

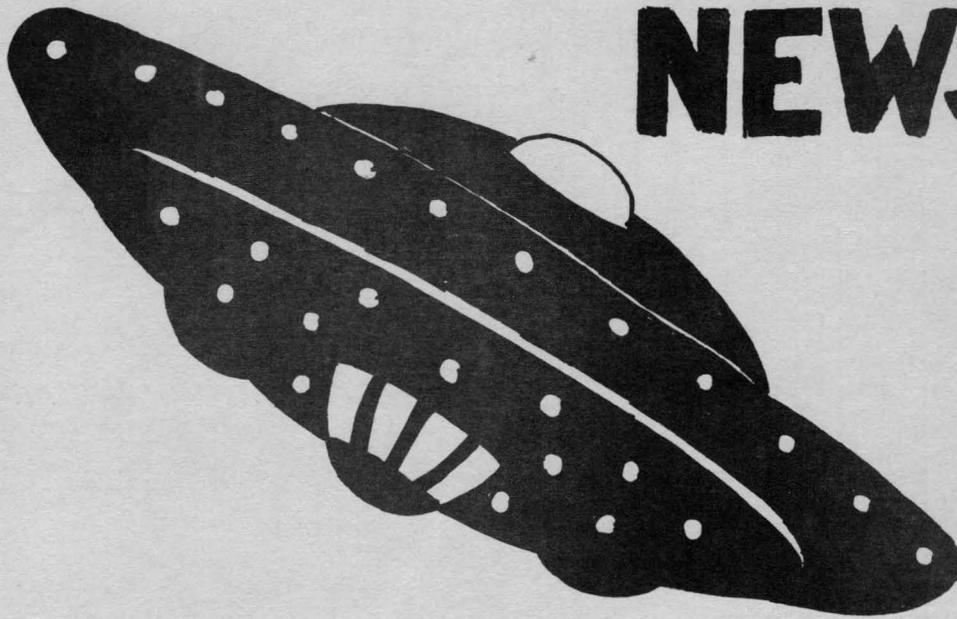
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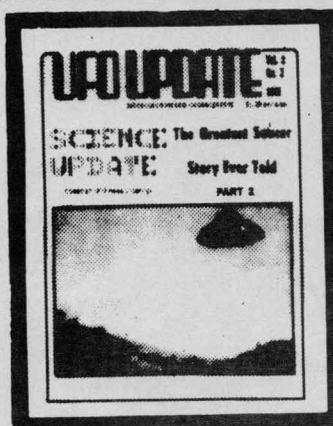
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ATLANTA, TEXAS - CITIZENS JOURNAL  
\*\*\*\*\*NOV. 4, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# Peacock Sees Unexplained Flying UFO

FRONTPAGE

BY NEIL ABELES

UFO  
# 7424

A late evening encounter with a huge and strange flying object Thursday has left Charles Peacock of Atlanta and Huffines strangely disturbed.

The Atlanta barber who makes his home on the Huffines road about six miles out was called outside his house about 9 p.m. Thursday by his barking dogs and an unfamiliar "swirling and swishing noise."

On his porch he saw in the northwestern sky three lights coming from an object about 1,000 feet high hovering over his parents home about 300 yards away. The noise of its motor was like no motor he says he's ever heard.

"I yelled at the dogs to quiet down, and then one light on either side of the object began fading out. And it started to move slowly, but from the way the noise sounded—like a high pitched rumbling and high revving engine—it seemed like it would have power to go just about as fast as it wanted," Peacock told the Journal Friday.

PEACOCK SAID he was curious and concerned at first but not exactly scared until the object moved closer and he thought he could see a dome with some 10 to 12 pulsing lights in it. Finally, the object moved off.

He called Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City and after a few questions and answers they referred him to a center in Washington. Radar can't track that low, he understands now, a blimp or some sort would need an escort and so be logged somewhere and a helicopter does not fit in with the type of sound the object made.

He estimates the events took place within from 10 to 15 minutes. His only answer for what he saw is that perhaps the government or another government is secretly testing a different kind of flying apparatus.

"I KNOW SOME some people are going to laugh at me, and maybe I should just stay quiet. But maybe, too, other people heard and saw this thing, and maybe if I speak out so will they," Peacock said.

"I was sorta held fast by those lights, and I felt like I didn't want to move or do anything to disclose my position. There was a quiet feeling in the air like when a thunder cloud is rolling in. I know the dogs were scared, and it shook me up, particularly after I went back inside."

Peacock made other calls and some relatives came over to his home afterward. He says he does not even know have any idea of what he saw. It was large and domed and powerful. He says he felt better after discussing it with various people the next day.

If you have any information, Peacock and the Journal would be glad to hear it and publish it for all concerned.

ABERDEEN, WASH - WORLD  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 14, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO rumors abound, but very little else

By BETTY BUTLER  
World Staff Writer

Despite persistent rumors concerning the unidentified flying object which several persons reported seeing go down in the Elk River area Nov. 25, no object has been found and apparently no search is being conducted, Grays Harbor County and Army authorities say.

The Westport Police Department, the Grays Harbor Sheriff's Department and The Daily World all have been queried about rumors concerning the mysterious flaming object — that radioactive bodies had been found, that the area was cordoned off by the Army and-or National Guard and that an unidentified burned object had been found.

SHERIFF Dennis Morrisette said Thursday, "I haven't heard anything new. As far as I know nothing is going on."

Grays Harbor County Emergency Services Director Bill Langford said that as far as he knows no search is going on and nothing has been found.

"We're certainly not guarding anything in the Elk River area," said Major Ralph Paduano, Army information officer at Fort Lewis. "And we aren't doing anything about any UFOs that I know about."

So far as The Daily World can determine, no one has reported to any authority first-hand that he-she had seen the object or the persons allegedly involved in guarding it or searching for it.

# Two See UFO in Potsdam Skies

By James D. Phillips  
Times Potsdam Bureau

POTSDAM — Judy Douglass, 19, of 47 1/2 Market St. who spotted an unidentified flying object Wednesday night, says she had never seen anything like it before.

"I still have no idea what it was," Miss Douglass says.

She and Lynn Fadden, 26,

Garden Street, and Valerie Frasher, 18, Star Route, spotted the object at 9:55 p.m. Wednesday on Route 72 as they were driving west toward Potsdam.

They sighted the object near Staffords Corners at the sharp turn in Route 72.

Miss Douglass, who was in the front passenger seat of

the car, says she saw an object in the southern sky above a field. A series of red and white blinking lights on the bottom of the object formed a "U", Miss Douglass says.

"I knew it was not a plane. The object came to the edge of the field by the road and hovered in the sky. The lights were steady when the

object hovered in the sky.

The lights on the bottom of the object were about the size of car headlights, she says, and there were three distinct groupings of lights.

The first series was on the rim, or edge of the bottom. The second series was in the center of the bottom in a large "U" shape. A third circular series was between the rim and the center.

But "there were no wonderful lights on the ground," Miss Douglass explains.

The shape of the bottom was a closed off "U". The silvery metallic object was about the size of a 20-foot boat, Miss Douglass estimates.

The young women stopped the car and got out to look at the object. It then banked and took off in an easterly direction toward Parishville Center.

The object "dropped down to about treetop level and all the lights went off except a red light...then it took off like a really fast jet, gone in seconds."

It left in a southerly direction. It made no noise.

"I've been getting a lot of teasing about seeing it," Miss Douglass notes. "But I was perfectly normal when I saw it."

ALEXANDRIA, LA. - TOWN TALK  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 15, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Alexandrian Reports Sighting UFO

By Richard Sharkey  
Town Talk Staff Writer 7474

Joe Trussell said he doesn't scare easily. But he admits he was scared Friday evening when he saw a UFO.

"It looked like a fireball with fire breaking off the tail end and falling down. It was scary and I don't scare easy," Trussell told The Town Talk. He also reported the incident to the Alexandria police.

Trussell, who lives at 1307 Louise St., Apt. F, said, "I've never seen anything like this in my life and I'm 54 years old. I haven't been drinking a drop and it wasn't my eyes playing tricks. I'm no nut.

"You better believe I saw it. It was real strange and I got a good look at it. As bright as it was, some-

one else had to see it too."

Trussell said he was sitting in his living room, looking out the window, when he noticed a bright light in the sky.

"It wasn't way up high. At first I thought it was a plane on fire but it didn't make any noise. It looked like a big ball of fire on the front and fire was falling from it. It wasn't a jet, I'm sure," Trussell said.

"All of a sudden, it disappeared. It wasn't a falling star because it had been going on a level flight."

He said he would report it to the UFO research center and hoped others who saw it would do the same.

"I know I've seen something but I don't know what it was," Trussell said.

CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER - TEXAS  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 6, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Three spot possible UFO here

Stella Beener was working in her yard at 4226 Grace yesterday evening at dusk when she noticed the star.

It was a little larger than the other stars, so she said she noticed it. Then it moved.

"That caught my attention for sure," she said. "Stars don't move, planes don't stay in one place so long and neither do helicopters.

"I honestly don't know what it was that I saw."

By this time, the object had stopped moving and hung over the southeast horizon. Ms. Beener got two neighbors, Jim Smith of 1117 Maguey and James Cade of 533 Virginia, to look at it.

"I thought it was a meteor at first, but it stopped," Smith said. "Then I thought it might be a weather balloon, but it had a really bright light."

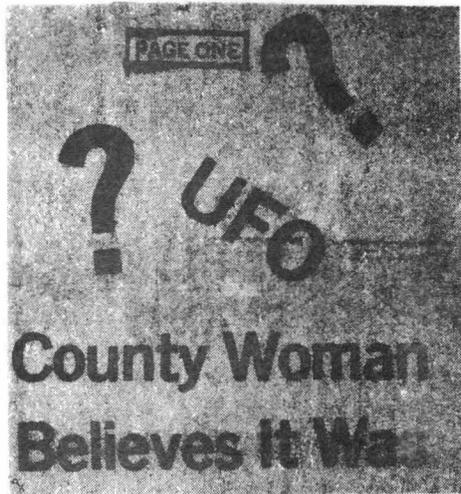
National Weather Service spokesman Jim Cole said no weather balloons had been released in the area last night. Naval Air Station weathermen said they had not released any balloons either.

"Brownsville released a weather balloon after 6:30 p.m., but it would take about four or five hours to get up this high," Cole said. "I don't know what it was."

"It moved pretty fast for a star," Cade said. "In about five minutes, it went down to the horizon and disappeared."

All three said the object was about as bright as a street light and about two or three times larger than regular stars.

None of them ever reported an unidentified flying object before.



Local scientists have not been able to agree on just what Cathy Williams saw in the skies over southern Carroll County, but one thing's for sure, it wasn't the Goodyear Blimp.

"I don't know what it was, but it sure seemed unearthly," she said with a sound of awe in her voice.

Cathy, who is 22 years old says she saw a large, translucent, spherical object hover over Roopville for 20 or 30 seconds between 7 and 8 p.m. Tuesday.

"It was yellowish-white and had a revolving red light in the middle. It was about 10 times the size of the moon and seemed to sink into the ground near Roopville," she observed.

Carroll County authorities received no reports of UFO sightings that night. Apparently, only Cathy and her father saw the object from the top of their hill in Tyus, about seven miles west of Roopville.

"It didn't look like a weather balloon," she asserted.

Describing the object to an astronomer at Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta, Dr. Bob Hayward, suggested the object was possibly a blimp.

"No way," says Cathy, who noted the "thing" was too close to the ground to be that.

Dr. George Keller, an associate professor of physics at West Georgia College, next took a stab at it.

"It could be just about anything," he suggested.

Among his suggestions were that

the object was a "hoax" or cloud of swamp gas.

Swamp gas is a methane gas cloud caused by decay in humid, swampy or poorly drained areas.

Cathy said she had never seen swamp gas, saying, "I don't believe in UFOs. Maybe it can be explained as a natural phenomenon, but it wasn't like anything I've ever seen before."

## 'Encounters' thought part of 'huge operation'

MIDNIGHT GLOBE - GREENWICH, CONN.  
\*\*\*\*\*NOV. 20, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

### **It's a classic case**

● UFO experts say the best sighting to date occurred in Dresser, Wisconsin.

On September 5, five people saw an eerie light at 10:45 a.m. It was a clear, cloudless day.

"I saw something come over the trees," recalled one of the witnesses, Larry Hogan, a ski trail operator.

"It was eight to 10 feet across and three to four feet high. hovered about 50 feet above the ground.

The four others, who were not with Hogan at the time, agreed with his story.

"The Dresser sighting is a classic UFO case, Bradley E. Ayers, investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, told *The Globe*.

"We had five witnesses who are reliable, well-known local people. They would have no reason to make up a crazy story."

As director of counseling and testing at the University of Wyoming, Leo Sprinkle continually talks to students. He also regularly interviews people who have sighted or had "encounters" with UFOs.

Sprinkle estimated that he has received 25 reports of UFO sightings and encounters from all over the world this year. Sprinkle said he was called out of bed Monday night, December 10, by a man in Seattle, Washington, who had just had a close encounter. Sprinkle has also been contacted by people from all over Wyoming (including Cheyenne, Casper, Rock Springs and Newcastle) who have had experiences with UFOs. Some of those people, Sprinkle said, claim they have been taken aboard the UFOs, examined and

released.

"It's hard to keep up with it," said Sprinkle, who believes that the sightings and encounters are part of a "huge operation taking place all over the world." The purpose of the operation, he believes, is to "teach us about the New Age," which he describes as a combination of science and religion.

Sprinkle, a Ph.D. in philosophy, also believes that he has seen UFOs twice. "After the second sighting, I became a believer," he said.

When told about Woody Polston's long reluctance to reveal his sighting, Sprinkle said, "That's a pattern that seems to be prevalent." Sprinkle added that "only one out of 10 people report their sightings."

# County couple, UFO in 'close encounter'

An alien craft may have visited Shelby County early Sunday.

A county couple claims a glowing egg-shaped object followed their car along the Brandywine Road for about six miles, hovered outside their home for a few minutes and then shot off to the east.

Richard Sweet, R.R. 1, Fairland, called the sheriff's department at 1:16 a.m. Sunday to report he and his wife had a "close encounter" with an unidentified flying object that followed their car.

Sweet told Deputy Dennis Alyea of his experience and the deputy observed, "They were dead serious about it. They had not been drinking or anything. At this time, we have no reason to doubt their story."

A report on the incident will be forwarded to the Federal Aviation Administration, Alyea said.

## encounter'

The News could not contact the Sweets today, but Alyea related their story.

Sweet was driving his car southbound on Brandywine Road (200W) toward their home in Brandywine Lakes near Fairland about 12:45 a.m. Sunday when a glowing object descended out of the sky and approached their vehicle.

The object flew parallel to the Sweets' car from 25 to 50 feet above the ground with a side-to-side swaying motion. Sweet awoke his wife, who had been sleeping, so she could observe the object.

Sweet said that the object continued to keep pace with the car and that when he slowed the car down or sped it up, the object also slowed down or sped up.

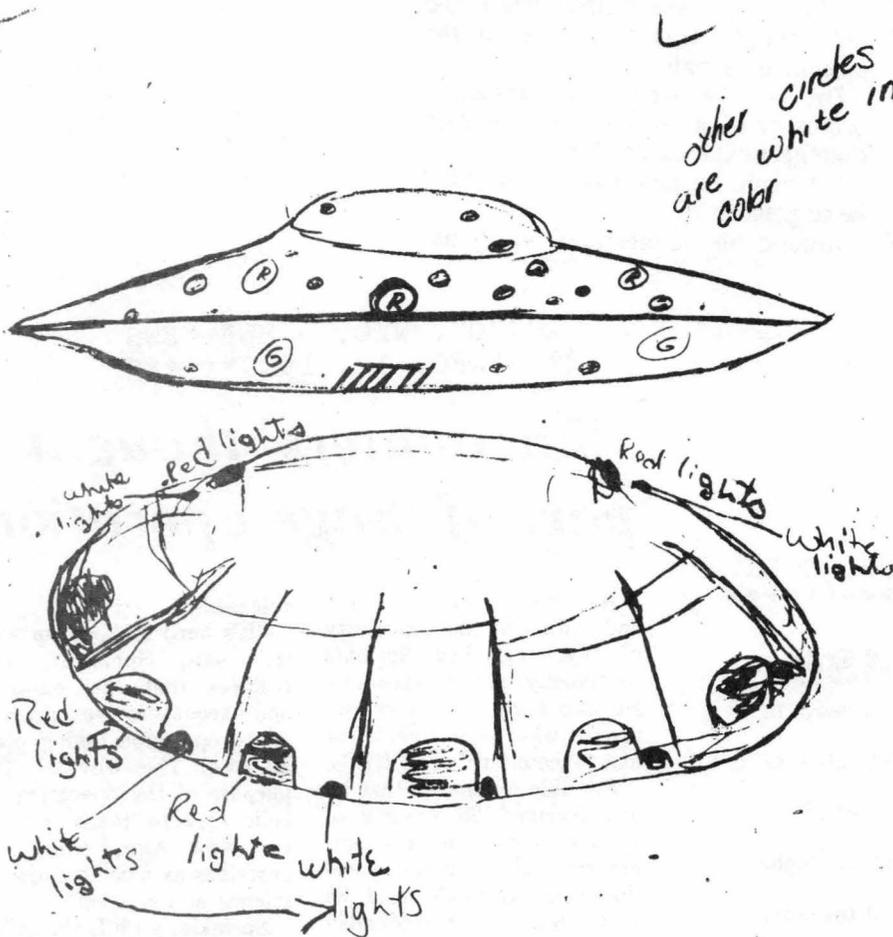
Sweet said the UFO was between 10 and 12 feet tall and about 25 feet long. It was noiseless and pulsated with a brilliant white light. Two dim yellow lights marked the "front" of the object, he said.

