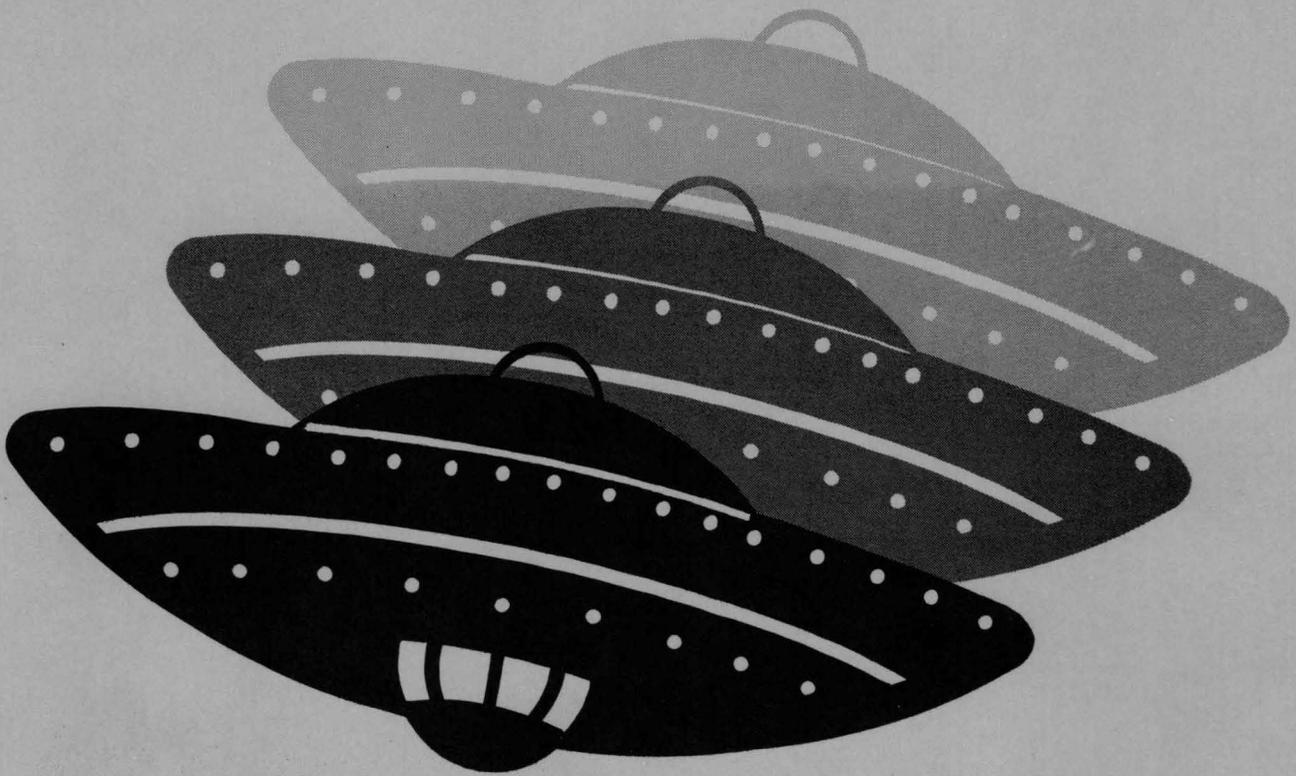


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# Shedding light on unidentified flying objects

Some years ago, while we were sitting on the front stoop of my home in Kensington, Md., an extremely bright light appeared out of the southeast and silently passed above us.

I say "us" because my wife was with me and saw the same thing.

It was just a bit after dinner, and we were both feeling pretty good. I had just walked the dog, and there was nothing much to do but chat about what neighbors might come around and, perhaps, have some ice cream. It was summer. I think the month was July.

I was working for another newspaper at the time and had come under some pressure to produce something. "ANYTHING!" as one editor put it.

And so, the next day, I went down to the office and wrote this first-person story about seeing an unidentified flying object, the well-known "UFO."

The account was printed, and I sat back waiting for national recognition. It never came. But a number of people did call me and reported they had seen the same thing — the noiseless light moving in the same direction.

One man called to say that he was convinced the object had something to do with strange doings at Camp David, where presidents go to enjoy marvelous scenery. I gathered he must have just seen a James Bond movie, where bad men build fortresses in unlikely territory.

I did not want to get involved with him and tried as smoothly as possible to get rid of him. But other callers, just as rational as myself, did say they had seen the light, so to speak, and knew just what I was talking about.

A few days after the story appeared, I received an anonymous note from a man who, well, indicated he felt I was completely drunk at the time I saw the UFO.

The man — I'm assuming he's a man — never gives up. Although the paper I worked for, the one that printed the piece on the UFO, folded eventually, the man tracked me down to my present place of employment and still sends me nasty, anonymous notes about my UFO scoop.

But, in his latest note, he did remark on a major development in the summer of 1986.

He pointed out that there has been, as he puts it, "a dearth" of UFO sightings in the past three years.

I think he is right.

I would certainly hope a mention of this in this space does not start things up again. Even I, who saw the UFO, have always had a hard time believing stories of spaceships with small men made out of green cheese landing on forgotten highways somewhere in North Carolina.

And my anonymous needler makes me wonder what has happened to the record of all the past UFO sightings and whether or not the Air Force is worried anymore.

Maybe the letter writer is actually from Mars and knew I was on to something in the first place. Perhaps — anything is possible in the UFO business — he figured that one more piece on strange objects would make people even more skeptical and he could get about his latest project at Camp David.

Who knows? I still say I saw something unidentified in the sky way back in the late 1970s. It had a big light and made no noise.

Incidentally, the anonymous letter writer signed his latest note, "Jack Daniels, President, UFO Research, Inc."

He's trying to tell me something. Right?

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More than a dozen people said they saw a UFO racing across the pre-dawn sky north of San Francisco. A California Highway Patrol officer, who declined to be named, and radio station KTOB news director Arlette Cohen were among those who reported seeing the strange craft with blinking lights between Petaluma and Sonoma. Earlier, there were reports of Ping-Pong-ball-sized, multicolored UFOs crowding radar screens in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The government scrambled jet fighters, and two pilots said they saw the objects flying nearby. Cohen said the object in Northern California "hovered almost stock-still" for a few seconds. "An unidentified object, described as a large orange 'X' with white lights in the front, was seen traveling at a high rate of speed eastbound from Petaluma," CHP spokesman Bill McChristian said, relaying a report from the officer and several callers. Bay Area air traffic controllers said they could not explain the sighting, saying radar screens detected nothing.

# **UFO SHOCKER IN THE DEVIL'S TRIANGLE!**

**Bahamian researchers are investigating reports that a UFO saved a family from drowning after their pleasure boat sank in the Devil's Triangle.**

Dr. Leopold Stinson told a symposium in Caracas, Venezuela, that the May 5 incident appeared to have all the indications of a verifiable alien encounter.

Stinson quoted the family as having said the UFO rose out of the sea just seconds before their 32-foot boat went under.

Incredibly, they claim the starship rescued them by

air-dropping a life raft that bore the insignia of the U.S. Air Force.

And it is that raft, said Stinson, that might prove once and for all that an alien intelligence is operating in the Devil's Triangle.

"The raft is a type that was commonly used in the 1950s," he said.

"If we can match the numbers on its side to any plane known to have disappeared in the Triangle in that era, it would suggest that it had been hijacked and stored, perhaps by beings that are not of this world."

