the two women had "had one too many" — but they assure me they hadn't been drinking at all!

RESIDENT ³¹²⁸SPOTS UFO AT DARWEN

By NEVILLE BARLTROP

DARWEN had a close encounter of a mysterious kind when a resident of Marsh House Lane reported sighting a UFO.

The report was made to Darwen police about 10 pm last night, although a spokesman said the sighting had been put down to a low-flying aircraft.

The Civil Aviation Authority said they knew nothing of the sighting but were not aware of any low-level flights in the Darwen area.

A spokesman for British Aerospace at Warton said there had not been test flights at that time.

LANCASHIRE EVENING TELEGRAPH - ENG.
*****OCT. 9, 1979*****

Seeking answers to UFO phenomenon

In Warrington, a branch of a world-wide organisation called the Artherius Society which claims to have contact with space beings, some time ago became the first of its kind in Britain to be recognised as a church and be given permission to perform marriages.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In isolation, none of these three occurrences are sufficient to actually prove that we are being visited by beings from other planets. When taken collectively and added to many hundreds of other case histories of alleged "sightings", however, they do provide food for thought rather than cynical laughter.

Such is the view of Jenny Randles of 23 Sunningdale Drive, Irlam, who has been involved with UFO investigation since the 1960s and holds a post with "Flying Saucer Review", and also that of Peter Warrington, chairman of the Manchester UFO Research Association and the Royal Astronomical Society.

A RED glow rose up from behind some trees, followed by two blue lights flashing inside the tree cover. The lights stopped, but then the air went cold and heavy footsteps filled the air... but there was nothing to be seen.

It all sounds like the start of science-fiction story, but it is an account of an alleged occurrence at Winsford seven years ago when a group of young men went on a hunt for unidentified flying objects.

They had decided to mount an investigation after other people had claimed to have seen a number of UFOs in the area.

In Irlam three years ago, a man spotted a silvery oval shape in the sky and afterwards claimed he was able to make watch hands move around irrationally — a psychic phenomena known as telekinesis.

Jenny and Peter have linked up to produce a book "UFOs: A British Viewpoint", published recently by Robert Hale of London at £5.25p.

SLIPPERY EEL

Jenny and Peter have included the three occurrences mentioned here and many others in their book but insist that it is not simply a compilation of "sightings". It looks at the people involved in the study of UFOs, the attitudes

that different parts of society adopt and the work that has and is being done to find out the answers.

They admit, however, that there are no clear-cut answers. "All we ever seem to do is produce yet more questions; the phenomenon seems almost alive, running away from us like a slippery eel just as we think we have found the truth", they say. "It could even be that we are not meant to find out the answers".

Jenny and Peter would like to hear from anyone who has had a strange experience of any kind which may or may not be of relevance to the UFO phenomenon.

Bright object

THE PRESS AND JOURNAL - ENGLAND
*****OCT. 25, 1979*****

over Scotland remains a mystery



Mr SANDY BADENOCH
"Huge fireball"

A MYSTERY object hurtling through the skies above Scotland at around 25,000 m.p.h. led to hundreds of calls to police stations, airports and RAF centres yesterday.

Eyewitness accounts of the unidentified flying object's progress came from Orkney to Aberdeen via Inverness and Elgin in the East and Skye to Glasgow in the West.

But last night there was still no explanation to the mystery.

An RAF spokesman said: "We have heard various descriptions — it could be a meteorite or a comet or a fireball."

In North Skye at Dunluin, coastguard's wife Mrs Ivy Hogg described her 7.20 a.m. sighting as "a big round ball of white and red" leaving a white vapour trail in its wake.

At Inverness, morning commuters were provided with a spectacular free fireworks show as the UFO blazed across the dawn sky.

Among those who witnessed its flight was 37-year-old Mr David Haynes, Rowan Cottage, Knockbain, Munlochy.

Mr Haynes said: "I work for RDL on the Kessock Bridge and I was just filling the diesel pumps at the start of the day's work when this flash caught my eye."

"I looked up and saw this bright object flying across the sky, leaving a big white trail of vapour behind it — just like a big rocket."

According to Mr Haynes the

"rocket" came over the Ord Hill then flew out over Beauly Firth where, he said it "disintegrated" over Smithton.

"I've seen quite a few things in my time but nothing like this," he said. "I thought it was wildfire at first. It was all colours — red, blue and yellow. It was beautiful."

Northern Constabulary HQ at Inverness received only one report of the object, from a resident in the nearby Drakies area.

The pilot of an early morning

British Airways flight to London reported the UFO as he prepared for take-off and it was logged as a re-entering satellite.

A spokesman at RAF Pitreavie in Fife said that most of the calls concerning the UFO had come from Central Scotland.

At Elgin, bus driver Mr Sandy Badenoch (39), 18 Christie Road, Bishopmill, was on the early morning run to Aviemore when he spotted "a huge fireball" coming from the

north-east, just five miles outside Elgin.

It was bright red and lasted for about three seconds before disappearing behind a hill, leaving a trail of white smoke.

RAF Buchan reported no record of sightings but Aberdeen postman Mr William Scott (58), 27 Arbroath Way, Kincaith, said he was starting his morning delivery around 7.20 a.m. when he saw a silver object with vapour trail "travelling very fast" across the sky.

Three UFO's seen at Ringwood

FOUNDRYMAN Chris Hooper has just had his third encounter of the alien kind—and now his ambition is to go where no man has gone before.

For UFO spotter Chris is hoping for the closest encounter yet with beings from outer space.

And he feels his latest UFO sighting has brought him closer to becoming a starship trooper.

Forty-year-old Chris, of Ceniston Road, Ringwood, wants to be the first man to board a spacecraft and meet travellers from another world.

He says he's got a gut feeling that someone in Britain will soon do just that—and he's keeping his fingers crossed it'll be him.

On Tuesday night he and his 14-year-old son Paul spotted three UFOs hovering over Hightown in Ringwood.

"Paul saw what he thought was a helicopter. But when it stopped in mid-air and silently glided backwards over his head he realised it was something far more unusual," said Chris.

