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We are continuing to receive reports of UFOs imitating our aircraft. One of the recently publicized cases occurred in Seattle, Washington on July 7, 1968, a Sunday night. Nine red lights were seen by thousands of Seattle residents. They were reported to be visible for over 40 minutes.

Rudy Malaspina of suburban Des Moines was flying his small aircraft at an altitude of about 7000 ft. He was asked by Auburn flight center to drop to 5000 ft. and then was cleared to drop to 2200 ft. Then, because of radio problems, he was "handed" over to Boeing tower. It was then that he noticed nine vertical lights. He stated that they looked like small aircraft. At one time he radioed, "they are definitely aircraft." Then, "this is a military formation."

Because the explanation from the authorities was, "pranksters with balloons and flares (koff - koff!)", the following is important. Rudy stated, "Four rockets were fired from these objects, AND THEY WERE NOT FLARES (emphasis by M.J.). Three of them hit southeast of Green Lake and one of them hit the southern tip of Green Lake."

He radioed the Boeing Field tower, "There's a military formation dropping rockets," but no one had any knowledge of any military formation.

After landing, Rudy reported his magnetic compass aboard was off by 170 degrees. His clock had stopped at 10:35 pm.

The official explanation was that pranksters were responsible. They (the kids?) had attached flares to balloons.

Someone named Gribble, who likes to confuse people by calling himself DIRECTOR of the National Investigating Commission on Aerial Phenomena (not the true NICAP) and sometimes APRG (not the true APRO) said, "They had to be UFOs, balloons couldn't have blown that way! - - - whatever the hell that means!

As far as balloons go, we would rather believe a secret military formation.

APRO's latest book, UFOs OVER THE AMERICAS, reports several cases of UFOs shaped like aircraft, usually smaller and without any evidence of motors, propellers and/or jet pods. One case which they go into detail about, involves someone named Hertzke who saw one on the ground and was close enough to touch it. Under hypnotism his story pretty well stood up.

Does this mean a new phase in "UFO plans"? Are imitation cars next? (We have room for exactly 3 more cars on our highways!!)

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From Verna Terry: SAN JOSE NEWS, 7-9-68. "9 RED 'THINGS' BUZZ SEATTLE. Seattle (AP). - Nine red lights soared back and forth above Seattle for more than 40 minutes

Sunday night residents said, and one private pilot who chased them said "they definitely were aircraft."

Thousands of callers swamped civilian and military telephones in the Puget Sound region. The glistening objects far outshone the stars.

Observers said they were clearly visible from the ground, but the federal air route control center in Auburn and local and military airfield towers could not spot them on radar.

"The last one didn't just dim out and fade away like burning out a light on a rheostat," said Rudy Malaspina of suburban Des Moines. "I was flying right below it and it simply accelerated vertically and flew out of sight."

"Well, four rockets were fired from these objects, and they were not flares, they were rockets. Three of them hit southeast of Green Lake and one of them hit the southern tip of Green Lake. I got on the radio and told the Boeing Field tower:

"There's a military formation dropping rockets." They said they had no knowledge of any military formation in the area whatsoever."

"They were definitely aircraft," Malaspina said. "I wouldn't believe it myself but I saw it - and figure this - my magnetic compass was reading 300 degrees when I made my landing at Boeing and it should have read 130 degrees. And my clock in the plane stopped at 10:35 pm."

There were reports that pranksters had attached lighted railroad flares to balloons and sent them aloft. Seattle police accepted this.

The military, Coast Guard and airport towers gave no explanation. "

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SAN JOSE NEWS - 7-9-68. BALLOONS BLAMED FOR UFO CLAIMS. Seattle (AP) "The big flap here Sunday night over nine red lights soaring through the sky was caused by pranksters, police said today.

The official explanation said the lights were flares attached to balloons. Remnants of a flare were found in a yard by residents who said "it just came floating down."

Skeptics remained, however.

Rudy Malaspina, who said he chased the lights in his small plane, swore they flew in formation and changed speed and direction quickly, unlike balloons.

And Robert Gribble, Seattle director of the National Investigating Commission on Aerial Phenomena, said the pieces of flare on which police based their explanation were found north of the sightings and the wind was blowing from the opposite direction.

"They had to be UFOs," Gribble said. "Balloons couldn't have blown that way."

