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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?

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.

Any item 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

DATA-NET appreciates receiving all UFO related information. Please continue to submit newspaper clippings, magazine articles, and reports. Also, your suggestions, comments, theories, etc.

We honor confidential requests and will return material if requested.

UFO LIBRARY: Books are available from the Control Station. They are loaned free to members only.

New addition: UFOs OVER THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE. - Michael Hervey
Contributed by VK2SK via WA5RON. --Recommended

THE EDITOR'S DESK

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NETWORK SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY at 2000 Z on 7.263 (LSB) (Please note change)

WB6RPL (Mike) Control, and/or alternate W6BPV (Tom) will call "CQ" from California.
WA5RON (Jerry) Assistant Control will call "CQ" from Texas.
WN4ZRG (Mark) St. Louis, Mo. will call novices and beginners on MONDAY at 2100 Z on 716.8 KC.

KP4CH suggests that if any members or their friends are planning a trip to Puerto Rico any time, they may get in touch with him on 21342 KC for any help he can give them.

Try to make the net. Our on-the-air activities should be the prime source of attracting new members and uncovering fresh ideas.
Stations willing to cooperate by holding skeds, please contact the Control or Assistant Control station.

HAM POSTER

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The Boullia Spheres report was investigated by WA5RON, Texas and VK2SK, Australia; checked and verified by WB6RPL, Mt. View; edited and compiled by Jo Clark and WB6RPL.

THE BOULLIA SPHERES

In 1963 three metal spheres were found in Australia. Frank Edwards, one of the most popular UFO writers, printed his version of the find in his very interesting book, STRANGE WORLD in 1964.

We found that Edwards' version and the facts vary greatly.
We quote in part from the 1964 paperback, STRANGE WORLD, p. 250 & 251:

"One of the most desolate and untrammled spots on earth is the desert of New South Wales in Australia. There, in the region of Boullia Station, a ranger identified by the Australian government as J. McClure, found a 12-pound metal sphere, 14 inches in diameter, on April 8, 1963.

"The second find was made on June 28 at a point about sixty miles from where McClure's discovery had taken place. This sphere, 16 inches in diameter and weighing 18 pounds, was described as made of the same bright metal as the first object, beautifully produced and showing no indication of where the halves of the sphere were joined.

"Still a third metallic ball was found on July 12, near Mulcorina, New South Wales. This one was only six inches in diameter and had a small hole in it, evidently an opening created to enable the contents to function. Beyond that cryptic statement the Australian government announcement gave no further details.

"The Australian Minister of Supply, Mr. Allen Fairhall, told the House of Represent-

tatives on April 30th, that the object had been part of some sort of space vehicle, but that scientists had not been able to open the first sphere with drills, files or hacksaws.

"Australia was admittedly determined to open the spheres and very likely has done so. In that case the riddle of their origin and purpose has probably been revealed. But the findings have been cloaked in official secrecy."

The investigative team of WA5RON and WK2SK went to work on the above. The following letter from the Department of Supply, Canberra, bearing the most honorable seal of Australia, was signed by Mr. A. S. Cooley:

"I am afraid that Mr. Edwards' account is rather far-fetched.

"The first two spheres mentioned have been long since identified by the United States authorities as high pressure gas storage vessels from an Agena launch vehicle, launched by the U.S. Air Force in 1962. The third was nothing more than a balloon-borne target used in tracking exercises at the Woomera range.

"Mr. Fairhall's statement, issued on 30th April, 1963, concerning the first sphere, indicated not that our scientists were unable to open the sphere, but rather that we had not opened it in case its contents might be of interest to the owner, when established. It was later sectioned at our Weapons Research establishment.

"Again, we have no knowledge of any denials from the U.S. or the U.S.S.R. that they had produced such objects. On the contrary, the United States government sought permission to examine the spheres and subsequently was able to confirm that they were of U.S. origin as indicated above.

"Thus, there was nothing at all mysterious about the spheres, nor have any details been "cloaked in official secrecy." Articles written by officers of this department on the two pressure vessels appeared in the "Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets" (U.S.) in 1965 and 1966."

DATA-NET gratefully acknowledges the help from Frank Stewart of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Australia.

An article by Peter M. Twiss, Weapons Research Establishment, Salisbury, South Australia, entitled, "Re-entry of Space Vehicle Fragments" appeared on p. 660 of J. SPACECRAFT, Vol. 2, No. 5, SEPT-OCT 1965.

Mr. Twiss states that on April 8, 1963, a light sphere, 14.75 in. in diameter and weighing 11.5 lb, was discovered in a remote part of Australia; the location was approximately latitude 30° 03' S. longitude 141° 50' E. The sphere was lying on the surface of sandy country that is broken up by some rocky areas. It is not known how long the sphere had been there, since it was found in an infrequently visited portion of a 35,000 acre grazing area, and investigations of the many reported sightings of falling objects which were received following subsequent publicity revealed no relevant information. On June 29, 1963, a second sphere was found approximately 40 statute miles NNW of the first sphere, at latitude 29° 32' S, longitude 141° 34' E. The first sphere, which has come to be known as the Boullia Ball, since it was found on Boullia Station property, has been examined by staff of Weapons Research Establishment (WRE). The second sphere has received only a cursory examination by WRE; it is approximately 16.6 in. in diameter and weighs 21.6 lb.

The Boullia Ball (Fig. 1.) and dimensioned sketch (Fig. 2.) shows the ball is spherical within 0.0006 in. except for the small, slightly flattened area shown and consists of two hemispheres welded together. Considering the weld as the equator, the two bosses are at the poles. One of the bosses is a mounting or locating lug integral with the sphere, whereas the other (also integral) provides access to the interior and carries a threaded portion with a nut. Both bosses carry small amounts of fused metal; the fused metal in the hole through the surface effectively seals the sphere. The thread on the boss and nut conforms to 1 in. 14 turns per inch (TPI) American National Fine; in the condition as found, the nut turned quite freely on the boss but is prevented from turning right off by the fused metal at the end.

In the course of examination, the sphere was sectioned through the poles in a plane at right angles to equatorial weld. The pressure inside was below atmospheric; tests

for halogen gases were negative.

Analysis of the sphere material carried out by the Defense Standards Laboratories (DSL) revealed that it is composed of 90% titanium, 4% vanadium, and 6% aluminium; this corresponds to the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) B265/58T grade V. The fused metal on the bosses at the poles of the sphere is the same alloy with traces of magnesium, aluminium, iron, copper, and nickel. The sphere is covered with a nonuniform surface residue, mainly black in color, and it gives the appearance of having been subjected to high temperatures. Microscopic examination of the structure of the material bears out the belief that the sphere has been exposed to high temperatures.

The over-all impression of a very high quality piece of fabrication in a modern material found in these circumstances led to the suggestion that the sphere came from a space vehicle, and an analysis has been made of the likely re-entry characteristics of such a body to test this belief.

Although all the evidence is circumstantial, there can be little doubt that the Boullia Ball and its companion were once part of a space booster or a space craft. That the balls are of U.S. origin seems certain also, particularly as there are many published photographs and descriptions of U.S. rockets.

