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Policy: DATA-NET feels sufficient evidence has been presented to prove that there are unidentified flying objects. Our ultimate purpose is to answer the following questions: What are they? Where do they come from and how? Why are they here?

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BULLETIN!

DATA-NET REWARD: \$25.00 for an authentic photograph of a flying saucer.

The DATA-NET reward is posted by some of the members, consequently it is open to members only. The photo must be sufficiently clear to show items of value. Please refrain from sending pictures of blurs, blobs, shadows, or cow-pies! The film should preferably be unprocessed, with as much pertinent data provided as possible.

DATA-NET UFO LIBRARY: Books are available from the Control Station. They are loaned by mail free of charge to members. Next month we will print the complete list.

The information we all share by means of the DATA-NET REPORT is contributed by YOU, the members. So, be sure to submit your newspaper clippings, magazine articles, investigation reports, as well as your suggestions, comments, theories, etc. We will honor any request for anonymity, and will return all material if you request it.

Any UFO related items, or ham gear, etc., WANTED, FOR SALE, or FOR TRADE may be listed FREE OF CHARGE in the SHOP & SWAP section. --Send us your ad and we will print it!!

Bill Moser, Honorary Secretary of UFOIC, Sydney, Australia was kind enough to forward us the information he had regarding the death of Dr. M. Lindtner, the Past President of UFOIC. Dr. Lindtner was in Europe as the representative of the NSW Government to a veterinary congress in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. In Frankfurt, Germany, after having spent an evening with Karl Veit, president of the German UFO Society, he had only three to four hours of sleep and was apparently late on the station. He put three of his four suitcases on the train. While he was putting the last one on, the train was flagged away. Miran (Lindtner) tried to get aboard, but apparently in Europe the footplates close the doors automatically, and Dr. Lindtner was dragged 80 to 100 yards along the platform to the end where he fell on the permanent way and was run over and died instantly.

Dr. Lindtner was a leading specialist in the world on poultry diseases, a very gifted musician and composer, an excellent chessplayer and, in his youth, a good soccer player, who played for his native country Yugoslavia.

He was a resident of Australia for nearly 20 years and was a fighter pilot in World War II. He leaves a young widow and three children aged from 1 to 5 years.

DATA-NET was very happy to see that APRO's non-profit organization is doing so well financially that they have opened up a new office with up-to-date equipment. We hope that they continue to be financially successful with the UFO subject.

We understand fully as we would not hesitate one instant to make money on UFOs if we could!

DATA-NET was very sorry to see that NICAP's financial venture with UFOs has again resulted in sending more money-begging letters.

We understand fully, as we also are constantly requesting money! (And -- don't forget stamps too .... please!!)

We also note that Joan Whritenour's SAUCER SCOOP is no longer scooping. Possibly the result of Olson and Joan's snafu with the phony Allende letters. ... "A NEW UFO BREAKTHROUGH".....(Ha-ha-ha-ha!!)

We hope that CAPRI, who has inherited SAUCER SCOOP's subscribers, sticks to telling it like it is, rather than resorting to phony sensationalism in order to acquire subscribers.

DATA-NET does not carry any paid advertisements. Any member who has any items for sale or trade, or what-have-you, may place an add in the REPORT free of charge.

This month we welcome the following new members:

WLPBT, Mr. & Mrs. Backard

W9SAL, Mr. Wolski

Mr. Harry Sato

Mr. Larry Collier

Mrs. Corleen Wilson

WA9BIX, Mr. Nafziger.

Mr. Sato has been ill, and we send him our wishes for a speedy recovery.

We are very glad that cooperation between UFOIC of Australia and DATA-NET is continuing at a good pace. Liaison is through the very able and honorable Bill Moser. Their quarterly UFO newsletter is professionally printed and always is full of good info from their part of the world.

For further information contact Bill directly at: 19 Hurlstone Ave., Hurlstone Park, Sidney NSW 2193, Australia.

WA5RON, our Assistant Controller, is also in contact with UFOIC's VK2ZSK.

A recent addition to our list of cooperating research groups is SKYLOOK. On the staff is Walt Andrus, Jr., W9KRC. During his recent visit to DATA-NET headquarters we found Walt one of the sincere UFO detectives. He is obviously not afraid to look at the subject from any angle and is prompt to discard worthless information. Another good detective on the staff is Ted Phillips of Sedalia, Missouri. Although we have not met Ted, from data received, it appears that he is both cool and level-headed. Probably not an easy man to trick.

The Editor is Norma Short, and it was immediately evident that Norma tells it like it is, whether you like it or not. And, let's face it, it is the truth that we want. We do not need flowery crud -- no matter what color!

All SKYLOOK journals received, including back issues, contained around 20 pages of honest reporting. Subscription is \$4.00 a year for 12 monthly and prompt issues. DATA-NET heartily recommends SKYLOOK for its honest reporting and sincere research. Want proof? .35¢ to SKYLOOK will cover cost of a sample copy.

Another recent addition to DATA-NET cooperating groups is AERIAL RESEARCH SYSTEMS. We do not know too much about this group yet. Address all inquiries to: AERIAL RESEARCH SYSTEMS, P.O. Box 715, Banning, Calif. 92220.

However, we are sad to see that F. M. Castator, the Editor, has adopted the policy of: Attacking the Air Force. NICAP spent years, and countless thousands of dollars trying to get the Air Force to reveal "what they know," without success. We doubt that ARS could be any more successful. We feel that chasing the Air Force is

pointless and a waste of time. Indeed we really doubt that the Air Force knows anything. Probably they are playing the game of "we really don't know anything but can't afford to let the public know that we are STUPID!! The ARS bulletin looks good overall and we hope that they will quit wasting time whipping the Air Force and concentrate on UFO research per se.

Incidentally, any true airman knows that an Airman First Class has three (3) stripes; not 2 as reported by the phony airman in the ARS bulletin.

We have also received a sample copy of SAUCER MAGAZINE edited and published by Mark Bouge. The issue we received was 12 pages. Mark pretty well sticks to UFO reporting. He states his policy as "keeping an open mind on all possibilities concerning the field of UFOlogy." For further info write: Mark Bouge, Editor, SAUCER MAGAZINE, 1911 Main St., Bellevue, Nebraska 68005.

Also on the exchange list is Gray Barker's SAUCER NEWS. This slick quarterly, professional magazine continues to be my favorite for fun and pleasure. If you like "UFO fun" it is recommended. Personally I get more kicks out of the advertisements than the articles. I must inform you however that for true UFO researchers it is next to worthless.

