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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. Preferably, the film should 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. This service applies to members only.

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RESEARCH SERVICE: If you desire research on any technical question, address your request to DATA-NET. Free of charge to members only.

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If you would like a permanent magnet, designed especially for the SAUCER SEEKER, they are available for \$2.00. The magnets are 1/8" diameter, 4" long, Alnico V, and very strong.

A RED CHECK following your address indicates that your membership has expired. Dont miss August's info-packed issue! Join or renew now at \$4.00 per year.

NETWORK SCHEDULE

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

WB6RPL (Mike), Control, and/or alternate W6BPV (Tom), call "CQ" from California.

WNØZRG (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	WNØZRG	St. Louis, Missouri
W6BPV	Ben Lomond, Calif.	W1PBT	Plaistow, New Hampshire
WB6RPL	Mountain View, Calif.	W8WYW	Columbus, Ohio
WB6JFW	Mountain View, Calif.	W8PTU	Lorain, Ohio
WB6YHP	Newport Beach, Calif.	K5QFI	Houston, Texas
WA3FCM	Pompano Beach, Florida	W5OXU	Gatesville, Texas
WA9THB	Joliet, Illinois	WA5RON	Auston, Texas
W9KRC	Quincy, Illinois		
WA9BIX	Stanford, Illinois	VE3CYW	Wellington, Ontario
W9AUT	Villa Park, Illinois	KP4CH	Rio Pedras, Puerto Rico
W9SAL	Valpariso, Indiana	VK2SK	Belmore, New So. Wales
WA9WMK	Bloomington, Indiana	B3TFW	Lancs, England
WØFGP	St. Louis, Missouri		

BULLETIN!

-by Mike Jaffe, WB6RPL

During my recent visit to France I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Veillith, head of LUMIERES DANS LA NUIT, the oldest and largest UFO research group in France.

Some of their recent activities include:

1. Placement of 430 magnetic detectors in France and some foreign countries,
2. The cooperation of 500 investigative groups in France and 23 foreign countries,
3. Direct telephone hook-ups, and an amateur radio system of communication similar to ours.

The Director of their investigative agencies is Mr. Lagarde, a very serious, dedicated man, and a great UFO detective. With the help of the railroad he travels throughout France constantly.

This group's monthly journal is the best in its class, printed professionally with photographs, drawings, maps, etc.

We are most happy to cooperate with LUMIERES DANS LA NUIT and look forward to a lasting friendship across the sea. (LUMIERES DANS LA NUIT, Les Pins, 43-Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, C.C.P. 27024-26 Lyon, France) ---Printed in French ---Ed

We also made contact with Mr. Bowen, editor of the well known FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

Most UFO researchers are familiar with the REVIEW, which some consider one of the best UFO publications in the world. It is professionally printed, with many photos and drawings. Many of their articles are written by top researchers in the field, such as Aime Michel and Jack LeMaitre.

We are happy to be cooperating with this group in England.

If you do not already subscribe to the REVIEW you are urged to do so. You will be

highly rewarded. (FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, 21 Cecil Court, Charing Cross Road, London, W.C. 2, England)

"CQ" ...de WA5RON
-by Jerry Johnson

MARGINAL NOTES FROM: "SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"

PART I

Page X (top) in Section III Chapter 6: Astronaut's UFO reports remain unknowns rather than identified "man-made objects."

Page XI (and 549): Read the entire text of the "Low Memorandum!" It does not appear in its entirety in the Condon Report.

Page 5: Reasons not given why Condon Committee could not (or would not) obtain security clearance to examine "secret" reports in Air Force files.

Page 5: Teachers and schools urged to discourage students from examining data relating to UFOs. Their thoughts should be "channeled away" from this subject.

Page 27: "Man has only lived on earth some 5,000 years." Is the entire Condon Report filled with erroneous information such as this? (The actual figure could easily exceed five million!)

Page 32: Correlation between UFO "waves" and the proximity of Mars is NOT unfounded and appears to be well supported by the limited observational data available. (Read "Challenge To Science," P. 138-145)

Page 33 (top): Many unusual observations exist concerning the "moons" of Mars. That they contain aluminum would alone tend to support the theory that they are artificial. (Aluminum is man-made, not found in nature in any pure state.) See "Flying Saucers-UFO Reports #2" by Goodavage; Frank Edwards, and others, about the unusual moons of Mars.

Page 38; Magnetic effects: See Page 99-115 in Condon Report.