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From WA5RON: DALLAS MORNING NEWS. RED LIGHTS? JUST BALLOONS. Seattle (AP). (Same article as above.)

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The pentagon shaped lens flare which appeared in the June issue of the "report" created quite a flurry of letters. All were in agreement with our findings. Some were a little bothered that we had spent so much time on such an "obvious thing". At least we sparked some letters. We offer a few samples:

"Your bulletin is getting better all the time. I must say though, that I was "underwhelmed" by (that) photograph. Many years ago...in the thirties...I used to work as a photographer for the Minneapolis Star and many times I have thrown away negatives that were more mysterious and interesting than that one....."

"Mike, You might be interested to know that a similar object appears on page 65 of the Saturday Evening Post, July 27, 1968. The picture was shot against the sun and also has the streaming effect....."

".....Also appreciated the interesting photo of airplane and assorted lens reflections....."

"Dearest plagiarist; Your picture was AGGH....."

".....worth a thousand words, all-bad....."

"...Also on the "UFO picture". I agree with you and WA7BNC; but surely, wasn't it obvious? Why waste your precious time? Am sending you an extra fiver. Try to use it wisely!"

"....bet you did not get any requests for it (the pix) and so did not get any stamps. What kind of gimmick you all gonna try for stamps next?"

Actually, it was not a gimmick for stamps, but since we are on the subject (hi!) I must report that we are now faced with the following severe crisis. First of all it appears that Tom Price may no longer be able to print our bulletin due to the fact that he is presently, and until further notice, working two jobs. This means that we must now shop for another printer. It is hoped that we can find one as efficient and reasonable as Tom was although this is somewhat unlikely.

Second, we are broke. Absolutely broke! We will continue of course, but I need more help. To survive we need more revenue. You have paid your "share" so try to get more members. For Pete's sake.....do.....something.

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THE TAMPA TRIBUNE, Tampa, Florida, July 10, 1968. NEW 'NOISE STORMS' SEEN AS 'CLOUD' NEARS PLANET. Boulder, Colo. (AP). "A cloud of electrons, spawned by the biggest, brightest solar flare since 1966, was believed headed toward earth last night, promising more disruptions of short-wave radio communications and perhaps an uncheduled view of the Northern Lights.

Chief Forecaster Dale Bucknam of the U.S. Space Disturbance Forecast Center said there is a "high probability" of renewed magnetic storms about the earth. They "could begin as early as late evening or by early Wednesday," he said.

He said analysis of data collected here and by "flare patrol" stations around the world indicate a 60 per cent chance of other large-magnitude flares within 24 hours.

Monday's flare, like all such phenomena caused by a buildup of the magnetic field in a specific region on the sun, was not visible to the naked eye. But its effect was felt almost immediately.

X-rays, emitted from the flare at the speed of light, altered the earth's magnetic field and created "noise storms" that fouled up high frequency radio transmissions - from 184 megacycles to 10 megacycles - for several hours Monday.

The magnetic activity did not affect other frequencies, and the noise storms subsided Monday night.

It was a slower-moving "plasma cloud" that scientists said almost certainly headed toward the earth last night. The cloud, made up mostly of electrons, also would disrupt short-wave transmissions.

In addition, Bucknam said, it would produce a "visible aurora" on the northern horizon. The glow should be reddish or greenish, he said, "and if it became highly active you could expect to see some smaller scale features' ribbons, arcs or rays."

He said that modern instruments and techniques enable scientists to predict such phenomena, but "we still don't always know the why. This is a new science."

Emissions from flares are similar in some ways to those from hydrogen explosions, Bucknam said. However, the earth faces no radiation danger because it is protected by its magnetic shield, he explained. "

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WA5RON reports that the "flare patrols" mentioned in the clipping are neutron monitors. There are a few located around the globe. One is near the magnetic Pole in Canada, One is somewhere in Antarctica, and one is in Dallas, at the southwest center for advanced studies.

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WB2VFF would like to know if any member works for, or with, NASA. Please write to him directly.

