

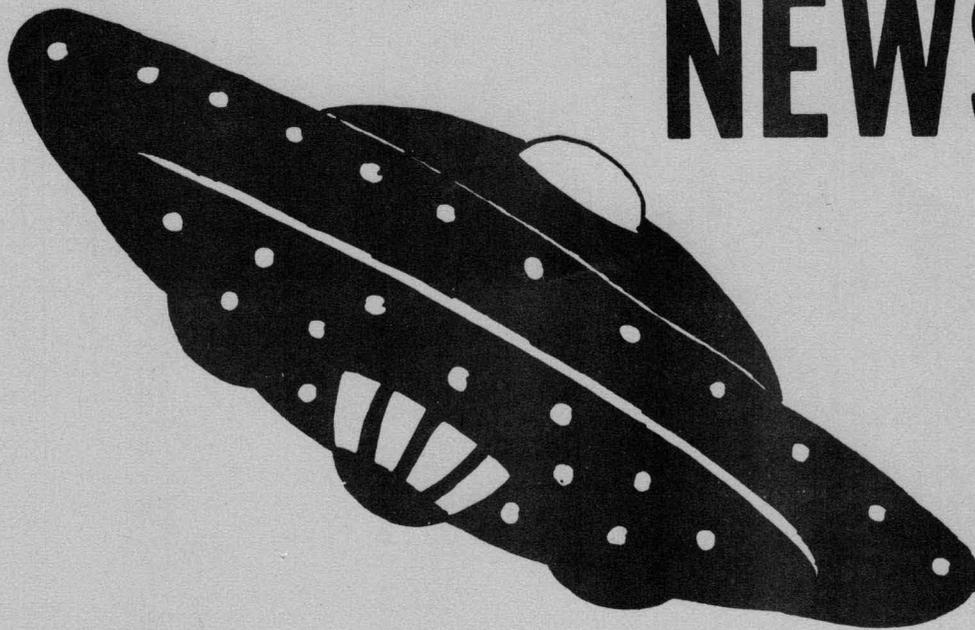
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# 1381 Waukesha woman spots UFO

By Dan Callahan

"It was the most beautiful thing I've ever seen in my life. If I was going to die, this would have been the perfect time," Bernice Glor said.

Glor, 72, saw an unidentified flying object about 5 a.m. today, hovering near her apartment at 2406 Springdale Rd.

She said she was bashful to tell anyone about it, fearing "they'd think I was off my rocker." But the light that twinkled and suddenly wooshed away was so beautiful she had to call the *Freeman* to see if anyone else saw it.

"I've never thought about UFOs before," she said. "But I definitely saw this."

She saw it when she got up at about 5 a.m. and looked out her apartment's windows.

"I saw this light," she said. "It was twinkling, and it was the most beautiful light I've ever seen. It was too big to be a star. It was as big as a small living room, and it was about 30 feet off the ground and about three-quarters of a block away.

"It fascinated me. If it had been on the ground I would have walked to it. All of a sudden it sounded like a motor started and these red and blue lights came on. It just sort of glided west and then sort of north."

Glor said she had seen something like it about two weeks ago. But this was the first time she saw it take off.

The round object was silent until

a motor gave off a kind of "shoosh," she said. "It was like someone taking a lid off something that was under pressure."

She said it couldn't have been a plane or helicopter. "It was all light," she said.

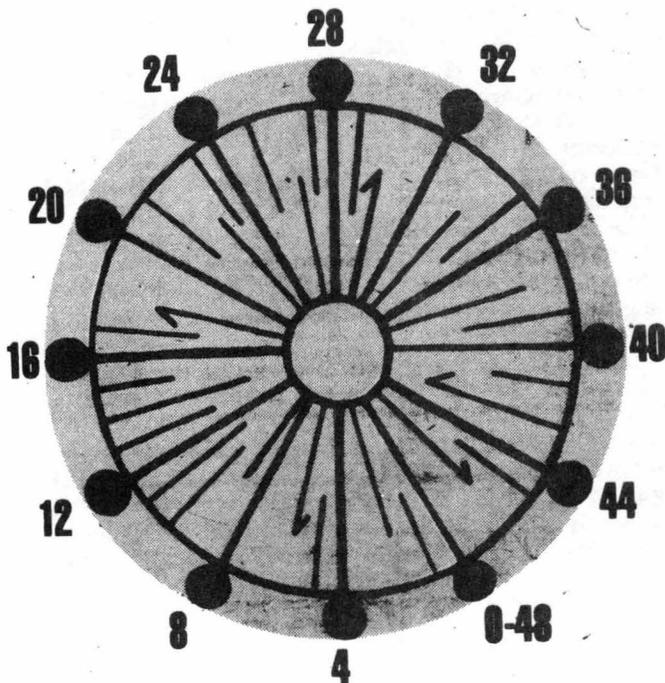
She and her husband Edmund have lived in the apartment for about a year. Nothing like this has ever happened to her.

"It sure makes you feel funny to report something like this," she said. "But I told my husband, 'Maybe heaven is sending something down here to warn us.'"

Walter Andrus, the international director of the Mutual UFO Network in Austin, Texas, said the sighting was similar to many reports received by the network from all over the world. He doubted it was an aircraft because they don't have blue lights.

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## Weird Glenview sighting leads to 'UFO Code'

By Alf Siewers

This is a story about an unusual incident that happened to a retired Bell Laboratories engineer and his granddaughter in Glenview.

It's a story that raises questions about human perceptions and what society considers "normal."

And it's a happening that led to the publication of a book and a letter to the White House.

Its legacy can be seen on the second floor of I.W. Whiteside's Glenview townhouse, where a video camera remains pointed day and night at a small wood-and-glass bookcase. It was on that bookcase one night two years ago that Whiteside and his granddaughter, who was spending the night, suddenly saw colored images pass over the glass in regular patterns for a prolonged period.

By coincidence, J. Allen Hynek of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston stopped at Whiteside's home the next morning. Although Hynek first didn't pay much attention to descriptions of the event from Whiteside,

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## UFO CODE CON'T



I.W. Whiteside displays the video camera he keeps trained on the cabinet where he and his granddaughter saw a series of inexplicable, laserlike figures. The rendering at left represents a key part of "Sharon's UFO Code," the

whose daughter and son-in-law are personal friends, he later recorded the incident in a short piece in the center's newsletter.

That was after Whiteside's granddaughter discovered that one of the images of the "geometric code" they saw that night was duplicated in a book by an astronomer. The image was that seen by scientists after watching Jupiter for hours through a telescope.

"I was an engineer, and I'm not easily hoodwinked," says Whiteside, who later wrote to tell Ronald Reagan of the event. The Glenview resident says the position of the bookcase precluded any projection from an outside source of laserlike images.

With the help of his 10-year-old granddaughter, he says, he was able to draw some of the images that appeared moving in a diagonal direction across the bookcase. The result, recorded in "Sharon's UFO Code," a book recently published at his own expense and named for his granddaughter, is illustrated in full-color diagrams. Whiteside says they represent attempts to communicate the key to a geometric code of mathemat-

ical communication that would explain many UFO incidents of flashing lights. The code, named after his granddaughter, since has been published in book form. (Photo by Terry Vitacco)

ical communication that would explain many UFO incidents of flashing lights.

Interviews by Hynek and Whiteside's son-in-law confirmed Sharon's observations of the images.

"I think they have some sort of computer minds," Whiteside says. "They don't realize that while we're able to build computers, we're not able to understand complicated codes immediately."

The Colorado native points to coincidences that he says surrounded the observation, including the presence of himself, with a mathematical background, and his granddaughter, whom he says has a "photographic memory."

Since the incident happened, Whiteside says that his golfing partners have made him promise not to talk about UFOs.

Hynek wrote in his center newsletter that the incident was "strange" and did not fit into regular UFO sighting patterns. But because the observers were personally known to him and did not fit the label of "crackpots," he considers the incident worth pondering.

# It's a bird, it's a plane,

# it's not a Longhorn but. . .

By ROB LEIBOLD  
STAFF WRITER

What's burnt orange, shaped like a cigar or a saucer and is sometimes seen in the skies over the La Vernia area?

It's probably not a flying Longhorn on its way to Austin trailing the school colors, but no one knows for sure.

Several La Vernia residents spotted an unidentified flying object Feb. 15, drifting at school-zone speed over the quiet town of about 1,000 people 15 miles east of San Antonio.

Several residents gave different descriptions of the mysterious object, but all were adamant that they observed something out of the ordinary.

John R. Cockrell said he was standing in the doorway of his home, a little before 7:30 p.m. when he saw "this thing going over. I didn't hear any sound, so I knew it wasn't an airplane. It was three or four feet long, kind of pointed on both ends, but

larger in the middle. The middle was four or five inches in diameter."

Cockrell said he walked out into the yard to get a better look. "It was a real bright orange light with little dabs in the middle that were the same color but with a little more intensity.

"It looked like the light made the shape. The ends weren't sharp, it tapered out at the ends. It was a burnt orange color."

Cockrell said the object was moving fairly slowly from the southeast to the southwest.

He said it appeared to be going about as fast as a car traveling about 20 mph on Highway 87, which is about 150-200 feet from his house.

Cockrell said it took about 30-40 seconds for the cigar-like object to leave his vision when it passed over the Koepf Chevrolet building.

Jaime Santos, 11, said he and his parents saw an object when they were pulling into the parking lot of their restaurant at about 7:30 p.m.

His description differed somewhat from Cockrell's.

"We were coming back from volleyball practice when I saw something move around in the sky," Santos said.

"It was all different colors, and they changed constantly. Red, orange, yellow.

"It looked like an airplane, but it was round so I knew it wasn't. It wasn't making any noise. It was about 1,000 feet high." He said it seemed to be heading toward San Antonio.

Santos said he watched the UFO for about two minutes before he lost sight. His parents, Norma and Alfred didn't see it real well, his mother said because they tended to their business while he watched.

"I never even thought about it being called a UFO or anything," Cockrell said. "I came to the conclusion

that it wasn't an airplane, but I didn't know what it was."

