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We are indebted to WA5RON, one of our chief researchers, for the exemplary manner in which he has conducted his investigations.

His following report is a perfect example of unbiased and objective reporting:

### PRELIMINARY REPORT ON BEAVER CO., PA. PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY JAMES LUCCI AND HIS BROTHER -By WA5RON, DATA-NET Investigator

The No. 2 photo has been acclaimed authentic by most UFO research organizations. This photo has appeared in most UFO magazines and is on the cover of John Fuller's book "INCIDENT AT EXETER."

Although I have seen this photo many times before in print, it always has been cropped off or poorly printed. I had never before seen photo #1.

Both photos (No. 1 and No. 2) now appear in a new book by Phillip Klass, "UFO's IDENTIFIED". This book, incidentally, is a Menzel-like attempt to brush off selected UFO sightings as cases of an imaginary, natural phenomena. This inexplicable and as yet undiscovered what-it-supposedly floats through the air, causes people to see flying saucers, and in general scares the hell out of them. Mr. Klass' knowledge of UFO cases must be somewhat limited.

Both photos are printed, one above the other. Photo No. 1 is on top. When I first looked at it I thought that it was an attempt to discredit the Lucci boys by reproducing the same type of photo. It is easy to see that someone's hand was holding up a table saucer and dancing it up and down so as to make a blurry image on the film. I then realized that this is picture No. 1 taken by Lucci! Plainly distinguishable between the camera and some trees on the horizon is a human hand holding up the "saucer."

The second photo is printed with more clarity and completeness than ever printed before. There again is the hand, forearm, and most probably the head of the person holding up the object (now more identifiable, although still slightly blurred due to movement.) It had obviously been whipped around in front of the camera, after being held still for a second or two for a good exposure.

The tree in No. 1 is not in the foreground. The tree limb is obscured by the hand.

The second photo also shows the hand and forearm which reflects glare from possibly a spot light above and somewhere behind the camera.

ANALYSIS OF TWO PHOTOGRAPHS MADE BY JAMES AND JOHN LUCCI NEAR BEAVER, PENN. ON AUG. 8, 1966  
Background Information: James and John Lucci, ages 17 and 20 at the time, took the pictures with a Yashika 635 set at f3.5 and focused at infinity. Exposure was made for approximately 6 seconds on Altipan 120 (ASA 100) film. Time was approximately 11:30 PM and the full moon appears in the background of each shot.

Photograph number 1 appears to be of a small dinner plate (about 8 inch diameter) held on the fingertips of a person out of the picture on the left. Although blurred by motion and near to the camera, the hand holding the plate can be made out as it obscures trees in the background. The plate was moved upward to blur the image and make it seem to follow the described motions.

In photograph number 2, the dinner plate can be made out quite clearly, along with someone's hand and forearm underneath which reflects glare from a spotlight somewhere behind the camera. A dark object that is the right size and shape, and in the correct position to be the head of the person holding the plate appears in the picture to the right. Confirmation of this object being a person's head instead of a tree on the horizon will require a day-time photograph of the area for comparison. This object, however, does not appear rough and uneven like the other trees in the picture. The plate was held still for a few seconds then moved quickly away from the camera and out of the picture to the right, leaving a noticeable streak.

Various persons who believe these pictures to be authentic photographs of a large object high in the air argue that the bright image under the "UFO" is not a hand but some form of "beam" emitted from the object. It is important to note that both Lucci boys claimed that this "beam" was not visible to them. Panchromatic film can record ultraviolet light invisible to the human eye, but beams of UV light aimed downward from the object would still be invisible to the camera in that position. Beams of light directed downward cannot be seen from the side unless they are reflected by particles of dust or mist in the air. If there was a cloud of smoke or mist coming from the bottom of the object, this would have reflected the bright, white illumination the boys claimed was given off by the "UFO," and this cloud would be visible to any observer. Similarly, if there had been "heat rays" of sufficient magnitude to cause the air under the object to incandescence, the air could not glow in the UV range without also emitting light in the visible region of the light spectrum. Also, the image does not have the right shape or appearance to be exhaust or light beams from a large object at considerable distance.

Of course, I am not able to prove that these photographs are fakes, but I would like to present this analysis that sheds doubt on their authenticity. I will take the position that to me, these photographs appear to be fraudulent; a position that no one, to my knowledge has previously taken. I feel that fake photographs constitute a more serious roadblock to UFO research than no photographs at all. Every UFO picture must be carefully investigated, and if there is evidence of mistake or deliberate hoax involved, rejected from serious consideration.

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WASRON added the following:

"I am not the first to recognize the Lucci photos as plate-in-hand hoaxes. I think anyone who sees both photos (#1 is the clincher) will spot the method of creation. Klass' book, "UFOS IDENTIFIED," is the only widely published work with Lucci photo #1. Klass obtained the photo by making a personal visit to NICAP headquarters.

Lucci's camera was inclined about 30%. There is a high cliff with trees in the background of the picture. The funny lines at the left of picture #1 are from a TV antenna on a neighbors house. James Lucci claimed that the "UFO" was much brighter than the moon, but in the photos (strikingly in #1) the object is quite dimmer."