Page 39: Ubatuba magnesium fragment (See P. 94 and "UFOs? - Yes!" by Saunders-Harkins, P. 173). Information confirming the unusual nature of this object deliberately omitted in Condon Report. Ubatuba sample was free of mercury, calcium, and silicon (the latter two elements NOT shown on comparison chart, P. 95, although their significance is astounding.....Why?). Saunders and Harkins concluded from the same information available to the Condon Committee that the metal had unusual strength properties and that its pureness could probably not be duplicated on Earth in 1957, or even today! You will notice that no one has tried such a duplication!

Page 61: The project ignored single-observer cases. (See Saunders-Harkins book page 197 for one of the excellent single-observer cases from police officers, airline pilots, and other competent observers ignored by this wholly unscientific "scientific study.")

Page 69: A good example of the incompetence of the United States Air Force (Air Force?) in the investigation of UFO sightings. This must be typical of all such dealings of the U.S.A.F. with the UFO problem in the past 20 years. See also, "Flying Saucers-UFO Reports #3" (Dell) Page 38.

Page 70: UFO events occurring at air force installations but not confirmed by official sources were listed as "non-events" and no further investigations were made. (What Air Force secrecy?)

Page 72: Official secrecy and classification.

Page 89: No conventional explanation suggested for "angel hair" or other physical evidence from UFOs. Once again we are told to ignore the testimony of UFO witnesses.

Page 90: See "Flying Saucers-UFO Reports #4" (Keel, 67) for a direct observation of "space grass" emitted from a UFO as well as a compilation of the unusual aspects of this material. Were all of the samples of "space grass" sent to the project as readily and conclusively identified as the first one was?

Page 91: Condon Report admits that secrecy might prevent Committee investigators

from finding out about fragment shot from UFO in 1952. Report fails to mention or explain the fragment that Canada's Wilbert B. Smith obtained and showed to Admiral H. B. Knoles, U.S.N., believed to be the UFO fragment in question. There was also a strip of gun-camera film temporarily released, possibly relating to this incident.

Page 92: Wilbert B. Smith and his associates had reason to believe that the 3,000 lb mass of metal had come from space, and that the "scrap" imbedded in its surface were micrometeorites. See page 48 "Flying Saucers-Serious Business."

Page 93: (Top): Perhaps most revealing of the scientific integrity and investigative competence of the Condon Committee is this quick write-off of metal spheres described by Frank Edwards (See: "Strange World" p. 236 and "Flying Saucers-Here And Now!", p. 119). The Condon Report identified them as balloon-borne aluminum radar calibration targets. Obviously, the "scientists" poured a lot of thought into this phoney explanation. Edward's "mystery spheres" were found in Australia and weighed twelve and eighteen pounds, respectively. Early examiners were baffled at first, and found the spheres very difficult to open with ordinary tools. Thus, stories connecting them with UFOs sprang up in the local press. A hollow, spun aluminum radar target, in contrast, would weigh only a few ounces and could be readily cut open by a child armed with a fingernail file. If the Colorado "investigators" had made any effort at investigating, they would have found what members of the DATA-NET found when Australian authorities were contacted (see DATA-NET REPORT #31). The spheres were finally identified as titanium alloy pressure vessels from an Agena rocket launched by the United States in 1962. The "Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets" (1965-66) from which this information was taken is probably available in the University of Colorado library, but the Condon Committee was only interested in "explaining away" rather than seeking facts. This can be said of the entire Condon Report!

Students of the phenomenon will notice here a classic application of the old Air Force tactic known as multiple explanation, or "triple lie." Not wishing to admit they had a real mystery on their hands, the Australian government generated a "quickie" explanation until a better one might come along. Frank Edwards, inquiring in 1964, was told that the spheres were old refrigerator compressors. Not a very good lie, but at least original. The mystery was given the fairly acceptable "Agena" explanation in 1965, but the Condon Committee failed to look it up. Instead, they tried their own little "instant explanation," one of the poorest since "swamp gas." But, then Ed Condon only had a half-million of our dollars to play with, and you know how hard it is to get competent help these days!