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WA5RON reports that he attended a lecture given by Dr. John F. McCauley of the U.S. Geological Survey, Flagstaff, Arizona:

"Although an expert in earth science, he works for the government making studies of the moon. Using Ranger, Orbiter, and Surveyor spacecraft, Dr. McCauley and his staff have been able to get a fantastic amount of information from the moon. He showed extremely detailed photos, and maps showing not only detailed features of the moon, but also what type of material is on the surface. During the question-answer period, I quizzed him about unusual activity that had been seen on the moon for many years (lights, domes, spires, bridges, clouds, disappearing craters, etc.) and what close-up photography had revealed. He said that the Ranger 8 had been deliberately sent to an area of strange happenings, and that Orbiter photos had shown even more mysteries."

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Wayne Green writes in his editorial that "...the first announcement of an actual net freq. and time was made last month (May)" etc..... Apparently he does not read his own magazine. The DATA-NET time and frequency appeared in the December 1967 issue. Why the hell he did not join us then is beyond me.

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During a coffee break I had the pleasure of sitting with Vicki, one of GPI's most efficient secretaries.

"Oh yes," Vicki said, "we had several sightings near Holliman AFB, New Mexico when we were there."

"Do you think that they are some kind of experimental aircraft?" I asked.

She gave a good loud natural laugh. "No," she said. "I really don't know what they are."

"Maybe, after all, they are just natural phenomena, maybe...."

"Oh, no. You can't tell me that. You can't say that a natural phenomenon follows a plane till it gets ready to leave and so on."

"Well then..."

"No, I can't believe that. Maybe they're from Russia, or maybe ours. I don't know..."

"Well, of course..."

"Maybe they're from the moon or some other planets..."

"Yes, and..."

"After all, that's what we are doing right now isn't it? I mean aren't we trying to go to the moon and Mars and everything?"

"Sure, but..."

"Just who are we that we can do it but nobody else can? Who do we think..."

"Wait Vicki, wait," I said. "Hush up a second!"

She stared at me puzzled. For a second I had the panicky thought that she would hit me with the cafeteria tray.

"I agree with you," I continued quickly. "But if it's so, why don't they land and talk? Introduce themselves."

"Maybe they can't!" she said matter-of-factly.

"Maybe they can't?"

"No. Maybe they can't breathe our air!"

"They can't breathe our air?!"

"No," Vicki said softly with a gleam in her eye. "That's why they turn green! They can't breathe our air!!"

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Recently had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Larry Drent of the U.S. Navy. Interview was conducted by phone. Larry was most cooperative. During the winter of 1965 Larry was flight engineer aboard a C-130 when the crew witnessed a most unusual sight. About 200 miles west of Wake Island flying at 19000 ft., Larry, the pilot, and co-pilot saw an

object about 3 miles away. Although radar confirmed it was solid, it did not look like, or behave, as an aircraft. Actually, it looked like a "large light bulb." The light was white, extremely bright and at one time was bright enough to light up the cockpit of the C-130.

"It was real and definitely under intelligent control. It kept pace with us. We were able to see it for a good 20 minutes. Finally it got even brighter and accelerated away."

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We have received the following from several sources, all in agreement:

The "Adamski" saucer is a modified end piece from a tank-type vacuum cleaner manufactured in 1937.

If anyone has any other information concerning the above, please contact the D-N control. I must remark that the top section looks very much like the top part of a Christmas tree bulb ornament.

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Several members are keeping contact by radio, letters and tape. The latter is working out extremely well.

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According to a recent report from one of our most active investigators, the Beaver Co photographs also bite the dust along with Heflin, Adamski, et al. Apparently the Lucci boys have also put one over on NICAF, APRO, and DATA-NET. We expect a full report shortly.

While we are on the subject of investigations, we also would like to report that WA5RON is busy digging up the Aurora cemetery looking for the spaceman reported buried there in 1897. So far he reports it's hard digging. Especially since all that's left of the town is the sign!

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K5QFI reports that he is back from Canada and now sports a pair of sons! Congratulations Dennis. Must be the Canadian air!

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By now you all should have received our new ID cards. Courtesy WFLA-TV and W4BME's hard work. Ray reports that DATA-NET, Tampa is growing. We expect a full report soon.

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Remember: KP4CH is on daily on 21.442; ZD8PFE on 21.433. WB6RPL, the co-ordinator is now on every Sunday at 1900 on 21.350. Please make new freq.

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Plans for the "Saucer Seeker" may be obtained by sending \$1 to Allan Enterprises, P.O. Box 735, Hillside, Illinois, 60162.