The UFO followed the Sweets' vehicle to their home, where they got out of their car and ran to their home. They watched as the object hovered outside their home for a few minutes and then shot off eastward.

Alyea said he retraced the route the Sweets took as the UFO followed their car, but he saw nothing. No one else has contacted the sheriff's department and claimed to have seen the object, the deputy said.

"I don't know what to make of it," Alyea said.

HASTINGS, NEBR. - TRIBUNE  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 14, 1979\*\*\*\*\*



## UFO sketches

Two Fairfield girls made these drawings for Clay County Sheriff Gary Jones to describe the unidentified flying object they claim to have seen the evening of Dec. 3 while driving into Fairfield from the southwest. The girls reported the sighting to the sheriff's office and then told similar stories and drew somewhat similar sketches for Jones. The girls said the gray metal object was between 20 and 30 feet in diameter and had red, green and white lights. They said the object was no more than 400 yards from them, hovering low above the trees. The UFO Reporting Center at Seattle, Wash., was notified by the sheriff, who said several other persons later reported having seen some object in the sky at about the same time.

## Rutledge releases six-year study

# 34 UFO sightings in region called 'incredible' by physicist

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Dr. Harley Rutledge has announced part of the results of a six-year scientific field study of Unidentified Flying Objects he directed while chairing the physics department at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

During that six-year period, the professor said, he and co-workers had experienced 153 sightings of 174 UFOs. He labelled 34 of the sightings as incredible because the UFOs exhibited physical or behavioral properties beyond known man-made technology.

Rutledge, director of Project Identification, a University-based organization of scientists, engineers, students, and amateur astronomers formed to study UFOs, said that on 32 occasions UFOs seemed to react to him and other Project members. "It's enough to make you think someone is playing a game with us."

Covering a large area of Southeast Missouri, the field study has extended 30 miles north of St. Louis, 80 miles west of the Mississippi River, and into Illinois.

The Project has logged 26 sightings of 37 UFOs near Piedmont, where the study began in April, 1973; 17 sightings of 19 UFOs near Farmington; and 104 sightings of 117 UFOs near the Mississippi River along a 70 mile stretch from Perryville to Sikeston. But 48 sightings of 50 UFOs were from within or near the city limits of Cape Girardeau itself. "Often UFOs have hovered over or near the

city," Rutledge said.

In one case a Cape Girardeau girl reported being chased by a small disc flying at treetop level. It temporarily blinded the girl by flashing a bright light down upon her as she reached the door of her home. Two witnesses verified the experience.

Rutledge reports that many of the UFOs were observed in motion and 41 UFOs changed

motion by starting, stopping, or changing direction. In some cases hovering lights streaked across the sky in a fraction of a second at low altitude and even under a cloud cover. Rutledge has observed a light make an instantaneous right-angle turn, the light switching off 20 seconds later. "If that was an object having mass, that kind of turn is impossible," Rutledge em-

phasized. "But I've seen a lot of things that looked impossible."

Of the 174 UFOs observed by Project members, 88 have been mere balls of light. Five were seen to turn on, 47 turn off, while 36 turned on and off. Six different colors have been observed: 50 off-white, 27 amber, 21 white, 7 red, 5 yellow, and two lights were a

green color. Five lights changed color.

Seven craft have been observed, including two discs and a bullet-shaped object. One of the discs was observed in daylight by Rutledge from his office at the University. The bullet-shaped object, also observed in daylight, changed color and vanished.

Contrary to popular representations of UFOs on television and in the movies, only three UFOs observed by Rutledge and his crews made sound.

Eighteen sightings occurred in daylight and 18 more at dusk. These 36 sightings constitute nearly one-fourth the Project totals and under conditions where sunlight would have illuminated any

craft in the sky.

"I'm not the only one seeing these things," Rutledge pointed out. During the 153 sightings, 622 persons have been present, representing more than 30 Project members and well over a hundred different persons as spectators. That averages about four persons present per sighting. "How could any UFO

study, or single sighting, be better documented than this?" he asks.

Rutledge promises that soon he will release more startling results from Project data to the public. "In the beginning, we formed this organization to seek the truth and present it to the public," Rutledge stated. "At first I was reticent to describe some of our in-

credible experiences for fear of ridicule. We have been

careful not to make unsubstantiated claims."

# UFO Sighted West Of Fairfield

PAGE ONE

An unidentified flying object was sighted Monday night by two residents of Fairfield, according to a news release from the Clay County Sheriff's office Tuesday morning.

Though the two individuals declined to allow their names to be used for publication locally, the investigating officer said they had no hesitation about their names being given to the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington.

The UFO Center routinely checks back with any persons who report the sighting of such a craft, and in the phone conversation to report the incident, indicated that Center officials would be calling the two individuals immediately for confirmation and description of the incident.

The investigating officer gave the following account:

An unidentified flying object was spotted

just west of the city limits of Fairfield at about 10:25 p.m., Monday by two persons who were driving on Highway 74 west of Fairfield. The driver of the car followed the craft's path briefly, and watched it. The passenger in the car also watched it but became frightened when the realization came of what it was.

They reported the incident at a nearby house, and a call was immediately dispatched to the Sheriff's office. The investigating officer met with the individuals within minutes of the call.

The officer separated the two persons and asked them for individual descriptions of the incident. He also requested that they each draw a picture of the craft they had seen.

The Sheriff's office spokesman stated that both had been very explicit about what they had witnessed, and that the two

drawings were remarkably similar, in spite of the fact that these two individuals had not been alone together more than possibly 5 minutes after the object disappeared. Both were very distraught and shaken by their experience, but their reports were very much alike.

Both saw the object hovering above the trees about 3 or four blocks from where they were. (Visibility was good since it was a clear night with a full moon.) When it left, it tilted to one side and went in a westward direction.

It was described as 20 to 30 feet in diameter, a metal gray in color, had larger red lights and smaller white lights on it in an irregular pattern which blinked in no set manner. None of the lights were in any special grouping, and there were no beaming lights.

According to their reports, it was round

and thin, no visible glass of any kind; the driver of the car also saw grating on the underneath portion of the UFO. By its appearance, it seemed to have been constructed in section-like pieces.

It hovered approximately 40 to 50 feet off the ground. When it left, there was no sound or odor to indicate any kind of motivation such as motors or jets.

The investigating officer said the two Fairfield residents were frightened by what they had seen and were still in distraught state of mind when he interviewed them. He took them out to where the object had been spotted, and both pinpointed the area where they had seen the UFO.

The officer stated that he intended to return to the scene Tuesday morning for further investigation.

FAIRFAX, MINN. - STANDARD  
\*\*\*\*\*NOV. 28, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Ever See A UFO?

Ever seen an unidentified flying object or what you think is one? If you're not afraid of people who think you're crazy, we'd like to hear about it. We won't call you nuts and if its good, we might even publish it.

It's hard to discount UFO's when you know what happened to a Marshall County deputy's car near Warren, Minnesota, a small town in the northwestern corner of the state.

Laboratory tests could not answer the question of whether or not an "extraterrestrial force" struck the car. However, a released report said the most logical explanation was that a "highly-charged electrical thing or force" hit deputy Val Johnson's car while he was patrolling a remote, rural road.

Whatever it was did minor damage to the car and left Johnson unconscious for 40 minutes. Damage to the car included two broken lights, a severely cracked windshield and two bent antennas.

Something flew over the car fast as the antennas were bent four inches from their tips. The report showed that no solid object had hit and they were not bent by extreme force. Electrical force is the most likely explanation. It discounted lightening or a lightening ball because of the absence of heat and what he saw.

What do you think?

FCB

# Delaware sightings stump UFO groups

By JACK CROFT  
Staff Writer

Donald Shultie, owner of Duck's Service Center in Millsboro, has become a celebrity of sorts in the rural Sussex County town.

The *Philadelphia Inquirer* has been down to see him, as has a reporter from the *National Enquirer*.

And soon, Allan Hendry, the chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., will be paying him a call.

All are interested in what he and four other Millsboro residents saw hovering over a field near the gas station during broad daylight on Sept. 11.

"It looked just like a flying saucer you see on TV," Shultie said.

The daylight sighting in Millsboro preceded a rash of UFO reports in downstate Delaware during October.

Investigators from the Center for UFO Studies and the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Inc. in Tucson, Arizona have been in Kent County to interview those who claim to have seen revolving red, white and green lights in the autumn night skies.

While both organizations are still waiting for their investigators to send them reports on the sightings, they do not expect to offer explanations for what it was that had downstaters looking skyward.

The Center sent Bob Pratt, a reporter for the *National Enquirer*, to

Delaware in mid-October, and his report is expected next week, center administrator Estelle Postol said.

He didn't find it terribly exciting, unfortunately," Postol said.

And Saturday, two members of APRO—a truck driver named Fred Schaefer and a school teacher named Gerald J. Miskar, both of New Jersey—were in Kent County interviewing people.

APRO International Director L.J. "Jim" Lorenzen said Wednesday he is also waiting to hear from his investigators, but expects all that will come of the report is more information stashed in APRO's computer banks.

The Millsboro daylight sighting, however, has both groups chomping at the bit.

APRO plans to send Shultie a report form, and the Center plans to send Hendry down to talk to him.

Hendry is the author of "*The UFO Handbook*," a book published by Doubleday, that details how to go about reporting and investigating UFO sightings.

He has been with the Center since 1975, and has an astronomy degree from Michigan State University, Postol said.

At about 5:45 p.m. Sept. 11, Shultie, Millsboro Town Council woman Dorothy Gray and three others reported seeing a disc-shaped object with a bright, bluish light hovering over a field near Duck's, located off U.S. 113 and Wilson Highway.

"All five of us stood there and looked at the same thing," Shultie said this morning. "We can't all be crazy."

Shultie said he "didn't want to believe I seen one," and reluctantly admitted his sighting a couple of weeks later to the *Millsboro County Post*.

Since then, Shultie said he has gotten "a lot of teasing" about his sighting, but has also had quite a few people come to tell him they have also seen strange sights.

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\*\*\*\*\*NOV. 21, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

OSCEOLA, WIS - SUN  
\*\*\*\*\*NOV. 15, 1979\*

# Sussex UFO Sightings Are Being Investigated

MILLSBORO — Several national UFO groups investigating sightings of strange lights in the skies over rural Sussex County in September and October are stumped.

Most of the inquiries by the National UFO Reporting Center in Washington, and the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., have been concerning the daylight sighting of a UFO hovering over Millsboro by five residents on Sept. 11.

The daylight sighting preceded numerous night-time sightings throughout the county during October.

One of the residents who observed the daylight sighting, Donald Shultie, owner of Duck's Service Center in Millsboro, said

he and four others saw a blueish-gray disc-like object hovering over a field near his gas station on Route 113.

While Allan Hendry, the chief investigator for the Center of UFO Studies at Northwestern University, plans to come to Delaware to interview Shultie, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Inc. of Tucson, Ariz., will send him a report form to fill out.

While all three organizations are still awaiting initial reports from investigators on the rash of UFO sightings in Sussex County, they do not expect to be able to offer explanations for what residents observed in the sky.

Numerous county residents reported viewing red, green and white revolving lights hovering

in the night skies during October.

Shultie said he did not want to believe he had actually seen a UFO, but after numerous other sightings in October admitted his sighting to a local newspaper.

"The UFO," he concluded, "looked just like a lying saucer you see on television." sloan mwill mm

Martin Sloane, author of the column, "The Supermarket Shopper," which appears twice weekly in *The Daily and Sunday Times*, will be a guest this week on "The Today Show."

He will appear Wednesday and Thursday on the show, which is televised from 7 to 9 a.m.

## ANOTHER UFO SIGHTING TOLD

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An Apple River farmer, Richard Breault, and his wife, reportedly sighted an unidentified flying object (UFO) about 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 25th, while driving on County Road "G" near Half Moon Lake in the Town of Apple River.

The two said the UFO, about 40 feet in length with a hump in the middle, came at their pickup truck about eighty feet above the ground and then came down until it hovered about twenty feet above the road. Then it was out of sight in about six seconds.

The UFO was multi-colored with the bottom two-thirds reddish in color and the top quarter a combination of red, green, yellow and orange.

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## Apple River couple sights UFO

Richard Breault and his wife, who farm in Apple River Township, spotted an unidentified flying object near Half Moon Lake in Milltown Township, Thursday, Oct. 25.

"We were on our way to our deer camp," said Breault. "We left our house about 6:15 a.m." About 1½ miles from the Half Moon Store the couple's attention was directed to a bright, shining light in the sky.

"My wife thought it was a bright star and I said it looked more like a weather balloon," Breault said.

Suddenly, the bright light descended on the Breaults just past the Half Moon Store.

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brakes," said Breault.

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He described the UFO as about 40 feet in length with a hump in the middle. One end of the craft was square with the other end sloped.

"I've never seen such speed in all my life," he said. It was out of sight in about six seconds, he estimated.

About ¾ths of the UFO was reddish in color. He described the top quarter as a combination of red, green, yellow and orange. The craft then shot across Half Moon Lake at 4,000-5,000 miles an hour, according to Breault's estimate.

While there was no damage to the pickup truck, Breault said both he and his wife experienced a good case of the jitters including "butterflies in the stomach and we couldn't swallow."

The couple didn't tell anyone at first about the incident, except their children, "because you know what people think when something like this happens."

Sitting next to Breault in the pickup were a loaded camera and binoculars. "It all happened so fast, I didn't think to use them" he observed.

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NEW RICHMOND, WIS - NEWS  
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## Enroute to deer camp, couple sees 'object'

(The following story appeared in the November 7 edition of the Amery Free Press.)

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"It all happened so fast, I didn't think to use them," he observed.

No other sightings were reported to the Polk County Sheriff's Department.

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PEORIA JOURNAL STAR - ILL.  
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# Hey, 'Frantic Fran,' don't call air base with UFO sightings

By J.L. MILLER  
and ANN SIERKS  
Staff Writers

DOVER—If you think you've spotted an unidentified flying object, don't call Dover Air Force Base.

They don't want to know about it.

Although Base personnel verified they spotted an unknown "blip" on a radar screen during the first rash of Delmarva "UFO" sightings last month, they did so only at the request of Delaware State Police, spokesman Maj. Robert Groom said Tuesday.

People continue to report flashing lights in the sky, and a Dover man claims he saw something with lights take off silently from an orchard clearing, fly over the Blue Hen Mall, and hang in the sky over Dover Air Force Base Saturday night.

Groom suggests that Delmarva residents who think they have spotted a UFO should call the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

"The Air Force hasn't played a role in investigating UFOs since the 1960s," he said.

A Bridgeville resident, who asked to be identified only as "Frantic Fran," called the *State News* late Tuesday night to report that one of the strange, flashing objects in the sky was there again.

Two *State News* reporters walked outside the office and there it was, hovering in the southeast skies, flashing from red to green to white.

When told Base officials are not taking any calls on UFOs, Frantic Fran replied, "But I can't afford to call Seattle."

When it was suggested she call Delaware State Police instead, she said, "What can they do? They can't go up there and arrest it."

She did say, however, that if the object landed, she would call back before leaving town.

Dan Emory of Dover thinks it has landed—whatever it is.

He and his girlfriend, whose name he would not reveal, were parked Saturday in an orchard near the Dover American Legion Hall on Bay Road, when they saw red and white lights nearby, he said.

His girlfriend was scared and started the car to leave, but he tried to settle her nerves by saying it was probably a plane or a helicopter, remembering that officials said this week that a C-5A cargo plane can seem to hover if it is moving toward the watcher.

Then the lights rose—just about 50 feet from the car, he said.

"I stuck my head out the window and I couldn't hear a thing, just a little hissing noise," Emory, 20, said.

They saw the lights again as high tailed it they for home, spooked by what they had seen.

The "UFO" was flying slowly over the Blue Hen Mall parking lot, climbing into the sky, but at that point it only had white lights, he said.

The couple could not tell the size or shape of what was under the lights.

Emory's brother thought it was a star when they pointed it out to him soon after, in the sky over Dover Air Force Base.

But Emory was not convinced.

"It scared me to death. I slept on the couch that night. I was scared to sleep in the bedroom by myself," he said.

