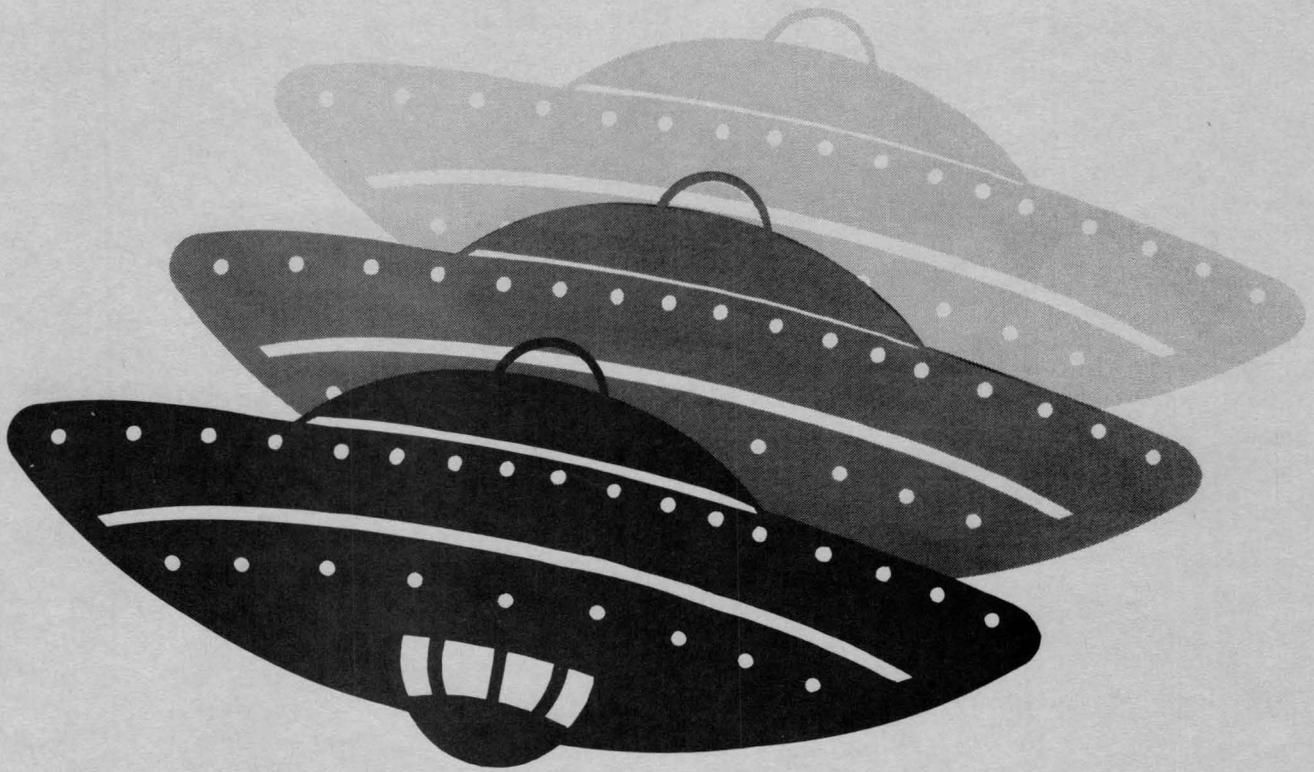


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UFO spotted in Lower Valley sky

By CRAIG TROIANELLO
Of the Herald-Republic

Witnesses from Wapato to Grandview reported an unexplained glowing object traveling slowly across the Lower Valley sky early Thursday morning.

The object, first reported by a Wapato police officer at about 4 a.m., appeared to be moving in a southeasterly direction. It was last seen traveling toward Prosser shortly before 6 a.m.

Attempts to reach the two Zillah and Wapato police officers who first reported seeing the object failed. One officer told his superior he didn't want his identity released.

A second officer failed to return phone calls.

But the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle said it received three reports from police officers in the Lower Valley on Thursday.

"It was described as a very large mass. It seemed to block out the stars as it passed overhead. It appeared to have several lights attached and size was estimated at about a half football field," said Robert Gribble, a staff member of the reporting center.

"It moved at a slow rate of speed and without sound of any kind," Gribble said.

Altitude was estimated at about a mile, but at night distances are difficult to determine, he said.

Witnesses in Sunnyside and Grandview described the object as smaller and more distant.

The object was moving too slow to be an airplane and shined too brightly to be a star or satellite, they said.

"It was pretty wild," said Frank Allec, news director for KREW radio in Sunnyside.

Allec was preparing his morning news broadcast when his police scanner picked up Wapato police chattering about the light.

A skeptical Allec walked out the station's front door and observed the object in the southern sky.

Located at about the 10 o'clock position, it was blinking blue, green and yellow, he said.

"It wasn't too much larger than a star," he said.

Allec said he then phoned Sunnyside police dispatcher who also said she saw the object.

At about 5 p.m. the object was spotted by Grandview police officer Earl Ripplinger.

"It was way off when I saw it, it looked like it was over Prosser. It looked just like a distant star, but it was changing colors and

holding motionless," he said.

Ripplinger said distance made it impossible to determine the object's exact shape. But the intensity of the lights assured that the object wasn't an airplane, he said.

Even after dawn broke the object was bright enough to be seen, Ripplinger said.

Every 10 seconds or so the object would flash either red, green or white, he said.

"There was not a regular pattern to the way the light would change," he said

"I'm surprised no one took a picture, it

seemed to be holding right in the same spot," he said.

The reports appear to rule out the possibility of a satellite because they don't blink, Gribble said.

Air traffic controllers at the Yakima Airport Terminal said they received two or three inquiries from Lower Valley police departments. But a tower spokesman reported no indications of abnormalities in the sky Thursday morning.

A spokesman for the Yakima Firing Center denied the Army would be responsible for any of the sightings.

"We have received no reports and we aren't doing anything that would contribute to those (other reports)," said Maj. Garth Germond.

"There is no reason to think we caused any sighting. In short, we are not responsible," he said.

Police said they were at a loss to explain the lights.

"It's kind of funny, it's been years, at least five years or better since the last sighting," said Grandview police Chief David Charvet.

During the early 1970s, sightings of mysterious lights were reported throughout the Yakima Valley. But nowhere were the sightings as regular as at Toppenish Ridge southeast of White Swan.

Consisting of desolate, rugged hills and deep canyons, the ridge is partly located in the closed section of the Yakima Indian Nation. Many of those sightings were made by fire spotters working in watchtowers.

During the early 1970s, the sheer number of sightings in the area attracted such noted investigators as Dr. J. Allen Hyneck, a former consultant to the Air Force's UFO study, known as Project Blue Book.

Reports of the lights began declining in the mid-1970s and have since slowed to a trickle.

Over the years, parts of the Yakima Reservation have been the focus of many UFO reports, such as structured wingless objects and lights, Gribble said.

Hanford Nuclear Reservation has also been the source of UFO reports for many years, Gribble said.

Gribble is part of a 12-member staff at the National UFO Reporting Center. Established in 1974, the center collects UFO reports from North America, Hawaii and the Caribbean.

On a national scale, the center has been averaging six reports a day for the past six months.

"We consider that extremely quiet," he said.

Supernatural experiences are Cheshire man's specialty

By RICK GREEN
Courant Correspondent

CHESHIRE — One evening a couple of weeks ago the phone rang in John White's home. An unfamiliar voice calling from New York City told White of some unusual "mystical" experiences he was having. The man, who explained to White that he was Jewish and was concerned about the religious significance of the visions, wanted to know if White could help him.

On other nights, a phone call might bring news of a haunted house, a person possessed or a UFO sighting.

White's daily mail brings more of the same. A Christmas card he received recently shows a picture of what is purported to be an alien apparition.

Crank phone calls? Junk mail

from the National Enquirer?

Not at all. White, a lifetime Cheshire resident, responds to them all, normal and crazy.

White is a self-described expert on UFOs, "parascience and consciousness research."

"Right here in Cheshire there have been several well-known UFO contacts and sightings," White said matter-of-factly without a trace of excitement in his voice. "There are ghosts and apparitions, too. I hear of ghostly presences in homes all the time."

White, 47, said his years of study of the supernatural have given him a trusted name in UFO circles throughout the country. People turn to him for advice or counsel.

He said there are even medical doctors that refer people to him. He says he will listen to the person, offer

advice or, if the case sounds like an exceptionally interesting one, make a visit.

Seances, haunted houses, metal-bending by the mind, out-of-body apparitions, fire walking, "channels" — people, who through a trancelike state, are taken over by a spirit — and just about anything else spiritual is fair game for White's study. He stresses that he looks at all this from a scientific angle and not simply with unquestioning fascination for weird happenings.

"People call me with questions about how to deal with astral entities — apparitions that appear night after night, voices of beings from outer space, for example," White said. "I try to understand a situation on all levels and I give advice, not medical counsel. I have a fair amount of experience to support my knowledge

and research."

White, the father of four children, said he is a graduate of Yale University and Dartmouth College and a Vietnam veteran. He has written widely on both UFOs and higher consciousness. Between lectures at UFO conventions and research on UFOs and higher consciousness, he holds down a full-time job with a local corporation he prefers not to name.

His basement office, stacked with books, carefully organized files and a computer, looks more like a college professor's study than the home-base of a "ghostbuster" and UFO-tracker. He insists that his fascination with these phenomena is based on his interest in understanding more about "the different levels of reality."

Often he hears of sightings that later turn out to be anything but

UFOs. One night, he stopped his car and crept across a field, convinced that the "strange blinking glow" in the distance was a UFO. When he got close, it turned out to be a fluorescent light bulb.