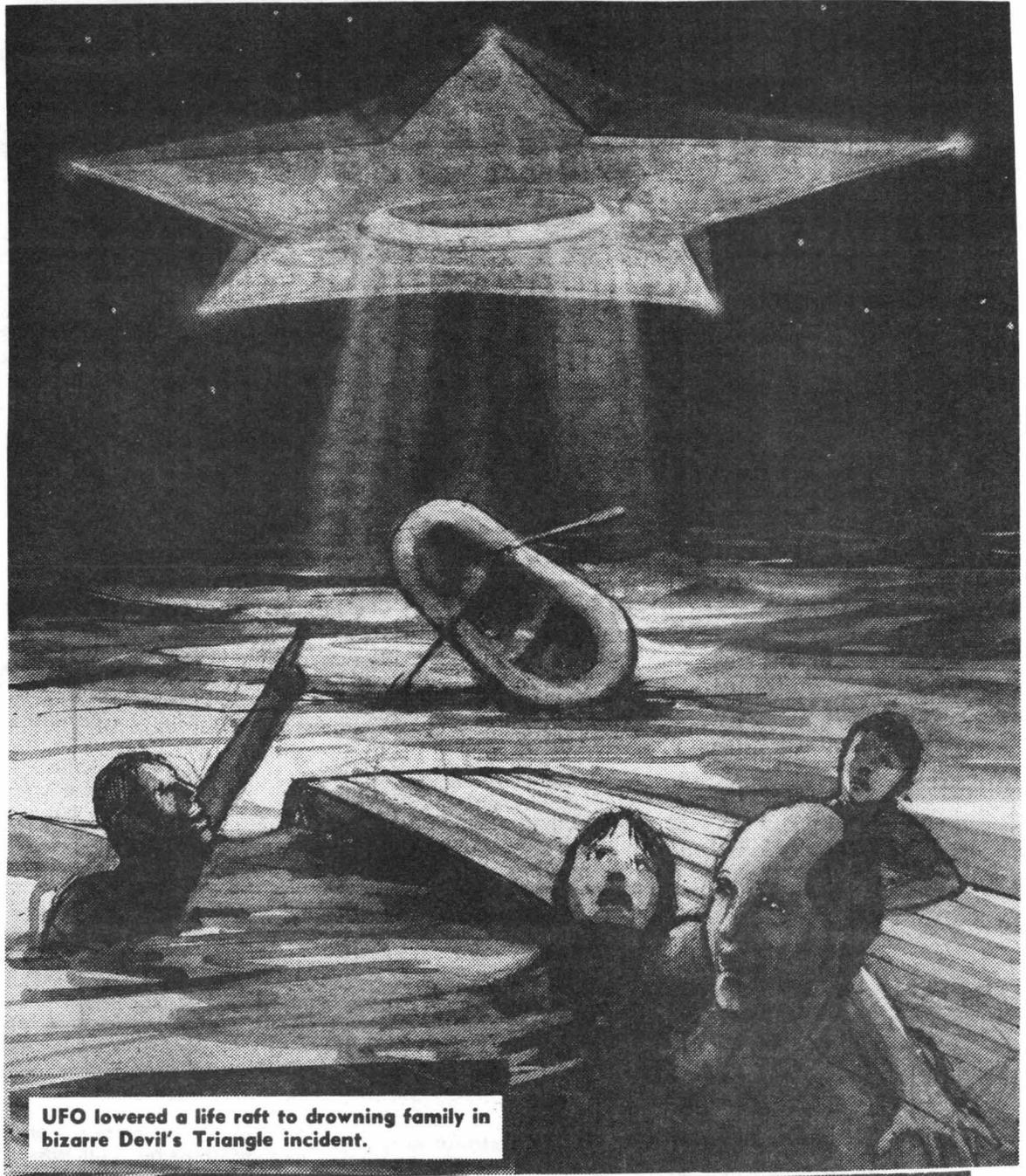
Stinson said that the quest to match the numbers could take weeks, months or years owing to the large number of planes that have vanished in the Triangle.

Meanwhile, the investigation will focus on accounts from the rescued family, he said.

"These are very articulate people and they have been quite cooperative," he continued.

"The husband and wife are medical doctors from Brazil.

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UFO lowered a life raft to drowning family in bizarre Devil's Triangle incident.

## Alien spacecraft rises from sea to save a drowning family

"They have two children, both in college."

According to Stinson, the family had been island-hopping in the Caribbean for several months.

They were reportedly on their way to the Bahamas when their boat started taking on water.

"Their own life raft was in an interior compartment and the boat was sinking so fast they couldn't get to it," said Stinson.

"They told me they sent out an SOS over the radio but were certain they were going to die."

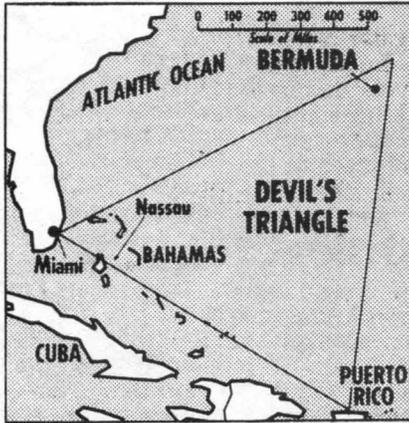
The UFO — golden-colored and shaped like a star — rose out of the water about 75 yards away, the family said.

"By this time, they were almost out of their minds with fear," said Stinson.

"But they did recall that the UFO crackled and hummed as it cleared the surface and moved

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toward them. They said the craft came to within 20 or 30 feet of where their boat was sinking and dropped the Air Force raft from its belly.

"They told me the craft hovered overhead for a few seconds, then it vanished in the sky.

"The stunned but grateful family swam to the raft and climbed aboard. Shaken by their terrifying ordeal, they huddled together in the darkness of the vast nighttime sea," added Stinson.

"Their capsized boat slipped noiselessly beneath the ocean's swells and a bizarre silence settled in around the frightened family. They joined hands and prayed. And waited."

About 20 minutes later, the crew of a Bahamian-based sport-

fishing boat found the family afloat in the raft and took them ashore, said Stinson.

They reported the incident to authorities, who alerted Stinson's UFO/Devil's Triangle research group.

Carlos Garcia, a science reporter in Caracas, said the reaction of Stinson's colleagues at the symposium was mixed.

"They are anxious to see his report in the journals so they can weigh all the evidence for themselves," he said.

— RIKI MOSS

ABERDEEN, WA. (GRAYS HARBOR CO) ABERDEEN DAILY WORLD

## Fireball zooms across Harbor sky, breaks up

MARCH 20 1986

By Eric Stevick  
Daily World writer

A fireball "about the size of a basketball 20 yards away" streaked high across the Grays Harbor sky before breaking up Wednesday night, eye witnesses reported.

Aberdeen resident Paul Ross said he saw the fireball "coming from the east to the west through the constellation Orion."

The astronomy buff said it was about 4 degrees below the star Betelgeuse, one of two well-known large, bright stars in the constel-

lation.

Dorothy Ross pointed out the large, celestial object to her husband, who says he saw just the tall end of it.

The couple called The Daily World shortly after the sighting, sometime between 7:30 and 7:40 p.m., to ask if there were others reporting similar observations. There weren't.

The Rosses were enjoying last evening's warm temperatures in the backyard at their 610 Second Street home when the fireball whizzed across the clear skies. Ironically, the flaming mass appeared on the last official night of

winter.

Fireballs are "an extremely wide meteor," like "a large chunk of debris coming into the atmosphere and burning up," said Robert Gribble, a member of the National UFO Reporting Center staff in Seattle.

The private scientific agency receives an estimated six to eight fireball sighting reports a year, Gribble said.

Last night's sighting was the third for Paul Ross, 40, a Weyerhaeuser Co. pulp mill worker. He said he still vividly remembers the first, when he was a 13-year-old paper boy with a morning route.

Checks with several government agencies failed to turn up similar reports.

Mrs. Ross said the sighting lasted "just a few seconds."

"I turned around and it was just breaking up," Ross reported.

"When I saw it, it broke up from about one-quarter of its largest size" as witnessed by his wife. It splintered and "fizzled out" at the equatorial constellation.

### WATCH THE SKIES!

A 'Dial-a-UFO' service has just been set up in Los Angeles, California. Each day on the UFO Contact Newslines, an up-to-date recorded message — introduced by actor Dennis Weaver — provides the latest information on extra-terrestrial sightings from around the world, 'as they occur'.

# GOVT. PROBE AFTER VIPs SAY PING-PONG UFOs ARE FOR REAL

**A** By KEITH DAVIDSON  
**STARTLING** invasion of UFOs witnessed by a group of distinguished Brazilians could mean that 1986 is the year when earthlings finally meet creatures from space, says an official investigating the incident.

The UFO armada shocked government officials, air force officers and private pilots in a series of encounters over central Bra-

## They out-paced jet fighters

zil. One civilian pilot described the eerie objects.

"All of a sudden, I was being escorted by all these ping-pong ball things with intense red, white and green lights," says Otto Nogueira, 35, who was flying from Salvador, in northeastern Brazil, to Brasilia, when he encountered them.

"They were all around me, whizzing up and down, always beside and behind, never endangering my plane by coming too close or trying to cut me off.

"This lasted for 460 miles, till I got close to Brasilia, when they peeled off in a fantastic display of luminous aerobatics."

**A**ND there's evidence that the spacecraft were real — they were recorded on radar.

"This proof that the UFOs were solid craft, combined with the reliability of our witnesses, convinces us we are on the threshold of something momentous in history," says a Brazilian government official who has requested anonymity.

"We think 1986 might be the year we finally meet the beings traveling in these machines."

The official, who is participating in an Aeronautics Ministry inquiry into the incident, says

## Radar kept eye on them

the government is worried that information leaks might "panic the people."