Those who are interested, please write directly to: Gray Barker, Box 2228, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301. Subscription rates are \$4.00 a year. ...IF you mention DATA-NET ... \$10.00 a year!!

We received a sample page from a news clipping group called UFORC (UFO RESEARCH COMMITTEE), 3521 S.W. 104th. St., Seattle, Washington 98146, originated by Mr. Dyke. We endorse the idea, but must state that the \$3.00 per month dues are at this time too prohibitive for most UFO research groups who usually operate at a loss. However, if you can afford it, it is recommended.

From BORDERLAND SCIENCES RESEARCH FOUNDATION, P.O. Box 543, Vista, California 92083 we received Riley Crabbe's latest mimeo book, "MEETING ON THE MOON." Included were several stamps which we sincerely appreciated. We enjoyed the book but we must inform the membership that we cannot agree with Mr. Crabbe's philosophy on UFOs. The book uses too many already generally known erroneous and fraudulent cases to back up his theory.

We do however enjoy his publication called ROUND ROBIN. We wish to again state that the Controller is "a walking question mark" willing to investigate all possibilities.

In all seriousness, it is easy for this controller to see how some UFO researchers who, after 2 or 3 years of digging up nothing of value, give up. Some after a run of bad luck blame the "men-in-black" or some other ridiculous crap for their misery.

Some of you will remember that several months ago I thought that I was on the verge of a solution. An officer TDY at Moffett Field Naval Air Station agreed to show me a secret underground area which contained a flying saucer. This craft was supposedly in quarter sections which fitted perfectly and were held by "keys" similar to a Japanese wood puzzle.

In an adjacent room, under COLD conditions was one of the occupants, spread out on a long table in a schematic condition. That is to say, all organs separated and stretched out on the table, but still connected in a fashion so as to determine which organ did what.

Several books, charts, maps, etc. had been found, written in what appeared as DEMOTIC, but written from left to right; so he said. The data had been decoded and explained what the occupants were and where they were from. The Navy was working on the principle of propulsion and "raison d' être," the informant said.

That I was intrigued is to say the least. His reason for giving me this information was that he read our REPORT and understood that we did not advertize our information, and wanted the answers only for our benefit. The deal was: If I would

print the data for all members, request secrecy, and then put DATA-NET to sleep.....

That evening I wrote in the upcoming report that we may have a possible solution (by December 1968). That same night my wife suddenly became so ill that I thought I had lost her. I could very well then have said, "Aha! Men-in-black!"

As it turned out, the data was erroneous. The officer was transferred to the Kwajalien Islands. His friends and neighbors said he was a tall-tale-teller and enjoyed swinging the bull.

I decided to continue with DATA-NET.

Several nights later, a series of mysterious footsteps on our roof began. On the third night, I was standing outside bare-ass holding an M1 carbine and feeling mighty silly! .....Nothing could be seen. BUT, there are many cats in the area and we have a gravel roof. A mere falling leaf sounds like a dog on the roof. I could have easily said, "Aha! The gay-guys-in-pink!"

I decided to continue with DATA-NET.

As I write this, my wife Chris is again in the hospital with a mysterious virus. My little girl Monica is also sick. I am beginning to feel bad. (I have the G.I.'s)

This morning at work a heavy piece of electronic equipment fell off a rack as I was squatting down looking for a lost screw and landed squarely on my back. LUCKY! If it had been on a corner it would have bared my back to the public! As I was on the floor listening to the "don't moves" etc., tears came to my eyes. I thought, "I am going to slowly crawl to my car, drive home, climb into bed, and scratch today off my list." Then...then... I could easily burn my UFO files, write a letter to all members claiming a DFO shut me up, feel important (the, "I know something you don't know" bit) and QUIT!!!

BUUUUUUUULLLLLLLLL! DATA-NET will continue!

The following was taken verbatim from a translation of "La Vres Grimoire," supposedly the oldest book on magic, taken at the time of King Solomon's Keys:

TO MAKE ONESELF INVISIBLE --"Collect seven black beans. Start the rite on a Wednesday, before sunrise. Then take the head of a dead man, and put one of the black beans in his mouth, two in his eyes and two in his ears. Then make upon his head the character which follows here.

"When you have done this, bury the head, with the face upwards, and for nine days, before sunrise, water it each morning with excellent brandy. On the eighth day you will find the spirit mentioned, who will say to you: "WHAT WILT THOU?"

"You will reply: "I AM WATERING MY PLANT." Then the Spirit will say: "GIVE ME THE BOTTLE, I DESIRE TO WATER IT MYSELF." In answer, refuse him this, even though he will ask you again.

"Then he will reach out with his hand, and will display to you that same figure which you have drawn upon the head. Now you can be sure that it is the right spirit, the spirit of the head. There is a danger that another one might try to trick you, which would have evil consequences -- and in that case your operation would not succeed.

"Then you may give him the bottle, and he will water the head and leave. On the next day -- which is the ninth -- when you return, you will find that the beans are germinating. Take them and put them in your mouth, and look at yourself in a mirror. If you can see nothing, it is well. Test the others in the same way, either in your own mouth, or in that of a child. Those which do not confer invisibility are to be reburied with the head."

We need more stations on the air. Let's try to make it, okay? We want to ragchew the subject and attract more members.

I will try to work harder.

-- 73 and 88 ....Mike Jaffe,  
Control

NETWORK SCHEDULE

Assistant Controller, WA5RON, Jerry Johnson, of Austin, Texas will be calling "CQ" every Wednesday at 2000 PST on 7.265. Until further notice this will be the regular network schedule.

KP4CH is on daily on 21.442.

Other stations willing to hold skeds please contact the Control or Assistant Control station.

