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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 identification cards have been mailed to all members. A small photograph may be affixed to one corner by means of a photo stamp. Your picture, perhaps seated before your rig, would be handy for QSL cards and correspondence also.

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DATA-NET recommends that SKYLOOK become a permanent addition to your library of current UFO news publications.

Subscriptions are \$4.00 per year, sample copies .35¢. Editor and Publisher, Norma E. Short, Box 129, Stover, Missouri 65078.

The INFO Journal probes all types of Fortean phenomena which can not as yet be separated from the total UFO phenomenon. DATA-NET highly recommends this interesting, well-written and informative journal. INFO is published quarterly for \$1.00 a copy or \$4.00 per year. Paul J. Willis, Secretary-Editor, P.O. Box 367, Arlington, Virginia 22210.

THE APRO BULLETIN, published bi-monthly by the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Inc. presents thoroughly researched and investigated reports of UFO happenings around the world. Subscriptions \$6.00 per year. APRO, 3910 E. Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona 85716.

The UFO CHRONOLOG contains excellent source material for those compiling statistics regarding a particular characteristic. By the EDIS SYSTEM, Mr. Erhardt reduces sighting information to a two-to-three line coding of all pertinent facts. The bi-monthly UFO CHRONOLOG is edited and published by Joseph M. Erhardt. Subscriptions are \$2.50 per year. Sample copies .45¢. 43 Richland Drive, Newport News, Virginia 23602.

SAUCERS SPACE & SCIENCE, published quarterly, focuses on the Canadian scene. The pages are liberally sprinkled with illustrations and many of the sightings are conveniently located on area maps. SS & S was established in 1957 by Gene Duplantier, an "old-timer" in the field of UFO phenomenon. Gene Duplantier, Editor, 17 Shetland Street, Willowdale 443, Ontario, Canada.

SAUCER MAGAZINE is publishing unbiased saucer news. The editor has improved the magazine considerably in the last few months and we found it informative and interesting. Monthly - \$3.00 per year. Mark Bouge, Editor, 1911 Main St., Bellevue, Neb. 68005.

THE EDITOR'S DESK

Now that the government has concluded that UFO phenomena have been satisfactorily explained by the Condon Report, opinion is divided over the scope of future UFO press coverage.

Since DATA-NET seeks solutions, rather than opinionated conclusions, we must acquire whatever data is necessary to arrive at those solutions.

The most beneficial data for analysis would be close-range observations of UFO phenomena by competent people who are thoroughly familiar with the subject.

We are confident that DATA-NET members meet the above requirements; all that remains is for them to be in a position to observe the phenomenon and accurately record the event. Naturally, this presents many problems, the most significant of which is acquiring an early warning system.

An ideal warning device that can be utilized in the home is the magnetic UFO detector which signals an unusual aerial disturbance.

Several inexpensive magnetic UFO detectors are available, such as the "Saucer Seeker," developed by Bob Allan, and the UFO detector developed by L. J. Lorenzen and Richard C. Gerdes of APRO. Both are home built devices and appear to be excellent. These detectors can be assembled for approximately \$6.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

A pre-assembled detector called the "SENTRY" is available for \$10.00 through Aerial Research Systems.

Another excellent early warning system can be utilized by enlisting the cooperation of organizations operating on a 24-hour basis which are most likely to receive UFO reports, such as: (1) Police departments, (2) Highway Patrol stations, (3) Civil Defense headquarters, (4) CB monitoring organizations, (5) Local Newspapers, (6) Local Radio Stations, (7) Local Federal Aviation Administration offices, and (8) Forestry or Fire departments.

We suggest that members who have not already done so, prepare NOW. Install a UFO detector in your home and visit, or write, the agencies in your area who are likely to

receive UFO related reports. Alert them to the fact that you are participating in the UFO Amateur Radio Network, and ask them to call you (day or night) if anything is reported to them.

Upon being alerted to the presence or the approach of a UFO, and most importantly, a possible landing or physical evidence, TAKE ACTION FAST.

A. Make an attempt to reach the scene while the event is occurring and keep a log of all pertinent facts. It would be helpful to take a partner along to record and verify all information.

B. Attempt to alert other possible witnesses in the line of flight, or in the area in which the phenomenon is occurring.

C. Try to obtain photographs or any physical evidence for scientific analysis. Utilize your mobile radio communications, portable tape recorders, cameras, binoculars, and telescopes.

D. Interview the principals and all witnesses whenever possible.

E. Notify DATA-NET via the Control Station, the alternate control, assistant control, or the editor-secretary as soon as possible whenever a significant event occurs involving a landing, photographs, or any type of physical evidence.

When a nationwide network of alert investigator/observers are actively accumulating accurate data for scientific analysis, an eventual solution to the phenomena of unidentified flying objects is inevitable.

NETWORK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY at 0300 GMT on 7.268 (LSB) = Wednesday at 7:00 PM PST

Apologies are in order for the confusion caused last month. Rather than clarify the schedule -- we really goofed!

NOTE NEW TIME

WB6RPL (Mike) Control, and/or alternate W6BPV (Tom), will call "CQ" from California. WA5RON (Jerry) Assistant Control, will call "CQ" from Texas.

WN0ZRG (Mark) will hold a novices and beginners net on SATURDAY at 8:00 AM CST on 21.120.

KP4CH will be glad to help anyone planning a trip to Puerto Rico. He can be contacted on 21342 KC.

Stations willing to cooperate by holding area skeds, please contact the Control or Assistant Control station.

HAM ROSTER

K7YXP	Tucson, Arizona	W0FGP	St. Louis, Missouri
W6BPV	Ben Lomond, Calif.	WN0ZRG	St. Louis, Missouri
WB6RPL	Mountain View, Calif.	W1PBT	Plaistow, New Hampshire
WB6YHP	Newport Beach, Calif.	K5QFI	*Houston, Texas
W5BNE	Tampa, Florida	W5OXU	Gatesville, Texas
WA9THB	Joliet, Illinois	WA5RON	Austin, Texas
W9KRC	Quincy, Illinois	VE3CYW	Wellington, Ontario
WA9BIX	Stanford, Illinois	KP4CH	Rio Pedras, Puerto Rico
W9AUT	Villa Park, Illinois	VK2SK	Belmore, New So. Wales
W9SAL	Valpariso, Indiana	G3TFW	Lancs, England
WA9WMK	Bloomington, Indiana	LA2YE	Kongsberg, Norway
WA3FCM	Cockeysville, Maryland	WA8WYW	*Columbus, Ohio

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BULLETIN!

The landing reports listed below cover the Midwestern states bordering the Great Lakes. The Midwestern state of Missouri is also listed which reveals a notable decrease in the number of landing reports originating from this non-bordering state.

The landing report list was compiled by Mrs. Lo Nahide, who has had numerous articles published under the pen name of Frater Jacobus. --LO JE TE REMERCI!

LANDING REPORTS

DATE - LOCATION - DAY/TIME - DESCRIPTION - WITNESSES

WISCONSIN:

1. 12-11-1957 - Ellsworth - Wednesday/16:00 - Hovered
2. 11-3-1960 - Price County - Tuesday/16:00 - Landed
3. 4-18-1961 - Eagle River - Tuesday/11:00 - Landed, occupant seen - Simonton
4. 4-3-1964 - Monticello - Friday/21:00 - Hovered
5. 3-24-1966 - Sheboygan - Tuesday/22:15 - Landed
6. 9-7-1966 - Durand - Wednesday/20:00 - Landed - Bruns
7. 4-27-1967 - Green Lake - Thursday/22:00 - Hovered
8. 8-12-1967 - Ogema - Saturday/02:30 - Landed, occupant seen - Miedtke

ILLINOIS:

1. 4-12-1897 - Nilwood - Monday/14:30 - Landed - Teeples, Street, Metcalf
2. 4-12-1897 - Girard - Monday/18:00 - Landed - McCramer
3. 4-15-1897 - Perry Springs - Thursday/21:00 - Hovered
4. 4-15-1897 - Springfield - Thursday - Landed, occupant seen - Winkle, Hull
5. 4-16-1897 - Downs township - Friday - Landed, occupant seen - Savidge
6. Aug. 1944 - Mattoon - Occupant (creature) seen
7. 3-14-1946 - Havana - Thursday - Hovered - Cummings, Gowdy
8. 3-2-1955 - Huntley - Wednesday/17:00 - Hovered
9. 11-4-1957 - Elmwood Park - Monday/03:15 - Hovered - Lukasek, Schau
10. 8-7-1963 - Centralia - Wednesday - Hovered
11. 8-8-1963 - Mount Vernon - Thursday - Hovered
12. 6-8-1964 - Lawrenceville - Monday/22:30 - Hovered - Reed
13. 2-26-1966 - Hanna City - Saturday/20:00 - Hovered
14. 10-14-1966 - Newton - Friday - Hovered
15. 1-26-1967 - Coffeen - Thursday - Hovered
16. 6-20-1969 - Calumet Harbor - Friday/22:00 - Landed (submerging light) - Davenport, Kleman