----- To be continued

LANDING REPORTS
-by Frater Jacobus

DATE - LOCATION - DAY/TIME - DESCRIPTION - WITNESSES

WYOMING:

- Jan. 1952 - Weston - x/2230 - Hovered - x
- 8-31-1957 - East Thermopolis - Sat/x - Hovered - Matthews

NEBRASKA:

- 3-28-1897 - Omaha - Sun/2230 - Hovered - x
- 2-22-1922 - Hubbell - Wed/0500 - Landed, Occupants seen - Lamb
- Dec. 1951 - Peru - x/0300 - Landed - x
- 11-5-1957 - Kearney - Tue/x - Landed, Occupants seen - Schmidt
- 11-5-1957 - Scotia - Tue/1730 - Hovered - x
- 12-3-1967 - Ashland - Sun/0230 - Landed, Occupants seen - Schirmer
- 3-17-1969 - Lincoln - Mon/x - Hovered, Occupants seen - Lancaster

NORTH DAKOTA:

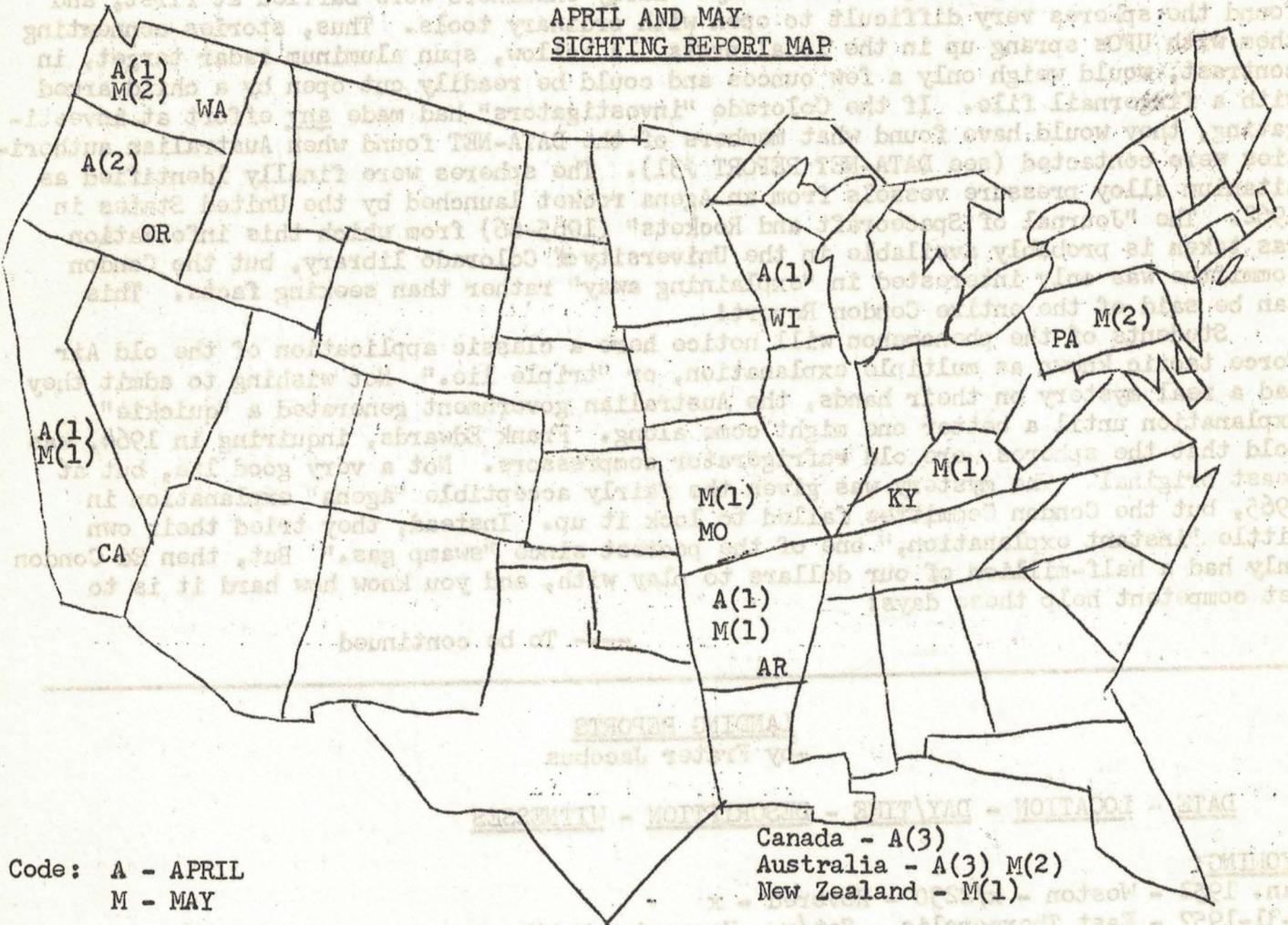
- 11-10-1928 - Milton - x/2230 - Hovered - x
- 8-9-1955 - Grand Forks - Mon/2330 - Hovered - x