Upon receipt of the above this controller fired off a request for both pictures to Gordon Lore of NICAP. (It should now be noted that Gordon Lore, Assistant Director of NICAP, Washington, D.C. has never hesitated to answer a request from DATA-NET. This we gratefully acknowledge.) Gordon answered promptly as usual, sending a picture taken by Heflin (as requested) and the No. 2 shot of the Beaver Co. (Lucci) photos. I again requested the No. 1 Lucci photo and Gordon answered as follows: "Aa afraid we have no extra copies of the Beaver Co. photo #1. Will send one if we can get more."

We are therefore withholding final conclusions until we receive the No. 1 photo from NICAP as tentatively promised.

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On the Heflin photos, WASRON adds the following: "Heflin was not at all interested in getting any publicity about his pictures. They (the pictures) sat around in a drawer at his office as if they were just a private joke. The photos sat for six weeks before someone interested in UFOs discovered them. After the USAF analysts passed Heflin off as a hoaxter, his congressman offered to seek a hearing, if so requested, to let him clear himself of that image. After one year Heflin has still not taken the offer."

Via short wave radio WB6NPI spoke to Jim Lorenson of AFRO. (The Lorensons have always

been prompt in their cooperation with DATA-NET) He confirmed our findings, adding:  
"Also, studying the No. 4 picture we found that the photo was taken several hours after the others, perhaps even on another day!"

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Many stations are curious as to the possible cause of DELL PUBLISHING CO.'s ending publication of "F-S, UFO REPORT." It could not have been for financial reasons as EACH ISSUE was a COMPLETE SELLOUT! Back issues are unavailable. There are none.

Any one with further info please contact DATA-NET.

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Recently received and unconfirmed:

(WA5RON) "During a rash of low level UFO sightings, one crashed into an automobile somewhere in South America. Two "little men" are being held in jail." (Must be for drunk driving!) Any station with further data please contact DATA-NET.

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DATA-NET gratefully acknowledges receipt of transcript from radio station WIL 1967, as reported by David Schrath, APRO's Illinois section.

We would like to note that altho somewhat late (!) David's reporting was expertly done. Included also was an article by Willey Loy entitled, "The Great UFO Mystery: Visitors From Outer Space or What?" which appeared in "FAMILY WEEKLY" January 21, 1968.

This controller was always enthused by Mr. Loy's writing ("Whon Worlds Collide") and therefore was quite chagrined to see the man referred to as a "UFO expert." To the best of my knowledge, no one as yet has the what, where, when and why's of UFOs, therefore I do not believe there are any experts!

What hurt the most was Mr. Loy making the following -asinine statement:

"For nearly 15 years, various groups have expounded the theory that UFOs are actually spacecraft from other worlds. On the surface, this appears to be the simplest explanation. I believe, however, that it is by far the hardest explanation to swallow.

In the first place, alien spacecraft would most certainly explore rather than engage in a futile game of hide-and-seek. And, more importantly, there is the irrefutable fact that space is under constant surveillance. The United States maintains a large number of tracking stations, whose main function is the careful plotting of the movements of some 200 artificial satellites as well as so-called "space junk" -- used rocket casings, for example. Needless to say, the Soviets keep their own tracking equipment in constant use, and other extensive tracking facilities are headquartered in West Germany."

He apparently forgets the 3 unidentified satellites circling the earth; plus several verified sightings such as the Zamora one when the authorities stated that their radar was SHUT OFF at that time!

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We are receiving several sighting reports from the European area. Some from Spain are included in this report. Also sightings from the Australian area (courtesy UFOIC). According to the prophets' cycles, the U.S. is AGAIN due for a flap next year!

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#### New books department.

FLYING SAUCERS ARE WATCHING US, by Otto O. Binder. Binder is a science writer and author of "Our Space Age", a syndicated comic strip panel that is very well done. The fact that the publishers recognize him as a UFO expert is comical but may not be his doing. The book (forwarded by Jo Clark, D-N editor) is novel in idea and very well done. Mr. Binder's theory is that man is a hybrid. A product of a cross breed (such as the mule) between sub-humans and an advanced race from the stars.

To anyone who has read the OASPE BIBLE (1889-1891) this is not new, or so hard to swallow. Mr. Binder presents some very strong arguments. There are some flaws of course (As in anything). For instance, he states that man is the only animal with an oversize penis in comparison to body weight and size. Yet it should be noted that the stud horse has us beat (this station excepted!) We do agree that man is smarter than the animals (again this station obviously excepted). The lack of fur on man should be obvious; we wear clothes, except on our head, where we have hair. (Except hat wearers who are bald.) All in all we

enjoyed Mr. Binder's thought provoking, but not new ideas. RECOMMENDED.

UFOs OVER THE AMERICAS, The Lorenzen's third book.

DATA-NET found this one very stimulating, informative and fairly accurate. We were surprised however that the Lorenzens put credence in Ted Serios' abilities. (He photographs his mind.) Serios was proven a fraud several months ago. He uses a cheap gimmick which he deftly inserts in his gismo. (try saying it fast 5 times.)

The book is RECOMMENDED.

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DATA-NET would like to make contact with any members of AMORC.

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According to data received we are "discovering" pulsars at the rate of one a month!

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I would like to note that we have lost our Colorado contact.

