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This report is being mailed to all past members with the hope that more will participate and financially support the project.

The following stations have sent in funds and are paid members: Jo Clark...DATA-NET secretary with Tom W6BPV, WB6VCM John...WB6TQG Phil...WB6TXK Bob...W7OFE Earl...WA9THB Jim...K5QFI/VE6 Dennis...Herbert Ruzicka of New York...

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The DATA-NET reward for an authentic UFO photograph is now \$21.00. Broken down in the following manner: WB6RPL - \$11.00, K7YXP - \$5.00, WA9THB - \$1.00, WB6VCM - \$1.00, WB6QZD - \$1.00, WB6OTN - \$1.00, WB6TXK - \$1.00. The film should be sent unprocessed. The negatives remain the property of the photographer.

This control station will be on vacation from the 15th of December to the 2nd of January. WB6TXK will be control during this time.

WB6TQG is now monitoring 7.255 at 2000 PST every Tuesday. Skip conditions have greatly improved, give him a call; CW, SSB, AM.

KP4CH continues on 21.444 daily. Give him a call. Tom, incidentally, has not stopped his UFO interest. Recently received another envelope full of clippings covering many areas.

The following DATA concerning "SNIPPY" was received from Mr Robert J. Low, Project Coordinator, University of Colorado:

"Close examination by the Chief of Clinics and Surgery of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Colorado State University, coupled with investigation by members of our team, revealed that there was nothing strange to explain. The indentations in the ground appeared to be hoof marks. There was no radioactivity above normal background levels. The alleged exhaust marks appeared to be a fungus that is not uncommon in that part of the country. The absence of flesh on the horse's neck can be explained, and it is apparently a fairly frequent occurrence, as the result of attacks by scavengers, mainly magpies and coyotes. The absence of spinal fluid and internal organs is normal for a horse that has been dead for as long as that one had."

"The cause of death cannot be determined with certainty unless an autopsy is made, and an autopsy, if it is to be valid, must be made within twenty-four hours of the death of the animal. Since we didn't arrive until the horse had been dead a month, we could not perform an autopsy, but it was possible to make a guess as to the cause of death. It appeared that the horse had a serious infection, serious enough to have caused death, and we can only assume that that is what did it."

"So, having gone through all that, one finds that there is nothing left to explain, except for the incision around the base of the horse's neck. We don't know how that was done, but there is no reason to assume that it was done under weird or unusual circumstances."

Information received from Mr. Gordon Lore, NICAP director, differed slightly:

"The "exhaust-like" markings on the ground may have been infection drainage from the animal as it walked in an agonizing circle." !?

Robert Rinker, a field technician at a mountain laboratory on Chack Mountain near Climax, Colorado snapped a UFO on film while taking pictures of the area. He claims that he did not see the UFO, but did hear motor noises.

The AP photo shows a barn like object at the left, in the center is a snow covered

mountain range. The UFO, very large, is in the upper right hand corner and looks like this:



On the second or third look, it looks like a manhole cover photographed from inside the sewer.

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From Moscow (AP) (K7YXP): "The Soviet government has set up a special commission to investigate reports in this country of unidentified flying objects, informed sources reported Saturday."

"The commission was described as under the direction of Gen. Anatoli Stolyerov of the Soviet air force, with an office in Moscow."

"Soviet authorities had dismissed UFO as nonsense when they first started getting attention in the 1950s. The press here did not mention rumors of sightings in the Caucasus, Siberia and elsewhere" ✓

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Again Moscow (AP) (KP4CH): "Izvestia said Thursday a "huge, luminous" unidentified flying object - UFO - was reported over Sofia, Bulgaria, Tuesday evening."

"The official Soviet government newspaper quoted the Bulgarian news agency as saying "it resembled a balloon or parachute."

"Its upper part seemed to be a dark disc encircled by "a wide bright strip," Izvestia added. The paper did not say if an investigation into the UFO report has been ordered."

"Informed sources reported here earlier this month that the Soviet government has set up a commission to investigate UFO reports in this country."

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Sao Paulo, Brazil (UPI) (WB6RPL): "No one can tell Flavio Pereira that there are no flying saucers and that the earth isn't under reconnaissance by "intelligences" from other worlds."

"Pereira coordinated a conference of the Brazilian Flying Saucer Association which has just ended here."

