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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 sufficiently clear to show items of value. Preferably, the film should be unprocessed, with as much pertinent data provided as possible.

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If anyone desires a permanent magnet which was made special for the SAUCER SEEKER, they are available for \$2.00. The magnets are 1/8" diameter, 4" long, Alnico V and very strong.

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NETWORK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY at 0200 GMT on 7.268 (LSB) = Wednesday at 7:00 PM PDST.

W6RPL (Mike), Control, and/or alternate W6BPV (Tom), call "CQ" from California.

W0ZRG (Mark) holds a novices and beginners net on SATURDAY at 8:00 AM CDST on 21.120.

KP4CH can be contacted on 21342 KC. He will be glad to help anyone desiring information regarding Puerto Rico.

HAM ROSTER

K7YXP	Tucson, Arizona	W0ZRG	St. Louis, Missouri
W6BPV	Ben Lomond, Calif.	W1PBT	Plaistow, New Hampshire
W6RPL	Mountain View, Calif.	W8WYW	Columbus, Ohio
W6JPM	Mountain View, Calif.	W8PTU	Lorain, Ohio
W6YHP	Newport Beach, Calif.	K5QFI	Houston, Texas
WA3FCM	Pompano Beach, Florida	W50XU	Gatesville, Texas
W5BNE	Tampa, Florida	WA5RON	Austin, Texas
WA9THB	Joliet, Illinois		
W9KRC	Quincy, Illinois		
WA9BIX	Stanford, Illinois		
W9AUT	Villa Park, Illinois	VE3CYW	Wellington, Ontario
W9SAL	Valpariso, Indiana	KP4CH	Rio Pedras, Puerto Rico
WA9WMK	Bloomington, Indiana	VK2SK	Belmore, New So. Wales
W0PGP	St. Louis, Missouri	G3TFW	Lancs, England

BULLETIN

-by Mike Jaffe, W6RPL

Many people eagerly awaited John Keel's new book "UFOs-Operation Trojan Horse." Information that I received stated that the original manuscript was over 1,000 pages, however no publisher wanted it because of its length (two volumes), so it was rewritten and cut to about 300 pages.

I have always bought and enjoyed Keel's writings because they usually are so far out that they are good for a laugh. (The M.I.B. stories, etc.) This time, I became quite saddened. Surely all sincere researchers will also be sad. Until now Keel has been regarded as a harmless writer who chases black cadillacs. This book may serve to destroy whatever may have survived the Condon fiasco.

Like most of Keel's stuff, "UFOs-Operation Trojan Horse" is full of inaccuracies, contradictions and bad jokes. For instance, he still makes a big mystery of the Boullia spheres, putting words into the mouth of the Australian Minister of Supply. Mr. Allen Fairfield did not say, "all efforts to open the spheres failed," as Keel states. What he did say was that they had not opened it in case its contents might be of interest to the owner, when established. (See DATA-NET REPORT #31, page 3.)

In a nut shell Keel wastes 300 pages to say that UFOs are more abundant on Wednesday, and that they are piloted by angels who lie.

Keel apparently believes all the contactees are telling the truth, including the ones who have already admitted their lies. "The ufonauts are the liars, not the contactees," he says. (See UFOs-Operation Trojan Horse, page 213.)

Keel feels that most of these angel-ufonauts are males, probably hermaphrodites, and homosexual!!!! (Page 222) On page 220 he strongly recommends that parents forbid their children to become involved with the UFO subject, and states that adults should not encourage teenagers to take an interest in the problem. If he is inferring that teenagers are mindless, I hasten to note that some of the most active ufologists are teenagers who have proved they can think for themselves. In fact, one of DATA-NET's

members is a teenager. Take it from me, he can think for himself.

In this type of book it is necessary to mention names. Keel does that, and heavily, but inaccurately. For instance, Dr. Vallee is mentioned as a NASA astronomer on page 431. I'll bet the learned Dr. did not appreciate that too much!

On page 141 Keel states that within three years he investigated thousands of cases. Since there are only 1095 days available in three years time, he is boasting of investigating at least 2 cases a day, without taking a day off. This must be the reason that he still accepts the French triangular balloon that strayed over Madrid, Spain (page 159) as a flying saucer.

Keel states that monomorphs are demons and gives a story of being chased by them on page 273. He also says he tried to pursue them. He apparently forgets the time he chased a couple of old ladies in a black caddy on Long Island, scaring the hell out of them until they were able to call the cops. I suppose they too were queer angels who quickly changed into old ladies.

On page 303 Keel equates Elementals with Ultraterrestrials. Dr. Layne, whose works Keel tries to use, will probably turn in his grave. Most students of magic and witchcraft know that Elementals are the product of the magician or sorcerer, and not independent entities. On page 97 we find that the three wise men of the bible were in reality the three men-in-black!

Throughout his book, Keel mentions psychiatrists. I recommend that he dump the one he has now. I also recommend that you read the book for yourself, if you can afford the \$7.00 price tag.

In the past we have refrained from printing Keel's insulting letters to us because we felt that was his way of getting more publicity. Many other UFO groups that cooperate with us have adopted the same attitude.

Again, so as not to confuse anyone, we are willing to look at the subject from all angles and all aspects. Yes, even peculiar angels. But the data must be valid. "UFOs-Operation Trojan Horse" is so full of errors and misinformation that, were it not for the seriousness of the subject, it would be another fantastic joke.

"CQ" ...de WA5RCW

LEAGUE ANNOUNCES MORE CHANGES FOR HAM RADIO. Newington, Conn. APRIL 1, 1972.

The American Radio Relay League who in conjunction with the F.C.C. surprised radio amateurs last month by turning the 20 and 10 meter bands over to the manufacturers and (ugh!) users of C.B. equipment, announced today the discontinuing of the novice class license.

This reporter interviewed Filbert T. Swineman (KKO-4482) who is assistant to the director in charge of finance at the League headquarters. "We don't need the novice license anymore," he said, "there aren't that many kids coming into ham radio nowadays anyway. We may request that the F.C.C. quit issuing new licenses altogether."