INDIANA:

1. 4-14-1897 - Gas City - Wednesday/15:00 - Landed, occupant seen
2. 1904 - Rolling Prairie - Hovered - Darby
3. 7-29-1948 - Indianapolis - Thursday - Hovered
4. 4-8-1950 - Kokomo - Saturday/02:00 - Hovered
5. 10-15-1957 - Covington - Tuesday - Hovered - Meudy
6. 11-5-1957 - New Castle - Tuesday - Hovered - Barlow
7. 5-3-1961 - Union Mills - Wednesday/22:00 - Landed
8. 9-30-1961 - La Porte - Saturday/22:00 - Landed - Bealer
9. 12-21-1961 - Lafayette - Thursday/21:45 - Hovered - Hislope
10. 6-14-1964 - Dale - Sunday/21:00 - Landed - Englebrecht
11. 3-19-1966 - La Porte - Saturday - Hovered - Divren
12. 3-30-1966 - Lexisburg - Wednesday/20:35 - Hovered
13. 8-1-1966 - Rushville - Monday/19:45 - Hovered
14. 10-4-1966 - Connersville - Tuesday/05:00 - Landed
15. 1-17-1967 - Freetown - Tuesday - Hovered - Bedel

MICHIGAN:

1. 3-15-1897 - Pine Lake - Thursday - Hovered, occupant seen - Megiveron
2. 4-16-1897 - Essexville - Friday - Landed
3. Apr. 1897 - Williamson - Saturday - Landed, occupant seen
4. 9-22-1953 - Badaxe - Tuesday - Landed

- 5. 9-30-1954 - Dearborn - Thursday/04:45 - Landed, occupant seen - Cardenas
- 6. 3-17-1966 - Milan - Thursday/00:00 - Hovered
- 7. 3-20-1966 - Dexter - Sunday/20:00 - Landed - Manner
- 8. 3-21-1966 - Hillsdale - Monday/23:30 - Landed - Van Horn
- 9. 3-31-1966 - Vicksburg - Thursday/02:00 - Landed
- 10. 4-12-1966 - Allenton - Tuesday - Landed
- 11. 4-18-1966 - Battle Creek - Monday/22:10 - Hovered
- 12. 4-24-1966 - Stenington - Sunday/21:00 - Landed - Cole
- 13. 6-13-1966 - Milan - Monday/02:25 - Landed
- 14. 10-5-1966 - Parma - Wednesday/19:30 - Landed - Prater
- 15. 3-23-1969 - Marshall - Sunday - Hovered - Kidder

MISSOURI:

- 1. 11-9-1957 - Lake City - Saturday/01:00 - Hovered
- 2. 4-1-1966 - Liberty - Friday/24:00 - Landed, occupant seen - Underwood
- 3. 6-15-1968 - Rock Falls - Saturday/02:00 - Landed - Knowles
- 4. 3-4-1969 - Atlanta - Tuesday/06:40 - Hovered - Overstreet
- 5. 10-18-1969 - Stover - Saturday/22:00 - Hovered - Smith

We received a note from the American Amateur Radio Assoc., 10325 S. E. 29th., Midwest City, Okla. 73130, stating that many hams, concerned with the present ham situation, want to expand the band and lift restrictions. Members interested in obtaining more information should contact the A.A.R.A. DATA-NET would also be interested in your views.

Curtis Fuller, Editor of FATE magazine, please note: "Magonia" is the state of MIND not MAINE. Pay attention!

73 & 88,
Michel M. Jaffe, WB6RPL

"CQ" ...de WA5RON

When phenomena are observed in nature, whether it be physical phenomena in the universe or psychological phenomena of a culture group, scientists seek theories that will adequately explain the phenomena.

The scientist then seeks additional data that will confirm the theory by fulfilling predictions. If information received is contrary to the theory's prediction, then the theory must be modified or replaced entirely.

The only scientific accomplishment that can arise from an observed phenomenon is formulating a theory or testing an established theory. Therefore, reliable, in depth speculation on the subject of UFOs is indicated in order to generate the necessary working hypotheses for meaningful future observations and studies of the phenomenon.

People are obviously frustrated with what is called "UFO research" because of the conspicuous lack of a breakthrough. Can anyone interested in solutions claim to know more about the UFO today than in 1947 when Kenneth Arnold made headlines with his flying saucers?

While waiting for a spaceship to land on the White House lawn or for the air force to capture one and ship it to Dayton, those interested in a UFO breakthrough have diligently pursued the obvious practice of collecting and evaluating individual sightings. Unfortunately, thousands of amassed UFO reports differ from ten of the best only in the number of trash cans it would take to hold them. The non-selective accumulation of similar and dissimilar facts is valuable only if properly used. We must seek answers if we expect to advance from dead center.

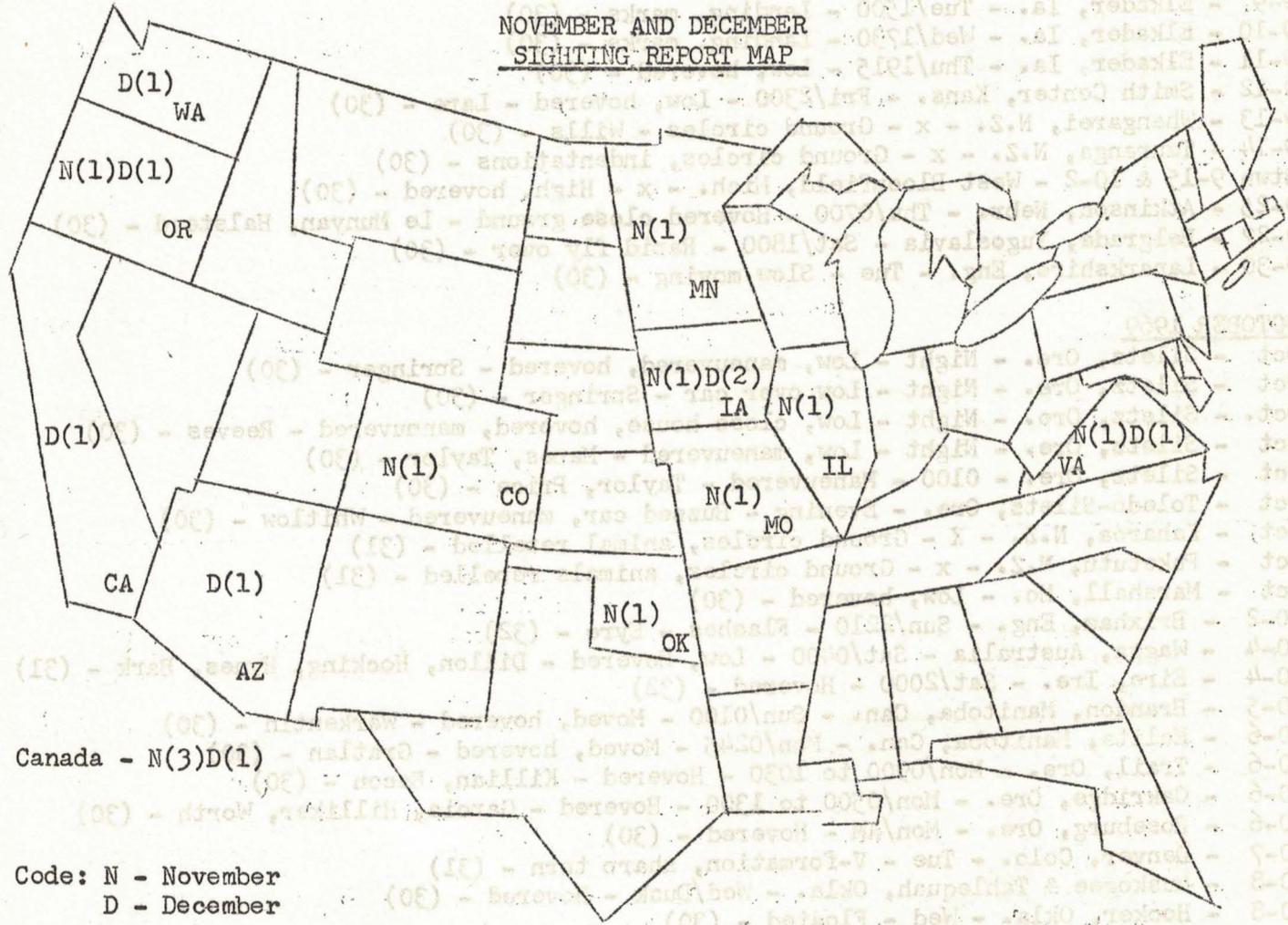
The imaginative application of analytical methods to the UFO reports, such as computer studies which group the similarities of UFO sightings, are a valuable tool for breaking down the data to a useable form. This is not a scientific process, it is merely a rearrangement of the data which makes it easier to draw conclusions. Lacking some breakthrough in observation or evaluation techniques, the important questions are

still unanswered.