"We conclude," he said, "that flying saucers exist, that they come from other worlds and have characteristics which the present level of our science cannot define."

"He said studies made over a period of 20 years show that "the other wordly objects obey an intelligent control."

"Another believer at the conference, Dr. Llavo Fontes, a successful medical practitioner in Copacabana Beach, went further."

"At the present time," he said, "the outer space vehicles are charting our drinking water plants and power plants. From 1947 to 1950 the saucers made geographic reconnaissance of the United States, charting mountain ranges and river basins. From 1954 to 1959 South America was charted."

"Other than to say the flights have been "proved by photographs," Fontes did not elaborate on the basis for such precise accounting of flying saucer activities. He did however offer a suggestion as to why one never had been captured by saying, "If attacked, they defend themselves with paralyzing weapons."

"Press reports of the conference said it was understood that Brazilian military authorities participated secretly, but this was not confirmed by authorities."

"Fontes said there were indications that "other wordly" activities over the earth were responsible for the massive blackout of the northeastern United States in November of 1965, as well as for other major blackouts of recent years."

"Just before the blackout of New York and other major U.S. cities in 1965, he said, "Cuernavaca, Mexico, was darkened. Then the U.S. states of Kansas and New Mexico were struck on December 3, 1965, and four days later large parts of Mexico and Peru. Buenos Aires went dark Dec. 26 and that was part of the same rash of flying saucer activity which occurred in various parts of the world until the last one in Bogota, Colombia, Sept. 7, 1966"

"Fontes, Pereira and others who attended the conference are not impressed by the lack of confirmation of flying saucer activity by scientific or military authorities in

the United States or elsewhere. They answer this with the contention earth science simply hasn't advanced enough to catch the "other world" beings at their work."

From Quebec, Canada VE2AUJ reports that he is attempting to make contact with Mr. Jean Caseault, President of the "Society of Research into Mysterious Phenomenon". We expect more information soon.

11-16-67 S.F. Chronicle reporter O'Hara asked, "How would you greet a creature from space?" and received these answers from the following people:

Barbara Murphy: "I believe there are people in outer space. I'd try to communicate with them. Try to make them understand we didn't want to harm them. It would help the space program getting to know them."

Cathy Clark: "I'd be very friendly. Oh, I really believe they're out there. Too many people have seen them. But they always land in quiet out-of-the-way places. You shouldn't run or act frightened."

Judy Drolet: "I'd be friendly. I really believe they visit our planet. Too many reliable sources have reported them. Many people are afraid to report them for fear of public ridicule. I think they're trying to communicate with us."

Nicki Mitchell: "You shouldn't be hostile toward them. Try to make friends with them. I believe UFO's are from other planets and they've got people on them. Like we're trying to get to the moon."

Rita Gamboa: "Well, I'd probably run, but actually if there are creatures from outer space, we shouldn't show any antagonism toward them. Anymore than we would hope creatures our astronauts might encounter would be friendly toward them."

Bill Nichols: "I'd be friendly. I like people. It'd be interesting. Oh, I'd recognize them. They'd look real modern. They'd move faster than us. It would be good getting to know them. They'd have a fresh approach, for one thing. I'd like to meet them."

Janis Gilardi: "I'd be scared. But maybe they see our astronauts and wonder what's happening. Like if they saw the space walk, probably nobody believed them when they reported it."

WA9THB reports from the Joliet Herald-News: "With the approach of fall has come a new outbreak of reported UFO."

"So far, says a spokesman for Project Blue Book in the Pentagon, there has been no request to probe into reported UFO sightings in east and central Georgia Oct. 20, 21 and 22. But there were newspaper accounts quoting a Georgia highway patrolman, Jerry Goldin, as saying he saw an ice-blue-colored UFO. And a Newnan, Ga., police patrolman, Dale Spradlin, said he chased a blue ball of light about eight miles down the road outside of town and then it turned around and chased him."

"Altogether there were reports of UFO sightings by highway patrolmen and police in 11 Georgia communities. They described various shapes, sizes and colors in considerable detail."

"A spokesman for the North American Air defense Command's UFO-tracking organization, the Space Detection and Tracking System (SPADATS), says the objects reported seen over Georgia "seem to have no characteristics of a decaying satellite."

"About 95 per cent of all UFO sightings have been identified - none as "saucers" from other planets, all as natural physical phenomena - NORAD officials point out."