The Assistant Director lit a fifty-cent cigar with an old Hiram Percy Maxim QSL card and continued, "The old novice band segments will be given over to foreign broadcast and the 87 holders of extra class tickets."

When asked if he foresaw any additional changes of League policy in the near future, Swineman replied, "Yes, we're planning to cease publication of QST, the handbooks, and all that trash. At the same time we'll raise the member's dues fifty percent."

This reporter asked if he thought these moves might be unpopular among the radio amateurs, to which Swineman answered, "Who cares. If the ungrateful slobbs haven't learned yet that what the A.R.R.L. says is really best for them, then that's their problem. We don't need ham radio; ham radio needs us!" He continued in a less excited tone, "Besides, we have to build up the League's treasury for the big hamfest to be held this summer in Rome, Paris and Beirut; not to mention the special field day for the headquarters staff in Las Vegas coming up next month."

This reporter regrets not being able to make the A.R.R.L. field day with Swineman and all the others due to an assignment to cover the crucial I.T.U. Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

YOUR WORLD AND UFOs

-by Bob Achzehner, W9AUT

The average person who reads UFO stories in the popular press will be almost totally confused by the information that is presented.

Usually, a story will appear in the newspaper giving names of witnesses and a description of what was observed. There will be much correlation between the data presented by the witnesses, perhaps differing only in minor details. The witnesses will describe unusual maneuvering, with varied colored lights, either flashing or pulsing.

In most of these reports the observer states that what he had seen was a solid object, foreign to anything that he had ever seen before. The newspapers then generally contact a local military base commander or some Air Force official from a nearby field. These agencies will either have no immediate comment, or they will recite a standard explanation of the possibility of the object being a weather balloon, a mirage or one of the planets mistakenly identified as something unusual.

If the sighting is significant enough in terms of numbers of witnesses or details, the official agencies may choose to send investigators to the scene to interrogate the witnesses. The official report will then come, anywhere from one to three weeks later. This report will usually be a rehash of the first explanation, or it may be a variation to make it more acceptable to more people.

In every case, however, the official explanation never leaves any room for the possibility that the report of the sighting may be something other than conventional (but rare) phenomena, explainable in terms of our present day scientific knowledge.

"Engineering Opportunities Magazine" of September, 1967, presented an article titled, "Saucers, Hoax or Hazard?" In this article, Dr. James E. McDonald, astrophysicist, University of Arizona, is quoted widely in what he feels are the reasons for official attitudes.

In 1953, a special panel was assembled to evaluate UFO reports. The panel, established by the Office of Scientific Intelligence of the CIA, was headed by Cal-Tech Theoretical Physicist H.P. Robertson, and included other scientists of high repute. Dr. McDonald believes that the Robertson panel marked the turning point in UFO investigation, since it led directly to a government decision to down-grade the problem.

The panel report noted that there was no evidence of any hostile action in the UFO phenomena, and that there was no evidence of the existence of any "artifacts of a hostile foreign power" in any of the records submitted to them. Also, the report recommended that an educational program should be undertaken to acquaint the public with such natural phenomena as vapor trails, halos, balloons, etc.

Another recommendation was made by the panel of more far reaching significance. States Dr. McDonald, "This recommendation -- made at the request of the CIA -- asked for a systematic debunking of flying saucers." The stated objective of this debunking, according to Dr. McDonald, was "to reduce public interest in flying saucers."

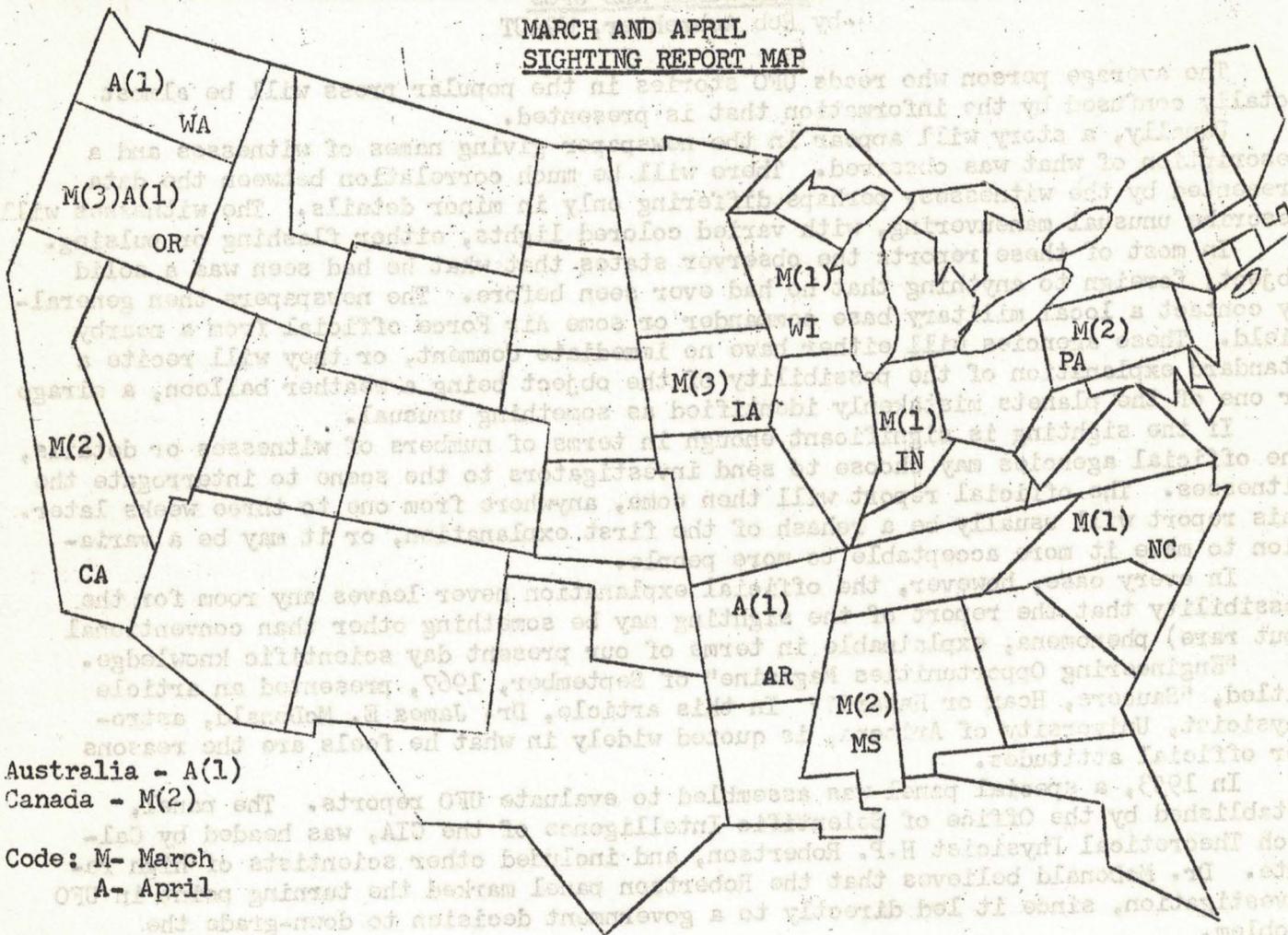
"Since the full report of the panel has never been declassified and only an edited version has been released to date, it is impossible to make a full and careful evaluation of this particular recommendation," says the article. "However, it is a fact that seven months later, in August, 1953, Air Force Regulation AF200-2 was promulgated, and that the regulations directed specifically that the percentage of unidentifieds must be reduced to a minimum."