HAM ROSTERActive:

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K7YXP	Tucson, Arizona	WA3FCM	Cockeysville, Maryland
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W6RPL	Mountain View, Calif.	K5QFI	Houston, Texas
W5PNE	Tampa, Florida	WA5RON	Austin, Texas
WA9THB	Joliet, Illinois	KP4CH	Rio Pedras, Puerto Rico
W9KRC	Quincy, Illinois	G3TFW	Lancs, England
WA9BLX	Stanford, Illinois	LA2YE	Kongsberg, Norway

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WA4VUG	Birmingham, Alabama	WB2VFF	Selden L.I., New York
WB6RYQ	Sacramento, Calif.	WA8SVP	Columbus, Ohio
WB6FWW	Hayward, Calif.	WA8REN	Chagrin Falls, Ohio
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WN9WPO	Strasburg, Illinois	K5JNJ	Fort Worth, Texas
WA9VNS	Martinsville, Illinois	WA5PPZ	Waco, Texas
W9VSR	East Moline, Illinois	W7ZC	Springdale, Utah
K9ZJV	Quincy, Illinois	WA4UUT	Galax, Virginia
WA9WMK	Bloomington, Indiana	WA8LCO	Logan, West Virginia
WA9KOM	Columbus Junction, Iowa	W7VJI	Rock Springs, Wyoming
WA9OCU	Overland, Missouri	KL7GBC	Ketchikan, Alaska
KØRRL	Ashby, Nebraska	VE3MA	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
W7VYC	Las Vegas, Nevada	VE2US	Quebec, Prov. Quebec, Canada
W2UGM	Closter, New Jersey	VE3GFT	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
WB2ZQR	Somerville, New Jersey	VE2AUJ	Loretteville, Quebec, Canada
WB2YOJ	Mountainside, New Jersey	CE3LC	Santiago, Chile

THE EDITOR'S DESK

The comments below refer to the article appearing in CLIPPING THE NEWS entitled "UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS OVER THE VALLEY" regarding DATA-NET. (See Page 15)

The reporter, Paul Beatty, interviewed me on two different occasions and all the information he requested from me was written down for him. (I kept carbon copies)

In spite of the fact that he did write a nice article, I feel the following items would be of interest to all members: (The paragraph numbers refer to the article itself.)

- Para. #2: Objects that milled and hovered were not seen over Ben Lomond. They were watched over Santa Cruz on the 4th of July, 1968 while the fireworks display was in progress.
- Para. #4: Star-like merger was not over Ben Lomond. It was several years ago over Monta Vista.
- Para. #5: As stated above, all did not take place in Ben Lomond, nor within the last 18 months only.
- Para. #7: DATA-NET is not 2 years old, it is 3 years old. I have been Editor for 2 years.
- Para. #10: I am quoted, but it is not a quote. The statement about extra-terrestrial is a little twisted. I said, "We are not committed to the extra-terrestrial theory, but at this point it appears the most logical conclusion to me -- in light of present evidence."
- Para. #13: The ball of flame bouncing off the hood of a car driving on Highway #9, was described as "a ball of light" and it took place several years ago in Southern California.
- Para. #17: I did not request duplicate reports! I said any and/or all reports, so they wouldn't be lost by reporting them to disinterested members of the police force and/or the military.

There are more discrepancies, but I think you get the point. It serves to illustrate how a reporter stretches his facts in order to support his theme and create reader appeal. I hope this helps members to realize that UFO researchers must discount much of what they read, which may be far-out when compared with the truth.

"CQ" ...de WA5RON

The Loch Ness monster search has closed down for the winter with no particular results. Dan Taylor plans to go back again next year and try again with his sub.

Sights for the next nine Apollo landings include:

1. Schroter's Valley near crater Aristarchus (Sight of red flares and curious bright lights. --see: "Flying Saucers--Serious Business" P.115.)
2. Hyginus Rill and crater Hyginus (Area of strange activity. --see: "The Expanding Case for the UFO" by M.K. Jessup)
3. Marius Hills area (Sight of numerous "moon domes" that move around.)

There is an article by Von Braun on future lunar landing objectives in the October "Popular Science" magazine. That is where I would send the lunar missions if I were paying for them.

CLIPPING THE NEWS

Items sometimes are received without noting their source or the date of their appearance. Please be sure to include the name and date of your news source.

We would like to thank our members for the clippings which were received this month from:

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| W6BPV, Tom Thompson      | WA5RON, Jerry Johnson |
| K5QFI, Dennis De Laurier | Jo Clark              |

Our thanks also to the following for the use of their reports as indicated:  
 UFO RESEARCH COMMITTEE, 3521 S.W. 104th. St., Seattle, Washington 98146  
 (Rod Dyke, Director - Clipping service - \$3.00 per month)

SAUCER MAGAZINE, 1911 Main St., Bellevue, Nebraska 68005  
 (Mark Bouge, Editor & Publisher - \$2.00 per year)

SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Missouri 65078

(Mrs. Norma E. Short, Editor & Publisher - \$3.00 per year (Jan. \$4.00)

8-16-1968, Santa Cruz Island (Off Santa Barbara), Calif. UFO SIGHTINGS NEAR LOS ANGELES (by Roger Langley, National Enquirer, Nov. 16, 1969)

Mysterious groups of yellow-orange pulsating lights were seen flying in pairs across the sky near Santa Cruz Island, off the coast of Santa Barbara approximately 75 miles west of Los Angeles on the night of August 16 and 18, 1968.

Several people reported the UFOs to the U.S. Coast Guard, including a retired U.S. Navy chief petty officer, William Azbell, 55. The Coast Guard claims it has no record of the incidents.

Between two and 10 pairs of lights were reported by witnesses. The lights were seen hovering for about three minutes, then began to move, in pairs, until all but one pair were out of sight. The remaining pair disappeared as if it turned off. The sightings occurred about 9 p.m.

The local police department also denies any knowledge of the events, yet the local newspaper, The Santa Barbara New-Press published accounts of the reports they received.

Two business executives contacted the ENQUIRER in order that the story might be told. One was Donald L. McFarland, 49, an engineer with Planning Products Associates, the other Forrest D. Wallace, 55, an officer of the same firm.

McFarland reported, "I was in my sailboat at about 9 p.m. on Aug. 16, 1968, when the sighting took place." He said the night was clear, no clouds, fog, haze, or other obscuring effects.

About 5 miles off the coast of Santa Cruz Island he saw four orange lights coming from the East about 1,000 feet above the water. The lights were in two pairs, composing a horizontal rectangle. They pulsated or flickered. They remained fixed in the sky and my wife saw them also, he said.

8-18-1968. Wallace's sighting took place two nights later. During a late Sunday supper, their son, Donald, 17, called Wallace and his wife to see the bright lights outside their dining room window, which faces the ocean.

They went outside and saw yellow-orange, flickering lights very high in the sky. They watched for about three minutes through binoculars when the lights began to go out in vertical pairs. From eight to ten pairs went out two by two, at about three-second intervals until there was only one pair left, one above the other. They remained stationary a couple seconds then changed color, grew dim, and disappeared.