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The following is reprinted from "INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH":

HOW COLORADO CLASSES UFOs

A clearer picture of the University of Colorado Unidentified Flying Object study is emerging as the project approaches the delivery date for its report late next month.

Recent information seems to indicate proving or disproving the extraterrestrial origin is the probe's aim.

"What we think we can do..." Robert J. Low, project coordinator, believes, "is to say that we do or we do not find evidence of extraterrestrial visitation."

If present knowledge and technology is a guideline, the study would conclude it is "impossible." But whether space travelers could get here and how is not the question to be considered. Instead, does the evidence suggest it has happened?

"Short of throwing a net over a UFO," Low explains, "It would take a lot of very solid evidence to be able to give a firm yes answer. If reliable evidence, such as pictures and artifacts, is turned up, it will likely give rise to an answer such as "probably" rather than "yes"."

These views are spelled out in a "Proceedings of Air Force Officers' Briefing on UFOs," published in December 1967. Apparently Colorado had not been satisfied with a lack of interest in UFOs by officers assigned to process the reports. The meeting was an attempt to stimulate better inputs to the project.

A principal contribution of the Colorado effort is likely to be in the area of improved forms of investigations methodology.

For example, the report will point out that every automobile has a magnetic signature that may be a basis for evaluating those sightings in which cars have been stopped by apparent electromagnetic interference from nearby UFOs. It will be argued that if the field is strong enough to have this effect, it also will permanently magnetize the vehicle to an extent sufficient to change the signature. Thus a post-sighting examination of the car with a magnetometer could support or refute a witness' claim of an encounter.

Another significant result of the study is a UFO bibliography of more than 2,000 entries, developed by the Library of Congress in support of the Colorado effort.

However, all of these contributions will not quell further controversy over the UFO problem, except in the unlikely event that the final report concludes that visitation is a possible explanation. (Even that conclusion would receive fire and probably create a new group of participants in the debate.)

A central target of post-report attacks on the project's scientific performance could be the mechanism by which it selects reports for evaluation. Low agrees with the critics; the crux of the UFO problem is those reports "that appear most puzzling, most difficult to explain." Theoretically, they are those with high quality evidence (Objectivity) which describe a high quality of phenomena (strangeness).

The rub comes in deciding the extent to which a report meets those criteria. Deciding on strangeness is no problem, but measuring evidence credibility is something else.

Low says Dr. David R. Saunders, the psychology professor who was fired from the project,

has had "remarkable success" in solving that problem. Using a refinement of a classification scheme developed by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an Air Force UFO consultant, Saunders developed a matrix with strangeness and objectivity as axes. This matrix is the keystone of the Colorado study. Any incoming report can be objectively assigned coordinates within the matrix. The matrix assigns low objectivity to reports that predict saucer landings and describe conversations with inhabitants. This does not support charges that Project Director Dr. E. U. Condon has been preoccupied with the "cultist and crackpot" sightings.

The most interesting sightings, as far as Colorado is concerned, are those nearest to the lower right corner of the matrix.

Critics of the contract will no longer be able to effectively mount an attack on the study by citing newspaper clippings of the project director's comments, publishing memos written before the study began, or making vague charges about an alleged "lack of scientific vigor."

To be credible, future attacks must be directed in any or all of the following scientific directions:

-Is the matrix (particularly its objectivity axis) a scientifically valid basis for defining priorities on reports of interest, or is there a better way?

-How far from the lower right corner of the matrix can a report be located and still receive evaluation?

-Did Colorado fail to examine a significant number of reports which fell within the acceptance area?

-Is the scientific quality of the report evaluations, actually carried out, sufficiently impeccable?

Obviously debate can continue; there may be other issues; and all answers will involve a degree of judgment. -But the Colorado study has moved the UFO flap to a higher plateau, where the battle may be able to work its way into the pages of the scientific and technical journals.

-Alfred J. Cote Jr., Washington Editor

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#### INCIDENT AT AURORA

-or-

The Report on information gained about strange occurrences at Aurora, Texas.

-by J. Robert Johnson H.S.G.

#### "ZILCH"

....or practically zilch. Aurora has been closed down for the major part of this century, and the nearby big city of Rhomb (pop. 412) is apparently closed on weekends, and usually on weekdays also. Attempts to trace anyone with information about the Aurora cemetery were fruitless, and I was unable to find old timers, or anyone who remembered anything about the strange events in 1897. I did try, and I even made two trips. Someone with a lot of free time, infinite patience, and undiluted gall, might be able to find something concrete about whether an alien is buried there or not, but I got rather tired of the whole business after spending many hours and driving close to 250 miles.

I was surprised at the newspaper coverage and general public interest toward "airships" in 1897. Newspapers devoted whole pages (I include copies of the paper reporting the Aurora incident and other local sightings. The paper from the day before also included a full page rundown on UFOs generally on a more national scale. I didn't look at any others, but apparently this went on for many weeks. Quite a flap for those who say UFOs were sparse before 1947!) to sightings by competent people, and various drawings were made. Apparently those startled Earthlings who were told by occupants that the "airships" were experimental and manufactured on earth were lied to. The only aircraft on earth were some flimsy dirigibles being built in Europe which could not have maneuvered or behaved as was reported. In fact, these early devices could not have even made their way to the United States, since at the time of sightings here, a dirigible in Europe set the new airflight DX record, -of 25 miles! Also, most of the people who met up with these creatures described them as humanoid, but decidedly not human.