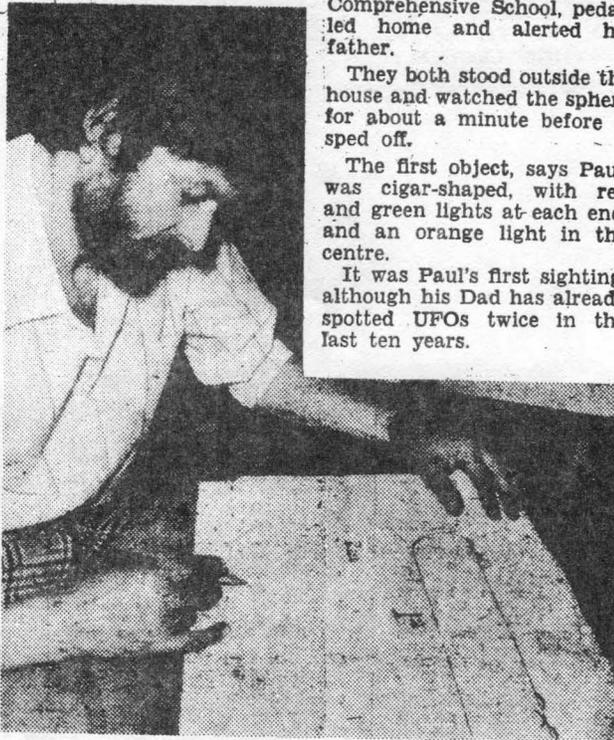
"As it disappeared he noticed a bright silver sphere moving slowly across the sky."

Paul, a pupil at Ringwood Comprehensive School, pedalled home and alerted his father.

They both stood outside the house and watched the sphere for about a minute before it sped off.

The first object, says Paul, was cigar-shaped, with red and green lights at each end, and an orange light in the centre.

It was Paul's first sighting, although his Dad has already spotted UFOs twice in the last ten years.



Mr. Chris Hooper drawing one of the UFOs he saw.

TWO flying instructors at Blackbushe airport are puzzled by a nine-inch UFO spotted over Hampshire. The object looked like a flattened blob of mercury, with flat hexagonal panels each about an inch across, they say.

More U.F.O. sightings

TWO MORE people today claimed they saw U.F.O.s on the night a young Hanley couple watched a huge dome-shaped object hovering above their home.

As experts probed the bizarre mystery 34-year-old tyre worker Mr. Keith Harley said he stood watching a large "craft" for over a minute.

Mr. Harley, of Mill-Hayes-oad, Ryppersley, first saw a bright light in the sky as he rode through Brindley Ford in his motorcycle at about 10.25 p.m. on Monday night.

"When I stopped I saw that it was about 50 feet across and shaped like a diamond with a series of lights. It was perfectly still and I could make out its outline. It wasn't a plane or anything like that.

Equipment controller Mr. David Butler, 36, of Oxford-road, Basford, saw an object with bright lights flying slowly over the A34 on the same night.

The twin sightings coincide with a report from Mr. Eugene O'Grady, 25, and Patricia Hand, 23, who claim they watched an enormous object hover above their flat in the Parkway, Hanley, at 10.30 p.m. on Monday.

A spokesman for the New-chapel-based British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association said today: "Each of the objects had similarities with aircraft yet they were noiseless and moving very slowly. It is very difficult to explain."

UFO sightings in S. West

The recently-formed Exeter UFO Society is investigating two independent reports of a mysterious dart-shaped object seen in the sky over East Devon in the early hours of yesterday morning.

A married couple reported seeing the UFO over Woodbury Common at about 5 a.m. and an hour later a man on his way to work at Exmouth saw a similar brilliantly-illuminated object moving slowly over the town. He watched it for 10 to 15 seconds before it disappeared.

THE DAY A UFO 3128 HOVERED ABOVE ME

'It was like looking at the sun'

A MAN told today how he was paralysed with fear when an unidentified flying object flew alongside his car and hovered above him.

Mr Ken Crowson saw it as he drove from Christchurch to March with his wife Barbara.

He said: "As we came to Bedlam Bridge we suddenly realised that there were a series of very bright lights which seemed to be flying along beside us.

I stopped the car, got out and saw what looked like a very large aircraft coming down low over a field of stubble. It was a dark cloudy night and I couldn't make it out very clearly. Then it came towards the car

and hovered above us at about 500 feet. It was obvious then that it was not a plane."

All this time, Mrs Crowson had stayed in the car. She said: "I was too scared to move."

Mr Crowson added: "I couldn't move — I was paralysed with fear. I got back into the car and drove on. But it was still with us."

Mr Crowson, who is 58 and lives with his wife and four children at 27 Norwalde Street, March, said he drove on for another quarter of a mile.

"I stopped the car again. We were on the Upwell Road, about two miles out of March. The UFO had flown out over Wimblington Church to the

south west.

"It was huge — about 20 yards across — and was shining very brightly with lights of all colours. It was like looking at the sun.

"Then, suddenly, there seemed to be a burst of rockets and the object disappeared up into the sky at an incredible speed. When I got home I could not sleep because I was still so frightened. I reported it to the police the next day, but they couldn't do a great deal."

"Until now I thought flying saucers were all a lot of rubbish. But I can tell you I don't now. I certainly will never forget it and I never want to see anything as frightening as that again," he said.

BURTON DAILY MAIL - STAFFS., ENG.
*****SEPT. 8, 1979*****

UFO SEEN

A UFO has been spotted flying over the Stanton Road area of Burton. 3128

The UFO, which was described as being a white revolving light, was reported by Mr. Bryan Turner of 10 Rosliston Road.

He said: "My mum saw a little light in the sky and I went to have a look and saw a plane flying towards Derby and a light following fairly close behind going towards Bretby.

"It was going faster than the plane and went across the sky before disappearing from view."

Mr. Turner said that the UFO was flying at a slightly lower altitude than the aeroplane.

He said he could not think of any explanation for the sighting.



Ken Crowson and a drawing of the UFO he says he saw.

Great balls of fire but no invasion

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COUNTY business-
man may have the
key to a big UFO
mystery.

They claim dozens of
border Scots worried
about Martians invading,
saw nothing more than a
meteorite.

The great UFO debate
lifted off when police,
newspapers and radio
stations across the bor-
der were inundated with
calls from the public.

People living on a map
line from Inverness
southwards reported
lights in the sky trav-
elling at high speeds.

Many callers were gen-
uinely worried that little

By PHIL DAVIES

green men were on the
way.

But according to Sil-
loth agricultural busi-
nessman Donovan Hill
they can rest at ease.

Mr Hill, of East Cote
Cottage, was travelling
in a car with children
Lisa Hill, Vicki Harrison
and Helen Millican.

Not far from Wigton
the children suddenly no-
ticed a "blue-green"
light travelling towards
them.

They watched for sev-
eral seconds as the ob-

ject seemed to peter out
at about 70 feet and drop
into a field near Dun-
draw.

"By the time we saw
it it could not have been
bigger than a small foot-
ball. I told my daughter
it was a small mete-
orite."

IN ANOTHER part of
the county, 33-year-old
chargehand Ken Saun-
ders almost certainly
saw the same thing.

Ken, of Low Lands,
Tallentire, was doing his
early morning rounds at
Dovenby Hospital, Cock-
ermouth, when he saw a
green ball in the sky
above the Solway.

NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST - ENGLAND
*****SEPT. 11, 1979*****

20 say they saw UFO

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AN APPEAL by the Not-
tingham Flying Saucer
Discussion and Research
Organisation for wit-
nesses of a reported UFO
sighting has produced
more than 20 people who
claim to have seen the
"orange ball" first
reported by a Hyson
Green schoolgirl.

Mr. Ronald Marriott, of
Caledon Road, Sherwood,
his wife Grace and two
daughters say they were
watching television on
Thursday when they
heard a whining noise.
Outside they saw a large
round pale orange object
circling above.

After ten minutes it moved
off in the direction of
Mapperley.

Other witnesses include
people from the Radford
and Hyson Green dis-
tricts.

Investigators from the
organisation are also try-
ing to trace the pilot of a
light plane reported in
the district at the same
time as the UFO sight-
ing.

U.F.O. SIGHTED OVER SCHOOL

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SOME local residents
had a close encounter
of the third kind in
White House last
week, when an uniden-
tified flying object was
spotted moving over
Westbourne School.

A large object, described
as being like a child's spinn-

ing top, red in colour with
green lights on the top and
bottom, was seen moving
slowly over Westbourne
High School, and then dis-
appearing in the direction
of Bramford.

Mr. Ricky Double, from
Lawford, told me about the
UFO. He was in the area last
Thursday evening about 8
p.m., taking his girlfriend to

evening classes at the school,
when he saw the "thing."

He said he had just left the
school and turned into
Marlow Road when he first
saw it.

He said, "When I first saw
it it seemed to be stationary
over the school, but when I
drove out into Marlow Road
it began to move."

"The nearest thing I could
liken it to was a child's spinn-

ing top. It was bright red in
colour and had green lights at
the top and bottom.

Slowly

"As I drove down Marlow
Road I saw other people star-
ing into the sky, and when I
reached the end of the road I
was so astonished I got out of
the car and looked up myself.

"It was moving slowly over
the school and away from me

as I looked. It was definitely
not a plane, or a helicopter
because it was moving so
slowly. It was a few hundred
feet off the ground, but must
have been pretty big."

Mr. Double says he was
"deeply affected" by the
sighting, and added that he
spoke to people nearby who
also saw it.

Can anyone out there offer
an explanation?

More witnesses claim they saw that UFO

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The mystery object reported in the Spalding skies recently was apparently seen by several people in and around the town.

Three more eye witnesses have come forward with similar descriptions to those of the two girls and three boys already reported.

All make the point that the lights on the object gave it a triangular appearance.

But it now appears that the UFO was either around for quite some time or accompanied by another.

Two witnesses report seeing it between 10.30 and 11.30 on the Tuesday night while another saw it around eight o'clock.

Mrs Jenny Bonnett, of Barrier Bank, Cowbit, telephoned the Guardian after reading the report in Tuesday's Free Press.

"My mother and I were at the back door when we saw a bright light shining in the direction of Crowland. It disappeared and I went towards the field to see my lambs when I heard a horrible noise, like a deep humming, above me.

"I looked up and saw three lights in a triangle. One was red and two were white. Whatever it was, was not very high."

Mrs Bonnett saw the object about eight o'clock.

About three hours later Mrs Joyce Pugsley and her husband, Charles, were in bed at their Rose Lane home in Pinchbeck, when they realised there was a light in the sky.

HEADLIGHTS

Mrs Pugsley looked out of the window and described what she saw as something "like a car with its headlights on."

The object was stationary with two large lights and one small, shaped like a triangle. It later moved off between her home and the church.

Mrs Pugsley said she heard a noise like an engine revving up and added: "It was most frightening because I thought it was a plane in trouble with its landing lights on."

Mrs Sandra Budd, of 32 Stonegate, Spalding, wrote to say she and her husband, Peter, were saying goodbye to her brother when they noticed a slow moving object. At first they thought it was a helicopter.

"The object had two red lights at the front and a white light some distance to the rear. It was moving slowly as if it were scanning the ground

with two large and very powerful searchlights.

"After watching for approximately ~~two minutes~~, it switched off its searchlights and increased its speed. When it came immediately over our house it began to make a droning sound.

"Then, craftily to make anyone else watching think it was a normal aircraft flying at night it turned off one of the red lights so that one red and one white light only were left on.

"Although it was a fair distance in the sky it must have been a massive piece of machinery. We feel sure it was of a triangular shape from the position of the three lights."

DAILY RECORD - GLASGOW, ENGLAND
*****OCT. 25, 1979*****

Fireball leaves Jim in a panic

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MILKMAN Jim Curran got the fright of his life yesterday.

He sighted a brilliant-coloured UFO trailing flames across the morning sky.

But Jim was only one of hundreds of Scots who had a similar experience.

Jim, 31, of Liberty Road, Bellshill, Lanarkshire, told the Record: "I was driving near North Berwick when I saw what seemed at first like a crashing plane.

"But it was bright blue, with flames shooting out the rear.

"I got a real fright, for at first I thought it was going to fall on me."

Other calls came in from Ayrshire, Rothesay, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Fife, Edinburgh and the Lothians.

Strathclyde police and firemen checked out the Cumbernauld area for plane wreckage, then announced: "Prestwick Airport has identified these lights as shooting stars."

And a spokesman at RAF rescue centre at Pitreavie, Fife, said: "These reports are easily explained—they are meteorites."

U.F.O. over Scotland

A spectacular unidentified flying object seen crossing Scotland early yesterday morning was sighted by people from Inverness, Strathclyde and Fife.

A "Courier" reporter wild-fowling on the Tay also saw the startling phenomenon.

It was exactly 7.19 a.m. when a large cone of iridescent green light, trailing fiery red, passed from north to south.

Terrific speed

"I tracked it for nearly three seconds.

"It was moving at a terrific speed, quite silently, and came from open sky into cloud, through the layer, and then into thicker cloud before disappearing.

"Judging from its height, no jet aeroplane could possibly have been so large, or move at such a phenomenal pace.

"From the time of sighting to its disappearance, it travelled at least 15 miles."

R.A.F. Leuchars also confirmed they had two other sightings. Each description was similar, particularly in respect of the green cone.

Aviation experts said last night that the U.F.O. was probably a meteorite or similar object.

An R.A.F. spokesman said, "We have heard various descriptions—it could be a meteorite or a comet or a fireball, but a meteorite is the likeliest explanation."

Now he believes in UFOs...

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UNIDENTIFIED flying objects have been spotted again in the skies over Bournemouth.

This time the reports come from Matthew Turner, aged 18, of Lions Lane, Ringwood, and his friend, 19-year-old Mark Townsend, of Foxholes Road, Parkstone.