## UFO Tales Spin PAGE ONE In Paris

It's like a scene from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Henry County Sheriff's Department says a number of people saw something in the sky Friday and Saturday. That something is not explainable . . . at least not yet. It is referred to by some of the observers as an Unidentified Flying Object — a UFO.

Sheriff Richard Bomar saw it, and so did his investigator, Charlie Robertson.

Bomar said he was in the western part of the county when he saw it above him. The object hovered in the area for a while, then flew off, he said.

According to Robertson, the object seemed to be moving from west to east across the northern part of the county. He thinks it was a large, slow-moving jet.

Another viewer, Kay Loines, said she and her husband, Neal, spotted the object hovering in the sky Saturday night around 8 as they were leaving their home in Scenic Hills. They stopped their truck and got out to take a closer look.

"There was no sound," she said. "It had four lights like headlights. It was diamond shaped. It moved real slow. I'll never forget it."

Loines said the object appeared to be about 50 feet long and about 1,000 feet off the ground. It had a white light at each corner and a small red light, he said.

Most of the reports came from people around Lakeway Village Shopping Center, near the Loines home, Bomar said.

The sheriff described it as slow-moving light which hovered for some time. City police also received several calls, Bomar said, but the police department was unable to confirm that today.

Bomar said the bright light was "like a star that was low in the horizon reflecting the moisture in the air."

A hot-air balloon landed Saturday in the New Bethel area of the county, between Como and McKenzie, but Bomar declined to speculate whether that was related to the UFO sighting.

FRONT PAGE

# There's still something flashing in Dover skies

By J.L. MILLER  
Staff Writer

DOVER—Strange, flashing lights continue to appear over downstate Delaware this week, and officials still cannot explain what they are.

At least 10 Kent County residents, including a *State News* reporter, spotted flashing objects in the sky Sunday and Monday that fit the descriptions given by other downstaters who say they saw unidentified flying objects.

On Sunday night, Dover resident Nolan Cooper and his wife Dorothy spotted two flashing lights in the sky, and mentioned the fact to the patrons of a Dover restaurant—including this reporter.

Several people trooped outside to the parking lot to investigate, and there they were—whatever they were.

Both lights were in the southeast skies, either over the Delaware Bay or the Atlantic Ocean.

One seemed to be much closer than the other, but still appeared to be many miles away.

Although neither object appeared to move, both seemed to be flashing, alternating from blue-green to red to white.

Nolan Cooper said his sons had trained their binoculars on the objects, and could only see "bright, flashing lights."

That was not the first strange object Cooper and others spotted in the nighttime skies last week.

One of the objects seemed to be "right over Moore's Lake" near Dover last week, and it too changed colors from red to green to white, Cooper said.

Lt. Joseph Saxon, a spokesman for Dover Air Force Base, said today that no strange objects have appeared on the Base's radar screens.

However, he did say someone called the base Mon-

day to report a UFO from the previous night.

"That's the problem. You have people who will see an object and they'll call in the following day," Saxon said, adding that they (Base) cannot investigate any sighting unless it is reported to them immediately.

When asked if he has any idea what has been causing the rash of reports, he said, "To tell you the truth, I don't know."

However, he noted that a C-5A cargo plane, the type stationed at Dover Air Force Base, also has green, red and blue lights.

"If it's a long way off and it's coming straight at you, it doesn't appear to move," Saxon said.

Although the objects spotted Sunday night did not appear to move, they were not in the same area of the sky Monday night before fog rolled in to hide the stars.

This reporter spotted what appeared to be one of the same objects early Monday night, but this time in the northeast instead of southeast.

Once again, it flashed from blue-green to red to white.

Fred Schaefer, a New Jersey truck driver who doubles as an investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Inc., investigated similar Delaware reports last week.

"What our investigation shows is that without a doubt, and I mean without a doubt, those people in Delaware and Maryland saw something," he said.

"What it is, I don't know."

GASTONIA, N.C. - GAZETTE  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 9, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## The things you see

SEATTLE, WASH - POST-INTELLIGENCER  
\*\*\*\*\*NOV. 29, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

### Rash of UFO Sightings

A rash of UFO sightings had residents buzzing in parts of northern Lewis and southern Thurston counties, it was reported yesterday. Sheriff's officers and area news media outlets received numerous reports of the sightings, described as a triangular bright light.

Mrs. Melvin Butterfield told radio station KITI in Centralia that she and her family sighted the UFO at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday. It was "as bright as a star," she said, triangular in shape with flashing lights. "The object hovered over Chehalis for about five minutes then moved north, making no sound at all," Mrs. Butterfield said.

ALEXIS — Steve Ford says he'll carry a camera with him from now on because, otherwise, how is he going to make people believe that he spotted a UFO?

Ford says he spotted something up in the sky near Iron Station on Rt. 27 near the Lincoln County line at about 7 p.m. Saturday. "It wasn't a plane and it wasn't a helicopter. It was kind of spooky — it just, sort of, hovered."

Fortunately, he was not alone. His family was with him.

He said they watched the starship-shaped craft for about 10 miles before pulling off the road for a closer look. Then, Ford says, his wife got out for a closer look, but the UFO then moved off, taking its low, droning noise with it.

It was Ford's first close encounter of the unidentified kind, one which he says "is still hard to believe." He added his mother once saw a UFO and that he supposed they probably exist. But, convincing people that you've spotted a UFO is like asking them to believe the Pope is Baptist.

"Someone else had to see the thing," Ford was hoping. "Several people pulled their cars over to watch the thing . . . I just wish I had my camera."

# They say UFO sight made them believers

By WILLIAM A. CARROLL  
News Staff Writer

ASHLAND — While leaving apartments on Oak Street at about 11 Saturday night, John Brune and Lynn White said they experienced something persons worldwide claim to share, but that continues to baffle the scientific and social community.

The couple said they sighted an unidentified flying object.

As they were leaving the apartments, according to Ms. White of 134 Arlington St., Framingham, two bright lights pierced their vision.

"Something that was very large was approaching in the sky from the woods near the apartments and coming right over our heads, slowly and very quietly," she said.

"As it got closer, we could see that it was round; it didn't have wings, and it had yellow-orangish lights all the way around it. I've never seen anything like that before in my life," Ms. White added.

John Brune, who along with Ms. White, works as a custodian at Wellesley College, related the experience as something which has turned him into a "believer."

"After what I saw Saturday night," he said, "I believe in what many people I wrongly called 'quacks' before have said. There must be life elsewhere because that object wasn't man-made. It was too fast for a helicopter and too slow to be a jet airplane. And

it didn't make a sound—that's the most curious thing."

The UFO, according to both Ms. White and Brune, was travelling not higher than a few hundred feet above rooftops, and after passing over the Ashland apartments, headed in the direction of Framingham, arching higher as it went.

The two reported that they got into their car and tried to follow the object, but to no avail as it was too quick and passed out of sight.

When asked why they didn't report their sighting to the police, the couple said they thought they'd just be considered drunks or quacks, and wouldn't be believed. They added that they wouldn't have believed a story like theirs before Saturday night.

"We even have a friend in Framingham who says she saw something startling enough to make her pull off the road in her car, around 11:15 p.m. the same night," Brune offered, "but she refuses to join with us in telling about it. She doesn't think people will believe us."

Ms. White and Brune say they plan to report their experience to one of the many organizations which record UFO sightings, and to look into the area of UFO research with a new and avid interest, sparked by a strange and somewhat frightening experience that they both said they had, but that neither one can explain.

KIRKSVILLE, MO. - EXPRESS & NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*NOV. 30, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO Sighted In Southwest Part Of City

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UFO 7424  
The Kirksville Police Department said today that several individuals in the southwest part of the city reported the sighting of a strange flying object Thursday evening.

According to police reports, a woman and her child on South Baird Street reported seeing a star-shaped object with bright lights hovering in the area around South First Street at approximately 8 p.m. The woman said that she thought the object was a falling star until it began moving up and down with bright white lights. She said the object hovered for a few minutes and then travelled west at an incredible rate of speed.

When the object appeared just west of P.C. Mills Park on Hamilton Street, it intersected with a larger object with green and red lights. She said the two objects hovered together for a minute or so and then travelled together west and up at a phenomenal rate of speed. She said the entire sighting lasted approximately 10 minutes, and that her young daughter was terrified by the incident. The woman also said that an airplane

had travelled east of her just before she sighted the first object. She said she observed the plane as it travelled south of the city.

The police department said another individual on West Hamilton Street also reported sighting an object at approximately the same time in the same area. This individual was not available for comment.

According to police reports, an individual in LaPlata also reported sighting the objects near the Kirksville area at approximately the same time. The reports indicate that this individual said both objects looked like airplanes travelling together and that it was his opinion that the objects were aircraft of some type.

NORWICH, CONN. - BULLETIN  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 2, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Sighters Unite

This week's rash of sightings of objects in the skies above Norwich was notable not for the vividness of the UFOs sighted, but for the numbers of people who chose to make public their experiences.

There have been other sightings called to our attention at the newspaper, but often times these are accompanied by an unwillingness to be identified on the part of the callers, or a suspected embellishment brought upon by alcohol. Not so this past week.

Once the first reports were published the floodgates opened. More people called in to make their reports. Some provided rudimentary sketches.

In case anyone still wants to make their sightings known, there is a UFO clearinghouse affiliated with Northwestern University outside Chicago. They too will sit and listen to your stories.

ABERDEEN, WASH. - WORLD  
\*\*\*\*NOV..29, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# More UFO sightings here and in Centralia

By BRYN BEORSE  
World Staff Writer

If Sunday's spectacle near the Elk River was indeed a UFO crash, then it would appear that some new searchers are out...

Radio station KITI in Centralia received a report Wednesday morning of a big, bright, slow light moving through the sky. Lots of lights appeared on a craft as it flew overhead, in a triangular arrangement. The whole scene was eerily silent.

As soon as that report was broadcast, "the switchboard lit up," a station newsman said. Another woman reported substantially the same thing, and reports came in thick and fast of similar phenomena.

AND Dick Yucha, 402 S. Altenau St. in Cosmopolis, called police to report a UFO with flashing blue, green and red lights flying very fast and low over the Bel Aire Addition. Two police officers assigned could not locate the phenomenon.

The sightings came right after a search for possible UFO or aircraft wreckage on the Elk River mudflats ended with negative results Tuesday. Several witnesses had seen what appeared to be an aircraft on fire, or fiery light, near Westport apparently explode about 11 p.m. Sunday.

The search might have ended Monday, but a request from Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, the national Aerospace search and rescue center extended it.

According to Bill Langford, Grays Harbor County emergency services

director, the request was made because of the large number of witnesses. He explained that after no aircraft turned up missing anywhere, the search was called off.

MEANWHILE, an explanation that civil air patrol searchers suggested — a helicopter flying with its landing lights on — was not considered likely by Army and commercial helicopter operators, although they said it was possible.

Fort Lewis reported no helicopter flights to the Harbor area Sunday night, including MAST medical evacuation flights.

Lee Hayman of Washington Helicopter Service, which operates turbine "jet" helicopters on the Harbor, said few commercial flights operate after dark, and commercial craft don't have the exhaust glow, or flame that had been suggested as the source of the "fiery" glow of the Sunday UFO.

Warrant Officer Clarence Hendricks with the MAST service at Fort Lewis said he's seen some glow and fire from military turbine helicopter stacks, especially when an engine is started after oil has leaked into it.

"I've seen 'em with an oil leak blow fire all the way back to the vertical fin," he said.

He said the craft would have a "triangular" look at night and that lights or exhaust glow reflecting off the rotor blades would indeed give weird effects. But the exhaust glow is "minor" in flight, he said.

ANOTHER possibility was raised by

an Olympia resident who wrote to The Daily World — a meteorite.

He claimed he saw a meteor blaze off into the west about 11 o'clock Sunday night and added that it is about time for the annual Perseid meteor shower.

But that possibility was considered questionable by Ed Stricker, who is instructing an astronomy class at Grays Harbor College.

"Late Summer and early Fall is the time for the Perseids," he said.

He added that the Elk River sighting seemed to be very low, while meteors tend to burn high in the sky. About midnight to dawn are the best times for meteors, he added, and you can see up to 10 to 15 an hour during the Perseid shower, he continued.

A REPORT that a group of Air Force men from Project Bluebook were coming out to investigate the Elk River phenomenon gave Air Force Sgt. William Kowalski at McChord AFB in Tacoma a chuckle.

That project was canceled almost exactly 10 years ago, he said, when it was determined that nothing in the UFO phenomenon had been determined to threaten U.S. national security.

Although McChord doesn't operate helicopters that would have been in the area, he said the helicopter explanation sounds reasonable to him, for the sightings of "bright lights" and aircraft that don't look like airplanes.

The Fort Lewis spokesman, however, said that when helicopters fly low, "we usually get noise complaints."

# Residents FRONT PAGE See UFOs?

By KIERAN O'LEARY  
Bulletin Staff Writer

NORWICH — We are not alone.

Perhaps alien beings from outer space did not visit southeastern Connecticut late Tuesday afternoon and in the early evening but various sightings by Bulletin readers indicate that something was going on up there.

The first call to The Bulletin newsroom came from Yvette Godfrey, assistant manager of the Slim-tiques Figure Spa on Salem Turnpike, at 5 p.m. Ms. Godfrey said "something I've never seen before" was hovering over the sign atop the Sheraton Hotel at 4:25 p.m.

Seven other persons reportedly also saw the object and The Bulletin was able to contact three of them.

Calls came later in the evening from Preston Town Clerk A. Palmer Steffenson, who described what he saw as "space junk" or a meteorite, and a Montville man said he also saw a meteorite. A Ledyard woman also said she saw a green light in the sky and she could not identify its source.

Ms. Godfrey said she and several co-workers and patrons saw an object in the sky above the Sheraton Hotel. The object was unlike anything she had ever seen, but Ms. Godfrey had some difficulty describing what she saw.

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"If you take a pen, magnified it and held it at an angle, that's what it looked like," she said. "Do you think I'm crazy?"

"It was up there for about five minutes. It moved from right to left and then disappeared," she said.

Sharon Grillo, an employee at the spa, said the object was "long and oval" and was very bright. "It was very bright. It was brighter than a star. I know it wasn't an airplane," she said.

Ms. Grillo also said the object moved from left to right and then disappeared.

Eileen Benson, a patron, said, "I just noticed it. It was a shiny object that stood out."

"It could have been anything," Ms. Grillo added, saying it was possible the sighting may be explainable. "I don't say it's definitely something from outer space."

Customer Cheryl Petranek described the object as "shiny" and said it was moving very slowly. "It almost looked like a cloud, but it wasn't," she said.

"I just saw a white, saucer-shaped object," she added.

Ms. Petranek said she does not necessarily believe what she saw was an Unidentified Flying Object but also said she does not dismiss the possibility. "I have a pretty open mind," she said.

"A lot of things go on that can't be explained," she said.

Three other women who reported-

ly saw the object from the spa could not be reached for comment and Ms. Godfrey said two women from a nearby laundromat said they saw the object but neither would give their name or telephone number.

The Preston Town Clerk reported sighting "space junk" at 6:17 p.m. A. Palmer Steffenson guessed what he saw was a meteorite that was moving slowly and had pieces "drizzling off behind it."

The object also appeared to be in "a white light," he said.

"There is a logical explanation for all these things," Steffenson said, adding that he generally does not believe in UFOs.

George Congdon of Meeting House Lane in Montville said he and his son spotted a meteor in the sky between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. The meteor had a tail of flames stretching 50 to 100 feet behind it, he said.

"There is a logical explanation for all these things," Steffenson said, adding that he generally does not believe in UFOs.

Congdon said he has spotted other meteors in the past and is certain what he saw was a meteor.

The Ledyard woman who saw the green light was a relative of Ms. Petranek's, who told of her experience when Ms. Petranek called to tell what she had seen while at the figure spa.

State and local police reported no calls concerning foreign objects in the sky.

GALLATIN, MO. - NORTH MISSOURIAN  
\*\*\*\*\*NOV. 21, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO witnessed at Winston?

Larry Gordon is not as skeptical about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) today as he was prior to Nov. 13.

"I was driving home with my wife on Highway 6 about 11 p.m. and as we passed through Alta Vista I looked up through the windshield and first noticed it," the 24-year-old manager of Viking Truck Stop says.

"It was round and flashing bright red and blue lights, and I pointed it out to my wife and she saw it, too. My first impression was that it had to be airplane lights. It was going too slow to be a jet, but then the lights were

changing fast and nothing seemed to be in sequence.

"We followed it around, ending up south of Altamont on a blacktop and we stopped and watched it. The lights weren't quite as bright, but it stayed in one spot.

"We finally decided to go on back home to our trailer near the truck stop," Gordon said. "We could still see it when we got home, so we took out the binoculars and kept watch and called David Ayers who saw it, too. We kept watch for about two hours and then went to bed. The next morning it was gone, and I haven't talked to anyone else who'd noticed it.

"As far as I'm concerned it was an unidentified object apparently round with really bright lights," Gordon said. "It was in the southeast part of the sky just below Ryan's Belt, between the Belt and the earth's horizon."

