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DATA-NET REPORT NO. 6

It has been an extremely busy month for this station. Received reports, information, correspondence from members and inquiries. Also received a visit from the FCC in the person of Mr. Angelo Ditty. I would like to state that we enjoyed Mr. Ditty's visit, he was very courteous, polite and friendly. After the official business was concluded we chatted about DATA-NET and the UFO situation. Mr. Ditty showed considerable interest and voiced the opinion that too many people are seeing something, obviously "something" is there.

Last month I put up a \$10.00 reward for any valid UFO photograph. Due to the fact that several stations responded favorably to the idea, the reward is now \$13.00. Participating stations are WB6TXK, WB6OTN, WB6VCM. Please remember, you must send the complete unprocessed roll with as much detail as possible. Time, area, witnesses if any etc...

This month we received info from K5GF1/VE6, K7YXP, W7OFE, WB6OTN, APRO and Mr. Alan Weber of Menlo Park. Mr. Weber, new member to DATA-NET also included stamps with his report. Also received stamps and envelope from Mr. Joseph Adamski, Sunnyvale. The postage situation at this date is in fine shape. I thank you all for your help. A notice will appear in the report when we need help again.

Concerning the unconfirmed report that a captured "saucer" or parts thereof is being secretly studied at Moffett Naval Air Station: I have now received two other similar reports from sources unknown to the first. Trying to follow up these leads are obviously extremely difficult. You will receive more details if and when I get them. It is however a well known fact that the government and scores of companies are trying to invent or discover an anti-gravity machine of some sort.

Concerning the place of origin of the UFO's. Theories range wide and far. From deep within the Earth, to the surface (foreign countries and the U.S.) to our own planetary neighbors to other solar systems. The argument on the last being the nearest system (Alpha Centauri about 4 light years away). Because of the vast distance, measured in light years anything further than that is impossible! The absolute speed limit, we are told, is the speed of light. Why is not quite clear. Take two light sources, point them in opposite directions. The separating speed SHOULD BE twice the speed of light. NO! NO! cries the scientist, not so! Explanation; the speed of light is the absolute limit.

Many years ago the horse was the limit. When the locomotive came along, railroad engineers were told that they could not carry passengers. The reason was a psychological one: passengers would go stark raving mad watching the scenery go by!

The engineer replied that they would build high fences along the route to shield the scenery. The financial aspect of building these fences was so grim that it was abandoned. The railways were merely built without them. Since no one went "crazy" the speed limit was then raised to include the railroad.

We should all be familiar with the tremendous backing our aviation pioneers received. (Ridicule, horse laugh etc...) To fly machines heavier than air was of course impossible. The speed limit being what it was they now encountered other "laws". The law of gravity now entered the picture.

We are still told gravity this and gravity that. Not once is gravity explained. No one knows what gravity really is! We only have a fable used to explain. (Explain away?) Attach a string to a ball and swing it around. Centrifugal force keeps the ball away. The string stops it from flying off into space. This supposedly illustrates gravity. I find the analogy rather poor. The Earth rotates roughly at 1000 miles per hour. Why don't we fly off. There are "no strings attached" to me! Not that I know of at least. I can now visualize millions of people all over the world searching for their strings. (You may now wonder who pulled mine) Gravity is the string! What is gravity?

Electromagnetics and gravity are related. Possibly even one and the same. This supposedly explains a lot. It really poses more questions.

Let us now go back to our young aviators. Obviously they were successful. Their heavier than air machines flying all over. One pilot even had the audacity, possibly as an insult, to fly across the Atlantic all alone. Consequently the speed limit was altered in order to now include aircrafts. However it was not lifted. The limit was altered to a barrier. The sound barrier. Nothing can go faster than sound. Many "laws, rules and regulations" were quoted to "prove" this.

You may wonder where all these laws etc... have gone now that this barrier has been broken so many times that we laugh about the old "lawmakers". They are still here, changed to fit the new limit; the speed of light!

When this "light barrier" is broken, as I'm sure someday it will be, what will the new limit be? Time, perhaps?

Recently the San Francisco Bay area has been hit by several sonic booms. The first one at 0155 the 20th of May. This boom, by far the loudest that I have heard, was explained as due to three AF jets crashing the sound barrier at the same time.

Interestingly, seconds before it happened, my wife and I awoke at the same time with the odd feeling of pressure. Then the sound hit our roof with a tremendous blast.

For the next few days we were hit again with several more but milder shocks.

Charles Fort, in his books, reported numerous similar blasts from the sky around the 1800's and early 1900's. No explanations were given for those either!