Several other residents said they had heard a peculiar noise, but did not see anything out of the ordinary.

One resident said the noise was like a giant weedeater. Another said it sounded like a big whoosh.

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in Seguin is investigating.

Walter Andrus Jr., MUFON director, said he has visited with several of the people who claimed to have seen the UFO, but added that the investigation is still under way.

"We're still collecting information," Andrus said. "Jaime (Santos) watched it longer than the rest of them, but I don't know if this was a different object. ... We've got to do some more checking."

Andrus said the object, which was

flying at an altitude of about 1,000 feet was not picked up on radar in the control tower at the San Antonio International Airport.

The last major sighting of UFOs in the La Vernia area was Feb. 27, 1981, three years ago yesterday, when 30 residents claimed a UFO knocked out television signals, disrupted telephone lines and set off a false fire alarm at a supermarket.

In that sighting the object was said to be a triangular-shaped craft with two white lights in the front and a red light in the back.

The explanation for that sighting was later described as a C-5 transport plane. Some, Andrus included, don't believe the C-5 was in the La Vernia area when the UFO was sighted.

That sighting still remains a mystery.

# Officers encounter strange lights in

MN-016 MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE  
MAR 9 1984

## S.D. sky

By Jim Dawson  
Staff Writer

Gary Myers said he has read a little science fiction in his day, but it didn't prepare him for his night shift in the desolate hills of Bennett County, S.D.

When the Martin City police officer reported for duty Tuesday there was an assignment waiting for him and Bennett County sheriff's deputy Tom Jensen. Sheriff Ed Rolfe asked them to drive into the hills to check out several reports from ranchers of strange lights in the southwestern sky.

There had been five reported sightings in the past few weeks, Myers said Thursday, and the sheriff was curious.

A short time later Myers was standing on a dark hill, clutching his shotgun, while Jensen talked nervously to headquarters on his radio. About 150 yards away a large array of red and white lights floated silently in the air, Myers said.

The two officers were involved in what UFO researchers call a close encounter of the first kind — meaning they were within 200 yards of an unexplained "phenomenon."

J. Allen Hynek, founder of the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University, said he already has interviewed the officers and the ranchers and is impressed by their account.

Hynek, who was an adviser to the U.S. Air Force during its two-decade "Operation Blue Book" investigation of UFOs, which ended in 1969, said he doesn't believe the objects come from outer space.

"I've often thought in terms of a parallel reality," he said, "an interface with another universe."

Myers was thinking more in terms of secret military aircraft, he said, "but

I don't know what it was."

"If either one of us had been out there alone," Myers said, "we wouldn't have told anybody about it because we'd get branded as crazy.

"We didn't take this seriously at all," he said as he and Jensen prepared to head into the hills again last night, this time armed with a tape recorder, binoculars and a camera. "We thought it (the reported UFO) was a hoax, a joke."

Just after 10 p.m. Tuesday, at the time ranchers said the UFO usually

appears, "we got out on top of a hill," Myers said.

It was a clear, starry night, Myers said, and as he and Jensen scanned the horizon for about 10 minutes they didn't see anything but stars and distant town lights.

"We got back in the patrol car, drove about 2 or 3 miles down a dirt road and stopped on another hill," he said.

"We looked back and there were two lights, a bright white one on the right and a dimmer red one on the left, about 100 to 200 feet in the air right over the position we'd been parked in before," Myers said.

"It was spooky. They started moving toward us at a slow rate of speed about 100 yards to the south of the road. After it got halfway to us, he (Jensen) got on the radio and started describing it to the dispatcher."

When the lights were within a half-mile, he said, "the big light shut off." Myers said he grabbed his shotgun and watched as the remaining light moved directly opposite his squad car, about 150 yards to the south.

"It had three or four white lights on its side, four red lights on the back and we could still see the lights on the front," he said. At that point, he said, "it struck me that we weren't hearing any sound. None at all."

After hovering silently for about two minutes, he said, "it appeared to accelerate fairly rapidly to the southeast. When it did that we heard a low jet-engine type of sound for five or 10 seconds, then it cut off. It was very quiet."

Myers said neither he nor Jensen could make out any structure or shape behind the lights during the 10-minute "encounter."

"We radioed to a state trooper and told him to go to Hwy. 18 (to the southeast) to try to see it, but he didn't see it," Myers said.

The two officers drove quickly to Clayton Merchen's ranch, "and with-

out even discussing the pattern of lights we'd seen, they described the same thing." The Merchens are one of the families that have reported seeing the lights several times in the past few weeks.

Another ranch owner, Jerry Grass, has reported seeing similar lights and also finding three of his cattle mutilated. Cattle mutilations have been associated with past UFO sightings in the south and western United States, and the federal government funded a study of the incidents in 1980. The study concluded that natural predators caused the mutilations.

Myers said he patched through a call to Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City and asked if the Air Force had any aircraft in the area.

Air controllers at the base said no aircraft were in the vicinity and did not recognize the light pattern described by Myers as matching any of their planes. The controllers increased the range of their radar to scan the area of the sighting, Myers said, but reported no aircraft.

Jensen was less inclined to talk about the encounter, but he said he was heading back to the spot with Myers last night "because I want to know what that was. It was spooky.//"

SOUTH WALES ARGUS, NEWPORT  
MAR 8 1984



David and Angela Mason with a rough drawing of their UFO sighting

## Cwmbran couple tell of mystery object in sky

# UFOs over Gwent — but no little green men!

The Ministry of Defence have admitted for the first time that UFOs have flown over Gwent.

The government have previously refused to comment on UFO sightings, including the claim by a Cwmbran couple that they saw a mystery object flying over a mountain near their home.

The MoD have at last made public a number of reports referring to sightings in Gwent. And in each case they have added their own conclusion that whatever was seen "had no defence implications."

A spokesman was at pains to make it clear they are not saying they believe in "close encounters"-style little green men, just that some sightings could not be explained.

"There is no evidence that an alien spacecraft has visited or landed on this planet," he said.

He said as long as officials were happy there was no threat to the country's defence, the MoD was not interested in investigating sightings any further.

Mrs Jenny Randles, investigation director of the British UFO Research Association, says the move does not take mat-

ters very far.

She complained that while the MoD dismissed all sightings as "no threat", they did not release any details of their own investigations.

The Cwmbran couple, printer David Mason, 32, and his wife Angela, of Gileston Walk, St Dials, think the men from the ministry may have something to hide.

"They said what we saw was not a Ministry of Defence vehicle," said Mr Mason. "But I am sure they know more about it than that. It might not be from outer space, but there was definitely something — it could have been from another country, or a top secret new aircraft."

He said the UFO, which they spotted hovering and then flying along a mountain visible from their back door 18 months ago, was larger than a house, disc-shaped with a huge light on it.

They saw it for 15 minutes hovering 100ft above trees on the mountain.

Details of other reported sightings have also been released including lights and "spacecraft" over Abergavenny, Pontypool, Pontnewydd, Cwmbran and Caerleon in recent years.

LIVERPOOL ECHO MAR. 8 1984

\* UFO watchers have been told that Ministry of Defence reports on unidentified flying objects are now to be made public. But how public is public?

Should we prepare ourselves for some startling disclosures? Like: "The Ministry of Defence announced today that a strange light seen over Runcorn was later found to have been emitted from a circular object seen to land in a field. Eyewitnesses report that it disgorged up to a dozen three-legged creatures with eyes on the end of stalks, last seen heading towards Widnes."

If it ever happened, that's one report that won't be made public!

DAILY TELEGRAPH  
MANCHESTER  
MAR. 7 1984

### UFO SIGHTING

By Our Staff Correspondent  
3128 in Peking

People living in China's Shenzhen economic zone have reported seeing an unidentified flying object circling the area on March 3. It was described as a dazzling light "shining like gold" but emitting no sound.

BOLTON EVENING  
NEWS  
FEB 16 1984

### 3128 UFO shock for Stuart

STUART Settle's scepticism about UFO's has rocketed into oblivion following a captivating half hour's viewing one in the night sky.

"I used to think it was all a load of rubbish but now!" said Stuart, aged 24, of Ainsworth Avenue, Horwich.

He told how his eyes were fixed in the heavens from the moment he spotted the craft near Horwich College as he was walking home. He saw the triangular shaped object tilt, hover, and change direction as its five lights flashed continually.

Then at home, he and his brother Andrew, aged 20, watched it.

LANCASHIRE EVENING  
TELEGRAPH BLACKBURN  
MAR. 5 1984

### Mystery of UFO and the man who saw it

AN unidentified flying object has been spotted by a Rossendale man who feared for his sanity if he gave his name.

Bacup police received a call from the man who spotted the "Object" in the night sky above Sharneyford village in Bacup. He would not leave his name "because everybody will think I'm mad."

He described the UFO as a bright red cigar-shaped object hovering above the village. It then started flashing and flew off at speed.

YORKSHIRE EVENING  
PRESS YORK  
FEB 23 1984

### Points from the postbag

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MY ATTENTION has been drawn to Robert Beaumont's feature on UFOs (Evening Press, February 10).

You illustrated the feature with a photograph taken in September, 1971, which you allege shows a "mystery object seen near York..."

in fact the photograph almost certainly shows a cloud of chemicals (in this case barium and copper-oxide) released from a research rocket at a height of about 166km over the Hebrides. Thus the cloud was between 500 and 600km from York!

The release took place at 2015GMT on September 7, 1971, and, owing to clear skies and the fact that the cloud was reflecting sunlight against a darkened sky, was seen all over Scotland and the North of England. I have records of such releases (used to study the upper atmosphere) from 1969 to 1975.

I suggest you remove the picture from your UFO file.  
Steuart Campbell,  
Scottish Investigations  
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Edinburgh.

BERKHAMSTED  
GAZETTE HERTS  
MAR. 16 1984

### Strange- sighting flares rumours

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DRINKING pals laughed off Douglas Kosmalski's report of a UFO sighting.

They decided Douglas had a close affinity with the famous composers, Brahms and Liszt.