Robert Q. Achzehner recently reported to APRO that his seeker has resulted in six separate sightings since the first of the year.

Achzehner, developer of the "Saucer Seeker", reports that most saucer sightings have been accompanied by magnetic effects on compasses or electrical systems in the area.

The "heart" of the device is a small, but strong permanent magnet. An electrical contact is placed at the end of the magnet and a loop contact is placed on the detector base. If an object with a strong magnetic field should come into the vicinity, the magnet will swing on its suspension pivot and make electrical contact. This would cause a bell or buzzer to sound signalling the presence of something out of the ordinary.

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THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS, July 5, 1968. SATELLITE LAUNCHED TO MAP MILKY WAY. Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. (AP). "An Explorer satellite vehicle was launched Thursday, designed to map sources of radio waves in the Milky Way with antennas that may exceed the height of the Empire State Building.

Its thrust-augmented Delta booster rocket lifted off from the Western Test Range about 10:30 am.

The 417-pound satellite portion was hurled toward an elliptical transfer orbit 400 to 3,730 miles above earth. Six days later a rocket engine was to kick it into a circular 3,730-mile-high orbit."

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This article appeared in many papers from coast to coast. Tuesday, July 30, 1968. UFOs NEED SERIOUS STUDY, SCIENTISTS TELL SOLONS. By Ann Wood. Washington (UPI)

"In Northern California, two highway patrolmen report watching a glowing cigar-shaped craft with red and white lights drop from the sky, swiftly reverse its direction, hover, finally disappear.

From around the world in recent years come reports of similar sightings of disc-shaped or elongated objects -- including some that seem to respond to lights flashed from the ground by flashing back in the same pattern.

A group of prominent scientists told Congress Monday these unidentified flying objects (UFOs) may be visitors from other worlds, natural phenomena such as electrical disturbances, or hallucinations.

Whatever they are, the six scientists at a symposium sponsored by the House Science Committee agreed it is time to stop laughing off the "hard core" group of unexplained UFOs and start long-term, government-backed programs to understand them.

Appearing at the symposium were Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of Northwestern University's Dearborn Observatory; Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist with the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona; Dr. Robert L. Hall, head of the sociology department at the University of Illinois at Chicago; Dr. James A. Harder, associate professor of civil engineering at the University of California at Berkeley; Dr. Robert M. L. Baker, Jr., from the Computer Sciences Corp., El Segundo, (Los Angeles County) and Dr. Carl Sagan, astronomy professor at Cornell University.

These men agreed that too many sightings have defied analysis to rule out the possibility of surveillance by beings from outer space.

"This is a possibility I take very seriously," McDonald said. "If there is even a chance of surveillance, we should explore it."

Hall said regardless of what the UFOs might turn out to be, there was a growing public demand for sound information instead of "the kind of casual and bland explanations that have been offered." Re. J. Edward Roush, D-Ind., who directed the symposium, commended the panel for "adding some respectability to the interest the American people have in this phenomenon." He said that some day, society would look back at the meeting "and realize we have pioneered."

The University of Colorado is completing a report on UFOs, under an Air Force contract. Roush asked panelists to avoid discussing it.

Recommendations from the scientists included establishing a board of scientific inquiry to sponsor UFO investigations; setting up an international clearing house to correlate similar reports from around the world; setting up UFO tracking systems; providing teams and instrument packages to be rushed to the scenes of sightings, and expanding radio astronomy programs.

McDonald said if the earth was being watched, it was being done by a society so advanced that its technology "would be indistinguishable from magic" to earthmen. He also said many UFO sightings were reported up and down the Eastern Seaboard around the time of the Northeast power blackout late in 1965 -- precipitated by a power pulse the cause of which has never been identified.

"There is a puzzling and slightly disturbing coincidence here," he said."

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7-2-68 ANATOMY OF UFO SCARS. From the New York Times. New York. "At about 9:45 am on March 3 a woman in Indiana looked out a window in time to see a procession of fiery

objects fly past in the sky.

"Two or three minutes later," she reported to the United States Air Force the next day, "My cousin, my aunt and my uncle came running into the house and yelling and trying to tell me about the UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) they saw."

"It was at about tree-top level and was seen very, very clearly and was just a few yards away," she continued. "All of the observers saw a long jet airplane-looking vehicle without any wings. It was on fire both in front and behind. All observers also saw many windows in the UFO."