Gordon did not report the sighting to any local authorities at the time, and county law officers say no calls about UFOs have been received.

# Search called off for UFO

By BRYN BEORSE  
World Staff Writer

WESTPORT — The fiery UFO witnessed by many Harborites Sunday night that seemed to explode and crash into the Elk River mud flats may remain a mystery indefinitely, according to Bill Langford, county emergency services director.

"We were able to fly the area yesterday," he said. "There was no sign on the mudflats of aircraft wreckage."

Rather than expand the search,

state aeronautical authorities decided to call it off, since no reports have been received since Sunday of missing aircraft, Langford explained.

CIVIL Air Patrol searchers did come up with a theory, however.

"There's a good possibility it was a jet helicopter," he said.

Such craft as a Hughes 500 or Bell Jetranger helicopters are used in Harbor logging operations, have powerful landing lights and a fiery exhaust flame from a stack about 4-5

inches across, he explained.

"If the wind was blowing away from the person watching, he wouldn't have been able to hear it," Langford said.

He said the exhaust flame would have been especially prominent with cold weather, while the craft could have turned, the landing light disappearing or flaring and the flame becoming more visible or invisible.

Air Force and Navy officials have accounted for all their fighters, airplanes and other craft that might have been flying over the Harbor that night,

although the Air Force had requested the search be continued yesterday.

LANGFORD said he had interviewed witnesses to the event and the helicopter explanation seemed credible.

"Until we hear further, we have nothing more to go on," he said.

The state Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division would be in communication with the Air Force on the suspension of the search Tuesday afternoon, Langford said.

ABERDEEN, WASH - WORLD  
\*\*\*\*\*NOV 27, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Air Force interested in UFO

7424  
The U.S. Air Force requested today that local authorities continue the search for an unidentified flying object that reportedly streaked across the Grays Harbor horizon Sunday night, exploding over Elk River near Westport.

Bill Langford, county emergency services director, said he received the Air Force request from Scott Air Force Base in Illinois because of reports of "so many sightings in this area."

Langford said there are still no reports of overdue or missing aircraft. He said the Civil Air Patrol will continue the search as the weather permits.

A Westport man called the sheriff's office about 11 p.m. Sunday to report a trail of fire and an explosion over the mudflats south of the Elk River Bridge.

The mysterious flying object was also sighted in the Central Park area.

Estella Kiussel of Central Park said she saw the object in the sky Sunday night while she was sitting in her living room watching the movie "Oh, God!" on TV.

"At first I thought it was a plane crashing," she said. "It had big windows, but no flashing lights. It looked like a very low-flying plane.

"It was traveling from the northwest to the southwest and it was

kinda falling," she said. "It was bright like mercury lights, but it wasn't making a sound.

"It startled me," she said. "I thought to myself: I think I've just seen a UFO."

East Hoquiam Road resident Mrs. Ralph Case reported the strange sighting to air traffic control personnel at Bowerman Field about 10:50 p.m., according to a sheriff's report.

She said she was in Central Park when she saw what appeared to be a plane traveling in a southwesterly direction. It looked like one side of it was on fire, she said.

Ernest Hayes of Aberdeen was driving west on Highway 12 near Elma about 11 p.m. Sunday when he saw a "green and white flash" pass over, traveling to the southwest, according to the sheriff's log.

# Get Sirius, Delmarva's UFO watchers told

By ANN SIERKS  
Staff Writer

DOVER—It's a plane...it's a UFO...it's a star?  
That is what Robert Gribble of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle says of the flashing red, green and white lights that Delmarva sky-gazers have been calling UFOs in recent weeks.

People from all over the country have been calling Seattle to describe the star, and Gribble has to disappoint them with the news that it is the star Sirius, he said.

It is virtually certain that if a person sees the blinking lights hanging in one spot in the southeast sky, he is looking at Sirius, he said.

But he had no explanation for some Delawareans' stories of the lights moving through the sky and hovering only a few hundred feet above ground. The light looks green and red because of changing atmospheric pressure

and gas, and it blinks because of the haze in Earth's atmosphere.

Wyoming resident Dennis Dixon called Gribble Tuesday after spotting the lights for the second time.

"I believe in UFOs just as that—unidentified flying objects—but not as interplanetary travel or anything," Dixon said.

"But I thought it was a star, and it is," he said.

Sirius, known as the "Dog Star," will be visible for several months, Gribble said.

It can be seen in the southeast early in the night, and as the earth rotates seems to move to the southwest by dawn.

Other stars can give the same multi-colored blinking effect, depending on what part of the world they are viewed from and what weather conditions are like, Gribble said.

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## Blazing Balls Of Light Dazzle 3 Deputies

Ron Cottingham has never believed in UFOs, but after an experience early yesterday he might change his mind.

A 6½-year veteran of the sheriff's department, Cottingham yesterday watched bright balls of light in the southeastern sky for nearly two hours, beginning at about 2 a.m. The same lights were seen by fellow deputy Myron Porter and division supervisor Sgt. Michael Peltier.

"There were two balls of light in

the sky. It looked like red, blue and white spotlights stacked on top of each other. They were much brighter than stars," Cottingham said.

Porter first saw the lights while on Proctor Valley Road three miles east of Rancho Janal Drive, while Cottingham was on patrol in another East County area.

"There were three distinct light sources. They might have been stars, but they were moving too

much to be stars," said Porter, a 1½-year veteran of the department.

Cottingham had earlier been called to take a report from a woman living near Jamul that two unidentified flying objects were buzzing her home. However, he reported he was unable to find anything and left.

About an hour later Porter glimpsed the strange lights and called Cottingham. They spent about two hours watching the lights before calling Peltier, who took pictures with a tripod-mounted camera.

"It's hard to say how large the two things were or how fast they were moving because they were so far away," Cottingham said. "But they were moving and it wasn't a natural phenomenon."

"They couldn't have been stars, they were too bright," Peltier said. "When I saw them they weren't zigzagging or anything. But they were definitely moving faster than anything else in the sky."

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Charlottesville, Va., has agreed to open an outlet in the proposed mall, paving the way for construction.

That construction should be finished and stores open by spring of 1982, the Homart spokeswoman said.

Leggett, a department store chain with some 60 outlets primarily in the South, has a store in Milford Plaza Shopping Center off U.S. 113.

Homart officials have said they would not build the mall if Sears was the only major store to anchor it.

But one other store would be enough, they said.

In addition, Homart is negotiating with two other major retailers to persuade them to join Dover's second mall.

However, the Homart spokeswoman refused to say what stores may be considering moving to Dover.

Homart bought the land from Wilmington millionaire John W. Rollins Jr. for \$1.6 million.

The Homart mall will probably mean the end of a Dover institution, the old Sears store on Lookerman Street.

That store, housed in an old building with bulging floorboards and limited space, will be closed when the new mall is built, officials have said.

# Norwich Buzzing With UFO

## Sightings

By KIERAN O'LEARY  
Bulletin Staff Writer

NORWICH — Five additional persons contacted the Bulletin Wednesday after a story about sightings of UFOs and meteors appeared in Wednesday's editions.

"I was going to call the police yesterday," one woman said, "but I figured they would think I was nuts."

The other callers also said they were wither too embarrassed to call the Bulletin or the police and they just dismissed what they saw from their minds.

Most persons contacted by the Bulletin described the object they saw as being "long" and "oval" and sightings were reported at different times. Most said the object was far away and high up in the sky.

Mary Thompson of 27 Arcadia Street, Norwich, was watching television when she spotted an object hovering over the house next to hers. "I saw a round thing hovering over the building next door. There were four lights blinking on and off. They had a redish, orange color to them," she said.

After seeing the object, she made a rough sketch of the object.

"I kept it to myself because I thought I was seeing things," Mrs. Thompson said. Her father showed her the article in the paper and then she contacted the Bulletin.

William Tedeschi of Scott Hill Road, Bozrah, said he sighted an object in the sky at the same time seven women at the Slimtique Figure Spa said they saw an object hovering above the sign atop the Norwich-Sheraton Motor Inn.

Tedeschi said he first spotted the object at 4:23 p.m. and said it appeared to look like a vapor trail behind a jet. Tedeschi was driving in his car and he said he got a clearer view of the object when his driving angle changed.

Three minutes later at 4:26 p.m., Tedeschi got another view and noticed a clearer shape taking place. His final view of the object is recreated by Tedeschi in the accompanying drawings.

Retired from the Air Force, Tedeschi said he is positive what he saw was not an airplane, helicopter, glider or cloud. He said it was possibly a weather balloon or satellite, or was a vision created by heat glare reflections.

Tedeschi, however, said he believed it was not a UFO. "From my experience, there is nothing that cannot be explained."

He said his experience in the Air

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UNDER HORIZON

SUN'S RAYS  
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Force brought him in contact with "all kinds of phenomena."

Marion Gauthier of Ballouville and her husband were driving along Route 52 outside Webster, Mass. when they spotted "a bright, bright, light," in the sky.

"It was very, very bright and it looked like it exploded and fell to earth," Mrs. Gauthier said.

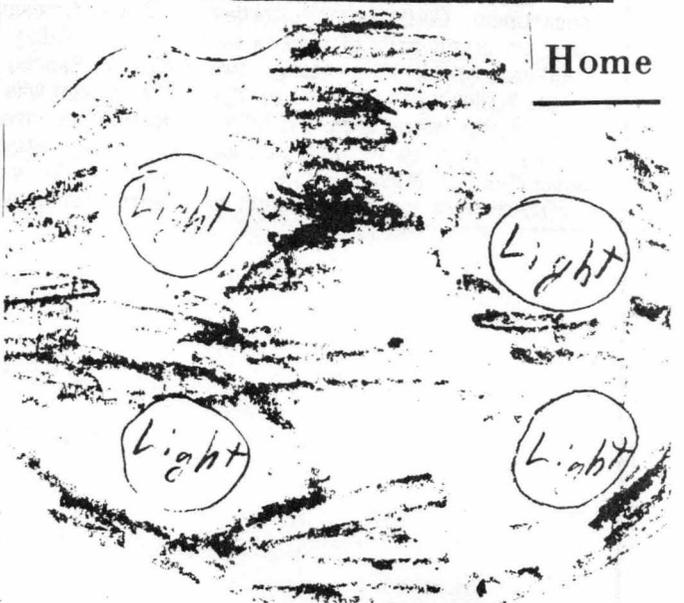
"It looked very close," said Charles Gauthier said. He said they sighted the object at 6:15 p.m., approximately the time one of the original callers to the Bulletin, A. Palmer Steffenson of Preston, said he saw a meteor in the sky.

Wednesday's callers to the Bulletin included the assistant manager of the Slimtique Figure Spa on Salem Turnpike, the Preston Town Clerk and a Montville man.

Steffenson and the Montville man, George Congdon, said they were certain what they saw was a meteor.

### Object Hovering Near Thompson

Home



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# POLICE IN A DAWN CHASE WITH UFO

**A brilliantly lit, cigar-shaped U.F.O. was chased across Hertfordshire to-day by three police patrol cars.**

Four police officers have filed reports about the mystery craft which at one point hovered for two minutes over Rickmansworth at only 500 feet.

A police spokesman said:

"This is not a joke. We are convinced the officers did see something that can't immediately be explained. Their reports are genuine."

The chase started when the crew of a patrol car on duty at Rickmansworth at 3.25 a.m. spotted a brilliant light hovering over the town.

They radioed a description of the object to their headquarters and asked for other patrol car crews

to scan the skies to confirm their sighting.

As the astonished crew watched, the cylindrical shaped UFO moved slowly towards the village of Harefield.

Hertfordshire police H.Q. immediately contacted the Air Traffic Control Centre at West Drayton who reported that there were no aircraft in the air in the district and nothing was showing on their radar screens.

At the same time another police officer patrolling Chorleywood in a panda car spotted the "craft" over the Herongate area.

He radioed to base that he could clearly see the object which he described as being cylindrical with bright white lights along its side and a red light underneath.

Shortly afterwards the driver of another patrol car called on his radio to

say he could also see the UFO moving towards Oxley.

After a short time it disappeared from view.

The police spokesman added: "It's a complete mystery. It does seem the officers involved did have a "close encounter."

To-day's sighting comes almost exactly a year after a major UFO flap around Heathrow Airport.

Then a mysterious triangular light was seen by dozens of passengers and airport staff swooping across the area just before dawn.

The chairman of the British UFO Society, Mr. Ken Rogers, said to-day that the police sighting was one of a number of recent incidents by authoritative sources.

"It is time people really started to investigate what is happening," he said.

"The cigar shape that the policemen saw is a classical description of one

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## Two UFO sighted at Stroud

POLICE received reports of two UFO sightings within half an hour at Stroud last night.

The first sighting was made shortly after 5 pm when a man reported a mystery and noiseless object hovering 500 ft over Amberley.

The second was reported by a Rodborough man, who described white flashing lights, wide apart, travelling across the skyline between the Severn Vale and Stroud. He was with two friends, when he also saw red and green lights, which appeared to hover.

A police spokesman said the reports had been passed to the Ministry of Defence.

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## Flaming UFO sighted

A STRANGE object with a bright orange flaming tail was spotted over Sandhurst at about 11.20 pm on Monday night by antique dealer Mr James Nesfield, of Applebarn.

The UFO was of an indeterminate shape and size, and the tail was several yards long, fading into white. It was travelling from east to west, and was visible for about 30 seconds.

Mr Nesfield reported the sighting to Cranbrook Police, who passed the information on to RAF Manston, where all UFO sightings in the area are logged and investigated.

# STRANGE SIGHTS OVER LESLIE

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Several residents claimed this week to have seen unidentified flying objects over Leslie.

A Leslie woman saw what she described as three objects which she said were 'definitely not from this world'.

The 25-year-old housewife wishes to remain anonymous after spotting yet another object, similar to that seen over other parts of Scotland on Monday afternoon.

She told the Gazette: "I've seen and heard enough of these things."

Mrs X was peeling potatoes at her kitchen sink which is in front of a west-facing window on Friday, November 9. The time was approximately 4.10 p.m.

She told the Gazette: "If someone had told me a similar story, I think I might have laughed it off."

She continued: "I saw a vapour trail. It was orange in colour but I thought nothing of it, as the sky was orange with the sunset."

"My window faces to the west, and I thought at first it was just an aeroplane. I must have turned away to the table at least twice before I realised what I was seeing was going far too slowly to be an aeroplane or even a helicopter."

"The object was a round or oval shape and was flying at around the same height as an aircraft about to land at the local airfield would fly."

## BEGAN TO CRY

"It was in my sight for at least 12 minutes. My first reaction was to run and get my next-door neighbour, but he was out. Then my youngest child began to cry and I couldn't go out again."

"I couldn't believe it when a second appeared, going along the exact flight path of the first."

"It stayed in view for around the same time, and then a third appeared doing exactly the same as the other two."

"They were definitely like nothing I'd ever seen before. They must have been something not belonging to this world."

"The last one disappeared not long before my husband came home from work, and not surprisingly he scoffed."

"Friends came round later and they asked me what I'd been drinking."

"It wasn't until the next morning we heard over the 7.30 news that the forester claimed he'd been attacked, and also that similar objects, only four had been spotted over Stirling Castle."

"My husband's face was a real picture."

"Then at around 10 on Saturday morning my husband was working in the shed at the

end of the garden and he sent our oldest child to tell me there were aeroplanes coming from the west. I was angry, because I thought he was just making fun of me, but then he shouted to look closely."

"They were RAF fighter planes, and I noticed they were taking almost the exact flight path that the objects I saw took."

"My husband was curious and asked me to telephone Glenrothes police and ask if anyone else in the area had spotted anything unusual the previous afternoon."

"They said they had had no reports, but asked me to telephone the Lothian and Borders police and tell them what I had seen."

"I didn't really want to, but I did. The man I spoke to was disbelieving too. When I mentioned the fighter planes he said that I was very observant, and that they were just making checks."

The lady again saw an object on Monday evening around 4 p.m. She told the Gazette: "This time it wasn't just me. I caught my neighbour in time, and four men working on the drains stood and watched it too."

She added: "It was just a silver blob."

BY MYRA PHILP

## EXCITED

Neighbour, Mr James Mitchell (70), a retired mill engineer told the Gazette: "I was just one of around six or seven people to see it. There were four District Council workers there and they were quite excited by the whole thing."

Mr Mitchell was, however, dubious: "Whatever it was it wasn't an aeroplane. What I saw was three feet long, it was a good distance away and was a white/silver colour. It went above a cloud and then travelled through it. I've seen planes with the sun on them and it wasn't that. When it came out of the cloud, it seemed to be lit up."

He continued: "It was almost like the top slice of the moon. It was well in the distance, over Dunfermline way. I thought people there would have seen it better than us. It was certainly travelling. It moved down over the horizon after around five minutes."

He concluded: "I'm not sure what it was, but I've got good eyesight and it wasn't a plane."

On Tuesday there were reports of an object, smaller than a helicopter, hovering over Airdrie, and a woman in Polmont said she saw a UFO while walking with her three children on Monday."