He adds: "We believe there is a connection between these craft and a much larger one seen two days later over northeast Brazil. This may have been the mothership for the smaller craft that our pilots encountered."

The UFO invasion was witnessed by an unprecedented

array of aviation experts, government and business leaders including:

- Five seasoned jet fighter pilots who scrambled to try to intercept the UFOs and were easily outdistanced.

- Air traffic controllers who confirmed the existence of the solid UFO vehicles and their incredible speeds by their appearance on airport tower radar screens.

- Colonel Ozires Silva, President of Brazil's state-run oil agency, Petrobras.

- Alcir Pereira da Silva, a pilot for Embraer, the nation's major aircraft manufacturing company.

## 'Mothership' seen in area

Some of them saw the UFOs with their own eyes. Others watched spellbound as the tell-tale radar screens picked up the objects.

The UFOs cavorted around at speeds ranging up to 1,000 mph near the Sao Jose dos Campos air force base, 66 miles from Sao Paulo.

Brigadier Octavio Moreira Lima, minister of aeronautics, discloses that, at one stage, the UFOs were chasing the jets. Lima says one pilot reported that he had "seven on one side and six on the other."

**T**HE civilian pilot, Nogueira, adds: "I had the feeling they'd been having fun with me, cavorting around me as their slow-moving playmate.

"Of course, I'd have been at their mercy if they'd wanted to punch me out of the sky, but I never got the feeling that was their intent.

"Their pilots merely seemed to want to demonstrate to me how superior they and their machines were."

Nogueira says that when the UFOs left him near Brasilia, the nation's capital, he radioed the airport tower.

He continues: "I got the shock of my life when someone in the tower radioed back: 'Yes, we've been watching all of you on radar.'"

The government inquiry is expected to be wrapped up within a few weeks. The government spokesman says: "Never before in history have UFO sightings been confirmed through greater scientific and authoritative reliability."

# Close-mouthed after a close encounter

By John Todd

OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

PETALUMA — It appeared as an orange X. It hovered. It was swift as the wind, bright as a star.

But no one can identify the flying object that caught the attention of a dozen or so early risers here yesterday morning.

Arlette Cohen, news director of radio station KTOB, was so disturbed by what she saw driving to work that she wasn't even going to mention it on her early-morning news program.

The Highway Patrol officer who saw the strange sight while on patrol in Rohnert Park at 4:30

a.m. mentioned it only after his office got a dozen phone calls from startled residents. He asked that his name not be released.

Another CHP officer, Bill McChristian, said, "We had at least a dozen calls at the same time from people who preferred to remain unidentified."

McChristian said a caller described the object as a large orange X with white lights on the front and said it wasn't an airplane.

It was said to be moving east of Petaluma at high speed, he said. But Petaluma police said they got no calls.

McChristian said: "You don't

know whether to tell anyone or not. There is no explanation. We have no follow-up procedure to check this thing out. It just happened."

Cohen was driving north on Highway 101 and had just crossed the Marin-Sonoma county line, she said, when two mysterious white lights grabbed her attention.

"At first I thought it was a plane about to land at Hamilton or the Petaluma airport.

"But instead of descending it crossed over to the west side of the highway and stood still. It was weird. I knew then it wasn't a plane."

Thinking it might be a helicopter, she said she turned off her car radio and listened, but heard no sound. As she continued to watch, she said, the lights crossed back over the highway to the east.

"I didn't see anything orange or even little orange people. I just saw these two white lights and finally just two little green lights. That was it."

She felt a little silly and "wasn't going to mention it or even say a word about it until I heard that a CHP officer saw it, too."

Both the Sonoma County sheriff's office and the county airport north of Santa Rosa said they had no calls about the sighting.

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## UFOs hover over county

by Donna Daniels

Bright lights hovering over Green Mountain Reservoir and Kremmling. . .

Twenty-plus calls to the Summit County sheriff. . .

And sightings by the sheriff's department and the police departments of Dillon and Silverthorne.

Science fiction? Even after seeing them, Kremmling police officer Scott Koch would like to believe it is.

On Sunday, April 20, a call came into the Kremmling PD from the Summit County sheriff's department, reporting numerous UFO sightings and inquiring if any similar calls had been received in Kremmling.

Koch, who was on the 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. shift that night, saw stationary, colored lights in the skies directly over Kremmling. He then was informed of sightings near Green Mountain Reservoir, and drove down Colo. 9 to the county line.

There, a large group of law enforcement officers from Grand and Summit Counties was witnessing something stranger than fiction. The lights were viewed over Williams Peak and the Gore, and through a high powered telescope, the objects looked to be triangular in shape, with light on the outer edges. They were observed to hover, then "take off" to the southwest.

The most startling aspect of the occurrence was the evasive action of a jet plane, which all present saw veer around one of the objects. Koch figured they watched for about two hours.

Fact? Fiction? These witnesses were trained observers, professional men who viewed something alien to their natures.

They really don't want to talk about it.

But they don't deny the fact that something truly strange was out that night.

## Sequel To "UFO's Visit Nebraska"

In November the Nebraska State Historical Society's "Out of Old Nebraska" column carried the story of an unidentified flying object that crashed 35 miles northwest of Benkelman in Dundy County on June 6, 1884.

The story of the UFO crash generated an uncommon amount of interest, and inquiries concerning the episode were received from as far away as Hawaii.

Readers of "Out of Old Nebraska" will remember that according to the **Daily State Journal** 1884 account, Dundy County cowboy Alf Williamson received severe burns on the face when, in an attempt to view the aerial visitor, he came within 200 feet of the site of the crash. His condition was termed "dangerous."

When the paper printed the fascinating tale on June 8, the editor said that though the story that had been sent to the Journal from Dundy County appeared incredible he had no hesitancy in vouching for the intelligence of the writer who was a man that generally knew what he was talking about.

"Unless the alleged facts are greatly magnified or distorted," wrote the editor, "this unusual object of wonder must be an air vessel belonging to some other planet which sailed too far from its orb...further investigations will be hastily pursued and awaited with the liveliest interest."

Following is the sequel that the **Journal** published on June 10, 1884:

Benkelman, June 9, 1884. Your correspondent has just returned from the spot where the aerial visitor fell last Friday. It is gone, dissolved into air. A tremendous rainstorm fell yesterday afternoon, beginning about 2 o'clock. As it approached, in regular blizzard style, most of those assembled to watch the mysterious visitor fled to shelter. A dozen or more among whom was your correspondent, waited to see the effect of the rain upon the glowing mass of metal. The storm came down from the north, on its crest a sheet of flying spray and a torrent of rain. It was impossible

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to see more than a rod through the driving, blinding mass. It lasted for half an hour, and when it slackened so that the aerolite should have been visible it was no longer there. The draw was running three feet deep in water and supposing it had floated off the strange vessel the party crossed over at the risk of their lives.

They were astounded to find that the queer object had melted, dissolved by the water like a spoonful of salt. Scarcely a vestige of it remained. Small jelly-like pools stood here and there on the ground, but under the eyes of the observers these grew thinner and thinner till they were but muddy water joining the rills that led to the current a few feet away. The air was filled with a faint sweetish smell.

The whole affair is bewildering in the highest degree, and will no doubt forever remain a mystery.

Alf Williamson, the injured cowboy, left yesterday for Denver, accompanied by his brother. It is feared he will never recover his eyesight, but otherwise he does not appear to be seriously injured.

There has been a continued stream of investigators here for the past two days, among them a number of members of the press. The **Denver Tribune** representative was among the witnesses to the evanishment of the wonderful visitor. There are a thousand theories afloat as to how it came and what it was, but they are all now unfortunately incapable of solution. — Betty Loudon, Nebraska State Historical Society.

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# Scoop! Space aliens are taking over the Pentagon

By Joseph Sobran

**T**he New York Times boasts that it carries "all the news that's fit to print." So why didn't it give bigger coverage to the story of the space aliens in the Pentagon posing as humans?

I had to get this story from the Sun. Not the Baltimore Sun—just the Sun. It's one of those papers they sell near the checkout counter. I buy at least six newspapers every weekday, and there is a terrific amount of overlap. Only in the Sun and the National Enquirer do I find a weekly respite from me-too journalism.

The Sun gives you a genuinely different view of the world from that in any other publication:

- Item: "Psychic Makes Babies Vanish Before Birth."
- Item: "Mortician Steals Corpses' Clothes and Sells Them."
- Item: "Why Hells Angels Have a Contract to Kill Mick Jagger."
- Item: "Statue Comes to Life and Walks Out of Chapel."
- Item: "Wife Divorces the Same Man for 5th Time."
- Item: "Dying Mom Cured of Cancer by Her Daughter's Ghost."
- Item: "Man's Mouth Explodes After Eating TNT."