A reorganization of UFO investigation techniques and the application of scientific methods is suggested. Beginning with a careful and complete list of the questions we would like answered concerning flying saucers, it should be possible to supply answers in a satisfactory manner from data currently available. The answers would then form a working hypothesis, a "general theory of UFOs," and would itself suggest the new avenues of research needed to confirm or modify the general theory.

This approach has not been used by either the military or the government sponsored civilian investigations into UFOs. It is now the responsibility of private researchers to take this bold step and lead UFO investigations in a productive direction.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER SIGHTING REPORT MAP



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SIGHTING REPORT REFERENCE CHRONOLOGYSeptember and October, 1969DATE - LOCATION - DAY/LOCAL TIME - DESCRIPTION (ACTION) - WITNESSES - (REPORT NUMBER)SEPTEMBER 1969

Sept - Ngaitero, Waikato, Aust. - x - Ground circle, indentations, O'Neil - (31)
 9-2 - Chapeau, Quebec, Can. - Tue/0430 - High, hovered. Small craft separated, hovered, and maneuvered around building. - Oulette, Stott, McLaughlin - (30)
 9-6 - Purcell, Okla. - Sat/2030 to 2200 - Changing light - (30)
 9-7 - Elkader, Ia. - Sun/1400 - Landing, marks, picture - (30)
 9-8 - Elkader, Ia. - Mon/1500 - Landing, marks - (30)
 9-9 - Elkader, Ia. - Tue/1500 - Landing, marks - (30)
 9-10 - Elkader, Ia. - Wed/1730 - Landing, marks - (30)
 9-11 - Elkader, Ia. - Thu/1915 - Low, hovered - (30)
 9-12 - Smith Center, Kans. - Fri/2300 - Low, hovered - Lare - (30)
 9-13 - Whangarei, N.Z. - x - Ground circles - Wills - (30)
 9-14 - Tauranga, N.Z. - x - Ground circles, indentations - (30)
 Btwn 9-15 & 10-2 - West Bloomfield, Mich. - x - High, hovered - (30)
 9-25 - Atkinson, Nebr. - Thu/0700 - Hovered close ground - Le Munyan, Halstead - (30)
 9-27 - Belgrade, Yugoslavia - Sat/1800 - Rapid fly over - (30)
 9-30 - Lanarkshire, Eng. - Tue - Slow moving - (30)

OCTOBER 1969

Oct - Siletz, Ore. - Night - Low, maneuvered, hovered - Springer - (30)
 Oct - Siletz, Ore. - Night - Low over car - Springer - (30)
 Oct. - Siletz, Ore. - Night - Low, close house, hovered, maneuvered - Reeves - (30)
 Oct - Siletz, Ore. - Night - Low, maneuvered - Mapes, Taylor - (30)
 Oct - Siletz, Ore. - 0100 - Maneuvered - Taylor, Price - (30)
 Oct - Toledo-Siletz, Ore. - Evening - Buzzed car, maneuvered - Whitlow - (30)
 Oct - Kaharoa, N.Z. - X - Ground circles, animal repelled - (31)
 Oct - Puketutu, N.Z. - x - Ground circles, animals repelled - (31)
 Oct - Marshall, Mo. - Low, hovered - (30)
 10-2 - Brixham, Eng. - Sun/2210 - Flashes - Eyre - (32)
 10-4 - Wagga, Australia - Sat/0400 - Low, Hovered - Dillon, Hocking, Hynes, Bark - (31)
 10-4 - Eire, Ire. - Sat/2000 - Hovered - (32)
 10-5 - Brandon, Manitoba, Can. - Sun/0100 - Moved, hovered - Warkentin - (30)
 10-6 - Melita, Manitoba, Can. - Mon/0245 - Moved, hovered - Gratlan - (30)
 10-6 - Trail, Ore. - Mon/0900 to 1030 - Hovered - Killian, Bacon - (30)
 10-6 - Oakridge, Ore. - Mon/0500 to 1300 - Hovered - Garcia, Hilliker, Worth - (30)
 10-6 - Roseburg, Ore. - Mon/AM - Hovered - (30)
 10-7 - Denver, Colo. - Tue - V-formation, sharp turn - (31)
 10-8 - Muskogee & Tahlequah, Okla. - Wed/Dusk - Hovered - (30)
 10-8 - Hooker, Okla. - Wed - Floated - (30)
 10-8 - Greenville, S.C. - Wed/1730 to 1930 - Slow - Smith, Campbell - (30)
 10-8 - Te Kuiti, N.Z. - Thu - Ground circle, animals repelled - (32)
 10-9 - Bartesville, Okla. - Thu/Afternoon - Floated - (30)
 10-9 & 10-10 - Lincolnton, N.C. - Thu & Fri - Hovered - (30)
 10-9 - Solomon, Kans. (Seen from Grand Island, Nebr. to Fort Worth, Tex.) - Thu - Sky flash, exploded, possibly landed - Evans - (30)
 10-9 - Springfield, Mo. - Thu - Close, possibly landed - Holesapple - (30)
 10-9 - Iola, Kans - Thu/0220 - Sky flash, explosion - (30)
 10-9 - Cushing, Okla. - Thu/0217 - Blazing, possibly landed - Kirk - (30)
 10-9 - Parsons, Kans. - Thu/0217 - Bright - Teague - (30)
 10-9 - Coffeyville, Kans. - Thu - Sky flash - (30)
 10-9 - St. Joseph, Mo. - Thu - Exploded - Dougan - (30)
 10-9 - Denver, Colo. - Thu - V-Formation, fast - (31)
 10-10 - Kazabazua, Can. - Fri/1900 - Low, fast - McConnell - (31)
 10-10 - Denver, Colo. - Fri/2030 - V-formation (birds?) - Rivkin, Farkas - (31)
 10-11 - Murdochville, Que., Can. - Sat/2420 - Buzzed, circled - Francis, Mullin, Cote - (31)

- 10-11 - Skerries, Eng. - Sat/1930 - Hovered - Kinsella, Keane, Lally - (32)
- 10-11 - Kells & Conner, Eng. - Sat - Hovered - (32)
- 10-11 - Cornagrade, Ire. - Sat/1945 - Hovered - (32)
- 10-11 - Stranraer, Br. Isles - Sat/1945 to 2045 - Hovered - Heron - (32)
- 10-11 - Edinburgh - Sat/2000 - Hovered - Ridout - (32)
- 10-11 - Campbeltown - Sat/2000 - Hovered - McGeachy - (32)
- 10-12 - Eire, Ire. - Sun/1945 - Hovered - (32)
- 10-12 & 18 - Tintinhull, Br. Isles - 2100 - Low, slow, hovered - Copley - (32)
- 10-15 - Rogers, Bentonville, Siloam Springs, & Gravette, Oark. (& areas Mo., Okla, Tex.)
- Wed/Btwn 1830 & 1930 - Slow - Harimon, Foster - (30)
- 10-15 - Clacton & Colchester, Eng. - Wed/1845 - Fly over - Woodward - (31)
- 10-15 - Leicester, Eng. - Nightly - Hovered - (32)
- 10-16 - Clacton - Thu/Night - Hovered - Gordon - (32)
- 10-17 - Willamina, Ore. - Fri/2400 - Landed or hovered close to ground - (30)
- 10-17 - Westford, Ire. - Fri/1930 - Hovered - (32)
- 10-17 & 18 - Lockerbie area, Eng. - Fri night & Sat Morn - Hovered - (32)
- 10-18 - Bromley Cross - Sat/Night - Hovered, fast - Harrison - (32)
- 10-21 - Bournemouth, Eng. - Tue/1945 - Hovered low, speed varied - Mackenzie - (31)
- 10-22 - Ashton, Eng. - Wed/2200 - Erratic movement - Smith - (32)
- 10-28 - Mobile, Ala. - Fri/2215 - Landed, flattened grass, broken trees - Sutherland, Talbert - (31)
- 10-29 - Canton, N.Y. - Sat - Hovered, moved - Cupual - (31)
- 10-31 - Farnham, Eng. - Fri/1930 - Low, hovered & moved - Young, Raymond, Cole - (32)

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CLIPPING THE NEWS

The DATA-NET monthly recap of sighting reports lists all events chronologically by date of occurrence, if available.