- 10-13-1965 - Minot - Wed/x - Landed - Gudajtes, Norlock
- 10-28-1965 - Upham - Thu/x - Landed - x
- 8-19-1966 - Donnybrook - Fri/1650 - Hovered - x
- 8-24-1966 - Minot Air Force Base - Wed/2200 - Hovered - x
- 9-13-1966 - Stirum (Gwinner) - Tue/0730 - Landed - Rotenberger
- 8-5-1967 - Sawyer - Sat/2330 - Hovered - Sherven, Bodine

SOUTH DAKOTA:

- 4-15-1897 - Howard-Artesian - Thu/x - Hovered - Wright
- 11-25-1956 - Pierre - Sun/x - Hovered - Kelm, Peters
- 8-18-1966 - Flandreau - Thu/2145 - Landed - Allen

APRIL AND MAY
SIGHTING REPORT MAP



Code: A - APRIL
M - MAY

CLIPPING THE NEWS

SAUCER NESTS:

- 4-25-1968. West Cairns, Queensland, Australia - Thu/Day - (Ground marks, horses shied) - Wit.: Reid, Vlasoff, Dickens. (See DATA-NET REPORT #34)

On Friday morning, April 26, Mr. Lew Underwood who lives about one-third of a mile from the area where the patch of flattened cane was discovered, visited the site. Accompanied by his nephew, Mr. Underwood spent about one and one-half hours there and took several photographs.

The sugar cane in the area usually grows densely to a height of about twelve feet. The cane in the area was about ten feet high and was fairly dry. The area is wooded and near a mountain range. The oval or egg-shaped depression in the cane presented a weird sight wherein the cane was only about four feet high. The oval was flattened in an East to West, or counterclockwise, direction. There were no indentations or marks noted in the area other than those left by the teenagers' horses. The flattened oval was located quite near a creek, which may or may not be of significance.

Mr. Underwood learned that Joanne Reid (13), one of the three teenagers who discovered the "nest," had mentioned seeing peculiar things in the area of the cane field previously. Only the day before the nest was discovered she mentioned seeing three saucers which were green with red underneath flying back and forth over the hills. (Cr: VK2SK, Sam Kaufman and WA5RON, Jerry Johnson)

UFO EVENTS:

4-7-1970. Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada (Tue/0230). FOUR SPOT UFO HERE

For more than an hour four people watched a UFO. "It was brighter than a star and projected a beam to the southwest," Mrs. Pat Herman of 1421 Perkins, said.

Mrs. Herman, her husband Ken, 16-year-old son Larry and Dick Lapine, watched the object from the Herman home.

Ken Herman and Lapine first spotted the UFO while driving home from work at 2:30 am. They woke Mrs. Herman and her son and the four watched the object for more than an hour.

"It held steady and didn't move at all," Mrs. Herman said, "dispelling any thoughts in my mind that it was a comet." She called the Comox Air Base and pointed out the location, but the man on duty said he was unable to see anything. (The Upper Islander)

4-9-1970. Brackendale, British Columbia, Canada (Thu/AM). UFOs SPOTTED IN BRACKENDALE

In the early morning hours a Brackendale resident spotted four low-flying objects moving slowly through the sky as their colours kept changing. On the same occasion a group of young people spotted the same objects over the sky at Squamish and followed the northward moving UFOs to Brackendale.

4-19-1970. (Sun/2400). Again, just after midnight, similar objects were seen by residents who had been watching the Apollo 13 progress on TV. The objects appeared to remain stationary for about five minutes and then veered off into the distance. (Squamish Howe Sound Times)

4-9-1970. Onslow, West Australia (Thu/1100). UFO REPORTED

Shipper Bob Manton of the lighter Ashburton was one of many who sighted a UFO in space about 11 am. Others included Mrs. Sylvia Bell, Pat Ahmat and Darral McCaullay.