Despite the false alarms, he remains convinced that UFOs and the supernatural exist right here in Cheshire.

White notes that over the years, Cheshire has received its share of UFO sightings. In 1968, he said, there was a sighting in a local field that was widely reported and that closely followed UFO sightings.

UFOs and the supernatural are everywhere, he said, and local residents should not worry because "there are no more here than anywhere else."

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Japan TV says film shows UFO

Agence France-Presse

TOKYO—A television reporter has filmed an unidentified flying object on a tiny island in the East China sea off Nagasaki, Fuji Television of Tokyo said yesterday.

The videotape, broadcast yesterday, showed a large bright star-like object moving irregularly.

The tape was taken in Fukue on the Goto Islands chain shortly before dawn yesterday, Fuji said.

It quoted the reporter as saying the UFO was like a saucer and moved to and fro at high speed for about half an hour.

It was the second report here this week of a supposed UFO sighting.

A Japan Air Lines pilot said Monday that he had seen three UFO's while his Boeing 747 cargo plane was flying over Alaska on November 17.

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Japanese pilot reports another UFO sighting

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A Japan Air Lines pilot who said his cargo jet was shadowed by a huge unidentified flying object over Alaska in November has reported another encounter of the eerie kind.

Capt. Kenjyu Terauchi and his co-pilot reported the sighting of lights Sunday morning while on a flight from London to a refueling stop in Anchorage.

"His statement to the controller was 'irregular lights, looks like a spaceship,'" said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Paul Steucke. But Steucke said there may be an easy explanation for Sunday's sighting: light reflecting off ice crystals in the atmosphere.

WINIFRED BARNES is convinced she's seen a "shimmering green fish" - and it wasn't in the water.

Miss Barnes was painting the outside of her house in Dickens Lane, Poynton, when she looked up into the sky and to her astonishment saw the fish-shaped object moving steadily through the clouds in the direction of Bollington.

Although she was sure it was neither a balloon nor an aircraft, she thought little about the incident until a few days later, when on a visit to Derby she spotted an article in a local newspaper about unidentified flying objects.

The flying green objects were so similar to the one she saw, that she contacted the Derby

branch of the National UFO Investigating Society, whose number was printed in the paper.

Miss Barnes' flying object was following exactly the same path taken by those in Derbyshire and her comments were taken very seriously by the investigating officer who later paid a visit to her home.

Said Miss Barnes: "It was very high in the sky and took about 90 seconds to go over the houses.

"It moved very steadily, in a straight line, but I am sure it wasn't a plane be-

cause it was very bright green and shimmering - almost translucent.

"I was so astonished I followed it with my eyes. It seemed just like a fish swimming through water."

Miss Barnes, a former textile designer is a very active 65 and does not claim to be "doolally" yet! She doesn't wear glasses, is very observant as she paints for a hobby and says she isn't given to hallucinations.

Added Miss Barnes: "A neigh-

bour said it might have been a police balloon, but it didn't move like a balloon. It wasn't drifting, it seemed to be self-propelled."

A spokesman for Cheshire police said the force didn't use balloons and hadn't hired light aircraft for a long time.

● A Jodrell Bank scientist told the TIMES: "There are a great number of reports like this. It could have been an aircraft or possibly the planet Venus which is visible sometimes. Her guess is as good as ours."



● Is it a fish?
Winifred can't believe her eyes.

Family convinced after sighting

UFO MYSTERY

CLOSE encounters of the first kind were experienced by a Haslemere family last week after a UFO flew over their house. Mr Stephen Harwood of New Road, Camelsdale told the *Haslemere Mail* 'It was 6.15am last Wednesday and I had just gone out the door when I saw this large arc-shaped object flying slowly overhead, about 4,000 feet up.'

He continued: 'It had about seven or eight red lights along the side - each spaced I guess about 20 foot apart with two bright white lights at the front. What was really strange

was that although it was flying quite low it was making no noise. It looked like no aeroplane I know off.'

He called his wife and children and they all stared in amazement at the vehicle passing overhead: 'It was moving towards Petworth quite slowly. It swept over Haslemere before heading back the way it came.'

The UFO was shaped like a banana with the

lights moving alternatively. While it was passing overhead another bright red light moved up behind it very fast then followed alongside.

After is had disappeared he phoned the air traffic control at Gatwick Airport to see if anything had passed over Haslemere between 5.30am and 6.30am that morning and shown up on their radar. 'They said nothing at all had gone over between

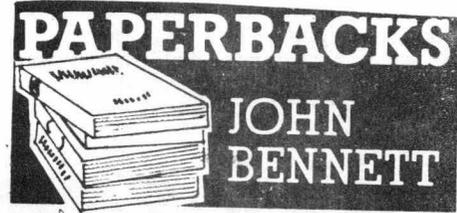
these times.'

He added that Gatwick had told him two hours prior to their close encounter, a similar object had been reported over Kent. But Haslemere police reported this week

that no-one else had reported seeing this.

Mr Harwood said: 'I didn't really believe in them before but now I am not so sure. You don't really believe it until you do see something.'

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The President and the UFO

HAVE you ever seen a flying saucer? President Jimmy Carter says he has.

It happened in 1973 in Thomaston, Georgia.

He said: "It was the darndest thing I've ever seen. It was big, it was very bright, it changed colours and it was about the size of the Moon. We watched it for ten minutes, but none of us could figure out what it was."

Lots of other people have seen them too.

In Russia, America, Britain... but the mystery remains. What are they? There are those who say governments - particularly the United States Government - know more than they are saying... why?

In "The Book of Great Mysteries," edited by Colin Wilson and Dr Christopher Evans (Robinson, £5.95), the evidence is re-examined, along with a host of other mysteries - standing stones, ley lines, King Arthur, the Turin Shroud, the Loch Ness monster, clairvoyance, telepathy, astral experience, witches, poltergeists, astrology.

All the questions that have no real, final answer.

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UFO abduction victims are sane and telling the truth, says psychologist

RESEARCH

PEOPLE WHO claim they were abducted by space aliens are telling the truth - and are quite sane, says a psychologist.

The results of a battery of tests administered to nine abductees ranging from a tennis instructor to an audio technician indicate the victims are normal, but seem to suffer from trauma caused by their mind-boggling experiences, explains psychologist Lisa Slater.

The test subjects were distrustful and exhibited some paranoia, especially in personal relationships. Such symptoms are often found in rape victims.

"The test findings are not inconsistent with the possibility that the re-

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ported abductions have, in fact, actually occurred," adds Slater.

The study was conducted by the Maryland-based Fund for UFO Research.

Many UFO investigators agree that it has given victims of extraterrestrial abduction more credibility, although many skeptics still remain unconvinced.

Says New York City ufo-ologist Francis Seigal: "This study will make the skeptics think twice about calling the victims of alien abductions crackpots. That's the easy way out. It's about time we believed those people.

"I don't care what some psychologists say about so-called neurological quirks and perceptual flaws," he adds. "That's a cop-out."

UFO aliens are living in the Earth's core

RENOWNED EXPLORER Admiral Richard Byrd discovered a secret race of super-intelligent aliens living in a hole in the center of the Earth!

That was the mind-boggling disclosure made by a UFO expert recently at a lecture sponsored by the National Investigations Committee on Unidentified Flying Objects in Van Nuys, California.

Harley Byrd, nephew of Admiral Byrd, told shocked UFOlogists: "My uncle flew into the center of the earth and discovered another race, but they wouldn't let him tell about it."

"We know that there's an inner continent in the earth."

Byrd revealed that more than 77 alien bodies which were taken from the underground city are being secretly studied in U.S.

Explorer's startling claim

By **GEORGE GLIDDEN**



ADMIRAL RICHARD BYRD: his nephew revealed that more than 77 alien bodies are being studied.

government holding tanks. "I've seen photographs as well as the bodies in the holding tanks when I worked in the offices of the U.S. Air Force Blue Book

Project in the 1950s," he said.

U.S. space satellites photographed the openings to the inner continent. The openings look like little black dots on the top of the North Pole, Byrd went on to say.

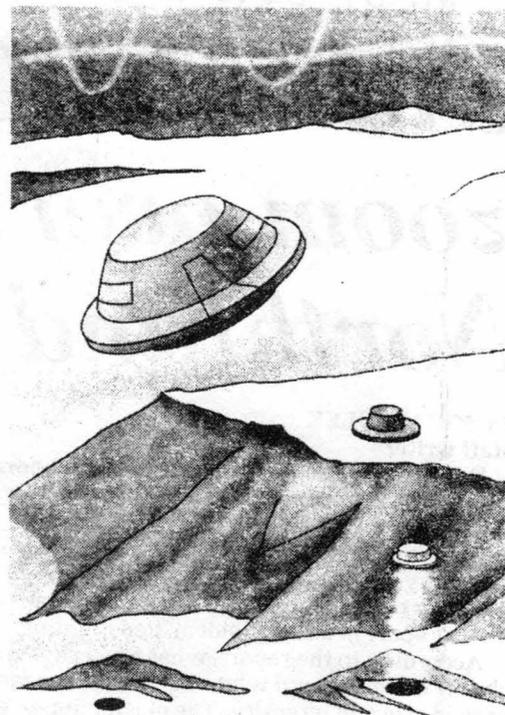
Dr. Keiji Nakamura, a leading scientist with the Imperial Institute of Astronomy in Tokyo, Japan, said his research suggests that an inner continent exists.