But the 20-year-old regular at "The Plough", Potten End, became bitter over his mild reception and dragged the doubters outside to see for themselves.

Among them was Douglas's brother, Brian (21) who said he saw a large round orange-coloured object soaring across the sky over the Great Gaddesden area.

### DISAPPEARED

"Then it just seemed to disappear. My brother said he had seen two or three of the objects," explained Brian.

One theory behind Saturday night's sightings was that the UFOs were remnants from pancake races falling back to earth following the previous Tuesday's celebrations.

Landlord, Mr. Peter Draper, did not see the mystery objects himself, but he vouched for his regulars being sober. "It happened too early in the evening," he joked.

But the mystery appears to have been solved this week. It is believed the UFOs were flares, although it is not known who set them off.

Down-to-earth tricks that keep the Russians looking up

# KGB takes to the flying saucers!

FOR several years now, whole areas of the Soviet Union have been in the grip of "flying saucer" hysteria — and, according to American intelligence sources, it is all part of a plot to cover up military secrets.

In June, 1980, for example, a great crescent-shaped UFO streaked over the skies of central Russia, glowing bright red. It was seen by hundreds of thousands of people, many of whom panicked in the belief that American nuclear rockets were descending on them.

In the following days, the mysterious "thing" received a lot of Press coverage in the USSR. Some of the more way-out pseudo-scientific journals — of which there are quite a number in Russia — even hinted that aliens had been seen in the streets of Moscow and other Russian cities.

But it wasn't just the Russians who saw the strange object. An hour later it was sighted by people in Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay — still crescent-shaped, but apparently much smaller now and not glowing so brightly.

More important still, it was tracked by the big radars of the United States Air Defence Command —

and they showed it up for what it really was.

The thing that had terrified half the population of the central Soviet Union was nothing more than a Cosmos military reconnaissance satellite — or rather, the rocket that launched it.

## A brilliant crescent

The RD-107 booster rockets that launch Russia's military satellites consist of 20 rocket engines, strapped around a central body to provide the massive initial thrust and acceleration. Once this has been done, the boosters are jettisoned and stage two takes over, increasing the acceleration to orbital velocity.

When they are all firing together, the clusters of rocket motors that surround the launch vehicle's first stage

produce an odd effect. Instead of seeing the ribbon of fire that trails in the wake of America's space launchers, the observer on the ground sees a brilliant crescent-shaped flame pouring from the rocket exhausts as the launcher thunders into the sky.

This is what the Russians saw on that night in June, 1980, following the launch of a Cosmos satellite from Kapustin Yar, north of the Caspian Sea. The booster rocket's north-east trajectory, inclined at 71 degrees to the Equator, took it over Sverdlovsk and across the vast wastes of Siberia. What the peoples of South America saw, an hour later, was probably the second stage of the launch vehicle re-entering the atmosphere and burning up.

As a matter of routine, flying saucer scares are carefully fostered by the KGB to divert attention

from what is happening in so-called "sensitive areas".

For example, anything unusual seen in the skies around Sverdlovsk — a town barred to all foreign visitors because it is an important centre of missile production — is invariably put down to UFO activity.

## Stories of strange lights

In 1979, there were reports of intense UFO activity over the mountainous areas of Kazakhstan, north of Tashkent. There is a lot of nomadic movement in the region, and despite attempts by the Russians to seal off their southern frontier, tribesmen move freely through the mountains that separate the Soviet Union's southern republics from India and Pakistan.

It was not long before stories of strange "lights in the sky" had spread

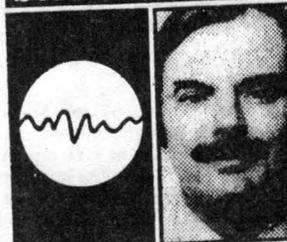
over a wide area and soon afterwards Soviet newspapers began to carry cautious tales of UFO sightings over Kazakhstan and its neighbouring republics. What was actually happening, however, was much more down-to-earth.

The mountains of southern Kazakhstan conceal one of the most top-secret military installations in the USSR. It is sited at Sarishagan and is cut off completely from the outside world.

There, within a giant scientific complex that includes 12 high-energy particle generators, the Russians are engaged in what the American Central Intelligence Agency has called Project Tora — the race to produce laser beam weapons capable of knocking out enemy satellites or the warheads of incoming missiles.

Whenever experiments were carried out, a mysterious glow could be

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ROBERT JACKSON

seen lighting up the sky for miles around. Because of the security blanket that surrounded Sarishagan, the Russians could afford to ignore any local speculation about what caused the glow — but when stories of what was going on at the complex began to spread farther afield, they invented a deliberate cover involving UFOs.

So flying saucers became part of the KGB's arsenal of deception, and the Russian security service received unexpected help from the Russian people themselves. The Russians love science; millions of them are science fiction addicts, and seize eagerly on anything that seems a little out of the ordinary.

So, even if the KGB-sponsored UFO reports don't fool all the people for even a fraction of the time, at least they help to brighten up some of the world's dullest newspapers.

# Maureen baffled by bright lights

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THE bright lights held no attraction for UFO sceptic Mrs Maureen Kilgallon until she took a late night drive on Sunday.

For it was while driving home from a visit to friends in Giggleswick on Sunday that Maureen and her son, Mark, saw something they thought impossible . . . a UFO.

By  
**ANN MUNDY**

"It was around 10 pm and a very clear night", said Maureen of Windermere Road, Carnforth.

"I was driving home when I noticed a very bright light hovering in the sky, then it suddenly shot off across the sky and disappeared. My son saw it too."

Maureen who says she was a sceptic when it came to unidentified flying objects, wanted to find out more.

"The light was very bright, like magnesium. I know it wasn't a plane because the object was very still for quite a while before shooting across the sky and vanishing."

Maureen was so disturbed

she rang the police when she reached home and they suggested a nearby school might have been carrying out an experiment.

"I didn't let it rest, though my family thought I was barmy," said Maureen who rang the school next day and was told they knew of no experiments.

"I didn't believe in UFOs at all before this, now I want to find out more," she added.

"Since this has happened its surprising how many other friends and acquaintances have said they have seen similar things. I think most people keep quiet because they feel embarrassed to admit it.

Maureen wants to hear from any readers who know of a group or body who collect information about sightings. "It was an odd experience and it must be of use to someone," Maureen said.

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VEOYIL  
MAR 20 1984

A total of 390 unidentified flying objects were reported to the defence ministry last year, compared with 250 the year before. 3128

BOREHAMWOOD & ELSTREE POST  
MAR 22 1984 LONDON

## UFO mystery

DID Borehamwood have a visitor from another world last week? 3128

Mr Arthur Clowes, 67, of Alexandra Road, Well End, spotted what he thought was an unusually bright star from his living room window at 9.16 pm on March 12.

"I thought it was a star, but it suddenly got bigger and then shot over my house at incredible speed," he said.

"It made a sort of whooshing sound you could hardly hear, so I don't think it was an aircraft."

EVENING POST LEEDS  
MAR 21 1984 (LON)

**NOW AMERICANS  
BACK BOLTON  
ABBAY 'UFO'**

A photograph taken near Bolton Abbey showing a stationary object in the air has been officially classified by American UFO experts as an "unidentifiable image."

The news has delighted Yorkshire brothers, Graham and Mark Birdsall who submitted two sets of photos for scrutiny.

Both sets have been given the classification "unidentifiable image" by American UFO photograph analysts.

For the Birdsalls of the Yorkshire UFO Society, the official acknowledgment by the Ground Saucer Watch centre is the most conclusive evidence of UFO sightings

### 'MYSTERIOUS'

Said Mark: "They say the image should not be confused with any known aircraft or rocket launch and that's delighted us.

"Of about 1,400 photographs of purported UFOs, only 42 have been classified as Unidentifiable images and that includes the two we sent."

Graham said having such positive results from America "adds further to our convictions that there is something mysterious happening up there."

### COP SHOTS

The second set of photos to be submitted for computer analysis were taken last November around 7.50 p.m. by an off-duty policeman.

It was described by the brothers as a "round structured object emitting a vapour".

The brothers have recently sent a third set of photos to the Ground Saucer Watch for analysis.

# 100 People Terrified as Huge UFO Turns Night Into Day

More than 100 people attending a dance and barbecue were hurled into a panic when a giant UFO turned night into day — lighting up the night sky with a blinding yellow blast of light.

The terrifying incident took place last June 12 outside a restaurant in the small Brazilian town of Cupira, eyewitnesses — including the town's mayor — told The ENQUIRER.

"The impossible took place!" declared local bank president Wilson Andrade de Souza, who was there.

"I was outside when this large disk-shaped object approached out of the sky, alternately flashing beams of red, yellow, green, blue and orange light.

"It was wobbling.

"There were looks of astonishment on everyone's face — there was no doubt in my mind we were gazing at a flying saucer.

"And the astonishment turned to fear and panic as the entire night sky suddenly was lit up by a blinding yellow light. The light was brighter than the sun at high noon in summer.

"People screamed. About 45 seconds later the sky became dark again as the flying saucer vanished."

Carlos da Silva Melo, a bank guard, was there with de Souza. He told The ENQUIRER:

"It was as if we were all part of a horror movie. When the dark of night turned into a brightness lighter than day, I knelt by a car and reached for my revolver — for all I knew we were being invaded.

"When the whole thing was over, I had to help several women who had fainted, and even took one to a doctor."