SAUCER NESTS:

6-2-1969. Meath, Quebec, Canada. ANOTHER SCORCHED RING FOUND

A 30-foot ring was found by Mrs. John McLaren's children as they went out to catch the bus. Their farm adjoins Highway 17 at the Meath Hill.

The circle is almost embossed into the ground on a slope on the north side of the highway. It resembles almost completely several circles of the same type seen on a farm belonging to Leo Chaput across the Ottawa River near Chapeau a month earlier. The circle can be clearly seen from the living room window of the McLaren farmhouse 200 yards away. It contains a ring about two feet wide inside its perimeter. "The circle wasn't there on Sunday, June 1 because we would have noticed it," said Mrs. McLaren. "It must have happened after everyone was asleep and that was past 1:00 am. (SAUCERS, SPACE & SCIENCE, 17 Shetland Street, Willowdale 443, Ontario, Canada)

10-8-1969. Hamilton, New Zealand. FARMER SAW "UFO"

A farmer in Mangatarata, about eight miles from Ngatea where a circle of bleached Manuka was found last month, today reported seeing an unidentified flying object in the area 14 months ago.

Mr. Stuart Chambers said he saw a bright light with smaller lights on either side flying eastwards and descending over Ngatea on August 14, 1968. He believes it could have left the circle, which might not have been discovered for a year. (Auckland Star)

10-16-1969. Hamilton, New Zealand. BLACKENED WATER PLANTS FOUND IN MYSTERY CIRCLE

Samples of blackened water plants from a mysterious circle found near Te Kuiti were sent today to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for analysis. The plants will be tested to determine their level of radioactivity and possible causes of death.

The circle of dead vegetation, the third discovered in central North Island rural areas in a month, appeared overnight on a floating island at Puketutu, nine miles south

of Te Kuiti. It is about 15 ft. in diameter and rests on an island of lake weed in a large pond on Mr. Charles Blackmoore's farm. The dead weed area is two feet lower than other plants on the island, and appears to have been burnt, pressed down, and spread outwards in a spiral pattern.

Five separate varieties of plants have been killed within the circle. Cows and dogs which formerly drank from the small lake refuse to go near it. Four tame ducks which had lived there for ten months disappeared the day the circle appeared, and the lake's large frog population is also missing.

Mr. Blackmoore has had a continuous headache since he discovered the circle and inhaled a peculiar smell in the area on 10-8-1969. (Christchurch Star, New Zealand)

UFO EVENTS:

10-2-1969. Brixham, England. MYSTERY OBJECT IN SKY

At 10:10 pm. Mrs. Lillian Eyre, of 61 Windmill Hill stood looking up at the stars. It was a clear night on the coast and just as she turned to go in, Mrs. Eyre noticed a tiny red light near Sidmouth. It got larger and larger till it appeared to be not one, but three pulsating red lights. Over Berry Head there was suddenly a blinding white light lasting about three seconds.

"It seemed it was not higher than 2-3,000 ft. It was lowish and the nearest estimation of speed would be about 250 m.p.h," she said. "The thing" flew over Brixham Harbour, the blinding light flashed again -- and then she saw the object quite clearly.

"It looked like an aircraft fuselage without any wings. Then I heard an engine and assumed it was an aircraft after all." But the engine was unlike a jet or a piston engine. "It was a slow thudding sound as if it was on low power." It moved away towards Dartmouth.

Two things are puzzling to Miss Eyre, who was with the Royal Air Force during the last war and is well acquainted with normal aircraft; why there were no red, green and white aircraft navigation lights; and why a colleague, of her own volition without knowledge of the sighting, should describe a similar object going over Stoke Gabriel the same night.

Mrs. J. Kimberley, of 26 Ranscombe-road, was in the Brixham Yacht Club when she saw the three red lights and a white flashing light resembling a landing-light.

About 9:45 pm. Mr. & Mrs. P. Giret, of Little Shambles, Coles-lane, Kingskerswell, were waiting for their dog to have a run when they saw a red light in the sky. It brightened, remained stationary for a time, moved a short distance, then stopped again. When they left beach area about 10 minutes later, it was still there.

Mr. T. Blackmore, of 24, Church-road, Townstal, Dartmouth, was at home when he saw the mysterious object come over from the Brixham direction. He heard a slow thudding sound and saw the "intense bright lights."

Mr. H. G. Shepherd, of 5, Pafiord-avenue, Watcombe, Watcombe, Torquay saw a cluster of red lights appearing to pass over the Riviera Hotel. "It was extremely low for an aircraft and I could not see any navigational lights," he said. He sighted the object at 8:15 pm. and saw it at various times for almost half-an-hour as he drove up Torwood-street and down into Wellswood. He telephoned a friend, Mr. R. Smith who rushed over to meet him on Ilsham Marine-drive, bringing binoculars.

Through the small binoculars, they could see "three or four closely clustered lights and then two flashing red lights slightly higher." Mr. Shepherd estimated its height at 500 ft. and says it was moving slowly. When he arrived home, his father, Mr. H. H. Shepherd greeted him recounting a similar story of what he had seen from their house in Watcombe. (Torquay Herald Express)

10-4-1969. Eire, Ireland. STRANGE OBJECT

About 8:00 pm. a strange luminous object was observed fairly high up in the North-Eastern sky, although bright stars were plainly visible in the vicinity, "its" outline appeared fuzzy and apparently covered with a heavy mist or fog and seemed to be motionless or stationary, giving off a dull glare, something like a new moon in a heavy and hazy sky.

Some old observers claimed it resembled Halley's Comet of 1910-11 but not as distinct. Others put it down as one of the Russian Moon Satellites. (Anglo-Celt)

10-11-1969 Skerries, Ireland. STRANGE OBJECT IN SKY

Mr. Luke Kinsella of North Strand was walking along the beach at about 7:30 pm. when he saw a cigar-shaped object behind some clouds. He watched it for half-an-hour as it moved north to south. "It gave off a glow like an oxy-acetylene flame," he said. He said two other men at the harbour, Cementation Ltd. employees, also watched it for some time.

Mrs. Maura Keane of South Strand, maintains it did not move, although several people she spoke to said it did. She watched the oblong-shaped object for several minutes hovering above the church. "It was a most peculiar object. It was glowing white and was completely stationary when I saw it. It was still there when I went into Church. It had a glow like a nimbus around it," she said.

A 19-year-old student, David Lally, a member of the Irish Astronomical Society, also watched it from his bedroom window through binoculars. "it was a white diffuse cloud-like object facing dead north. I saw no movement during the fifteen minutes I was looking at it. It looked wisp-like and did not appear to be moving," he said. He thought it was just a patch of cloud lit up and said it was too large to be a satellite, and certainly was not a plane, since there was no sound or lights." (Drogheda Independent)

Kells and Conner people are puzzled by the bright lights seen in the northern sky. It glowed with a cold clear light and eventually assumed the appearance of a cloud of luminous gas shaped like a rugby ball. It finally drifted away towards the north-west. (Bullymern Times)

Cornagrade, Northern Ireland. A staff reporter and several other witnesses saw the strange object about 7:45 pm. It looked like the moon, only with a kind of mist surrounding it. When he looked again just after 8:00 pm. it had grown oval-shaped. It disappeared about 8:15 pm.

The Director of Armagh Observatory, Dr. Eric Lindsay, said that it may be a barium cloud ejected by the Russian spacecraft, although he could only guess as to its identity. (Impartial Reporter, Northern Ireland)

Stranraer, British Isles, Portpatrick Coastguard Station, From the Borders to Oban, Port William and the Western Isles. Hundreds of reports came in.