The Scottish representative of UFO Research, a nationwide organisation, Mr Stuart Campbell told the Gazette: "What the lady saw was more likely to be ball lightning. It's unusual, however, for a sighting of more than one of this phenomenon. The vapour trail is an ionisation, scientists think."

## 'UFO' spotted over town

A number of householders phoned Airdrie police yesterday claiming to have seen an object, smaller than a helicopter, hovering over the town. It was described as having four lights of a red and blue colour.

"We get around 20 such sightings a year reported to us, although more I'm sure are seen. Many people are frightened to report what they see."

"We haven't proved that any object seen is, in fact, an alien vessel."

Note: On November 9 a West Lothian forestry worker came face to face with a silver spinning top shape craft. He claims two creatures tried to drag him on board. Indentations were later found in the forest clearing.

## MADRID HAS LONG LOOK AT UFO

By Our Madrid Correspondent  
Hundreds of people in Madrid yesterday watched an unidentified flying object hovering high for several hours. Two late night radio shows devoted almost their entire programmes to the mystery object.

The Spanish Air Force has begun an investigation into the phenomenon. Earlier this month an experienced airline captain made an emergency landing at Valencia after his Caravelle was followed by two UFOs.

# Aim for the sky

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**STROLLER has decided to tackle the UFO mystery in the night skies over Bedford — and I want sharp-eyed readers to help.**

There is a £10 cash prize waiting for anyone who can come up with genuine photographic evidence to explain the sudden spate of sightings over the town.

Within the last week, our news desk has received several calls from readers who claim to have had "close encounters". So keep a camera handy.

The latest burst of action has come only two months after people living in the Goldington and Elms Farm areas reported peculiar sounds and flashing lights. Checks with police, Air Force and a list of other "possibles," drew a blank and the sightings died down.

But within the last week, the UFO's have returned and several reports of strange lights in the sky have been received.

Experts at the UFO research association's headquarters in London have labelled Bedford a "UFO hot spot" and they expect the sightings to go on.

Readers have a chance to join in the Great UFO hunt by sending in any photographs they manage to take of the lights in the sky.

Our own photographic department will carefully examine each photograph for tricks. Pictures considered to be genuine will be published later.

ELLFSMERE PORT PIONEER, - ENGLAND  
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## UFO over Capenhurst

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Traffic on the Welsh Road near Ledsham, almost ground to a halt on Thursday evening as motorists stared in wonder at a low-flying object which hovered for two minutes in the vicinity of BNFL at Capenhurst.

A lady telephoned the "Pioneer" to say that she was travelling along the Welsh Road at about 7 pm with her family when they saw "a thing shaped like a flat sausage with two white lights on the front and a red and green light at each side.

The lady, who wants to remain anonymous, said that the object vanished as quickly as it appeared.

Liverpool Airport said that they did not have a record of any aircraft flying near to Capenhurst at that time.

BNFL Public Relations Officer, Mr. Bob Phillips, said that the object had not been sighted by anyone at Capenhurst. "Government regulations state that no aircraft are allowed to fly within two miles of the plant, but obviously, a UFO would not respect these regulations!" he said.

## Police report UFO sightings

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**THE DEFENCE Ministry was today investigating reports by a number of police officers that they twice sighted a mysterious object flying through the night skies of Hertfordshire.**

The close encounters first occurred at 3.25am today when a policeman and woman on patrol in a panda car at the Long Lane roundabout in Rickmansworth claimed they saw a large, brightly-lit object which appeared to be stationary some 400ft to 500ft from the ground.

According to the report

from PC Phil Moorecroft and WPC Brown the light appeared to remain stationary for about two minutes before it moved off without making any noise.

Police say that this sighting was confirmed by other officers who were nearby at the time.

Two hours later — at 5.30am — PC Moorecroft and WPC Brown, with two other officers, PC Gary Mahoney and PC Mark Crampton, saw a cigar-shaped object illuminated by numerous lights along its length, with a single red light with two more lights underneath.

# The UFOs are coming

By LEON SYMONS

BEINGS from other worlds are about to drop in on dear old earth after a hectic week of twirling saucers and bright lights in the sky, a peer warned last night.

UFO sightings have been made all over Europe — from a village near Paris to the select residential area of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

In Pontoise, France, 19-year-old Frank Fontaine has vanished after chasing a UFO.

At Rickmansworth, four police officers spotted a long, cigar-shaped object in the sky. Inspector George Freakes is handling inquiries.

The Earl of Clancarty, who first appeared on earth in 1911, and who instigated a House of Lords debate on UFOs last January, said: "I think we are on the verge of an official landing on earth."

"There is so much happening at present and we are going to get more and more of it."

## Theory

"I believe that what with our nuclear and pollution problems there is concern for us coming from Outer Space."

The earl is chairman of the Lords' UFO Study Group, formed after their debate.

The current list of saucer sorcery includes . . .

An airline captain was forced to land at Valencia, Spain, after being "buzzed" by a UFO.

A forestry worker told earlier this month how he was almost abducted by two beings from a strange craft at Livingston, West Lothian.

And it was early yesterday morning that two police officers saw the cigar-shaped

object in a clear sky near Rickmansworth.

They reported that it hovered about 500ft off the ground and made no sound.

It drifted off towards Chorley Wood and was later spotted by two more constables.

The object was brightly lit along its entire length and had red lights above and below it.

At Hertfordshire Police HQ, Inspector Freakes said: "This is being treated seriously. The officers saw something—but as yet, no one can explain exactly what it was."

## And in charge of the probe is Inspector Freakes!

One of the officers concerned, 21-year-old Anne Louise Brown, admitted she was "scared stiff" as the brightly lit object hovered over her Panda car.

## Crackers

She said: "I don't know what it was we saw, but it was definitely too big and too bright to be a plane or a star."

"I told my colleague he must be crackers to report it back. No one will believe us. "I'm sure people will think we must be potty. Some of our colleagues have been pulling our legs about men from other planets all day."

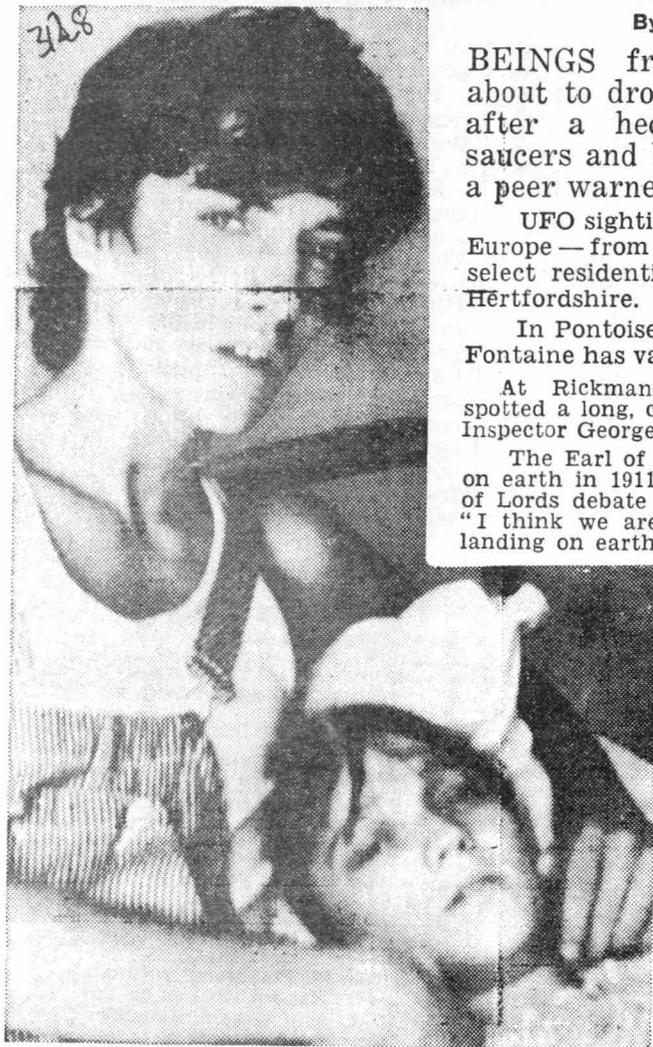
Two hours later, the officers and another colleague, PC David Shepherd, had a second sighting. "I saw a long cigar-shaped object with yellow-white bright lights."

The hunt for Frank Fontaine in Cergy-Pontoise continued last night after witnesses refused to budge on their story that he was there one minute — and gone the next.

Frank and two other men saw a saucer, "brightly lit and twirling," while they were loading a van.

Frank went after it in the van while the two men went to get a camera.

When they returned they spotted four bright lights hovering around the vehicle. They approached and the lights vanished—so had Frank.



Man who vanished... Frank Fontaine with wife

# GOLFER'S <sup>3126</sup> DAD GETS VISIT FROM THE SKY

**A**NOTHER encounter of the strangest kind has been reported in West Lothian.

Yesterday Mr Barney Gallagher and his wife Millie—parents of world famous golfer Bernard—said they saw a strange craft on Monday of last week.

The sighting came three days after forestry worker Bob Taylor said he was attacked by aliens in a Livingston wood.

Mr Gallagher said at first he was too embarrassed to report the sighting which happened near his home.

He added: "There was a strange craft up above me. It was round, coloured red with white lights that kept blinking on and off."

## Craft

Mrs Gallagher, who is a nurse, said: "I saw it circling, then it just sped off."

Meanwhile a team of investigators from the Strange Phenomena magazine have returned to England after probing the claims of Bob Taylor, 61, of

By JIM DAVIS

Broomieknowe Drive, Livingston Station.

Bob told of meeting an alien craft in a wood and how he was attacked by "two robot type balls."

One of the investigators Mr Martin Keatman said: "Mr Taylor's description is quite amazing. For there was a little-publicised sighting in South America some time ago which is almost identical to this one."

Bathgate housewife Mrs Violet Connor, 35, of Beech Road, said she saw a craft resembling Bob's description the same day.

And yesterday Mrs Aileen Lewis, 33, of 12 Polsta Crescent, Polmont, said she saw another UFO while she was walking with her three children

## Flying squad

TWO police officers reported sighting a cigar-shaped UFO hovering over Rickmansworth, Herts, yesterday. <sup>3128</sup>

## UFO SPOTTER HOUSEWIFE 'SAW ITS <sup>3128</sup> RED DOME'

A HOUSEWIFE claims to have spotted strange lights in the night sky for the second time in less than four months.

And this time the lights were so close to Mrs Brenda Cummings of Hockwell Ring, Luton, she was able to see a red dome perched between the lights, she says.

On August 3, the Evening Post-Echo reported that Mrs Cummings and her family had seen strange white lights like car headlamps over Luton.

Mrs Cummings said she and her two sons Raymond, aged 20, and Mark aged 15, and her mother saw the lights in the sky at about 9.30pm.

## Shape

"It looked like a bright star and shone so strongly you had to keep wiping your eyes. It flew up and down and turned to go towards the M1. Then we saw four lights and a red dome.

"It then turned away and disappeared. The UFO had a shape to it and it was difficult to make it out."

Mrs Cummings said last time nobody believed her about the sighting and she was reluctant to come forward again.

Mrs Cummings said she had reported the sighting to BUFORA — the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association — who were investigating the last sighting.

Luton Airport said there was nothing on the flying log at the time to explain the incident.

# Police chase a 'flying cigar'

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By Our LONDON STAFF

**A BRILLIANTLY lit cigar-shaped UFO was chased across Hertfordshire today by three police patrol cars. And four officers have filed reports about the craft which, at one point, hovered over Rickmansworth at only 500 feet.**

A police spokesman said: "This is not a joke. We are convinced the officers did see something that can't immediately be explained. Their reports are genuine."

The chase started when the crew of a patrol car on duty at Rickmansworth at 3.25 am saw a large, brilliant light hovering over the town.

They radioed a description of the object to their headquarters and asked for other patrol car crews to scan the skies to confirm their sighting.

As the crew watched the cylindrical shaped UFO moved off slowly towards the village of Harefield. The patrol car crew radioed to their base that the object was moving silently and appeared to be only four to hundred feet up.

Hertfordshire police HQ contacted West Drayton Air Traffic Control centre which reported that there were no aircraft in that district at the time — and they had nothing showing on radar.

At the same time another panda patrol officer saw the craft over the Herongate area.

He radioed that he could clearly see the object. He described it as cylindrical with bright white lights along its side and a red light underneath.

Soon after the driver of another patrol car called up on the radio to say he could also see the UFO moving towards Oxhey. After a short time the craft disappeared.

Dozens of other police officers around Herts and North London listened to the UFO commentary on their radios.

One said: "You could tell they were not kidding by the tone of their voices. They sounded quite scared."

Today's sighting comes almost a year after a major UFO alert in the Heathrow area.

## UFOs SPOTTED

3128 **TWO unidentified flying objects were spotted over Lanarkshire last night. Police in Motherwell said they got a report of a white disc in the sky flying over the town's Linksview Road area.**

At Airdrie there were reports of a second UFO. It was about the size of a small helicopter with red and blue flashing lights.

## UFOs in the valleys

IT was just over a year ago that a series of bizarre occurrences brought a remote and attractive corner of West Wales out of obscurity, to feature prominently in national newspaper and television reports.

A quiet, rural part of Dyfed (formerly Pembrokeshire) became the unlikely setting for a wave of UFO encounters; of the very close kind.

The case history of this phenomenon contains some of the most striking accounts of UFO sightings and landings, plus actual meetings with "extra-terrestrials," ever recorded in the UK.

Fourteen schoolchildren describe how they watched a grounded UFO for many minutes as they played in their schoolyard; a farmer's wife tell show she was chased in her car by a "flying football" for over a mile; and a 17-year-old youth is panicked into swinging a punch at a silvery-suited humanoid which suddenly appeared before him.

Similar manifestations were witnessed by the most reliable of persons — a bachelor of law, a retired civil servant, a doctor and an engineer are just a few.

In **The Dyfed Enigma** (Faber £5.95) Randall Jones Pugh and F. W. Holiday give a clear and rational account of these strange happenings which began in 1974 and peaked with a sudden ending in 1977.

This is not "just another UFO book." It is an impressive documentation of first-hand, and first-hand only, descriptions from people who believe they actually saw these events. — KS.

# Close encounter of a fantastic <sup>3128</sup> kind

A FORESTRY worker was last night recovering from a close encounter of the strangest kind.

And today police were examining the site of an alleged assault by "strange creatures."

Mr Bob Taylor, a foreman forester, arrived yesterday at his home in Broomieknowe Drive, Livingston, West Lothian, in a shocked and dishevelled state.

His wife, Mary, called his boss, Mr Malcolm Drummond, head of the Livingston Development Corporation forestry department. What he heard from Mr Taylor was a tale of the fantastic.

"And Mr Taylor is a sensible straightforward man," Mr Drummond said.

Mr Taylor had been working alone in the forest at Dechmont Hill, Livingston, about 10 a.m. yesterday.

When he rounded a corner in a path through the trees, he was confronted by a silver craft standing in a clearing. Two "creatures" came out of the craft and tried to drag him into their machine, Mr Taylor claimed.

All he can remember after that is a very strong smell and the sound of a dog barking which he thinks may have frightened off his attackers.

He thinks he must have passed out either from the smell or shock.

But when he came to, the clearing was empty save for a pattern of deep regular marks on the ground.

He went to his van but was so shaken, said Mr Drummond, he was unable to drive. Mr Taylor then staggered the mile and a half to his house.

He was later taken to Bangour General Hospital for treatment.

"His trousers were torn and the tops of both his thighs were scratched and bruised," Mr Drummond said.

Senior police officers were last night waiting for Mr Taylor to recover sufficiently before questioning him about his experience. An area of the woodland has been cordoned off.

Mr Taylor's workmate and neighbour, Mr Pender Martin, said: "Bob is a serious, sober man in his 50s. He is not a fanciful person and there is no question of him drinking."

Mr Stuart Campbell, an Edinburgh architect who acts as Scottish investigating co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association said last night that he was interested in Mr Taylor's story but sceptical of the suggestion of figures coming out of a craft which had landed.

"It does sound like the sort of thing I would like to investigate," he said. "In such cases we try to see the person immediately involved and any other witnesses."

# More saw lights

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Mystery still surrounds the sightings of lights in the sky in the Scarborough area on Monday night and Tuesday morning this week.

People are still coming forward saying that they spotted unexplained lights during the period between 4 and 11 pm on Monday.

Mrs Sandra Habberly, of 15 Herdborough Road, Eastfield, said that about 4 o'clock she and her mother, Mrs Connie Foster, of 145 Dale Edge, Eastfield, saw two yellow lights in the sky above Filey Road.

"They had a bright yellow glow and were a flat shape. They were hovering and then moved closer together before moving off in the Filey direction."

Mrs Habberly said that she had not seen such lights before, and she did not think they were on an aircraft.

Mr Richard Bedford, of 76 Scalby Road, reported his sightings in a letter to the Evening News yesterday and he has since had four people contact him.

"One person saw the lights to the north from Hirstead Road and reported that a low humming sound, like a powerful dynamo, was being made."