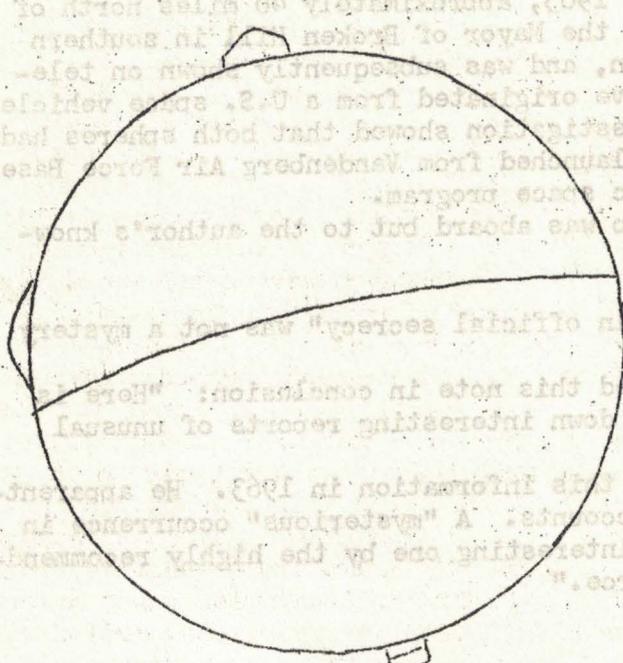


Fig. 1 The Boullia Ball

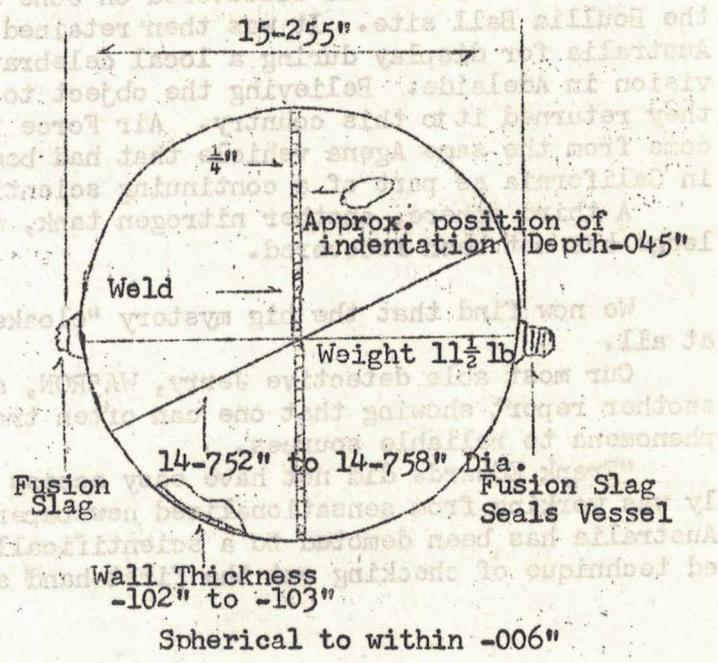


Fig. 2 Dimensions of the Boullia Ball

A further article by Phil W. Merrill, U.S.A.F. Headquarters Space Systems Division, Los Angeles, Calif. appeared on p. 1151 of J. SPACECRAFT, Vol. 3, No. 7, JULY 1966. It supplemented the previous article by P. M. Twiss.

According to Mr. Merrill, the spherical fragment called the Boullia Ball was, in fact, one of three pressure vessels initially carried aboard an Air Force Agena space vehicle built by the Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, Sunnyvale, Calif. This titanium tank, weighing 11.85 lb with an internal diameter of 14.75 in., served to store helium under a system operating pressure of 2500 psi. The gas was used aboard the vehicle to pressurize the main propellant tanks that contained the fuel UDMH and the oxidizer IRFNA. The helium tank is located well forward in the vehicle in what is referred to as the forward equipment section. (See Fig. 1, p. 5)

It is evident that the heat of re-entry does not necessarily destroy all space objects, particularly smooth objects, that re-enter from a near-earth orbit. Additional considerations that may effect survival are the melting point of the material and the amount of shielding structure which may protect an object during the high heating periods of re-entry.

Fig. 1 Profile view of series D Agena showing locations of gas storage tanks.



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A second sphere was discovered on June 29, 1963, approximately 40 miles north of the Boullia Ball site. It was then retained by the Mayor of Broken Hill in southern Australia for display during a local celebration, and was subsequently shown on television in Adelaide. Believing the object to have originated from a U.S. space vehicle, they returned it to this country. Air Force investigation showed that both spheres had come from the same Agena vehicle that had been launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California as part of a continuing scientific space program.

A third sphere, another nitrogen tank, also was aboard but to the author's knowledge has not been recovered.

We now find that the big mystery "cloaked in official secrecy" was not a mystery at all.

Our most able detective Jerry, WA5RON, added this note in conclusion: "Here is another report showing that one can often track down interesting reports of unusual phenomena to reliable sources.

"Frank Edwards did not have easy access to this information in 1963. He apparently was working from sensationalized newspaper accounts. A "mysterious" occurrence in Australia has been demoted to a scientifically interesting one by the highly recommended technique of checking out the first-hand source."

"CO" ...de WA5RON

WARNING! Near approaches of unidentified flying objects can be harmful to human beings. Do not stand under a UFO that is hovering at low altitude. Do not touch, or attempt to touch, a UFO that has landed. Don't take chances with UFOs!

Frank Edwards' warning from FLYING SAUCERS - SERIOUS BUSINESS is not to be taken lightly. Many people have been seriously injured when they attempted to approach an unconventional craft resting on or near the ground.

This past summer a man in Colombia died of radiation poisoning. He died swearing it was caused from approaching within twenty feet of an operational UFO. Farmers' crops in Australia have been burned "from the inside out" by a microwave oven effect or inductive heating from nearby UFOs. Residual radiation was also detected in these cases.

These dangerous emanations from UFO-craft cannot be detected by the human senses. The safest policy would be to never come near an unusual object, but to observe it from a safe distance or call for help.

A valuable instrument for investigators to have, and a good construction project, would be a wide range field detector and survey instrument.

I have built a combination geiger-counter and wide range electromagnetic field detector that can warn of a high voltage alternating current potential, a dangerous radar or microwave transmitter, gamma rays, and radioactivity hazards.

Besides its obvious safety features, this device will pick up the entire spectrum of radio waves, and should allow an observer to detect possible telemetry or radar signals transmitted from the UFO. The powerful emanations from these flying craft that are known to interfere with radio, television, and even electric power distribution systems, can be heard with this instrument and would produce some valuable data possibly leading to a better understanding of the operation and purpose of the UFO.

The instrument I have constructed was built from a geiger counter chassis and case sold by the John Meshna Co., P.O. Box 62 E. Lynn, Mass. 01904. I would recommend obtaining this reasonably priced leatherette carrying case, since it contains a transistorized power supply (better than the pushbutton type), a meter and other parts.

Meshna also sells surplus civil defense geiger counters that would be good for surveying areas of possible residual radioactivity.

The diode used in my unit is a IN23 that works well into the X band microwave region. The amplifier is a 5 transistor unit sold by Lafayette, but a more sensitive unit could be found or built from the junk box and would give better results. The Geiger-Muller tube is a Raytheon CK1026 sold thru Allied and others.

Pumping the button about 10 times on the power supply causes the capacitor to fill up from high voltage arcs across the spark gap. Pumping should not be continued after the G-M tube reaches a potential of 900 to 1000 volts or the accumulated charge will arc across the tube and it will require charging all over again.

The spark gap can be made of two 1/2" pieces of stiff wire bolted to a piece of insulated material. The wire ends are bent to point toward each other and are separated by a gap of 1/16".

The Meshna surplus geiger counter chassis has a transistor power supply which requires no button-pumping or spark gaps. It uses a transistor oscillator which produces steady high voltage current thru a specially designed step-up transformer. The transformer for the push-button power supply can usually be found in old broadcast band radio sets. It is the audio output transformer usually mounted on or near the speaker of B.C. radios. Be sure to connect the transformer correctly. The winding that was connected to the speaker voice-coil is the low voltage or primary side in this power supply.

My unit will pick up radiation from fluorescent lights five feet away. It also detects the E-M radiation from TV sets, automobile ignitions, ham transmitters, radars, and the radioactivity of wristwatch dials.

Such a sensitive instrument should warn the user long before he enters a dangerous radiation field, and should prove valuable in a truly scientific study of unidentified flying objects.