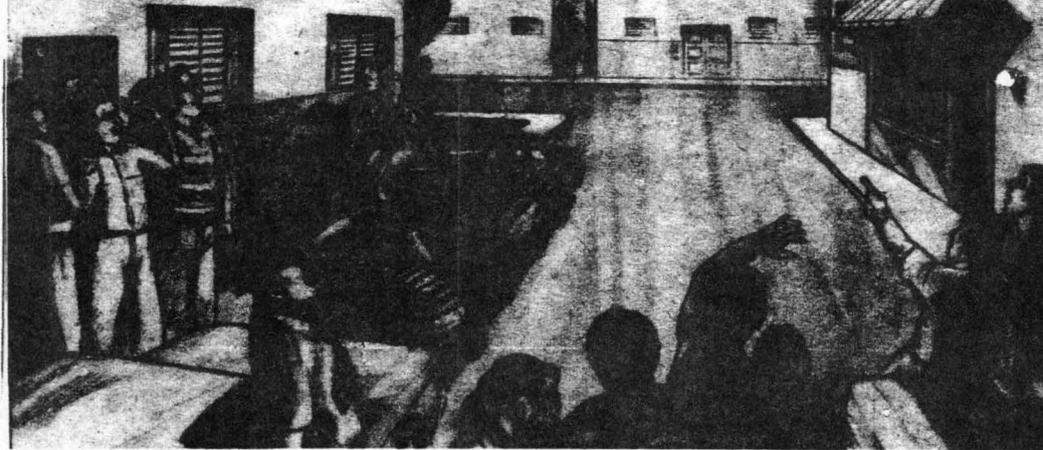
Said Police Chief Jose Gomes de Oliveira: "It was a UFO.

"One of my officers was on duty near the restaurant and saw the whole thing. When I spoke to him hours later he was still trembling. People had to receive medical assistance for shock."

The Chief added that over a three-hour period that night the UFO was sighted all over town and as far away as 25 miles.

Another witness, local

**ZECA**



**A BLINDING YELLOW LIGHT BLITZED THE SKY:** Artist's illustration of the giant UFO that terrified local citizens in a small Brazilian town.

businessman Eduardo Domingues, added: "Most of us thought it was the end of the world. It was a true living nightmare.

"My wife and I took cover under a parked car and started praying out loud with some other people. I still shudder when I think about it."

Mayor Joao Jose de Sou-

za said that months later, "everybody's nerves are still recovering. A UFO visited

our town. I know it's hard to believe — but it's true!"

— GARY RICHMAN



**IT WAS A FLYING SAUCER,** revealed bank president Wilson Andrade de Souza.

# Look here, not out there, for signs of extraterrestrials

By Ferry Hansen

In a Commentary article last Monday, engineer Eugene Mallove reviewed some popular methods that have been suggested to search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI). Virtually all of Mallove's article was based on a number of highly questionable and probably misleading assumptions about the characteristics and behavior of advanced alien intelligence.

First, astronomers Carl Sagan, Frank Drake and other SETI advocates assume that the entities they are looking for aren't already here. This assumption may at first appear perfectly reasonable. Unfortunately, the detection of advanced intelligence is a far more subtle and complex problem than it might at first seem.

Suppose you were an ant. One day you see a giant shape loom up on the horizon, zoom past with a tremendous noise, and vanish into the distance. What would you conclude? Most likely you would think it was just some odd natural phenomenon. You would have little reason to suppose you had just witnessed the passage of a motorcycle controlled by a being with mental capabilities quite beyond your comprehension.



Staff Photos by Stormi Greener

Deputy Sheriff Val Johnson at the spot where, he said, his car was struck by a glowing object.

## LOOK HERE CON'T

Sane, well-educated people whose judgment and honesty would go unquestioned in more normal circumstances often report transient and puzzling experiences. We lump them together under the term "UFO reports."

The vast majority of such reports can be explained as resulting from

man-made and natural phenomena, but many thousands cannot be similarly explained. How can we find the truth about such bizarre and unpredictable phenomena, especially when some influential scientists, and a very influential federal government, refuse to address the issue?

A few popular scientists, including Carl Sagan, openly scoff at the suggestion that such reports may have scientific value. They have managed to give the impression that scientists aren't interested in UFO reports. Opinion surveys of scientists indicate precisely the opposite.

But those scientists who are interested can do little without funding. Such support traditionally comes mainly from the federal government, but the U.S. intelligence community and branches of the military refuse to acknowledge any physical basis for the UFO phenomenon.

Why they do this remains a mystery. Government documents obtained via the Freedom of Information Act indicate that various branches of the military and intelligence community still collect UFO reports and circulate them within classified channels.

One such document describes a spectacular 1978 "dogfight" between a UFO and two F4 Phantom jets over Iran. The unknown object not only eluded capture but appeared to disable the electronic systems of the pursuing aircraft.

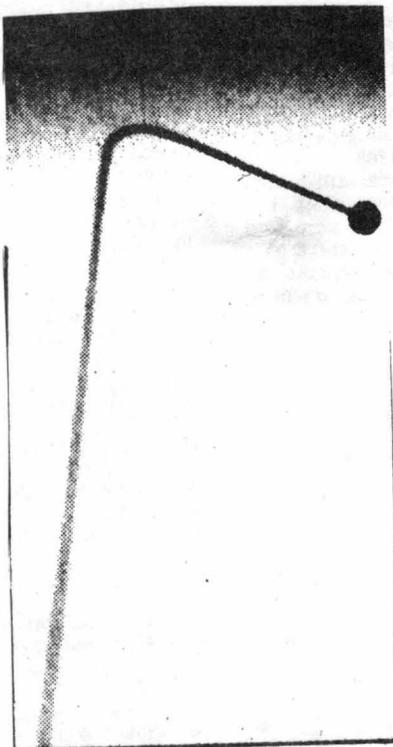
The distribution list for this classified report included the secretary of state, the Air Force chief of staff, the commander of naval operations, the White House, the secretary of de-

fense and the top U.S. intelligence agencies.

On June 5, 1968, a Buenos Aires couple reported that they were out driving when they were surrounded by a thick cloud of mist. When they woke up, two days had passed and their car, which was missing all its paint, was on a dirt road in Mexico. The woman was later hospitalized in an Argentina clinic for severe nervous depression, according to press reports.

Closer to home, Marshall County Deputy Sheriff Val Johnson reported in 1979 that his patrol car was struck by an unknown, glowing object. Johnson said he was unconscious for 39 minutes following the collision. He reported his wristwatch and clock had stopped for 14 minutes.

Damage to his car included a fractured windshield and headlight, bent antennas and a peculiar, round dent in the hood. Subsequent investigation of this physical evidence yielded no useful clues as to what had occurred.



An antenna on Johnson's car.

As science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke once remarked, any sufficiently advanced technology would be indistinguishable from magic. It is a serious error to assume that the activities of advanced intelligence would be sufficiently like our own to allow us to recognize them immediately. It is also unwarranted to assume, as SETI proponents do, that alien intelligence would have the desire or the ability to communicate with us in the way we communicate with each other. Who among us tries to talk with ants?

The discovery of advanced, nonhuman intelligence by the civilian scientific community may depend less on new technological creations, as Mallove suggests, than on a more creative and open-minded assessment of the evidence we already have.

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one time as intense as lightning and then it changed to orange.

"It seemed to be very close and once stopped as if to inspect the TV mast at Unstone," he said. "I couldn't make out any shape, but it looked as if it was showing off."

■ The attention of Alan Peters was drawn to an unusual light over the carbonization plant at Bolsover.

**'You know something's there ...'**

It was bright and steady and eerie. He called his wife and, together, they watched it for several minutes before it moved off at very high speed.

"We just stood there mesmerised," said Mr. Peters. "We'd never seen anything like it before. We had no idea what it was."

Elizabeth Hicken, of Stanton-in-the-Peak, told of a torpedo-shaped

object hovering in the sky.

"It was completely lit up. It was a marvellous sight.

"I'd never believed other people when they talked about such things, but when you see it with your own eyes, you know something's there," she said.

Neither Mrs. Hicken nor the many others who reported happenings would have paid much attention to any statistics thrust upon them as they stood rooted to the spot.

Statisticians say that if there are a million other civilizations in the galaxy, and if all stars in the galaxy are worth looking at, then, should each civilization launch a starship annually, we on earth could expect a visit every 10,000 years.

The other bit of useless information is that it would take the inhabitants of our nearest star system — Alpha Centauri — nearly 100 years to make the round trip to earth, always supposing that their craft could travel at 70 million miles an hour!

But, of course, statistical improbability is the mainstay in the arguments of the non-believers. Yet, as ufologists of choice or chance know, there are lies, more lies and statistics.

People certainly do see the unexplainable. Whether it is because of physical reality or because of psychic or metaphysical effect, they will continue to see things. Not that there's anything new in it. Records go back to 1808.

A big question mark still hangs in the sky, but now that the Ministry of Defence has admitted that it does keep records and that it does not dismiss all reports as nonsense, there's nothing to worry about.

Or is there?

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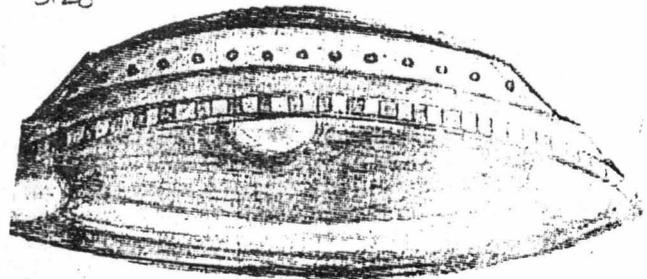
**UFO sightings over coast**

A number of people along the North Humber-side coast yesterday reported seeing a UFO over the sea between Bridlington and Hornsea.

Police, coastguards and the RAF at Leconfield say their was no air activity at the time. 3128

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**Official U.F.O.**



A moving object photographed near Bolton Abbey has been officially classified by American U.F.O. experts as an "un-identifiable image."

It was pictured by the North Yorkshire investigator for the Leeds-based Yorkshire U.F.O. Society, who lives in Grassington, and has seen over 60 similar objects in the Craven area during the past five years.

He spotted the object as he was travelling along the Bolton Abbey to Addingham road one dark evening last November.

It was in flight just beyond a distant hill, and he quickly made use of his camera which he always keeps on the back seat of his car.

Two sets of his photographs were sent to the Ground Saucer Watch centre in the U.S.A. by Graham and Mark Birdsall, who head the Yorkshire U.F.O. Society. And scientists at the centre have given the prints the "unidentifiable image" classification following analysis.