A woman told how her dog, when the UFO passed over, lay between trash cans in her driveway and whimpered, "like she was frightened to death."

The woman, although she had slept 10 hours the night before, said she had "an overpowering drive to sleep." She had suffered the same experience after seeing a UFO in 1966.

A Tennessee woman reported seeing a craft with rather square windows and a seemingly riveted metal fuselage. The total absence of sound terrified her, since she believed the vehicle to be only 1,000 feet overhead, although it was probably much higher.

What she and the other witnesses actually saw appears to have been the re-entry into the atmosphere of the booster rocket, or other launching components, of Zond 4, a space probe launched from the Soviet Union the previous day.

A study of Air Force files in Ohio has shown it to be one of the most thoroughly documented -- and revealing -- UFO episodes to date.

Moscow announced on March 3 that Zond 4 had been placed in a parking orbit until it was in the proper position for launching into "outlying regions of near-earth space."

Some observers suspected that its task was to photograph the moon and return to earth, but apparently the mission was unsuccessful.

The North American Air Defense Command said on Monday that the fiery objects seen over the eastern United States were debris from the Zond 4 launching. Meanwhile, the aerial phenomenon office of the Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio had assembled some 70 eyewitness accounts of the episode.

A study of this file illustrates the near hysteria that grips some observers when confronted with a UFO. However, it also shows that others, such as airline pilots, can help reconstruct what actually happened, particularly when their reports are sufficiently numerous to weed out those that are misleading.

Included in the file are reports from an Eastern Airlines pilot over Connecticut, a United Airlines flight over Indiana, an American Airlines plane over Pennsylvania, a Piedmont Airlines pilot over Virginia and an Air Canada pilot north of Toronto.

Their in-flight reports led the air traffic control centers of the Federal Aviation Agency in Indianapolis and New York to search their radar scopes, but no unidentified objects below 60,000 feet could be detected.

At least two of those reporting to the Air Force guessed that they had witnessed the re-entry of a spacecraft on the fringe of space.

Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla, head of the aerial phenomenon office, believes from the reports on file that the debris passed over Lexington, Ky., and Pittsburgh, Pa. Any surviving fragments, according to his estimate, fell near the Pennsylvania-New York line.

His office has been phoning police barracks throughout the suspected impact area in search of further clues.

Despite the March flurry, a puzzling aspect of the UFO situation, according to Colonel Quintanilla, is the sharp decline in UFO reports this year. They are reaching the Air Force at roughly one-quarter the monthly rate of a year earlier.

As of last weekend the Air Force had received 156 reports since Jan. 1.

Of these, 21 were attributed to planets or other astronomical objects, 19 to aircraft, 10 to balloons, 3 to earth satellites, 22 to other known causes. There are 35

cases pending and 41 that have not yet been identified."

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From a confidential adviser: "I guess the UC project accomplished pretty much what was expected of it in the first place; namely appease the people and gain more time. Sooner or later our so-called "officials" who are supposed to represent us are going to be put on the spot. Frankly, I don't think they know any more than AFRO, (I use AFRO since they seem to at least try to use the info they collect to reach some sort of conclusions). With large maps adequately marked with military installations, dams, lakes, rivers, power plants, industrial centers, transportation hubs, and other significant info, plus a large volume of saucer reports, a lot of significant conclusions can be reached. But what does all this tell us for sure? Nothing more than what we have known all along; that flying saucers exist. What more could the Air Force tell us even if we forced them to talk?"

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From WB6RPL: SAN JOSE MERCURY, 7-12-68. UFOs IDENTIFIED. Ottawa (AP). "Recently unidentified flying objects in Canadian skies now have been identified by Defense Department officials as balloons released in Britain with upper atmosphere research gear. Canada plans to send up a dozen or so of its own from the Quebec City research station this year."

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FROM WA5RON: THE DALIAS MORNING NEWS, 7-2-68. 'UFO' BELIEVED BOOSTER ROCKET. by Walter Sullivan, Copyright 1968, New York Times News Service. New York. (Article is same as "ANATOMY OF UFO SCARE" beginning on page 6.)

WA5RON comments: "It must take extremely good eyesight (coupled with poor distance judgement) to describe all that detail from a rocket booster burning 70 miles away in the upper atmosphere!