The sighting on August 18 was confirmed by William Azbell. He also watched through binoculars. Both Wallace and Azbell reported their sightings to the Coast Guard.

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7-1969. SPEED LIMIT 186,300 M.P.S. (Article by Isaac Asimov, HOLIDAY magazine, July, 1969)

In less than two hundred years man has progressed from no air travel to the limit of earthly speed. With sufficient time, man can now travel to the planets. However, sufficient time means over two years to Jupiter, and over sixteen years to Pluto.

As long as we depend upon reaction motors, our space exploration will be limited. Higher speeds may be attained by using an ion drive, which could build up speeds in space to a hundred thousand miles per second, or more. However, at those speeds we encounter Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity, and the time distortion.

Perhaps instead of transferring an object through space, we could transfer a description of it instead; such as the photographs of Mars were transmitted from Mariner IV.

With "mass-transference" an astronaut could conceivably be transported anywhere at the speed of light. Even then, it would take 4.3 years to reach the nearest star.

Could a spaceship conceivably travel at speeds greater than the speed of light?

Until last year the answer was a flat negative. The speed of light in a vacuum is the ultimate velocity, according to the Special Theory of Relativity, and no one today doubts the validity of that theory.

In 1968 Gerald Feinberg of Columbia University pointed out that if the speed of light was viewed as an impenetrable limiting wall, then it might be argued that a wall has two sides. On the other side, there might exist a whole universe of particles that could only move faster than the speed of light, and could never slow down below that speed. These superfast particles he called "tachyons," from the Greek word meaning "swift."

The more energy you pump into a tachyon, the slower it would go, until at very large energies it would slow down almost to the speed of light. The less energy present in a tachyon, the faster it would go, until at very low energies it would travel millions of light-years per second.

We have already imagined the conversion of matter into a stream of photons that would carry all the information of matter to be re-converted into an exact duplicate of the original on a far-distant planet. Why not go one more step and suppose that matter could be turned into a stream of tachyons rather than photons?

The galaxy might be spanned in a minute; the most distant outer galaxies reached in a week. To such a beam of tachyons the whole enormous universe would be but an insignificant speck.

Perhaps it might be possible to use modulated beams of tachyons to send messages. In this way both transportation and communication might become possible over all distances, however great, and with virtually no time-laps. This means that it is no longer inconceivable that the day (albeit a far-distant one) might come when the ultimate is surpassed, and all the vast universe become man's neighborhood.

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7-5-1969, Atlantic Ocean, off England. YACHTSMAN MISSING (UPI, Teignmouth, England, 7-9-1969)

The U.S. Air Force and British coast guard searched today for British round-the-world yachtsman Donald Crowhurst.

The last message received from Crowhurst four days ago was from off the Azores, 248 days after leaving Teignmouth. His trimaran was found abandoned by a freighter.

A British steamer checked the three-hulled vessel and found the yachtsman's personal papers, log, films and tapes were intact, and an emergency liferaft was still aboard.

Crowhurst, 36, was on the last leg of the trip, and was favored to win the \$12,000 London Sunday Times contest for the fastest non-stop circumnavigation.

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7-5-1969, Fort Worth, Texas. 'MONSTER' SIGHTED AROUND LAKE WORTH (July 9, 1969)

Folks are seeing things at Lake Worth. To be more specific, they're seeing "The Thing," or the Lake Worth version of the famous Loch Ness Monster.

One youth, parked near Greer Island, told police that "The Thing" jumped onto the hood of his car and left a scratch in its paint before he could speed away.

The monster had "hair like a goat" on part of its body and other parts were covered with scales, the youth said.

Others who insisted that they saw "The Thing" described it as "big and hairy." One motorist said he "heard it squall" and then watched as it hurled a tire and rim more than 500 feet.

Wheriff Lon Evans doesn't think there is any monster around Lake Worth, which is a source of Fort Worth's water supply.

Fort Worth police say they don't know who -- or what -- "The Thing" is. But, they say, they do know that it's time for trigger happy motorists to quit patrolling roads around the lake with rifles, shotguns and pistols at their sides.

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7-16-1969, Hines Creek, British Columbia, Canada. MANY WITNESS UFO (Dawson Creek P.R.E. News, British Columbia. Credit: UFO RESEARCH COMMITTEE, Seattle, Wash.

September Report.)

An unidentified flying object was sighted north of Hines Creek July 16 and was witnessed by a number of district residents.

Mrs. Steve Tachit, who lives on a farm 14 miles southwest of Hines Creek, said a neighbor phoned her and told her about an object moving from north to east in the sky.

She said she went into the yard and sighted an object which appeared to be large and white to the naked eye. The time was 8:40 p.m.

The object was "floating gently east" and moved so slowly that movement was difficult to discern.

The Tachit family later observed the object through binoculars and a rifle telescope. Mrs. Tachit said the object appeared to be brown, with large, scallopy convolutions. There was no obvious mode of propulsion.

Mrs. Tachit was unable to estimate the distance from which she observed the object, but it was visible for miles around.

"It sort of had us puzzled," Mrs. Tachit said.

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7-28 or 29-1969, Bear River, Minn. NORTHWEST ANGLE HAS UFO ALERT (Credit: SAUCER MAGAZINE, Bellevue, Nebraska, October issue)

Mrs. Jaynes and her guest were awakened around 3:00 a.m. one morning early last week by a noise which she described as sounding like washing machine morors. They saw a large brilliant object hovering over the Bear River not far from the cabin. It was so bright, they told others, that they could hardly look at it.

It appeared to follow the channel in the river and hovered near the cabin for some time before it moved down the river and then took off upward with a loud sound. Mrs. Jaynes described it as large, saucer shaped and very bright.

The object returned two other mornings at about the same hour, it was reported. Mrs. Lockwood Jaynes said they watched it for at least a half-hour the first time it appeared.

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7-29-1969, Butler, Penn. OBJECT SIGHTED IN SKY (Credit: SAUCER MAGAZINE, Bellevue, Wash., October issue.)

A resident of Butler, Penn. reported to City Police at 9:06, July 29th, that he had seen a strange object which was round and glowed around the outer edges, in the sky.

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8-1-1969. ASTRONOMER DOUBTS VISITS FROM SPACE (The Calgary Herald, 8-1-69. Credit: UFO RESEARCH COMMITTEE, Seattle, Wash., September report)

There is "absolutely no scientific evidence" to support the belief that beings from other planets are visiting the earth, a prominent U.S. astronomer said here Thursday.