Naturally, the Birdsall brothers are delighted, for out of 1,400 photographs of purported U.F.O.'s only 42, including the two of the Bolton Abbey sighting, have been listed in this category.

And it all helps to confirm their belief that "something mysterious" is occurring in Craven.

Their local investigator saw his first object at Cononley Lane End in 1978. It is unlikely he was mistaken about that before his eyes, as he was only 100 ft. away.

**OVER 60.**

"The ones I have seen do differ, but the same shape pattern is there. I have seen over 60 in the Craven area, and always with witnesses," he says.

According to him there are several different types of craft, but the drawing the Herald has published is of the type common to Craven.

In fact, the society received 140 reports of sightings throughout Yorkshire last year, the majority of which were in Craven.

"I think these objects stay out in this sort of area as it is remote, and they are less likely to be detected," the investigator said. "They are mostly seen at night. They have been sighted during the day, but I think it is pure accident if they are."

The interest in U.F.O.'s is world-wide, with the society's magazine being asked for from abroad. And the Birdsall brothers' wish is that people at home would take the subject seriously, and not dismiss anything that they might have seen.

"People are reluctant to come forward, and the reports we get probably only make up 30 per cent of all the sightings," Mr. Peters says. "We would appreciate it if they did contact us, and then we can really form a proper picture of what is going on."

Those wanting to be in touch with the society can reach Mr. Peters at 67, Lovell Park Towers, Leeds.

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# UFOs: Is mystery force at work?

UFO buffs are probing a series of close encounters in the Wingerworth area.

Members of the Chesterfield branch of the British UFO Society have recently received reports of sightings in the area.

Now they are planning a 'skywatch' at Wingerworth to see what it is that attracts so many UFOs to the area.

The Chesterfield branch has recently held two meetings at the Goldwell Rooms, Ashgate Road, to explain its work and promote a study group in the town.

## Sightings

Since the first meeting just over a month ago membership has increased and the group is planning a 'skywatch' in Wiltshire in the summer.

Chesterfield UFO investigator Hene Perry — who helped form the group — said: "UFOs were just hearsay to me until I had two close encounters."

Her more recent sighting was near Bole Hill, Wingerworth, when Mrs. Perry said she saw an upside down ice cream cone-shaped object flying just above the telegraph poles.

Later Mrs. Perry found out UFOs were spotted by a bus load of people in Wingerworth at the same time, and by a man driving on the M1 and two boys in Mastin Moor earlier in the evening.

The British UFO Society is also investigating a similar sighting over 50 miles away in Selby earlier in the same evening.

Mrs. Perry added: "There's an awful lot going on in Wingerworth. There are more people seeing things there than anywhere else."

Mrs. Perry believes there is some kind of force drawing UFOs to a line between Wingerworth Church in Longedge Lane and Bole Hill.

- Close encounters of the Derbyshire kind — award-winning feature writer Tony Cragg takes his own distinctive look at the UFO phenomenon. Page six.

# NOW THE 60 UFOs MAN CAN TELL ALL

VILLAGE bobby Sergeant Tony Dodd broke an eight-year silence yesterday to reveal he has seen flying saucers on a staggering 60 occasions.

The 49-year-old copper had kept quiet because he feared his superiors would frown on his amazing UFO-spotting activities.

But he blew his secret after a series of photos taken on an area dubbed the North Yorkshire Triangle, have been recognised by experts at the World's top UFO Institute.

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# Drop in — It's UFO time

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A major conference on UFOs is being staged in Leeds on Saturday.

It is being hailed by the organisers, the Yorkshire UFO Society, as the biggest of its kind ever in the North of England.

The conference, at Centenary House, North Street, Leeds, is the second to be held by the society.

Last year around 100 investigators of mysterious objects in the sky from the North attended, and this time the figure is expected to be well above that.

Chairman Mr. Graham Birdsall said: "It will give people food for thought. Everyone is welcome, including non-believers."

Doors open at 1 p.m. and organisers advise folk to arrive early. On the agenda are case histories, slideshows, guest speakers, plus new photographic evidence and an open forum.

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# Sightings of sky flurries

SOME years ago, you were good enough to publish a letter from me in which I asked for reports by local residents about interesting things seen in the sky over and around Watford, and we received some very useful accounts as a result.

In recent weeks there have been flurries of similar sightings, sometimes involving very large "dirigible-shaped" craft, from various parts of Britain, including Hertfordshire.

Once again I should be most grateful for your assistance in seeing that local reports reach us.

The results will be published in due course in our journal, which is international and with readers in some 30 to 40 countries, but eye-witnesses who desire anonymity may rest assured that, as always, their wishes will be respected. — Gordon Creighton, Editor, Flying Saucer Review, FSR Publications Ltd., West Malling, Maidstone.

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Scientists at the Civilian Aerial Phenomena Research Operation in Arizona have carefully scanned three of Mr. Dodd's photos.

## Delighted

And they now say the pictures show one of only 43 genuine sightings out of thousands they have examined.

An Institute spokesman said: "These photographs are definitely not a hoax."

Tony, village policeman at Threshfield, near Skipton, North Yorks, said: "I'm delighted. I knew they were true but it's great to be told so by the world's top investigators."

He spotted his UFO while out driving with his wife last November.

# 1381 Tigers' Evans Claims He Once Saw a UFO

By Vern Plagenhoef

LAKELAND, Fla. — Darrell Evans, baseball player, never has met Richard Dreyfuss, actor, but they share a common bond.

Dreyfuss starred in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" as an inquisitive human being who wound up participating in a space exchange program with extra-terrestrial types.

There is an eerie nature to that which Evans experienced in a vicarious sense on a mid-July evening in 1982 when Evans and his wife, LaDonna, claim to have seen a UFO.

The craft was triangle-shaped with a wing span Evans estimates at 30 feet. There were banks of red, green and white lights. Evans claims the craft dipped its wings as if to say "Hello," and sped off after approximately 30 seconds at "about a million miles per hour."

Bear in mind that Evans' father assembles instrument panels for the space shuttle at Jet Propulsions Laboratories in Pasadena, Calif., and that his initials are carved into pieces of space flotsam heading for — who knows, a close encounter of a fourth kind.



Darrell Evans

a UFO

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## Ron Bender

### Weekender

Some of the folks out in Bennett County, it has been reported, are getting a little testy at all the attention they've been getting. It seems they don't appreciate the fun being poked at them just because they've been seeing mysterious lights in the night sky.

But they have no cause to be embarrassed or defensive about what they've seen. Unidentified flying objects have been spotted — and written about — for decades in western South Dakota.

And hundreds of people, even Journal reporters, have endured raised eyebrows when they admitted seeing something that doesn't seem to belong there.

A thick file in the Journal library is even labeled "flying saucers." It contains dozens of yellowing newspaper clippings dating back to 1952 about people, from Kadoka to Hot Springs, who've reported UFO sightings. Judging by the clips, there was a rash of sightings, here and around the world, in the mid-50s. Another flurry came in the mid-60s and a third in the early 1970s.

Up until this week, the most recent story was one I wrote in December 1977

about a Piedmont-area man who frequently saw strange lights at night above the Interstate 90 corridor.

Staff Writer Dick Willis didn't spot any UFOs in Bennett County Thursday night. But catch this earlier first-person account: "From personal experience, I can vouch for the fact there's something mysterious prowling the heavens — call them flying saucers if you wish. For half an hour last night, this writer observed a light which displayed various colors of the rainbow, darted about in non-sensical patterns, moved through a relatively large arc in the sky and then rapidly faded out of sight."

Editor Jim Kuehn was a Journal reporter (who obviously needed a good editor, heh, heh) when he penned that breathless prose in September 1952. But his account was just one of many in the paper. Here's some headlines from saucer sightings past:

"Rapid City family wonders just what they did see . . ." (Jan. 1, 1953).

"Hills residents tell of shining objects" (Nov. 26, 1956).

"Nebraska grain-dealer says space

people look like him" (Nov. 8, 1957)

"Silvery object in sky creates interest here" (July 30, 1964).

"UFO near Hisega 'very large, low'" (Oct. 28, 1966)

"'We all can't be nuts,' say police of UFOs" (July 2, 1967).

Here's my favorite: "Several saucers seen in skies, sighters certain" (July 3, 1970).

Very few of those old stories contained any reasonable explanation of what people saw, so it's anybody's guess what's been floating or swooping about the skies, either in 1952 or 1984.

But one thing's certain: The vast majority of the people who report UFO sightings don't do it just to get attention but because they saw something they don't understand. So, Bennett County residents, don't worry about the scoffers. There's also a solid corps of believers out there.

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# Close

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# encounters of the Derbyshire kind

**So the Ministry of Defence does take UFO sightings seriously. It has come clean – at last.**

As a result of pressure from the House of Lords, the Ministry has now supplied reports of sightings to the British UFO Research Association and has said it will consider supplying documents dealing with specific incidents to "serious inquirers."

It might be a small step for the MoD men to take (they don't say the objects are necessarily alien), but it has to be a giant-sized relief for those members of mankind who, until now, might have questioned their own sanity.

And there are a lot of sane people in this neck of the woods. A lot of intelligent people have seen unidentified flying objects and have spoken about their sightings. Maybe a lot more have seen *something* but have been reluctant to come forward because they risked ridicule.

But it is not ridiculous to say that around 20 per cent. of all people questioned could admit to having seen a flying saucer.

At any rate that was the experience of American astronomer J. Allen Hynek, consultant to an investigation into UFOs by the US Air Force, and who, in discounting himself from it, coined the phrase *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

Encounters come in many different forms.



Cynics may scoff, but flying saucers, call them what you will are real enough to those who witness a happening. And they can now take comfort from the fact that people in high places have admitted that records of sightings are kept and, it might be supposed, are taken seriously. Award-winning feature writer TONY CRAGG has been looking up the records of those who do the looking up.

Christine Marshall, of Chesterfield, was travelling by car with her husband and parents-in-law when she saw what looked like a bright star in the sky ahead of them. It was unusual enough for her to comment on it.