The object was described as being aluminum colored with a white tail. Soon after the sighting a bushfire started at the supposed point of impact. Towns people organized a search but marsh country prevented four-wheel drive vehicles from penetrating the area. A hike is to be organized to determine the cause of the fire and to see if any remains of an object can be located. (Hedland Times)

4-26-1970. Astoria, Oregon (Sun/2400). UFOs SIGHTED HERE

Weikko Telen said two UFOs came from the north, about the direction of Chinook about midnight. He thinks their speed was over 500 miles an hour. The objects were gray and round with flashing lights, flying past about 2,000 feet high. Fred Sheeder saw them first and called Mr. Telen to watch. The UFOs were traveling about half a block from each other and disappeared to the south. (Columbia Press)

4-27-1970. Martinez, Calif. (Mon/2030). SUN-LIKE SKY OBJECT

"It was a brilliant red light with sun-like rays all around it and it was moving toward me," Mrs. Jack Aulthouse said.

"It was large, about seven inches in diameter and it had beams all around it. It

looked like it was about 55 feet off the ground as it flew toward me, and then it turned and flew away."

Mrs. Aulthouse said she was looking out the window of her hillside home about 8:30 pm when the object came toward her. "I called my husband, and he saw it as it started to move away."

"But then it soared back toward us again. It was too close to be a flying saucer and my husband thought it might be fireworks. But fireworks don't soar back and forth, and neither do flares," she said.

"I've seen comets and falling stars, but never anything like this," she added. The object was only visible for a few seconds. "It was just beautiful. Like something you'd see in a picture; with long, streaked light beams coming off it. It came from the northwest heading east, when I first saw it."

"I'm glad my husband got there fast enough to see it too. That way I know it wasn't my imagination," she concluded. (Contra Costa Times)

4-27-1970. Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin (Mon/2130). UFO SEEN NEAR CITY

A green and red flashing object observed in the southwestern sky remains unexplained although some witnesses are presuming it to be an atmospheric effect.

Fond du Lac County Airport Manager Wilbert W. Haase observed the phenomenon from an airplane while returning on a flight from Chicago and described it. "It had the intensity of an evening star. It was definitely changing color. It was the color and the change of color that attracted our attention. It's a color I haven't seen before. It went from a pretty good green to a pretty good red."

Haase, who observed the object around 9:30 pm, said it had no motion relative to his position in the air and was located 10 to 15 degrees above the horizon.

After landing, he said he went home and watched it through a telescope but again saw no motion.

He was alerted to the object by ground radio at the Fond du Lac Skyport which received a call from a woman earlier in the evening. The woman asked airport officials to investigate and they relayed the message. (Reporter)

5-1-1970. Monessen (Washington County), Pennsylvania (Fri/Nite). FLYING OBJECT SEEN

Several residents of Washington County reported seeing a UFO shooting across the skies during the night.

The object appeared to be rocket or cigar shaped, traveling south in a trajectory below the cloud cover. It showed no lights, although its exhaust was described as yellowish in color and a yellow glow came from the front of the projectile.

One report placed the UFO at 2,000 feet altitude, and said it took only five seconds to go from horizon to horizon.

Reports were received from several points in the city as well as outlying districts as far away as Scenery Hill. (Valley Independent)

5-1-1970. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (Fri/2057). OBJECT SEEN IN SKY

An unidentified object was seen in the skies south of town at 8:57 pm by Henry Whitfield, R. 2.

Whitfield, who is a helicopter pilot, said that he and a friend were standing outdoors near the Edgewood Lanes when they observed a large white light traveling at high speed over the mountains south of town. The object was traveling "about six or seven times faster than a jet," he said. It was visible for between 15 and 17 seconds, traveled from the northwest to the southwest along the mountain ridge, and appeared to have something behind it. He heard no noise.

Whitfield said that it did not appear to be a comet as there was no shower of sparks, no variation of speed and the object traveled in a straight line. (Times)

5-2-1970. Stanford, Kentucky (Sun/2215). UFO OBSERVED FOR 15 MINUTES.

Tommy Baird and his wife Mildred watched from the carport of their home on U.S. 27 as a UFO hovered in the western sky. After 15 minutes or so, it slipped out of sight behind the crest of a nearby hill.

Baird, local Shell Oil distributor and a Navy veteran of World War II, said he first sighted the "craft" about 10:15 pm skimming low on the horizon in a straight line. He called his wife and together they watched the phenomenon for about 15 minutes from the carport on the north side of his residence.

Baird related that the UFO was roundish, something like a horizontal pieplate or wheel with two perimeter lights. A greenish pulsating glow emanated from the body of the "craft," which left no vapor trails. The red lights never varied in intensity.