Dr. Donald Menzel was in Calgary to deliver a lecture on UFOs at the Calgary Centennial Planetarium at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Dr. Menzel said most of the things written about Unidentified Flying Objects were "junk."

"I have solved the vast majority of these cases to my satisfaction and that of the Air Force," he said, while a shortage of vital data -- such as the eyesight of observers -- has prevented the solution of a few cases.

"Many reported sightings are simply the result of eye defects," he said, while natural phenomena like whirlwinds, hoaxes, or simply mistaken opinions account for the rest.

"Many believers rule out stars, planets, meteors, satellites, and airplanes as the reality behind UFOs because of a 'falling leaf motion'," he said. "But this is exactly the kind of thing your eye can superimpose on stationary objects or things moving in a straight line."

A phenomenon known as auto-kinesis results in apparent vibration or irregular

motion -- Dr. Menzel said it could be demonstrated by having a group of people sit in a dark room looking at a stationary flashlight shining through a pinhole in a piece of aluminum foil.

After a few minutes, one of the group will say that it is moving, and the rest are very likely to agree.

Dr. Menzel said many sightings are stimulated by the news media. Reports of UFOs have declined greatly since newspapers stopped carrying reports of sightings in view of the recently-published findings of the Condon report, a \$500,000 study denying the extra-terrestrial origins of UFOs, he said.

While conceding that there may very well be life, and even life more intelligent than man, on distant planets, he said there was no connection between this possibility and the reports of unidentified flying objects.

The reports simply do not contain any scientific evidence to support the belief that intelligent beings from outer space are visiting earth, he said.

Dr. Menzel said that in this age of airplanes and space exploration, visitors from other planets were the "mod" thing to believe in.

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8-1-1969, Melrose, Looking Glass, Ten Mile, Roseburg and Winston, Oregon. UFOs OVER OREGON AND WASHINGTON (Credit: SAUCER MAGAZINE, Bellevue, Nebraska, October issue.)

Numerous objects emitting bright red and green or blue lights were reported seen by more than 25 persons over a period of more than two hours early on the morning of August 1st.

Sheriff's deputy, Gary M. Leis, received a call at 12:24 a.m. that several bright flying objects had been spotted in the above areas by several citizen band radio operators. He was dispatched to the Melrose substation to investigate.

Mr. Leis contacted Gary Sand, Roseburg, who advised him that one of the objects was landing on the Calahan side of Reston Ridge, some 20 miles NE of Roseburg.

As he proceeded to Calahan Road, he also saw a bright white and orange light about three feet in diameter slowly landing on Reston Ridge. Deputy Bill Burdie and Vern Thomas, a CB radio operator of Roseburg, also observed the object, which remained about 20 minutes, then began moving west slowly.

Leis and Burdie then proceeded to Looking Glass where several more objects were reported and observed there just over the top of Reston Ridge heading east. They were white with flashing red and green lights. At the same time another object was being reported near the Winston area.

Deputy Jim Slotter observed several of the reported objects over the Ten Mile area, while he was checking out the Reston Ridge reports.

A pilot landing at Roseburg tried to keep up with a very fast moving object, but could not. It was red and green and very bright.

Around 11:50 p.m. (7-31-69) Mr. A. L. Tomison, 145 NE Broadway, Myrtle Creek opened an east window and saw four brightly lighted vehicles moving in a northerly direction. He, his wife and two granddaughters watched through high-powered binoculars. The objects moved rather slowly and were not very high.

Four of them were flying in a loose formation, Mr. Tomison said, then one speeded up and rapidly disappeared up and northeast. Another made a high loop in the sky, turned south and immediately disappeared. The other two proceeded north till out of sight over the mountains.

With his 20X50 binoculars Tomison he estimated the last two were at least two hundred feet long and brightly lighted along their full length, not just running lights as planes are lighted. They heard no sound of a motor, piston, or jet, and they were not over two miles away.

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8-5-1969, Brownsville, Penn. OBJECT SIGHTED IN SKY (Credit: SAUCER MAGAZINE, Bellevue, Nebraska, October issue)

Several persons reported to the Brownsville police that at 1:45 a.m. they saw a bright shining object shooting through the sky. It then spread, changed into a large ball of fire, and disappeared.

8-7-1969, Ridgefield, Washington. FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED (Columbian, Vancouver, Washington, 8-8-1969. Credit: UFO RESEARCH COMMITTEE, Seattle, Wash., September issue)

Ronald A. Sill of Rt. 2, Box 122, Ridgefield reported to the sheriff's office a ball of light which landed on a hill about three miles from his place. A sheriff's deputy was unable to find anything, and there were no other reported sightings.

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8-7-1969, Schenectady, New York. UFO REPORTED OVER UPPER UNION STREET AREA (Credit: SAUCER MAGAZINE, Bellevue, Nebraska, October issue)

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Radlauer of Schenectady, New York watched an object which they described as a large mass of white light "weaving back and forth slightly." It separated into three smaller "discs" then returned to the larger form. The object flew away, returned into view, then "just disappeared." Mrs. Radlauer noted other motorists had stopped to view the "happening" also.

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8-18-1969, Roseburg, Oregon. NEW UFO SIGHTING REPORTED MONDAY (News-Review, Roseburg, Oregon, 8-19-1969. Credit: UFO RESEARCH COMMITTEE, Seattle, Wash., September issue)

Marvin Craft, 2681 Landers Lane, Roseburg, called the sheriff's office about 11 p.m. to report that he and four others sighted the object with lights of red, green and white.

He said they watched an object through binoculars which was over Mt. Nebo, moving toward Winston.

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9-4-1969, Hermiston, Oregon. UFO REPORTED (East Oregonian, Pendleton, Oregon, 9-4-69. Credit: UFO RESEARCH COMMITTEE, Seattle, Wash., September issue)

City police reported sighting a large UFO about 4:30 a.m. north of Hermiston. It appeared to be about a third the size of the moon and "was giving off a lot of light and appeared to be moving in the direction of Pendleton." It appeared to be at an elevation of 5,000 to 10,000 feet and a ball of light fell from the object as it moved through the sky during the five minutes it was visible.

Hermiston police were alerted by the sheriff's department at Goldendale, Washington, when the UFO was sighted in that area.

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9-4-1969, The Dalles, Oregon. OFFICERS KEEP EYES ON UFO (Republic, Yakima, Washington, 9-5-69. Credit: UFO RESEARCH COMMITTEE, Seattle, Washington, September issue.