Said Dr. Nakamura: "The U.S. and Soviet governments have found the frozen corpses of several aliens who lived in the inner continent. We believe they are the descendants of aliens who visited Earth."

He added: "There have been detailed interviews conducted by our staff with people who claimed they were abducted by aliens from the underground city. The victims have sworn repeatedly that they were subjected to a battery of tests, both physical and mental."

"They insist the aliens are in contact with other aliens on distant planets. I am inclined to believe them since our psychiatrists have concluded these people are not lying."

Dr. Nakamura said the Imperial Institute is planning an expedition to the North Pole in early 1992 to locate the opening of the tunnel that leads to the underground city.



THE OPENINGS look like little black dots on the top of the North Pole.

He said the success of the expedition will rely upon his government's willingness to provide detailed satellite photographs. Dr. Nakamura said he fears an East German team of scientists may beat his team to the tunnel.

"The East Germans take this sort of thing very seriously. Frankly, I'm worried that they may beat us to it," he said.

UFOlogist Dore Bedell of Santa Monica, California, said he personally examined the famous Mier photographs of alien spacecraft and found the pictures to be authentic.

Billy Mier is a Swiss farmer who claims to have photographed spacecraft from the planet Pleides in the late 1970s. Mier says he has met the Pleideans on several occasions.

Bedell said the Pleideans informed Mier that 128 races of aliens have visited the earth — and that they are teaching human beings how to better themselves!

The aliens abduct unsuspecting people and program them, Bedell said. But he was not sure if they are related to the aliens in the underground city.

Did a UFO zoom over Northland?

BY JOE MUSILEK
Staff writer

Duluth police officer Paul Stein doesn't normally spend his nights talking about little green men or spaceships from Mars.

But when he saw an unexplainable cluster of lights in the sky above east Duluth at 1:25 a.m. Friday, he dutifully reported it over his squad car's radio and filed a report headed "Unidentified Sighting."

According to the report, what Stein saw was a cluster of yellow and white lights that appeared to vary in size and intensity. The cluster appeared to be traveling east to west at a speed of 200 mph.

After a few seconds, a fiery, cone-shaped tail extended from the rear of the cluster. The tail began to grow until it appeared to split into three separate parts.

Then the whole thing disappeared in an instant, less than 90 seconds after Stein and his partner, John Hartley, first saw it.

"At first, we felt a little funny reporting it," Stein said. "We felt better after we heard we weren't the only ones seeing things."

A Proctor police officer and a state trooper in Moose Lake reported similar sightings, as did the operator of the Duluth Aerial Bridge.

Police Lt. Beverly Ecklund said Stein's report was relayed to the National Unidentified Flying Object

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Was that a UFO zooming over the Northland?

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Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash. The privately operated center, devoted to UFO research since 1973, receives an average of six calls a night, said staff member Robert Gribble.

Of those calls, about 95 percent can be explained by natural causes such as aircraft lights, Gribble said. The rest are investigated by the center, which keeps track of all unsolved sightings in North America, he said.

Early attempts to identify what Stein and the others saw focused on the meteor shower scheduled for this weekend. David Teske, an assistant at UMD's Alworth Planetarium, said Stein's description of how the tail split and then disappeared is consistent with a meteor burning up when it hits the earth's atmosphere.

"Very often the meteor explodes and the pieces blaze for a few seconds before they disintegrate," Teske said.

He added that the Geminids meteor shower occurs each year at this time. Characterized by 40 or more "shooting stars" an hour, the shower can be seen this week and next, he said.

Stein wasn't satisfied. "I've seen meteors before, and what I saw was no meteor," he said.

When his children asked him if he had seen a flying saucer, Stein

said it was possible. "Then it hit me that it was only two weeks until Christmas, so I told them that it was probably Santa Claus making a trial run over Duluth."

That was as good an explanation as any — until the U.S. government spoiled the fun.

Del Kindschi, a spokesman for the U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., confirmed that a piece of a Russian Soyuz T-11 satellite entered the atmosphere above Northeastern Minnesota at the same time Stein was watching Rudolph and Santa fly by.

"The debris entered the atmosphere over Lake Superior about 1:30 Friday morning and eventually disintegrated over Eastern Pennsylvania," Kindschi said. The main satellite, launched in 1984, re-entered the atmosphere later that year, Kindschi said.

Stein said he doesn't doubt that what he saw was the satellite debris. The timing and location were too close for coincidence, he said.

"I figured they would come up with a scientific reason eventually," he said. "But I wish the suspense and romance of it all could have lasted a little longer."

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Biased view of UFOs

I MUST write to protest about the statement by Lawrence Harris that those who have had an encounter with UFOs must be imagining things.

I have had three definite sightings since the 1950's and I can assure Mr Harris that none of his "authoritative" explanations can convince me that they were from this planet. I would also add that I was

not alone when these experiences occurred.

I have related my "unscientific" phenomena on television, radio and in a book, along with other "imaginative" mortals. By the way, I am not a UFO spotter, just someone who has been lucky enough to witness what cynics such as Lawrence Harris dismiss as imagination.

I would have thought

that someone who has spent 25 years as a professional astronomer would accept the fact that there must be other planets in the universe with certain forms of life, maybe human such as ourselves, who have made greater advancements than we have in space

I remember meeting astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon,

in Houston, Texas, in my capacity as Town Crier, and how his views on the mysteries of the universe had changed since returning to minute Earth.

Remember Mr Harris, seeing is believing, and your mere scientific knowledge of anything "out there" is purely in its infancy.

KEN HEADON,
Plymouth.

THE CHRONICLE WHOLE EARTH CATALOG

A compendium of useful ideas and things. Edited by Stewart Brand and K. Patrick Conner

UFO Controversy

Extraterrestrial visitors

I've never seen an unidentified flying object, but I've always had a certain fascination with those reports of sightings that seem to find their way into the back of the paper — the slow-witted farmer who spotted a saucer above his field of corn, the fearless pilot who gave chase to some blip on his radar screen at thousands of miles per hour, the old woman who swore she fixed a plate of jelly sandwiches for the aliens with the big green heads.

But who's to say it isn't so? An incredible body of literature has grown around UFOs and the debate whether life exists elsewhere in the universe. Here Ted Schultz, our resident expert in matters such as these, recommends several books that take up that debate.

We also note a clipping service that culls reports of UFOs from around the world, as well as a fascinating book about yet another mystery to be found in the sky — ball and bead lightning.

— KC

A SCIENTIFIC DEBATE

In 1969, the American Association for the Advancement of Science held a special symposium, chaired by astronomers Carl Sagan and Thornton Page. The papers delivered at that conference are all here, making this the best book to read when asking, "Are UFOs real?"

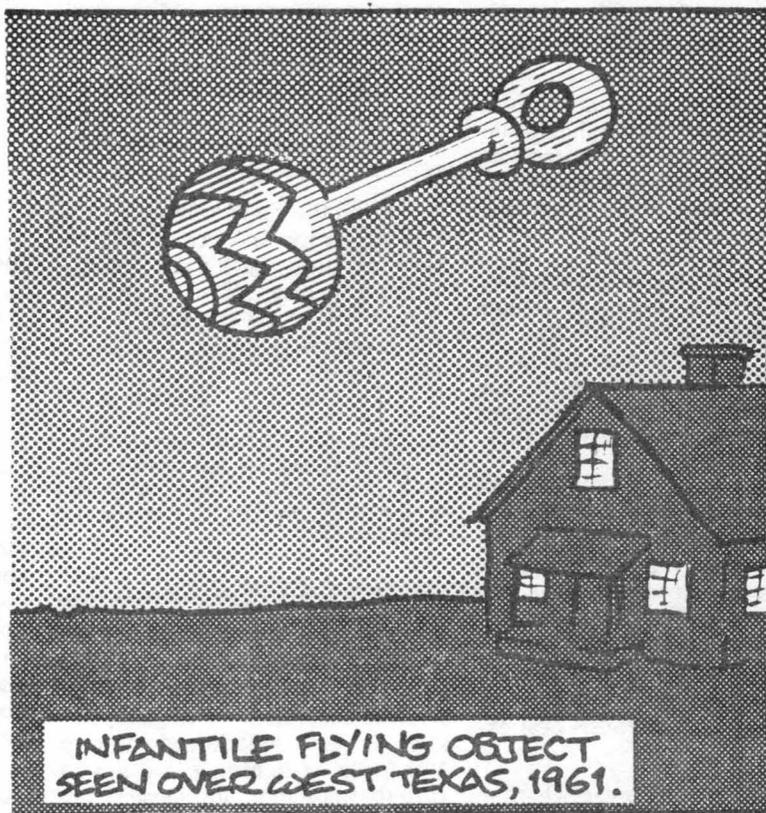
You may not come away with a clear answer — half the papers are pro, half are con, and the authors are all excellent scientists — but

An excerpt:

Ever since radar first probed the atmosphere, scientists concerned with the interpretation of the returned signal have been intrigued by mysterious echoes, or "angels," from invisible targets in the apparently clear atmosphere.

you'll be well informed on both points of view.

— Ted Schultz



BY JAMES DONNELLY

The nature of these targets as proposed by various investigators falls into four categories: 1) surface and airborne targets below the line of sight which are brought into view by anomalous propagation, 2) insects and birds, 3) direct backscatter from sharp gradients or fluctuations in the index of refraction in the clear air, and 4) unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

UFO's: A Scientific Debate, by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, editors, 1972; 310 pp.; \$7.95 postpaid from W. W. Norton, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10110.

THE UFO CONTROVERSY

The most complete, sober and objective social history of UFOs. Included is a thorough overview of the little-known presage of the modern UFO era, the "Mystery Airship" wave of 1896-1897.