This matter interested none other than Joseph Allen Hynek himself and he sent an unnamed friend to investigate. The investigation was publicized by two other well known UFO researchers, Jacques Vallee and Donald B. Hanlon in the January-February, 1967 issue of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

The story is believed to be a hoax. (Refer to the April 19, 1997 issue of the DALLAS MORNING NEWS.) The Proctor place never had a windmill; and T. J. Weems was not a U.S. Signal Services officer, but was in reality the local blacksmith. The town cemetery is accurately charted and shows no grave for an unknown pilot of the mysterious airship.

Hynek's investigator found that "Aurora was a busy little town until the railroads put down their new tracks and neglected to include Aurora in their plans. As a result, the town began to diminish as people moved to be near the railroad." The man who had sent the airship-sighting story to the Dallas newspaper, E. E. Haydon, "was a cotton buyer and writer who lived in Aurora and wanted to do something to keep people in town and to make it a tourist attraction."

I tend to agree with the article by Hanlon and Vallee.

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W5RON -- Philip J. Klass doubts the "plate-in-hand" explanation of the Lucci photos because he can faintly see the tree-line through the arm in #2. He neglects to realize, however, that the arm was in that position during only part of the 6-second exposure, and that the arm and plate were moved around (causing the blurred streak across the middle of the picture). This movement would enable the image of the trees to be exposed on the film along with the arm. All evidence points to a hoax, altho Klass tries to use these photographs to sell his "plasma" theory.

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Should anyone be interested, Mr. Hynek's call is W9DDJ.

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EDITORIAL

### UNEXPLORED ENERGY SOURCES

-by Jo Clark

A particularly thought provoking subject for consideration in UFO research is Wilhelm Reich's discovery of "orgone energy." When considered with Einstein's unified field theory, fantastic untapped sources of energy emerge.

As a psychoanalyst studying under Freud, Wilhelm Reich was searching for the energy creating neurotic behavior in patients. He discovered the energy expressing emotion; a specific biological, organismic energy which he called "orgone." It is the life energy; the life force.

Many recognized scientists, including Einstein, acknowledged the existence of orgone energy.

In 1950 Reich investigated possible antinuclear effects orgone energy might have on nuclear energy. His experiments caused him to believe that certain clouds contained deadly amounts of orgone energy which were responsible for droughts and desert development, as well as worldwide disease epidemics. He developed a "cloud buster" by which he could produce and stop rain; since by controlling orgone energy in clouds and rainfall, one could control droughts, desert development and disease.

Reich focused his "cloud buster" on two "star like" objects hovering over his Rangeley, Maine laboratory on May 12, 1954. The objects wavered and faded out several times as he withdrew cosmic energy from them. He concluded that they were "space machines" or flying saucers, using cosmic orgone energy. He pointed out that cosmic laws are not mechanical, but "functional", therefore our mechanistic science is unable to understand the technology used.

Referring to UFOs in our atmosphere Reich warned, "Our planet is in deep trouble. The principle of LIFE ITSELF on Earth is challenged. We are in a process of deep and crucial change of our total existence; biological, physical, emotional, and cosmic! Let us, therefore, start behaving in accordance with these facts."

Reich also noted, "Instead of shooting at the victims of war with bullets, one could very well sap the life energy out of war victims with machines which operate according to the ergonomic potential of the Cosmic Energy."

A respected scientist, Reich was tried and convicted by the Food and Drug Administration under their implication that he was a "quack" who claimed to cure diseases such as cancer. Imprisoned, in spite of a heart condition, he died in 1957. However, his work is being studied and verified by Jerome Eden. Eden is convinced Reich was eliminated because of his discoveries.

The unified field theory attempts to extend the general theory of relativity to electromagnetic forces and the forces between nuclear particles. Physical reality supposedly consists of particles of matter and fields of force.

Einstein believed that it should be possible to eliminate the idea of a particle and to represent the whole of physical reality by means of a field, so that matter becomes nothing more than a region of high field intensity.

An entirely successful field theory would not contain "singular regions" which are believed to represent particles. Einstein believed the nonsingular solutions would be the only significant ones.

Many unsuccessful unified field theories have been advanced, but none are known to have been discovered, or to exist. Possibly Einstein's unified field theory could do what was reportedly done in a Naval experiment (according to the Allende letters sent to M. K. Jessup) in 1943 when a ship and its entire crew dematerialized at Philadelphia and materialized at Norfolk.

An understanding of the application of orgone energy and Einstein's concept of the unified field theory might provide satisfactory answers to:

- a. the energy used by flying saucers,
- b. the secret behind the construction of the pyramids and other monoliths,
- c. the force that exists in the six vortices of the "Bermuda Triangle" type,
- d. disappearing people, planes, and ships, and possibly much more that has remained unexplainable.

Orgone energy and Einstein's interpretation of the unified field theory could expose two basic laws of nature. Natural laws undoubtedly exist throughout the universe; subject to discovery by anyone. Control of these powers suggests potential control over all forms of LIFE and MATTER.