Furthermore, it was tied in with another regulation, JANAP-146, which effectively made it a crime, punishable with up to ten (10) years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, for anyone at any Air Base to disclose information on any unidentified sighting, although information could be released freely by local commands on reports which had been explained.

Dr. McDonald claims that the Air Force has done a splendid job of reducing the number of unidentifieds, but that this has been done primarily by assigning "outrageously unscientific explanations to important sightings." And so it goes.

--Voice of Motorola, January 15, 1969

MARCH AND APRIL SIGHTING REPORT MAP



Australia - A(1)

Canada - M(2)

Code: M- March

A- April

CLIPPING THE NEWS

UFO EVENTS:

11-11-1968. Near Calgary, Alberta, Canada (x/2330). VE6AEY SIGHTS UFO

Mr. Frank Marwood, VE6AEY, is also a private pilot licensed since 1949 with over 2,000 hours log time.

On November 11, 1968 Frank was driving about 30 miles east of Swift Current, Saskatchewan. About 11:30 p.m. he noticed a peculiar light to his left. At first he thought that it was a reflection, but then he saw that it moved in a circle.

The light was brilliant bluish-white and about 25 feet in diameter. At that time it was about 500 feet above the ground and was spinning 2 to 3 feet off center, giving it a wobbling effect. It was spinning at the rate of about 2 or 3 revolutions per second.

Frank turned his lights on and off, speeded up, slowed down, etc., but the object stayed right with him. It remained in about the same position 1 or 2 car lengths ahead of him and slowed when he slowed, speeded up when he did and so on.

Frank, who is a ham (VE6AEY), was listening on 75 meters at the time, and tuned across the band. All he got was "snow static" or "low mush noise;" no QSOs or any

other sounds.

He did not suffer the classic problems with his headlights or ignition.

The object followed him for about 25 miles until he approached the town. Then it tipped on its side and flew almost straight up into the low clouds.

4-17-1970. Mildura, Victoria, Australia (Fri/2220). UFO SIGHTED

Several people reported seeing a saucer-like object carrying lights around its edge fly low over Mildura about 10:20 p.m. It was moving quickly in a southwesterly direction toward Mildura Airport, they said.

According to one woman there was "something in the sky, flying very low, making no sound and disappearing toward the aerodrome." She said it could not have been an airplane because it had no flashing navigation lights or landing lights. The lights around the edge looked like normal cabin lights.

Ansett Airlines office at Mildura said none of its aircraft had been in the area at that time at a low altitude. The Department of Civil Aviation control at Mildura Airport was closed, indicating that there was no traffic officially in the area.

Six people reported seeing the object, and all descriptions of it were similar. (Sunraysia Daily)

4-20-1970. Yakima, Washington (Mon/2026). SKY OBJECT NOTED

Reports continue Wednesday of a brilliant and sparkling "whatchamacallit" that crossed the northern sector of the sky over Yakima from the east to west about 8:26 pm.

Mr. & Mrs. Al Miller of West Valley said the object had a trail with a bluish-green cast, and that it broke up and scattered before reaching the horizon.

Mrs. Roy F. David, of Wide Hollow Road, Yakima, first reported the object Monday night. She said it left a glowing bluish-green trail and emitted a shower of sparks just before reaching the horizon.

Harold Rush, a Yakima Weather Bureau employee, said he saw the object while off duty and in the Moxee area. He said he thinks it was a spectacular meteor, but stressed that it was his own impression and not an official meteorological opinion. (Herald-Republic)

4-21-1970. Burdette, Arkansas (Tue/0100). TWO WOMEN REPORT UFO

Two women who insisted "don't you dare mention my name," said they had just exited from Interstate 55 at the Burdette Interchange about 1 a.m. when they saw "the brightest light you've ever seen" hovering about 60 feet above Elmer Cole's field.

Pulling the car over to the shoulder of the road, one woman rolled down the right front window for a better look. The object descended slowly, hovered, and then began to rotate, exposing two more extremely bright lights. They were set wider apart than the headlights of a car, were much brighter and "they didn't have a beam like a car's headlights' would."

Set between the two white lights were "what looked like two little blue lights on something that was turning around and around," one woman said. Smaller white lights "about the color you'd get from a light shining out a window" outlined the shape of a saucer, according to her description. Protruding above the outline was what looked "like a pole with a smaller yellow light on it." No noise came from the object, the woman said.