After several minutes, Baird got his binoculars and "stood watch" with his glasses 15 degrees above the object. For an additional five minutes they both watched through the glasses which "slightly enlarged the craft and made it appear more vivid." The UFO traveled slowly and at times appeared to hover, then slowly descended just above the horizon, pausing briefly, seemingly stopping entirely, before it drifted behind the top of the hill.

An unexplained sighting also took place last week in Paris. Residents of Crestland subdivision observed just before dark a UFO "shaped something like a huge kite." It appeared either to have lights or reflect the fading rays of the sun.

It moved slowly and erratically into the darkening sky between Winchester and Lexington, reported former Sheriff Reuben Arnsparger, Clay Benton, rural route mail carrier, and Lowell Maybrier, a salesman, who were among several residents of the area who witnessed the object. (Lexington Herald)

5-4-1970. Burney, Calif. (Mon/2055). ROCKET-LIKE UFO SIGHTED

A brilliant UFO, rising into the sky like a rocket, was reported by several Burney residents.

Sightings in Johnson Park as well as Burney were reported. The object was visible for several minutes west of the town at about 8:55 pm.

Alver J. Olson, Burney photographer and Duane Seright, owner of a department store, both described seeing the object.

Olson said the most visible feature of the object was a bright light, followed by what looked like a fiery tail, such as a rocket would have. "But it was rising at an angle instead of straight up," he said.

Both men said the UFO disappeared. Seright said some observers believed that the object disappeared into a cloud while others believed it exploded and created its own cloud of smoke.

The object was traveling from south to north, just above the horizon to the west of town. (Inter-Mountain News)

5-6-1970. Bendigo, Victoria, Australia (Wed/1720). WHAT WAS IT?

"I looked into the northeast sky and there it was, a large white object giving off a brilliant light, growing bigger as it got closer to the horizon."

Mr. Richard Nickelson of Albert Street, Quarry Hill described the sight he saw when driving west along Mitchell Street, Bendigo at about 5:20 pm. "It was heading in the direction of Marong and as it got close to the horizon it exploded into three or four pieces and changed color to bright blue and orange. It had a circular head with a long white tail and looked like a comet.

"I followed its full flight for about 10 seconds and in that time it went from high in the north-east sky to ground level in the southwest." It was really bright, as bright as a large sky-rocket used in a fireworks display," he said.

Similar reports were received at the Advertiser office but Bendigo police had not heard anything of the object. (Bendigo Advertiser)

5-6-1970. Haywood, Victoria, Australia (Wed/0615). UFO AT HEYWOOD

Miss E. E. Partington, who lives about three miles from Heywood on the Hamilton Road, said a UFO went into a hill on the property of Mr. E. Shipworth.

"It was brightly lit and about the size of a two-pound jam tin," Miss Partington said. "It had a tail about 18 inches long and there were knobs on the tail which were also alight."

Miss Partington said the object was flying low and went into the hill about 300

yards from her home about 6:15 am. She and friends made a search but were unable to trace the location. (Warran Bool Standard)

5-7-1970. Benton County, Arkansas (Thu/2200). UFO IN BENTON COUNTY

A UFO described as a bright light has been observed nightly in the western portion of Benton County for the past couple of weeks, it was disclosed by county officials.

The light, which appears nightly about 10 pm was first sighted two weeks ago by Decatur Marshal Bill Wilson as he was driving in the Gentry area.

The UFO has since been seen in Maysville, Decatur, Gravette and parts of Bentonville.

When it first becomes visible, the light is white and blinks through shades of red, green and blue, appearing to hover in one spot before fading and disappearing straight west.

"It seems to be getting farther away every night," Betty Wilson, the marshal's wife and an employee at Bentonville Police Department, said. She said there is no audible sound and that it has no distinct shape or form visible to the naked eye.

Officials have reported the incident to authorities in Oklahoma and Missouri. (Daily News)

5-11-1970. Pacific, Washington (Mon/2200). LIGHT PUZZLES POLICE

Mrs. Judy Watkins, 245 4th. St. SW, called police about 10 pm after she witnessed, "Three glaring white lights" hovering over a neighbor's house.

Patrolman Jack Bray was dispatched to the scene. His voice crackled over the police monitor in city hall as he approached Mr. Watkins' residence, "A light, definitely coming from the sky, just lit up an open field here." He was about a block from the Watkins' residence at the time.

Bray was accompanied by reserve officer Bob Welch. Neither man could determine the source of the light which only lasted a few seconds but was as bright as day, according to Bray.

Neither man heard any sound and both agreed the light wasn't like a flash of lightning.