K5QF1/VE6 is continuing his investigation concerning the reason or possible cause for the recent rash of sightings in his area. I have received the following information from Dennis; Alberta is very thinly populated, Edmonton being one of the largest cities. Most of the early warning systems have been shut down however there may be an SAC base near Edmonton. More details have been promised.

K7YXP relayed this report on a physical sighting near Winnipeg, Canada, which is being investigated by APRO;

An amateur geologist was prospecting when he saw two glowing red discs in the sky. One of them landed and he was able to approach it. By this time it was no longer red but had a metallic appearance. There were sounds inside of the disc. He attempted to communicate with the occupants in five different languages to no avail. The disc itself was making a humming sound. He touched the disc with his hand and then the object took off. The man was burned in an odd checker-board fashion and since then has developed all the symptoms of RADIATION sickness. (UUHF-RF?) Also, his senses of smell and taste have been affected.

The following information comes from the APRO Bulletin. It is of course impossible for me to reprint the whole bulletin. With thousands of members and worldwide coverage the APRO Bulletin is the biggest source of valid information concerning the UFO problem. Subscriptions are \$6.00 a year, however as DATA-NET members working in cooperation with APRO your cost is only \$4.00 a year. I strongly urge you to write to me (or APRO) immediately so that you may receive their complete reports first hand.

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Strange "Hash" Signal In April

Ham operators around the world were puzzled on the 17th of April, to hear an unusual radio signal which amounted to a pulsating "hash" or "white noise" similar to that connected with sun spot activity. However, with sun spot activity, the interval of noise is not as constant as that of the unusual signal of the 17th. It was heard throughout the U. S., a New York operator reported getting information from England that it was heard there, and fragmentary reports at this writing indicate that the phenomenon was worldwide.

For those unfamiliar with the jargon of amateur radio operators or electronics personnel, the sound of the "hash" sounds like a "jamming" noise which can be best described phonetically as a "sheew" sound. The pulse period of the "hash" was less than 1 second and could be compared to the way a TV set reacts to a plane going over, causing periodic cancellation of the TV signal.

The most probable immediate explanation is that the sensational new space shot that the Russians have been talking about for some time is a satellite capable of jamming communication. If this is so, it is quite typical—instead of a communication satellite to link the people of the world, they would be likely to create a device to disrupt communications.

Straight Lines On Moon Surface

An observation which amateur astronomers have been clamoring to have confirmed by professionals is the existence of straight lines in certain craters on the moon's surface. A March 2 Associated Press dispatch announced that two new photographs from the camera-carrying spaceship Lunar Orbiter III were released by NASA but that organization declined to comment on the most striking feature of one of the photos—distinct, straight lines across the floor of a large crater near the equator and about 1,300 miles west of center of the moon's face.

Radio Link Being Established

APRO was approached a short time ago by Michel Jaffe, of DATA-NET Control, a group of amateur radio operators, with a plan to establish a radio net to facilitate fast report of UFO sightings.

We would like to request that APRO members with ham rigs address a card or short note to this office, noting on the outside, the following: "APRO Data-Net," and relating their names, addresses, call letters and hours of operation. This information will be turned over to APRO Hams in Tucson who will then contact the writer. DO NOT EXPECT AN ANSWER DIRECTLY FROM THIS OFFICE. Correspondence is so heavy that there is some difficulty in keeping current with reports. A Tucson "Ham" will contact you as soon as possible to cue you in concerning your part in this effort. We feel this is a worthwhile endeavor and are indebted to Jaffe and DATA-Net for their offer and cooperation.

Soviets Launch UFO Probe

A recent Associated Press dispatch out of Moscow, Russia, indicates what has long been suspected in UFO circles: Russia has had sufficient number of UFO sightings within its borders to warrant a scientific investigation. Among some of the facts made known were these: Soviet radar screens have registered UFOs during the past 20 years. Reports of UFOs in Russia have been ridiculed just as they have been ridiculed in other countries. An unidentified radar return is "constantly" observed by scientists at the Central Aerological Observatory near Moscow.

The scientist quoted in the article is F. Zigel, and much of the information was obviously taken from an article in a current issue of the illustrated Soviet youth magazine "Cmena." Zigel was identified as one of the editors of a book, "Inhabited Cosmos" being prepared for publication in Moscow.

Five possible explanations for the UFOs were listed and all were discounted except the fifth—spaceships. The other four were: 1. Nonsense or hoaxes, 2. Optical illusion, 3. Secret earth-made ships, 4. Unknown natural phenomenon. The chief editor of the book mentioned above is B. P. Konstantinov, one of Russia's most respected scientists.

Strange Object Near Denver In 1965

The following report was submitted by Mrs. Lee Trenholm of Boulder, Colorado and relates to what is considered an important and revealing case.