"It wasn't a star," she said later. "For one thing it was too bright and, secondly, it seemed to be made up of at least three smaller lights which seemed to be in a sort of flat, triangular shape.

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**'It looked as if it was showing off'**

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"At first we jumped to the obvious conclusion that it was an aircraft but, although we had a very clear view, there were no red or green lights.

"The object was above and ahead of the road and was stationary for the first ten seconds or so. Then it began to move steadily

and, quite suddenly, turned completely red and disappeared."

■ Take the account of a Tibshelf man who, returning home from work early in the morning, saw what he described as a "Very bright glowing shape resembling a child's humming top." It was hanging over a nearby field.

"The central body of the object appeared to be solid but its domed top was slightly hazy and its conical bottom seemed to be made of orange light."

As he watched, two smaller objects detached themselves from the underside and dropped in formation towards the floor of the valley. They then rose and rejoined the main craft.

"There were vaguely-moving dark patches in the central solid area," claimed the man. "And then, with a white flash, the craft moved off at high speed towards Chesterfield."

■ A Cutthorpe farmer watched a strange light darting across the sky. "The pulsating light frequently changed direction and colour," said Michael Aizlewood. "It was at

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# Midnight sighting of UFO

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A YOUNG man has appealed for anyone who saw an unidentified flying object at Hollywell, near Newquay just before midnight on Wednesday last week to come forward.

Mr. Roger Knight, aged 18, of Billings Drive, Newquay, is convinced that the flying object he saw above his car as he drove home from his girlfriend's house was too big and silent to be a plane or helicopter. And he is so intrigued by the sighting that he is asking that he is

asking for information from UFO experts, or someone at Hollywell to confirm his sighting.

"When I drove up the hill from Hollywell I saw two dazzling white lights with a red light below," said Roger. "At first I thought it was a plane but it was huge, as wide as the road. It was stationary about 150 feet above me."

"I turned off the radio, stopped the car and wound up the window," added Roger. "There was no noise and the object

started slowly coming down towards the car.

"I got a bit worried and drove off," he said. "I wouldn't have kept quiet about it because people are bound to think I'm going round the bend, but I just cannot explain it."

"I had not been drinking and I wasn't tired and I would just like to know if anyone else saw it at Hollywell, or if any U.F.O. specialist in Cornwall has heard of similar sightings."

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# Yorks now focal point of UFO world, fans told

Yorkshire investigators into unidentified flying objects told the rest of the UFO-watchers' world that the county was now the focus of such activity, not only in Britain, but the world.

Speaking to a packed audience at the Yorkshire UFO Society annual conference in Leeds, investigator Mr. Mark Birdsall even pinpointed the area where activity has been the busiest — at Carlton Moor, to the west of Skipton.

He said: "Why Yorkshire? We don't know." He also spoke of the "close encounter" by a group of children in Normanton, near Wakefield, in 1979

who claimed they saw silver-suited figures who had landed in a field.

Mr. Birdsall said: "It is rare for any civilian UFO group to get hold of a case when it happens."

Mr. Graham Birdsall, president of the Yorkshire Society, said the area around Skipton was being hailed now as the Warminster of the North because of its high number of recorded sightings.

He said: "We have had some 160 sightings in that one area over the last 18 months to two years. That is far and away above the national average."

About 150 UFO enthusiasts and members of the public from all over the country attended the

conference, the largest attendance ever. Haunting celestial music was played to accompany the large number of slides of sightings, some fake, and some still unexplained.

Mr. Mark Birdsall said that it would also be an advantage in UFO investigations to have the co-operation of the airports in their work. "We know of witnesses who have reported UFOs to the airports who have not given the information," he said.

The conference later heard from British UFO Research Association investigator and author Jenny Randles and Harry Harris.

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## Police chief's UFO photos are for real

PICTURES of a UFO taken by a policeman are genuine, scientists said yesterday. They admitted: "It can't be an aircraft." <sup>3128</sup>

The policeman, a senior officer, sent photographs of a mysterious round object hovering above North Yorkshire to Arizona's Ground Saucer Watch—the world's leading authority on "flying saucers".

In 30 years they have examined 1,400 pictures but have confirmed only 42 as UFOs.

The officer, who photographed the UFO five months ago, said: "It was covered in red lights, pulsating in rhythm. It was visible for about 30 seconds."

Two other UFOs have been reported in Yorkshire during the last three years.

# More reports of city UFOs — MoD told

**THE mystery of a UFO sighting in Plymouth has deepened.**

After a report in the Evening Herald about a motorist who chased a strangely-lit craft travelling over Stoke, other readers have come forward after having a similar close encounter.

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## Iris in hot pursuit of a UFO . . .

A PLYMOUTH motorist had a not-so-close encounter when she chased a UFO through the streets of Stoke.

The alarm was sounded late last night when Mrs Iris Wannell, of Outland Road, was stopped by a man walking his dog, and told to look into the sky.

Two very bright lights were moving slowly across the clear night sky, heading towards the city centre.

As they disappeared behind houses, Mrs Wannell and her 19-year-old daughter-in-law Lyn, decided to go after it and sped-off.

But they soon lost sight of it and were forced to give up the chase.

"We were totally amazed by the craft. It is the first time I have seen anything like it," said Mrs Wannell.

"It was definitely not an aircraft and it had a very faint droning sound.

"Lyn was astounded and suggested we

follow it, but it soon disappeared." Mr Tom Bignell, 64, of Palmerston Street, Stoke, was walking his dog when he caught sight of the Unidentified Flying Object.

He reported the sighting to the Plymouth Rescue Co-ordination Centre at Mount Wise and a report has now been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence in London.

Mr Bignell said that as the craft approached, the two main lights were

part of a collection of smaller ones that formed a semi-circle.

He stopped Mrs Wannell to ask her if it was making any sound because he has to wear a hearing aid.

He telephone Devonport Police Station and before telling them of his close encounter he assured them he was not drunk or crazy.

A spokesman for the rescue centre said UFO sightings were very rare in Plymouth and that the last one was last October.

Mr Stuart Dann (18) of Foulston Avenue, St Budeaux, saw two bright lights in the night sky while walking his dog on Tuesday.

This happened just minutes before Mrs Iris Wannell, of Outland Road, saw the same eerie sight.

Mr Dann, rushed home as soon as he saw the Unidentified Flying Object, to tell his parents.

### No aircraft

When he got back, the craft had disappeared but some neighbours who were outside had also seen it.

"Our neighbours were convinced it was a UFO, but at first I was not sure. However, it could not have been an aircraft so I am at a loss to explain it."

The incident was reported to the Plymouth Rescue Co-ordination centre at Mount Wise by Mr Tom Bignell (64), of Palmerston Street, Stoke, who also witnessed the event.

A report has now been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence in London.

The two strange bright lights were also seen by Mr Derreck Jones of Estover as he walked along Novorssisk Road at about 11.15 pm.

"It stopped me in my tracks," he said yesterday. "They were very low in the sky and hovering over Estover church.

"I thought it was an aircraft at first but suddenly the two light parted and went separate ways. They were round-shaped with little portholes."

And earlier, shortly after 9 pm, a similar phenomenon was seen by Mr Ernest Downey, of Austin Farm, Plymouth. At that time the UFOs were travelling towards Roborough Airport, he said.

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### Yorkshire triangle

AMERICAN <sup>3128</sup> experts studying pictures of mysterious brightly-lit objects seen in the skies over North Yorkshire, say they are convinced they are UFOs. The area is now being called the Yorkshire Triangle.

# Hypnosis Shows His Incredible Story Is True, Psychiatrists Say

## UFO Kidnaps Cop

Police officer Alan Godfrey went to investigate the disappearance of a herd of cattle — and was abducted by a UFO.

That's the shocking story the no-nonsense British constable told under hypnosis — and a leading UFO researcher-author who arranged the hypnotic sessions is convinced he's telling the truth.

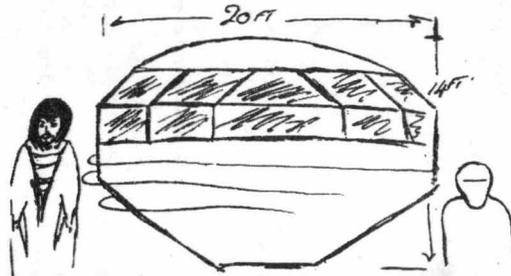
Godfrey, 36, had no memory of actually being taken aboard the alien spacecraft — but after being hypnotized on separate occasions by two psychiatrists, he told of being placed on a black bed inside the UFO and being medically examined by a strange bearded man in a white robe and eight robot-like creatures.

Researcher Jenny Randles, director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association, said that both psychiatrists "accept that the constable has had quite a genuine experience."

The incident began in the early morning hours of Nov. 28, 1980. Godfrey was on duty in his hometown of Todmorden. He can recall spotting the UFO, but had to undergo hypnosis to remember what happened inside the craft.

"It was just after 5 a.m. I was driving my patrol car, looking for a herd of cows that had reportedly wandered, when I saw a bright light ahead of me," he said.