"I do not agree with Walter Sullivan that all the sightings of that day can be attributed to the re-entry of a Russian spacecraft."

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PALO ALTO TIMES, 7-11-68. FBI TOLD NOT TO POSE AS NEWSMEN. New York (AP). "Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark says an order has been issued instructing FBI agents not to impersonate newsmen during investigations.

Clark disclosed the order in a letter dated July 8 to Bill Small, CBS News bureau chief in Washington, who had complained in behalf of the three major networks, that FBI agents posed as television newsmen June 17 during an alleged draftcard burning incident in Washington.

Clark said, "Instructions have been issued by the FBI director to all FBI personnel that under no circumstances are they ever to pose as members of the press."

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From WB6RPL: SAN JOSE MERCURY, 7-30-68. EXPERTS NOT LAUGHING AT 'SAUCER' SIGHTINGS. Washington (UPI) "Scientists told Congress Monday there were too many sightings of unidentified flying objects to rule out the possibility that Earth might be under surveillance by creatures from outer space. They urged lawmakers to support a thorough investigation.

Dr. Carl Sagan, astronomy professor at Cornell University, said if there are other technical civilizations among the hundreds of billions of stars in the Universe, "any random one of them is likely to be vastly ahead of us."

"This is a possibility I take very serious," said Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist with the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona. "If there is even a chance of surveillance, we should explore it."

Dr. J. Allen Hynsk, director of Northwestern University's Dearborn Observatory, said, "My scientific hunch...is that there is scientific pay dirt in the UFO phenomenon."

He urged Congress to establish and support a "UFO board of scientific inquiry" to sponsor a variety of investigations along with an "international clearing house" to correlate reports of UFO sightings from around the world.

The scientists testified at a symposium on UFOs sponsored by the House Committee on Science and Astronautics.

Noting UFO sightings by responsible and skeptical witnesses around the world, McDonald said, "Far too many defy our best analysis."

He said these included some cases where witnesses on the ground flashed lights into a pattern of hovering, disc-like craft which responded with flashing lights in the same pattern.

"It would be terrible if this was surveillance and our technology was represented by the Everready flashlight."

McDonald also said there were many UFO sightings reported up and down the Eastern Seaboard around the time of the Northeast power blackout in late 1965.

Since the cause of the power pulse which precipitated the blackout has never been identified, McDonald said "there is a puzzling and slightly disturbing coincidence here."

If the Earth is being watched, Sagan said, "it would be folly to ignore it...It is not beyond question that we could be visited."

But he warned that "to mount a major investigation requires more hard evidence than is at hand."

For the time being, Sagan said, he would favor concentrating on radio astronomy and on probes to find out whether any life exists on neighboring planets.

McDonald said if the Earth was being watched from space, it was being done by a society so advanced that to Earthmen its technology "would be indistinguishable from magic."

He said he had spent the last two years studying UFOs under a grant from the U.S. Office of Naval Research, spending several months in Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania tracking down sightings.

He said there were a series of "impressive sightings" last fall in Straffordshire, England, from "no-nonsense people who weren't simply having hallucinations."

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From K7YKP: TUCSON DAILY CITIZEN, 7-29-68. STUDY OF UFOs IS A SERIOUS - AND MAYBE RISKY - AFFAIR. by Margaret Kuehlthau, Citizen Staff Writer.

"If a UFO should move into the vicinity where you are walking or riding in a car, "get the heck out of there as fast as possible!"

This advice comes from Jim and Coral Lorenzen, a Tucson husband and wife who founded and direct the activities of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization. APRO is a nonprofit, scientific and educational organization which documents, investigates and analyzes reports of unconventional aerial objects.

The Lorenzens are considered two of the world's top authorities on the extra-terrestrial phenomena commonly referred to as UFOs. Recognized world-wide as reputable researchers, they say they are "deeply concerned" about UFOs.

"Specifically we are concerned because our government has failed to warn the citizens of this country of the inherent dangers of UFOs," said Lorenzen.

Lorenzen spent six years in the Electronics Maintenance Division of Telecomputing Corp. at Holloman Air Force Base, and seven years as an electronics engineer with the Space Division of the Kitt Peak National Observatory. He resigned the latter position last year in order to devote more time to APRO and the UFO "problem".