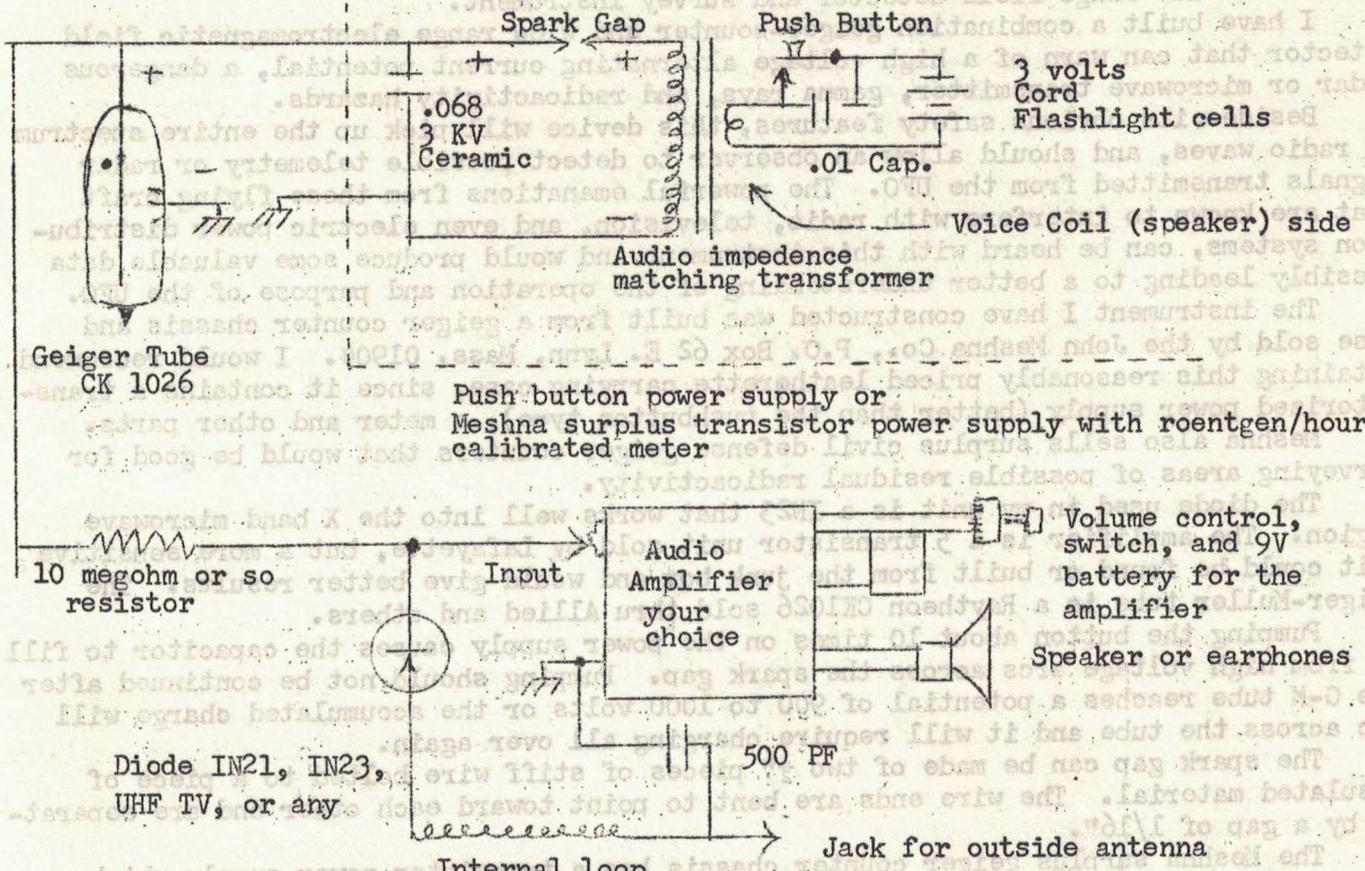
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-- Jerry Johnson, WA5RON

UFOLOGICAL HOROSCOPE

by Frater Jacobus

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19)

You will make interesting new contacts this month. A tall blond man with outer-space boots will ruin those newly-planted begonias and the same evening a perfect stranger will steal your dog. Get some plaster of Paris and a cat.

PISCES (February 20-March 20)

This month you will discover the explanation of the UFO problem in the light of the physics of plasmas. You will immediately set up an experiment to prove your theory. It will blow up in your face. Back to the old drawing board.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You will be in a joking mood this month. Call John Keel and play "Ionization number five" by Edgar Varese into the telephone. Record his comments but say nothing. Then dial Gray Barker in West Virginia and play Keel's comments with a background of the latest Beatle album. Go to the newstand and buy "Alternate Horizons Newsletter." Chances are it's already in there. Look for an article called SUBLIMINAL KEELISMS TERRIFY SCIENTIFIC UFOLOGIST.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You will learn with amazement that the U.S. Air Force has closed down Project

Blue Book. You will be hired as a scientific consultant on a new project called Sitting Duck. Grow a beard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

In broad daylight and in the presence of thirty-two witnesses you will be accosted by three strange men who will come out of a black Cadillac. They will put their fingerprints all over the place and they will give you a letter in their own handwriting. They will hasten to leave. The letter will say: "Do not reveal the fact that we are extraterrestrial agents." Buy a turtleneck sweater.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22-July 21)

You will be very bored this month. You and the other kids will launch laundry bags with lighted candles inside. Within a week twenty Air Force special agents will be in town and jet aircraft will be taking off and landing along Main Street. Hurry to the newsstand and buy the latest book by Major Donald B. Keyhoe (ret.): "THE AIR FORCE KNOWS ALL ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS."

LEO (July 22-August 21)

Your wife will take frequent walks in the TNT area at night, and she will appear quite absent-minded for several weeks. Go to the newsstand and buy the latest "Teenage Confessions." Read the article "I Was Raped By A Mothman."

VIRGO (August 22-September 22)

You will publish a new book called "I CAN EXPLAIN ALL THE NONSENSE ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS AND THE PENTAGON HAD BETTER AGREE WITH ME THIS TIME." You will have a phone call from the Pentagon and you will end up with egg all over your face. Try to explain that to the other fellows back at Harvard.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22)

Unexpected financial difficulties will force you to close your fancy headquarters in Washington, D.C. Do not panic. Announce that you have sensational new revelations to make and request contributions from your membership. Maybe it will work one more time.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21)

This month, you will relay a new message from Mars predicting the end of the world, and you will sell special prayer books for \$1.98 plus tax (California residents add 5% sales tax). If the world does end you will die happy. If it does not, everybody will think your prayers saved the old buggy. Unfortunately you cannot repeat that one too often. Fly to Brazil with the girl next door and find a new gimmick.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21)

This month you will be hired by the Government to write a definitive scientific report on UFOs. Remember, the trick is to hire psychologists and to burn all the old memos.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20)

This week you will see a flying saucer. Best of luck.

CALIFORNIA LANDING REPORTS

1. 11-6-1896. Camptonville. Sun. Landed. Occupants seen.
2. 10-18-1927. Bakersfield. Tue. Landed. Witness-Sweed.
3. 7-8-1947. Muroc Air Field. Tue. 12:00 Noon. Hovered close to the ground.
4. 8-19-1949. Death Valley. Fri. Landed. Occupants seen. Witnesses-Fitzgerald, Garney.
5. 11-2-1951. Mojave. Fri. 11:00 PM. Hovered close to the ground.
6. 5-20-1953. Brush Creek. Wed. 6:30 PM. Landed. Occupants seen. Witnesses-Black, Van Allen.

- 7. 6-20-1953. Brush Creek. Sat. 6:30 PM. Landed. Occupants seen. Witness-Black.
- 8. 4-22-1954. San Nicholas Island. Thu. 2:00 PM. Landed.
- 9. 8-22-1955. Casa Blanca. Mon. 2:00 PM. Landed. Occupants seen.
- 10. 1-18-1956. Redondo Beach. Wed. Landed. Witness-Stidham.
- 11. 6-6-1956. Banning. Wed. 4:30 AM. Hovered close to ground.
- 12. 7-20-1956. Panorama City. Fri. Landed. Occupants seen.
- 13. 11-6-1957. Playa Del Rey. Wed. 5:30 AM. Landed. Occupants seen. Witness-Kehoe
- 14. 12-1957. El Cajon. Landed. Occupants seen. Witness-Rucker.
- 15. 3-14-1958. Healdsburg. Fri. 8:45 AM. Landed.
- 16. 12-22-1959. Oakdale. Tue. 11:30 PM. Landed. Witness-Lindsley.
- 17. 9-1962. Orland. 9:45 PM. Hovered close to ground. Witness-Gray
- 18. 4-30-1964. Baker. Thu. Landed. Witness-Biggs
- 19. 5-13-1964. Rio Vista. Wed. Landed.
- 20. 9-5-1964. Cisco Grove. Sat. 10:00 PM. Landed. Occupants seen.
- 21. 1-30-1965. Manresa Beach. Sat. 2:00 AM. Landed. Occupants seen. Witness-Padrick.
- 22. 10-4-1965. Rio Vista. Mon. Hovered close to ground. Occupants seen. Witness-Valine.
- 23. 3-31-1966. San Francisco. Thu. 6:00 AM. Landed. Occupants seen.
- 24. 8-20-1966. Healdsburg. Sat. Hovered close to ground. Witness-Becker.
- 25. 6-2-1967. North San Juan. Fri. Landed. Witnesses-Spurill, Bradshaw.

JACOBUS JE TE REMERCI!

BULLETIN!

From WABWYW we received the following first-hand report: Location - Columbus, Ohio.

"At approximately 1:00 to 2:00 a.m. on three different nights last winter, around February, 1969, a UFO was seen by my two brothers, my mother and I. The object had a changing pattern of colored lights and appeared cigar-shaped. One of the unusual things about the object was the irregularity of its path and its varying speed. It zig-zagged, looped then zoomed away. It then returned, slowly circled the city and then sped away. We were unable to detect any noise."

Following up the "Morris K. Jessup" case, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan informed DATA-NET:

"Jessup had not been enrolled since 1926.....There is no information about any papers or theses Mr. Jessup may have written while a student here.....Jessup received a master's degree in 1926, no thesis was required.....Although he was working on a doctoral program, he never reached the dissertation stage. No doctoral degree was ever conferred."