Air Force coverups, government investigations, contactees and UFO personalities populate the cast of this 20th century drama.

— Ted Schultz

Excerpts:

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UFO CONTROVERSY CONT

■ In 1897 witnesses reported a whole series of contacts with people making repairs on their airships. Several "presumably truthful" citizens of Chattanooga, Tennessee, said they "came upon the vessel resting on a spur of mountain near this city. Two men were at work on it and explained they had been compelled to return to earth because the machinery was out of order. One of the men said his name was 'Professor Charles Davidson.' He is alleged to have said that the vessel left Sacramento a month ago and had been sailing all over the country."

■ Time magazine announced that all UFOs were actually Skyhook balloons, a theory widely accepted for a time. But Dr. Anthony Marachi, an Air Force chemist, argued that the

Skyhook theory led people to a false sense of security because, in actuality, a foreign power launched the saucers. Marachi recommended that the United States identify the foreign power before Americans experienced another Pearl Harbor.

■ Contactee followers believed, as did legitimate UFO investigators and researchers, that flying saucers (UFOs) existed. The difference between the two groups was the reasoning that followed the belief. Most serious UFO investigators either refused to speculate on the origin of the objects or believed the extraterrestrial hypothesis best explained the evidence.

They were split over whether to accept reputable witness claims of occupant sightings as part of the

evidence, and many were hostile to any claims of communication. When a contactee claimed direct social intercourse with an alien and had no reasonable evidence to back up even the fact that he had sighted a UFO, most serious UFO investigators denied the claim as a fabrication.

The UFO Controversy in America, by David Michael Jacobs, 1975; 362 pp.; \$19 postpaid from Indiana University Press, 10th and Morton Streets, Bloomington, IN 47405.

UFO NEWSCLIPPINGS

UFO Newsclipping Service is a monthly newsletter that reproduces clippings of UFO sightings from newspapers around the world. Foreign-language reports are translated into English. Simple recurring accounts from housewives, farmers, cops, airline pilots, professional "ufologists" and occasionally from reporters themselves.

I find the sheer volume, repetitive similarity, and grass roots nature of these back-page reports, without theories, more persuading than any book on the subject, and the creepiest thing I've encountered in a while.

— Kevin Kelly

UFO Newsclipping Service, Lucius Fraish, editor, \$55/year (12 issues) from UFO Newsclipping Service, Route 1, Box 220, Plumerville, AR 72127.

BALL LIGHTNING

"Ball Lightning and Bead Lightning" is a good, science textbook-style introduction to two forms of lightning that are so rare that not all atmospheric scientists even agree they exist. Ball lightning is a short-lived, mobile, lu-

minous sphere that seems to appear after a lightning discharge, and bead lightning is a chain of luminous fragments that apparently forms in an imperfect lightning discharge channel.

Author James Dale Berry assumes the two are related and presents deductions about the physical characteristics of ball lightning based on an analysis of more than 1100 reports. Various theories of ball and bead lightning are outlined, and there's a chapter on laboratory-produced ball lightning.

The 1800-entry bibliography is the best available on this subject. The author has taken great pains to reproduce virtually every known photograph of these two types of lightning; too bad most of them are blurry and indistinct. I guess that's to be expected from snapshots of two of nature's most elusive wonders.

— Ted Schultz

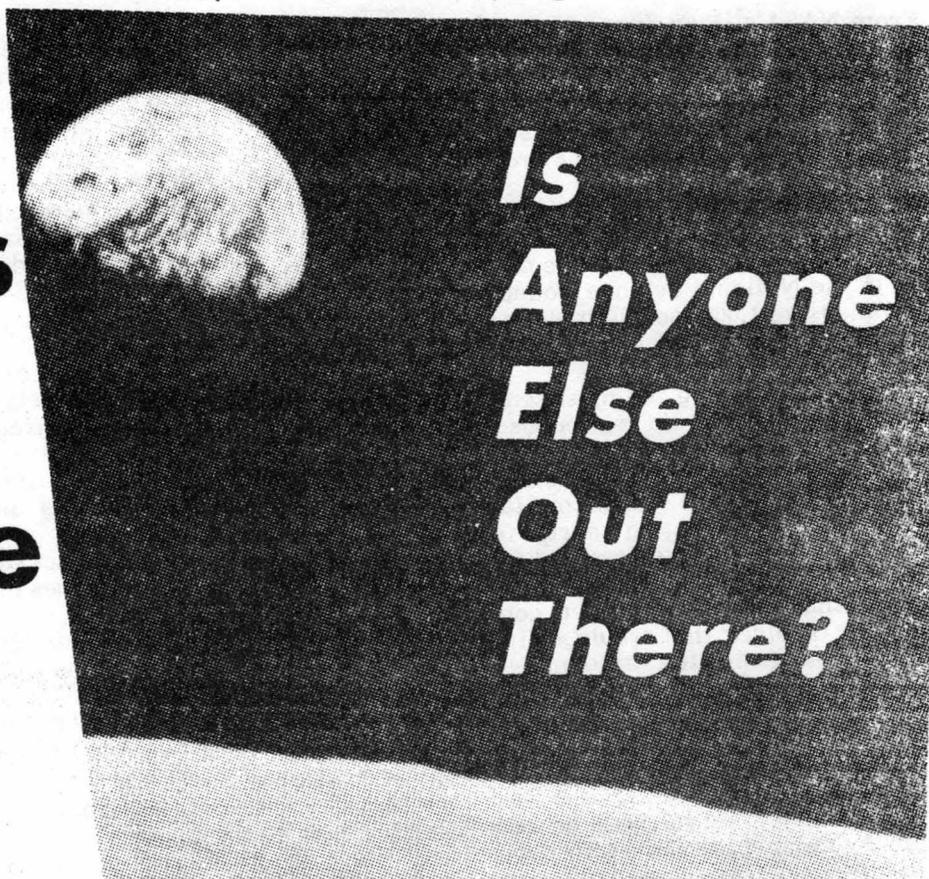
An excerpt:

A relationship between ball lightning and the St. Elmo's Fire discharge has been suggested many times. It has been postulated that that some rarely occurring situation leads to the transformation of St. Elmo's fire into a ball lightning.

Such an observation has been reported only twice among the more than 1100 reports accumulated by this author. Kerkhoff (1913) and M. Scott (1878) reported that a glowing ball, initially hovering above an object on the ground, suddenly moved away, free of its attraction for the grounded object. Such observations, although rare, may represent the only observations of the origins of a ball lightning.

Ball Lightning and Bead Lightning, by James Dale Berry, 1980; 298 pp.; \$35 postpaid from Plenum Press, 227 West 17th Street, New York.

NASA Searches For Alien Life



Is Anyone Else Out There?

By DELTHIA RICKS

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI) — There is a "window" in deep space that astronomers call the water hole, a spot where painstaking analysis has identified the presence of hydrogen and hydroxyl molecules, the elemental components of water.

As it turns out, that same window on the microwave band is relatively quiet and free of interference from interstellar noise caused by electrons spinning in magnetic fields and other natural radio emissions.

It is that vast expanse, hundreds of thousands of light years away, that scientists think is the most likely area of the universe to search for messages from distant civilizations.

Other civilizations may "congregate their signals at the water hole, at least that's the hope," said Thomas McDonough, president of the Planetary Society, which since 1983 has been helping finance a search at Harvard University's Oak Ridge Observatory for signals from other worlds.

"It's something akin to the watering hole of the old west where the settlers gathered out in the desert," said McDonough, who also teaches at the California Institute of Technology.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is betting on the likelihood of extraterrestrial civilizations and is now mounting the largest research and development effort to date in search of distant life.

NASA scientists are seeking \$75 million in the fiscal 1988 budget to finance the system over 10 years. It is expected to be 300 times more sensitive than other systems used to eavesdrop on the universe.

There always has been a serious interest in searching for extraterrestrial life but technology now makes in-depth searches possible, according to astronomer Carl Sagan of Cornell University.

"It is not that we more fervently than any other people in the history of the world want to know the answer, it's just that we have the technology to try to find out," he said.

Sagan says it is possible hundreds of distant civilizations exist out there.

"The kind of evidence we're looking for is a radio signal or beacon, perhaps, that indicates communication in our general direction," said Michael Klein, SETI (search for extraterrestrial intelligence) project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Researchers at JPL are collaborating with scientists at the NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., which already has received \$8 million to develop an observing system that will be linked to NASA's current network of ground-based antennas.

EARTH glows over the lunar horizon in this photograph taken by Apollo 8 astronauts orbiting the barren moon.

(NASA photo)

The new NASA SETI project will explore more than 1,000 sun-like stars and scan the microwave band in search of distant neighbors in the universe. Scientists expect to begin the search in 1992 and conduct the survey over a five-year period.

"With this program we eventually would be able to expand the coverage to look at 10 million frequency channels at once," Klein said. "And the system would be able to find either strong or weak signal."

If NASA allocates the \$75 million needed to produce the equipment to run the project, Klein said information gained through the search could add tremendously to the body of knowledge about the universe, even a beacon is not detected.

"I view this experiment as an attempt to try to learn how abundant life might be in the universe," Klein said. "This is just a moderate-sized program as far as NASA's concerned but it has the potential to do so much."

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From NASA's Deep Space Network antennas in the California desert, Australia and Spain, incoming messages from anywhere in the universe could be detected regardless of Earth's angle during the spin on its axis or rotation around the sun.