The object was reported to be yellow colored and darker in the center and very bright, flourescent, cigar-shaped, and with a long tail.

Mr. Thomas Heron, 20 Princes Street, observed the phenomenon for 17 minutes while walking his dog. (Wigtownshire Free Press)

Edinburgh, Scotland. The most favored explanation is, in weathermen's jargon, "noctiluence." The sun below the horizon lights up a dust cloud in the stratosphere and it looks like one would expect a flying saucer to look.

At Portpatrick, duty coastguard Eric Ridout said, "I watched the UFO in a perfectly clear sky. Its height was between three and five thousand feet.

Another observer, 16-year-old Michael McGeachy, of 20 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown said, "It had a greenish tinge to it. I watched it for 10 minutes, as it moved in the direction of the town and moved slightly back. It left a kind of haze behind it. It just seemed to get smaller and disappear. Where it was there were no clouds -- all around it -- only stars." (Edinburgh Scottish Daily Mail, London Sunday Express, Campbeltown Courier)

10-12-1969. Eire, Ireland. PHENOMENON OBSERVED

About 7:45 pm. a mysterious ball of light resembling the moon was observed in the North-Western sky by local people. Fog was dense at the time and it was difficult to get a clear view of the phenomenon. It remained in the sky for close on a half-hour. (Anglo-Celt)

Betwn 10-12 & 18-1969. Tintinhull, British Isles. WAS UFO SEEN?

Mr. Ivor Copley and his wife Margaret of 26 Montacute Road, were watching television when Mrs. Copley alerted her husband to an intense red light which seemed to hang in the clear sky in the direction of Martock and Langport.

Mr. Copley went outside, where he was joined by a neighbor. They dismissed the idea of a helicopter since the light did not flicker and they could hear no sound. Mr. Copley described the object as spherical, and about a foot in diameter when viewed from

about 200 yards. The light seemed encased by dark bars which revolved around the light. The light was more intense than any Mr. Copley has previously viewed. They watched for about 25 minutes, until it finally disappeared at 9:20 pm. over the houses. Mr. Copley said it traveled slowly, about 20 to 25 m.p.h. and appeared to come from the direction of Sherborne or Sturminster Newton. (Yeovil, Western Gazette)

10-15-1969. Leicester, England. STATIONARY UFO ABOVE THE CITY

A "satellite" stationary in the sky and clearly visible is what George Helyar, 18 Romway Road, claims he sees every clear night above his home for the past three months. His neighbor has also seen it.

The object is said to be silvery with several antennae projecting from it. Helyar estimates its height at around 70 to 90 miles. Although quite high, he has heard that seeing something at that distance is not impossible.

This is different from other reports of UFOs because in this case it is stationary for most of the time, and is there every night, Mr. Heylar said. It is directly above the city and quite unmistakable. (Leicester Mercury)

10-16-1969. Clacton, England. THE THING IN THE SKY

A man "dancing" in the road and two people staring into the sky with binoculars caused Mr. Patrick Gordon to stop and join the stargazers as he drove home from Colchester. Hovering above him was a "thing." There were four lights in the shape of a square, said Mr. Gordon, of 6 Lake-Avenue, Clacton, and it was hardly moving.

The "thing" was also seen by several fishermen on Clacton Pier who reported a similar shape moving very slowly against the direction of the wind. (East Essex Gazette)

10-17-1969. Westford, Ireland. LIGHT IN THE SKY

Many people here and throughout the county reported a bright glow in the northern sky between 7:30 and 7:50 pm. It was said to be three times the size of Venus and lasted for a couple of minutes.

Dr. Eric Lindsay, director of the Armagh Observatory, saw the glow and guessed that it was a barium cloud ejected by the Soviet space craft, Sovuz. (New Ross Standard)

10-17 & 18-1969. Lockerbie area, England. UFO

Several reports were received that on Friday night & early Saturday morning a UFO, possibly a Russian spaceship, was sighted. It was described as resembling a large cigar, glowing red and visible for quite a time before disappearing. (Moffat News)

10-18 or 19-1969. Bromley Cross, England. TWO SEE UFOs OF MANY COLOURS

Just after dark at the week-end, 21-year-old Michael Harrison of Waverley Avenue, sighted two objects over Shady Lane while he and his girl friend were on their way to visit friends. The silvery, glowing objects were directly overhead, but as they started to watch they moved away at very high speed, as if they knew they were being watched. As they watched the objects changed colours from red to green to blue.

Harrison managed to reach his friends just in time for them to catch sight of one of the objects. (Bolton Evening News)

10-22-1969. Aston, England. ANOTHER UFO

Mr. Bernard Smith, of 6 Millbank Avenue, said he was sitting at home at 10:00 pm. when his son Paul rushed in describing a mysterious movement in the stars. Mr. Smith went outside and with his neighbor and a few lads saw a bright light, like a star, glowing and moving among the stars. It was visible for about ten minutes as it moved, stopped, moved again, then faded. It was very bright, then dimmed and became bright again. (Ashton-under-Lyne Reporter)

10-31-1969. Farmham, England. GOLDEN BALLS IN THE SKY

Two additional witnesses confirm the UFO sighting by Mrs. Alice Young which was reported in last weeks' HERALD.

A large golden object passed very low across West Street to Downing Street, Mrs. Wendy Raymond of 3b Kiln Courtyard, The Borough, reported. "It was not traveling very fast and seemed low enough to be hidden by the buildings as it passed through the air.

It was about the size of a football and I thought it was more oval than round, brilliant in colour."

Mandy Cole, 15, of Hundred House, Wrecclesham, adds that she saw not one, but several golden balls. About 7:30 pm., "I looked up and saw about five or six bright, round objects appearing in the sky. They were in a ragged line, fairly close together. After about five minutes they started to disappear, one by one. They were silent, and seemed to be hanging over Farnham. Surely they must have been seen by plenty of people," she said. (Farnham Herald)

During the Apollo 12 flight toward the moon the astronauts faced several unsettling situations which we recapped in the December REPORT. The only comment we heard regarding any "bogies" was from a radio spot newscast (See P.4, 11-15-1969 item, December DATA-NET REPORT).

We received confirmation of the UFO report from Canada, of all places. What happened to the U.S. reporters? --Ed.

11-15-1969. Houston, Texas. "BRIGHT OBJECT" SEEN ON MOON TRIP

The Apollo 12 astronauts coasted through the silent void of space trailed by a mysterious bright object -- "a big white thing like a piece of pie" -- that nobody can identify.

The astronauts reported the bright, tumbling object late on Saturday night, and it was still rolling along today (11-16), 2,000 nautical miles behind the moonship. Neither the astronauts nor the space experts here can explain the spaceship's tumbling neighbor. It's generally believed to be a stray piece of space junk jettisoned by an earlier flight. (Toronto Daily Star, Canada)

11-22 or 23-1969. Ladysmith, British Columbia, Canada. STRANGE RED LIGHTS IN SKY

Graham Toole, 24, and Albert Birkeland, 22, of the Sea Breeze auto court were out for a drive about 9 or 9:30 pm. As they looked toward the waterfront they saw an object in the air about 45 degrees elevation from their position at the junction of Bayview Road and the Island Highway. It looked close, within a quarter of a mile, Toole said. There were three lights, white on top and red on the bottom. They were bright, but not as bright as looking into a light bulb, Toole said.

Ray Knight, proprietor of Knight's furniture store, and his wife and son were out for a drive and saw it over Thetis Island. "We didn't see it too long and it was too far away from us to hope for any identification," Knight said, "but it was going too fast to be a plane. It covered about 20 miles in that many seconds." (Victoria Daily Times)

11-25-1969. Bethel, Connecticut. DANTI VAGHI KEEPS ONE EYE ON THE SKY

Danti Vaghi, a woodworker, recounted his personal sightings beginning with 1950. On March 10, 1950, while at the wood-working plant in Bethel, he heard the roar of planes overhead and rushed outside as three navy planes swooped over, traveling southeast. Directly above him another object, eight or nine thousand feet up, circled for several minutes. He estimated the giant black thing to be 75 feet wide and as much as 250 feet long. As it circled for the fourth time, he could clearly see five indentations on the end of each wing. In the bottom center there appeared to be a brilliant white light behind a cross structure. A second cross structure seemed to rotate over the light.