It happened on Saturday

night after 11 pm and the sightings were made from a car park at Wootton Mount, off Old Christchurch Road.

Said Matthew: "It was a cloudless night and I was looking towards the sky when four very bright lights in the shape of a square appeared.

"There was no sound

from them and they travelled at speed towards the south, later changing formation to a triangle.

"The lights then merged into one and disappeared over the sea. I tried all weekend to work out what they could have been but my conclusion is they were flying saucers which I now believe exist."

UFO MANIA 3128 TAKES OFF

SUNDAY SUN - NEWCASTLE, ENGLAND
*****AUG. 26, 1979*****

How I sighted the UFO

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I READ in the Sun-
day Sun (August 19)
about a Felling
woman sighting a
UFO.

I saw it about 2 a.m.
on the previous Thurs-
day.

It started with a bright
light. It seemed to be in
between two houses in
the Felling area.

It seemed to light up
the whole place then the
lights faded. Then the
object itself came in
sight.

It appeared to be spin-
ning over and over with
red and white lights. It
was not making any
noise and it disappeared

towards the Newcastle
area.—Mrs. J. ROB-
SON, Acacia Road, Old
Fold, Gateshead.

UFO-mania has taken off in North
Warwickshire with reports of three sightings in
the past week.

The "encounters" — in Fazeley, Sherry Magna and
Kingsbury — all took place within hours of each other.

And now another "object" has been seen in the sky above
Attleborough.

Nightworker Mrs Beryl Prince claims she was scared by a bright
light about the size of a football which was hovering in the sky 100 yards
above her.

Mrs Prince, 52, of 81 Avenue Road, was waiting for a lift to work on
Wednesday evening at about 9.40pm when the incident happened.

"I saw what I thought was a shooting star which went across the sky
and joined up with another bright light which then glowed brightly," she
said.

"It started to come down above the running track, then stopped and
went back up to its original position.

Its colour then changed from bright white to orange and it gradually
started to fade away."

She added: "I wasn't the only one who saw it either. There was a man
walking his two dogs at the time and they started to go berserk until he
released them.

My friend and my son also saw it."

Mrs Prince, who works at Flutex Limited, claims the experience un-
explainably made her very depressed for the rest of the night.

WOLVERHAMPTON EXPRESS - ENGLAND
*****AUG. 6, 1979*****

Strange sight 3128

Another UFO sighting has
gone into Cannock police files.

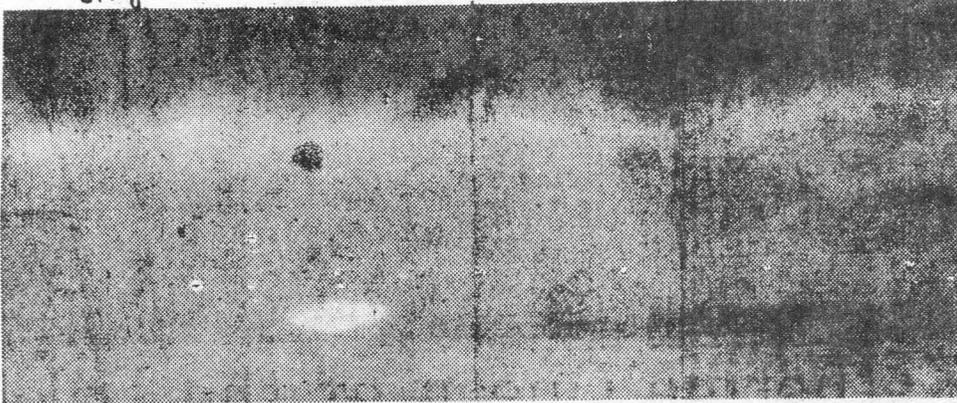
A man from Blackford saw
several coloured lights travel-
ling under the cloud level
during the early hours
yesterday.

The lights were heading
from north to south, said Mr
David Haywood, of Sankey
Road.

Police said no other
sighting was received, but Mr
Haywood's report would be
recorded both at Cannock
station and at Staffordshire
police headquarters.

Did Brian film a MYSTERY OBJECT AT 37,000 FEET

flying saucer?



● The UFO captured on film that has not been retouched, vouches Express Chief Photographer Gerald Henshall.

Report: JOHN ECCLES

AN "Unidentified Flying Object" has been filmed by a Macclesfield man 37,000 feet up.

Sales engineer Brian Jacklin was returning from a business trip to Sweden when he caught sight of the object from the airplane window.

Instinctively he zoomed in on the UFO with his movie camera and captured some fascinating shots, which have left his family and friends open mouthed.

When Brian, of 103 Nicholson Avenue,

showed the film to his colleagues at a business conference in Glasgow, their taunts about his little green men disappeared into silence as the UFO flashed across the screen.

Brian's qualifications as an engineer with 20 years experience in the aeronautics industry add weight to the sighting. "It wasn't a refraction caused by the sun shining on the window—it was very real," he said. "I could see the sun shining off a highly polished metallic skin and what looked like pop rivets in the metal."

The object was cigar-shaped, had a domed top, no wings and was bright silver in colour.

But during the showing, something odd happened to the film projector and one of the frames began to burn. Luckily, the other

frames were not damaged, but Brian is keen to have the film analysed by experts to verify the sighting, before anything else happens to it.

He said his first thought on seeing the UFO had been shock at seeing another aircraft so close to their airspace. He thought it might be some kind of test aircraft as it was like nothing he had ever seen flying before.

● Local folk will know Brian as the conductor of the Macclesfield Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra. He works as a sales engineer for Aga, served five years as an engineer/mech. in the Fleet Air Arm and worked at Woodford, in the aeronautics industry, before his present job.

*The UFOs
came in
two by two*

SIR — I believe a lady from Somerford Estate wrote of seeing an object in the sky between half past ten and eleven o'clock.

I doubt if you will believe me when I say I was looking out of the front bedroom window when I saw one of these mysterious objects gliding from over the sea off Hengistbury. I was intent watching and listening—it was noiseless—when I saw two more gliding.

I watched as they glided out of sight. I know what I saw it was no planes. But on Tuesday of this week I looked again and saw another one gliding in. I stood and watched it make its way over to Burton way. I thought it was going into Hurn, but to my amazement it just stood stationary.

I continued to watch for some time, but it never moved, it was as if it was on sentry guard, and I did wonder what there was at Hurn.

I know UFOs, as they are called, can come in at different times on magnetic lines. But I am wondering about the ones that come from the sea way. Have we a secret weapon made like flying saucers?

The ones that come in on magnetic lines usually go to Warminster or Blandford way, so I am wondering. But one thing is sure — people are not imagining these things, they are around. — G. MURRAY, 44 Purewell, Christchurch.