Added to this network, Klein said NASA scientists also would connect SETI computers and microwave monitors to the National Science Foundation's massive 1,000-foot diameter radio telescope near Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

That device, among the most sensitive high-powered radio telescopes is situated in a quiet mountainous area of that Caribbean island and has been used by Paul Horowitz, director Harvard's SETI program, to search for distant signals in the universe.

The NASA project will use a multi-channel analyzer, a high-speed computerized receiver that would split a radio signal from the antennas in Spain, California and Australia into 10 million channels. A second computer would eliminate signals that may have been generated by known sources.

Klein said the search will be conducted by moving the radio telescopes across the sky at a constant rate — an 'all sky survey,' as the observation method is called.

The other part of the survey involves searching for weak radio signals originating from sun-type stars as far away as 80 light years. One light year is equivalent to 6 trillion miles.

Klein said the objective is to test the hypothesis that extraterrestrial civilizations are transmitting radio signals that Earth-based instruments are sensitive enough to detect.

"We can conclude that the probability of life being out there certainly is not zero," Klein said. "It's presumptuous to think that life would only occur here. I think it's more likely that some civilizations are ahead of us and others are behind us in terms of intelligence."

Klein, however, doubts that distant civilizations would attempt traveling Earth because such a trip could take hundreds of light years to complete.

Instead, scientists say a radio signal traveling at the speed of light, 186,000 miles per second, is the most efficient method of communicating between stars and galaxies.

"A radio signal is fantastically cheap," said Sagan.

"You can send the equivalent information contained in the entire Encyclopedia Britannica to the nearest star about a week and the cost is about the same as sending a telegram to China."

SETI programs assume the existence of extraterrestrial civilizations that are at least as intelligent as humans and are concerned with economics and speed in relaying messages through the universe.

Depending on the location of another civilization, it could take hundreds, thousands or even millions of years for a message traveling the speed of light to be detected by Earth-based instruments.

"There's no way we could detect guys who are stupider than us," said McDonough of the Planetary Society.

"I like to think that there is a group of interstellar hackers out there who spend their time trying to communicate with primitive civilizations like ours."

NASA plans to try only to detect signals from distant worlds and does not plan to send any.

"We don't have to send messages because our television programs work perfectly well as messages," said Frank Drake, an astronomer and dean of natural sciences at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

"There's now a shell around the Earth about 40 light years in radius and it's full of old television programs," Drake explained.

Most of the earliest television programs, which were sent into space as well as to our rooftop antennas, are just beginning to reach some of the more distant stars in the galaxy, possibly entertaining or puzzling a distant civilization with "I Love Lucy," "Kukla, Fran and Ollie" and the "Ed Sullivan Show."

"A few lucky ones have gotten Super Bowl I," he said.

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But some astronomers are not quite as optimistic about the existence of other worlds as supporters of SETI projects.

"My own personal view is that none of them will succeed," UCLA astronomy professor Benjamin Zuckerman said of all the SETI projects under way throughout the country and around the world, including NASA's ambitious proposal.

Scientists from fields as diverse as astronomy and molecular biology suggest that chemicals and events similar to those that produced life on Earth could have occurred elsewhere in the universe, possibly in our own Milky Way Galaxy.

Tests of chemicals in meteorites and interstellar dust clouds have revealed the presence of a wide range of organic molecules, most notably those required to construct proteins and the nucleic acids which form the genetic code for life on Earth.

Dr. Cyril Ponnampereuma, who chairs the Laboratory of Evolution at the University of Maryland, suggests the chemical reactions that led to life on Earth could have occurred anywhere in the universe.

He cited the pioneering experiment in the 1950s by University of Chicago scientists Harold Urey and Stanley

Miller. They synthesized amino acids, the building blocks of proteins, by sending electric sparks through a mixture of hydrogen, water vapor, ammonia and methane. All of those molecules have been identified in the universe by way of spectroscopic observations.

The chemist also has produced in the laboratory the building blocks of biological molecules and the four bases of DNA, the genetic material of life on Earth.

He suggests that the synthesis of DNA — the basic chemistry of genes — could have occurred naturally elsewhere in the universe, much in the same way DNA evolved as the genetic blueprint for all forms of life on Earth.

"We look the way we do because of a series of genetic accidents," said Sagan, who underscored that even if the same chemicals exist throughout the universe, the genetic events that produced life on Earth would not have occurred at the same time and in the same fashion elsewhere in the cosmos.

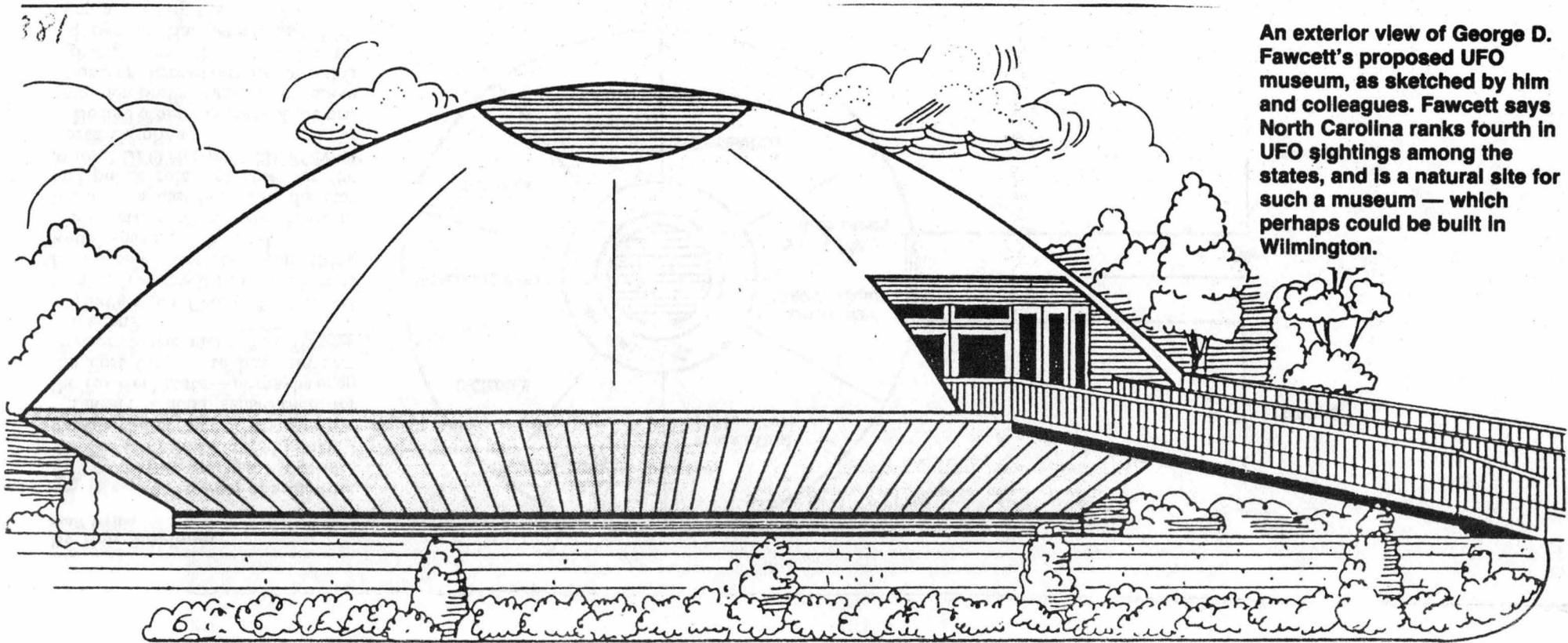
"If history on Earth had been slightly different people might now be lizards or we could have been octopi," McDonough said. "Life on Earth is the product of a series of accidents throughout billions of years of evolution."

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—Thomas McDonough

UFO buff wants museum to land in N.C.

'I know I'm fast-talking. It comes from living so long among the Yankees.'

George D. Fawcett, UFO hobbyist



An exterior view of George D. Fawcett's proposed UFO museum, as sketched by him and colleagues. Fawcett says North Carolina ranks fourth in UFO sightings among the states, and is a natural site for such a museum — which perhaps could be built in Wilmington.

By Ben Steelman
Staff Writer

North Carolina might be first in flight, but it's also fourth in unidentified flying objects.

Doesn't it make sense, then, for the Tar Heel State — or maybe even the Port City — to have its own museum to document the UFO phenomenon?

That's what George D. Fawcett thinks. "I figure if I can get four or five people interested, this thing would snowball," he said.

Fawcett, a 57-year-old Lincoln man, is assistant state director and public relations chief for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) of North Carolina.

He and other members of the private, non-profit organization make volunteer investigations of UFO sightings across the state — including two in Hampstead and Wilmington during the past year.