"I drove closer and came to within 100 feet of the object. It was dome-shaped, with both top and base slightly curved. There were

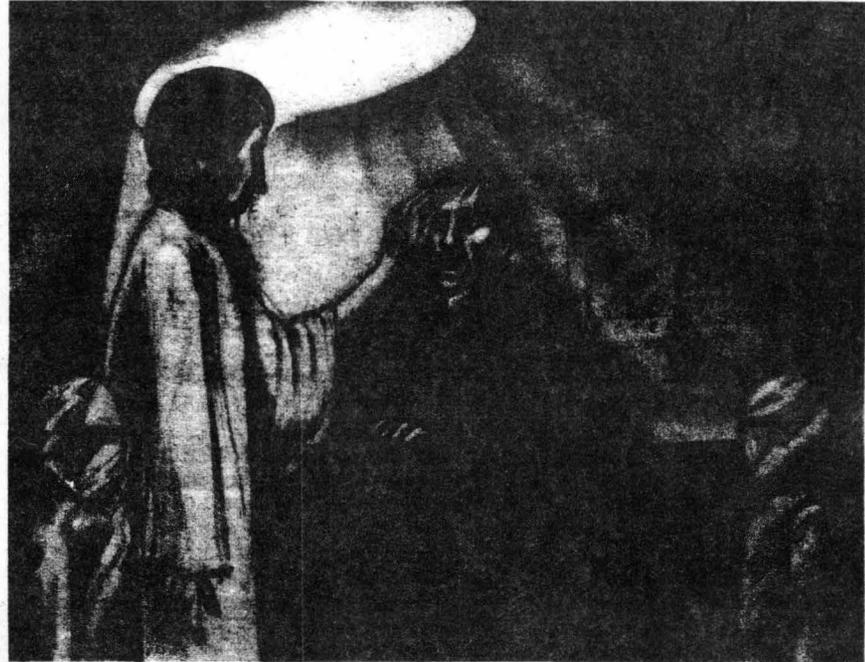


**DRAWING** by officer Godfrey shows what UFO looked like.



**KIDNAP SITE:** Officer Godfrey shows road where UFO encounter took place.

five windows that were dark against the bright fluorescence of the object, which seemed to be metallic in my car's headlights. The top seemed stationary. The bottom rotated from left to right. "I estimated the object was 20 feet across, 14 feet



**SKETCH** shows how alien examined Godfrey inside UFO. He recalled the events while under hypnosis.

high and was hovering about five feet above the road."

Then an incredible thing happened, Godfrey said. One moment he was sitting in his car staring at the strange craft — and the next moment he found himself and the car 100 yards farther down the road — and his watch showed he had inexplicably "lost" 20 minutes!

Godfrey reported the incident at his police station — and by the next day, three police officers on a nearby force and one local man had reported seeing the UFO.

UFO researcher Randles and her group arranged for a series of hypnosis experiments to help Godfrey recall what had happened during his 20-minute time gap.

He described trying to

make his radios work when dazzling light beams shot out toward his police car from the UFO. Then ...

"... I'm in a room now ... (Godfrey whimpers, as if in fright) ... there's a him, he's about six foot, looks like a man ...

"He's got a white ... like a white sheet on him ... he has a beard and he's got a skullcap on ..."

Still under hypnosis Godfrey described "horrible" little robot-like creatures with a single horizontal eye.

He described machinery in the UFO, and talked of pain and flashing lights in his head.

Today, Godfrey says, "I'm convinced I was abducted by space aliens."

— PAUL BANNISTER

# West Texas Town of Marfa Finds Flickering Fame in Mystery Lights

Curious Glow Out on the Mesa  
Stirs Curious Theories:  
Illuminated Jack Rabbits?

By DAVID STIPP

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

MARFA, Texas—Steven Spielberg, eat your heart out. When it comes to close encounters and strange things that go blink in the night, residents of this little West Texas town are a lot closer to the action than Hollywood.

For more than 100 years, mysterious lights have been reported flickering at night in and around a sparsely populated stretch southeast of here called Mitchell Flat. Many who say they have seen the lights describe them as looking like lanterns twinkling among the foothills of the Chinati Mountains, 30 miles away. Others say they have seen brighter, closer lights that blaze up and cast shadows for a few seconds before fading. And then there are the reports that movies grow out of, like Samuel Whatley's story.

About 10 years ago, Mr. Whatley was driving home a little before dawn from his night job as a computer operator when he saw what he thought were car lights speeding toward him on a road east of town. The next thing he knew, he says, a cantaloup-sized globe of orange-red light appeared and hovered a few feet outside the rolled-down window of his pickup.

"Hell, I was scared," he says. "I was crawling out of my skin." Mr. Whatley says he floored the accelerator, but the globe stayed with him for about two miles, then suddenly disappeared.

Although most sightings aren't that exciting, a great many people near this town of 2,500 are convinced they have seen something. The lights have been chased from the air and ground, gawked at by tourists, photographed and even televised. Since first being reported in 1883, they have inspired folklore, song lyrics, quite a bit of tomfoolery and some hard scientific head-scratching. No one, however, has nailed down the explanation.

## Who Is Gullible?

To be sure, there are skeptics here who say the source of all the fuss is just ranch and car lights perennially mistaken for something more mysterious. But those are the kind of folks who will believe anything, other Marfans say.

"The people who don't want to believe in the lights figure out that they're car lights," says Charlie Henderson, the local county judge. "But they're not, I assure you they're not."

Judge Henderson says he has seen distant lights that split up and go in opposite directions, bob up and down and move in other ways car lights aren't known to. Once, he says, he was hunting rabbits on Mitchell Flat when "about midnight I saw a light shining right down a little canyon I was in. It looked like the headlight on a freight train." It looked, in fact, a good deal like the lights he had seen on other occasions, only closer.

There is also the matter of a report drawn up by two geologists who prospected



for uranium here in the 1960s and early 1970s. The two, John P. Kenney and Elwood Wright, became fascinated with the lights and spent a number of nights on Mitchell Flat investigating. They recorded their observations in a journal.

On March 19, 1973, according to the handwritten account, the two were sitting in their car near a county road 10 miles east of Marfa about 10 p.m. Suddenly some horses in a field whinnied and bolted. Moments later, the two saw a ball of light rapidly moving in from the southwest, with another one behind it. The lights, which "appeared to be about one-half the size of a basketball," moved "behind some bushes and in front of other bushes" and hovered briefly a few hundred feet away before vanishing. Messrs. Wright and Kenney wrote.

The two never figured out what the lights were, but they agree that they weren't car or ranch lights. They also say they have never heard of Mr. Whatley's similar report, and he says he didn't know of the geologists' sighting.

Though such tales provide fertile ground

for occult speculation—and Marfa has produced a bumper crop of stories identifying the lights as ghosts or extraterrestrials—most people here think there must be a natural explanation. This isn't to say the explanation must be down-to-earth. One resident proposed that the lights are caused by jack rabbits with glowworms clinging to their fur.

Another theory has it that the lights come from phosphorescent minerals, even though no such minerals have been found here. Some theorists propose St. Elmo's fire, the static electricity known to light up ships' masts or airplane wings, although Mitchell Flat hasn't any obvious source of such elec-

tricity. Others lean to swamp gas, the vapors from rotting vegetation that occasionally burst into flame, but the aridity of this rangeland lends little support to that notion.

John Derr, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver, thinks that what are seen may be "earthquake lights," softball-size globes such as have been reported in places prone to tremors. Unfortunately for this theory, Marfa hasn't had any earthquakes. In any case, earthquake lights themselves stand in need of explanation. (Mr. Derr thinks they may be small clouds of charged particles.)

A lot of area residents believe odd atmospheric effects have something to do with the lights. Fritz Kahl, the manager of Marfa's airport, says he has often seen mirages in the area, such as false mountains shimmering in the distance. He says Marfa is in a basin between mountain ranges and has lots of unusual weather.

An astronomer who once worked nearby at McDonald Observatory has a theory built

along such lines. Eric Silverberg says that when he looked down toward Marfa from his perch on Mount Locke, 30 miles to the north, he used to see "twinkling lights well above the horizon where there shouldn't have been any. It was one of the most convincing UFO phenomena I've ever seen."

Mr. Silverberg believes that what he saw were light beams bent and carried over great distances by what is called the Novaya Zemlya effect, a "tunneling" of light due to adjacent layers of air at sharply different temperatures. The source could be either car lights or bright stars. Of course, it couldn't have been car lights in the case 100 years ago; and it could hardly be stars in the numerous sightings on cloudy nights.

## MARFA LIGHTS CONT

Such considerations offer no difficulty for Gabriel Green, the president of the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America, in Yucca Valley, Calif. He suggests that the lights are due to atmospheric ionization around spacecraft piloted by extraterrestrials. "They zigzag around to get our attention and expand our awareness," explains Mr. Green. The presence of mountains 30 miles away also is telling, he adds, because "it's fairly typical that they (the extraterrestrials) will set up their bases under mountains."

In a way, the lights of this small West Texas town are like the footlights of a stage that never quite became a scene of major drama. Marfa once was expected to explode

at the center of an oil boom, back 50 or 60 years ago, but the oil was never found; an outside hotel built to accommodate the boom still dominates the downtown area.

During World War II Marfa swelled when an air base was built nearby; it shrank again when the base closed after the war.

In 1955 the town soared into prominence as the setting of the movie "Giant"; today, the only sign of the film industry is the former theater, which has played its last picture show and is now an electronics store.

There was anticipation of a uranium boom in the 1960s, when the geologists who saw the Marfa lights were in the area; it went the way of the oil boom.

So the elusive lights—Marfans often describe them as "friendly" lights—are the town's only reliable source of eminence. And old-timers aren't pleased when nonbelievers scoff at the mystery. "We all got kind of mad when a reporter from Houston said they were just mercury-vapor lights on ranches," says Julia Plumbley.

If anyone in these parts can qualify as an authority on Marfa's lights, she is probably the one. It was her father, Robert Ellison, who first noticed the strange flickering in 1883. "The light I've seen over the years isn't a ranch light," Mrs. Plumbley says firmly. "It's a soft, small kind of ethereal-looking light. You can't get close to it. And there's really nothing to say about it except that it's real and it's there."

# Expert on UFOs still

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## mystified

By Joan Morris  
Times staff writer

LAS CRUCES — J. Allen Hynek has spent much of his life considering the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects.

But today, Hynek is no closer to a theory or an answer that would explain what UFOs are, where they come from and what they are doing flying around Earth.

"I don't have the slightest idea where UFOs come from," Hynek said during a speech Saturday in Las Cruces. "But I do know they constitute a phenomenon that should be studied."

Hynek was the guest speaker at a mini-symposium conducted Saturday by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Hynek is a noted astronomer and editor-in-chief of the International UFO Reporter.

Hynek said some scientists have refused to examine evidence that UFOs exist. He said that's because the scientists speculate all UFO sightings are indications of visits from outer space, which they dismiss as impossible and improbable.