An object was first seen at 4:00 a.m. by John Magill, a Wasco County Deputy sheriff who was driving from The Dalles, east of Portland, to Maupin. Magill said he saw an oblong, brilliant light about the size of a flashlight in the sky to the east. He said it moved northerly at low speed.

Law officers in Hermiston, Ore., and Goldendale, Wash., 30 miles north of The Dalles, also said they saw the object.

The object was visible for more than an hour before it disappeared the officers said.

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9-11-1969, Seattle, Wash. BURNING OBJECT IN SKY IS MYSTERY (Seattle Times, Seattle, Washington, 9-11-69. Credit: UFO RESEARCH COMMITTEE, Seattle, Wash., September issue)

A brightly burning object was seen streaking across the sky of the Puget Sound area shortly after 6:00 a.m. It was reported by residents of Seattle, Bellevue, Bainbridge Island, Federal Way and other communities. Most agreed that it was at fairly low altitude and appeared to have blazing pieces dropping from it.

John Engstrom, a United Press International newsman here, described it as a

"Beautiful white-hot ball of fire with huge chunks breaking off the edges."

A motorist near Snoqualmie Pass said it looked like an airplane which had caught fire and exploded.

The State Patrol made a brief search of the area west of the summit but found no trace of a crashed airplane. The FAA reported no planes were missing or overdue.

A man out jogging near his Bellevue area home said it looked like a meteorite or a piece of debris from a satellite.

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9-12 & 13-1969, Muldrow, Oklahoma. RED BALL HOVERS 20 MINUTES IN OKLAHOMA SKY

(Credit: SKYLOOK, Stover, Missouri, November issue)

Mrs. Jean Lamb reports that on September 12 and 13 at 8:55 p.m. she and her 14 year old daughter were sitting on the front porch enjoying the evening when they suddenly saw a huge, red ball of light slightly larger than a full moon in the sky. It didn't move, make any sound, or gradually appear. It was a clear sky and it just appeared. The moon didn't rise until much later.

As they watched, the object gradually faded in color from red to pink to white and took on the shape of a white, fluffy cloud. It never moved. After about 20 minutes it just wasn't there any longer.

The second night Mrs. Lamb assembled her six children and waited. At 8:55 p.m. it appeared again and followed the same routine. The only difference was the sky. It was cloudy.

The red ball was in the western sky at about the eleven o'clock position and appeared "as a penny looks standing on its rim."

The Lamb's have so far not been able to locate anyone else who saw the red ball.

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9-27-1969, Hamilton, Illinois. BRIGHT OBJECT SEEN IN ILLINOIS (Credit: SKYLOOK, Stover, Missouri, November issue)

About 6:30 p.m. Toby Sterne, 15, and his grandmother, Mrs. M. G. Sterne, Sr., saw a bright object across the river north of Keokuk, Iowa.

Mrs. Sterne said it looked like a bright ice cream cone, but Toby, who had more time to observe it, described it as like two saucers lip to lip in a vertical position.

They slowed the car to about 30 m.p.h. and watched the object for three or four minutes. It dropped down at least ten degrees then moved further into the west. They lost sight of it behind some trees, and when their view became unobstructed again, it was gone.

Robert Smulling of Hamilton, Illinois sent the report to SKYLOOK with the comment that the object seemed to move too quickly when there was not that much wind, which would preclude the object being a balloon reflecting the sunset.

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10-7 & 8 & 9-1969, Denver, Colorado. UFO REPORTED IN NIGHT SKY OVER DENVER (Credit: SKYLOOK, Stover, Missouri, November issue)

A formation, traveling soundlessly on a north-to-south course, consisting of a loose V-shape with 10 to 12 lights on each arm was sighted three nights in a row over Denver.

Randall J. Pocius, 17, of 5853 S. Fox Way, and Stephen Field, 15, of 5706 Pearl St. were walking near S. Elati Street and W. Sheppard Avenue when they first spotted the formation travelling an east-to-west course at 7:45 p.m. After about 10 seconds, it turned sharply to the north and after a few seconds it disappeared.

The boys gave statements to the Littleton Police Department, then returned Wednesday night with binoculars and a camera and were rewarded with sighting the same type formation at 8:10 p.m.

Unfortunately their film, which was brought to the News for processing, showed nothing.

On Thursday, a News team waited along with the boys and at 8:00 p.m. the object made its first pass, with a second at 8:15 p.m. The second time two jet planes appeared to be following the formation at a distance.

Stapleton International Airport reported no unusual activity in the area.

The cameras were again unable to record the events due to the speed and low intensity of the object's lights.

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10-9-1969, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma. **FIERY METEOR FLASHES ACROSS MIDWEST** (Credit: SKYLOOK, Stover, Missouri, November issue)

A light in the sky was seen over an area extending from Grand Island, Nebraska to Fort Worth, Texas.

Witnesses sighted the light from 2:15 to about 2:20 a.m.

Descriptions were as follows: Ft. Smith, Arkansas -- A "ball of fire falling rapidly in the northern sky, about the size of a basketball" which disappeared behind some buildings. Another -- as bright as "an arc welding torch," large and moving rapidly. It was "fluorescent green around the leading edge, with the rest of the sphere a hot-white," followed by a long trail of fire.

A woman in Alma, Arkansas heard an accompanying explosion which sounded near her house.

A commercial airline pilot between Fayetteville and Harrison, Arkansas said it lit up his cockpit and was the largest meteor he had ever seen.

Police Capt. Jim Kirk of Cushing, Oklahoma and an auxiliary policeman said the light lasted for 30 to 40 seconds. Kirk said the object was a thousand times bigger than any meteor he had ever seen.

The Missouri Highway Patrol said calls from Des Moines, Iowa to Arkansas reported a tremendous flash and a loud explosion, with each saying the flash was directly over their heads.

A truck driver traveling Interstate 70 reported, "the whole sky just seemed to light up like an arc welder's torch." A huge ball of fire, about the size of a compact car, blue, red and orange, with terrific sparks, exploded about 75 feet above the ground near Solomon, Kansas.

Dr. Van Schmus, who works with the Smithsonian Institution Astrophysical observatory, took pictures which are being processed. He has a 16 camera Prairie network which continually photographs the Mid-western sky.