Early in September, 1965, at 11:05 p. m. the senior cottage counselor at the Lookout Mountain School for Boys in Golden, Colorado, was outside on the patio of the cottage when he noticed a strong odor of ozone "like the inside of a welding shop." He looked to his left across a fence to the athletic field, and 25 to 75 yards from him, either on the ground or slightly above it, he saw a translucent, bright white rectangle of light with red sideways V-shaped lights steadily running around the base of it. He estimated its size as 8 to 10 feet high by 25 feet across.

He watched it for a minute or so, but was badly frightened and ran to the Administration Building $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away. His supervisor made him sit down and wait while he and three other men drove near the field. All four men smelled the odor, but the object evidently took off making a shrill whistling sound which woke several people. There were no marks in the field the next day.

The object was resting or hovering near an electric substation and high tension lines and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from a radio transmitter. The weather was pleasant with no clouds. The radio operator at the micro repeater station on Squaw Mountain reported an unusually large amount of non-scheduled military aircraft activity that night. The witness in this case was interviewed in the spring of 1967, but even at that late date was obviously shaken by his experience. Mrs. Trenholm found him to be a calm, well-balanced, intelligent person of excellent character. He is currently principal resident supervisor at the Lookout Mountain school for Boys in Golden, Colorado, and a graduate student in social work at Colorado University.

Photo By Oregon Boy

Poloroid pictures of a metallic disc sighted in Salem, Oregon, were obtained on the afternoon of March 16th by one of three boys who witnessed the object. (See above and below).

Ron Forest of 3045 Windsor Ave. NE, was in the back yard of the Thomas Ronald Baker home at 1893 32nd Ave., NE, when he spotted the object. He alerted the Bakers' sons, Kenneth and Ronald, and Ronald ran for the camera and took the pictures at about 3:30 p.m. The first was taken while the object appeared to be hovering and another about four seconds later as it zoomed away and disappeared to the West.

The boys agreed the disc was metallic in color and flying very high. They said it didn't have lights and they heard no sound.

"I'm inclined to believe it was a spaceship of some kind," Forest, 15, said. "I have never seen a balloon go that fast," he added, explaining that the object appeared to hover for a few seconds and then disappeared rapidly to the west.

"It was going pretty fast," Ken said. "But it hovered for awhile and then took off. It disappeared in the distance. I sorta believed in the stories about saucers, but this proves it."

Ken and Ron Forest are 15-year-old sophomores at North Salem High School. Ron Baker is a ninth grader at Waldo Junior High.

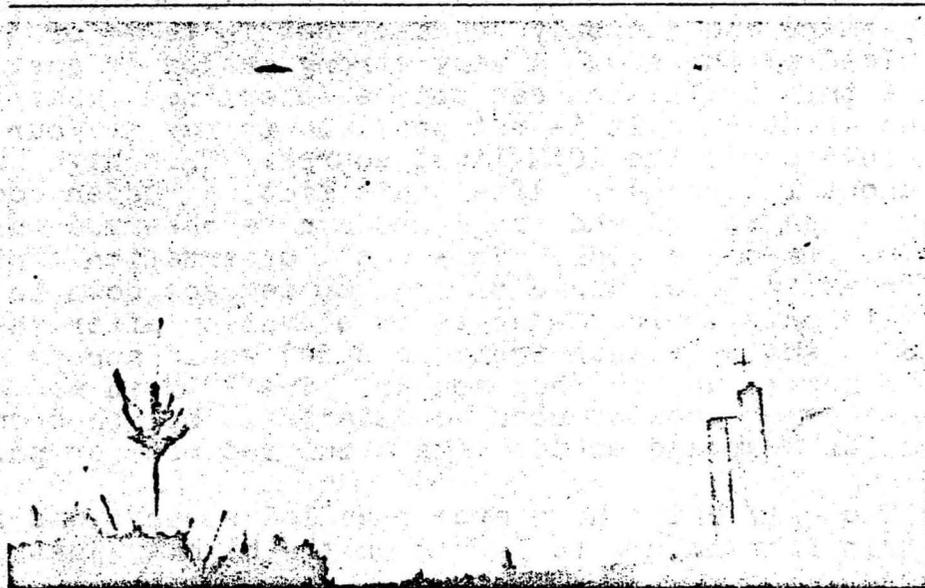
News Camera Man Sees UFO

A Minneapolis newsreel cameraman and former Navy pilot has reported sighting three disc shaped objects move across the horizon "as if they were making a low fighter pass over the area" on the night of February 25. Mr. Joseph E. Sullivan, his wife and five children were driving in their car at 7 p.m. (a clear night) when they observed the saucer-like discs come out of the North-

west and make a banked turn to the Southeast near 1st Ave. and 25th St. in Minneapolis. "As the objects went into the turn the first object glowed a red color like molten iron. There is no doubt in my estimation that they were aircraft of some sort. Over the years I have been skeptical of this phenomena, having interviewed people who saw different objects. I refrained from saying what I saw immediately to my wife, but asked her and she reported exactly what I saw, which was also confirmed by the children."