"As for the 5 per cent of UFO sightings still unidentified, they insist there is no evidence of any threat to North America."

"Still, the Air Force and NORAD concede their skepticism over the presence of "flying saucers" from beyond the earth won't halt the torrent of reported "sightings" which grows larger every year."

Recently the San Jose Mercury printed a rather lengthy article entitled, "UFOs Cause Scientists to Take Deep Look" - (Space does not permit us to reproduce it all). The article is preceded by the following Editor's note: "After 20 years of talk about unidentified

flying objects - UFOs, one fact stands out - no thorough scientific study has ever been made to see if the little green men really do exist. But now pressure is growing, and scientists are beginning to take a deeper look. If nothing else, man may learn more about his own universe." -Ed

"From his 10th floor office atop the highest building on the University of Colorado campus, Dr. Edward U. Condon has a magnificent eyrie to scan the skies for UFOs - unidentified flying objects."

"Dr. Condon has never personally seen a UFO."

"In Washington, Richard Hall, deputy director of NICAP works in a third-floor office with a view of downtown streets. It is his working guess that some UFOs do come from outer space."

"Hall has never personally seen a UFO."

"And neither has Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who for nearly two decades has been a scientific consultant to the U.S. Air Force on UFOs. From his ground-floor office in the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., Dr. Hynek campaigned for a hard, fully scientific look at the UFO phenomenon, a plea that contributed to formation of the Condon committee."

"For nearly 20 years, UFOs have created a contrail among Americans of mystery confusion, debate, emotion, scorn, belief, concern and potent points of view."

"The poles of belief range from conviction that all sightings can be explained as natural or psychological phenomena to the conviction that some truly are visitors from space. In between are millions of people who are simply puzzled."

"Perhaps the most intriguing question is why - after a generation of time - why there should still be debate? Why are there unexplained sightings?"

"Among reasons offered are, on one hand: Some UFOs could be extraterrestrial and there's no proof they are not. Very provocative sightings have been made by trained observers, including scientists and pilots. The Air Force hasn't really made a good investigation. The Air Force is engaged in a conspiracy to hide the truth. The "scientific establishment" knows the facts, but is embarrassed to admit that a superior civilization and science exist elsewhere. Scientists and others have often ridiculed honest, reputable people for describing what they saw rather than listen to and investigate their stories."

"On another hand: The Air Force says it is satisfied UFOs do not represent a threat to national security. Proving that UFOs are supernatural should rest upon the believers. With greater effort and money, probably all sightings could be explained without inferring extraterrestrial origin. Some sightings are hoaxes, most are misidentifications of balloons, aircrafts, stars, meteors or other phenomena."

"For centuries, people have sighted curious or unexplained lights or phenomena in the skies. Some legends, in China, Peru and elsewhere have been interpreted as meaning that living beings came from space to populate the earth."

"Late in 1947, a year of intensifying cold war, the Air Force launched a study which later was dubbed Project Blue Book. Each year has brought a steady flow of reported sightings to Blue Book, with flurries of 1,501 cases in 1952, 1,006 in 1957, and the runner-up high of 1,060 in 1966."

"Maj. Hector A. Quintanilla, Jr., career officer in charge of Blue Book, sums up the 1,107 reports since 1947: Six per cent - 676 - are still listed as unidentified, including 30 of last year's. Another 242 are listed as lacking sufficient information to try to identify."

"Blue Book's answer remains negative on three questions:

"No evidence that any UFO it has evaluated is any threat to national security."

"No evidence that "unidentified" sightings involve anything beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge."

"No evidence that "unidentifieds" are extraterrestrial vehicles. But, "The Air Force does not deny the possibility that some forms of life may exist on other planets in the universe."

"Some sightings leave me mystified," Quintanilla says."

"A high percentage of reports are submitted by serious people mystified by what they saw, and motivated by patriotic responsibility. But many sightings are subjective, about

what people thought they saw. Some offer more of a challenge than others."

"The United States stands virtually alone in having any official agency investigating UFO reports, an Associated Press survey of 21 nations finds. The comment from Moscow is that the Soviets "are not talking." Britain has no official agency, but sightings are reported to the Defense Ministry. In Sweden, the Defense Research Institute registers reports and investigates some sightings. In Australia, the Australian air force tries to evaluate reports."