Mr Bedford said that he had also been told of another sighting about 11 pm and a similar sighting in the area a few weeks ago.

"One man who telephoned me and who said that he had been in the RAF put the lights down to aircraft."

Scarborough, were puzzled by lights they saw in the sky while travelling by car on the A64 towards York last Friday.

Mark said: "It was about 8 pm when we saw a red star, and then at Malton we saw a white star, which seemed to go red and then fade down to white again. Sometimes it went green."

"Mum said it was a helicopter or an aeroplane, and we thought also that it might be the North Star - but whoever heard of a multi-coloured star?"

"My opinion is that it was a space ship from another planet. It looked to have a black part coming from the star that didn't light up."

Draughtsman Mr Ray Siddle (29), of 8 Grosvenor Road, said today that he had been on St Nicholas Cliff, by the Grand Hotel, on 21 November at about 8 pm and saw two white lights in the sky, in the direction of Cayton Bay, behaving in an erratic manner.

"They were moving up and down quite quickly at irregular intervals, then after a couple of minutes they shot off together at a fast speed towards the east, in a straight line out to sea."

"There were very few stars to be seen," he said. "I hadn't been drinking." It was definitely not Flamborough or any other lighthouse.

The Ministry of Defence in London said it had received no reports about the sightings in the Scarborough area.

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# White light in the sky

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A RECENT report of a UFO sighting over Rochdale, prompts me to write this letter.

The object was described as a white light moving silently across the town. Here is what I saw. I was walking over Slattocks bridge on my way to work as a driver with Dairy Produce Packers; the time was 5 45 am on Tuesday 6 November. The object I saw was a white light also but with no definite shape. It was travelling from east to west just below the skyline of Tandle Hill.

It seemed to be making progress with a bouncing motion. At one stage it stopped dead, then bounced again and disappeared altogether. Reflections from headlights on the nearby M62 have nothing to do with what I saw. I have kept this to myself until now because people have a tendency to fall about with laughter at such stories.

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**WAS IT a moon man or was it an earth-bound magnetic force?**

That's the argument now raging among UFO experts as they examine the evidence of Livingston forestry worker Bob Taylor's strange encounter with a "spacecraft" earlier this month.

The pictures, which Bob is examining above, were taken by an official photographer allowed in to the scene of the incident less than 24 hours after it happened.

They show a double "H" mark left by the object and round indents made by the "men" Mr Taylor claims he saw. The area was burned brown.

Bob said today—"It's amazing! I still shudder when I think about it—"

"These photographs certainly prove I was not imagining it. They reinforce the evidence."

British UFO Research Association expert Stuart Campbell claims that what Mr Taylor saw—and what he believes is the origin of all unidentified flying objects—was ball lightning.

He said this was caused by particles coming together in the air, becoming ionised as they spun together and developed into the characteristic glowing object people report as "alien craft".

But Bob Taylor is adamant that what he saw WAS an alien craft.

# Is it a sign from space?

**'NONSENSE'**

Bob added; "It's absolute nonsense to say that it was ball lightning. The thing was there and left marks. And what about my trousers? They were torn by the two creatures which came from the thing."

"But I didn't feel any heat and I think there would have been from lightning. I'd like to see the thing again."

Andy Collins, one of the magazine Strange Phenomena's investigators who raced from Wolverhampton to Livingston to examine the evidence after Mr Taylor's encounter said:

"Stuart Campbell is obsessed with ball lightning. It's the most ridiculous con-

Words: MARIAN PALLISTER

Picture: JIM HAMILTON

clusion you could come to after seeing the evidence.

"We interviewed Bob Taylor and he is very down-to-earth and reliable. Not the sort to be involved in a hoax and definitely mentally stable."

"The markings we found comply with those of two other cases—one in Germany in 1972 and one in South America in 1967. We can't reproduce these marks."

**ELECTRIC**

Stuart Campbell said; "I still stick to my theory of ball lightning. There would be no heat from the object because it was at a low energy level. Mr Taylor said it kept fading. That indicated it was on its last legs."

"The tracks around the area were electric discharge holes. Only the tracks in the middle are unidentifiable and Mr Taylor admits something might have lain there without him noticing."

"He said the object hovered, so why should it have made these tracks on the ground."

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IS SOMETHING strange going on in the skies over West Lothian? Something sinister and threatening? Are we being kept under surveillance by a civilisation from outer space? A remarkable number of people—solid, feet-on-the-ground, sober and intelligent citizens—would say that we are. People who would have scoffed at the very idea a matter of weeks ago, are not so sure any more. The thing that changed their minds was Bob Taylor's strange experience in a stretch of forestry in Livingston earlier this month.

# BOB KNEW HE SAW IT... BUT THE BIG QUESTION IS WHAT?



Bob Taylor, at the spot of his sighting in the forest.

EVERYONE WHO knows Bob Taylor — his boss and his colleagues at the forestry and landscaping department of Livingston Development Corporation, his neighbours and friends — believes that he is not a man prone to seeing things or telling tall tales.

He's the archetypal countryman; quite a quiet, placid sort of a chap. Doesn't use two words when one will do. Far too straightforward and uncomplicated to tell a deliberate lie.

Yet, at half past eleven on Friday morning, November 9, he stumbled into his home at Broomieknowe Drive, Livingston, slumped into a chair and told his wife he had been "attacked" by strange objects from a spaceship. He was weak, pale, hoarse, his chin was grazed, his trousers were torn and his clothing was muddy.

His wife's first instinct was to call the doctor — not just because of his physical state, but because she thought he was having some sort of brain-storm. When he convinced her he wasn't in need of psychiatric help, she phoned his boss.

Naturally enough, she couldn't bring herself to say what her husband claimed to have been attacked by. His boss, Malcolm Drummond, automatically assumed he'd been beaten up by some "thugs." "I'll rush straight up there now and may be we'll manage to catch them," he said. At which

BY  
SHEILA MCNAMARA

point Mrs Taylor plucked up courage to suggest that he'd perhaps better have a word with Bob first.

He was the second one to hear the story Bob Taylor is now tired of repeating. It was about ten o'clock on a bright morning. He was going through the forest to check that all the gates were shut as the men had been working in there (Bob is in charge of four gangs of foresters) and he wanted to ensure that no sheep had strayed in from the surrounding hillsides.

He doesn't drink, he isn't on any kind of pills, and the forest is free from any chemical spraying.

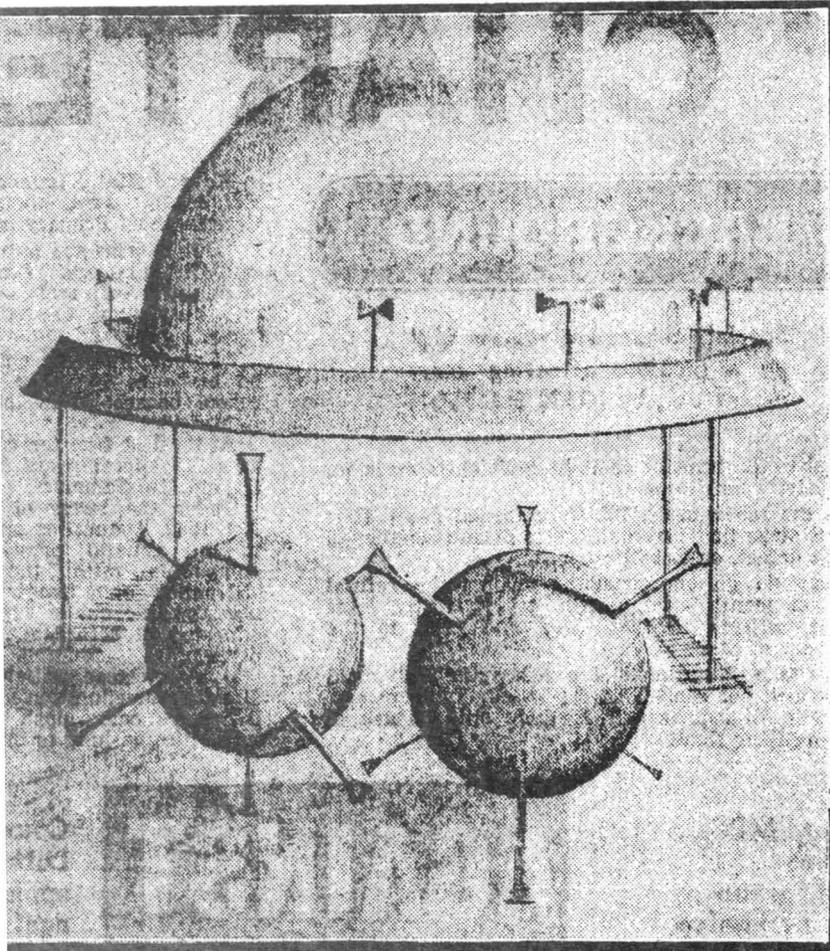
So, there is no reason of that kind to explain what he saw when he came to a clearing. "It was a 'spaceship,'" he says simply. A thing he didn't believe in — had never given a serious thought to, in his life. But there it was, stationary, grey, completely silent, and with some sort of rim round the centre.

His account is a bit vague — as an eye-witness account of a shock event always is. He can't quite recall what the underside of the craft looked like. He stood there in amazement for about half a minute and then suddenly two "things" — some sort of mechanical devices, round in shape with feet sticking out of them, like wartime mines — came from either beneath or behind the main object. He heard the soft "plop" as they hit

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ETCHED to Bob Taylor's description, this artist's impression shows accurately the object he claims he saw, including the two self-propelled spheres which rushed towards him. After being shown the drawing, Bob agreed: "That's what I saw."

the grass together, then they separated and started rolling towards him, one on each side, until they came alongside him. One touched him.

Then came a strange, choking smell "like brake linings burning" and he passed out. When Bob came to he was alone, except for his red setter dog whom he remembers barking wildly. He tried to climb to his feet. He couldn't. Weakly he crawled up the hill, staggered the last few yards to where his van was parked and in his confusion while trying to turn it he ran off the road into the ditch.

When Mr Drummond and some of the staff drove up to the site, they were astonished to see marks on the ground where the leg struts of some machine weighing several tons could have rested. Alongside were two parallel, ladder-type indentations in the grass. The sort of effect you get when something has lain so long in grass that it takes on the impression of the object.

They took one look and called the police. After investigating all the circumstances, and checking out Mr Taylor and his story, they were convinced it was no hoax. "We're completely baffled," confessed Divisional Chief Superintendent Jack Whitson.

Mr Taylor's experience is far the most bizarre, but since it came to light, scores of people have come forward to report sightings over the Lothian skies of strange flying objects which, they insist, are not planes or helicopters.

Bathgate housewife Mrs Violet Connor saw a long, cigar-shaped object radiating an extremely bright light in the skies over Armadale as she travelled on the bus with her sister, the same morning as Mr Taylor saw his spaceship.

A young Pumpherston mother was called to the door of her house the evening before by a group of children playing in the street. "I saw five or six of them—pinpricks of light—which the kids called funny stars, and they shot off towards the south-east. They certainly were not planes or helicopters, and they certainly weren't planets. But please don't use my name, this is a small village and I don't want folk to think I'm seeing things."

She needn't have worried. Similar sightings have been made by hundreds, including reliable witnesses like two pilots heading for Glasgow last month, and staff at RAF Pitreavie and Kinloss who traced it on their radar.

In recent weeks, the police, the Royal Observatory on Blackford Hill and the Edinburgh branch of the UFO Research Association have had an upsurge in the regular number of sightings they are told about each month.

At the Royal Observatory, scientist Alan Pickup told me: "People tend to keep quiet about it until they read of some other person's experience. It is, actually, quite a common occurrence. Mostly, they see a man-made satellite, of which there are hundreds, or they see a planet or a meteorite, sometimes a fireball."



"Another thing people tend to mistake for spaceships are meteorological balloons which have drifted off course when there is a strong northerly air stream."

But the man who reckons he has the nearest explanation for Mr Taylor's experience is Mr Stuart Campbell of the Scottish UFO Society.

"It was probably a fireball. Most sightings are. There are a lot of them around and science doesn't fully understand the phenomenon. Ball lighting varies in size—usually from an apple to a football: it is mostly orangey-yellow, but it can be any colour. It can follow telegraph wires, bounce down a road, or stay in the sky in a stationary position, completely silent. Sometimes, though, it emits a humming noise like a vacuum cleaner."

"Mr Taylor's description of a round, bubble-type object with a rim round the centre fits the bill. The rim in ball lighting is caused by centrifugal force, and the holes in the ground could be caused by electric shorts."

"The two smaller ones are much more typical of ball lighting. They are just plasmas of ionised air in a spherical form and they are electronically reactive. They were probably attracted towards Mr Taylor because of electrical activity."

"Also, they give off ozone, which has a sulphurous, acrid smell."

But what about the ladder-like patterns pressed into the grass? "I can't speculate on what those were," he said.

Still, it is a convincing explanation. But it's not the whole story. The question remains—what is?

# FLYING SAUCER OVER CITY?

THREE Lichfield office workers thought they were seeing things as they arrived for work one morning last week.

For from the window of their Borrowcop Lane office they claim they saw what appeared to be a flying saucer in the sky.

They could not believe their eyes — for after all, they were grown women who didn't even believe in flying saucers.

So the only explanation was that they were still a little sleepy, because it was quite early, 8.45, last Wednesday morning.

But when they looked again, the round black-and-silver object was still moving along rather slowly in the sky towards Lichfield city centre.

Their spokeswoman, who didn't wish to be identified, said: "It didn't look or sound like an aeroplane, because when aircraft pass over our office we usually hear them.

"The object can only be described as a flying saucer shape. But I don't believe in flying saucers, so there has

to be some other explanation."

The women know of one other person, in the Burntwood area, who shared a similar sighting around breakfast time on the same day.

But although they reported their findings to the police, the women say there do not seem to have been any other reported sightings for that day.

And now they are wondering if they really were seeing things after all.

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## SILENT, DANCING LIGHT SPOTTED BY TEACHER AND THREE BOYS

A SCHOOLTEACHER and three 16-year-old boys think they may have seen UFOs within an hour of each other on Wednesday last week.

Miss Denise Macdonald, who teaches at New Close Primary School, Warminster, and lives at 74 Church Street, Horningham, made the first sighting. The second was by Shaun Alford, of 56 Westleigh, Warminster; Christopher Holmes, of 29 West Street, Warminster; and Mark Johnson, of 108 Victoria Road, Warminster.

Miss Macdonald was driving towards her parents' home in Swindon. She was on the main Westbury-to-Trowbridge road and going through the bends before Heywood House about 5 p.m. when she noticed a red light over Edington or Bratton. The light turned green, then white, going out briefly between each colour change. Although it appeared to be hovering over one spot, it was dancing up and down slightly. She could not hear any noise from the direction of the light, but as she was in the car any noise would have had to be very loud to get through to her.

She lost sight of it as she continued on through Clanger Wood. When she turned towards West Ashton at the Yarnbrook crossroads, the light had gone. She saw it, for about a minute.

About 5.55, Shaun was travelling home on the Trowbridge Technical College service bus when he saw what he thought was a star over Warminster. When he got off in Portway, Warminster, his friend Christopher was waiting for him.

As they watched the white light, it grew to ten times its original size and brightness, then went out. There was no sound.

At the same time Mark, another friend of Shaun, who was walking his dog in Victoria Road, saw the same thing. Shaun and Mark were watching it for about ten minutes.

The trio have been UFO watching for some time, but this is the first time they have seen anything like this.

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## The expert's theory on 'alien craft'

By TOM MCCONNELL

Forestry worker Mr Bob Taylor, who claimed he was attacked by "strange creatures" who dragged him towards their craft, may have been the victim of a natural phenomenon.

Mr Stuart Campbell, of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association, said last night: "I have theories which I think can explain what he saw, but not in terms of alien spacecraft."

Mr Campbell, the association's Scottish investigations co-ordinator, hopes to interview Mr Taylor, of Broomieknow Drive, Livingston, West Lothian, who had the strange encounter at Dechmont Hill, Livingston, on Friday.

Mr Taylor claimed that in a forest clearing he saw a silver craft. Two circular creatures approached him and tried to drag him towards the craft. His trousers were torn and his thighs bruised.

After treatment for

shock in Bangour Hospital, Mr Taylor travelled south to visit relatives and he has not yet been interviewed by police.

The area has been cordoned off by the police, and during the weekend they took Mr Campbell to the site to investigate marks on the ground.

He said: "There are marks in the ground which could have been made by the object or could have been there before. There are also some relatively fresh holes in the ground."

"While a lot of people might find Mr Taylor's claims hard to swallow I am not inclined to take that view.

"I have some idea of what he saw. I do not believe that creatures from another planet are capable of coming here. However, it could have been natural phenomena — electrical phenomena in the atmosphere — of which little is known and for which there is little explanation by science."