On June 28, 1956 he saw his second UFO. While driving at 10:10 pm., he noticed a strange green light glowing above the edge of the mountain where the WLAD radio tower perched, about three miles away. He judged it to be about 87.5 feet in diameter. It moved along the top of the mountain in a straight path, zoomed down at a 25 degree angle, then reappeared. Close by, another light showed brilliant white with a halo that Vaghi could only describe as "like the sparks made by an armature."

About two months later, Vaghi saw another brilliant light south of Bethel. An oblong object came out of the east at 15,000 feet and turned southeast, disappearing into fleecy clouds.

After a light rain one fall evening, he and a friend discovered a circle of burned grass 18 feet in diameter in the field just off Federal Road. A 3 foot circle of grass

remained intact in the center. The grass outside the area still contained traces of nickel and chromium.

One day in 1957, as a jet flew over at about 15,000 feet, Vaghi spotted a brilliant light several thousand feet lower drifting slowly from south to north, making no sound.

He and a co-worker saw another light about 6:30 one evening in November, 1967. It drifted slowly from northeast to southwest. During the same month he watched a light through binoculars which changed from red to white and back again while plummeting straight down.

Vaghi wonders if there might be some significance in the fact that all his sightings have been over the West Redding area, near the site of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Reservoir; reservoirs are notorious as UFO hunting grounds. (Home News)

11-27-1969. Vermilion, Alberta, Canada. UFO AT VERMILION

D. W. Bell of Vermilion Agricultural and Vocational College, saw a bright, white ball with a prominent blue flame-like tail. It seemed to be skimming along just above tree-top level and was traveling southeast-northwest. He saw the "thing" from his living room window at 7:53 pm. (The Edmonton Journal)

11-29-1969. Stratford, Ontario, Canada. LUCKY CAMERA SHOT

Richard Scott of 14 Viola Court saw a UFO over his home about 11:30 pm. and took a picture. He described it as a reddish glow moving slowly in an easterly direction. He and about 15 guests watched the object for about 20 seconds before it disappeared into the clouds.

12-5-1969. Liberty, Arizona. FLYING "SAUCER" SPOTTED

Cliff Patterson of Buckeye was driving home from Avondale on Hwy. 80 early in the evening when he saw a bright light in the sky north of Liberty. At first it looked as if a spotlight was being directed down from the black sky toward earth, but gradually a glow spread out in a "football" like shape near the top of the beam. Colored lights of red, yellow and blue seemed to appear from beneath the shape. It seemed to keep moving away as Patterson's pickup approached, but it stayed close to the earth for a time before the main beam of light went out. Then the other colors disappeared and only the blue light remained as the object appeared to head off to the west.

A patrol car and several other vehicles had stopped also. Mrs. Ken Jones also reported seeing the sensation as she passed through the area.

The light was last seen heading toward Tonopah where previous sightings and landings have been reported. (Buckeye Valley News)

12-5-1969. Near Kirk, Oregon. RAILROAD MEN SPOT UFO

Three Southern Pacific Company railroad men saw a UFO about 40 miles north of Klamath Falls.

"John Burgoyne, the engineer, apparently saw it first. He called my attention to it," Noel Cailloutte, the conductor, said. "It was a bright light heading north. It had a long, narrow beam and moved diagonally across the tracks." He estimated it was "at least 5,000 feet high." It "crossed the tracks in front of us. I've never seen anything as bright as that. It looked like a laser beam." He watched the light for at least two minutes, and also saw the lights of an airplane traveling toward Klamath Falls. Then, "all at once, all of the lights went out," he remarked.

Eugene Narramore, the flagman, also saw the lights. (Klamath Falls Herald and News)

12-5-1969. Richmond, Virginia. POLICEMEN SEE LIGHTS -- UFO REPORT CAN'T BE REPORTED

Three Richmond policemen and a reporter attempted to relay the policemen's UFO report to some national defense authority without success.

About 5:45 am., traffic patrolman W. W. Tanner was at Boulevard and Grove Avenue, W. E. Shannon was at Forest Hill Avenue and Westover Hills Boulevard, and D. C. Swank was at Belvidere and Grace Streets. All noticed unfamiliar lights in the sky. One light moved slowly across the sky, another moved twice as fast as the first.

It wasn't any star, Tanner said. "It looked like a star, but it moved and stopped. It wasn't red, it wasn't blue -- just white."

While Tanner was talking to a reporter on the phone, Shannon broke in excitedly to

report, "It's now going south. It's really moving."

The Federal Aviation Administration at Byrd Field picked up nothing on its radar, but said its apparatus was geared to pick up low-flying objects, rather than the high-flying UFOs. They suggested that reports, or inquiries, be referred to the Federal building.

Then followed the typical UFO reporting dilemma, who should be advised and how.

Apparently no "official" agency is interested in receiving UFO reports. The FAA office of special investigation was empowered to take such reports, but they only admitted to knowing what they read in the newspaper. They said they were not directly concerned, but that the senior director, Capt. Mitchell, at Ft. Lee Air Force station was the man to contact.

When Capt. Mitchell's office was asked about UFO information, the answer was that they hadn't been asked that before. "If something came up, we'd probably have some information on it," they said. (Times-Dispatch)

12-7-1969. Monona, Iowa. ELKADER PILOT VIEWS UFO FROM AIR

A private pilot from Elkader and a passenger spotted an unidentified flying object from the air and watched it for about 10 minutes near Monona.

Dr. Donald Hurlbut, local physician, and his wife, LuAnn, were flying near Monona. About 5:30 pm., while viewing the town's Christmas lights, Mrs. Hurlbut noticed a white, pulsating light near the north edge of the Monona city limits. Dr. Hurlbut banked and lowered the plane to take a closer look. As they approached it they noticed that the object had no running lights or flashing beacon such as are positioned on private, commercial or military aircraft. It was then ruled out that the pulsating light below was an aircraft.

Dr. Hurlbut continued pursuing the object which headed over farm fields, highways, and timbered areas at an estimated altitude of 300 feet above the ground. He was flying at 1500 feet at a ground speed of 110 to 130 miles an-hour but could not close in on the object which was estimated to be traveling about 150 m.p.h. (ground speed). He could get no closer than about half a mile. From that distance the object looked like a quarter-inch diameter light held at arm's length. The light was pure white and very intense and clear, pulsating at a rate of about one time per second.

The object looked as though it was attempting to land at one time but was apparently aware of the plane's presence. Hurlbut said it was definitely under intelligent control as it would speed up, nearly stop and change course at various intervals. It seemed to be playing games with Hurlbut's aircraft as he tried to close in on it.

After about 10 minutes, Hurlbut returned to the Elkader airport. The incident was reported to Mr. and Mrs. Don Meyer and a call was made to Register reporters, Bob Griffith and Ed Olson.

Dr. Hurlbut, Meyer and Griffith then boarded the same plane and returned to the area of the sighting. The original object was not seen a second time, but another odd light was seen in the area between Monona and Waukon. Several other planes were in the area and each time one of the planes neared the light it disappeared for a time.

Later during an interview with the Register reporters Dr. Hurlbut said the first pulsating object could have been as large as a bushel basket in size and might possibly have been a dome or a portion of a much larger object. (Elkader Register)

12-9-1969. Duncan, British Columbia, Canada. HALO IN ORBIT? NOT LIKELY!

A "greyish, saucer-shaped UFO, with a transparent centre" hovered for about three minutes over Alexander elementary school.

Mrs. Edith Bieling, a teachers' aide, along with two other aides, a teacher, and the school secretary, watched the aerial phenomenon from inside the school for a few minutes before rushing outside for a better look. It was sighted at 9:50 am. "We got a good look at it," said Mrs. Beiling, "it was practically the same color as the clouds which were quite low. It was definitely not a cloud or any other type of weather disturbance," she said. It was not an aircraft, she added. "Have you ever seen a circular aircraft?"

The object made no noise and appeared to move sideways, "but did not wobble" until it suddenly took off upward at great speed and disappeared into the clouds.

Several UFOs have been reported at night over Kuper Island and Ladysmith during past weeks, but this was the first daylight sighting. Thomas Good, the Alexander Principal, joked that the teaching staff was probably observing "the principal's halo going into orbit." (Victoria Times)

12-10-1969. San Diego, Calif. LOW-FLYING UFO PUZZLES SAN DIEGO SKY WATCHERS

Residents reported a low-flying bright-white fireball in the western sky at 9:40 pm. It was variously described as: a bright object that sputtered like a candle and disappeared; a white flame; and a fiery glow.