The Lorenzens say they have six documented cases of actual physical harm befalling persons whose curiosity or proximity to a reported UFO resulted in burns or temporary blindness.

"We have more than 20,000 cases in our files on reported sightings of UFO," Mrs. Lorenzen said. "We do not pretend to know the source or the substance of these objects. We just know that all these people surely could not have been having hallucinations -- especially when groups of people all report the same observations.

"Sometimes the same sightings have been made by different people at a considerable distance apart."

The Lorenzens say that even if there is no such thing as a UFO, then there still ought to be concern if only "because many people throughout the world then must be suffering from some sort of mental aberrations, an equally disturbing thought."

Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona, today commended the Lorenzens "for their efforts to put the UFO problem into proper focus."

"They are serious, dedicated people and they have been carrying the ball in this field while my fellow scientists have been sniffing at the subject," McDonald said. "The Lorenzens and APRO represent a group of people, scientists and laymen, who are doing what all of us scientists seriously should have been working on for years."

The Lorenzens say they have proof that U.S. security forces, including the CIA, keep a close check on APRO members and their activities.

"This is fine," said Lorenzen. "They'd be derelict in their duty if they didn't. We don't resent this at all and we'd be pleased if they'd ask to see our files."

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From Chuck Covert: INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (magazine), June 1968. by Alfred J. Cote, Jr., Washington Editor.

"I am not myself a believer, rather more of an agnostic on the matter of whether these reportings of objects portend more than we have been led to believe."

The speaker was Rep. J. Edward Roush (D-Ind.), commenting on the controversy developing around the University of Colorado project investigating unidentified flying objects.

Noting that it "raises great doubts as to the scientific profundity and objectivity of the project," the member of the House Science & Astronautics Committee has called for a congressional investigation, an evaluation by the Comptroller General of the United States, and comments by the Secretary of the Air Force.

It appears the controversy surrounding the discharge of two of the Colorado study staff members, resignation of a third, publication of a memo allegedly "stolen" from project files, and press statements attributed to the project's director have enveloped the effort in a credibility cloud, which may jeopardize public acceptance of the study conclusions.

INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH has managed to penetrate the secrecy that the university has wrapped around the project and obtained two documents generated by its management, which offer insight into the subjects to be treated in the final 800- to 1,100-page report expected in late September. As a result, these conclusions emerge:

- The project does not "stress investigation of the people doing the observing, rather than of physical phenomena, as proposed in the notorious memo.

- There appears to be no effort in the study directed at a serious evaluation of extraterrestrial hypotheses.

- A follow-on investigation apparently will be proposed in the final report, in a chapter that treats future government handling of UFOs.

The rhubarb that caught Roush's attention flared with publication of an article in LOOK magazine, authored by John G. Fuller, who reported a "near-mutiny by several staff members," and labeled the study a "\$500,000 trick."

Key element in the controversy is a memo prepared by Low two months before the contract was awarded to the university and before Low heard the story presented by Air Force people to the university.

Thus, on the surface, what started out as a calm, objective scientific study of UFO phenomena has become ensnarled in controversy. Is all the heat justified? Is there a Colorado side to the issue? What is the reaction of the Air Force, which is funding the contract?

The official statement of the Air Force says: "The report on the UFO study being conducted by the University of Colorado has not yet been completed, reviewed by the

National Academy of Sciences, or submitted to the Air Force; and we believe it would be inappropriate and premature for the Air Force to comment at this time."

Thomas Ratchford, project scientist, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, is monitoring the contract. He told INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH that the study is "an independent one," given the same degree of freedom granted any basic research contractor. He apparently was not impressed by Fuller's credentials and noted that similar articles "have appeared in many magazines in the past."

When INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH contacted Condon, he declined to comment on the LOOK article, other than noting he had dispatched a telegram to Gardner Cowles, the magazine's publisher, suggesting he "ought to review the situation with me personally in the interests of truth and responsibility in publishing."

Condon confirms the Low memo was authentic, charging: "It was stolen from our files."

When asked whether the study was biased toward an examination of the observers, Condon replied, "No, certainly not. It is an excellent study and it's going forward and it will be finished. Our report will be ready toward the end of September."

He declined to explain why the two staff members were discharged, beyond noting it was "for cause."

Just what is the investigation doing?