Mrs. Watkins first noticed the lights when she went to the kitchen for a glass of water. "I looked out the window and saw a bright, white light shining at me.

"It appeared to be coming closer, and as it approached she noticed there were three separate lights.

"At first I thought it was an airplane, but when I didn't see any green or blue lights, I didn't know what it was," she said. The lights lasted for about 15 seconds, and had vanished when she returned to the window after calling the police. She also heard no sound. (Globe News)

5-11-1970. Auburn, Washington (Mon/0400). STRANGE LIGHTS SEEN

Mrs. Wiley Porter, 316 T St. SE, said she first noticed the light at 4 am. "At first I thought it was the moon hidden behind clouds. It glowed." But looking again, she noticed there were two lights and it wasn't the moon. She stepped outside to be sure it wasn't an airplane. "It didn't move or make a sound." The two lights appeared like car headlights and twinkled like stars, only bigger.

She woke her husband who commented, "It's probably just an airplane." And he went back to sleep.

Mrs. Porter then attempted to wake her mother in an adjoining apartment, but the light had disappeared by then. She saw the lights for about five minutes.

5-18-1970. Mangere, New Zealand (Mon/Day). FELT AN INVASION OF PRIVACY LATELY

Mr. A. E. Hamilton-Wallace, a fellow from Titirangi, said he and four workmates, employees of Alex Harvey Sheetmetal Products Ltd., saw a "flying saucer type of space vehicle" appear in the sky over Mangere.

Mr. Hamilton-Wallace and Mrssrs. Laurence Sykes and Nick Fernandez were waiting in the parking lot when the mystery object appeared giving off a yellowish hue as it went.

After hovering over Panmure for almost 15 seconds the object took off at phenomenal speed in the direction of Coromandel Peninsula. It was egg-shaped and flying at a height of about 4,000 feet, according to Mr. Hamilton-Wallace.

After talking with some other employees, Mr. Hamilton-Wallace found that two others, Mrsrs. Wilson and Floyd also saw the object. (Roskill Times)

UFO EVENTS FROM THE PAST:

7-3-1947. St. Maries, Idaho FLYING DISCS NO MYTH

Mrs. Walter Johnson said that eight objects landed, and were seen by 10 persons. The objects came into view at an extreme speed, going in a northerly direction, then suddenly slowed and "flattened like leaves to the ground." She and her companions could not find them afterward, nor any sign that they did anything to the timber into which they apparently fell. She said they were "about the size of a five-room house" and resembled wash tubs more than discs. The saucers appeared to be self-luminous because of their extreme brightness, she added.

7-6-1947. San Francisco, California

Military aircraft hunted the skies over Pacific Coast states for sight of the mysterious "flying saucers" that for 12 days have puzzled the country, without results. Five P-51s of the Oregon National Guard cruised over the Cascade mountains of Washington, the area where the strange objects first were reported sighted. A sixth circled over Portland in constant radio contact with the other five. All carried photographic equipment.

7-6-1947. Fayetteville, Arkansas

Three flying saucers were reported by Henry Seay, who lives three miles north of there on Highway 71. He said he saw the discs at twilight Friday and again last night. The discs, which he said glowed slightly, were flying in a southwest direction at various altitudes. He said they moved at high speed, but were clearly visible. (Arkansas Gazette)

8-19-1949. Mojave, Calif. (x/Day). PROSPECTOR CLAIMS FLYING DISC CRASHED

A grizzled desert prospector reported that a "whizzing disc" crashed near Death Valley and that two little men jumped out and disappeared in the sand dunes. The prospector, Buck Fitzgerald, who claims he has lived in the Death Valley region long enough to know a flying disc when he sees one, said that his sidekick, Mase Garney, also witnessed the event.

Fitzgerald said, "This flying disc, which was about 24 feet in diameter, whizzed past us going about 300 miles per hour. It crash-landed and two little men jumped out and started running when they saw us. The men looked human but they were very small -- like dwarfs.

"We chased them over a sand dune but lost them. I don't know where they went."

The two prospectors allowed that with a temperature of 138 degrees, it was too hot to chase the little men for any great distance. (Paper unknown)

4-24-1950. Arrey, New Mexico (Sun/Day). THIS ONE FROM MARS

One of the most dramatic flying saucer reports comes from Charles B. Moore who has worked with weather observation balloons since 1943.