There's also a short piece about an Austrian man who weighs 875 pounds. A picture reveals him to be not such a bad-looking guy, considering. I've been showing it to loved ones who keep nagging me to lose a little weight.

Rather surprisingly, in view of the implications for national secu-

rity, the Sun didn't lead off with the story of the Pentagon's space aliens, preferring instead to feature the headline about the psychic making babies disappear. The space aliens are to be found on Page 35, back behind routine items like "Man's Head Explodes in Microwave Oven Suicide" and "Dead Reach Out from the Grave to Spread AIDS."

This may reflect editorial caution. The space aliens story hasn't been confirmed so far. At the moment it's just the hypothesis of UFO expert Roland Burke.

Burke began to develop his startling theory 15 years ago, when he attended a UFO seminar at the Pentagon and noticed that several staff members had a sixth finger on their left hand. In a

washroom he spotted one whose eyes had "a strange red glow." He is convinced that over one-half of the Pentagon work force are now UFO aliens, and that they have reached high-level decision-making positions. If so, they may be controlling our military policy. Burke thinks this accounts for increased U.S. belligerence.

My own feeling is that he may be swayed in his judgment by his disapproval of our current posture. Even if he is right, the aliens are not necessarily hostile to us. Xenophobia should not blind us to the possibility that they have come to help us. Their presence here could turn out to be a tremendous boost for the "star wars" program, for instance.

I live only a short drive from the Pentagon. Many Pentagon employees live in my neighborhood. The young guy across the street is a little unusual. He appears normal physically, but Burke's theory could account for the loud music that emanates from his stereo at all hours.

My son keeps telling me that his music is only the same kind that young people are listening to nowadays. I'm not so sure. Conceivably it could be my neighbor's sentimental link with his home planet. Space aliens presumably get homesick like everyone else.

Until now the music has tended to irritate me. But I'm beginning to regard it in a new light. That's what reading the Sun will do for you—widen your horizons and sympathies.

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## X-shaped UFO spotted above Sonoma County

Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — More than a dozen people said they saw a mysterious UFO racing across the pre-dawn sky north of San Francisco on Thursday — a strange X-shaped craft with blinking lights that hovered above the hills of Sonoma County before speeding away into the dark.

A California Highway Patrol officer who declined to be named and radio station KTOB News

Director Arlette Cohen were among those who reported spotting the strange craft at about 4:30 a.m. PDT between the cities of Petaluma and Sonoma about 40 miles north of here.

The sighting came on the heels of reports of pingpong-ball-sized multi-colored UFOs crowding radar screens in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The government scrambled jet fighters to intercept the tiny objects, and two pilots said they saw the objects flying near-

"I saw these two white lights to the east," Cohen said, estimating the craft was about 1,000 feet in the air. She said she noticed the UFO when it crossed to the west side of the highway, and "hovered almost stock-still ... for a few seconds."

San Francisco Bay area air traffic controllers said they could not explain the sighting, saying radar screens detected no such object flying over the area at that time.

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# <sup>1387</sup> Secrecy on UFOs charged Researcher cites records

By Marilyn Miller Roane  
Beacon Journal staff writer

To downplay unidentified flying objects, most government officials have kept information secret or tried to explain away the unexplainable, according to an independent UFO researcher from Albuquerque, N.M.

Robert Hastings, 35, told an audience of about 80 Wednesday night at the University of Akron's Kolbe Hall that he doesn't expect to change the government's policy of secrecy on UFOs. But he said he just wants to bring the facts before the public.

"There is no public consensus on what UFOs are or that they seem to exist," Hastings said. "But through documentation, UFOs have been sighted over the past three decades with the most recent being in August 1980 at the Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico."

He said he and three others have gathered approximately 800 documents, previously listed as classified information by the CIA, FBI and U.S. Air Force, through the Freedom of Information Act.

The documents showed that the first massive wave of UFOs over the United States began in 1947 with sightings in every state except Georgia and West Virginia, Hastings said. The most UFO cases reported in the United States were in 1965, he said.

Hastings said to calm the widespread public concern, the government came up with explanations for the UFO sightings, such as "solar reflections on low-hanging clouds, small meteors breaking up and flattened hardstones caused by icing conditions."

Hastings said that to minimize panic, the government always has described UFOs as "misidentified man-made objects or natural phenomena. . . ."

Hastings said the documents show repeated sightings of UFOs near strategic air bases and nuclear testing zones.

"Whoever is flying these crafts has a key interest in our nuclear weapon capabilities," Hastings said.

Hastings said the documents also show that 23 astronauts claimed they saw UFOs while they were in space.

Hastings said that in a 1950 memo to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover an Air Force investigator stated that "three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico."

They were described as being "circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture."

The memo does not state what happened to the bodies or space crafts, Hastings said.

The public has a right to know the facts and can handle them, he said, adding, "It's just a matter of time before it all comes out, anyway."

"I am not condemning any government agency of their policy of secrecy, but I think the policy is shortsighted to keep the public totally in the dark regarding vital information. UFOs are more classified than the H-bomb."

Hastings described his first experience with UFOs as a "sheer fluke." He made an unauthorized visit in March 1967 to the control tower at Malmstrom Air Force Base, near Great Falls, Mont.

Hastings, who was 17 then, said five UFOs were tracked on the military radar for a half-hour. Then they fled at an estimated speed of 5,000 mph — far beyond the capability of any conventional aircraft — leaving six men and the youth dumbfounded.

Hastings said that incident remains as classified information to this day, but it prompted him to begin collecting evidence of an official government coverup of UFOs. //

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## Shaking news for UFO-lovers

AMERICAN scientists believe they have a key clue to the mystery of UFOs.

A recent study claims that sightings of unidentified flying objects are related to earthquakes.

Dr Michael Persinger and Dr John Derr say that most UFO sightings are at night and involve red, orange or

white lights. 'The majority of serious sightings are reported in the months before an earthquake,' said Dr Persinger.

And most are within 20 kilometres of the epicentre, he claims.

There were frequent sightings in Manitoba, in Canada, in late 1974. In July

1975 central Canada experienced one of its worst earthquakes.

There were similar sightings before last year's Mexico quake.

But although the scientists believe they know the reason for the strange lights, they still cannot explain how they happen.

Adam Edwards

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# Just a flying visit to the pub!

LANDLORD Ray Grimes insists he had not been drinking on the night he saw a UFO in the skies above his pub near Woodstock!

Mr Grimes, who runs the Duke of Marlborough, said he watched the strange object for about two minutes before it vanished.

## Fascinating

"It was a little after midnight and I was out in the garden walking the dogs. I spotted a brilliant white light in the sky, moving slowly downward."

He said: "As I watched, it suddenly split into two before coming together again, then dropped down towards the horizon."

"I stood on a chair to get a better look and I then called out to my wife. But the object suddenly turned orange and vanished. It was the most fascinating thing I've ever seen."

Mr Grimes is convinced that it was not a plane, a meteor or the planet Venus.