"Civilian UFO clubs or organizations are active in about half the countries surveyed. Newspaper coverage ranges from avid, at least at times, to occasional or little interest."

"NICAP has received more than 10,000 first-hand signed reports of UFOs and 2,500 are "hard-core reports, some giving remarkable detail that can't be explained routinely," says Hall, a tall, brown-haired deputy director of the organization headed by Donald Keyhoe, retired Marine major."

"The most common pattern is objects that are egg or oval or disc shaped that sit there, then zoom away. It doesn't correspond with any objects we ordinarily know about."

"I think the most reasonable working hypothesis is that they are extraterrestrial," says, Hall who joined NICAP in 1958."

"Juridically, he adds, "the onus of proving that UFOs are extraterrestrial lies with those who believe that they are."

"So long as there are some "unidentifieds," the question "whether some UFOs are extraterrestrial must remain open."

"No truly scientific investigation of the UFO phenomenon has ever been undertaken," Dr. Hynek says. "Are we making the same mistake the French Academy of Sciences made when they dismissed stories of "stones that fell from the sky?" Finally, however, meteorites were made respectable in the eyes of science."

"If everyone had reported sightings they've seen, there might be 10 to 100 times the 11,000 or so collected by the Air Force, Dr. Condon says. A Gallop Poll says five million people have reported seeing something they believed to be "flying saucers."

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Policemen continue to observe, chase and be chased by UFOs. Ocean City, New Jersey (AP) (KP4CH):

"A brilliant white object was observed cruising the coastline here early Sunday morning by policemen in two patrol cars come two miles apart.

"The four policemen described the object as a brilliant body of incandescent white light which at times slowly turned red. They said it appeared to be moving under guidance because it "patrolled" back and forth parallel to the beach.

"They said it was far out to sea, but they could neither estimate how far nor how big the object was. But they did say it was too big and too bright to be a star or airplane.

"The four officers - Sgt. Andrew Capezza and Patrolman Lawrence Tarves in one car, and Patrolmen Bruce Bower and Herbert Chadwick in the other - watched the object for about 20 minutes before it disappeared in a northeasterly direction.

"The two cars were not in radio contact at the time and the incident wasn't reported until the officers came off their shifts at 6 am. Apparently, they were too embarrassed to mention it until they started comparing notes back at headquarters.

"They said the object was so bright that the actual source of illumination couldn't be determined.

"It disappeared to the north at a tremendous speed, "far faster than a jet plane," Chadwick said."

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Again Sao Paulo, Brazil (UPI) (KP4CH):  
"No one can tell Flavio Pereira that there are no flying saucers and that the earth isn't under reconnaissance by "intelligences" from other worlds." (See Page 2 for complete article. Identical articles were received from KP4CH and WB6RPL.)

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UFOs continue to be seen in Colorado as reported in several newspapers including the San Juan Star - Puerto Rico (AP) (KP4CH):  
"The mysterious demise of Snippy the Horse - whether at the hands of celestial varmints

... a flying saucer or earthbound writers - has summoned forth tales of other strange happenings in Colorado.

"A judge in Denver reported sighting orange-red, ring-shaped objects, flying faster than jets, about three hours after a Houston man telephoned a woman here that UFOs (unidentified flying objects) were heading from Texas toward Colorado.

"An amateur painter in southwest Colorado said she has had one visit - and was promised another this month - by a strange-looking man who said he was "not of this universe" but wanted to buy her painting of a UFO. He said he would come back, since he didn't bring along any earth money the first trip, she reported.

"Reports of UFO sightings in southern Colorado's San Luis Valley - where Snippy died - are not uncommon. One woman said eight UFOs were sighted one evening last week. Other recent reports tell of a football-shaped object following a car and a cigar-shaped craft hovering over a field.

"But until the death of Snippy, whose mutilated carcass was found in a remote area near here, all the reports indicated the objects - though weird - kept their distance.

"Snippy's owners, Mr. and Mrs. Berle Lewis, said they believe a flying saucer was responsible. Every trace of flesh had been stripped from the animal's head and neck, and they said high radiation readings were recorded at the scene.

"Officials of the Air Force-financed UFO study at the University of Colorado, apparently not wanting to kick a dead horse, didn't say what they thought, but they are aware of the situation. It was a year ago Saturday, incidentally, when that project got its contract to proceed. A report is expected late in 1968.