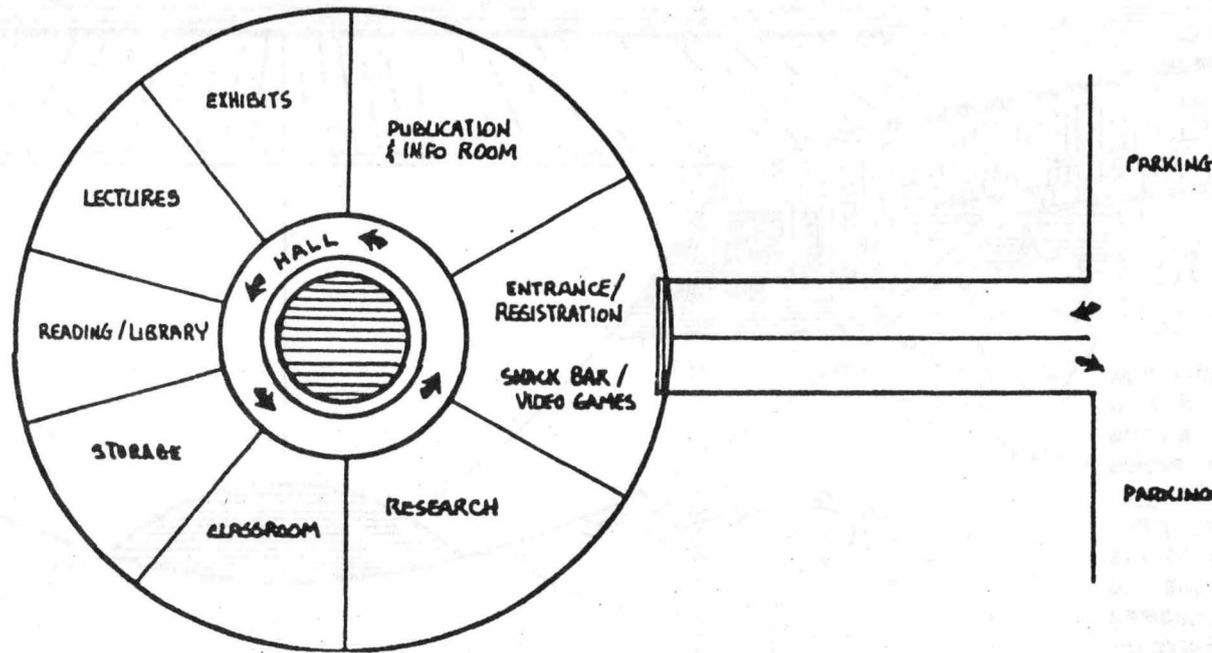
More recently, however, Fawcett has been trying for a different kind of close encounter. He's been contacting investors about the possibility of a UFO Museum. He even mailed a four-page prospectus to newspapers across the state.

Response, so far, has been tentative at best. "My previous suggestions (for a museum) to *The National Enquirer* and to Walt Disney World have been turned down," Fawcett admitted.

For a man who's bucked the accepted wisdom about UFOs for more than 40 years, however, that's hardly daunting.

"The idea's on the edge of growing public interest," he said.

A Mount Airy native, Fawcett traces his interest in UFOs to World War II, when he was an enlisted



The UFO museum would have space for everything from classes, exhibits and lectures to snacks and video games.

communications specialist with the U.S. Army in Panama.

He still has a scrapbook with a newspaper clipping from Dec. 28, 1944, which he said sparked his interest. The headline read "Silver Balls in Sky: Latest Nazi Device?"

"When we took over their bases in Japan and Germany, we never found a solution," he said.

After the war, Fawcett attended college, graduating from Lees-MacRae junior college at Banner Elk in 1950 and from Lynchburg College in Virginia in 1952, with a degree in psychology and education.

During the next 20 years, he worked as an executive at six different YMCAs, from New England to

Florida. For 10 more years, he was a newspaperman at weeklies in Mount Airy and Maiden, N.C.

"I was photographer, columnist, ad seller — you name it," he said. "I've always been a bit of a jack-of-all-trades ... in the Army, the motto was, 'Let George do it.'"

All that time, however, Fawcett's interest in UFOs remained warm. He joined UFO organizations, became a volunteer investigator, taught a course on UFOs for Gaston College's Lincoln County extension, even wrote a book about UFO case histories in the Carolinas and Florida.

Books and filing cabinets full of reports, documents and photo-

graphs have overflowed his attic, dining room and garage, and they take up a good deal of space in a small restaurant Fawcett operates with his wife.

"It's been a way of life for me," he said.

Almost without taking a breath, Fawcett can rattle off statistics: A 1978 Gallup Poll found that 13 million people said they had seen UFOs, that 98 percent were aware of the phenomenon and that 57 percent believe they were real. North Carolina ranks fourth among the states in annual UFO sightings. UFOs have been spotted in more than 136 countries, with a worldwide average of 150 sightings a day.

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"I know I'm fast-talking," he said. "It comes from living so long among the Yankees. Up there, if you don't stop talking and start walking, you'll freeze to death."

Fawcett thinks his proposed museum will cost between \$2 million and \$3 million. "That's a ball park figure," he emphasized. "We're not really sure yet."

However, he does have a rough design and artists' conception already prepared, with help from fellow UFO enthusiasts Jim Lear and Calvin Byers.

If their concept — a dome-like structure with a long walkway — reminds people of the Starship Enterprise, that's no coincidence.

"It's designed like a UFO," Fawcett said. "We want it to attract attention."

Fawcett hopes to run the museum as a self-supporting, "free enterprise" tourist attraction. His plans include a meeting room as well as space for a snack bar and gift shop.

"The point is we want to keep the government out of it," he said, "because we have to be critical of some of the government investigations."

The Air Force and NASA continue to maintain that virtually all UFOs are natural phenomena or the result of hallucinations or visual error. Yet Fawcett said that documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show that many officials believe UFOs are physical, not natural, and show a high degree of technology.

Fawcett is skeptical of theorists like Erich Von Daniken "who jumps around 12,000 years," or "modern UFOnuts" who approach the subject as a kind of religion.

Like other members of MUFON, he tries to follow the methodology of men like J. Allen Hynek, the astronomer who is the best-known academic proponent of the theory that at least UFOs are controlled by intelligent beings.

Sightings are checked separately, with phone interviews and questionnaires. MUFON volunteers will travel to the scene.

Phone calls from UFO networks in other states often alert Fawcett and his associates to sightings in North Carolina. A UFO hotline from Washington state, for example, was his first source for a sighting in January at Hampstead.

(The individual who reported the sighting later declined to talk to *Morning Star* reporters.)

Although Fawcett has contacted businessmen at Blowing Rock, Statesville and Gatlinburg, Tenn., no definite backing for the UFO museum has yet emerged. Nevertheless, he believes his plan is sound.

"I can't deny I've had my head in the clouds from time to time," he said, "but this time, I think my feet are on the ground."

Fawcett can be contacted at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton 28092.

Telepatyczny kontakt i unikalne zdjęcia UFO

Z Gwiazdozbioru Oriona nad... warszawskie Bródno

SEZON na UFO nad Warszawą trwa. Nasz Czytelnicy nie dość, że wypatrują wytrwale w niebo w poszukiwaniu się zidentyfikowanych obiektów, to jeszcze starają się je uchwycić obiektywnym aparatem. Dziś jednak możemy przedstawić rzecz wręcz unikalną — prawdziwy fotoreportaż, przedstawiający ma-

nowy UFO nad osiedlem Bródno. Relacja autora zdjęć jest również sensacyjna.

Przekazujemy ją za pośrednictwem wytrawnego tropiciela UFO, Kazimierza Bródzkiego, szefa sekcji ufologicznej specjalistycznego klubu OSSA.

W noc z poniedziałku na wtorek 17-18 lip. tuż przed północą, mieszkaniec Bródna, Andrzej K. (do czasu zakończenia badań jego nazwisko musi pozostać nie ujawnione) stał w oknie i nagle zobaczył na niebie małą czerwoną kulę. W tym momencie poczuł ból w tyle głowy i... nawiązał telepatyczny kontakt z załogą statku, od której otrzymał zgodę na fotografowanie manewrów. Kula zbliżając

się zmieniała kolor i kształt, stając się bardziej podobna do dysku, którego środek przybrał barwę niebieskawą.

A oto, czego Andrzej K. dowiedział się od kosmitów. Załoga, składająca się z 17 osób przybyła z Gwiazdozbioru Oriona i jest ekspedycją naukowo-badawczą, przylatującą na Ziemię w poszukiwaniu pierwiastka — glinu (Al). Na tym zakończyła się rozmowa. Andrzej K. próbował jeszcze uzyskać zgodę na wejście do statku, ale... jak się dowiedział — nie było to możliwe.

Musimy przyznać, że nam ta relacja wydała się nieco „cudowna”, ale że w ufo logii nie można niczego wykluczyć... Tak czy inaczej, zdjęcia są niezwykle interesujące. Za naszym pośrednictwem klub OSSA zwraca się do wszystkich ewentualnych świadków zdarzenia o kontakt i dalsze relacje o tym niezamownym zjawisku. (cont)

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Telepathy Contact and Unique Photos of UFO.

FROM THE ORION CONSTELLATION TO... BRDNO OF WARSAW

Season of UFOs over Warsaw is still going on.
Our readers are not only watching the sky, trying to

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discern unidentified objects. They are also trying to "catch" them with their cameras. Today, we can present a very unique thing - the true photos showing UFO manoeuvres over Bródno housing estate. The photographer's relation is also sensational one.

We are presenting the photos with the help of experienced UFO trailer - Kazimierz Bzowski, Chief of ufological section in specialistic club OSSA.

It was nighttime Monday/Tuesday, the 17th to 18th this month, when Mr. Andrzej K., inhabitant of Bródno /his name cannot be revealed until the investigation will be finished/ was looking through the windows. He noticed a small, red sphere on the sky. In this very moment, he felt a pain at the back of his head and... he came into contact with the telepathic crewmembers of a ship, and at the same time, he was allowed to make some photos of the manoeuvres. The sphere, when approaching, changed its colour and shape, resembling more a discus, of which the centre became blue.

And that's what Andrzej K. have learned from the cosmits: /or: astronauts ?/

The crew, consisting of 17 persons, came from Orion Constellation as a scientific investigation expedition. They were sent to the Earth in order to look after chemical element, aluminium /Al/. And that's all what was said during the conversation. Andrzej K. Had tried to get an agreement to enter inside the ship - but it was impossible - he was told.