But Hynek said UFOs are simply unidentified objects, and no evidence exists to prove or disprove where they come from.

"They (doubting scientists) have put the cart before the horse," Hynek said. "The scientific community has substituted one theory for the whole phenom-

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enon. They have assumed UFOs mean visitors from outer space. It doesn't."

Although Hynek said he does not discount the theory some UFOs are alien spaceships, he does not embrace it as the only theory. There could be many different explanations, some we are not yet advanced enough to comprehend.

"There are no theories that fit all the facts and explain UFOs," Hynek said. "There are no explanations I'm ready to buy."

Hynek endorses a general study of the UFO sightings, calling them part of a the UFO phenomenon. He said more than 80,000 reports of UFOs have been received from 140 countries.

Scientists have compiled lists of the sightings and recorded characteristics of the UFOs in a computer, Hynek said. Many of the same characteristics are reported in each case.

Rapid acceleration, vertical movement and hovering ability make the objects true UFOs, Hynek said, and not IFOs — identified flying objects. The Goodyear blimp and weather balloons, Hynek said, do not perform in those ways.

The number of UFO reports have decreased in the past 10 years, Hynek said. But he sees

that not as a negative trend, but a positive one.

The public is becoming more sophisticated, Hynek said, and skywatchers are able to distinguish a UFO from a weather balloon or a meteorite.

The reports also are of a better grade, Hynek said, with more substantiation, several witnesses and more believable witnesses. In the past, Hynek said, about 90 percent of the reports could be explained. Now, only about 50 percent of the sightings can be identified, he said. //

**Top Researchers Reveal . . .**

**Four of America's Most Amazing UFO Encounters**

**A mother and child are abducted by space aliens . . . a pilot encounters a dazzling UFO that knocks out his instruments . . . a small UFO lands in a field, then zips away to join a giant mother craft . . . and a spacecraft shaped like a domed disk is repeatedly spotted over a town.**

Those are four of the most fascinating UFO sightings and encounters in recent years — taken from the files of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), an organization that probes UFO reports.

**By DENNIS D'ANTONIO**

MUFON records the accounts of witnesses and subjects them to a truth-detecting machine — the Psychological Stress Evaluator (PSE).

In one of the most fascinating cases, Mrs. Megan Elliott and her 18-month-old daughter Renee were driving back to their Texas home late on the night of Aug. 21, 1980, when suddenly her radio began making strange noises, she told MUFON.

Then her car's lights dimmed — and incredibly, she felt the car being lifted off the highway toward a UFO.

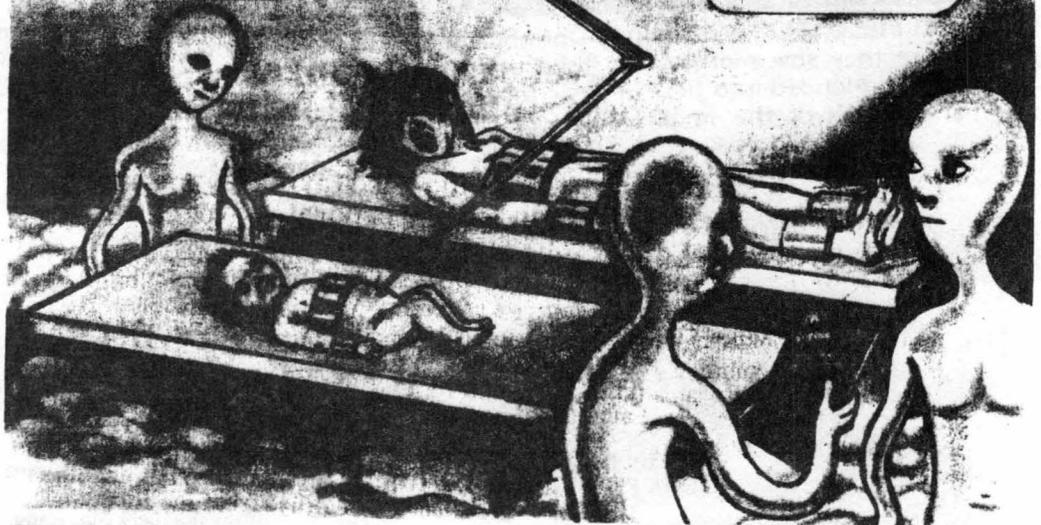
"I panicked," she said. "I could feel my insides churning."

The car was taken into the UFO, then Megan says she "heard a voice in my head say, 'Get out of the car.'"

Terrified, she refused and locked the doors — and a "little creature" approached the car, and the door fell off its hinges, she said.

Megan described the creature as a short humanoid with a "large head, no ears, no eyebrows, oval eyes without lashes . . . no hair on the entire body, broad nose with two holes, or nostrils. The mouth was a slit."

The being led Megan and Renee into a round room where there were two tables



**SPACE ALIENS** sent needle-like device into baby's navel as mom looked on.

and two more creatures like the first. She was told to climb up on the table, and did. Megan then saw "metal clamps, four inches wide, snap across my ankles, my wrist, my chest."

Beside her, she saw her daughter being clamped to the other table. Probes came down from the ceiling, she said, and began moving over her body. She looked over at Renee and saw a "needle-like" device enter her nose, then her navel.

After being examined, Megan and Renee were taken back to their car — and low-

ered back to the road. They returned safely home.

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On two separate occasions, veteran private pilot and flight instructor Shannon Davis spotted a bizarre UFO shaped like a teardrop "encircled by a bright, glowing ring, a unique shape for a UFO," reported Walter Andrus Jr., international director of MUFON.

The first sighting took place above Lake Berryessa, about 50 miles north of Oakland, Calif., on Nov. 5, 1980.

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## CONT AMAZING UFO ENCOUNTERS

Davis said the strange object began pacing him about half a mile off his left wing.

Davis told MUFON investigators that the UFO was about 45 feet long and had an orange glow.

Suddenly the object grew brighter — and shot forward at an unbelievable speed, then made a sharp right turn ahead of Davis' plane. Then it changed into a glowing bright ball of light, shot straight up — and vanished.

On Aug. 8, 1981, Davis spotted the same ringed UFO again while flying north of San Francisco. This time, he said, his radios and equipment all quit working.

Again it went through its strange maneuver and disappeared.

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Another weird UFO sighting occurred on Oct. 8, 1978, when a strange, small spacecraft landed on the Missouri farm of Marlett and Dora Sturgell, says Andrus.

As Marlett and his son-in-law Raymond Morgan approached it, to their amazement the aluminum-colored "thing" started rising.

The UFO merged with another large "log-shaped"

UFO "just laying there motionless in the air" — then both disappeared!

Deputy Sheriff Steve Breen, called to the scene by the shocked family, found a circle of scorched grass about four feet in diameter in the field. Inside this circle were three small circles.

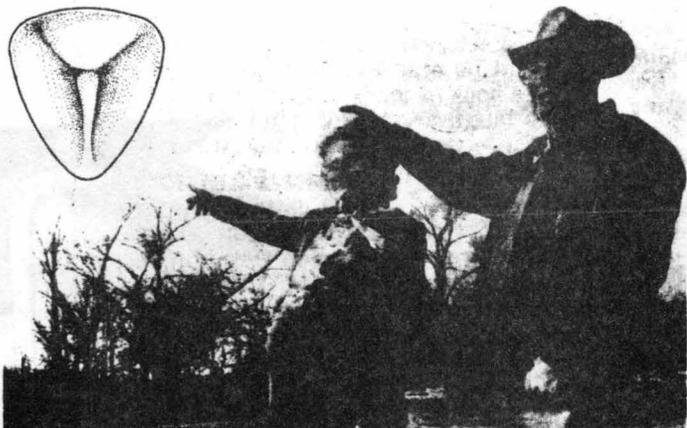
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From July to September 1983, Shirley Coyne of Flushing, Mich., spotted a UFO on five separate occasions. What's more, other witnesses also confirmed the sightings, said Andrus.

The object was shaped "like two pie plates fitted together," Mrs. Coyne said.

Charles McQuiston, coinventor of the truth-detecting Psychological Stress Evaluator, checked MUFON investigators' recordings of the witnesses' statements in the first three cases above. In each case, he told The ENQUIRER, he determined that the witnesses were telling the truth.

Andrus added that anyone else who has spotted a UFO should report it to the Mutual UFO Network Inc., 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, Tex. 78155-4099.



**UFO FIELD DAY!** Marlett and Dora Sturgell point to where they saw mother ship take on a small UFO that had landed in a field at their farm. Inset is artist's sketch of the small UFO.

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## Sightings still unexplained

By Dean Rhodes  
NEWS Presque Isle Bureau

Still unexplained from Bangor to Brunswick are last weekend's sightings of "an oval-shaped object, 50 to 100 feet long, with blue and white lights, traveling easterly across the sky."

That seemed to be the consensus of witnesses in towns along a 100 mile-course in Maine's latest encounter with flying objects of an unidentified kind.

The question remains, what was it?

Authorities confirmed that 20 people reported seeing a UFO. Military heads say it wasn't a plane. An astronomer doubts it was a shooting star.

"They obviously saw something, but the question is what," said Neil Comins, an assistant professor of astronomy at the University of Maine at Orono.

Larry Fawcett of Coventry, Conn., co-author of a forthcoming book on national UFO sightings,

said Sunday he had no idea what had flashed across the Maine skies.

Residents between Bangor and Brunswick, roughly 100 miles apart, kept telephone lines busy to the Brunswick Naval Air Station. Calls came in from Bangor, Augusta, Litchfield and Bath-Brunswick.

Apparently there were no important meteor showers that night. Comet Encke was 31 million miles distant. Viewing it without a telescope would have been difficult.

Comins reported he wanted to know more about the UFO's speed, whether it changed altitudes and whether it appeared to have a solid or a fuzzy shape.

"Sometimes ball lightning can do that," Comins said.

The National Weather Service in Portland said it launches weather balloons twice a day from Portland International Jetport, but they aren't lit.