"Friday night, Mrs. Harry King of Alamosa said she got a telephone call from a Milton Graves of Houston, Tex., telling her two UFOs had been seen over Houston shortly after 6 pm, another appeared to be headed toward Colorado.

"About three hours later, Denver Superior Court Judge Charles Bennett said he, his mother and his wife saw three ring-shaped objects flying in triangular formation over Denver. They were accompanied by a loud, humming noise, he said.

"The painter is Mrs. Charles Blundell, who operates a gift and souvenir shop near Pagosa Springs in southwestern Colorado. She said a pallid-complexioned, slightly-built man of about 35 came to her shop about four months ago and tried to buy her painting of a blue, crescent-shaped UFO she and her family saw in December 1966 at the Sand Dunes National Monument near here.

"The man told her he didn't have any earth money with him, but would return in October. She said he drove away in a car bearing Arizona license plates. "I hope he doesn't return," she said."

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The "beep-beep" sounds reported from Hoogdal, Wash. have been explained as the results of a love-sick saw-whet owl?

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There are only three surviving pages of ancient Mayan writings. One of them is called the DRESDEN CODEX. Supposedly the symbols on this page deal with religion and astronomy. At the bottom of a serpentine-shaped throne leading to the stars is this object:



Sitting atop the throne is a dog-beast. (Dogie-man?)

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The following books from the DATA-NET library are available to members immediately upon request. It is requested that you return them as soon as possible in order to be available to other members:

- FLYING SAUCERS, Coral Lorenzen
- FLYING SAUCER OCCUPANTS, Coral and Jim Lorenzen
- INCIDENT AT EXETER, John Fuller
- THE INTERRUPTED JOURNEY, John Fuller
- STRANGERS FROM THE SKIES, Brad Steiger
- FLYING SAUCERS ARE HOSTILE, Brad Steiger

FLYING SAUCERS--SERIOUS BUSINESS, Frank Edwards  
STRANGE WORLD, Frank Edwards  
STRANGER THAN SCIENCE, Frank Edwards  
FLYING SAUCERS UNCENSORED, Harold Wilkins  
FLYING SAUCERS ON THE ATTACK, Harold Wilkins  
WHAT WE REALLY KNOW ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS, Otto Binder  
THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS, Aime Michel  
THE REPORT ON UFOs, Edward Ruppelt  
WE ARE NOT ALONE, Walter Sullivan  
ANATOMY OF A PHENOMENON, Jacques Vallee  
LET'S FACE THE FACTS ABOUT UFOs, Gabriel Green  
LETTERS TO THE AF ON UFOs, Edited by Bill Adler  
INSIDE THE FLYING SAUCERS, Adamski  
BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCER MYSTERY, Adamski  
THE TERROR ABOVE US, Malcom Kent  
FROM OUTER SPACE, Howard Menger

One small note; Gabriel Green in his book claims that NICAP, Seattle (not the true NICAP) believes Sid Padrick's contactee claim. DATA-NET members will remember that we have proof that the story was fabricated by Padrick!

From the file of WB6TQG, Wichita, Kansas (UPI):

"Unidentified flying objects of a type reported over at least eight states showed up as blips early Monday on a radar screen at the Wichita Weather Bureau.

"The Air Force said that what hundreds of persons saw Sunday night and before dawn Monday was the planet Jupiter or assorted stars. Ordinary radar does not pick up planets or stars.

"Robert Risser, director of the Oklahoma Science and Art Foundation planetarium in Oklahoma City, said watchers in Oklahoma certainly did not see the planet or stars the Air Force listed.

"That is as far from the truth as you can get," Risser said. "Somebody has made a mistake. These stars and planets are on the opposite side of the earth from Oklahoma City at this time of the year."

"Four or five blips at a time were seen on weather bureau radar at Wichita.

"Watchers, including many law enforcement officers, saw things that ranged in appearance from flashing lights of various colors to egg-shaped objects.

"Reports of sightings by eye poured in from Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming. Oklahomans probably saw the most.

"The Air Force, after a preliminary investigation, said that the sightings reported probably were of the planet Jupiter or the stars Rigel, Capella, Beteljeux or Alderberan.

"The reported sightings, the azimuth and elevations of the reported sightings support this conclusion," an Air Force spokesman said.