San Diego State College astronomer Dr. Rudolph Lippert said it could have been a meteor, suggesting it could also have been a Vandenberg Air Force Base missile exploding on a test run. But the base reported no launchings last night. (Evening Tribune)

12-17-1969. Walla Walla, Washington. LOCAL UFO ONE DAY LATE FOR PROJECT BLUEBOOK

Margarite Wilson, 234 W. Cherry, reported seeing a small "bright white object" moving erratically in the late night sky. "It was very small and much brighter than the stars. It was a long shape with a bright spot in the center. It was standing still when I first saw it" in the northern sky. "Then it started moving slowly and suddenly began streaking across the sky."

Mrs. Wilson also called a neighbor who saw it too. The object first moved south, then west, then streaked south again. (Walla Walla Union Bulletin)

12-21-1969. Majorca, Spain. (date of occurrence unknown)

The December 21st issue of the NATIONAL ENQUIRER contains an article about the wife of British TV star Peter Cook who tape-recorded the sound emanating from a UFO which she saw over the Mediterranean island of Majorca. Sound technicians have been unable to identify the recorded noise. (SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo. 65078)

1-13-1970. San Jose, Calif. SKY FIREBALL BELIEVED A SATELLITE

Sightings of a large flaming object on the western horizon were reported from Seattle, Washington to Los Gatos, Calif. It may have been a satellite re-entering the earth's atmosphere, according to the watch supervisor at the Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center.

"We fixed the object at about 190 degrees heading south," the supervisor said.

At approximately 5:30 pm. Mark Leavitt saw a "ball of fire, blue on the outside and red in the center." It went behind the clouds leaving a jet stream which lasted about 5 min.

Mrs. Thelma St. Claire described it as a "big ball of blue-white light that looked like an electrical bolt."

Mrs. Julie Rogers said it "looked like a big blob, moving very fast. Then it disappeared behind the Santa Cruz Mountains. (San Jose Mercury) (Cr: J. Clark)

UFO COMMENTS AND OPINIONS:

The closing of Project Blue Book has brought forth a torrent of comments:

12-17-1969. Washington, D. C.

Stuart Nixon, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP): "The air force decision opens the way for a fresh look at the UFO problem. UFOs can now be given the serious scientific attention they require, free from military considerations."

Dr. James McDonald, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona: "The UFO question cries for vigorous scientific study. Shutting down Bluebook is only the final move in a long series of actions to write off the UFO problem."

Dr. Edward U. Condon, University of Colorado physicist: "(my) investigation was a bunch of damned nonsense" and I am "sorry I ever got involved in such foolishness."

Robert James Low, currently assistant to the president of Portland State University, formerly project coordinator on the Condon Report at the University of Colorado: "We were faced with a problem in making this study. You can't by scientific methods prove something doesn't exist. We had to assume UFOs do exist and then evaluate the evidence for such visitations by intelligent beings from outer space."

"Our staff sifted through more than 11,000 reports old and new. The result was complete and total lack of evidence of any such extra-terrestrial visitations."

There are two incidents that remain unexplained to Low's satisfaction. One, the Paul Trent flying saucer picture taken May 11, 1950 in McMinnville, Oregon, and the second the sighting by Kenneth Arnold near Mt. St. Helens, Oregon on June 24, 1947.

12-21-1969. A HERALD EXAMINER Editorial, Los Angeles, Calif.

In a way we are sorry to see this door close. Mysterious things that some people see in the skies, like things that go bump in the night, have been a source of fascinating speculation for man's imagination since time immemorial.

There still are, and no doubt there will continue to be sightings of saucers and sky-borne whatnots in the future. But not too many people are going to get worked up about the possibility of their being real anymore.

The only story that could top the astronauts landing on the moon would be a landing on earth by strangers from outer space. And if it ever happens, the flying saucer and its crew are going to have to land with television coverage to be believed.

12-23-1969. A Lodi, Calif. NEWS-SENTINEL commentary:

Our attitude parallels that of one of the scientists, Dr. James E. McDonald, a University of Arizona specialist in atmospheric physics. His view is that the Air Force probe was not scientifically adequate.

12-27-1969. Boston, Mass.

Dr. Donald H. Menzel, Harvard University astronomer: "Scientists of the 21st century will look back on UFOs as the greatest nonsense of the 20th century."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University astronomer: "We in the 20th century may be as far away from a solution of the UFO problem as 19th-century physicists were from an interpretation of the Aurora Borealis (northern lights)."

1-6-1970. A Los Angeles, Calif. TIMES reporter:

The abandoning of Project Bluebook has not, nor will not, "persuade those who are convinced that they have seen tangible if inexplicable UFOs, least of all those who have been invited aboard and flown in them -- and then written profitable books and articles about their experiences. Like the Bridey Murphy craze of some years ago, the UFO thing is an invitation to believe for those who want to believe.

"And who knows, maybe the true believers have a case. The Air Force, after all, is hardly infallible. It can't even guess within a couple of billion dollars what one of its planes is going to cost. Maybe, despite the skepticism of the scientists and other investigators, UFOs sent from other planets do exist and have visited earth.

"And, maybe babies do grow in cabbage patches."

METEORS, COMETS, FIREBALLS:

1-3-1970. Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma. FIREBALL LIGHTS MIDWEST

A fireball, apparently a large meteorite, flashed across the sky about 8:20 pm. It was seen from three Midwestern states with reports from St. Joseph, Missouri, Topeka, Kansas, and Tulsa and Vinita, Oklahoma.

Missouri Highway Patrol troopers were checking reports that a meteor had hit the ground near Maryville, Missouri. a The Springfield, Missouri weather bureau interpreted report of the object which flashed from north to south as a "large meteorite." (Seattle Post-Intelligencer)

MOON, MARS, VENUS, etc. & ASTRONOMY:

1-6-1970. Houston, Texas. OLD MOON THEORY DENOUNCED

Dr. G. J. Wasserburg of the California Institute of Technology told fellow lunar investigators Monday that it is improbable for the moon to have been formed from part of the earth.

Isotopic examination of materials brought to earth by the Apollo 11 moon landing mission shows that its isotope conditions would make it "very, very unlikely" that the moon was once a part of the earth, Dr. Wasserburg said.

The scientist said his tests show the moon to be about 4.6 billion years old and that there were apparently lava flows on the moon 3.65 billion years ago, or about one billion years after the moon was formed.

This contrasts with earlier Apollo 11 sample studies which said that geologically the moon was born and died within a few million years. (The Austin American) (Cr: WA5RC)

JUPITER: The Riddle of the Red Spot

Apparently Frank Edwards preferred spicing a few of his facts to captivate his readers. On page 264 of STRANGE WORLD he says:

"The planet rotates every ten hours -- but the Big Red Spot is not rotating. Therefore, it has to be something in Jupiter's sky -- an enormous red oval that remains fixed toward us, like an evil eye."

CURRENT SCIENCE magazine (Dec. 4, 1968) says the planet rotates every 10 hours, and the spot merely moves with it. Although it wanders, it is always at the same latitude.

DATA-NET checked with an astronomer and received the following reply:

"The Great Red Spot moves with the planet. In fact, that is how astronomers determined Jupiter's rotation rate."

1-6-1970. San Diego, Calif. COMET VISIBLE BEFORE SUNSET

The newly found comet, Tago-Shato-Kosatka, may be visible within a few days, just before sunset. It can be located a few degrees above the southwestern horizon and identified by a shimmering hood and tail. (San Jose Mercury) (Cr: J. Clark)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Many people harbor an inborn conviction that intelligent beings exist on other planets in the universe. With the advent of radio ushering in the 1900's, some of those people found new opportunities to test their theories.

One pioneer was an Army radio expert, Robert DeVines. Mr. DeVines described an unexplained result obtained from an attempt to signal another planet in an article entitled, "MARS AHOY!" which appeared in the March 1934 issue of BLUE BOOK.

While on duty as a transmitter maintenance technician at an Army radio station in the west, DeVines and four others read about and discussed the possibilities of communicating with another planet. They became excited by the idea and decided to try their hand.

They had at their disposal ten fifteen-kilowatt "bottles," and spent several evenings building a rack to hold them and their water-cooling jackets. Finally, all five gathered together at the transmitter.

"I pushed the key," DeVines said. "Seventy-five amperes in the antenna! Think of it! More than a hundred and fifty horsepower of energy hurtling out into space and controlled by a single piece of metal --- that piece controlled by man!"