Recently DATA-NET received about 30 postcards and several letters written by Mr. Carlos Allende. One letter was twenty-five (25) pages long. All reeked of Keelitis.

As you know, "Keelitis" is the common UFO disease resulting in, "read my next article if you want the truth," which directly leads to, "read my next article.....," etc.....ad infinitum.

In case anyone is interested, Mr. Allende's "secrets" are priced at what a physicist normally earns in 10 years; which is slightly higher than our budget allows!

At least Mr. Keel's gysmstatic writings are a little more reasonable. Only about a buck a month or so. The MIB paranoid poop is always worth a good laugh.

Since Allende has already made the APRO round, he has been referred to NICAP, who, if they raise their dues one more time (not to mention the confidential requests for \$100.00 or more) may soon be able to afford it.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Otto Binder, one of our past favorite authors,

has apparently joined the "pay now, fly saucers later" group.

Mr. Binder's latest appears in SAGA magazine. He used a group of people, now dead, who were at some time involved in UFOs, some only very mildly, and tried to build a conspiracy around their deaths. We feel that in some ways this article is slanderous to the memory of some of those dead men. At the very least it is in poor taste.

Mr. Binder's conspiracy revolves around 2 or 3 suicide victims who were interested in UFOs. The fact is, none of them died in connection with flying saucers. This is akin to saying that because there are more suicides among psychiatrists they are ALL cuckoo, when we know that at least two of them are sane.

We must therefore advise our members that anything written by Mr. Binder is probably of no value to the true researcher.

Lest the term (or title) "true UFO researcher" be misinterpreted, it refers to about 100 people in the United States (perhaps 1,000 on the planet Earth) sincerely interested in solving the UFO mystery. It does not refer to the collector, the amasser, the periodical-passer and the quasi-author a la Adamski, Menger, Keel, Steiger et al.

Due to recent developments DATA-NET wishes to make contact immediately with any member or potential member who has, or has access to, a small private aircraft. Reply immediately!

Anyone having any information concerning ASTROPOWER INC., Long Beach, California please contact us at once!

The new book that has been added to our library this month was received from Australia via the VK2SK - WA5RON link.

"UFOs OVER THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE" by Michael Hervey is well documented and well written. This book will give the student countless sightings from "down under." We recommend it highly.

Jacques Vallee's latest book is called "Passport to Magonia." This is actually two books in one. In the first part Dr. Vallee shows in an excellent manner the parallel between yesterday's myths, fairy tales, goblins, etc. with today's "little people" and occupant cases.

The second part is his capsulated file of 923 known landings to date.

DATA-NET highly recommends that all members have this book in their personal libraries.

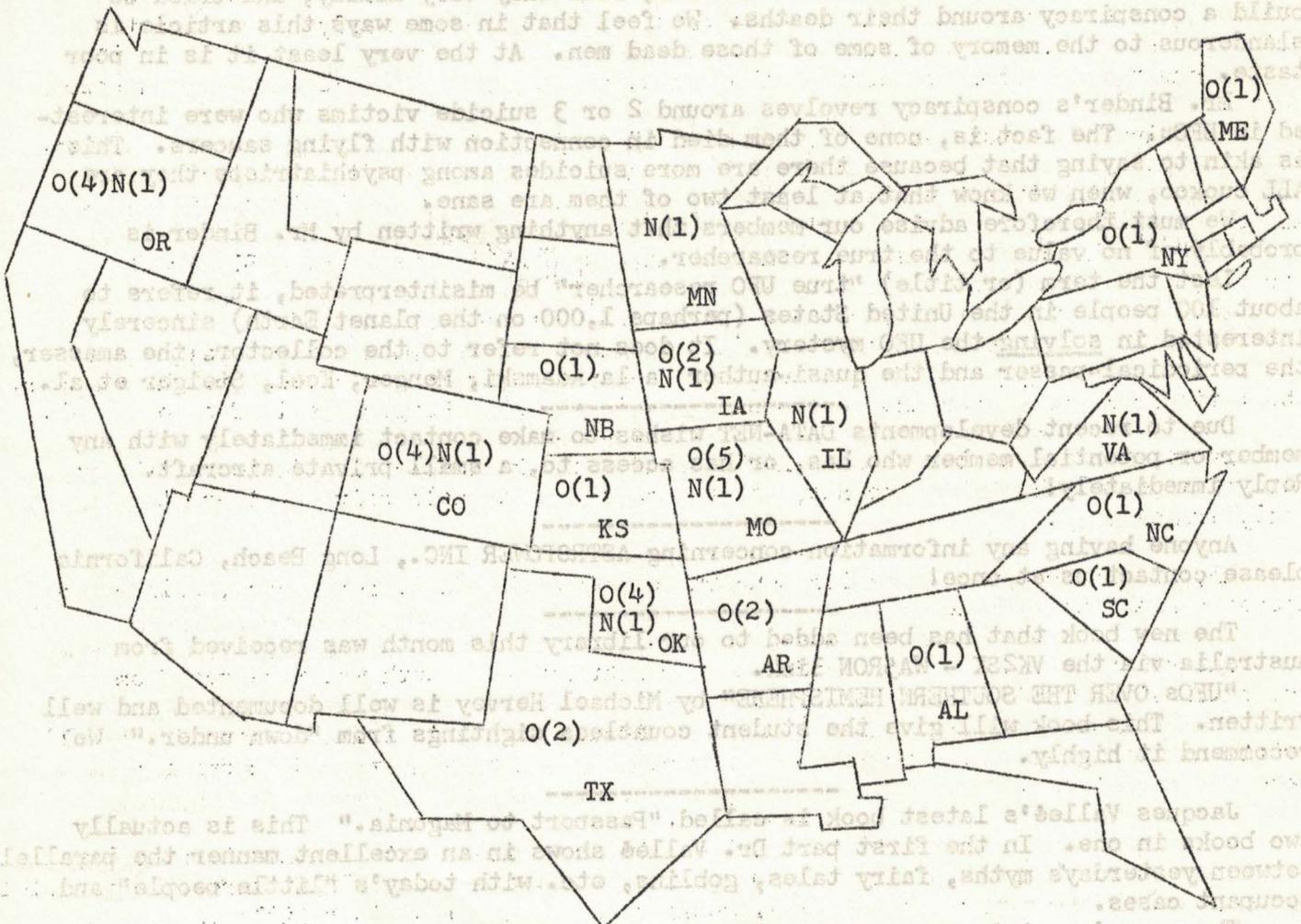
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73 & 88,
Mike Jaffe, WB6RPL

NOTE: Compiling sighting statistics and verifying or refuting sighting reports remains an important function of UFO investigating and researching. As can be seen by the number of incidents occurring each month, the phenomenon continues to surprise and confuse unsuspecting citizens who accept the AF's official negative nonsense.

DATA-NET provides a comprehensive monthly recap of sighting reports for our members convenience and all are chronological by date of occurrence, if known. --Ed.

**OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER
SIGHTING REPORT MAP**



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CLIPPING THE NEWS

SAUCER NESTS:

10-7-1969. Wellington, Australia. RADIATION COOKS AREA OF SCRUB

Scientists from the New Zealand Department of Scientific and Industrial Research are to investigate samples of earth and vegetation from a circle of radioactive scrub in the Waikato area of North Island.

One scientist, Mr. John Stuart-Menzies, said today that early tests on the scrub indicated that as well as being radioactive it had been "cooked" instantaneously from the inside out.

"I know of no earthly source of energy which could have produced these effects," he said.

A circle of bleached white manuka scrub 42 feet in diameter was found on a farm at Ngaitea, Waikato, last month. Inside the circle were three V-shaped grooves in the ground forming a perfect triangle. Every ounce of moisture in the plants had been instantaneously vaporized.

"Some kind of short-wave, high-frequency radiation has cooked the material from

the inside outwards," he said. "A meteorite or lightning couldn't do this, and it has been too sudden for combustion."

Some outside objects appeared to have landed on the spot, and, in taking off, emitted the energy which cooked the plants. (Australian) (Cr: VK2SK & WA5RON)

November, 1969. Hamilton, New Zealand. RADIOACTIVE MANUKA TESTED ON MYSTERIOUS FARM SITE

Manuka from a mysterious circle of bleached scrub found at Ngatea in the Waikato last month is radioactive and has been cooked instantaneously from the inside outwards.

Horticultural consultant, Mr. John Stuart-Menzies of Te Puna, said he had subjected manuka from the 42-foot diameter circle discovered on Mr. B. G. O'Neil's farm to a geiger counter test and found it to be radioactive.

The circle contained three V-shaped grooves in the ground forming a perfect triangle.

The plants were bone-dry and brittle, he said. "This is most unusual in manuka which normally takes a long time to dry out. The energy received has reduced the pith to black carbon, without the outside showing any signs of burning.