"There were no aircraft scrambled in an attempt to intercept any of the reported objects. Investigation is continuing."

"The earliest sighting was at 9 pm (CST) Sunday. The latest was at 6 am (CST) Monday.

"Ellis Pike, first assistant meteorologist at Wichita, said the blips "looked much the same as an airplane might." He said they were "small and rather diffused." Each blip had a fading effect; it would brighten and then dim.

"Pike estimated that the objects moved at about 45 miles an hour.

"Radar picks up cloud formations, but Pike said there was nothing in the atmosphere Monday to produce the blips seen on the Wichita Weather Bureau radar."

Concerning the possibility of life on Mars, Tarrytown, N.Y. (From the N.Y. Times):

"In a laboratory near here there are tarantulas, turtles, worms, cacti and other forms of earth life living, to varying degrees, within the assumed environment of Mars.

"Their survival rates have persuaded the experimenters that, despite the dryness, coldness and lack of oxygen on Mars, life could exist there.

"The work has also demonstrated that a lack of oxygen produces surprising results; turtles with little or no blood and plants that can endure far lower temperatures than their sisters raised in normal air. Such temperature resistance would be an advantage on a cold planet like Mars.

"Disclosure of these hopeful findings follows a series of set-backs to those who argued for the likelihood of life on Mars. The grimness of the Mars environment, from the point of view of earth life, has been more and more convincingly documented in recent years..

"The darkening of the dark areas in spring had been suggestive of life, but until a few weeks ago, the most convincing evidence was that described by Dr. William Sinton of the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. He reported seeing absorption bands in light from the dark areas typical of aldehydes. These are organic molecules typical of plants.

"Dr. Sinton concedes that the effect might have been produced by a form of heavy water in the earth's own atmosphere.

"The studies carried out here at the Union Carbide research institute as well as similar studies at several other laboratories, have demonstrated the ability of many life forms to adjust to at least a partial assembly of Martian conditions.

"It is not claimed, from these experiments, that tarantulas, turtles and cacti will be found on Mars. They are the fruits of an evolutionary process that has produced forms of life suited to a variety of earth environments."

From the files of Jo Clark. On the lighter side, Leigh Weimers, columnist for the San Jose Mercury, San Jose, Calif., steps outside earth and views us from a flying saucer. Mixed with the fun, he presents an interesting note regarding our TV signals:

"This probably will disappoint all but the most dedicated space nuts, but it must be said.

"These UFOs people see from time to time aren't from outer space.

"They may be curs. Or Theirs. Or just swamp gas. But vehicles manned by intelligent beings from outer space? Not a chance, bunky. Not if Stephen H. Dole of Rand Corp. knows what he's talking about.

"Dole is an expert on interstellar theories for that superscientific firm down in Santa Monica. And he feels that if anyone is listening to us out there in the void, they've been getting an earful.

"Until television came along, a curious listener on any of the other planets would have been unable to tell if Earth had life on it. Ordinary radio signals were not the sort to travel long distances.

"But," he notes, "experts feel that our television stations, and especially those concentrated on the North American continent, send out a fan of noise every 12 hours as the earth rotates. Signals beamed to the horizon thus shoot out into space and could be captured on some distant star."

"If that's the case, would any space creature smart enough to develop a flying saucer want to get close enough to us to be seen? Hah!! Imagine, if you will, the following conversation aboard a saucer a few million miles above Milpitas:

"Well, Xotly, there's Earth below. Ready to land?"

"Are you out of your head, Chief? All three of them? I've been monitoring what seems to be the Earthlings' communications system, and that's the last place in the universe I'd want to land."

"But there must be intelligent life there, then."

"Not as we know it, Chief. True, most of their broadcasting is relatively bland, although occasionally too bloodthirsty. But every so often, at regular intervals, the volume gets louder and authoritative voices speak. It must be their government, giving out directions. And what directions!"

"You seem frightened."

"You would be too. For one thing, Earthlings must be smellier than a Venusian wart-hog. They're always being warned about being "offensive." Their leaders urge them to spray substances under their arms. But they never come right out and show what's under there. It must be too horrid."

"Gad!"

"And hair. Three factions seem to be warring over what to do about it. One says it

should be slicked down with little dabs of goop. Another says it should be scraped off with sharp blades. And the third says it's more fun to color it yellow. The listeners must be schizoid."