Both agreed that it was not an airplane or helicopter. They observed the object about three minutes, they said, "and then all of a sudden it cranked up. It made a whistling noise and moved off toward Blytheville so fast that in a few seconds it was out of sight."

The woman who reported the incident described herself as "not a crank. I'm afraid to tell anyone about this or they'll think we're crazy....but I've got to tell somebody. We own a business in our hometown and are well known, so I'm not the sort of person that would make a crank call. I don't know what it was that we saw, but we saw something and it was as real as real can be."

Officials at Blytheville Air Force Base said Tuesday (4-28) they still "have no explanation" but that a Board was going to convene this week to investigate it.

The Board will be comprised of "our people on intelligence" a BAFB spokesman said. (Des Moines Register & Arkansas Gazette (Cr. Lou Farish)

4-22-1970. Roseburg, Oregon (Wed/2130). UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED

The Sheriff's office continues to receive UFO reports. Two such came from unrelated areas about 9:30 p.m.

Ronald Preston, 1898 S.W. Linnell, in the Green district, reported seeing a brilliant green ball falling at about a 30-degree angle.

Phil Gordon, 706 W. Pilger, also reported seeing a similar object, only he described it as hazy green. Other information coincided with that of Preston. He said he probably would not have noticed, but his horse nickered, causing him to look up. (News-Review)

5-1-1970. Washington, Pennsylvania (Fri/2100). RESIDENTS REPORT SIGHTING UFO

A cigar-shaped "something" trailing a brilliant, flaming exhaust and traveling at a high rate of speed was the description of an unidentified flying object that shot across the skies above Washington about 9 p.m.

The object was described in the shape of a rocket or cigar, traveling south in a trajectory below the cloud cover. It showed no lights, but its exhaust was described as yellowish and a yellow glow came from the front of the projectile. One report estimated its altitude as 2,000 feet and reported it took only five seconds to go from horizon to horizon.

Reports were made from several points in the city as well as outlying districts as far away as Scenery Hill. (Washington Observer-Reporter)

2-18-1970. Salisbury, North Carolina (*Wed/2220). UFO SEEN

Roy Barrow Jr. of 402 Clancy Street reported seeing an unusual object in the sky about 10:20 p.m.

Barrow spotted the orange object while he was driving south on 601 from Highway 70. He said the object was traveling northeast to southwest at a slow rate of speed. It then made a 90 degree turn and zoomed away. (Evening Post)

2-28-1970. Culbertson, Nebraska (Sat/0100). UFOs NEAR CULBERTSON

Note: A brief account of the Dale Nowka sighting appeared in last month's issue (DATA-NET REPORT #35, May 1970, page 9). Mr. & Mrs. Nowka reported sighting two UFOs about 5 miles northwest of Culbertson. The sighting was confirmed by State Safety Patrol Trooper Dale Rowedder of McCook. Radar also picked up five unidentified objects in the area.

Additional details follow:

Nowka had watched the late show on TV and at 1 a.m. he stepped out the back door of his farmhouse. "I have about 40 sows farrowing and I have made a habit of checking the hog houses," Nowka said.

In the northwest over the farm buildings, Nowka noticed a red light but assumed at first that it was a scheduled Frontier Airlines flight. When he realized it was too late for the flight he looked again and the object was moving south at about 1,000 feet.

"It was definitely low in the sky because it disappeared behind the farm buildings. I went into the house to wake up my wife. We both viewed the flying object through binoculars and then called the Nebraska Safety Patrol headquarters in McCook."

Through the glasses the object looked like a "saucer." The greenish-blue lights made it have a flat effect, and the bottom had a turning movement counter-clockwise. The lights on the bottom went from clear to red and then back to white," Mr. & Mrs. Nowka stated.

When the Nebraska Safety Patrol headquarters in McCook received the call at 1:25 a.m. they immediately dispatched two troopers in separate cars to the Culbertson area.

Trooper Dale Rowedder said, "It was clear and still, and all of the stars were shining bright in the sky. I went north and west of Culbertson, and the other patrol car was north of my location when I first spotted the flying object. I was traveling north about 2 miles east and 2 north of the Western Union tower. I looked out of the patrol car window and there it was due west at about a 45-degree angle in the sky."

Trooper Rowedder described the object as a ball of light in the sky. His description matched that of Nowka's but he added that the lights were not pulsating or flashing, but that the red light changed to clear white and then to red.

When Trooper Rowedder arrived at the Nowka farm, he also viewed the object through the glasses. The object at that time was moving toward the farm yard.

As Trooper Rowedder guided the other trooper to the farm by radio, the object disappeared, then re-appeared. Both Rowedder and the Nowka's believe that the second object was a different flying object.

About 2:20 a.m. the other patrol car neared the farm and the closer object again disappeared from view.

Trooper Rowedder radioed McCook who checked the Federal Aviation Agency at North Platte to see if anything was visible on radar. They reported no traffic, nor did the Federal Air Traffic Control Center at Longmont, Colorado.

Finally, they contacted the North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs who reported that their radar showed five objects north of Culbertson and they had been tracking them earlier in the evening.

A dense cloud cover moved over the area at 3 a.m., and the FAA reported they were sending a plane to the area. Nowka and the Trooper were unable to spot a plane, but the FAA reported at 3:50 a.m. that a plane had circled the area at 7,500 feet and was unable to spot any objects out of the cloud area.

A small propeller driven mail plane circled the area at 4:00 a.m. The pilot landed at the McCook airport and reported that he had been asked to circle the area, and that the objects were still visible on the Colorado Springs radar even though those at the Nowka farm could see nothing at the time.

Neither Nowka nor Rowedder would estimate a guess as to the size of the object they saw but both agreed that it did move towards them, and that through field glasses the counter-clockwise rotation was obvious. Nowka feels that the two objects were following in different paths. One along the Frenchman Valley and the other going down the Republican Valley.

What did they see? Why did the objects show on radar even though they were not visible to the naked eye at times?