"The cells in the medullary rays were burst by the sudden vaporisation of cell sap."

Mr. Stuart-Menzies said the process appeared to have been similar to that employed in the infra-red cooking of meals, but on an enormous scale. (Wellington Evening Post) (Cr: VK2SK & WA5RON)

11-5-1969. Auckland, New Zealand. DEAD SCRUB MYSTERY

New Zealand has been puzzled for the last couple of months by the mysterious appearance of circles of vegetation on widely-separated farms in various parts of the country.

A horticulturist claimed that the scrub was cooked from the inside out and that "no earthly source of energy" would cause such an effect.

Government scientists visited the site some time later and were of the opinion that the cause was saprophytic fungus living in the dead tissue probably following flight.

A farmer who had some of the strange markings on his property denies that fungus attack produces an effect such as described, and says pig rooting does not resemble the marks on his farm.

Two mysterious circles of burned grass appeared on a farm at Kaharoa. The owner was horseback riding and his horse shied and refused to go near the area. A third circle was later found which straddled a fence, leaving the fence undamaged.

Another farmer reported seeing two bright orbs of light following each other low in the western sky one night about the time the circles appeared.

A few days later another burned circle was discovered at Puketutu on a small island in the middle of a pond. A farmer herding cattle to the pond discovered it when the cattle suddenly turned and rushed away. A dog would not drink from the pond, nor would the cattle approach it. (Spectator)

Note: We quote from one of VK2SK's contacts in New Zealand: "...there has been a lot of press comment and TV publicity of the place with scientists poking around and investigating. Finally the Parliamentary Minister of Agriculture issued a bulletin to inform the public that the area had an infestation of some "virus" that had killed off the scrub. The Horticulturist is known to me, as he is a well known member of our Compost Movement, and I have corresponded with him and know he wouldn't be easily taken for a ride without having some idea what was happening.there was a description of an experience by one lad whose car was followed by the UFO and a local Doctor testified that the lad was suffering from very deep shock after the incident and somewhat incoherent. Then there were 2 men returning from a shooting trip when their truck was near the UFO, the lights went out and the motor stopped and would not start again until the "thing" moved on. I would presume it was the "virus" that stopped the truck engine too. This particular area has long been an area where the UFOs periodically show up."

UFO EVENTS:

6-6-1969. Husnes, Norway. UFO REPORTED NEAR HUSNES

According to reports to the military and the police, some people in the vicinity of Husnes witnessed a UFO.

"I was on my way home by car, when I saw a round shining disc which slowly moved down to the woods in front of me," one person said. "The object was stationary only a few yards above the tops of the trees. When I accelerated to drive closer to the object, it began to move again. It disappeared out of sight, but returned. Through binoculars I followed the disc for an hour. The object moved both vertically and horizontally, and several times it was stationary. I didn't hear any sound."

No official explanation has been offered by the experts. (Auro Journal, from J. E. Pettersson) (Cr: UFO CHRONICLE, 26 Churchside, Vigo Village, nr Moopham, Kent, England.)

Note: We received a copy of the UFO CHRONICLE this month for the first time.

The UFO CHRONICLE is a supporting member of the "World Union of Flying Saucer Clubs" which has been organized by Gabriel Green. The W.U.F.S.C. roster includes many of the sensational-theory, lecture-circuit, religious-cult type of UFO groups. We doubt that there are many radio amateurs or UFO solution seekers connected with the WUFSC. This time, we pass. --Ed.

6-10-1969. Manila, Philippines. WITNESSES REPORT ON UFOs IN MANILA

Three farmers submitted separate reports to retired Filipino Air Force Col. Aderito de Leon describing a white low-slung saucer-shaped vehicle landing and taking off near where they were and of two passengers inside. One farmer described the passengers as being Caucasian looking with one about six feet tall. They wore white flying suits without identification and glasslike or plastic-like headgear, the reports stated. The sightings were made at 4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. last November 1st (1968).

On June 10 (1969) at 10:30 p.m. Leonardo de Luna, engineer, reportedly saw a big, yellowish "ball of fire" flashing in the sky, followed by a hovering, blinking red light for about 15 seconds.

All sightings occurred within the vicinity of the Philippine Communications Satellite (Phil-comsat) ground station in Rizal Province 32 air miles east of Manila.

Since De Leon felt the farmer's reports "closely resemble" the Lonnie Zamora sighting in Socorro, New Mexico, he sent his report to Zamora, but made copies available to UPI "in the interest of science."

Col. Patterson of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, visited the station after learning of the incidents, and was openly skeptical after reading de Leon's report. He felt de Luna probably saw "a plane flying over the area." Referring to De Leon's report, he said "we just don't have enough information to make a decision or an investigation."

Patterson said this was the first such report brought to his attention in the Philippines. (Mainichi Daily News, Japan)

7-25-1969. Baralaba, Australia. MAN FOLLOWED BY "VISITORS"

Early in the morning, Mr. Adrian Reimer, a baker, was driving between Biloela and Baralaba when he saw "this bright light in a paddock." He stopped to get a better view and described it as "an upturned tortoise shell."

There were portholes in the side and a mast on top. It emitted a strange humming sound as colored lights flashed around it and now and then a light would flash on in the trees. The "shell" was moving along in a jerking motion, going close to the ground then lifting up again.

As Mr. Reimer sat fascinated, a second "shell" seemed to come from behind the trees. "I was a bit frightened and drove to a property a few miles down the road, followed all the way by a third one that had approached to join the others," he said.

Mr. Reimer's parents and Mr. John Major saw the objects when he arrived home and observed them through binoculars for over two hours. Mr. Major said that one seemed to be the mother ship and glowed with a constant yellow light, while the other two were changing colors rhythmically. (Brisbane Sunday Mail) (Cr: U.F.O.I.C. NEWSLETTER, P.O. Box E170, St. James, Sydney, 2001, Australia)

Note: Mr. Moser, UFOIC Secretary, lectured at the October meeting of UFOIC on "Sighting of UFOs by Astronomers."

At a previous October meeting Dr. L. R. Allen, Physics Dept., Sydney University, lectured on "Radio Waves in the Sky," focusing on radio astronomy. Radio telescopes are so sensitive a large one can detect powerful radio sources at the outer limits of the Universe. Pulsars have been checked for intelligent signals, but to date no results have been achieved. However, by operating with the unique wavelength of 21cm radiation, radio astronomers hope to range further afield in the near future.

Single copies of the bi-monthly UFOIC NEWSLETTER are 20¢. For further information regarding this Australian report, contact Mr. Wm. Moser, J.P., Secretary. --Ed.

10-4-1969. Wagga, Australia. 8 PEOPLE REPORT FIERY UFO

A glowing "flying saucer" descended and hovered over the Riverina in the early hours of this morning, several people reported today. It was seen by eight people six miles apart.

Reports state it hung 500 feet above a lonely paddock where Mr. Lindsay Dillon was driving a tractor on an all-night shift.

Mr. Tony Hocking, the owner, arrived to relieve Mr. Dillon and also saw the object. Both drove to their homes terrified about 4:15 A.M.

Mr. Dillon roused his wife and neighbors, the John Hynes. Mr. Hocking woke his brother, 16-year-old Peter, and the Bob Barks.

From their homes six miles apart a few miles west of Deniliquin, all watched the object for about half an hour and reported the sighting to Deniliquin police.

A Deniliquin police officer said: "Apparently this is fair dinkum, I know Mr. Hocking."

Mr. Dillon said, "It came across the trees glowing completely white, then remained stationary above the tractor. Its color changed to flashing red and green, and it was there for about five minutes. When Tony Hocking came it shot up to about 1,000 feet and changed to white again. I've never been so scared before. I was shaking with fear as I drove home."

Tony Hocking said, "What stuck in my mind was the tremendous brightness of this thing, and its speed. It was so bright it was almost dazzling. When it went behind a cloud it lit up the cloud."

"I couldn't estimate how fast it travelled, but it was certainly faster than a Bceing jet."

Mrs. Bark said that by the time she got out of bed the object was "a good distance up. As I watched, it was descending, then ascending."

Mrs. Hynes said, "Lindsay Dillon phoned me at 4:25 A.M. in a shaking voice. I went out and saw this glowing thing in the sky." (Sydney Morning Herald) (Cr: VK2SK & WA5RON)

10-10-1969. Kazabazua. Canada. SPACE PIRATE? MAN SEES UFO FLYING JOLLY ROGER.

Are UFOs turning hostile? So far sightings have been of peaceful objects. Humming, swinging, pulsating, rocking, buzzing and landing UFOs have been seen in at least three area towns in the past three months. They have been seen fluttering around buildings, landing in fields and following police cruisers and cars.