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From K7YXP, KP4CH, W4ENE. (appearing in several newspapers.) SCIENTISTS URGE FEDERAL PROBE OF UFO SIGHTINGS. Washington (UPI). July 30, 1968.

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 Hynok, 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 were not simply having hallucinations."

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VENUS MAY HAVE RUGGED TERRAIN. Washington (UPI). -Radar pulses beamed from Goldstone, Calif., have turned up evidence that the planet Venus may have mountain ranges, craters or fields of boulders.

The report on the rugged terrain was released during the weekend by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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From KP4CH. The San Juan Star, Saturday, July 27, 1968. STAR DUST TALK, MYSTERY by Malcom W. Browne, New York Times News Service. Buenos Aires --- The luminosity of flying saucers is said to have spread across the skies of the Southern Cross, and table talk throughout Argentinian and Chile is glittering with star dust and mystery these days.

Amid dismal conversations about rising prices and political uncertainties, the subject of flying saucers has come to South America as something fresh and exciting.

Scarcely a day has passed in recent weeks without at least one new flying saucer testimonial in the press of Santiago and Buenos Aires.

For some, the flying saucer stories are merely entertaining nonsense. When Argentina's foreign minister, Dr. Nicanor Costa Mendez, was interviewed recently on the subject by a television station, he said: "If I did not have so much respect for the Chinese, I would say that one is dealing here with a Chinese fairy tale."

The most dramatic encounter with an alien spaceman was reported by a 19-year-old, Maria Elodia Letzel, the daughter of a Cordoba hotelkeeper. Noticing a strange luminosity coming from the vestibule of the hotel, she said she left the kitchen to investigate.

In the vestibule, she said, she met a being more than six feet tall who was enveloped in a scaly suit that emitted a celestial light. The being mumbled at her unintelligibly and as he raised his right hand she felt weak, but when he lowered it she felt restored.

The being then left without causing any trouble.

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From UFOIC, Australia. July 31, 1968. SIX SEE OBJECT. Two Rockingham housewives and four young children said last night that they had chased a round flying object with flickering red lights 200 yds. from a block of flats in Georgestreet to the Rockingham school.

They said that about 7:25 p.m., the object was hovering about 16ft. above the ground. When they approached it sped off in the direction of the school before disappearing. It was about 12 ft. in circumference.

Mrs. M. T. Templeton, of George-street, said her daughter Deborah (9) and three of her friends had come into her flat screaming and told her they had seen the object outside.

Mrs. Templeton said they saw the object flatten out then pop back into a ball-shape. It moved in the direction of the school then suddenly disappeared.

A spokesman for the Department of Civil Aviation said last night that there had been no unusual aircraft movements over the area.

From UFOIC, Australia. August 5, 1968. THREE SPOT MYSTERY LIGHTS OVER SUBURB.

Three people claim to have seen mystery lights in the sky above Scarborough early this morning.

The three -- two young men and a girl -- say they saw a series of long, horizontal lights hovering above a cloud bank out to sea.

The first to spot the lights was Paul Varsany (22), who lives in a rooming house in Stanley-st., Scarborough.

"I got up about 3:50 to go to the lavatory -- and there they were. At first I thought it might have been a reflection on the window, so I opened it and looked out. They were still there. I watched for a while then I went and woke Helen," Mr. Varsany said.

Miss Helen Gell (21), said: "Paul woke me and I was a bit sceptical -- I don't believe in these things -- but when I got up, there they were. They looked like tube lighting, but not quite so bright. There were about six of them strung out in a horizontal line.

They watched together for awhile, then woke Stephen Popaduk (21), who, like Paul, is a wood machinist.

"The first I knew of it was when Paul came into my room and dragged me out of bed," he said.

"I saw these long patches of light. They seemed to be standing still, about five or ten degrees above the horizon. There was no cloud, except a firm bank well out to sea.

"It was impossible to say how far away the lights were. There was nothing to judge it by."

Paul took up the story again: "When I first spotted them, the lights were round or oval in a cluster of about seven or eight.

After four or five minutes they faded and disappeared. I was going inside again when I spotted other lights in a different position and with different shapes, all in a line.

"I suppose they were visible for a total of about 10 minutes."

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San Jose Mercury, 8-13-68. 'OBJECT' HITS OIL VESSEL; 3 MEN HURT. Santa Barbara (AP). An object from the sky hit a 175-foot oil survey vessel, the Pacific Seal, setting a fire Monday night that could be seen on shore 15 miles away.

Three members of the 18-man crew were injured, two reportedly seriously. They were flown by helicopter to Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station.

At the time Sidwinder air-to-air missiles were being fired at flare targets by a Navy fleet squadron in the sea test range nearby. Comdr. Gordon Frey, spokesman at Pt. Mugu, said the cause of the explosion was not determined immediately "but we did have aircraft in the area," he said.

The Navy said a board of inquiry would be appointed.

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From WB6RPL. San Jose News, 9-7-66. NEW UFO SIGHTING IN SPAIN. Madrid (UPI). A Spanish meteorological station today reported a fresh sighting of an unidentified flying object.

The report came shortly after a flying object had been witnessed by thousands of Madrilenian Thursday night.