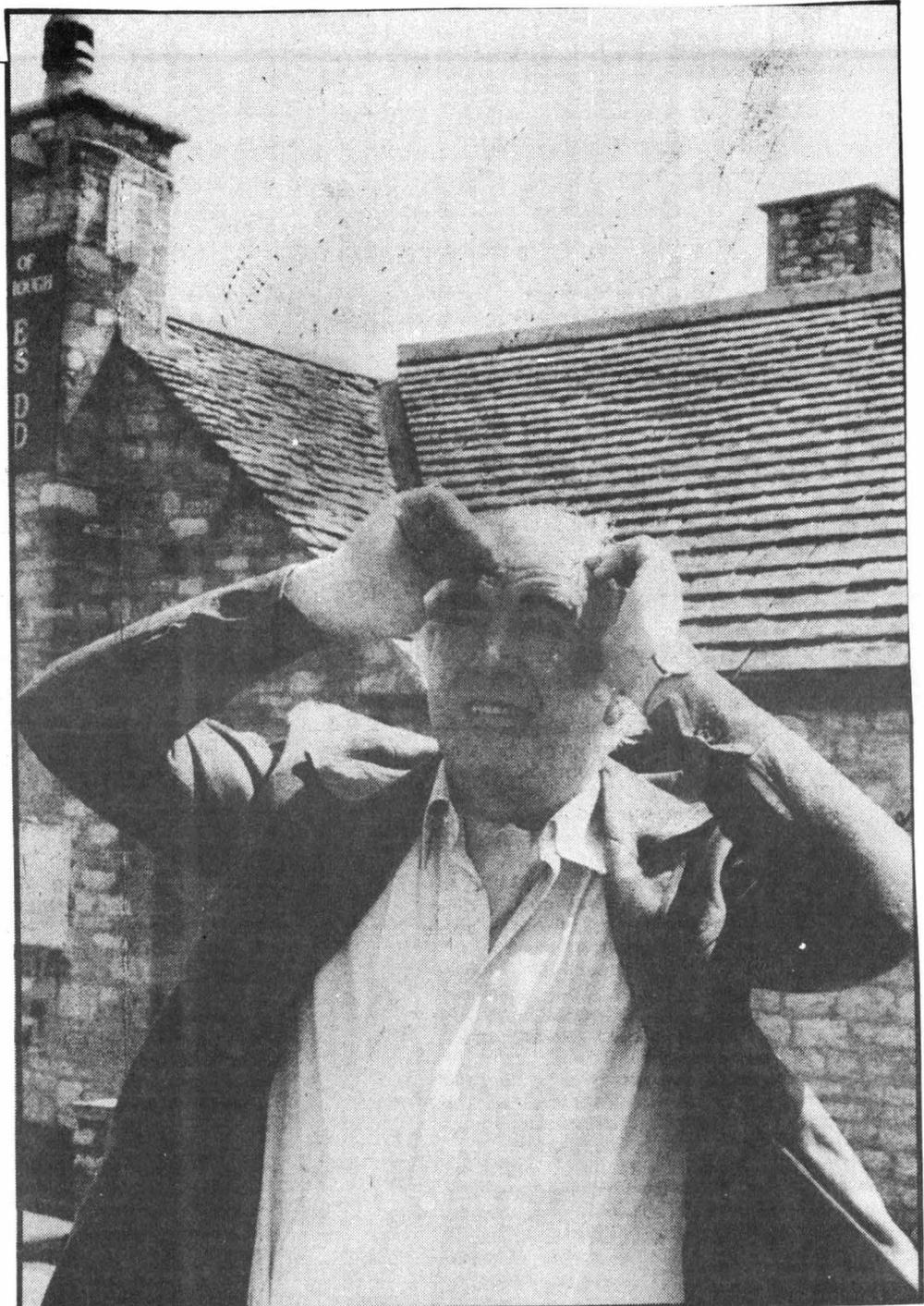
He added: "I know people might think that because I'm a landlord

## It's a UFO said man who saw the light

I might have had a drink or two, but that's not true. I didn't tell the regulars the next day because I thought they would laugh. But I definitely saw something weird."

Mr Derek Mansell, of Wheatley, treasurer of a UFO research group, said: "We have had other reports in the past of UFOs splitting in two and then coming together again. There appears to be no normal explanation to this incident, and I will be investigating it."

One remote possibility was that it might have been a satellite burning up as it re-entered the atmosphere.



STILL LOOKING . . . landlord Ray Grimes outside his Woodstock pub

# Brazilian Air Force chases UFOs

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SIX BRAZILIAN Air Force fighter jets chased more than a dozen UFOs the size of ping-pong balls which sped over three Brazilian cities, and one jet was surrounded by the objects, the Air Force Minister, Brigadier-General Octabio Moreira Lima, said yesterday.

He said the planes saw immense green, red and white lights that moved at between 160 and 990 m.p.h. and that solid objects were picked up on the radar screens of the government's Air Space Defence Centre late on Monday.

"It is not a question of believing or not," Brigadier-General said. "This requires technical information and we have neither replies nor technical explanations for what happened."

He said the State-run oil company president, Mr Ozires Silva, first saw three coloured lights in his flight path on Monday night as he prepared to land at an Air Force base 66 miles from the industrial heartland of Sao Paulo.

Picking up the objects on radar, Mr Ozires cancelled his landing, informed the Brazilian Defence Centre and chased the fast-

moving lights, described as resembling ping-pong balls.

Television news reports said the Brazilian Defence Centre entered a "state of alert" and sent three F-5E jet fighters after the lights, pursuing the objects for half an hour in the direction of the Sao Paulo coast. The three jet fighters came as close as four miles to the objects.

"Since they had saturated our radar system in Sao Paulo and were interfering with air traffic, we decided to send up planes to pursue them," the Brigadier-General said.

"At one point the chase was inverted — a F-5E fighter was surrounded by 13 coloured lights, and chased by seven on one side and six on the other.

But the F-5E planes were forced to land after a 30-minute chase when they ran out of fuel.

Three supersonic Mirage 111 fighters armed with sidewinder and Matra 530 missiles were sent to continue the chase, but although they picked up the objects on radar, they were unable to see the lights. - (UPI, AP).

## BURTON DAILY MAIL, STAFFS MAY 21 1986

# A 'close encounter' puzzle for couple

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Reports of a cigar shaped cluster of stars are to be investigated by Derbyshire UFO experts after a Burton couple contacted the Mail.

Pensioners Leo and Jose Barker, have been bewildered in the last month by sightings of fast moving stars, trailing a red light, usually shortly before dusk.

From the living room of their home in Waterside Road, Stapenhill, the couple claim to have seen the lights on 14 consecutive nights. But sometimes clouds have hidden the strange looking set of stars from sight.

### SCEPTICAL

Mrs Barker is sceptical about the existence of alien objects and is keeping an open mind. But she admits she and her husband are mystified.

"I have never seen anything like it before. I have never seen a star move across the sky so quickly. I first saw it a month ago. Then I forgot about it. When I saw it again through binoculars it was cigar shaped with a mass of stars and a red piece of light at the end of it. We saw it last night but not for long because of the clouds.

"It is high in the sky and we can see it for about two hours before it disappears. We've got no theories at all about what it could be. Maybe someone who knows about stars could tell us. I've thought about writing to Patrick Moore about it. Our neighbours have seen it but just laugh it off."

Husband Leo, a retired miner of Cadley Hill colliery, has challenged anyone to come down and see the lights for themselves.

"If they don't believe us they can come and look. I didn't believe in UFO's but I believe in them now."

Mr Peter Ann, Derbyshire group leader of the National UFO Investigation Society, said checks would be made to see if there was a rational explanation.

"We get many reports of this kind made to us in good faith. Sometimes it can turn out to be a satellite or planet, or even an aircraft. We do checks scientifically. If we think this is a possible UFO sighting we will send the Barkers a report form."

- Anyone else who may have seen the object should contact Mr Dennis Harriman, 0602 730919.

## More UFO sightings reported by Brazil

GLASGOW HERALD

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SAO PAULO, Friday. FURTHER sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) were reported in Brazil today as an investigation continued into the scrambling of fighters last Monday to intercept objects that appeared on radar screens.

Brazilian television showed film of a glowing, round object in the sky which was alleged to have been taken last night by a freelance cameraman near Maringa, in the southern state of Parana.

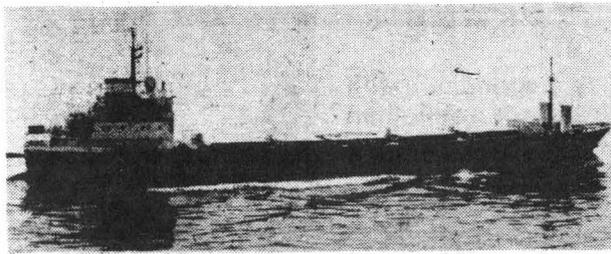
On Wednesday afternoon, the air force base in Fortaleza, capital of the north-eastern state of Ceara, received numerous calls from residents about a dark, cigar-shaped object seen in the skies, the Jornal do Brasil said.

The air force ministry has summoned pilots of three F-5s and two Mirage jets orderd into the air on Monday to report on the sightings. — Reuter.

# UFOs snatch over 16 ships in five years

EXAMINER  
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**A**N EPIDEMIC of vanishing ships — 16 have disappeared without a trace in the past five years — is the work of UFOs, say experts.



SHIPS VANISH without a trace in calm seas.

The tragic losses under mysterious circumstances have claimed the lives of 400 seamen, reports Lloyd's Intelligence Service, an arm of the famous insurance company.

But the ships' modern communications and safety systems were no match for the advanced technology employed by the extraterrestrials to pluck ships from the high seas, says Alan Villiers, presi-

dent of the Society for Nautical Research.

Shipping experts report that an estimated 387 ves-

sels have vanished since 1900 — and some authorities believe the total may exceed 500 ships lost without a trace, most disappeared in perfect weather, under clear skies.

Lloyd's of London has paid out millions in claims after conducting its own investigations. The files on the baffling cases are marked simply: "Ship missing."

"We are left with the nagging questions: What have the aliens done with the ships and their crews? And why?" says Villiers.