Yet, there it was, claims a local bushworker, flying past the village sporting the "Jolly Roger."

Ivan McConnell, 57, said he was driving on Aylwin Road, about a mile east of here at 7:00 p.m. when he spotted an object above his car. He stopped and got out.

The object was about 8 feet in diameter, cone-shaped and flying about 200 feet above the ground, he said. "It was mostly white in color. It had a sort of skeleton figure on the side and I could make out some sort of skull-and-crossbones," Mc Connell said.

The UFO was reportedly flying east "at a terrific speed" and making no sound. (Ottawa Citizen)

10-11-1969. Denver, Colorado. YOUTHS SAY UFO SIGHTING IS STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS

Two boys claim the V-shaped object reported October 7 with 10 to 12 lights on each

arm was just a formation of birds.

Bart Rivkin, 14, of 480 Magnolia St. and Richard Farkas, 15, of 6800 E. Sixth Ave. were out walking at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday when they saw about 20 birds flying south in a V-formation about 100 feet above them. They glowed in the dark; the white undersiding of the birds giving a phosphorescent effect from the reflected lights of the city.

The V-formation reported October 7 in the vicinity of S. Elati St. and W. Sheppard Avenue traveled an east-west course for about 10 seconds before turning sharply to the North, disappearing in a few seconds.

A News reporter-photographer team sighted the same silent formation make two passes over the same vicinity on October 9. The formation traveled in a north-south direction and was followed on the last pass by what appeared to be two jet planes.

The News team insisted the formation was traveling too fast for birds, and could offer no reason why two jet planes would be following a bunch of birds. (Rocky Mountain News)

10-11-1969. Murdochville, Quebec. STRANGE PHENOMENON WITNESSED BY WORKMEN

Two employees of Gaspé Copper Mines Ltd., Donald Francis and Ronald Mullin were working during the graveyard shift at approximately 12:20 a.m. While patrolling the discharge pipelines along the top bank of the dam, Mullin saw what he thought was "a shooting star." Mullin was disturbed first by a noise similar to an outboard motor going full speed.

A bright object approximately 200 ft. in the air appeared to be heading toward Donat, and he threw himself to the ground. The object swooped very close, made a couple of turns around the dam area, then headed in an easterly direction.

As it left the area, the motor appeared to discharge a long blue flame and it immediately picked up speed and disappeared behind the nearby mountains, Mr. Francis said.

The object was described as half-moon shaped with what appeared to be a blue wind-shield in front and propellers in the rear. It seemed to float in space for a time, then shot forward like a meteor.

Others confirming witnessing the object were Mr. Vere Coté who was driving near the area when a bright blue flash lit up the sky, and two men who reported seeing the object take off in an easterly direction. (Gaspé Peninsula Voyageur)

10-15-1969. Clacton & Colchester, England. UFO SIGHTINGS

Mr. P. R. Woodward of 120 Spenser Way, Clacton, claims he saw a brilliant white light about 4,000 ft. up as he was travelling from Colchester to Clacton at 6:45 p.m. He stopped his car and got out to watch. The object made no sound, as it approached he realized that instead of one, there were four smaller lights, with the inside two brighter than the outside ones.

A Standard reporter saw a similar group of lights at the same time while walking along Harwich Road, Colchester. "The lights seemed to appear over Wivenhoe," he said, "and then moved across Colchester, perhaps to the south of the town. I dismissed the lights as those of an aeroplane." (Essex County Standard)

10-21-1969. Bournemouth, England. THE 'FLYING JELLYFISH'

Alastair Mackenzie, Lt. Comdr., Royal Navy, followed up an earlier article by a letter to the "Bournemouth Evening Echo" to present a more complete account of the incident. Mackenzie and his family's sighting occurred at 7:45 p.m.

A 6 - 9 inch diameter object hovered at about 30 feet, 8 feet from the south of his hotel. It was translucent, greyish-white, eerie looking and pulsating at its center. They observed it closely for about 30 seconds before it silently moved off, first slowly, then rapidly, in a southerly direction. (Evening Echo)

10-28-1969. Mobile, Alabama. TWO STUDENTS SPOT UFO IN WILDWOOD

Cedric Sutherland and Jerry Talbert, Mobile College students, were driving along Raines Drive in the Wildwood subdivision at 10:15 p.m. when they watched what they thought was a low flying plane, till it began descending at great speed. It descended at a 45 degree angle with red lights flashing, then apparently landed in a vacant lot.

They called the police, and after a thorough search all they could locate was flattened grass and two small broken pine trees.

The object was described as approximately 35-50 ft. in diameter and 15 ft. high, circular, with luminous raised panels encircling the exterior and lights surrounding the top and bottom of the object. It appeared to be constructed of a dark gray material, and the panels were shiny. They estimated they were as close as 150 yds. The vehicle made no noise.

Patrolman G. L. Presnall said Sutherland told him that it was coincidental that he was doing a paper for school on the subject of flying saucers at the time. He said the ten to fifteen foot pine trees in the area showed no signs of being broken. (Register)

10-29-1969. Canton, New York. UFO SIGHTED

Bruce Cupual, ATC student, reported he and other students sighted a UFO from his window in the East wing of his dormitory. The UFO displayed vari-colored lights.

The village police sighted an object, apparently motionless just above the horizon in the east. It was later sighted further south but still just above the horizon. Potsdam police also received a call reporting the object. (Watertown Times)

11-3-1969. Cedar Falls, Iowa. YOUTHS TELL OF SEEING UFO

Daryl Whitehead, 16; Dan Tedlie, 17; Tom Neessen, 17; Steve Ker, 16; and Jerry Sires, 16 reported seeing an object with three big red lights "bigger than street lights, and a red glow, shortly after 9:00 p.m. It was sighted over South Main Street.

Cedar Falls police, the Iowa Highway Patrol, and the Waterloo Municipal Airport were notified, but were unsuccessful in tracking it. (Record)

11-4-1969. Provost, Alberta. SEEN AROUND TOWN

The "SEEN AROUND TOWN" columnist spotted a UFO at 6:05 p.m. while walking home. At first he thought it was an airplane identified by its flashing red port-side navigation light, flying about 500 feet, until he realized that it wasn't on any particular course, not moving very fast, and silent. In fact it seemed more like a hovering helicopter. He stopped to observe more carefully and noticed that the light was not red and not flashing. It was pulsing at irregular intervals and was more orange. No other lights were visible. After a few minutes it began to move parallel to the tracks in a westerly direction.

He got his camera and car from home and started to chase it, as it moved more rapidly to the south-west. He headed toward Cadogan, but lost the red light as it got dimmer before disappearing about over the Links Ranch.

It was a very dark night, with a high altitude haze through which the stars shone dimly in contrast to the low, fairly large orange-red pulsating light. (News)

11-6-1969. Lynchburg, Virginia. COUPLE REPORTS FLYING OBJECT

A large, bright, fast moving object was seen to span the sky in a matter of minutes by Mr. & Mrs. John Capron of Locust Hill off Boonsboro Road.

Mrs. Capron said they watched it for "two to three minutes" as it came out of the Tobacco Row Mountain area in Amherst County and traveled southeast before disappearing. It was very large and white, and was not a search beam or an airplane. It appeared to be very high and did not vary its speed. It was sighted between 7:25 and 7:30 p.m.

The Lynchburg police and the Fire Department received no reports, however Capt. N. E. Smoot, chief of the city's fire-prevention bureau said an object was sighted about a year ago that burned a circular land area an acre across behind the old Odd Fellows Hall off the Lynchburg Expressway.

Smoot said the object probably was a flare, judging from the particles that were discovered during subsequent investigation. (Daily Advance)

11-11-1969. University City, Missouri. TWO TEEN-AGERS FRIGHTENED BY MYSTERY LIGHT IN SKY

Joseph Miller, 19, of 7357 Melrose Ave., and Miss Barbara Knehans, 19, of 7011 Lindell Ave., reported to University City police that they were frightened by a huge

light in the sky which followed them along Price Road. It was "very bright and white in color, around 30 feet long, with red and pink lights," they said.

The teenagers were driving along Price road about 11:00 p.m. The object was high up and "looked like a star," Miller said, then it "came to about 10 feet over the car. I got scared and Barbara started crying." As they turned onto Delmar Blvd. it took off in a westerly direction without making any noise.

No other reports were received by either the University City or Ladue police departments. Officers surmised they had seen landing lights on the nose wheel of a jet entering the flight pattern of Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport. (St. Louis Globe-Democrat) (Cr; J. Schuessler)

11-12-1969. New Ulm, Minnesota. SHERIFFS CHASE FLYING SAUCERS

Journal staff writer Gene Kiecker reports that shortly after 2:00 a.m. Watwan Deputy Sheriff Ernest Tande said he spotted "a big flashing red light not very far off the ground."