The Meteorological station at Cuenca, northeast of Madrid, said it kept a UFO under observation for several hours. It said the object remained stationary at a great height for more than three hours, then moved off in a westerly direction.

The station said the object appeared to be triangular, the same shape as that seen in Madrid.

The Spanish Air Force has sent up aircraft in unsuccessful attempts to get close to objects picked up on radar screens.

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From Claudette Olea. San Jose Mercury, 9-7-68. UFO ELUDES SPANISH PILOT AS VIEWERS

**JAM STREETS.** Madrid (UPI). The Spanish Air Force said Friday an "unidentified flying object" eluded one of its supersonic jet fighter-bombers as a rash of flying saucer reports spread from Latin America to Europe.

The sighting of a bright object in the night sky Thursday over Madrid caused a monumental traffic jam and sent a U.S. built F104 jet scrambling to find out what it was.

An official Air Force announcement said the pilot climbed to an altitude of more than 50,000 feet and reported the object was still above him when he had to return to base for fuel. The pilot of another plane flying at 36,000 feet reported seeing the same object.

Air Force radar screens tracked the UFO and said it was flying at 90,000 feet and moving slowly.

Thousands of Spaniards jammed the streets of Madrid to get a look at the object, and traffic backed up for miles.

One reporter, sent to the Madrid astronomical observatory for a look through its powerful telescope, said the object gave off "a blinding light." A photo taken through the telescope revealed a triangular object, apparently solid on one side and translucent in some sections.

The official Air Force announcement said it had no scientific explanation for the phenomenon but theorized that the object might have been a meteorological balloon.

The Madrid weather bureau said it had no lost balloons and offered the theory that the object was part of a space satellite returning to earth.

Stories from Buenos Aires, Argentina, where the latest flying saucer rumors started, said a space ship landed on General Paz Avenue. This rumor produced thousands of calls to police and newspapers.

The arrival of the strange object over Madrid came as no surprise to Fernando Sama, a Spanish author who has written two books based on conversations he claims to have had with visiting spacemen. Sama predicted two months ago that September would be the start of an invasion of the world by extra-terrestrial beings and that Argentina would be the beachhead.

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From WA5RON. The Dallas Morning News, August 7, 1968. **SCIENTISTS TO DISCUSS OUTER SPACE SIGNALS.** By Douglas Domeier.

Out of a corner of our galaxy comes a stream of pulsating radio signals.

Is someone trying to communicate across a distance which may be as great as 300 light years?

World scientists will give their theories on these signals at the Fourth Texas Symposium on Relativistic Astrophysics here in December.

Despite the mindboggling scientific language, the talk about "pulsars" could someday change into household words.

The word "pulsar" stands for pulsating radio sources.

Three of the five pulsars discovered to date are close to the plane of the Milky Way (our galaxy, which also includes the sun). The Milky Way has been described as shaped like a cookie about 10 times as long as it is thick.

Some writers already may believe the signals, which vary in strength from pulse to pulse, are a code devised by another civilization to reach us on Earth.

But Dr. Frank Drake, of Cornell University and a scheduled speaker at the Dallas meeting, believes this is implausible.

In recent interviews Dr. Drake has said the signals, if produced by radio transmitters as designed here, would require power output totaling 10 billion times more than the power production of all our generating systems.

Even allowing advanced technology, Dr. Drake feels this is too high to be plausible.

He similarly doubts the signals are part of an interstellar navigation system for advanced astronauts.

Scientists also point out that if the signals are produced by electronic devices, they are faulty from our point of view on two counts: The signals are broad in frequency, rather than sharply tuned, and they come at low frequencies, where the whole background radio noise of the Milky Way tries to mask them.

But pulsars are still new enough (they were first picked up by British scientists late last year), to make all guessing legitimate.

Three of the pulsars "send" in bursts of three pulses, 12 thousandths of a second apart and each lasting 30 to 40 thousandths of a second.

The pulsars have diameters about the size of the Earth, if the sizes of the radio "beams" match their physical measurements.

Pulsars, at any rate, are expected to be discussed first at the meeting, set for Dec. 16 to 20, probably at the Statler Hilton Hotel. The Southwest Center for Advanced Studies will be local host.

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From WA9THB. Joliet Herald-News, 5-15-68. SCIENTISTS SAY UFOs REAL BUT NOT LITTLE GREEN MEN. By Erma Perry, Copley News Service. Philadelphia, Pa.

"There are Unidentified Flying Objects," said Dr. I. M. Levitt, director of the Fels Planetarium of the Franklin Institute, "though I, who have studied the skies all my life have never seen one."

Dr. Levitt in his office at the institute went on to consider possible explanations.

1. They could be hallucinations. "This I refuse to accept because too many people see them," said the trim, brilliant scientist.

2. Some hint they could be secret military craft. "Nonsense," said Levitt. "No one could keep a secret like that in Washington, not with the news hawks we have down there."

3. The stories could be a hoax. "Many of the tales we are hearing are definitely hoaxes. For instance, we hear a great deal about little green men from Venus. The origin of this story goes back to the 1950s when 'Behind the Flying Saucers' came out. The author spoke of little green men who came from Venus. Later this was proved to be a hoax pure and simple, but the saucer nuts who claim to be contactees, always describe little green men between 36 and 42 inches tall. Venus has the same gravitational field as the earth. Men should be the same size."