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10-9-1969, St. Louis, Missouri. **STICKY, WHITE FALLOUT BELIEVED TO BE SPIDER WEB** (Credit: SKYLOOK, Stover, Missouri, November issue)

From Franklin and St. Charles counties in Missouri to St. Clair County in Illinois a sticky, white fallout began at 10:30 a.m.

Scott Air Force Base denied the rumor that the particles were dropped from an Air Force plane to test radar.

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10-15-1969, Auburn, Maine. **BRIGHT POCKET-LIKE LIGHT SEEN IN MAINE** (Credit: SKY-LOOK, Stover, Missouri, November issue)

About 7:00 p.m. several men at an Army Reserve meeting reported having seen a bright light rising, followed by a smoke trail which remained visible for ten to fifteen minutes.

The report appeared in the Lewiston Daily Sun and the Daily Kennebec Journal also reported several callers describing the identical event, which resembled a rocket taking off. The vertical shaft of light was seen in the southwestern sky, moving upward, and trailing a column of smoke that glittered as it caught the rays of the sun which was already over the horizon.

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10-17-1969, Palmyra, Missouri. **SILVERY OBJECT FLOATS OVER PALMYRA, MO.** (Credit: SKYLOOK, Stover, Missouri, November issue)

Mr. Wayne Beaver and Mrs. John Schanz reported a bright object over Palmyra about 1:00 p.m. It was described as silver in color, reflecting sunlight and wobbling slightly. It appeared to be transparent and moved slowly. It was very close to the ground.

It may have been a weather balloon about to drop to earth.

10-18-1969, Stover, Missouri. STRANGE OBJECT SEEN IN STOVER, MISSOURI (Credit: SKYLOOK, Stover, Missouri, November issue)

A strange object was observed about 10:00 p.m. by Mr. & Mrs. Victor Smith and a customer of their drive-in restaurant.

It was describes as round and balloon-like in shape, with a diameter of three or four feet with greenish, red and blue lights. It was about seven feet above the ground, moving in a straight line rapidly from east to west, then suddenly disappeared. Mrs. Smith said the colors were outstanding. A glow made the colors stand out, there were no flashing lights, or bright lights.

It was cloudy with a light rain, but no thunder or lightning. However, a thunder shower followed.

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10-28-1969, New York. SITS ON TRIPOD! GREAT HOME - IF YOU LIKE SAUCER (San Jose Mercury, 10-28-1969, article by Patricia McCormack)

You live in this home that's shaped like a flying saucer. It comes in gundrop colors and sits on a tripod.

When you want to be alone, you press a button and the staircase leading up to the front door retracts. Burglars and uninvited guests can't get in. And the children, when you want them to stay in, can't get out -- unless they use a makeshift parachute.

The best thing about this house that's much like a circle with a 26-foot diameter; it's practically maintenance free. Since everything except carpeting is feber-glass, the housekeeping chores slide to the minimum point.

The exterior, for example, takes on that brand-new look once it's hosed down.

A model of the home is on view at the Total Home Showcase in the New York Coliseum. The manufacturer said it's available, completely equipped, for around \$14,000. Microwave oven, air conditioner, dishwasher and disposer are extra.

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11-1969. MARTIAN MYSTERIES CONTINUE TO TANTALIZE SCIENTISTS (Popular Science magazine, November, 1969.)

Our two Mars probes, Mariner 6 and Mariner 7, provided astronomers with a rich diet of goodies in the form of new data, which computers have been digesting ever since August. The Mariner photos showed large areas of the red planet to have a much-cratered surface strikingly like that of the moon. Now the computers have clarified some previously undecipherable closeups taken by Mariner 6.

These pictures reveal, in the bright region west of the Sinus Meridiani, a totally unexpected Marscape of confused terrain that is like nothing man has seen on Earth, moon, or Mars before. For hundreds of thousands of square miles, precipitous hills and valleys are jumbled together without pattern. And to add to the mystery, this puzzling region is some two degrees warmer than the surrounding area, whereas it should, logically speaking, be cooler.

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11-1969. CONTRADICTING EINSTEIN (Popular Science magazine, November, 1969)

William T. Thomas, Jr. says in Readers Talk Back (Aug) that "Recent studies of the planet Mercury have shown that the velocity of light reflected by it can be increased by twice the planet's orbital velocity."

If this is true, then it seems to suggest the fallacy of the Einstein speed limit (roughly 186,000 miles per second), particularly with respect to light emissions from stars and planets that revolve. Does this not suggest re-evaluation of space distance? And, if so, what effect would the more accurate calculations have on the mass and density of quasars and nebula? Involving as it does so many unknown factors, speculations on the subject appear to be far reaching. (Letter from Ethan Grant, Salem, Oregon)

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11-3-1969. LOS ALAMOS DOES TEST SITE REPORT (Las Vegas Review-Journal, 11-3-69)

The possibility that man first lived on the Atomic Energy Commission's Nevada Test Site more than 11,000 years ago is raised in a report covering 19 years of archaeological investigations at the test site.

The report, published by the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (LASL), operated for the AEC by the University of California, was written by Frederick C. V. Worman, official archaeologist for the Nevada Test Site.

Available from the Clearing-house for Federal Scientific and Technical Information, National Bureau of Standards, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Springfield, Virginia 22151, for \$3 per copy, the report is identified as "Archaeological Investigations at the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's Nevada Test Site and Nuclear Rocket Development Station."

In his 200-page technical report, Worman details and pictures artifacts from 17 specific NTS sites as well as numerous isolated surface finds. The report includes chapters on Test Site biology, geology and history.

In his conclusions, Worman writes: "It appears that man first entered the North American continent on the shores of Bering Strait. Haynes' date of 13,000 years ago seems well in line with dates determined by other workers. The migrations southward reached the earlier mentioned mammoth kill sites during an interval earlier than 9,000 B.C.

"Haynes estimates a period of 500 years for the migration. If, in truth, the Nevada finds were on the migration route southward, it follows that they would antedate the dated sites in New Mexico and Arizona, and a date of 9,500 B.C. for the Nevada Test Site would not be at all unreasonable."

11-5-1969, Ben Lomond, Calif. UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS OVER THE VALLEY. THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT VACUUM OF UFO INFO (The Valley Press, Felton, California 11-5-69 article by Paul Beatty)

A self-luminated object that descended over the Ben Lomond reservoir last year on more than one occasion...

Two high star-like objects that milled around, then hovered--a pattern they repeated many times above Ben Lomond...

A large oval-shaped luminous object which came down with a rapid zig-zag motion behind the water storage tank in the vicinity of the Loch Lomond Reservoir...