"At first it didn't move. Then it began to travel over towards the TV tower at Godahl. It stopped again, then started in a southwesterly direction." When it was directly west of him he called Steven Benson of the St. James Police who also saw it. Then it went northeast toward New Ulm at less than 100 ft off the ground, stopping at the west edge of Hanska. Tande approached within a couple of miles of the object, and was sure it wasn't an airplane. (Journal)

11-13-1969. San Luis Obispo, Calif. LIGHT BALLS IN SKY NOT OURS -- VANDY

Bright orange-colored objects in the night sky over San Luis Obispo caused much speculation on their origin. Vandenberg Air Force Base could offer no other help than to say that two Bomarc missiles were fired at 5:45 and 6:20 p.m., but they doubted they would cause such pyrotechnics in the sky. (Telegraph-Tribune)

11-15-1969. Commerce, Oklahoma. ANY OTHER UFO REPORTS?

Charley Roberts of Commerce called the News-Record and reported watching a bright orange object for 15 to 20 seconds about 6:10 a.m. It moved slower than a meteor or shooting star, from east to west. He watched it from a window of his house, then rushed outside, but it was gone. The lights bore no resemblance to airplane lights, he said. No other reports have been received by the News-Record, or local officials. (News-Record)

11-27-1969. Medford, Oregon. BOYS REPORT SEEING MYSTERIOUS OBJECT

Mrs. Luther Gann, 11120 Blackwell Road, reported to police that at 6:05 p.m. her two boys came running into the house. Ray, 14, and Alan, 12, described an object about 300 feet away. It had a bright red light on as it whirled and hovered over the trees. Then it turned toward them and showed bright white lights before disappearing behind some trees.

A spokesman at the Medford and Jackson County Airport tower said he doubted if a weather balloon would whirl and hover, even though it is equipped with red and white lights. (Mail Tribune)

11-30-1969. Quincy, Illinois DID YOU SEE UFO ON NOV. 30?

A bright UFO was reported to have swooped down over a car near Quincy on Nov. 30 causing the car to lift off the highway.

A couple and their 11 year old son spotted a bright object flying parallel to their car while driving on Route 96 between Payson and Plainville shortly after dark. For about 2 miles the object kept pace with them at about 60 mph, staying about 200 yards distant. Then it suddenly executed an abrupt right turn and came straight across the highway, dipping down and passing about 50 feet above the car before it pulled up and disappeared over a row of trees. The car was lifted about 10 inches off the road, settling down with a "thump."

All three riders described the object as disc shaped with a neon-type red light on the side which made no noise.

Walt Andrus, one of the most active members of the TRI STATE UFO STUDY GROUP, along with other members, is hunting for other persons who might have seen such an

object that night. He says several similar incidents have been reported in the county.

Anyone seeing such an object is asked to call Andrus at 222-8374 after 6 p.m. (Herald-Whig) (Cr: W9KRC)

12-1-1969. Muscatine, Iowa. UFO SIGHTED

Burdette Petti, 318 Green St. reported seeing a bright blue light and a red flashing light over the Mississippi river bridge about 10:29 p.m. (Journal)

UFO GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

12-17-1969. Washington, D.C. PROJECT BLUEBOOK ABANDONED

The Air Force ended its investigation of UFOs today. Robert Seamans Jr., secretary of the AF said in a memorandum to the chief of staff, Gen. John D. Ryan, that the continuation of its program to check into the flying object reports "no longer can be justified either on the grounds of national security or in the interest of science."

Project Blue Book has investigated 21,618 sighting reports at a cost of several million dollars since its start 21 years ago. Only three people manned the project's headquarters. Their records show that flying saucer reports hit a peak of 1,501 in 1952. Last year there were 375 reports submitted to Project Blue Book and so far this year there have been only 146 reported sightings.

Both a NAS Committee and a group at the U.C. concluded that further studies of "UFOs" or "unknowns" are a waste of time and money. The National Academy of Sciences said, "On the basis of present knowledge, the least likely explanation of UFOs is the hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitations by intelligent beings." (San Jose Mercury & St. Louis Globe-Democrat) (Cr: J. Clark & WN/ZRG)

UFO COMMENTS & OPINIONS:

October, 1969. Pittsburg, Penn. UFOs POP UP HERE DESPITE OFFICIAL NO-NOS

"We will keep plodding until we find an answer," Maj. Joseph J. Jenkins, director of field investigations at the UFO Research Institute, Downtown, said.

Jenkins said reports have declined since the Condon Report, possibly because people are reluctant to report UFO sightings. One woman asked that her application for UFO information be returned after reading that the Condon Report decided UFOs did not exist. Others have ignored the report however and 100 reports have been filed at the UFO Institute since January, many from within the city limits, and all from within surrounding counties. (Press) (Cr: M. Herbstritt)

10-29-1969. Riverside, Calif. PHYSICIST URGES LESS LAUGHTER, MORE SERIOUS ATTENTION FOR UFOs

Speaking at the University of California, Stanton T. Friedman blasted the AF for "deception" in its treatment of UFOs and called for "lifting the laughter curtain."

Friedman asserted, "we have been visited by intelligently controlled vehicles from outside earth." He stated that the AF is guilty of "dishonesty or a credibility gap - whatever you want to call it" for stating that all UFO sightings can be explained by "conventional phenomenon under unconventional circumstances." (Press)

10-30-1969. Waterloo, Ontario. EXPERT ASKS PUBLIC TO REPORT ALL UFOs

Dr. J. Allen Hynek expressed concern that despite the fact that sightings are still being made daily, nothing is being done about it. He asks that people report UFO sightings.

"UFOs cause some laughter among people when they talk about the subject, but this giggling simply shows people's anxiety about the situation," Hynek said. (Kitchener Waterloo Record) (Cr: W9DDJ)

12-10-1969. Oregon. UFO STUDY SHOULD CONTINUE

Dr. Hynek, a guest speaker at the Lewis & Clark College, was asked about UFOs by a reporter. "It is important to continue the scientific studies of UFOs," he said. "It is the duty of scientists to document, observe and examine all data, not shove it under the carpet. UFOs may be probes from some cosmic NASA," he stated. (Journal) (Cr: L. Bartsch)

12-26-1969. Boston, Mass. SCIENTISTS' SYMPOSIUM. A SOBER LOOK AT UFOs

Anyone who thinks the UFO issue is dead should look to the sober members of the American Association of the Advancement of Science.

After all the talk and controversy of the past two decades; after the famed "Condon Report" that hit the best-seller lists earlier this year; after the official abandonment of the Air Force's "Project Bluebook" UFO investigation--the mystery of unidentified flying objects is still very much a lively corpse.

Most scientists still believe that the extra-terrestrial space ship idea is about as valid as the "Santa Claus hypothesis."

They do believe that the UFO field is a fruitful one for research into why rational people, including scientists, behave the way they do when mysteries occur.

They symposium included astronomers, physicists, meteorologists, sociologists, psychologists and psychiatrists -- 57 varieties.

All expressed serious alarm at reports that the Air Force is putting its records of 21 years of UFO investigations into dead storage or destroying them rather than keeping them.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek feels this destruction of raw scientific data is unpardonable and that all of it should be unclassified and opened for inquiry. "When a scientist wants to go back and look at any subject he doesn't go back and read the summary reports. He looks at the original data," he said.

Dr. Robert Hall, professor of sociology at the University of Illinois said, "The night sky is full of ambiguous stimuli, and people generally have a power need to reduce ambiguity." The result, he said, is to establish "systems of belief" that seem to explain phenomena scientifically but really don't at all."

Dr. E. U. Condon of the University of Colorado, who led a \$500,000 investigation which found UFOs to be non-existent, had appealed to Vice President Spiro Agnew for help in keeping "such nonsense" off the program of the annual meeting of the AAAS. Asking Agnew to intervene did not work, and the program continued as scheduled, even though it offered no comfort for last-ditch believers in flying saucers.

Most speakers showed a keener interest in explaining the mental processes of flying saucer believers than in the remaining possibilities of objects flying in the earth's atmosphere which can't be identified or explained as atmosphere phenomena of one kind or another.

Dr. Lester Grinspoon, Harvard psychiatrist: "Various mental disorders permit their sufferers to accept illusions and hallucinations as real. But mental illness is not required for faith in fantasies."

None of the scientists thought any UFO has represented visitors from outer space, but many were interested in the small percentage of unexplained sightings because they may be the result of physical phenomena -- like quirks in the atmosphere -- that science does not understand. They also might shed a good deal of light on the social and psychological phenomena -- mass hysteria, individual psychopathology -- which have made hundreds of people see and report strange objects in the sky.