Other UFO investigators think the ships may have unwittingly stumbled on the aliens as they carried out research on Earth, says Gaetano Parlucci, of the Mediterranean UFO Tracking Group.

"We believe that the extraterrestrials felt they had no choice but to seize the boats and their crews, lest they reveal the extent of alien activity on our

planet," he explains.

Carrying out their research on — and under — the high seas is attractive to aliens, says Kurt Stehling, senior advisory scientist to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

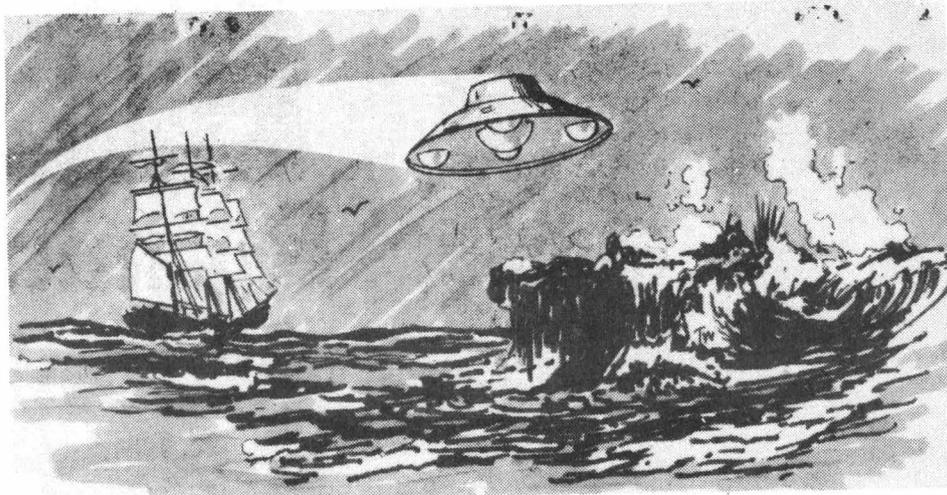
"Underwater provides the perfect hiding place for aliens to observe us undisturbed," he explains.

Parlucci believes there may be a silver lining to the tragedies. The aliens may be merely holding the ships and seamen hostage until they are ready to make public their presence on Earth.

That day is not far off — the aliens' increased activity is an indication that they are preparing Earth for a new golden age, claims Wayne Hornback, president and founder of Global UFO Research in Miami, Florida.

"These people aren't folks we need to fear," he says.

— PETER BEMIDJI



UFO KIDNAPPING at sea has been going on since sailing-ship days.

**... & over  
300 in this  
century,  
say experts**

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# Colorado and its UFOs

Colorado has its own version of CSICOP, "CO-RAP," or the Colorado Organization for a Rational Alternative to Pseudoscience. One of 14 CSICOP-type local organizations in the United States, CO-RAP was started four years ago by its current president, Boulder resident Bela Scheiber, and produces its own monthly newsletter, *The Rocky Mountain Skeptic*. It was Scheiber who lobbied for CSICOP's 10th-anniversary meeting to be held in Boulder. A 36-year-old systems analyst, Scheiber began reading about UFOs and reincarnation and attending meetings of related groups in his early teens.

"At that time, I was impressionable," he says. "I thought they were on the forefront of something new and exciting. Eventually it started dawning on me that they were responding to something emotional and not scientific. I started reading both sides and noticed that whenever the skeptics would make a point that seemed to be constructive or reasonable, the believers would strike back irrationally with a conspiracy gambit, that the government is holding back information or hiding UFOs in Arizona. I realized that it's just a group daydream, a sociological phenomenon."

UFOs are a subject of particular interest in Colorado because the Condon Report, an Air Force-funded study headed by University of Colorado physics professor Edward Condon and published in 1969, was the U.S. government's last great public foray into the UFO mystery. The Condon Report found no reason to believe that UFO reports are other than hoaxes or mistaken identifications of things with more ordinary explanations.

Boulder UFO researcher Richard Sigismond, however, charges that the Air

Force chose Condon to head the study because he held contempt for belief in alien spaceships and could be relied upon to conduct no probe at all. Sigismond points out a 1967 Condon speech made before the Condon Committee even started its research. "My attitude right now is, there's nothing in it," Condon told a Corning, N.Y. audience. "But I am not supposed to reach a conclusion for another year."

Sigismond says he appreciates CSICOP's goal of turning people away from superstition and toward science, but resents the lumping of UFOs with the pseudosciences. He says that scientists react in a defensive, unscientific and juvenile fashion to the subject of UFOs because it threatens orthodox theory.

"The basic problem," says Bela Scheiber, "is that all evidence of UFOs is anecdotal. There is no substantial evidence. Experiments prove that people are poor observers, so the requirement is on the believer to present irrefutable evidence. I always feel that before we start looking for explanations outside this world, we better make damned sure there isn't one in it."

Sigismond counters that the evidence is abundant; it is just being ignored.

His files bulge with detailed reports of sightings and encounters. He further complains that one conference speaker takes potshots at individual cases without considering the big picture, the 40 years of reports from every country and culture. That speaker, Aviation Week and Space Technology senior editor Philip J. Klass will address the Boulder convention on the topic, "The Condon UFO Study — A Trick or a Conspiracy?"

— ROBERT EBISCH

BELLINGHAM WA. HERALD MARCH 28 1986

## Women report UFO hovering over G-P

Two Bellingham women reported seeing a gigantic bank of bright lights hovering over Bellingham Tuesday night, but law enforcement and aviation officials did not confirm the sighting today.

Robin Henley, 24, and Katie James, 23, both of 1026 N. Forest St., said they saw three rows of bright, white lights about 50 feet long hovering at 10:55 p.m. between the Georgia-Pacific Corp. mill and Squalicum Harbor Marina.

The object — which Henley said she at first thought was a blimp — remained over the city for about five minutes, then moved "ever so slowly" to the north, until it disappeared over the hills, James said.

Officials from the Federal Aviation Administration, Whatcom County Sheriff and Bellingham Police reported no sightings from employees or the public.

Nor was there any unusual activity scheduled at G-P last night that would cause such lights, according to Tom Spink, pulp and chemical operations manager.

Pacific Southwest Airlines officials this morning said the last DC-9 landed at Bellingham International Airport 10:54 p.m. The last San Juan Airlines flight arrived at 11:05.

But both women maintained they observed the PSA flight approaching from over the bay from the southwest about the same time they saw the lights. They said they also saw a helicopter, which seemed to be almost tailing the object.

The women spotted the lights while heading toward the city on Boulevard. They were so stunned that Henley pulled into one of the Boulevard Park parking spots overlooking the bay, James said.

The object was a "flat cylinder" with the bottom and top lights brighter than those running down the center, according to Henley. The bottom lights beamed down, while the top lights appeared to shine upward, she said.

# UFO sighted over Eagle and Summit counties was Venus

By GLORIA BUCCO and RAY DEAN MIZE

Save your Reese's Pieces, kids, E.T. isn't coming to Vail.

UFOs sighted by numerous residents over Eagle and Summit counties on Monday April 21 were almost certainly the planet Venus, according to a U.S. Air Force scientist.

Annah Scully, an Edwards resident, said she was watching television that night when she received a call from friends in West Vail about 9 p.m.

"They told us to go outside and look in the western sky for a UFO," she recalled this week. "So I went outside with my husband and my girlfriend to look."

What they saw was one "artificial looking flashing" ball of light.

"Even with the naked eye you could see the colors changing and flashing as compared to the other stars (that were white)," Scully said.

"It looked like it was spinning with the colors repeating

*"It looked like it was spinning with the colors repeating themselves in a red, white and bluish-green pattern. It was pulsating."*

—Annah Scully

themselves in a red, white and bluish-green pattern. It was pulsating."

So Scully got a pair of binoculars and by then neighbors had joined them with a telescope.

"We couldn't really see a shape but we verified the distinct colors," she said.

Scully's group watched the object for about 45 minutes until it disappeared below the horizon.

"It didn't appear to be doing anything. It just seemed to be descending but it could have been the rotation of the Earth," she added.

Over Vail Pass in Summit County, similar objects were seen by the Summit County sheriff, a state trooper, police

officers, and citizens.

Their reports were almost exactly like Scully's.

Summit County witnesses said they saw brightly colored objects that stayed motionless most of the evening. The sightings occurred between 8:30 p.m. and 11:40 p.m., the same general time frame as those in Eagle County.

Summit County sheriff Delbert Ewoltd said he saw three objects in a triangular-shaped pattern.

"I've never observed anything like that in all the nights I've worked. It was certainly strange, there's no question about that."

All Summit County witnesses said the objects turned colors rapidly, switching from white to green to red.