Star-like spheres that merged in flight--just south of Ben Lomond...

UFO's. Unidentified Flying Objects sighted in one locale in a period of 18 months. They go unreported, for a number of reasons: not newsworthy (at the time), too kookie, or often never mentioned and kept as secrets in self-defense.

One group believes something should be done about the vacuum of information concerning UFO's--or flying saucers, perhaps.

That group, headquartered in Ben Lomond and Mountain View, is DATA-NET, a two-year-old network of HAM operators scattered across the nation and in Puerto Rico, England, Norway and Australia.

Designed to prevent "lost sightings," DATA-NET with its power station in Mountain View (operated by the organization's founder, Michel Jaffe) can probe any corner of the world.

The organization disseminates its reports and findings in DATA-NET REPORT, a home-pressed publication that is issued monthly to members. Mrs. Josephine J. Clark, 340 Harvard Drive, Ben Lomond, is secretary of the organization and editor-publisher of the REPORT.

Mrs. Clark says, "If it's a solid object, flying and unidentifiable, it's an Unidentified Flying Object, obviously, and the most logical explanation of UFOs at this time is that they are extra-terrestrial.

"I believe that people have met and communicated with these interplanetary visitors. Of course, I discount the kookier reports, but we have received information from South America recently that is not so easy to ignore."

Why a private wire service?

"It's not solely mistrust of government investigations and news media, you understand, but often local stories of sightings never get into the major news stream

and there's no one to gather and correlate this information. Too often, sightings are not even reported in local news.

"As cases in point, there are the reservoir sightings and one instance when a ball of flame bounced off the hood of a car driving on Highway 9. Not a flying saucer in this case, but still a little hard to explain."

The investigation of UFO's, once an Air Force hot-potato coded "Project Blue Book," was passed along (accompanied by half a million dollars) to the University of Colorado. In 1968 the Condon Report (named after Professor Edward U. Condon, who led the study) was released. Whereas the Air Force had left 20 per cent of the unidentified Flying Objects up in the air, the Condon report determined "there is no evidence that UFO's are intelligently guided spacecraft from outer space."

"Conversely, there is no evidence that they are not," insists Mrs. Clark. "The Condon finding is entirely presumptuous. Maybe the psychologists should begin to analyze the skeptics instead of concentrating on the believers. All serious researchers have become convinced by studying the available evidence."

Mrs. Clark states, "Too many reports are lost when they are submitted to disinterested members of the Air Force or the police department."

"DATA-NET requests that duplicate reports be sent to them. Also, we are interested in older pictures, articles and news clippings, and we offer \$25 (which fits within our budget) for an authentic photograph of a UFO."

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11-7-1969, Reno, Nevada. VENUSIAN CLOUDS STUDIED (San Jose Mercury, San Jose, Calif.)

The Desert Research Institute's Laboratory of Atmospheric Physics, north of here, has been given a grant of \$90,000 by NASA to undertake a study of the atmosphere of the cloud-covered planet Venus. They will carry out investigations to help design instruments to be carried on probes which will descend on parachutes through the Venusian atmosphere.

The study will be led by Dr. Patrick Squires who made studies of the atmosphere of another cloud-covered planet, Jupiter, some years ago.

Venus's atmosphere is utterly different from the earth's, consisting almost wholly of carbon dioxide, and with a surface temperature high enough to melt lead.

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11-10-1969, Pasadena, Calif. NEW FORM OF STARS DISCOVERED (San Jose Mercury, San Jose, Calif. 10-10-69)

A new kind of star cluster may be a missing link in the evolution of the universe, California Institute of Technology astronomers reported Sunday.

The new galaxies have tiny, brilliant cores, or nuclei, much like the recently discovered and still mysterious quasars, said Dr. J. B. Oke, staff astronomer of Mt. Wilson and Palomar observatories.

Quasars---short for quasi-stellar or star-like objects---are the brightest, fastest and most distant objects yet found in the universe.

Like quasars, the new galaxies emit very powerful radio signals and appear to be at the visual edge of the universe, billions of light years away. They seem to have spiral arms, as does our own Milky Way galaxy, and thus "may be a missing link in the evolution of the universe."

The extreme brightness seems to come from some violent explosion involving the entire nucleus.

A new device attached to the 200-inch telescope at Mt. Palomar in San Diego County, first discovered the new class of galaxies. The half-ton, \$250,000 instrument, called a 32 channel photoelectric spectrometer, analyzes even the faintest light from distant objects in a way that enables astronomers to tell some of their physical and chemical characteristics. It has 32 photoelectric "eyes" that count tiny bits of light, called photons, and amplifies them so they can be seen.

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11-10-1969, Santa Clara Valley, California. SPACE JUNK LIGHTS UP SKY IN AREA (San Jose Mercury, San Jose, Calif. 11-11-69)

Santa Clara Valley sky watchers apparently had Monday's late afternoon space show all to themselves.

That brilliant burst of light high overhead just a few minutes past 5:00 p.m. has unofficially been identified as satellite debris burning up as it fell out of orbit and into the earth's atmosphere.

Observers in the San Jose Municipal Airport control tower and hundreds of valley residents spotted the brief but colorful glare as the space junk disintegrated.

"All we saw was a very short contrail and then a burst of bright light as the thing seemed to explode. There was a big burst of sparks ... and then nothing. It just disintegrated and we lost sight of it right overhead," said a tower official.

The lifeless satellite remains must have been coming almost straight down with only a slight north-to-south angle, according to trained observers, because it was not sighted anywhere further north.

Immediate reports of a possible mid-air plane collision or explosion was feared because of the jet-like contrail and brilliant explosion, but FAA officials quickly reported there were no planes in the vicinity at that altitude.

It was the second such sighting in this area this year, but the last one was a little less exclusive. It was seen all over the western states.

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11-12-1969, San Jose, Calif. THAT FLASH COULD HAVE BEEN METEOR (San Jose Mercury, San Jose, Calif.)

Lick Observatory astronomers said yesterday that the bright ball of yellowish light which streaked over Santa Clara Valley skies may have been a meteor.

It had earlier been described by airport flight control officers who saw it as resembling space debris being burned up as it sped through the earth's atmosphere.

There still has been no positive identification made on the object, most of the sightings of which came from the valley area, but a few of which came from as far away as Pescadero.

"If it was a meteor, the likelihood is that it was part of two meteor showers that began Nov. 3," an observatory spokesman said.

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