Some citizens speculated that there is a connection between the UFOs and the Air Force cargo plane that crashed two weeks earlier north of Palisade (about 18 miles west). Air Force investigation teams had left the area only the day before the sighting. (Gering Courier)

3-14-1970. Hattiesburg, Mississippi (Sat/2000) SEE ORANGE BALL IN SKY

-by Sarah Gillespie:

A few minutes after 8 p.m. I went into the kitchen to get a glass of water. Standing at the sink and looking out of the window I saw an orange ball hanging in the sky at about 45 degrees, give or take five.

The color of the ball was in sharp contrast to the color of the street light below it, but it was not as bright an orange as the setting sun. It did not have a trail, a glow or a halo.

Its size relative to that of the street light appeared to be about that of a pool ball to a golf ball, I could not tell its height nor its distance and since I was looking due east it was slightly north of east.

I may have watched about 15-30 seconds, I know it occurred to me to go outside and I then decided I could see as well from the kitchen. It seemed to be almost imperceptibly falling but this could have been an optical illusion.

Its orange color remained constant and there was no shadowing or spots in the perfect circle. It did not face away but suddenly went out, just like a light bulb when the switch is clicked. (Paper unknown)

3-16-1970. Corinth, Mississippi (Mon/0600). FLYING SAUCERS?

Maybe. Norman Borden of Corinth reports that this morning while driving to his job at Wurlitzer Company, he spotted a UFO in the East Corinth area. He traveled to West Corinth and reportedly watched the object along the route. When he reached West

Corinth, Borden says he stopped his car to gaze at the brightly lighted oblong shape hovering in the sky. He compared the shape to a fluorescent light with a dark center.

William Rosebuerry, also of Corinth, said he spotted the same object this morning. He reports that he watched the strange light until the dark center pulled away and seemed to partially disintegrate. However, he said he never saw it completely disappear.

Another Corinthian, Terry Gilmore, also reported seeing the UFO. The sightings occurred between 5:55 and 6:05 a.m. (Daily Corinthian)

3-16-1970. Northside, Pennsylvania (Mon/1930). COUPLE SEES STRANGE OBJECT

A Northside couple reported that at about 7:30 p.m. they spotted a strange light in the sky headed in a westerly direction at a "very slow rate of speed."

At approximately three-minute intervals, they reported sparks would fall from the object like sparks from fireworks; the object would fade and then slowly brighten and once again throw off sparks.

The couple reportedly viewed the object for 15 minutes before it faded out completely. (The Oil City Derrick)

3-21-1970. Scranton, Pennsylvania (Sat/2000). HERE COME THE SAUCERS!

Something circular and emanating an orange glow was whizzing around Scranton skies shortly after 8 p.m. according to four Scranton patrolmen in three different sectors.

Patrolman Joseph Harte, on duty in the 200 block of Adams Ave. observed the object above Town Hall and moving east.

Almost simultaneously, Sgt. Charles Reina and Patrolman Al Sames, cruising in a patrol car near Davis St. said they glanced skyward and saw the UFO for several minutes, as did Patrolman Richard Heier, stationed at Mountain Lake in the East Mountain section.

"It was very, very bright," said Sgt. Reina. "It was like a really bright light, and orangy."

He said he and Patrolman Sames thought at first it might be a helicopter. "It would stand still for a few minutes, then move slowly, horizontally and vertically," said Sgt. Reina, adding that the object, when first sighted, was cruising at a relatively low altitude.

"As it started to move closer to us, we radioed headquarters. Then it stopped and suddenly gave a reddish blast and disappeared at a terrific rate of speed," he said. "It really got small fast...whatever it was."

Sgt. Reina said when he initially spotted the object it appeared round in shape, "like a really bright light surrounded by an orange color."

His description coincided with others given by UFO observers who spotted the strange occurrences in past years across Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The last reported sighting in the area was in September, 1968, when a Chincilla woman sighted two "oval shaped objects" with "flashing lights" in skies above her home.

That same night, a third object, fitting the same description, was seen above the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Wilkes-Barre. (Scranton Sunday Times)

3-22-1970. Prentice, Wisconsin (Sun/0200). COMET, VISITOR FROM SPACE, OR MOON WITH TAIL LIGHT?

"At exactly 2 a.m. (I timed this) I looked across the street and saw a huge moon almost atop the house across the street. It looked as if it was touching the roof and the thing had a red stop-lite like deal attachment that glowed. It remained in the sky at that very spot for 15 minutes. It faded out once but reappeared. I watched it from my front porch. If this was the comet it certainly was no small object and it was very close to the earth. All the houses around were dark otherwise I would have called someone to witness this thing. I am sorry now that I didn't. Anyway, it was most interesting but a little on the eerie side."

The above was reported by the Prentice correspondent to the BEE. (Phillips Bee)

3-22-1970. Balltown, Iowa (Sun/2000). 2 IOWANS REPORT UFO

A strange light was reported rising from a field and soaring over their car as they drove along a country road near here about 8 p.m. by a Balltown couple, Mary (28)

and Lavern (30) Duehr.

The Duehrs and their three children were approaching Balltown from the South. "The road runs along a high ridge," Duehr said, "and we suddenly saw this large white light rise straight up from a field about two miles below us, and when it reached a height of several hundred feet it moved swiftly towards us and went directly overhead."

The light then went out, Duehr said, but they saw it again farther south and much higher in the sky a few minutes later. (Des Moines Register)

3-25-1970. Annan, Ontario, Canada (Wed/1925). TWO TEENAGERS REPORT UFO

Two Irish Block area teenagers reported spotting a UFO in the sky near their home at R.R. 1, Annan.

Joanne Hutchison, 14, and her brother, Bill, 17, said the object sported reddish-orange lights which flashed in a circular motion. The object was sighted at 7:25 p.m.