Dr. Richard Altrock, an astrophysicist with the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory, National Solar Observatory at Sac Peak, N.M., said there is always a rash of UFO sightings whenever Venus sets in the early evening. On April 21, Venus set around 9 p.m. at a spot on the horizon slightly north of due west.

"It is common to see rapidly flashing colors and multiple images as Venus approaches the horizon," Altrock explained. "This is especially true when the planet is viewed over mountains or canyons."

High winds and turbulence from peaks and valleys create "packets of air that act like prisms," Altrock said. White light is fragmented into different colors with each color scattered in a different direction. One moment red is sent up and green forward; the next, red is sent forward and green up. From the ground it appears that the object is quickly changing colors.

Altrock added that wind and turbulence also cause single objects to appear as many.

"It's like looking through a piece of badly shattered glass. To the untrained observer, the flashing colors and breakup of image seem unusual but are in fact quite normal," he noted.

In March 1985, a UFO was sighted north of Dotsero. It was described by four witnesses as a "colorful, saucer-shaped flying object."

It also had different colored lights but the witnesses of this object insisted it wasn't a star.

"It wasn't a star and it wasn't an airplane or a chopper either," said David Rauchfuss at the time. "It had real vivid lights. It had one big bright white light and it was also red on top. And it had a ring around it like the Saturn ring, which was a greenish color. It wasn't real solid. It was almost like you could see through it. It was blue and green and seemed to pulsate. Every once in a while it would move up and down, to the right and to the left. It acted like it was spinning too because the colors would spin."

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## Watch out! more UFO sightings on the way

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UFO's are certainly here!

Recalling back the object reported as being spotted earlier this month was seen over Barton in March 1982.

It was travelling from south to north west. A blue light is carried and a red light could be

tongues of flame if seen through a telescope.

It is most likely that there will be more sightings as the month ends.

This cigar-shaped UFO might be an observation craft. — James Price, Station Road, Barton-under-Needwood.

# Sightings of UFOs drop significantly, but debate continues

By MARJIE LUNDSTROM  
Denver Post

DENVER, Colo. — Sometime between 8 and 9 p.m. on a cloudy autumn night, newspaper reporter Bill Jackson turned his car onto a deserted Colorado road.

He stared at the northern skies in disbelief. It was 1975, and Bill Jackson was about to have a close encounter of the first kind.

Emerging from the blackness was an enormous airborne craft — "as big or bigger than a football field, with rows upon rows upon rows of lights." The craft drifted slowly and silently over his stopped car, then vanished into the night.

"I really hesitate to use the term UFO," said Jackson, now the agriculture editor of the Greeley Tribune.

"But you stand out there on that kind of country night when there's no moon — and all those stars out there — and you just have to wonder, 'Who are we to say we're the only intelligent beings in that massive amount of space?'"

His is that knotty cosmic question that's been asked since Unidentified Flying Objects first swooshed onto the scene with the Air Force's Project Blue Book in 1947. Since then, the citizenry has seen whirling disks and flying platters. They've told of flying sausages. Winged cigars. Flying yo-yos.

Then, a few years ago, it stopped.

Where once the nation seemed under siege by objects that hovered and hissed and zipped and zoomed, the skies suddenly look dismally empty.

UFOs, it seems, have all but vanished from the celestial landscape.

"These things go in significant waves, but I would say that interest in UFOs is at a fairly low ebb right now — probably the lowest ebb in 10 years," said Kendrick Frazier, a freelance science writer living in Albuquerque, N.M. Frazier is editor of "The Skeptical Inquirer," a quarterly journal of scholarly scientific research.

Some might say that this earth-bound skepticism was born in Boulder, Colo., more typically known for its love of the ethereal. In 1966, the University of Colorado was awarded a prestigious Air Force contract to investigate and evaluate UFO sightings.

The historic and controversial University of Colorado study came to a hard-boiled conclusion: because of a lack of concrete evidence, further scientific investigation of flying saucers was unnecessary. Case closed.

Since then, several major UFO groups — determined to document the phenomenon — have disbanded. One group that remains intact, the Center for UFO Studies in Glenview, Ill., acknowledges that it has received about a third fewer reports of UFO sightings.

So what's the deal, anyway? Have extra-terrestrial visitors taken a break from buzzing Earth? Or, have people finally accepted what University of Colorado scientists asserted 20 years ago — that UFOs were not worth pursuing?

"It used to be, 10 or 12 years ago, if you called the National Enquirer and said, 'Hey, I was abducted by a flying saucer,' then they would send somebody to interview you and you'd be featured on the front page," said Philip J. Klass, a journalist and author of three books debunking UFO claims.

Not so anymore, says Klass, who believes the UFO movement is running out of gas. Two reasons, he suggests, are sophistication of the news media and the fading mystique of space travel.

"In the late '40s, it was much more reasonable and rational for a Denver Post managing editor to say, 'Yeah, you know, gee, they could be extraterrestrial,'" said Klass.

"But nearly 40 years have gone by, and there's not a single physical artifact. There's not a single, incontestable photo showing a craftlike object that can stand up under scrutiny," he said.

UFO buffs, of course, vehemently disagree with Klass and other spoilsports, who would deign to rain on the astral parade.

Richard Sigismund of Boulder has investigated the UFO phenomenon for more than 30 years, interviewing witnesses throughout the world, often under hypnosis.

His exhaustive research, says Sigismund, makes one thing perfectly clear: there is something out there.

"My conclusion, on the strength of the evidence, is that this country and planet have been under surveillance by a highly advanced society of unknown origin — presumably extraterrestrial," said Sigismund.

"I don't care who says otherwise. There is enough evidence."

For scientists, 1966 was a turning point in the UFO debate. Throughout the country, there was a scent of rebellion, of

impending change, that hung in the air.

And there was something else: widespread UFO reports.

For a nation hooked on *The Twilight Zone* and *Lost in Space*, the notion of outer-space visitors was enticing. To scientists, it was a challenge.

In October, the Air Force announced its selection of University of Colorado for an exhaustive probe of UFOs. Already, the Air Force had devoted nearly two decades to investigating more than 10,000 UFO reports in its Project Blue Book.

University of Colorado was given the conclusive mission: To find out whether these sightings warranted additional scientific investigation.

Named to head the University of Colorado project was Edward U. Condon, an internationally known physicist and former director of the National Bureau of Standards. Little did Condon and university officials realize that their prestigious, two-year project would be tarnished by a bitter and vitriolic debate that continues even today.

"From the perspective of hindsight, it's perfectly clear that the investigation never was intended to be serious," said David Saunders, a former University of Colorado psychology professor who worked on the project for 15 months before being fired by Condon.

The project was fraught with bad blood; another staff member also was fired, while others resigned. After his firing, Saunders, who now lives in Princeton, N.J., fired off his own version of the investigation in his book, titled *UFOs? Yes*.

## UFOs DROP CON'T

"The whole point of the Condon Commission was to give the Air Force an excuse to close the doors on Project Blue Book," said Saunders. "It was costing them money; it was costing them their reputation. It was an embarrassment to them."

Condon was an avowed skeptic, something his harshest critics interpreted as outright bias. But it was Condon's findings that most infuriated the pro-UFO faction.

Released in January 1969, Condon concluded in a 1,465-page report that further study of UFOs wasn't worth it. The \$539,740 study uncovered no evidence that "flying saucers" were being flown by beings from outer space.

Not long later, the Air Force snapped shut Project Blue Book; the government was out of the flying saucer business.

To this day, Sigismond and many other UFO buffs insist that the Condon commission was wrong.

Betty Ricigliano, 52, of Golden, Colo., still recalls vividly the spring morning in 1960 when she witnessed what looked like "a submarine floating in the treetops" outside her home in Union City, N.J.

Mrs. Ricigliano rushed to the window for a closer look at the noiseless, cigar-shaped mystery descending on her neighborhood.

"It was a wonderful sight, and it was there," she said. "I know what the Goodyear blimp looks like, and this wasn't it. This is something I've never been able to explain."

Carol Del Duca, formerly of Fort Collins, Colo., still maintains that she, her husband and 4-month-old baby were abducted by aliens in western Kansas and examined by humanoids aboard a spacecraft. The couple had been returning to Fort Collins from Ohio in June 1976 when, about 1 a.m., they were confronted by "balls of light," said Mrs. Del Duca, who was 18 at the time.

Later, she said, she and her husband discovered rashes on their bodies. And, she noted, they had "lost" hours of time since they first witnessed the bizarre lights.

"Still, to this day, I know it happened," said the woman, who since has divorced her husband and returned to Ohio.

Mrs. Del Duca claimed she was able to recall details of the close encounter while under hypnosis with Sigismond. She acknowledges that her artistic rendering of the alien looks remarkably like the "Michelin Man."