BOURNEMOUTH EVENING ECHO - ENGLAND
*****AUG. 4, 1979*****

PINT-SIZED UFO RIDDLE

STAR REPORTER

A TINY flying saucer is baffling UFO spotters.

The pint-sized mystery object, nine inches long and "gleaming like a blob of mercury" has been seen twice near Blackbushe Airport, Hampshire.

The first sighting was reported by flying instructor, Laurie Adlington.

The next day pilot Simon Spence saw an object "like a shining honeycomb" hovering over the airfield.

Mr. Adlington, who flew within 15 feet of the UFO, said: "It had two short aerials and appeared to be motionless."

Zippered

"We cruised around it for five minutes and at one stage it went up to 3,000 feet."

Mr. Adlington, 53, chief instructor at the Three Counties Aero Club, added: "I don't know how it stayed up, but I don't think it was from another planet."

The sighting was confirmed by Mr. Spence, who parted company with the object when it zipped off towards Farnborough airfield at 150 mph.

Lights in the sky mystery

A SERIES of bright white lights in the sky believed to be UFOs were probably a squadron of fighter planes.

Neighbours Jane and Ron Clarke and Jenny and Keith Byers, of Hookers Way, Luton, were convinced they were watching spaceships for almost two hours last Wednesday evening.

Jane hurriedly phoned the American Air Force base at Chicksands and Mildenhall and the police. But no-one seemed to know what the dozen or so lights in the sky were.

Later a spokesman for the police said they believed the lights were those of F1-11 fighter planes from a nearby air force base.

"I can see why people don't like to report sightings," said Jane. "No-body seemed to take us seriously."

"They were moving very fast, but making no noise. They were zig-zagging all over the place, stopping then going off again. We were all astounded."

Did a UFO visit Jarrow?

DID anyone else see it then? A UFO passing over Jarrow just before lunchtime on Wednesday.

One person who did was Mrs Pauline Glascock of Barnard Grove, Jarrow, who was watching television when she saw an object fly past her window.

Thirty-one-year-old Mrs Glascock said: "At first I thought it was a football. It was shaped a bit like that but it just kept on going."

Mrs Glascock ran outside with her children to take a longer look.

The object appeared to be travelling fairly slowly along the coast in the direction of Sunderland. It was silver coloured and noiseless and travelling low.

EASTERN EVENING NEWS - NORWICH, ENGLAND
*****AUG. 30, 1979*****

Flying objects

WITH reference to the recent UFO sightings: the British UFO Society investigates reported incidents of unidentified flying objects. While many sightings can be explained in mundane terms, such as aircraft, balloons, planets, and satellites, there remains a high proportion of reports that defy rational explanation.

We would be very interested in hearing from any readers who are interested in UFOs or who think they may have had a sighting. A confidential sighting report form will be sent on request.

The British UFO Society hold no firm views as to what UFOs are, although it is popularly believed that they are visiting spacecraft from a technologically superior planet somewhere in space. The possibility is not as remote as may first appear when one considers the advances man has made in space during the last 20 years.

KEN ROGERS,
Director, British UFO Society.

47, Belsize Square,
London.

DUNSTABLE BOROUGH GAZETTE - BEDS., ENG.
*****AUG. 2, 1979*****

Riddle of UFO sighting over 3128 Ormskirk

Police were today trying to unravel the mystery of an unidentified flying object sighted over North Merseyside.

Eye witnesses reported seeing a bright white star-like shape hovering over Ormskirk last night.

But police in the market town said today: "We have made extensive inquiries and have established there were no aircraft flying the vicinity at the time."

The sighting comes less than six months after a spectacular orange fire ball shattered the night's peace in the same area.

At 2.45 a.m. on February 24 residents at Hurlston Hall caravan site, Scarisbrick, near Ormskirk, were woken by a large explosion to find the night sky illuminated.

The roaring orange fire ball was also seen at Formby, Norris Green and West Derby.

A teenage couple reported last night's UFO sighting.

Electrician Gary Carroll, 19, of Deybrook, Up Holland and his girlfriend, Angela Gallagher, 18, of Tawd Road, Skelmersdale, were returning home from Southport on a secluded country lane near Birkdale when they saw a bright white light which appeared to hover over Westhead Village outside Ormskirk.

They said it was very hazy around the edges, travelled towards them and then turned and drifted away towards north Liverpool. There was no sound and several minutes later it appeared again over Ormskirk.

Lancashire police said that another sighting was reported by an Ormskirk resident.

A flying saucer bid crash lands

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FROME'S bid to launch itself as a flying saucer centre seems to have crash-landed.

There are no plans to revive any of last year's events which included a UFO exhibition, special films and guided tours around popular saucer spotting areas.

A group of local businessmen commissioned a special brochure entitled Frome is Flying Saucer Land, which showed Martian characters, visiting local places of interest.

Organiser Mr Michael

Western Daily Press Reporter

Pawley, who owns the Portway hotel said: "We have no plans to pursue this matter. The whole idea seems to have fizzled out."

Cinema owner, Mr Raymond Franklyn said: "I'm not sorry that the flying saucer people aren't coming again. The whole thing was badly organised from the Frome end."

But, it appears flying saucers are still around the area. Enthusiast, Mr Michael Oram, who lives at Portway, Warminster, said: "There have been

a number of sightings in the Frome and Warminster areas in the past six weeks. We have had reports of green laser type beams emanating from both the ground and craft in the sky.

"A man returning home from work in Westbury saw a beam sweep across the road in front of him and he was so surprised that he fell off his bike. I would rather not comment on Frome's efforts to set itself up as a flying saucer centre, after all it's Warminster that's become famous through UFOs."

It's those little green men again

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MYSTERIOUS flash-green lights in the sky brought a UFO scare to the Swindon area last night.

Two green lights, one above the other, were seen towards Chippenham — in two separate sightings.

They were first seen by 15-year-old Alan Tompkins and two friends as they cycled to Cricklade from Ashton Keynes at about 11 p.m.

"It was like a police light flashing. We watched it for about 20 minutes," said Alan, of Ringsbury Close, Purton.

"Then looking towards Swindon we saw something like a star dropping out of the sky."

Adver reporter Jaine Blackman also saw the green lights towards Chippenham as she drove from Malmesbury to Swindon at about 11.30 p.m. and stopped to watch them.

RAF Lyneham said they had no reports of anything unusual.

UFO STOPS EDNA IN HER TRACKS

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A MYSTERY object in the sky stopped Barnoldswick neighbourhood councillor Mrs Edna Craston in her tracks as she was hanging out the washing today.

For there, drifting across the wide blue sky, was a silver bullet-shaped object. It had no wings and made no noise.

She said: "It was all rather peculiar. I have seen it before, but this time it was much clearer. It was flying at about the same height as airliners do but, although it was very quiet, I couldn't hear any noise coming from it."