"We had decided that we would send a series of signals regularly spaced, and we reasoned that since mathematics is a science of the universe, if there were intelligent beings on another planet and if they received our signals, they might transmit them back in the same manner. Rotating in tricks at the key, we transmitted all night, in fifteen-minute intervals -- five dots, five dashes, then five dots. But no answer. Six o'clock Sunday morning saw a tired bunch of men, yawning and damning their luck as they tore down the apparatus."

Five days later DeVines was installing some equipment at another post. The two-kilowatt long-wave set was handling traffic in corps area net, when suddenly the generators in the basement of the building dropped to a low growl as if a great hand had grasped hold of the shaft and slowed it down.

"I whirled around. The instruments on the panel read normal. Again like a ghostly fist operating the transmitter, the power-surges on the generators took definite form, a regular tempo -- five short intervals, five long intervals and five short intervals -- and during the time the surges were repeated, the insulation on a

temporary antenna leading into the transmitter, a half-inch thick, burst into flames. Normally, to cause such a thing as that, would have required the passage of hundreds of amperes, and our equipment was incapable of producing more than ten or twelve amperes of current.

"If it hadn't have been for the distinctive characteristics of those power-surges, I would have accepted the phenomenon as I have many other peculiar actions of a transmitter that take place around high-power stations from time to time. But those five dots and five dashes and five dots -- there was no escaping the facts.

"At noon the next day we received a service message from operators from different parts of the country asking if we had heard any unusual interference or signal on the afternoon before. The time given in every inquiry corresponded to the time I heard the signal. No single transmitter in the country could have sent out a signal of such strength on such a wide frequency-range or over such an area.

"Did our little group succeed in spanning the millions of miles of distance? Perhaps some day the question will be answered. There are five men in different parts of the world waiting." (The INFO Journal, P.O. Box 367, Arlington, Virginia 22210)

Do you suppose there really is some basis for those MIB (men-in-black) stories?

7-2-1969. Portland, Oregon. ARMY TEAM CARRIED AWAY IN HOTEL ABDUCTION TEST

A curious bellhop caught the Army practising an abduction in Portland's Roosevelt hotel.

George Lueck, the hotel employee, said he became suspicious and alerted other employees after he took THREE MEN DRESSED IN DARK SUITS to the eighth floor of the hotel. They escorted a man from his room, took him to a waiting car, placed a cloth bag over his head and sped off. The employee watched in disbelief, then called police.

Later, the man who had been abducted, Cecil P. Jones, returned to his room. Nothing happened during the two remaining days he rented the room.

He told hotel manager Richard P. Fettig he had been abducted by old fraternity brothers. But Portland police traced the incident to Army Intelligence. Bettig, city police and newspapermen tried unsuccessfully to get a full explanation from the Army.

When the police found identification in Jones' room that indicated he was a lieutenant with Army Intelligence, they called the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The FBI reported back that Jones and the other men were on a classified training mission. POLICE REPORTS DISAPPEARED.

The Portland Oregonian contacted Maj. Gerald C. Evans of Army Intelligence in San Francisco. He said if the abduction had come to public attention, it was "because the men involved got too carried away." (Chicago Sun-Times) (Cr: F. Jacobus)

10-1-1969. Hull, England. WHITE HOT FLYING OBJECT NARROWLY MISSES PENSIONER

Mr. Thomas Brough, a retired docker, reported that he "had just returned to the living room from the kitchen when there was an almighty bang.

"I rushed through the kitchen and saw that the bricks on the side of the window had been chipped and the window shattered. At first I had no idea what had caused it."

Mr. Brough walked into the garden and found an object which had a sleeve at one end in a flower-bed about eight yards away from the window. He added, "I tried to pick it up but it was white hot. I called the police and although they were here within a quarter of an hour they had to use a handkerchief to take it away because it was still hot."

Brough said that shortly before the metal rod, which was round, about one foot long and one inch in diameter, crashed into his house he heard an aircraft droning overhead. It was too high for him to see it.

Police and scientists searched among the rubble of a cottage out-building at High Battleburn near Drifffield for clues to a terrific explosion which blasted in the windows of one home and terrified the occupants of other nearby houses. (Yorkshire Post)

October, 1969. APRO has received reports that NICAP has recently been returning membership and renewal inquiries with the notation that their membership is closed indefinitely. (The A.P.R.O. Bulletin, 3910 E. Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona 85716)

GENERAL ANALYSIS OF UFO ACTIVITY

REPORT PATTERNS

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POSSIBILITIES

- Phase I: Sporadic reports. No particular pattern suggested. General curiosity and sight-seeing.
- Phase II: Reported over mountains, deserts and oceans. Mapping general terrain, establishing significant reference points.
- Phase III: Reports regarding military installations; ships, planes, rockets and missiles; seaports, dams and communications. Investigating defenses, communication methods, power sources and transportation media.
- Phase IV: Disappearing planes and ships. Investigating long distance mass transportation.
- Phase V: Reports of gathering plant life specimens. Disappearing humans and animals. Investigation and analysis of planetary life forms.
- Phase VI: Hostility by military curbed. Objects are no longer fired upon. General acceptance by inhabitants. (Resignation?)
- Phase VII: Reports involving power supplies and large fresh water supplies. Investigation and analysis of two of the major necessities of this culture.
- Phase VIII: Reports of mental and physical probing. Complete analysis of the human species.
- Phase IX: Reports of evidence of landings and take-offs in remote, but not unpopulated, areas. Undoubtedly careful contact with humans has begun.

Conclusion: A UFO breakthrough appears imminent.

-- J. J. Clark
Secretary-Editor

THE MAIL BOX

I am very pleased to see that Mr. Jaffe recognizes the importance of Dr. Vallee's works and in particular his most recent book "PASSPORT TO MAGONIA" which is a serious attempt at bridging the mathematical solution (earlier books) with the philosophical one.

-- Paul J. Smith

You may well have the best UFO publication in the United States, from what I have seen so far. I especially admire your vigilance against numbskullery from whatever source: kooks, cults, or consultants.

-- Paul J. Willis, Secretary-Editor
INFO

Enjoyed your "UFOLOGICAL HOROSCOPE" very much. Whoever wrote this has a real fine sense of humor. I think we need a laugh now and then to get our feet on the ground. And I certainly don't mind getting in the joke, as long as I can "get my name in the paper."

-- Gray Barker, Editor
SAUCER NEWS

October 1969, pg. 13, WA5RON makes a comment re the modulated light beam device "as being thoroughly valueless---." Jerold may have jumped to a conclusion here that is equally "valueless." I have personally made some experiments with the modulated light tranceiver and got positive results. Back in 1954 while traveling the midwest for Motorola, I had built and used a mobile modulated light outfit in my car. As I drove along, I would call "GO" to my "intelligence" that wished to communicate.

then then stand-by. The receiver was a photocell switched into the amplifier, and mostly I received a 60 hz hum from street lights - or nothing! However, on two occasions I did receive what appeared to be a voice-like response.

It sounded similar to German language in both instances, and lasted for about 30 seconds. Now, I don't know what it was, but I do know that it was not breakdown noise in the equipment, or a radio station, or my imagination since I had a witness on one of the occasions.

The first experience was in Cincinnati and the second was in Indianapolis. There was no question in my mind that it was a voice even tho I couldn't understand it!

Now this may not have had any connection with saucers at all, but then again it might have! This could have been a psychic effect, or some phenomenon akin to mediumship. But then again, maybe the UFO is a manifestation of psychic energies! (ala Carl Jung.)

Other people have heard it independently all over the country, and under similar circumstances, so---it is worth at least a look!

-- Bob Achzehner, W9AUT

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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.

FOR SALE: Heathkit FM radio, model GR-21 with AFC. Wired and ready to go. Woofer and tweeter, power take-off, provisions for ext. amp., phono, tape, mike, multiplex, etc. Guaranteed. \$40.00. (Manual included.) --WB6RPL, Mike Jaffe, c/o DATA-NET.

FOR SALE or TRADE: Speedplex #2 Bug Key. Similar to the bibroplex key. Good condition. \$10.00 or what have you. --W6BPV, Tom Thompson, 340 Harvard Dr., Ben Lomond, Calif. 95005.

WANTED: 75 meter AM or SB transmitter suitable for mobile installation. Give me a description and quote a price. --WA5RON, 224 Roberts Hall, Austin, Texas 78705

WANTED: "STRANGE PEOPLE" and "STRANGEST OF ALL" by Frank Edwards. Name your price. --WA5RON, 224 Roberts Hall, Austin, Texas 78705

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