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We have to agree that this relation seems to be a little bit "marvellous" for us. But we cannot exclude anything as far as ufology is concerned.

Anyhow, the photos are extremely interesting. The OSSA club members ask all the eventual witnesses of the occurrence, to present more relations regarding this uncommon phenomenon.

PHOTOS: The consecutive phases of UFO manoeuvres over Bródno of ~~warsaw~~ Warsaw. The photos were done with "Zenit TTL" camera.

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WYDAWNIK DZIENNY WARSZAWY

PISMO STRONNICTWA DEMOKRATYCZNEGO

- * Bliskie spotkanie IV stopnia na Mokotowie
- * Radiesteta potwierdził relacje przechodnia
- * Dalsze szczegóły ujawni hipnoza

Trudno odmówić Czarnej Damie

Mieszkaniec warszawskiego Mokotowa, Józef K., nie pamięta dokładnie, która była godzina spotkania. W dniu 14 i 15 marca z pracy, spotkał się z dwoma osobami przy ul. Wesołej. Liczył na jakieś dziwne, nietypowe spotkanie, ale nie spodziewał się takiej przestrzeni pomiędzy budowlami. To był przypadek, ale jego spotkanie miało miejsce. Miał ok. 2 m...

Po chwili górna część pojazdu unosiła się i ze środka wyszła ubrana na czarno, trzydziestoparolatka kobieta. Podeszła do oszkloniętego przedziału i porównała go do srebrnego dywanu.

- Zabrala mi woje - mówi Józef K. - Stałem się poranny jak bevanek, ślepy na teze stornia, ze wiedziałem, że spełni każde jej polecenie...

Wewnątrz pojazdu było bardzo ciemno. Stało tam dwóch mężczyzn ubranych w kombinezony z kapturami, przypominające stroje pilotów. Kiedy znalazł się pomiędzy nimi, polecił mu porobić się. W tym momencie zaczął przygotować. Okmal się Józef pod drzwiami swojego mieszkania.

Powyższe relacje z bliskiego spotkania IV stopnia uszykował od Jacka Goławskiego, członka specjalistycznego klubu "UFO-OSSA". Po rozmowie z Józefem K. p. Goławski przeprowadził...

Bliskie spotkanie

(DOKONCZENIE ZE STR. 1.)

na wskazany białe radiostację. Specjalista od biopraców domadnie o-
eski miejsce lądowania. Zgadzało
idealnie z wcześniejszą relacją bo-
tera niezwyklej przygody.

Nie czujemy się kompetentni do oceny, czy opisywane zdarzenie było rzeczywiście lądowaniem UFO, czy innym, trudnym do zinterpretowania zjawiskiem fizycznym. Zdarzeniem UFO-
logów historia jest w pełni autentyczna. Twierdzą, że istnieje możliwość odwołania pamięci świadka za pomocą hipnozy. Wtedy rozwiązania zostaną ustalone w pełni i może

poznamy uisze szczegoly dobytu na pokładzie niezidentyfikowanego obiektu latającego.

Członkowie „UFO-OSSA” za naszym pośrednictwem szukają innych świadków tajemniczego lądowania na Mokotowie.

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- Close Encounter of the Third Kind in Mokotów.
- A Dawser confirmed a passer-by relation.
- Further Details will be revealed by the Help of Hypnosis.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO REFUSE TO A "BLACK LADY"

Mr. Józef K., inhabitant of Mokotów, Warszawa - doesn't remember what was the exact time when he was coming back from his work, on the 15th of the last month between 18.00 and 19.00 P.M. When he was approaching his home, Wiktorska Street, he have noticed a strange, dull-silver object, landing on the free space between the buildings. The object resembled two connected soup plates: 2 meters high and over 5 metres in diameter.

After w while, the upper part of the vehicle raised up and a black dressed woman got out of it. She was just past thirty old.

"She took my will - says Józef K. - I became humble like a gentle lamb and I knew I was ready to fulfill all her wishes..."

There was very brightly inside the vehicle. There were standing two men in their overalls with the hoods. They were like frogmen. They ordered him to lay down when he approached them. In this very moment, he lost his consciousness. He then awoke himself at the door of his house.

We've got this relation of the encounter of the third kind from Mr. Jacek Gołowski, member of the specialist club: "UFO-CSSA". After the conversation with Józef K., Mr. Gołowski came back to the mentioned place with a dawser. This specialist of biocurrents, indicated the place of landing very precisely. It was exactly the same place which the hero of this uncommon adventure had indicated before.

We are not competent enough to state if the occurrence which have been described above, had been really an UFO landing or another, difficult to interpret, physical phenomenon. The ufologists say that this history is fully authentic one. They say, there is a possibility to unblock the witness' memory by using hypnosis. Then, all doubts will be dispelled and perhaps we know further details concerning a visit on board of an unidentified flying object.

The members of "UFO-CSSA" are looking for another witnesses of this mysterious landing in Mokotów.

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Science explains UFOs

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THE long, dark evenings we have at this time of year always bring out two sorts of people who each like to look at the sky for their hobbies.

The first group are astronomers who enjoy studying the stars and distant planets and understanding the mysteries of the universe. The second group are those UFO watchers currently having their Press cuttings on display in the local library.

It is a great pity that this group, like their

astrological colleagues, seem to prefer to avoid studying the science involved and instead try to imagine all sorts of unlikely explanations for the most common scientific phenomena.

Early one morning I watched clouds moving rapidly over the bright planets Venus and Jupiter and wondered just how many UFO types might also be watching, convinced that here were genuine unexplained objects crossing the sky.

I have spent 25 years as a professional astronomer observing the skies, have seen satellites, weather balloons, bolides, fireballs and a host of other natural atmospheric phenomena and I constantly come across people who are convinced that they have seen a UFO.

Might I suggest that any people who still believe in UFOs would be welcome to attend a meeting of our Astronomical Society and

I would be happy to explain the subject of how a lack of knowledge of the sky can lead to such misinterpretation.

A proper education in the subject of astronomy would rapidly result in a drop in the number of UFO sightings claimed by these groups.

LAWRENCE HARRIS
(Chairman, Plymouth
Astronomical Society),
Peverell,
Plymouth.

Expert Reveals Most Common UFO Shapes

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Based on Thousands of Sightings

A "mother ship" resembling a giant football ... a whirling coin-shaped disk that flashes across the sky at fantastic speed ... a diamond-shaped craft with a brilliant, mirror-like surface.

These are among the most common UFO shapes, according to veteran UFO researcher Brad Steiger, author of "Mysteries of Time and Space."

Here are detailed descriptions of the most common types, based on Steiger's analysis of several thousand sightings over the past 40 years:

1. THE CLASSIC FLYING SAUCER. This is the most common UFO of all — it's been reported around the world for four decades, according to Steiger.

"The craft has a metallic, saucerlike body ranging in diameter from 10 to 15 feet. An exhaust port on the bottom emits a yellow light that dances like a flame upon

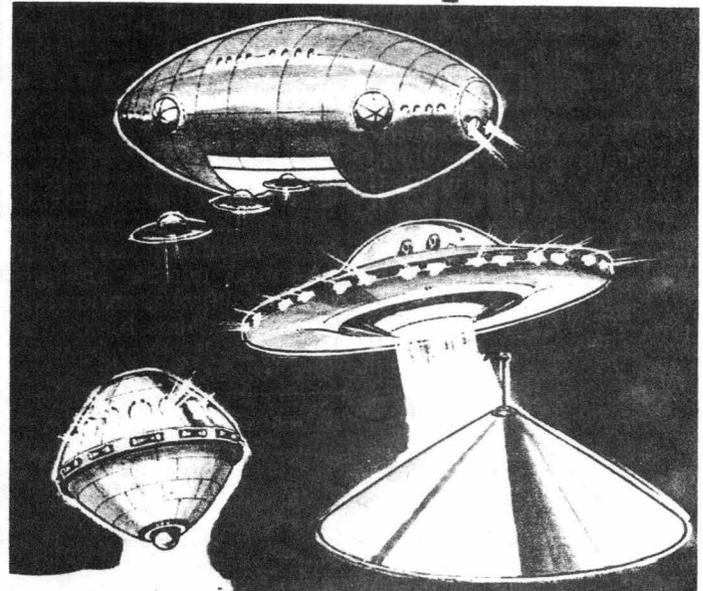
takeoff. Bright lights rim the saucer, and a clear circular dome — apparently an observation deck — is often seen on the saucer portion."

2. CONICAL DISK. This UFO resembles a Chinese peasant's large straw hat. It has a cone-shaped top resting on a flat bottom.

The craft is generally reported as being about 20 feet in diameter and 10 to 12 feet high at the peak, with no exterior lights.

3. CIGAR- or FOOTBALL-SHAPED. This craft has a thick black body that tapers off at either end. Smaller UFOs have reportedly been seen entering and leaving a bay on its lower surface — so it's often called a "mother ship." Reports have placed the craft's size at up to 80 feet long and 20 feet high.

4. COIN-LIKE DISK. Shaped like a giant 50-cent



FOUR of the most-commonly sighted UFOs clockwise from the top: Classic mother ship, the classic flying saucer, the conical disk, the top shape.

piece, this UFO is the type most often reported by military and airline pilots flying at 20,000 to 40,000 feet. Eyewitnesses say the flat edge of the disk often is ringed with red or green lights.

The craft is incredibly fast, zipping along at speeds

of more than 2,500 m.p.h. "The craft has been estimated at 15 to 20 feet in diameter and 2 to 3 feet high."