"We're not talking about the study until the report is in," he replied. "We're telling that consistently to everybody, so people are just going to have to wait until we get it done.... The stuff you see on it is based on no facts on it whatsoever -- speculation and guesses by other people. Anything you see that purports to describe what we're doing is without any foundation in fact."

The progress report (period between Nov. 1, 1966 through Mar. 31, 1967) noted early activities were directed to familiarization with known data and literature on the UFO phenomenon and "arriving at a reasonable, defensible methodology."

Of particular interest is the role of Dr. David R. Saunders, a Dept. of Psychology professor who was one of the two staff members discharged by Condon. Saunders was responsible for:

- Directing acquisition, cataloging, and organization of the sightings file, using raw material primarily from Air Force and MICAP sources.
- Developing the interview and sighting report forms.
- Handling statistical analyses of the 1,200 sighting reports coded for machine study.

Saunders also was given responsibility, says the proposal, for "decision making leading to the signal to send investigating teams into the field to study reports of sightings." Low was to make that decision in his absence.

Fuller's LOOK article, however, states that "it seemed to some of the staff that several potentially interesting cases were turned down for investigation by Low for what were apparently specious reasons." On another occasion, according to Fuller, Saunders "reminded Low that he had blocked the investigation of one particularly startling case. Low protested that the investigation on this was completed. No mention was made of any dissatisfaction with Saunder's work."

This choice-of-sightings problem was discussed in the proposal.

"It is our intention to investigate only those sightings that show promise of yielding additional (italics added) information about the nature of the UFO phenomenon. Criteria are needed for determining which sightings, if investigated, would be most likely to contribute to that end. We now have those criteria."

Other details of the Colorado project efforts are summarized in the accompanying table. The study's conclusions, obviously, were not part of the proposal and must await publication of the final report.

#### KEY FEATURES OF UFO STUDY

#### SEARCH FOR AN ANSWER

A \$50,000 Stanford Research Institute contract to catalog knowledge of optical

mirages, atmospheric scintillation and extinction, and known phenomena that produce false radar echoes.

A \$50,000 study of the lack of sonic booms associated with sightings, and implications about the solidity of observed phenomena.

A \$15,000 contract for photoanalysis and photogrammetric studies of five sets of pictures.

A \$5,000 examination of the link-between-UFO sightings and power blackouts. Chemical and radioisotope tests of a limited number of artifacts alleged to be associated with UFO sightings.

Examination of hypotheses that "blobs of solar plasma that reach the earth with magnetic fields of the order of several thousand gauss" might produce UFO reports.

Evaluation of radar sightings in light of present radar technology.

#### AIDS TO INVESTIGATION

Two field teams, equipped and ready on "instant notice."

Manual of instructions for future UFO investigations.

Instrumentation for investigation teams.

Interview and sighting report forms.

Instrumentation cost effectiveness study related to possible future observational programs.

Criteria for selection of sightings promising additional information about the nature of the phenomena.

Case book of the most interesting sightings, prepared by a law student, to maximize objectivity and neutrality of the presentation.

Statistical analysis of data from more than 1,200 sightings.

Questions of evidence as viewed by a lawyer.

Catalog of the whole field of photographs, with appropriate critical comment.

#### AND A LOOK AT THE PEOPLE PROBLEM

A "cultural history" of UFO phenomena from biblical times to 1946 to reveal the extent to which reports reflect cultures of the times or man's tendency to see "that which at the moment is at the forward edge of technical advance."

Relationship between press reports and frequency and character of sightings. Assessment of how closely reports of sightings correspond with actual physical events.

Problems in visual perception and cognition.

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A staff meeting was held at the control QTH Sunday, August 4th. Local DATA-NET members Joe Adamski, Chuck Covert, Jim Eard, Len Clark, Jo Clark, Clarence Wieske, Natalie Wieske, Mary Aguilar viewed photographs and slides, discussed UFOs in general, and enjoyed the fine refreshments.

The group would like to thank Robert Achzehner of APRO for the loan of his UFO pictures. They were sent by Special Delivery and arrived in ample time for the meeting.

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DATA-NET has been in operation for 21 months. Please continue your good work. Your support is appreciated. Remember, you are DATA-NET. Search, research and dig up (hi).

I will try to work harder.

73 Michel M. Jaffe