Miss Hutchison said the object appeared to be stopped and then moved slowly away. She reported there were no noticeable sounds and the UFO seemed to move slower than an airplane. (Owen Sound Sun Times)

3-25-1970. Ronda, North Carolina (Wed/2100). MORE UFOs SIGHTED

Three Elkin and two Boonville teenagers say they watched three UFOs for five minutes just east of here between 9 and 9:15 p.m. insisting that they were not helicopters or airplanes. One of the UFOs moved out of the sighting area. A jet airplane moved onto the scene, they said, and began to pursue the remaining two UFOs.

Earlier, the UFOs had appeared to have been stationary. With the arrival of the jet, the UFOs accelerated and eluded the chase aircraft, the five boys said.

The youngsters who reported the sighting to a Tribune correspondent are Charlie Foster, son of J.B. Foster of Oakland Drive, Elkin; Junior Blackburn, son of Earl Blackburn of the Thomasson Apartments, Elkin; Lee Bocher, son of James A. Bocher of Westover Park, Elkin; and Tommy Prim and Will Shores, both of Boonville.

The sighting was along N.C. Highway 268 between Elkin and Ronda along the ridge west of W.E. Sale and Sons, Inc.

Charlie Foster and Junior Blackburn summed up what all five observed: "Three stationary, blinking lights. The lights were white and red. These flashed on and off at regular intervals. Then one of these (UFOs) moved north to the horizon. It did not return.

"The other two vehicles moved slowly westward--side by side and in unison--passing directly overhead. A jet appeared on the scene and vectored toward the two objects. They accelerated and remained ahead of the jet as all went out of sight on the western horizon." (Elkin Tribune)

3-25-1970. Sioux Center, Iowa (Wed/Nite). CENTERIANS REPORT UFO SOUTH OF SHELDON

Mrs. Arie Olivier of Sioux Center and her two children, Eileen, 18, and Armond, 11, and two Sioux Center friends, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Piersma, reported seeing a UFO about a mile south of Sheldon while enroute home from a Christian School program in Sheldon. The two women teach at the Sheldon school.

During the night as they traveled Highway 60, they spotted a large, well illuminated object with multi-colored lights (dome-shaped) in the air a few hundred yards to the west of the road. All of them got a good look at it but because of the bright lights could only make out the general outline of the huge contraption. The interior of the structure was not visible.

They had at first thought it might be a plane, but discounted this after getting a glimpse at the overall shape.

After viewing the structure as they traveled south, they turned around to get another, and what they hoped would be a better, look at it. It was then that the UFO started moving toward Sheldon and disappeared over the city. The group drove back to Sheldon and then to the Sheldon airport to make inquiry about any airplanes flying in the area, and were told that no planes had taken off or landed at the airport that evening.

Mrs. Olivier reported the sighting to her husband upon her arrival home and he,

in turn, called the Sioux County Sheriff's office to report the incident. As near as he could learn, no other Sioux Countians had sited the UFO, or if they had, had not reported it. (Sioux Center News)

3-27-1970. Silver Hills, Indiana (Fri/2130 & 2330). FAMILY SEES ODD LIGHTS IN SKY

Some people attending a party at the Oliver Hammer home at 1316 Ridgeway witnessed what they said were strange objects in the sky, about the altitude that planes come into Standiford Field. Police were notified, and were called again on Saturday (3-28) by neighbors, but there had been no log of the calls made at headquarters, the department stated.

Among the guests were the A.W. Shaws of 423 Highland Ave. The Hammers were returning to Mrs. Shaw's home and looked into the western sky, when their gaze froze. What Mrs. Shaw and the Hammers saw was also observed by the Shaw's daughter and son-in-law, the Leonard Whites, and their children, who said, "yes, we saw the same thing about two hours ago." This would have been about 9:30 because Mrs. Shaw and the Hammers observed the spectacle about 11:30, they said.

Police, in noting there was no log report made of the call, said, "we got no other calls on the thing."

Mrs. Shaw reported seeing, "We saw what appeared to be two airplanes very close together, but they weren't moving. They just remained there in that one place. We went around to the rear of the house and a little later we saw a plane go by the objects. They just didn't seem to go anywhere, just remained there. They threw out a bright light, and their color was that of orange, not like the color of planes."

There were no later reports of any unidentified objects in this area, before or after the report coming from Silver Hills. (New Albany Tribune)

METEORS, COMETS & FIREBALLS:

3-17-1970. Santa Fe, Missouri. SANTA FE FIND MAY BE METEOR

Rocks that closely resemble meteorites have been found in a ditch on his 13-acre plane northwest of Santa Fe by M.O. (Bud) Rodgers, 1 Mars St.

The location of Mr. Rodgers' find is in the Santa Fe-Molino area which was strongly suspected of being the site of a meteorite fall in December of 1967.

Mr. Rodgers' sample is the most likely prospect brought to the Ledger in the last three years. Its weight is the most significant thing about it. A pyramid-shaped piece about 4½ by 3½ by 2 inches weighed one pound 10 ounces, about double the weight of a similar piece of limestone.

The apparent original shape is irregular, but the surface is smoothed off, as if by heat, but pocked and pitted. The broken parts show a liver-red, closely packed substance resembling jasper. It leaves a mark the color of burnt umber on unglazed pottery surfaces.

The Material resembles rich iron ore, but it doesn't react at all to a magnet. There appears to be a small amount of silica or mica in part of the rocks. (Mexico, Missouri Ledger)

3-29-1970. Kankakee County, Illinois (Sun/Nite). UFO SIGHTED?

The Police Department were alerted at 4 a.m. by Kankakee County Sheriff's Police that there was a UFO in the night sky. This was subsequently observed by Park Forest South, Beecher, Peotone, Richton Park and state police squads.

It was a bright object with a long tail which appeared to be standing still. It was easily seen until daybreak.

The object was discovered to be Bennet's Comet, on its way to the sun. (Monee Monitor)

3-30-1970. Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada (Mon/0430). NIGHT SKY LIT BY OBJECT

No positive identification has been made of a glowing object seen in the eastern sky by a few Kelowna residents about 4:30 a.m.