The Air Force plans to move its records from Wright-Patterson AFB to Maxwell AFB, except for the secret records. (San Jose Mercury & San Francisco Chronicle) (Cr: J. Clark & WB6RPL)

12-29-1969. Washington, D.C. A NEW TURN FOR "FLYING SAUCERS"

The U.S. Air Force on December 17 sought to write "finis" to concern about flying saucers. It may prove to be a task the military cannot bring off.

The national preoccupation with flying saucers seems likely to go on and on. The National Investigations Committee for Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) -- which claims 10,000 members -- said the AF decision would only pave the way for a fresh and more thorough scientific study.

UFOs, the organization said, "can now be given the serious, scientific attention they require, free from military considerations." (U.S. News & World Report) CR:WA5RCN)

MOON, MARS, VENUS, ETC. & ASTRONOMY:

11-13-1969. Atlantic City, New Jersey. LIFE ON MARS?

Dr. Harold C. Urey, a NASA consultant, warned that hostile life on Mars might

prevent the first men traveling there from returning. (Arkansas Gazette) (Cr: SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Missouri 65078)

Note: Mrs. Norma E. Short, Editor of SKYLOOK, notes that Lou Farish, a SKYLOOK staff member, is curious to know what prompted Dr. Urey's statement. Perhaps they will secure further information for a future issue.

SKYLOOK continues "telling it like it is" every month. All correspondence regarding SKYLOOK should be addressed to Mrs. Norma E. Short. --Ed.

12-6-1969. WHAT CAN LUNAR GARDEN GROW? SCIENTISTS PROBE MOON MYTHS

From earliest times there has existed a belief that the moon exerts a definite and realistic influence, not only upon the earth (the pull of the tides), but also upon the physical welfare and serenity of man, and the growth and development of all plant life.

The subject of planting by the moon may have an answer from a report by Dr. Charles H. Walkinshaw of the Forest Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. He is reporting on various findings of the first comprehensive botanical tests using moon dust. His team is attempting to evaluate effects of lunar material on more than 30 species of plants grown under sterile conditions at the NASA lunar Receiving Lab. in Houston.

Seedlings of plants such as tomato, bean, wheat, and pine were challenged with lunar material and all survived. In some instances, they appeared to grow healthier and better than those not receiving treatment. This unusual growth was most noticeable in liverworts. No microbes were detected in the pulverized moon rock used on the plants.

Dr. Walkinshaw explained, "Plants cannot grow in moon dust alone because it lacks sufficient nutrients. But if proper nutrients are added, it might serve as a good medium." He also said that the moon dust is unique both from a geological and biological standpoint. It has a high titanium content, is low in potassium and sodium, and appears to lack organic matter.

Also, from other sources, we have learned that moon rock has considerable magnetic qualities.

Ancient philosophers and many gardeners attest to the results of planting by the moon. They believe the moon, in its monthly revolution around the earth, passes through 12 zones or signs of the zodiac, which is an imaginary belt in the heavens encircling the earth at right angles to its axis as related to the sun; thus the zodiac belt does not coincide with the equator which is a right angle to the north and south pole axis.

The influence of the moon varies according to the sign in which it happens to be at the time of planting or other gardening.

In general, plants which bear the harvest above the ground benefit if planted during an increasing moon -- up to the time of full moon. Plants that yield a crop below the ground do best if planted during a waning moon -- after it is full. (The P.I.)

12-7-1969. Washington, D.C. NEW DATA STRETCHES IMAGINATION

The space agency reported evidence yesterday that the universe may be "several times larger than previously supposed."

It also may be "open" instead of "closed" (as Albert Einstein thought), and perhaps it won't start collapsing catastrophically upon itself a few trifling scores of billions of years hence.

The Orbiting Astronomical Observatory (OAO2) was launched a year ago on Dec. 7 by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

OAO2 has been reporting visions of the universe seen in ultraviolet light which does not penetrate Earth's atmosphere.

Many distant galaxies are much brighter in ultraviolet radiation than scientists had supposed, NASA said. In fact "they must be very far away, perhaps several times farther than was previously assumed."

An increasingly popular theory among astronomers is that all matter in the universe once was condensed in a fantastically dense "atom" which exploded about 10 billion years ago. The outwardly flying fragments, since coagulated into galaxies, constitute the presently "expanding universe."

According to this theory, the universe can hardly be more than 20 billion light

years in diameter. But OAO2 seems to be suggesting that the universe is "several times" that big.

If the necessary amount of inter-galactic matter exists to support the "oscillating universe" idea, it is not detectable in ultra-violet.

If it doesn't exist, the universe is "open" rather than closed, and can go on expanding indefinitely without danger of dying and being reborn in a gigantic fireball every 80 billion years or so. (Seattle Post-Intelligencer)

12-10-1969. Oregon. U.S. MOONBASE SEEN AS NEXT IMPORTANT SPACE VENTURE

Dr. Willard F. Libby, director of the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics at the University of California was one of 15 of the country's leading scientists speaking before the Thomas Alva Edison Foundations's 14th Education Convergence at Lewis and Clark College. Dr. Libby predicts the U.S. will establish a moonbase as the next meaningful venture in space. Such a base could establish a chemical factory to develop propellants for further space probes and could manufacture new metals because of the absence of air and gravity. (Oregon Journal) (Cr: L. Bartsch)

MISCELLANEOUS:

December, 1969. Ogallala, Nebraska. SAUCER DECOY

Mayor Paul Cassel said, "If the planet earth is under surveillance by flying saucers from outer space, we feel its only logical they will land at a spot where there are decoys."

Ogallala painted their new water tower with fluorescent paint and at night with its intricate lighting it resembles a flying saucer. People had been reporting an object with revolving orange lights, a green fluorescent glow and there were figures peeping from its eight portholes.

Mayor Cassel hopes "it will draw travelers, not only from outer space, but from the planet earth." (Cr: SAUCER MAGAZINE, 1911 Main Street, Bellevue, Nebraska 68005.)

Note: Subscriptions to SAUCER MAGAZINE are now \$3.00 a year. Their publication is issued monthly. For information write to Mark Bouge, Editor & Publisher. --Ed.

12-9-1969. Bogota, Columbia. 40 PERSONS DIE

More than 40 persons, most of them children, have died of gastro-enteritis in the past 72 hours at Fundacion, in Magdalena State on the north coast. (San Jose Mercury) (Cr: J. Clark)

Note: Please refer to "DID SAUCER CAUSE DEATH" on P.7 of the Dec. DATA-NET REPORT. ---Ed.

12-22-1969. Colorado Springs, Colorado. AIR FORCE PREDICTION

The AF agency which keeps track of objects orbiting the earth predicted nearly 4,000 space objects would be circling the earth by the end of the 1970s.

Officials of the Aerospace Defense Command add their projection was based on launching capabilities of world nations, present and future. It said more than 1,800 objects are now orbiting earth. (AP) (Cr: W6BPV)

THE MAIL BOX

DATA-NET:

In this discussion of Ted Serios (Dec. 1969, P. 19), I would tend to be more suspicious of the TV cameraman and Mike's friend than I would be of Ted Serios! Did they confiscate the cellophane picture that they claim he used? If Ted did use such a device, did they explain how he got an image on the film without the benefit of a lens?

-- Bob Achzehner, W9AUT

Bob:

Serios keeps a stein of beer on hand while he "works." Perhaps it is a case

of "beer and cellophane!"

---Editor

DATA-NET:

The "mechanical" theory to which you referred (Dec., P. 3) was something I personally contrived in order to show how utterly flimsily constructed a theory can become when one interpolates facts to a greater degree than would seem safe. Anyone can create a possible theory -- the trouble is, can one create a probable theory based on the facts known, without extrapolating too greatly?

---Joseph M. Erhardt, Editor

UFO CHRONOLOG

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I am most impressed with the work of DATA-NET.....A cursory reading alone netted three items of great interest that we were quite unaware of: an ice fall, "USO" (unidentified submerged object), and a list of UFO sightings by astronomers mentioned by the UFOIC Sec'y.

Is the DATA-NET REPORT available to non-Ham operators?

---Paul J. Willis, Secretary/Editor

INFO

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---Editor

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---Jerry Johnson, WA5RON

Jerry:

If you build it -- we'll install it!!

---Editor

SHOP & SWAP

WANTED, FOR SALE, and/or TRADE: Have tubes, many industrial types. Want SWR bridge and keyer. Will add cash to balance -- or all cash. --WNØZRG, Mark Richardson, 7616 Suffolk, St. Louis, Missouri 63119.

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