Blunted

"There was no evidence of windows, wings or a tail. It was just a sleek shape, blunted at the back end and with a long streamlined nose. The only way I could describe it is looking like a sleek version of the old airships."

"I couldn't believe my eyes. I followed it right across the sky until it disappeared. There was no vapour trail, and the whole thing was very strange."

Mrs Craston lives in Foresters Buildings, Barnoldswick, and works for upholstery firm of Buoyant Ltd.

SWINDON EVENING ADVERTISER - WILTSHIRE, ENG. *****
*****AUG. 22, 1979*****
*****AUG. 29, 1979*****

BURNLEY EVENING STAR - LANC. *****
*****AUG. 29, 1979*****

Ministry 'is ³¹²⁸destroying UFO reports'

HIGH PEAK MP Mr Spencer Le Marchant is to look into allegations that the Ministry of Defence is systematically destroying UFO sighting reports before they become legally available to the public.

Mr John Stainer, of Rock Bank, Harpur Hill, Buxton, called in his MP after the Ministry refused to give any reasons why the reports were being destroyed.

Mr Stainer had no interest in UFOs until about a year ago when he saw one over Buxton and wanted to compare his sighting with those of other people.

He said: "I asked Derbyshire police what they did with UFO sightings and they said that they were passed to the Ministry of Defence.

"I wrote to the Ministry but they told me that all UFO sightings came under the Public Records Act, which prevents them from being published for 30 years.

"I then asked them if I could see those which had ceased to come under the Act, but the Ministry then told me that they had destroyed every one prior to 1962.

"I was staggered. How can all this evidence be lost to people who have a genuine interest in the subject? I'm no flying saucer crank — just someone who became interested after seeing something strange in the sky."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: "We can add little to what we told Mr Stainer. All the UFO records are protected by the

Public Records Act because we haven't the staff or the time to edit those which may be classified and to protect those informants who wish to remain anonymous.

"All UFO reports prior to 1962 have been destroyed but it is not our practice to destroy important papers. They would contain nothing to suggest that they should have been retained.

"We recognise that there are many strange objects in the sky but there are perfectly natural explanations for them — fireballs, re-entry of satellite debris, mirages, aircraft lights and weather balloons.

"Our function is the implications for the air defence of the United Kingdom. There are no reports which suggest that this defence is under any threat from UFOs."

Mr Stainer remains unimpressed by the Ministry's reply. "I accept that most UFOs have natural explanations. But if they are all harmless, then why is there the need for all this secrecy?" he said.

"I have written to Mr Le Marchant and he has promised to make a full investigation into the Ministry's actions. I feel that the people of this country have a right to see these reports and that they shouldn't be lost for ever.

"It's a case of heads they win, tails we lose, for as soon as the reports become open to inspection, the defence people destroy them."

MYSTERY SIGHTING IN ³¹²⁸SWADLINCOTE SKY

Another UFO sighting was allegedly made by a Midway woman over Swadlincote last night.

Mrs. Ivy Orme, of James Street was in High Street at about 9.15 p.m. when she saw coloured lights flashing in the sky. The lights were stationary — unlike those of aircraft leaving or

arriving at East Midlands Airport.

Mrs. Orme watched the flashing lights for about four or five minutes when they suddenly moved upwards and vanished.

"They were brighter than stars and were red, blue and green. They seemed to be disc shaped and I wonder if anyone else saw them," said Mrs. Orme.

³¹²⁸Baxterley family's sightings

Our report of an unidentified object being sighted over Warwickshire, in Thursday's Tribune, brought a quick response from a Baxterley family who have seen the object on two occasions recently.

Mr E Gardner, of "The Hollies", Wigston Hill, Baxterley, says his daughter Lynn saw the bright object in the sky at 9.45pm on July 9.

The whole family spotted it again on July 22 at about 6pm. On both occasions, the object, which was "very brilliant" appeared to be stationary in the sky above the A5.

"It was a very strange sight," said Mr Gardner today. "We all stood and watched it for about three minutes, before it sped away."

A Tamworth police officer saw a similar object over Fazeley, near the A5 a few months ago and other sightings — have been reported from Tamworth and Atherstone.

THERE was something just a little too extraordinary about the photographs of an unidentified flying object.

So a UFO group at Crewe got to work — and today it can be revealed.

The "UFO" was in fact two red fruit bowls suspended from cotton between a washing-line post and a garage.

Eight months' painstaking investigation into the set of three snapshots has ended with a confession from the photographer.

The pictures were submitted to the Federation of UFO Research last November by a Wistaston, Crewe, man who claimed he took

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the photograph after seeing what he thought was an "airship" approaching his home.

Numerous visits were made to the man's house, tape recordings of his description made and measurements taken.

The camera used was studied and Kodak Laboratories, in Hemel Hempstead, examined the negatives. Copies of the pictures were also sent to an American organisation, Ground Saurer Watch, for computer analysis.

'UFO' made of two plastic fruit bowls

Ground Saurer Watch said the pictures "represent a crude attempt to hoax a UFO incident — there is no photographic evidence to even remotely suggest a distant UFO of large proportions."

The hoaxer said he did not intend the incident to

go so far. He had wanted the photographs to go on file "for posterity."

A spokesman for the Crewe group said: "The whole affair should stand as a warning to any would-be hoaxers that we are not prepared to accept the existence of UFOs at face value."

A CLOSE encounter of the frightening kind has puzzled a young couple.

Angela Gallagher, aged 18, was returning home with boyfriend from an evening out in Southport when they noticed something "strange and mysterious" hovering above them in the night sky.

A blinding white light crept closer and closer as the couple stopped their car in a dark country lane.

After appearing to "look at them" from both sides of the car the shape disappeared.

Angela and her boyfriend, Gary Carroll, also 18, of Upholland, Wigan drove on, but then the light re-appeared.

Said Angela, of Tawd Road Skehmersdale: "We stopped

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again and Gary got out of the car. The bright light came towards us and we both got frightened."

The couple reported the sighting to police, and after giving statements they carried on — only to be followed a third time by the same bright light.

They went back to the station and a policeman went out with them, but the light had disappeared.

"It was as if we were the only ones who could see it and the shape was following

A blinding light 'takes a look' at couple in car

us intentionally," said Angela. "It was a round shape with white lights coming off. I never believed in UFO's until now."

Lancashire police said they

received three reports of sightings of the light over Ormskirk and took statements from other people who saw the UFO in Wigan area.

Close encounter of an intimate kind

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A 43-YEAR-OLD Westcountry woman has claimed she was raped in a spaceship by a being from another planet.

This astounding case is recorded in the journal of the British U.F.O. Research Association.