There was definitely an astronomical event of some sort; the weather office at

the Kelowna Airport and in Penticton reported phone calls and a sighting by their own observers.

In Penticton, the glowing object was logged as a "noctilucent cloud" -- a very high cirrus cloud (about 60,000 to 70,000 feet) glowing in an electrical field.

However, observers at Bellingham Airport in Washington, Puntzi Mountain, about 100 miles west of Williams Lake and at Abbotsford all reported a comet in the sky.

A Kelowna resident, wakened by a phone call, described it this way: "A beautiful clear night with the moon nearing the horizon in the south-south-east and straight ahead of us, almost dead east; was the comet, looking as traditionally it should; seemingly a ball, almost more silver than gold but with a goldy tail, 10 or 12 times the size of the ball, spread out behind."

He said at first sighting it was closer to the zenith than the horizon, but when last seen was much dimmer and approaching the horizon. "It was traveling eastward and rapidly."

Only one comet is due in 1970, to circle the sun in August, but this will not be visible to the naked eye.

Some observers hope to see the object again tonight. If the object is a comet, chances are it will again be visible at about the same time and place, or possibly a little earlier. (Kelowna Courier)

4-9-1970. Alberta, Canada. THE LIGHT IN THE SKY

That's not a UFO in the pre-dawn northeast sky. It's Comet Bennett, named for a South African astronomer. It becomes visible about 3 p.m. and by dawn is 45 degrees above the horizon.

According to the Red Deer Advocate, the comet is about as bright as the Pole Star. It was first spotted last December as it approached the sun. It's now gone around the sun and is headed back into space and will be visible for the next couple of weeks. (The Edmonton Journal)

LIGHTS:

4-21-1970. Topeka, Kansas. MYSTERIOUS LIGHT

Fred Garrod was telling me the other day about the jack-o'-lantern. Often in Illinois, when he was a lad, he saw this mysterious light. Usually on foggy nights the lanterns were out! Most just drifted over low ground, from 5 to 30 feet high, but not all behaved so. One in particular acted oddly. Garrod and a companion saw one move against the wind, rise over a hedge or line of trees about 10 feet high, then come down lower and move on the low ground. He saw many others that seemed to hang in the air and never move. Nobody seemed to know what these mysterious lights of 1900-10 were.

I myself have seen St. Elmo's fire dancing along the fence rows of a farm; these are known as electric discharges.

Were the jack-o'-lanterns just swamp gas, St. Elmo's fire, or were they of supernatural origin? Indeed, many odd things are here in 1970, too. --Ed Murphy, Fonda, Iowa.

(Cappers Weekly editor's note) -- Random House Dictionary says the jack-o'-lantern or will-o'-the-wisp is a flitting phosphorescent light seen at night, mostly over marshy ground. It's believed to be from spontaneous combustion of gas from decomposed organic matter. (Capper's Weekly. Cr: L. Farish)

MOON, PLANETS, & ASTRONOMY:

4-19-1970. Pasadena, Calif. ROUGH SPOTS ON MERCURY

Scientists at Jet Propulsion Laboratory said they have found rough spots near the equator of the planet Mercury but are unable to determine whether they are "mountains, boulder fields or craters."

The uneven surface was observed at a time when the tiny planet, closest to the sun, was roughly 55 million miles from earth, Dr. Richard Goldstein of Goldstone Tracking station said in a statement. Goldstein said dozens of spectrograms were made

from radar probes of the planet, taken between May 24 and June 13 of 1969.

"The rough features of Mercury seem similar to the ones we have observed earlier on Venus," he said, "except they are larger, relative to the size of the disc, and have much less contrast to the surrounding areas." (Kansas City Times)

4-11-1970. Moscow, Russia. LIFE ON MARS POSSIBLE

Soviet biologist K. Lyubarsky, offered evidence that life can exist on Mars.

His theory was described in the magazine Science and Life which said he grew some terrestrial plants, worms, seeds and bacteria in a box whose atmosphere simulated the carbon-dioxide air on Mars. Most died, some went into a state of suspended animation and revived when taken out, and others thrived.

"Lower mushrooms and bacteria could even grow and multiply in the conditions of a complete absence of oxygen, Martian temperatures and humidity," he said. "During some experiments the seeds of flower plants sprouted." (Seattle Times)

UFO COMMENTS AND OPINIONS:

4-11-1970. Townsville, Queensland, Australia. UFO SIGHTINGS COULD INCREASE

In his latest report, the president of the Northern Investigation Bureau Aerial Phenomena, Mr. B. Bronsman, said that the bureau felt that the intensity of UFO sightings would increase over the next 10 years.

The report went on to say that there was a definite plan for the visits of these objects and the Bureau would continue to investigate these visits in order to determine the reason and plan for them.

Sightings mentioned in the report included:

The Bonaccorso-Giufre sighting on July 17, 1969, which took place at Silky Oak about four miles south of Tully.

The Clifton-Porter sighting on September 17, 1969 at Dere's Loop in the Tully area.

Both of these sightings had people who confirmed the sighting. In the second case the UFO was seen several nights over a short interval. (Daily Bulletin)

4-12-1970. Los Angeles, California. PARDON ME, BUT YOUR FLYING SAUCER IS STILL SHOWING
(Excerpts from an item by Barbara Battino)

Flying saucer witnesses are often laughingly labeled far-out, mystic or "just a bunch of nuts sitting on the hill out there waiting for a flying saucer to land."

Some prefer to define the "flying saucer" scientifically: As an "unexplained phenomenon or phenomena, present in the environs of the Earth," but it may not be "flying," may not always be "unidentified," and may not even be substantive "objects."

Anomalistic observational phenomena is the term Dr. Robert M.L. Baker Jr. prefers. He is senior scientist of Computer Sciences Corp. in Los Angeles, and a lecturer in the UCLA Department of Engineering.