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# Era un pallone-sonda l'UFO dell'altra sera

**E' stato captato dal radar - Il pilota d'un aereo civile lo ha raggiunto e ha chiarito ogni dubbio**

Era un pallone-sonda per la rilevazione di dati meteorologici impazzito l'oggetto luminoso avvistato l'altra sera nel cielo di Milano e in varie parti della Lombardia e del Piemonte, di cui abbiamo riferito ieri. Il presunto UFO non era altro che il pallone-sonda plastica di una sonda meteorologica illuminato dal sole, in particolari condizioni atmosferiche.

L'avvistamento nel cielo dell'Italia settentrionale è durato quaranta minuti, dalle 19.18 alle 19.58. Il pallone ha poi vagato per tutta la notte e ieri mattina è stato avvistato ancora dal radar di una stazione ligure, al largo di Capo Mele, a una quota di 71.000 piedi, circa ventimila metri.

Il pilota di un aereo esecutivo dell'Aeritalia di Torino si era alzato in volo, la sera prima, con il suo aereo, un «BR 400» siglato I-ITAB e si era avvicinato all'oggetto luminoso.

Erano circa le 20 quando il pilota ha potuto riferire alla torre di controllo quanto era riuscito a vedere. Si trovava sulla verticale di Chivasso, a una quota di 8500 piedi. L'oggetto era lì davanti a lui, grandissimo. Aveva una forma allungata sferica di colore arancione metallizzato: non un UFO, ma solo un pallone.

Lo sferoide era stato anche avvistato 18 miglia a sud est di Robbio nei pressi di Pavia e più tardi 5 miglia a est di Alessandria.

Come abbiamo detto ieri, l'altra sera numerosi cittadini

hanno telefonato ai centralini dei vigili urbani, di carabinieri e polizia, agli aeroporti e ai giornali per informarli dello strano oggetto. Avvistamenti più precisi però sono stati fatti a vista, per mezzo di cannocchiali, dagli addetti alla sala radar di Mortara, alla torre di controllo di Caselle e dalla torre di Cameri. Purtroppo, però, l'oggetto non era visibile sugli schermi radar, nonostante le frenetiche ricerche da una torre di controllo all'altra.

E' stato a questo punto che il pilota toscano ha deciso di alzarsi in volo per avvicinarsi all'oggetto che, a quanto riferivano le segnalazioni, sembrava dotato di luce propria. Lo ha raggiunto e seguito, finché lo ha perso di vista. Il breve contatto gli è però bastato per capire che era un pallone. Un pallone che porta in alto quelle sonde meteorologiche lanciate per raccogliere informazioni sulla temperatura, umidità e pressione dell'aria.

Risolto così il mistero, non si è però riusciti a sapere con certezza da dove venisse. Il colonnello Nicola Minatre, responsabile del servizio meteorologico di Linate, ha spiegato: «Questi rilevamenti vengono eseguiti alle 12 e alle 24 di ogni giorno sugli aeroporti di Linate e Udine per l'Italia settentrionale. Si lanciano palloni in plastica del diametro di un metro e venti al massimo che vengono un'apparecchiatura fatta di circuiti stampati che rilevano e inviano a terra dati meteorologici. L'operazione dura in tutto due ore, da quando il pallone viene liberato in aria e si alza a una velocità di 500 metri al minuto. A mano a mano che sale il pallone si gonfia per effetto della diminuzione di pressione esterna. Raggiunti i ventimila metri di quota in

genere scoppia e l'apparecchiatura elettronica scende a terra per mezzo di un paracadute. Esistono anche altri tratti di uno dei tanti palloni. Il pallone-sonda avvistato l'altro ieri potrebbe appartenere alla sonda-sonda che opera con effetto rilevamento inter-vento alle 24 e alle 6. Il pallone-sonda usava prima i venti in quota — generalmente provenienti da ovest — per poi spingere il pallone a distanza di centinaia di chilometri dal punto di partenza. I palloni-sonda in genere vengono seguiti da terra con un radar teodolite che permette di conoscere gli spostamenti in quota e in orizzontale. La maggior parte delle sonde vanno perdute in montagna o in mare, un venti per cento viene recuperato. Le istruzioni su un cartoncino allegato alla sonda dicono a chi la trova di portarla alla più vicina stazione dei carabinieri. Data la sua leggerezza — meno di un chilogrammo — e l'involucro di plastica, la sonda non è pericolosa né per l'aviazione né per gli abitanti della zona in cui cade. Un piccolo paracadute in nylon ne attutisce l'impatto con il terreno.

Quanto alla luce che il pallone visto a Milano e altrove sembrava irradiare, la spiegazione è data dal fatto che lo raggiungevano in quota, mentre a terra era già buio, per effetto della curvatura terrestre.

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## A BALL SONDE THE UFO OF OTHER EVENING?

It was a luminous ball of light that was seen the other evening in the sky of Milan and other zones of the Lombardia and Piemonte regions. Perhaps the UFO was a meteorological ball of light. The sighting had a duration of 40 minutes from 7:18 to 7:58 p.m. The ball wandered for all the night and then yesterday morning it was sighted by the radar station of Capo Mele at 20000 meters of height. The pilot of an AERITALIA airplane took wings with his airpolane as he approached the luminous object. It was 8 o'clock p.m. when the pilot related to the control tower of what he could see. He was over Chivasso at a height of 8500 feet. The object was in from of him and very big. It was spheric shape and a metallic orange in color. The sphere was sighted to from Robbio and from Alessandria. A lot of citizens phoned the police and the newspapers to infrom them of the starnge object. Sightings with binocular perfromed by the men of the radar control tower of Caselle and Cameri because the object did not appear on radar. It was at this point that the executive airplane pilot decide to take after the object. He chased it until it lost him. The official explanation said the object was a meteorological ball???????

MARSALA: VISTO DA MOLTI

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# UFO lampeggia e poi se ne va

TRAPANI — Un oggetto luminoso non identificato è stato avvistato da alcune persone in contrada Piccione, fra i territori di Marsala e Mazara del Vallo.

I primi ad avvistarlo sono stati due coniugi, Giovanbattista Li Causi e Rosaria Ligza, che sono poi andati nella caserma dei carabinieri per raccontare il fatto. Nella stessa caserma poco dopo sono andate altre persone, che avevano avvistato l'oggetto mentre percorrevano in automobile il su-

gomare Mediterraneo: «Abbiamo visto un UFO!».

Tutti hanno detto di aver visto l'UFO, l'oggetto dal diametro di circa due metri che, proveniente da sud-est, si è fermato all'altezza di una ventina di metri dal suolo.

Dopo una sosta di circa due minuti, durante i quali ha emesso una luce intermittente di colore bianco, rosso e giallo, ed un rumore come quello degli aerei al decollo, si è allontanato.

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## Policemen follow UFO

THREE policemen from the Emirate of Dubai saw an unidentified flying object while on patrol yesterday. They followed the object by car on the road connecting Dubai with Abu Dhabi, another one of the seven United Arab Emirates.

The three men said they took photographs of the UFO. It was the second time in six months that a UFO had been reported in the skies of Dubai.

LA PROVINCIA - OCT. 23, 1979

### UFO SIGHTED AT MARSALA

Trapani (Sicily) a luminous object sighted by a lot of people at Marsala and Mazazara del Vallo, Mr. and Mrs. Giovanbattista Li Causi sighted it first; then they went to the carabinieri to tell the facts. Others person sighted the UFO near the sea front. All told that the UFO had a diameter of two meters and it moved from the south to east. It stopped at 20 meters from the ground. It stopped for two minutes and an intermittent light of white red and yellow lights flashed while making the sound of an airplane as it takes off.

EVENING POST - LEEDS, ENGLAND  
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# Mystery in the sky as Neil spots a UFO

An unidentified flying object has been sighted in the skys over Moortown, Leeds, glinted in the sun as it revolved and travelling towards the west.

"My little boy came into the house about 11.40 on Saturday morning and said he had seen a flying saucer outside," said Mrs. Avril

Davidson, of Street Lane, Moortown.

"I went out and could see it very high up in the sky, travelling from east to west. It was round but a bit irregular and didn't seem to be powered by anything as we couldn't hear any engine noise.

"It was medium to dark grey in colour and there

was no vapour trail so it wasn't an aeroplane."

A little boy down the road, Andrew Gray, aged six, spotted it first. And then Mrs. Davidson's son, Neil, aged 10.

"Two adults in the street, both neighbours, saw it as well as myself," said Mrs. Davidson. "It took about three minutes to travel out

of sight."

A hot air balloon travelling very high up in the atmosphere would seem the most obvious explanation. Except that the Air Traffic section at Leeds and Bradford Airport at Yeador have not been informed of any such movement in the area.

So the mystery remains.

# Little green men dropping in for tea!

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SEEN any good UFOs lately? If you have, then you had better relate your experiences to the British UFO Research Association, as they are in the process of doing a survey.

Sightings take place in all parts of the world. Recently, 350 people with paranormal sightings, who came from 15 countries, gathered together at a congress.

They were a comfort to one another because most other people are a bit sceptical about these happenings.

You could get very worried that cigar shaped objects apparently keep hovering over your back garden and it doesn't help your sanity when you find, as did a lady from Wolverhampton, three men with waxy white faces and deep black eyes—in her front room.

She fed them on mince pies but they didn't say "please" or "thank you"—perhaps they are a bit short on good manners where they come from—although the lady swore they spoke English.

Alas, I cannot join the club as I have never had a sniff of a sighting. No little green men have ever come into my life. Come to that, I have never seen a pink elephant either.

I did see the eclipse of the sun and a meteor flash across the sky on a starry night.

I wonder at rainbows and dew drops on roses and whiskers on kittens. But



those are a few of my favourite things.

I also once got within hailing distance of a ghost but UFOs so far have evaded me. I can't imagine why. I have a very healthy imagination.

Just fancy the thrill of having unexpected visitors turn up in a glowing saucer right there on the front lawn and giving them the big hello. I won't give up hope.

I suppose it would be as well to keep a few mince pies by.

Having fairies at the bottom of your garden is now old hat. UFOs are definitely the "in" thing.

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## Those UFO sightings

Sir. — There has been an interesting report in a Sunday newspaper of two UFOs on the moon at the time when Apollo 11 made its classic landing; actually there have been various UFO-like sightings on the moon since as long ago as 1820!

These mostly take place at two craters. One in the centre of the moon and another, at the southern edge. One cannot say, however, that all these sightings were UFOs, as they mostly consist of flashes of light, or puffs of dust.

We were interested while on holiday in France to find

that UFO sightings are officially investigated by the Gendarmerie; they take statements and record marks made on the ground, if there are any.

The Gendarmerie do not seem in the least reticent about the sightings, in fact many of them are published in a large book, complete with photos, etc. There is no attempt to "explain" sightings, in terms of plane lights, ball lightning, etc., though the author does compare them with sightings, of previous years. (Actually I think one of the sightings is ball lightning).

All this of course makes an interesting contrast with our own official policy of ignoring, or "explaining" sightings. For example, President Carter's UFO which he reported in October 1969 was "explained" as being Venus; however, during this month, at the appropriate time (7 p.m.) Venus was 30 degrees below the horizon and not visible in Georgia, according to our computer.

Perhaps the French, with their sensible approach to "les OVNIS," will eventually find out something.

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# Night of the UFOs at Station Road

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By Graham Gardner

MRS GWENT McGregor, of Cheltenham, reckons she may have come face-to-face with spies from outer space.

She spotted four UFOs hovering over her home in Station Road, Woodmancote.

Mrs McGregor, aged 53, her son John and neighbours Mr and Mrs William Webb studied the mysterious glowing shapes in the sky for 20 minutes.

"We looked at them through field glasses. They had green, gold and yellow flashing lights," she told me yesterday.

"My son is a qualified pilot and radio officer and he said the lights could not have been for accepted forms of identification.

Mrs McGregor reported the incident after British UFO Society chairman Mr Ken Rogers, appealed through the Western Daily Press for information on sightings.

# Man tells of brush with alien robots

By DEREK BATEMAN

A 61-year-old forestry worker who reported seeing an alien craft on Friday, spoke yesterday for the first time about his experience.

Mr Bob Taylor, of Broomieknowe Drive, Livingston, West Lothian, said he had been walking between the trees towards a large clearing on Dechmont Hill, Livingston, after leaving his pick-up vehicle behind.

## Camouflaged

"This ship was sitting there. I took it to be a space ship or something. It was a dome about 20 or 30 feet high with a large flange round it. There were little propellers on the flange. I was about 12 yards from it. I stood and

watched for I don't know how long. I was mesmerised.

"It was a very dull grey colour and parts of it seemed to disappear from time to time as if they were camouflaged and merging into the background. Or perhaps it was my eyes."

Mr Taylor went on: "Then two figures came out, I think from underneath it. They were grey ball shapes about four feet high with six metal spikes on each. They were robots of some kind. They were made of something like emery board. They were not smooth.

"They moved on the spikes which made a kind of suction noise. There was no other sound. Not even machinery noise.

"They came very quickly. I couldn't move. They came right up beside



Mr Taylor holds up a drawing of the space craft and "creature," at yesterday's news conference.

me and there was a very powerful odour. It was choking me. I don't know if they put some on me but I don't think they were there to do me any harm. I must have fainted," he said.

Mr Taylor's Irish setter Lara, which left him in the wood, started to bark. "I think he may have chased them off. They were gone when I came round. There were these strange marks on the ground. They were about two inches deep and triangular, not unlike caterpillar tracks. But they didn't go anywhere."

## 'Severe pain'

His trousers were ripped on either hip. He crawled some of the way home, about a mile-and-a-half. He was unable to drive

and could only move the pick-up 10 yards.

Mr Taylor went to Bangour General Hospital immediately after the sighting. However he discharged himself against medical advice before doctors could X-ray him although he was suffering a "severe pain" in his head.

"I left the hospital because I had to wait three hours before I was seen and then they insisted that I would have to strip before having my head X-rayed. I just refused. I had had enough," he said.

"My mind is at rest. I have no plans to have a check-up."

Police are treating it as a suspicious happening and until some expert can throw light on the matter it is likely to stay on the unsolved file.

# Town UFO sightings

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Several independent sightings of a UFO, clearly seen over Nuneaton, were reported today.

A Nuneaton police officer was among those who spotted the large red saucer-shaped object which appeared in the skies above Nuneaton and Mancetter last night.

PC Kennedy was on duty about 10.25 pm when the UFO made its appearance, recorded now in the station log.

But the clearest sighting was probably that of Mr Mick Clarke of Elmfield Road, Weddington, who was outside his home in a car.

The UFO suddenly became visible in a spot in the sky. It did not move into his line of vision, but seemed to materialise in the atmosphere, he explained.

He watched it for about ten seconds while it stood motionless. There was no sound from it, nor was there any local traffic noise to blot out its sound.

The object was saucer-like and seemed to be between Weddington and Tuttle Hill, over "Mount Jud". It glowed red and flew at about 1000ft.

"Then suddenly the light intensity increased as if the UFO was revving up, and it started to move off slowly towards the

Stockingford area," added Mr Clarke.

"I'm a non-drinker, so no-one can say it was an illusion. It appeared to be very big, and it was a clear sky so I could see it without trouble," he added.

The UFO was also reported to police by a Mr Bartram of 378 Tuttle Hill, Nuneaton, who believed it was heading towards the Mancetter direction.

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\*\*\*\*\*NOV. 29, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## SAUCERY

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EVERY UFO FANATIC knows that flying saucers come in waves. A fortnight ago a reputed hard-nut Capt. TEJADA, was forced to land his Caravelle jet in a hurry after being "buzzed" by a saucer. Subsequently there have been "sightings" in Glasgow, Kuwait and Sweden, some by others also of unimpeachable seriousness of mind. Three days ago a Frenchman, M. FRANCK FONTAINE, disappeared into thin air—or so two of his friends aver. The three of them were minding their own business at 4 a.m., as is a Frenchman's wont, when a bright light descended from the heavens. In the ensuing melee the unfortunate M. FONTAINE was somehow spirited away by the saucer. He has not been heard of since.

Now our own inclination, taking into account the vastness of the universe, is somewhat in favour of the existence of some flying saucers. Sceptics may view this incident differently. One of them, our French television critic, points out that a programme on UFOs was televised the evening before M. FONTAINE rose so dramatically into the stratosphere. It could be that he is—was, perhaps—an unduly impressionable man. The French, remember, are romantic as well as rational. Some are not prepared to let the matter rest. Reason must have its day. For our own part, we do not for a moment believe that we are having our legs pulled. We should be very surprised to learn that M. FONTAINE is enjoying himself on the French Riviera. Much more likely, he is cruising on the limits of the known universe.

# More UFOs seen over Ringwood

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MORE UFOs—two white lights sparkling eerily—were seen over Ringwood last night.

They were spotted by Mrs. Joan Allen after she went outside her Crowe Hill home because her three labrador dogs were barking "in a very odd way."

"It was such a wonderfully clear night and as I looked out towards Picket Post I saw two lights about 40 degrees up from the horizon," said Mrs. Allen today.

"They didn't move for some time and there were tremendous sparkles coming from them. There wasn't a sound in the air and after I had been watching them for about a minute one moved slowly off in the direction of Ringwood and the other moved in the direction of Southampton.