The two researchers who carefully investigated the case, which including visiting the area with the woman, are convinced she is telling the truth.

Some of the details tally with other unrelated accounts from other parts of the world.

The close encounter of the intimate kind is said to have occurred at Langford Budville on October 16, 1973, but details have only recently come to light because the woman was too

afraid to speak about it except to her husband or sister.

The researchers, Barry King and Andy Collins, will not name the woman, describing her as Mrs. V, but say she and her husband are Italian and that the woman's sister lives at Wellington.

Mr. Collins said from his Wolverhampton office that the woman told him that she was driving along a narrow Somerset lane between Milverton and Wellington about 11 p.m. to see her sister.

Then the car engine and lights cut out. She got out to see what was wrong and felt something touch her.

She turned to see a 7ft tall robot-like figure.

She fainted, and when she came round she and the robot were outside a 40ft. high and 20ft long vehicle with windows around its dome.

She passed out again, and when she came to she was in a circular room. She was bound to a metallic table with a blue blanket covering her naked body. The walls gave off an eerie glow and there was little evidence of colour in the room except for grey dials and buttons.

The robot was motionless in the corner and three men, all around 5ft 7in with fair skin and very round, emotional eyes, all in pale blue tunics, skull caps and face masks, conducted an

examination with a tubular device with 2in. wide cubes glowing red and green to scan her body.

The men left, but one returned and placed a small pincer-like device to her thigh. She felt freezing cold. Then, without emotion or passion, he sexually assaulted her.

The woman told Mr. Collins she was terrified. She wanted to scream but her throat was sore.

The woman passed out again and when she came to, she was sitting in her car. It was 2 a.m.

The engine started and when she got home she told her husband, but the police were not informed until research into the case had started.

Baardegem (Belgium) : Hospitalized due to fear at UFO-sighting.

In the Hospital of the city Aalst lies a young man with a nervou breakdown, caused by a ufosighting near Baardegem.

The patient is Eddy Roelandt , 21 .

On september 4, at about 1 a.m., Eddy and his friend Rudy where driving home Suddenly a huge ball of fire appeared in the air behind the car.

They saw it for a few seconds only, but they where so scared that they ran.

" My parents told me to inform the police, which I did.

They refused to test our blood, but they recorded our statements.

I had no intention to give my story to the newspapers, but I know that others also saw the fenomenan.

Twice before this time I saw something alike. Always in the vicinity of Baardegem.

It looks like a huge bowlerhat.

My experiences made me sick. I hardly sleep since my last sighting.

It's a bizarre thing, all that light, it allmost seems as if someone is taking pictures of theearth."

Baardegem In ziekenhuis uit angst voor UFO

In het ziekenhuis van Aalst ligt een jongeman die zenuwziek is geworden na het zien van een onbekend vliegend voorwerp of UFO te Baardegem. Deze nachtelijke ervaring heeft de 21-jarige Eddy Roelandt, uit de Rozendreef te Aalst, zo overstuur gemaakt, dat hij zich moet laten verzorgen. Zijn huisarts stuurde hem naar het ziekenhuis voor verder onderzoek.

Roelandt vertelde ons wat hem overkwam :

« Na een dansfeestje op 4 september te Aalst reed ik omstreeks 1u. 's nachts naar huis. Ik was vergezeld van mijn vriend Ruddy uit Lebbeke. Wij hadden kleine binnenwegen genomen om sneller ter bestemming te zijn. Zo kwamen we op het grondgebied Baardegem.

Plots verscheen een gloeiende vuurbol achter ons in het luchtruim. Het licht was verblindend. Het straalde slechts enkele seconden, maar we werden er beiden zo bang van, dat we in paniek naar huis vluchtten. Mijn ouders zegden dat ik de rijkswacht van het gebeuren op de hoogte moest brengen. Dat hebben we gedaan. We hebben de

rikswachters gevraagd ons aan een bloedproef te onderwerpen, om te bewijzen dat we niet te veel hadden gedronken. Dat wilden ze niet, doch ze noteerden wel onze verklaringen.

Ik was niet van plan ruchtbaarheid te geven aan dit avontuur. Maar er zijn andere mensen die het fenomeen te Baardegem hebben waargenomen. Daarom spreek ik er nu over. Het was overigens niet de eerste keer dat ik het verschijnsel meemaakte. Reeds twee keer zag ik zoiets, telkens bij volle maan. En anderen hebben ook al gezien hoe bij volle maan een verblindend licht boven de kerk van Baardegem trekt.

De vuurbol hangt zo'n dertig meter boven de grond en schijnt uit de richting Dendermonde te komen. Het ding lijkt op een reusachtige vurige bolhoed. Mijn ervaringen met dit fenomeen hebben me ziek gemaakt. Ik slaap er niet meer van».

Eddy Roelandt durft bijna niet meer naar Baardegem gaan. Toch heeft hij nu met enkele andere getuigen afgesproken om bij de volgende volle maan — begin oktober — weer ter plaats te zijn.

«Ik ben niet gek. Wat ik gezien heb, moeten anderen ook zien. Die vuurbol is iets akeligs. Al dat felle licht, het is alsof men van boven foto's komt nemen van de aarde». — Ee.

From: Gazet Van Antwerpen october 10, 1979

Late report on UFO at Nijlen (Belgium) #1

Only this week an 18-year old boy reported a ufosighting to the police of Nijlen.

On august 30, at about 4.30 p.m. , the young man heard an odd whistling sound, fading away.

Suddenly he saw an orange stroke in the air.

Then some parts hit the ground. They produced small holes in the concrete of the road, as well as five holes in his coat.

No reason for the late report was given.

From: Het Laatste Nieuws august, 21 1979

#2

Space television.

It is quite possible that civilisations in outer space receive our television emissions.

This was said by the American astrophysicist W. Sullivan at the occasion of the 17th meeting of the International Astronomical Society, Montreal.

According to Sullivan, the combined emissions of american and european televisionstations are strong enough to be received somewhere in other solar systems.

#1

Vreemd voorwerp laat gesignaleerd te Nijlen

Een 18-jarige jongen van Nijlen heeft donderdag bij de politie een vreemd gebeuren verteld, waarvan hij getuige was.

Omstreeks 4.30 u. op 30 augustus jl. zou de jongeman aan de Bouwelsteenweg een fluitend geluid hebben gehoord dat wegdeemde. Plots zag hij een verlichte streep van oranje kleur aan de hemel, waarna brokstukken naar beneden vielen en insloegen op de betonbaan waar ze gaatjes van 1 cm. doorsnede maakten. De jongeman zelf toonde vijf gaatjes in zijn vest.

Waarom de jongeman pas nu zijn verhaal kwam vertellen konden we niet vernemen.