"I moved my head around in the car so as to discount reflection and saw that they were solid and sharply outlined and not joined together." Mr. Sullivan estimated that they were about 60 feet in diameter and about 30 feet separated from each other, traveling about 200 mph at 1,000 feet. In about seven seconds they disappeared.

Mr. Sullivan notified WCCO-TV where the information was passed on to the Air Force. We have no further knowledge of the disposition of the sighting.



The following well detailed and documented reports come from W7OFE. Earl wins this month's prize for fast reporting. This information was received within 30 hours from the time it was mentioned over the air.

"I worked (a station) at Anadai Lake North West Territory Zone 2 Canada, the operator there was Sid. I asked Sid if anything such as a UFO had been seen at that remote weather station. He was reluctant to answer my questions, but I assumed since this was an official governmental installation, he may have been on the spot to say anything. He did finally say at the end of the conversation that he knew only of a red glow to be reported once, that was assumed to be a bright meteor and also one UFO reported by one of the radio operators one night, described as very bright, at times having very high velocities (I assume high as those at or above meteor speeds) then having very abrupt changes in direction, then stationary above the ground. The object would be lost from sight then suddenly re-appear. I have no dates for this sighting and it was mentioned by Sid as it was told to him.

The following is my interview with a electronic tech. that works with me and is offered only as a guide for a specific identifiable occurrence that is seldom observed by an average person but could occur.

The description of an ICBM re-entry characteristics with the un-aided eye:

Conditions: End shots only (observer in direct line connecting launch and terminal re-entry with resultant splash.) All observations made at sea on ship board. A total of 70 observed most at night. Observer was employed on board ship as a computer programmer and aerographer. All re-entrs were contained in an included angle of from zero degrees to a maximum of 60 degrees from the horizontal (sea).

When you know where the ICBM is to re-enter, it first appears as a very small dot of about 5th magnitude in brightness with no apparent motion. The dot is white in color and slowly becomes brighter but does not give the effect of becoming larger in size. There is very suddenly a very drastic change in brightness that illuminates the entire sky. This is very startling when the first re-entry is observed and the great brightness is not anticipated. It is possible to read newsprint. However this was not actually ever tried. The brightness is much greater than that from a full moon (illumination also much, much higher) and can only be described in terms of the illumination provided by the sun. A very strong shadow is cast. The size of the ICBM at this brilliance can not be determined, that is the brightness is so great that it is not possible to say if your hand or two hands etc would cover the ICBM light source. This high brilliance lasts for about 15 seconds. After this time, a sudden decay to orange, orange reddish to red and fragments can be observed falling into the sea as the fragments cool. This total observation typically is contained in an included angle of from 60 degrees down to zero degrees (sea level) with only obvious changes in elevation after the bright 15 second peak. Side shots (viewed from the side) would appear very different and it is not known how they appear. The ICBM in no way resembles an orbiting device or booster upon re-entering. Splash down was usually 3 to 5 miles away and sounds like a muffled boom or poof with a boom. END

The only UFO I have ever recalled seeing, was about 1 year ago on a trip from Phoenix to Tucson on the highway just outside of Oracle Junction

after leaving Florence, Arizona. While this puts me heading more or less due south, a very bright object appeared about 30 degrees to the right of the line of travel of my car and about 40 degrees in elevation from horizontal. The best description I can give is exactly that as I have written above except the time was at bright dusk and the brightness seemed to never stay constant, but increase slightly until suddenly some sort of reddish fragments replaced the bright area and then quickly there was nothing, no smoke and no dust etc below the line of descent. There was no horizontal motion at all, just vertical and only about 20 degrees of vertical covered. Nothing was seen below 20 degrees above the horizontal."

END

The following report comes from Alan Weber TDY Ojai, Calif.

"On March 14, 1967 I, and five other witnesses, observed a bright red light for approximately 10 minutes. Because the object emitted no sounds I don't think it was a helicopter or airplane. It hovered in the air for at least 8 to 9 minutes. It then slowly descended and then about 30 seconds later it shot up into the sky and vanished.

The witnesses were;

Steve Pichel, Atherton, Calif.

Keith Carridine, San Francisco, Calif.

Jon Van DeVenter, San Diego, Calif.

Ed Littlefield, San Francisco, Calif.

Bill Doyle, Los Angeles, Calif.

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