Some men with a common interest in flying saucers are: Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the department of Astronomy and director of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center of Northwestern University, an outspoken critic of Air Force studies of UFOs; Dr. Neill Davis, a Riverside physicist, who has constructed an "all-sky" camera with automatic shutter that takes photos of the night sky at intervals for up to a month; David Branch, president of the Southern California Affiliate of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena; and Stanton Friedman, nuclear physicist with TRW, former president of UFO Research Institute of Pittsburgh.

Some private organizations and a community of scientists are far from abandoning their investigations. In fact, one representative told us: "In the long run, as private research becomes better known, the fact that no official investigation exists may prove beneficial." He cited the "fear of ridicule as a result of the Air Force's attempts to downgrade UFOs -- at least in public. Now, perhaps people will become more willing to report their observations to competent civilian investigators."

Stanton Friedman, with other scientists, feels both the Air Force Blue Book investigation and the Condon report were scientifically inadequate. He cites errors

in the Condon report and claims, for example, that published scientific studies have shown, contrary to the Condon report, that trips from earth to other stars are feasible with the knowledge we have today, without violating the laws of physics and with round trip time shorter than a man's lifetime.

One of the most outspoken UFO protagonists is Dr. James McDonald, senior physicist in the Institute of Atmospheric Physics and professor in the Department of Meteorology at the University of Arizona.

The subject of his paper at the AAAS meeting in December was: "Science in Default: 22 Years of Inadequate UFO Investigations." He states that the UFO problem, "far from being the nonsense problem that it has often been labeled by many scientists, constitutes a problem of extraordinary scientific interest." The Condon Report "at its level of scientific argumentation is wholly unsatisfactory." He calls it "atrocious, a discredit to science," and says that it "seriously misleads people"

Dr. J. Allen Hynek cites excerpts from the Condon Report and comments, "Some provocative statements buried deep within the report...do not support its overall conclusion that UFO studies do not offer a fruitful field in which to look for major scientific discoveries. I feel he (Condon) grossly underestimated the scope and nature of the problems he was undertaking."

Dr. Baker, in his AAAS convention talks, proposed more study and "in order to justify such studies, it is not necessary to presuppose the existence of intelligent extraterrestrial life operating in the environs of the Earth, or to make dubious speculations either concerning "their" advanced scientific and engineering capabilities or "their" psychological motivations and behavior patterns."

Other scientists disagree and believe there are "intelligent beings from other planets."

And still others, though not many may be scientists, believe that the "extra-terrestrials can prove their reality to the world "and should do so soon, perhaps in a year or two, "if the public has been properly conditioned....." (Los Angeles Herald-Examiner)

4-17-1970. Pocatello, Idaho. PROFESSOR TO DISCUSS FRUITLESS UFO SEARCH

Excerpts from Dr. William Markowitz's speech entitled "UFO Mania: A Chapter in the History of Science" scheduled for today, points out that the pursuit of UFOs by science in the United States for the past 22 years forms a bizarre chapter in the history of science -- a major folly of the 20th century.

Markowitz states, "UFOs are real; they have been reported by reliable witnesses. However, no UFO reported thus far, whatever it was, could have been extraterrestrial spacecraft if the laws of celestial mechanics and physics are valid. These laws are the same laws which were used to fly spacecraft successfully from the earth to the moon and back. If any inter-stellar voyage were made it would be in a spacecraft, totally unlike any reported object." (Idaho State Journal)

5-3-1970. McAlester to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Sun/AM). MYSTERIOUS SKY OBJECT IDENTIFIED

Oklahoma had a genuine UFO report by early risers from McAlester to Oklahoma City. Reports of a mysterious light hanging in the sky which turned into a silver globe at sunrise were soon identified as a balloon launched late Saturday by the Palestine, Texas Balloon Flight Center of the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

The balloon carried a 1,300-pound instrument package designed to monitor cosmic rays for the presence of a new element. Officials said the balloon is so big, it could contain a football field. (Tulsa Daily World. Cr: Norma Short)

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DATE - LOCATION - DAY/LOCAL TIME - DESCRIPTION (ACTION) - WITNESSES - (REPORT NUMBER)

- 3-1 - Oak Grove, Ore. - Sun/1930 - Slow ascending flyby - Deano - (35)
- 3-4 - Willow Creek & Arcata, Cal. - Wed/1915 - Low flyover - x - (35)
- 3-4 - Klamath Falls, Ore. - Wed/1900 - Flyover - Bilyeu - (35)
- 3-4 - Myrtle Creek, Green, Little River & Roseburg, Ore. - Fast flyby, explosion - Aver, Hoskins - (35)
- 3-7 - Dows, Ia. - Sat/2455 - Hovered, maneuvered - x - (35)
- 3-11 - Shallow Lake, Ontario, Canada - Wed/2330 - Hovered - Leonard - (35)
- 3-14 - Hattiesburg, Miss. - Sat/2000 - Hovered - Gillespie - (36)
- 3-16 - Corinth, Miss. - Mon/0600 - Hovered, - Borden, Rosebuerry, Gilmore - (36)
- 3-16 - Northside, Penn. - Mon/1930 - Slow flyby - x - (36)
- 3-21 - Scranton, Penn. - Sat/2000 - Low, hovered, maneuvered - Harte, Reina, Sames, Heier - (36)
- 3-22 - Prentice, Wis. - Sun/0200 - Hovered - x - (36)
- 3-22 - Balltown, Ia. - Sun/2000 - Fast flyover, maneuvered - Duehr - (36)
- (Recent) 3-24 - San Francisco area, Cal. - Landed, occupants, contact - x - (35)
- 3-25 - Annan, Ontario, Canada - Wed/1925 - Hovered, maneuvered, slow flyby - Hutchinson- (36)
- 3-25 - Rona, N.C. - Wed/2100 - Hovered - Foster, Blackburn, Booher, Prim, Shores - (36)
- 3-25 - Sioux Center, Ia. - Wed/Nite - Hovered - Olivier, Piersma - (36)
- 3-27 - Silver Hills, Ind. - Fri/2130 & 2330 - Hovered - Shaw, Hammer, White - (36)

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-John Rimmer
MERSEYSIDE UFO BULLETIN
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