4. They may be extraterrestrial beings coming in from another civilization. "This I find the least acceptable. They would have a technology so advanced as to compare to ours in 2100, yet no contactee ever gives us this advanced information.

"If a contactee cannot tell us something very unusual, he is either unobservant or he is lying. I prefer the latter explanation."

5. An image on the radar screen and radar are supposed to be infallible. "A team of scientists studied this very carefully after the July, 1952, great radar flap in Washington. They found that the radar sightings were always made at a time of temperature inversions. At such a time you can always get channels through which radar waves can bounce and through which light waves can be explained away as a natural phenomena when one understands how radar operates."

Dr. Levitt helped develop a device to count the light coming from stars which is in use in astronomical observatories throughout the country. He also designed a clock-calendar for Mars and a moon-clock for the use of astronauts on the moon.

Flying saucers, believes Dr. Levitt, are sightings which are obeying a natural law of which we know nothing.

"Radiation belts have been around the earth for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  billion years. We never knew it until we launched Explorer I in January, 1958.

"The solar wind has been streaming out from the sun for billions of years. We never knew that until the pioneer satellites went into the sky.

"In the 'Incident at Exeter,' New Hampshire, the sightings were seen very near power lines. The author of the book indicated that the flying saucers were coming down to recharge their energy units from these power lines.

"Actually it was discovered that there had been a drought and salt spray had come in from the ocean and coated these lines. Normally this is washed off, but the dirty high tension power lines can give rise to a plasma, a cloud of ionized particles which have had electrons torn from them and under suitable conditions glow.

"These ionized particles can assume and maintain a shape for an extended period of time.

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"Many other 'apparitions' can be explained by the operation of some kind of a plasma. We do not know how it comes into being but it is the operation of a natural law of which we have little knowledge."

Dr. Levitt is the author of several books and a "sought-after" lecturer on what to expect from the next 10 years in space.

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From WA9THB. Chicago Sun-Times, 7-15-68. 'DOOMSDAY' BOMB SEEN AMONG FUTURE WEAPONS. by Richard Lewis.

Scientists and military experts of six nations have pooled their knowledge to describe the shape of future military weapons in a book-length document entitled, "Unless Peace Comes," to be published July 22.

One of the contributors, David Inglis, senior physicist at Argonne National Laboratory warns of a "doomsday" bomb capable of extinguishing life in the entire Northern or Southern Hemisphere in a single detonation.

It might be a big hydrogen bomb wrapped in a cobalt jacket which would spread radioactive poisons, he speculated. Making such a hemisphere killer is technically possible, he said.

"The element cobalt when activated by a single burst of neutrons from an H-bomb becomes a singularly powerful, radioactive emitter of gamma radiation," Inglis said. "There is no definite limit to the size of a cobalt bomb."

Other scientists predicted the development of deep-diving submarines capable of sweeping the seas of merchant shipping and 5,000 ton hovercraft capable of eluding torpedoes and speeding over the ocean surface on a bubble of air at 115 m.p.h.

From the University of California at Los Angeles, Gordon J. F. MacDonald, associate director of the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, predicted that human brain functioning might be affected by generating low-frequency electrical fields.

Experiments by the Brain Research Institute at UCLA, he said, showed that human subjects felt unpleasant sensations and performed poorly when exposed to electrical waves.

The waves were generated in a sheet of tin suspended from the laboratory ceiling. They were produced by a powerful generator working at 10 cycles per second -- the frequency of the brain's alpha-wave rhythm, MacDonald said.

From France, Prof. Marcel Fetizon, a thermodynamics expert, and Prof. Michel Magat, a chemist, warn that mass hallucinations and schizophrenic behavior can be produced in an entire population by LSD distributed in the water supply or the atmosphere.

A kilogram (2.2 pounds) is enough "to render temporarily schizophrenic" the entire population of London (8,171,902 in 1961), they said.

Prof. Carl-Goran Heden, a microbiologist at the Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm describes how a dust cloud charged with disease agents could infect whole populations.

In the debilitating disease called "Q" fever, a single, microscopic particle would be enough to infect a human being, he said. In theory, he added, three grams of embryonic chicken tissue inoculated with "Q" fever "might hold enough infectious doses for the entire human population of the world."

A British mathematician, Andrew Stratton, foresees manned space stations controlling orbital bombs.

A former research chief of the weapons department, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Stratton has projected strategic warfare to space. Satellite missiles could be parked in orbit and "phased" for a simultaneous strike, he said.

But this kind of deployment, which would be detected by either of the present two "space powers," would immediately open up the question of satellite inspection, Stratton predicted.

Orbital bombs are "soft, vulnerable targets" for anti-ballistic missiles, Stratton said.

On the ground, French Army Gen. Andre Beufre, director of the Institute of Strategic Studies, Paris, foresees the end of the heavily armored tank. Armor piercing, guided missiles make it obsolete, he said. In its place will come a fast, lightweight vehicle

which can be airlifted from one engagement to another.

One of Marshal Tito's guerrilla chiefs during World War II, Vladimir Dedijer of Yugoslavia, predicts that whatever shape future weapons take, guerrilla warfare will remain "militarily viable."