#2

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Ruimte-televisie

Het is niet uitgesloten dat buitenaardse wezens met onze aardse beschaving kunnen kennismaken via onze dagelijkse televisiebeelden. Dat verklaarde de Amerikaanse astrofysicus William Sullivan op de 17e algemene vergadering van de Internationale Astronomische Vereniging te Montreal. Volgens Sullivan vormen de gebundelde stralen van Amerikaanse en Europese TV-zenders een geweldige radio-elektrische energiebron, die in het heelal kan opgevangen worden.

Rusland koopt computer

That UFO calls again

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A NORTH housewife last night described a second terrifying close encounter with a UFO.

The first encounter took place a fortnight ago, and was described in the Sunday Sun.

Now the mystery object has terrorised the Felling mother-of-one

again.

"It was just like last time," the woman said. "The UFO, which was shaped like a rugby ball, came into my daughter's bedroom.

"It had a dark sort of glow and made a humming noise.

"It came to rest three feet over me. Then time seemed to stand still and I felt paralysed.

"I thought I was going

to die. Then the UFO went out of the window, and I screamed with terror.

"My husband saw a light from the object and he heard it buzzing too. We continued to hear it after it had gone.

"For some time afterwards my blood felt as if it was burning."

The woman's husband has contacted the

Ministry of Defence. It has not said if there was a UFO logged in the area.

Meanwhile a UFO investigation unit said it has recorded similar experiences to the Felling housewife's.

A member of the unit is to see the woman. She has asked to remain anonymous for fear of being labelled as a "crank."

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Holy cow! A visit from the Milky Way

By MARTIN VINCENT

MRS SUSAN BENNING claims she had an early morning close encounter with an unidentified flying object today.

She was milking a cow at the rear of her home at The Leigh, near Ashton Keynes, at about 6.0 a.m. when she heard a humming noise.

Looking up she realised the noise was coming from a large star-shaped object just above treetop level and about 100 yards away.

As she watched the "star" started to glow and spin around.

Mrs Benning said it was coloured blue on one side and silver on the other.

"I just carried on watching it for about a minute and then from the bottom two red lights appeared, moved to the right and finished above the star.

"The star stopped glowing, shrank and moved away."

Mrs Benning, the wife of a British Airways flight engineer, said the red lights then appeared to glide down into a nearby field.

She watched for a time but nothing

happened and when she went to the spot there was nothing to be seen.

Mrs Benning said she was sure the lights did not belong to an aircraft, helicopter or traffic because there was no noise at all when the star stopped humming.

She said: "I have no idea what it could be really and I doubt very much whether anyone will believe me but I know what I saw."

She said her husband, Peter, had said he believed what she said she had seen—but he had been pulling her leg about it.

A spokesman at RAF Lyneham said today: "We had nothing airborne in that area at 6.0 a.m. We have had no reports of any other sightings."

Marty Moffat of Swindon UFO Society Soufiori said: "About three weeks ago we had three or four sightings around Ashton Keynes and Highworth and simultaneous sightings in Swindon.

"Two weeks ago we had a reported sighting of a sliver star shape which turned out to be the star Capella in the North East direction.

"We've had this reported many times. Capella is very low in the sky and appears to wobble and vary in brightness."

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WALKER SPOTS A UFO OVER HADHAM

A LARGE, brilliantly shining object with a blue ring around it was seen in the night sky over Little Hadham recently by a 53-year-old truck driver, Mr Earhart Wolfsdorf, who was walking to his home at High Bank.

It was the latest of a number of sightings during the past three months, and similar to some which occurred a year ago.

"At about 7.55 pm I saw this object in the sky. It was very large and very bright and was not an aircraft," Mr Wolfsdorf told the Observer. He called his wife, Martha,

and some neighbours and they watched the object for approximately five minutes.

"There was a hissing noise and then it shot off like a bullet in the direction of Stan- don," said Mr Wolfsdorf. "I was very surprised."

It was the third time he had seen a similar object, he added. He saw it twice last year but then at between 12.50 and 1.15 am. On both occasions it was identical to

the recent sightings and fol- lowed a similar route.

"I used to laugh about these things at first but when you have seen it, it's different. Now I believe in them," said Mr Wolfsdorf.

Mr H. G. Cracknell, of 68 Piggotts Way, Bishop's Stort- ford, a friend to whom Mr Wolfsdorf related his experi- ences — and his latest sight- ing which was on October 14 — said "This is not the first time I have heard of sightings locally."

"They have been seen two or three times in the past three months, usually in the early hours of the morning just before 1 am and usually in much the same place. I am interested in these things, I don't need any more convinc- ing," he said.

A spokesman for Bishop's Stortford police said they usually got "one or two" such reports per year. A check with Stansted Airport usually revealed they were aircraft.

At Stansted Airport this week an official said they occasionally had inquiries following reports to local police. On October 14, five minutes before the claimed sighting, a scheduled aircraft did land at the airport.

Footnote.—Anyone with information about UFO sightings in the Herts and Essex border area could contact Mr Richard Sage, UFO co-ordinator for the area at Bedford (0234-61824), who will pass the information on to the British UFO Research Association where all UK sightings are recorded.

CAMBRIDGE NEWS - ENGLAND
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Flashing light in sky remains a mystery

A mysterious flashing light seen in the sky over Cambridge has puzzled police and members of the public.

The white light was spotted at around 7.30 pm on Wednesday. Inquiries to air force bases have failed to come up with an explanation.

Cambridge police said they had received four calls about it from people at Coton, Little Abington, Burwell, and in Cam- bridge, and the light had also been seen by an officer.

"We cannot offer an explanation for it," said a police spokesman. "We checked with local air force stations but we were not able to get any information. But we are not unduly perturbed about it."

The "News" has had reports of three other sightings. Mr Brian Mynott, of 4 Leech Lane, Little Eversden, said his wife first noticed the light flashing at 7.15 pm over the site at Harlton where the USAF fighter-bomber had crashed the previous night.

He said: "I saw it when we went out at 7.10 pm. We thought it was a plane to start with, but it was stationary for so long and we wondered if it was any- thing to do with the plane crash."

Mr Mynott said that when he returned home at about 9.15 pm he saw the light again. It had moved towards Madingley and it was jerking up and down.

When he went to work at Pye Unicam next day two of his colleagues from Cambridge and Bottisham said they had also seen the light.

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U.F.O.

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Sir.—I was interested to read your reporter's account of the unidentified flying object which was seen in many parts of Scotland on October 24.

I, too, saw the object whilst on my way to work.

I was at a point two miles south-west of Inverbervie and the time was exactly 7.23 a.m. when it passed almost directly overhead and heading due south-east, crossing the Kincardineshire coastline between Gourdon and Johnshaven.

I had just checked my wrist- watch with a radio time check.

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