5. TOP SHAPED. Reminiscent of a child's toy top, this craft is fat in the middle and tapered at the top and bottom. It's often covered

with multicolored lights. Powerful jets around its midsection move the UFO in any direction.

"Round portholes often ring the vehicle. The craft's body often is said to be grayish, like a shark's skin."

6. TEARDROP or EGG-SHAPED. This massive vehicle — also thought to be a mother ship — has been reported to be up to 200 feet in length. It's oval like an egg, with no visible portholes or windows, and glows slightly in the dark.

7. DIAMOND-SHAPED. This craft resembles the top half of a diamond mounted on a flat surface. Its exterior is highly polished and as dazzling as a mirror in bright sunlight. The UFO usually is about 18 feet across and 8 to 10 feet high. It's totally without lights.

8. BLINDING LIGHT. Typically spotted at night, this UFO doesn't have a definite shape — it's simply a dazzling orange light. "But it moves methodically, as if guided by some form of alien intelligence," says Steiger.

— PETER FENTON

ENGLAND
WYCOMBE MIDWEEK
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SEEING STARS!

A MAN walking his dog wants proof that he is not going mad after spotting a UFO over Beaconsfield in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

He refused to give his name or describe the UFO for fear of prompting hoax callers. He wants people to contact the Midweek if they saw strange activity in the sky at that time.

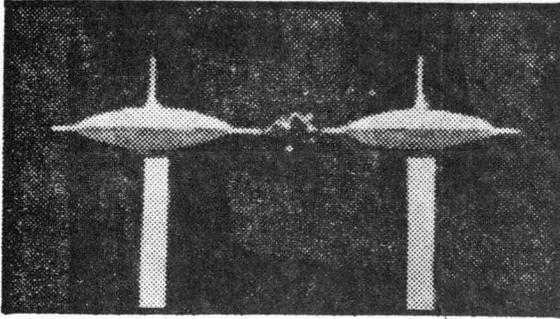
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Wycombe's Astronomical Society have had no reports of UFO sightings, but society secretary Ian Guy had an explanation.

"Venus is bright in the sky before sunrise and is a UFO to people who don't know what it is," he said.

But the UFO spotter said: "I watched the object for an hour and if no-one else saw what I saw, I'm checking in at a Harley Street clinic."

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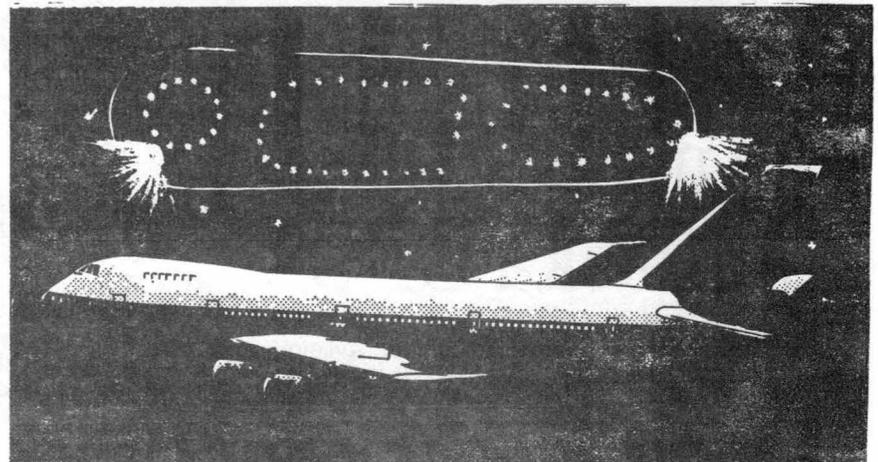
Spaceship rays—an artist's impression.



These "flying saucers" (right) are clouds, but what is the object on the left?

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Experts call for UFO probe



Close encounter—how jumbo jet flight JAL 1628 was shadowed by a UFO



Mystery shapes—one photographer's sighting.

UFO experts have called on the world's governments to tell all they know about sightings of unidentified craft. The demands follow an airline crew's detailed report of a close encounter over Alaska.

They told investigators they were buzzed for 30 minutes by a brightly-lit cigar-shaped object at least as big as their jumbo jet.

The US Federal Aviation Administration has admitted the sighting—but only after the story was leaked by a member of the crew.

Walter Andrus, international director of the American-based Mutual UFO Network, said: "This incident is very important."

"The US government says officially that it stopped investigating UFO reports in 1969—but we know that is untrue.

By Martin Brunt

Honest

"The military and intelligence agencies still look into such encounters. The government should be more open and honest and tell the public they are still investigating UFO sightings."

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HELLO AGAIN CONT

This latest sighting by the crew of Japan Airlines Flight JAL 1628 came near the end of a quiet, uneventful journey as their Boeing 747 entered US air space from Canada.

They were at 39,000 feet. Visibility was perfect in a clear sky. Captain Kenjiyu Terauchi was making his final checks before descent to Anchorage Airport.

Suddenly a cigar-shaped craft, at least as big as the Boeing itself,

appeared beside them.

The startled pilot took immediate evasive action. He swung his cargo-carrying plane into a complete circle to shake off the intruder.

His "shadow" moved with him, flying erratically but staying in close touch.

The captain contacted air traffic control, but was told that as far as they knew there was no aircraft that near to him.

Two tracking stations, however, had picked up the unidentified object as a blip on their radar screens.

Unusual

Overhead, the jumbo's captain was becoming increasingly concerned. His VHF radio frequency was affected by static.

All conventional aircraft have recognizable light formations, including a red light. But this machine had an unusual pattern of yellow, green and amber lights—plus rotating strobes.

In desperation Captain Terauchi put the Boeing into a rapid 8,000-foot

descent. The shadow craft followed.

It continued to buzz the plane for a total of 30 minutes . . . then vanished as suddenly as it had appeared.

Report

The jet was finally able to land at Anchorage Airport where the shaken crew were closely questioned by aviation officials.

US Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Paul Steucke said the crew were found to be "normal, professional, rational."

He added: "We have no idea what it was."

Gordon Creighton, editor of Flying Saucer Review, said: "Over the years governments, particularly in the US, have gone to extreme lengths to pooh-poo such reports, but they will find it difficult to wriggle out of this one."

"The aim of every government is to conceal the fact that there are other beings around. To admit so would cause an uproar."

■ THESE are some of the most recent sightings of UFOs by pilots around the world:

■ IN February last year the captain of a VC10 carrying Prince Charles home from the US saw "a glowing red object" over the Irish Sea. Four other aircraft reported similar sightings.

■ IN Brazil last May a shower of multi-coloured objects the size of ping-pong balls were spotted travelling at

840 mph. Jets were scrambled to give chase but lost them when they ran out of fuel.

■ TWO years ago the pilot and passengers of a Russian Aeroflot jet saw a bright yellow light from which a thin white ray was shot to the ground near Minsk.

■ IN August 1985 the Greek pilot of a Boeing 747 reported a near-collision with a dark, rocket-shaped craft over Italy.

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FAA steps up its investigation of Alaska UFO

ANCHORAGE [AP]—The Federal Aviation Administration has stepped up its investigation of wavering lights that dogged a Japan Air Lines cargo jet across Alaska's night sky for nearly an hour in November, an official said Sunday.

"We're looking at it to ensure that somebody didn't violate airspace we control," said FAA spokesman Paul Steucke. "We looked at it about six weeks ago, but since then we've gotten a lot of public interest, so we went back and re-interviewed the pilot."

The veteran pilot, Kenji Terauchi, told investigators that two of the lights were small, perhaps no larger than 8 feet across. He said the third light was on an aircraft, a huge darkened globe with a diameter of perhaps two aircraft carriers placed end-to-end, Steucke said.

Terauchi said the large UFO showed up on his cockpit weather radar. But images on military radar screens at the time were dismissed as "clutter," and a blip that showed up on FAA screens was analyzed as a coincidental "split image" of the aircraft, Steucke said.

Radar tapes, transcribed interviews and radio messages are to be sent to the FAA in Washington this week for review, Steucke said.

Flight 1628, with a three-man crew, left Iceland on Nov. 17 bound for Tokyo. Terauchi and his crew picked up the Boeing 747 in Iceland for the leg of the trip to Anchorage. The flight had originated in Paris.

As the jet crossed into Alaska from Canada at an altitude of 35,000 feet on a clear evening, Terauchi said, he saw three lights 8 miles in front of him.

The pilot reported the lights were yellow, amber and green, Steucke said.

"The two smaller ones moved a little bit, changed their angle. The smaller ones did not show up on the weather radar onboard," Steucke said. "The larger one did."

"It appeared to him it might be possible that the lights might be exhaust pipes; they kind of wavered but did not blink." His main concern was trying to determine whether he was overtaking another aircraft."

Steucke said the pilot reported he dimmed cockpit lights to ensure he was not seeing a reflection.

"He flew for about six minutes before he decided to report anything," Steucke said. "I can't say I blame him for that."

Terauchi radioed Anchorage FAA air controllers, Steucke said. Fairbanks controllers checked their screens, but saw only Flight 1628, he said.

The pilot reported the object was staying with him, and controllers told him to take any evasive action needed. Terauchi decreased altitude to 31,000 feet, but the lights went down with him "in formation," Steucke said.

South of Fairbanks, Terauchi turned the plane in a complete circle to see if the lights would follow.

The lights stayed with the cargo jet, and moved to its left side, the pilot told the FAA.

The lights vanished, heading east, when the JAL jet was about 80 miles north of Anchorage, Steucke said. //