The only weapons that might crush guerrilla forces, he said, would be those "so morally indefensible and indiscriminately destructive that the user forfeits his political purposes."

At the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Santa Barbara, Calif., political scientist Harvey Wheeler sees the emergence of large computers as the real masters of the battlefield.

They will control weapon performance, policy formation and decision making, he predicted. They will also manage the administration of military programs and operations.

Information processing, he said, will reach new levels of efficiency with these machines. One example was its use by the Israeli intelligence service during the 1967 war with the Arabs.

Wheeler said that Israeli pilots knew in advance which of the Egyptian aircraft on the ground were real and which were dummies. He added: "The Israelis became convinced by their information system that they were marked for complete extermination. They reacted with the remorseless, abandon of the condemned. Happily, nuclear weapons were not available to either side."

A Pakistani scientist, Prof. Abdus Salam, director of the International Center for Theoretical Physics at Trieste, suggests it is possible to "burn" territory with ultra-violet rays from the sun.

Normally, ozone in the high atmosphere shields the ground from this radiation which is lethal in big doses. Salam said that by disrupting the ozone layer, a combatant could cause lethal ultraviolet to irradiate large areas of an enemy's homeland.

The ultimate weapon, perhaps is the anti-matter bomb. As Inglis explains it, particles called antiprotons, antineutrons can be made in small quantities -- and at great expense -- in high energy experimental machines.

When one of these particles meets its corresponding normal particle, they both disappear in a burst of energy. Inglis said that the engineering problems in making and storing anti-matter in quantity are so great "that the possibility can be safely discounted for the foreseeable future."

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From K7YXP. Tucson Daily Citizen, 7-30-68. INNKEEPER SAW SOMETHING UNUSUAL: WAS IT A UFO?. By Margaret Kushlthau, Citizen Staff Writer.

The Air Force said it was a balloon, released a few minutes previously from Davis-Monthan AFB.

But was it?

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bleakley and their son Mike, who reported the "most peculiar object" which they sighted about midnight on July 2, still are undecided about what it was they saw.

The Bleakleys own and operate the Oracle Junction Inn, 24 miles north of Tucson. They live on the property. Bleakley formerly owned the Pago Pago nightclub and restaurant, and Rancho Linda Vista.

He tells how the three Bleakleys and an employee, Eugene Morgan of 1716 N. Winstel Ave., happened to observe the unusual phenomenon:

"It was about five minutes before midnight and my wife decided to leave the inn and return to our trailer. She walked outside and found herself staring right at this huge object -- just above eye level but a few miles away. We have determined since then that it hovered at about a six-or seven-degree angle.

"She ran back in calling for me to come outside. I rushed back in and called Mike and Gene to 'Come quick!' We are all adults.

"The night was calm and there was no wind. Whatever it was we saw was good-sized and bright orange-red in color, with its outline sharply defined. We could see it so clearly we remarked that it looked like half of a rounded object, but the top was higher than it

would have been if the object had been a perfectly round object, like a ball.

"It was not the moon because we noted at the time that the moon was in an entirely different location from this object.

"There was no sound as the object hovered between the Tortolita Mountains and the inn. Then it tipped at a slight angle, righted itself and took off almost due west at a fast rate of speed, rising slightly as it cleared the mountains."

Mike Bleakley corroborated his father's description of the incident.

"When Gene and I rushed out, we skidded to a halt," Mike said, "it was so peculiar." He reported the sighting to the local air base which sent him forms to fill out and return. To date, he said, no one from the AFB has interviewed any of the four on their experience.

Morgan said: "The thing hovered for about five minutes before it took off. It didn't look like a balloon at all -- more like a halfmoon."

The reported sighting has been investigated by Jim and Cora Lorenzen, considered two of the world's top authorities on extraterrestrial phenomena.

Said Lorenzen: "This looks like a case of a real unknown, unconventional object.

"The Air Force said it was a balloon launched from Davis-Monthan AFB five minutes previously. But it is difficult to believe -- on a night with no wind -- that the balloon rushed from the AFB over the Oracle Junction Inn, 24 miles away, in five minutes, hovered for awhile and then took off at great speed."

Bleakley said he "is convinced it was a UFO (unidentified flying object.)"

"But you can be sure I'd never have told anyone about it if I'd been alone when I saw it. It was just too unusual!"

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From Jo Clark & W6BPV. San Jose Mercury, 8-4-65. STRANGE LIGHT -- WHAT WAS IT.

A large orange light was reported over the Santa Clara Valley, moving from Gilroy to the north, Sunday night.

Several witnesses who called the Mercury, said a portion of the object appeared to fall to the ground. The San Jose Municipal Airport Tower had no report on the light and Vandenberg Air Force Base said it fired no missiles Sunday night.

Any theories will be at least considered.

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By now it should be obvious to everyone that we have lost our printer.

We are also broke and all kinds of other bad things. This means that we definitely WILL continue.

Your help is solicited.

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VE2AUJ reports that he is currently building a UFO detector and has recently acquired a 3 in. reflector telescope, power of 55X and 140X.

W4BNE (WFLA-TV) reports that they (the TV station) may do a program on the UFO subject soon.

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This is it for this month. Keep up your good work. Your support is appreciated. I will try to work harder.