Sigismond has interviewed yet another Colorado couple, who claimed to have been brought aboard a spacecraft and medically examined.

In 1980, a Longmont, Colo., couple said they were abducted by aliens 24 miles north of Denver. Under hypnosis, Sigismond said, the Longmont man sketched a series of pictures, including a saucer-shaped craft and the face of a bald humanoid with a high forehead and hollow eyes.

That all this might sound a trifle daffy is precisely the problem, say Sigismond and other UFO supporters, who believe the UFO phenomenon is vastly under-reported.

"People still have that fear of reporting because they're afraid of being laughed at," said Sherman Larsen, a co-founder of the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois. "You might be crazy as a bed bug, but we don't laugh at you here."

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# Ufology isn't fly-by-night field say local newsletter publishers

By CHRISTOPHER SCOTT  
Sun Staff

AYER - Like its subject matter, not many people subscribe to the Aerial/Space and Phenomena Review, a monthly newsletter on UFOs assembled at Fort Devens.

Its co-publishers - Army Staff Sgt. Raymond Keller and civilian Steve Firmani of Leominster - say the circulation of the newsletter through the mail and a worldwide computer network is only 250.

But they mail newsletters as far as Zimbabwe, Africa, and say their product is recognized in ufology circles as an "up and coming publication."

issues carry stories such as "Saucer Fleet Passes Over New Mexico," "UFO Bathes Brazilian Airliner in Blinding Light," "Magnetic Whirlwinds Discovered in Space," "UFOs and the Biblical Prophecy" and "Soviets Intercept Alien Radio Message."

The newsletter will dispute reported sightings. In the April 1985 issue, for example, an article on Massachusetts sightings reads: "... that these sightings of 3-9-84 in Oxford and Charlton were beyond a doubt misinterpretations of astronomical phenomena as UFOs."

"Everything in our newsletter isn't our own personal opinions," Firmani notes. "We just disseminate information to the world and the country to people who might not have the chance to get the information elsewhere."

The U.S. Air Force spent 21

years investigating UFOs, from 1948 to 1969, and concluded, according to Air Force spokesman Capt. Miles Wiley, that:

- no evidence confirmed that extraterrestrial "vehicles" existed;

- no evidence suggested that the technology of UFOs, even if they are extraterrestrial in origin, was beyond the range of U.S. technology;

- and no UFO investigation, sighting or evaluation found a threat to the country's national security.

Between 1948 and 1969, the Air Force investigated 12,618 reported sightings nationwide. Of those, 11,917 were determined to be "material objects" such as aircraft, satellites or balloons.

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**Many explained away**

Other reported sightings, Wiley said, were illusions caused by lightning, various weather conditions or astronomical phenomena.

"Some were just plain hoaxes," Wiley said.

Only 701 reported sightings were confirmed and recorded as unidentified.

"That number is pretty small," Wiley said. "The Air Force felt there was no need to continue investigations."

The Air Force has turned over all UFO-related material to the National Archives in Washington D.C.

The Army also keeps ufology at arm's length.

A Spanish linguist in the Electronic Warfare Operators Course (EWOC), Keller says Fort

Devens officials allow him to publish the newsletter on base, but have drawn the line on some related projects.

For instance, Keller once wanted to sponsor and organize a UFO lecture on base but a colonel said "it wasn't appropriate."

"But I receive no complaints or hassles from Fort Devens," Keller says. "I guess they just consider it an unusual hobby."

After conferring with U.S. Army lawyers, Fort Devens' spokesman John Rasmusson added: "What enlisted men do on their own time isn't the Army's business."

Official standoffishness doesn't discourage Keller and Firmani, however, because they get plenty of support from their readers and writers.

There's never a shortage of copy, Keller says. "Often, we have to be pretty selective."

Copy for the newsletter is gathered from dozens of UFO monitoring organizations around the globe. The organizations, Keller says, are constantly exchanging information on UFOs and space phenomena.

On occasion, Keller and Firmani write articles on personal UFO sightings, or alleged sightings they're investigating as investigators in the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON).

The newsletter also regularly carries such features as book, film and lecture reviews, in addition to reports on UFO sightings and research.

Keller says the publication is mailed to 100 subscribers

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# UFOs spotted over Gore Range

by Brad Johnson  
Sentinel Editor

Reports of "close encounters" with "little green men" in unidentified flying objects are usually looked upon with ridicule.

But when the reported observers include the sheriff, a state trooper and police officers in addition to local residents, it is enough to turn the head of even the harshest skeptic.

Anywhere from one to three Unidentified Flying Objects were spotted over the Gore Range north of Silverthorne by sheriff's deputies, the State Patrol and residents Monday night.

The objects were seen hovering over the Gore about eight miles north of Silverthorne beginning

around 8:30 p.m. The last reported sighting was around 11:40 p.m.

Witnesses said they saw brightly colored objects, which stayed motionless most of the evening.

They were initially spotted around 8:30 p.m. by rancher Mike Young at the Ute Peak Ranch. Don Rider, a nearby resident, also spotted one object.

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Sheriff Delbert Ewo

## LIFO'S SPOTTED CON'T

He said it hovered above the horizon, then disappeared behind the mountains, and re-appeared later farther south along the range.

Sheriff's deputies were called and they observed the same thing, along with a state trooper, according to Sheriff Delbert Ewoldt.

The sheriff was contacted around 10:30 p.m. and he went out

to observe the sights.

He said he saw three objects in a triangular-shaped pattern.

"I've never observed anything like that in all the nights I've worked," he said. "It was certainly strange, there's no question about that."

Ewoldt said his officers were in contact with Kremmling police.

who also observed the objects.

All witnesses said the objects turned colors rapidly, switching from white to green to red.

Summit County dispatch contacted the Federal Aviation Administration, which said there were no planes in the area.

The U.S. Army was contacted and it said it was not conducting

any sort of exercises in the area.

An astronomer with Gates Planetarium said yesterday there is a possibility what people saw was Venus and Saturn.

"Many times with unusual atmospheric conditions, you'll see an object such as a planet appear to jerk and move around," said Larry Sessions, a staff astronomer at the planetarium.

He said those planets will appear to be changing colors rapidly.

However, he said it did not sound like these reports would fit with the actions of planets Monday night.

A National UFO investigator located in Boulder said triangular type UFO patterns have been occurring over the last few years in upstate New York.

"There was a similar occurrence in Colorado a couple years ago," said Richard Sigismund, who has investigated UFOs for 30 years, "but that was a fleeting report. This one sounds very good."

The UFO was first spotted by Mike Young, who was walking out

to his woodshop at Ute Peak Ranch.

"It caught my eye as I walked to the woodshop," he said.

Young reported seeing two objects. One disappeared at one point.

"They didn't do much of anything," he said.

Rider said the object spotted resembled a prism, and appeared to have four lights down the center of it.

He said it moved several times throughout the evening.

"It was kind of strange," he said, "I didn't try to put together what it might be."

Ewoldt said all of his deputies "observed the same thing."

"As for an explanation, I don't have one," he said, "but I'm glad people are calling in when they see something that isn't right."

Our hunch is that he would have responded to inquiries along these lines: We don't know whether there are fewer UFOs or just fewer sightings, or maybe as many or even more UFOs but fewer sightings, or perhaps something else — so let's just study the relevant data, and meanwhile keep an open mind.

That was Dr. Hynek's theme. More knowledgeable than most, as a consultant to the Air Force UFO reports-assessment project, he argues for not dismissing reported sightings out of hand but applying rigorous scientific method to analysis of them. That is Allen Hynek's particular legacy.

It remains a good idea, one that puts to shame scientists who shrug off UFO reports as nonsense without having examined the evidence as they would evidence in their own fields of specialization.

There may be a new rash of reported sightings now that Brazilian officials and civilians are reporting seeing "pulsating, colored balls of light" that an Air Force pilot said "couldn't be anything now existing". Were that to happen, it would be good to know that trained minds were asking pertinent questions about the hows and whys of the phenomenon.

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Where Are UFOs?

THE REPORTED SIGHTING of UFOs in the skies over Brazil recently brings to mind the fact that we haven't been hearing or reading much these days about this phenomenon.

The lack of news is a marked contrast to the 1950s and '60s, when reported UFO sightings were common currency of the news.

This leads to a question (holding in abeyance for the moment the jackpot question as to whether such things exist): Are there fewer UFOs around now, or are they just being seen less? One would like to have the opinion of J. Allen Hynek, an astrophysicist whose interest lent a gloss of scientific respectability to the matter — but alas, it is Dr. Hynek's death that has brought the subject to attention.