"They sound like miserable creatures, Xotly."

"That's why I urge we leave, Chief. They're also constantly being told to suck on tubes of lighted weeds and blow the smoke out through their nostrils. Because it's mild. Wow - if that's mild, what must their normal atmosphere be like?"

"Say no more! We're leaving."

"Thank goodness, Chief. I hadn't the heart to tell you about stomach acid."

Fate magazine for November, 1967 carried an article by Grace Hinman entitled "How to Take UFO Photos". She wrote to Robert J. Low, Project Coordinator for the University of Colorado investigation, and received Low's "recipe" for taking useful UFO pictures:

1. Set your camera at infinity.
2. Use a fast film like Tri-X if possible.
3. For moving objects use a shutter speed at least as fast as 1/100 of a second. Hold camera motionless during exposure.
4. At night use the largest f-stop you have. In the daytime the f-stop will depend on lighting conditions but try to use an exposure that will capture details of the object rather than the background.
5. Take as many pictures of the object as you can.
6. Include some ground in the pictures if possible since this will establish crucial reference points for later analysis.
7. If the object appears to be within a few hundred feet try to take pictures from different locations on the ground 40 to 60 feet apart. This will provide a base line and may make it possible to determine the size and distance of the object.
8. If the object appears to be as far away as a mile establish a useful base line by driving a half mile or so away and taking another picture - if there is time. If not, take several pictures of the object from the same location.
9. After you have finished taking pictures of the UFO make overlapping, eye-level photographs of the surrounding countryside by slowly turning through 360 degrees. This is very important for later analysis.

"Low emphasized that original negatives or original Polaroid positives are far better for analysis. If you must send reproductions, however, he urged that they show all of the picture including the border and sprocket holes, if these show in the pictures taken by your camera.

"In addition to the negatives or photographs, Low said the research group need the following information:

1. Name of the camera used, the manufacturer, lens number and other data printed around the lens, focal length of the lens-camera combination, if this is known.
2. Date and time (to the nearest minute) the pictures were taken and the direction in which you were facing.
3. Direction of each 360-degree ground-orientation picture. (This can be done on a map or with a sketch.)
4. Your location at the time the picture was taken. (This can be shown on a road or other map.)
5. Sketch of details of the area where you are standing, including such items as telephone poles, fence posts, buildings, etc.
6. Information on where and when the original film was processed."

According to the following item which appeared in the San Mateo Times, San Mateo, Calif. in 1953, the AF has been in a position to obtain photos of UFOs for almost 15 years! Washington (UP): "The air force said today it has set up "flying saucer cameras" around the country to clear up the mystery of the strange objects reported from time to time to be flitting through the skies.

"The cameras are designed to analyze moving lights to determine whether they are merely insubstantial glows or come from identifiable material objects.

"The devices are "diffraction grating cameras" which separate light into its compound parts and registers them on film. Astronomers use similar equipment to determine the composition of stars.

"With this new equipment, the air force said, "scientists may be able to determine the source of unidentified lights."

"An air force spokesman said the cameras were set up where saucers have frequently been reported in the past - here and in California, Texas and elsewhere.

"Flying saucers" have been reported sporadically since 1947.

"The air force said some 75 cameras have been set up at air force bases in 33 states. The cameras were installed last May, but because of a difficulty with lenses no satisfactory pictures were obtained, a spokesman said. The cameras now are being equipped with new lenses.

"One or more cameras have been set up at the following air force bases in California: Hamilton, Castle, Edwards, George, March, Mather, Norton and Travis."

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Recently had a most interesting and revealing interview with a government agent, who, incidentally, claims that he sees me every day. Most of his "TOP SECRET" information is just too fantastic to be believed. However, I have checked on the following and have found it to be true and correct.

Several months ago a team of scientists were sent to the California desert. The object of their study was to find out how desert animals survived in the desert temperatures with it's scarcity of water. They concentrated on the desert rat and watched him for months to find out how he located his water. To their surprise they discovered that this animal does not drink water whatsoever! The desert rat manufactures his own body fluid! How is that for adaptation!?

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That's it for this month. Please remember we do not have subscribers. All members are UFO investigators and researchers. Send in information, clippings, articles, interviews, money, stamps, food, clothing, theories, suggestions and most of all, criticism. Please attempt to make the net.

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