"I got the impression that they had rendezvoused and then glided off in opposite directions."

## NOT A PLANE

Mrs. Allen said that the lights were quite bright and looked about the size of stars. "It definitely was not a plane," she added.

Ringwood police said that they had had no reports of the phenomena.

Almost a month ago Mr. Chris Hooper and his 14-year-old son Paul, of Coniston Road, Ringwood, spotted three UFOs hovering over Hightown.

These were two glowing spheres and a cigar-shaped object. As a result of the interest shown after the sightings there has been a suggestion of forming a UFO society in Ringwood.

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MANSFIELD CHRONICLE - ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 20, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO report

A UFO was spotted over Mansfield Woodhouse on Sunday evening. One resident described seeing a white light which approached from Mansfield, hovered overhead for a few minutes and then disappeared at high speed towards Chesterfield. A police spokesman commented: "There could be something in it, but we think it's pie in the sky."

Le Bien Public, 19 Octobre 1979  
OVNI en Saône-et-Loire 179

Louhans (C.P.). — Les habitants du hameau « les Communautés » à Bruailles, ont suivi, mardi 9 octobre, vers 23 h 25, les évolutions d'un OVNI.

L'enquête officielle affirmait qu'il s'agissait d'un hélicoptère « Puma ». Deux faits viennent donner raison aux témoins et détruire la thèse de l'hélicoptère. Mercredi et jeudi, deux des cinq représentants louhannais du Cercle d'études et de recherches ufologiques (groupe national et officiel), en l'occurrence MM. Pierre Jaillot et Jean - Claude Boudier, se sont livrés à diverses analyses sur place.

Il fut prouvé qu'il subsiste, douze jours après l'observation,

une force magnétique sur les piquets de clôture, sur du grillage et sur une boîte à lettres placée exactement sur le passage de l'OVNI. Par contre, il n'y a aucune trace de radio - activité, ce qui semble logique, car l'engin ne s'est pas posé.

De plus — et c'est là le fait le plus important — la base aérienne 102 de Dijon, contactée par les enquêteurs, est formelle : « Il n'y a pas eu de trafic aérien (avion ou hélicoptère) le mardi 9 octobre 1979, à 23 h 25, au-dessus de cette partie de la Bresse louhannaise ».

Alors de quoi s'agissait-il ? Certainement pas d'un hélicoptère mais bel et bien d'un objet volant non identifié.

La Dépêche du Midi - 24 Octobre 1979

Des ovnis perturbateurs 24/10/79

L'éclairage public du village de Villacalabuay, dans la province espagnole de Leon (300 km au nord de Madrid), s'est éteint momentanément de façon inexplicable, aux premières heures d'hier, alors que scintillaient dans le ciel des objets volants mystérieux.

Le phénomène a été observé par plusieurs agriculteurs, qui gagnaient les champs.

Des phares de tracteurs et les lampes de certaines demeures se sont également assombries tandis que les objets non identifiés lançaient de petits éclairs d'une grande intensité, selon des témoins.

Puis les ovnis se sont « éteints » sans qu'il soit possible de définir leur trajectoire éventuelle.

L'AURORE Mardi 13 novembre 1979

PANIQUE DANS LE CIEL DES BALEARES

Quatre OVNI contre une Caravelle #176

LES cent dix-neuf passagers autrichiens et allemands de la Caravelle des « Transportes aers espanoles » ont eu très peur. Ils ne se doutaient pas l'autre soir de ce qui allait leur arriver. Pendant quatre heures, quatre objets volants non identifiés (OVNI), des soucoupes volantes, ont poursuivi leur avion qui avait décollé de Palma de Majorque (Baléares) à destination de Ténérife (Canaries).

C'est au dessus d'Ibiza, au sud-ouest de Majorque, vers 22 heures, que le pilote de la Caravelle aperçut ce qui allait lui donner tant de soucis. Quatre points lumineux firent leur apparition dans la nuit et se mirent à suivre son appareil.

Passées les premières minutes de stupéfaction, le pilote tenta de les distancer.

En vain. Les OVNI ne le lâchèrent pas d'un pouce.

Des cas inexplicables

Le commandant de bord ne put que demander conseil à la tour de contrôle de l'aéroport de Valence (Espagne) qu'il appela par radio. Celle-ci lui ordonna d'atterrir. Le plus vite possible, les quatre objets étaient toujours là. Ils suivirent l'avion jusqu'à Valence. Lorsque ce dernier se posa à 2 heures du matin, hier, les « soucoupes » se dispersèrent autour de l'aéroport. L'une vint se placer

au-dessus de la base militaire, une autre survola les abords de la ville, la troisième se mit en vol stationnaire au-dessus de l'entrée de piste, et la dernière se plaça à la verticale de l'aérogare.

L'armée de l'air espagnole mise en alerte ne tarda pas à réagir. Quatre chasseurs « Phantom » décollèrent de la base de Los Llanos, dans la province d'Albacete. Lorsqu'ils survolèrent Valence, en direction de l'aéroport, les quatre objets mystérieux avaient disparu. Pourtant, d'autres témoins dans la région les avaient également observés. Les autorités militaires ont pris l'affaire très au sérieux. Une enquête a été ouverte.

Ainsi une nouvelle fois, les soucoupes volantes font parler d'elles. Le problème n'est pas nouveau mais reste très mystérieux. Depuis 1954, l'armée de l'air française collecte des informations sur ces phénomènes. Elle a constitué un imposant dossier regroupant une soixantaine de cas inexplicables. Les premières recherches en la matière furent abandonnées quatre ans plus tard, mais la gendarmerie n'a jamais cessé depuis de recueillir des informations en ouvrant systématiquement une enquête, dès qu'elle reçoit des témoignages.

Ces derniers, d'ailleurs, ne manquent pas. Il en existe, en France, à peu près quinze mille. Généralement, lors de ces enquêtes, les gendarmes font un rapport, qui va tout droit chez

des spécialistes chargés d'étudier le phénomène et qui appartiennent au Centre national d'études spatiales. Des précautions sont prises pour vérifier avec vigueur l'authenticité du témoignage. Les témoins de ces phénomènes doivent tout d'abord raconter ce qu'ils ont vu. Puis, ils sont par la suite interrogés par des psychologues qui ne leur posent aucune question à propos des OVNI proprement dit.

Il arrive souvent que les OVNI soient de simples phénomènes météorologiques. Pour les dépister, le « Groupe d'études des phénomènes aérospatiaux non identifiés » (GEPAN), dont les quarante scientifiques sont chargés d'examiner ce type d'événement, a besoin d'informations complémentaires quant aux conditions météorologiques à tel point géographique à telle heure précise. Il dispose pour cela d'un certain nombre de correspondants et utilise aussi les informations recueillies par les radars de l'armée. Lorsqu'un cas a été étudié, il est classé dans l'une des quatre catégories suivantes : la catégorie « A » regroupe les objets parfaitement identifiés (ballon-sonde, satellite, etc.); la « B », les phénomènes probablement identifiés. Lorsqu'on ne peut obtenir, faute d'éléments d'observation suffisants, plus de précision sur un phénomène, il entre dans la catégorie « C ». Enfin, la catégorie « D », celle des objets réellement « non identifiés », représente 20 à 25 % des 1.500 dossiers, déjà expertisés.

La Voix du Nord 18 Octobre 1979

Un OVNI sur une route de Feignies ?

Il y a un peu plus de quinze jours, trois personnes en quête de champignons prenaient, vers 6 h, la direction de prairies situées à la limite de Maubeuge et Feignies. Il faisait encore noir quand elles virent passer dans le ciel, sans bruit, un objet lumineux qui allait du nord-est vers le sud-ouest.

Quelques instants plus tard, apparut, dans la direction où était parti l'objet précédent, une masse lumineuse verdâtre qui grossissait en clignotant. Croyant à la venue d'une Mobylette, puis d'une voiture, le chauffeur du véhicule stationné tous feux éteints sur la gauche, alluma ses phares et avança... La « chose » déboucha sur la route devant eux à quelque cinquante mètres, couvrant toute la largeur de la chaussée, à environ un mètre du sol. C'était une masse lumineuse en forme de toupie équipée sur son pourtour de clignotants tantôt rouges, tantôt verts. Arrivée très vite face à la voiture, au moment où la collision allait se produire, tout s'éteignit soudainement... Un témoin prétend avoir alors vu une masse sombre tourbillonner rapidement et monter à toute allure dans le ciel laissant une sorte de flamme derrière elle.

Cette affaire fut connue rapidement du responsable régional du groupement « Lumière dans la nuit » qui vérifia les témoignages. La gendarmerie, alertée, procéda aux auditions.

Les personnes pouvant confirmer ces faits, directement ou par recoupement, sont priées de contacter la brigade de recherches de la gendarmerie de Maubeuge ou la permanence OVNI, hôtel de ville annexe (tous les jeudis soir dès 20 h) ou en téléphonant au (27) 64.68.55. L'anonymat est garanti.

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Le Provençal  
20 Sept. 1979

**Soucoupe  
volante en Espagne 182**

Une « soucoupe volante » a été vue dans la nuit du mardi à mercredi dans le ciel de Cadix par de nombreuses personnes, qui ont indiqué que l'engin émettait des rayons rouges et blancs et volait à une grande vitesse.

D'autres groupes de personnes situées à San Fernando, près de Cadix, ont déclaré, hier, que l'engin volait lentement en zigzag, changeant fréquemment de direction et demeurait quelquefois immobile dans le ciel.

Finalement, selon ces témoins, la « soucoupe volante » s'est dirigée vers l'Atlantique en direction des îles Canaries ou du Maroc.

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La Voix du Nord -  
21 Septembre 1979  
**Un O.V.N.I. 181  
à Gravelines ?**

Les gendarmes de la brigade d'Audruicq (tél. 35.30.17) ont recueilli le témoignage d'une personne habitant à Vieille-Eglise, digne de foi, venue leur conter ce qu'elle vit lundi dernier 17 septembre, dans le ciel de Gravelines.

C'est en effet dans un secteur qu'il situe dans la direction de la centrale nucléaire de Gravelines, que ce témoin a observé, durant un bon moment, un objet de forme ovale et de couleur blanche.

Les gendarmes d'Audruicq demandent à ceux qui auraient éventuellement observé le même phénomène de bien vouloir entrer en contact avec eux.

L'Indépendant,  
26 Septembre 1979 ← 178

**Ovni bruyant 178  
en Argentine**

MENDOZA (Argentine). — Cinq enfants ont assisté à l'atterrissage d'un objet volant non identifié qui a émis des lumières multicolores et de forts bruits à Mendoza, à quelque 1.100 km à l'ouest de Buenos-Aires.

A l'endroit indiqué par les enfants, la police a découvert cinq trous ronds de quelque trois centimètres de diamètre. Un agent qui y a touché a vu sa main enfler, mais aucune trace de radioactivité n'a été décelée.

L'atterrissage de l'Ovni a coïncidé avec une panne d'électricité dans la région, mais la police a indiqué qu'il n'y avait aucun lien entre les deux phénomènes.

La police cherche à vérifier la véracité des déclarations des enfants, âgés de 7 à 11 ans. Les bruits que l'Ovni aurait émis intriguent les "chasseurs de soucoupes volantes" car pratiquement tous les témoignages précédents insistaient sur le silence dans lequel se déplacent les Ovnis.

J. SIDER  
Colombes

Source : - "Le Bien Public - Dijon - France  
October, 19, 1979

N°179

Digest : UFO in Saone-et-Loire department (With secondary effects)

Louhans : - Inhabitants of "Les Communautés" hamlet close to Bruailles village, could see tuesday 9 October about 11:25 p.m., evolutions of a UFO.

The official inquiry showed that its UFO was an helicopter "Puma". Nevertheless, two private UFO-searchers of C.E.R.U.F., MMr. Pierre Jaillet and Jean-Claude Boudier, did some analysis on the sighting spot and discovered, 12 days after the incident, a magnetic force on pegs of a fence, some wire-netting and a letter-box, all being located on the UFO passage. On the other hand, no tracks of radio-activity was found, what is logical, seeing that the engine didn't land.

More, and this is very important, French AFB n°102 in Dijon contacted by both investigators, was categorical : There wasn't any flight (airplane or helicopter) tuesday 9 october 1979 to 11:25 p.m. over this area of Bresse province. (The rest without interest)

J. SIDER  
Colombes

Source : -La Dépêche du Midi - Toulouse - Fr.-  
October, 24, 1979

n°180

Disturbing UFOs

Lighting of Villacalabuey village, in Leon spanish province, 300km from Madrid in the north, went off during a few instants in an unexplained manner, in the first hours of yesterday, while UFOs were twinkling in sky. This phenomenon was sighted by several country-men who were going in their fields.

Head-lights of a tractor and lights of several houses went off while these UFOs were giving off a few little flashes with a great intensity, according to witnesses.

Then, UFOs "turned off" and it wasn't possible to determine when, how, and where they went away.

J. SIDER  
Colombes

Source: L'AURORE - Paris - France  
Tuesday 13 November 1979

N°I76

Terror in Balears Islands Sky  
FOUR UFOs AGAINST A "CARAVELLE" AIRCRAFT

Digest : The 119 austrian and german passengers of the "Caravelle" of Transportes Aeres Espanoles Company were very frightened. For four hours, four UFOs (Flying saucers) have pursued their plane which had taken off from Palma de Majorque (Balears Islands) towards Tenerife (Canaries Islands).

It is over Ibiza, in the south-west of Majorque, about 10:00 p.m., that the pilot of "Caravelle" saw the UFOs: four bright specks appeared and followed hot on the track the plane. Then, pilot tried to outdistance them. Without result.

The pilot sought advice of control-tower of Valence Airport with his radio-operator and he was ordered to land faster possible. Thus, up to Valence Airport, the four UFOs remained behind the "Caravelle". When this one landed about 02:00 a.m. (Nov. 12.), the "saucers" scattered round the airport. One of them remained just over the military base, another flew over surroundings of town, a third remained stationary just on the top of main runway, the fourth took up its position in a vertical line over the airport.

Spanish Air Force was warned and four jets "Phantom" took off from Los Llanos AFB, in Albacete province. Nevertheless, when jets reached Valence area, the four mysterious objects had disappeared. Spanish military authorities have taken this deal with much seriousness. An inquiry has been held about this incident.

(The other part of this article is without interest of great importance)

J. SIDER  
Colombes

Source : La Veix du Nord - Lille - France  
October, 18, 1979

N°I77

Digest : UFO on a road of Feignies (Nord department)

A few more than fifteen days ago, three persons who were gone out seeking mushrooms in meadows located near border between Maubeuge town and Feignies, when they saw, in spite of darkness (It was 06:00 a.m.), a strange object moving in sky, very bright, noiseless, going from the north-east towards the south-west.

A few instants latter, a big luminous mass appeared coming on from the direction where the first object had vanished. It was a very bright greenish mass which was increasing in twinkling.

Witnesses believing coming of a "classic" vehicle (moped, car, etc...), put away their car on the road side and lighted head-lights. The "thing" emerged on the road face to face with witnesses car up to about 50m away from the alarmed three persons, taking all breadth of road and flying over this latter at one metre from the ground, no more !

It was a bright mass shaped like a top provided on its periphery with red and alternating winking-lights. When the strange engine went crashing against the car, all these queer lights turned off. One of witnesses stated having seen a dark mass rising up in whirling fastly and disappearing in sky leaving behind it a kind of flame.

(The rest is without interest).

J. SIDER  
Colombes

Source : "L'indépendant"  
September, 26, 1979

N°178

Digest

LOUD UFO IN ARGENTINE (With landing)

Mendoza : Five children have attended a UFO landing giving off multi-coloured lights and loud noises, about 1100 kms to the west of Buenos-Aires. On the spot indicated by children, policemen have found five holes about 3cm in diameter. One of them who touched soil to this spot saw his hand swelling, but no tracks of radio-activity was discovered. This landing coincided with a black-out in the area, but police stated that there wasn't any link between both events. (The rest without interest)

J. SIDER  
Colombes

Source : - La Voix du Nord - Lille - France  
September, 21, 1979

N°181

Digest : UFO over Gravelines

Gendarmes of Audruicq have recorded a testimony of an inhabitant from Vielle Eglise hamlet, a very credible witness, who said them to have seen the last monday 17 September, a queer object in sky.

Indeed, it is in the area of the NUCLEAR CENTER of Gravelines that this person sighted, during a long time, an object oval-shaped and white coloured moving in sky. (The rest is without interest.)

J. SIDER  
Colombes

Source : - "Le Provençal" - Marseille - France  
September, 20, 1979

N°182

FLYING SAUCER IN SPAIN

A Flying Saucer has been seen in night from tuesday to wednesday in sky of Cadix by numerous witnesses who have stated that this object was giving off red et white beams of light while it was moving with a very high speed.

Other groups of people who were to San Fernando near Cadix, have stated yesterday that the engine was flying slowly in zigzag motions changing often its direction and sometimes remaining stationnary in sky.

Finally, according to witnesses, this UFO headed towards Atlantic ocean and Canaries Islands and Morocco.