Moore, formerly with the meteorological department of New York University, was with four enlisted navy men on a weather observation trip. They were sending up weather balloons and making observations under a navy contract. The observers were working near Caballo dam on the Rio Grande, near Arrey. They were following weather balloons by eyesight and by use of an instrument known as the theodolite, when an object definitely not a balloon was sighted.

The object, said Moore, apparently elliptical in shape, was probably 100 feet long and at an estimated altitude of 300,000 feet.

"It seemed to be independent of the earth's gravitational pull so its velocity must have been more than seven miles a second," Moore said.

The object was first observed over the southern horizon and it disappeared before reaching the northern horizon. It was observed for at least 55 seconds, according to Moore.

Official reports were made to the navy and the air force, but no reply was made to him.

Commander Robert B. McLaughlin, who has done much work in the guided missile program of the navy, said in a recent magazine article that he was convinced that the object reported by Moore was an authentic space ship, possibly one from Mars. (United Press)

5-19-1950. Louisville, Kentucky (x/1110). DISK JUST JET PLANE

Two detectives claimed they saw a flying saucer over Louisville. Standiford Field authorities disagreed, saying the object was an F-84 jet fighter.

The policemen, Kenneth Barrett and Carl Wohl, spotted the object at 11:10 am while cruising on Fourth at Winkler.

Airport authorities said fuel tanks attached to each wing tip gave the jet plane an appearance "out of the ordinary."

Barrett and Wohl, both war veterans, said, "We don't care what Standiford Field says. We know a jet plane when we see one." (Paper unknown)

3-1-1951. Ukiah, California (Thu/1920). STREET LIGHT IN SKY

Mrs. Chester Hill, 616 Myron St., Ukiah, reported that she saw a "street light" in the sky about 7:20 pm. She was on her way to a first aid class at the high school when she looked up into the western sky and saw a round, glowing object that looked, as she said, "exactly like a street light."

At first Mrs. Hill discounted the light as an optical illusion, but as she started up Grove St. toward the school the floating light disappeared behind the U in the mountains directly west of Ukiah. The glow behind the mountain outlined the immediate area, causing Mrs. Hill to begin wondering.

She said the lighted object was very high and moving too slow for an ordinary aircraft. (Redwood Journal Press Dispatch)

5-22-1951. Chicago, Illinois. WHITE STAR CHASES AIRLINER OVER CITY

American Airlines pilot Capt. W. R. Hunt, said he saw a bluish-white star-like object moving back and forth at high speed in the southwest early today. The object was seen about 100 miles southwest of Dodge City, Kansas at 3:20 am (CST).

Hunt was flying about 270 to 280 miles an hour at 21,000 feet.

"It looked like a bluish white star but it definitely was something that was propelled. It traveled at about 500 to 1,000 miles an hour. It moved backward and forward, then up and down, and then seemed to come to a stop. Then it would complete the pattern over again."

He said the object did not approach closer than five miles away and it seemed to "play tag with the plane."

Hunt gave a "play by play" account to the radio operator at Garden City, Kansas and the radio operator tied in several other operators who also listened.

Hunt said he watched the object for about 20 minutes, then it descended to about 3,000 to 4,000 feet below the plane, then drifted away to the southwest.

"I hated to see it leave," he added. "It was a very interesting sight."

The plane was flying above an overcast, so ground observations were impossible.

It definitely "was not a balloon," Hunt said. It was a "bright white-bluish light" flying a parallel course, coming close and then climbing away at great speed but never getting closer than three to five miles of the aircraft, until he lost sight of it near Salina.

Whether you think it real or not, the three-man crew of the airliner are convinced that "white blue light" chased them from Garden City last night. (Garden City Daily Telegram)

5-22-1951. International Falls, Minnesota (Tue/Aftern). FLYING SAUCER EXCITEMENT

Scores of people claim to have seen silvery discs streaking through the stratosphere. Bill McClellan of CKFI was one of many persons at Pither's Point park who has joined the "I-saw-a-saucer" fraternity.

McClellan said that the object he saw resembled a jet plane flying at tremendous height and great speed. Every once in a while the object would stop and remain stationary. The sun's rays glinted off the "thing" and it looked like silver, McClellan said.

It would travel fast, then stop, drop and rise again. The object was joined by another and the two disappeared behind a cloud. It is said they traveled about 700 mph.

Reports of similar objects came from Duluth radio stations and one from Kansas, but the one that added to the interest -- and confusion -- was one from New York early the morning of May 23rd. (Daily Journal)

5-28-1951. Rainy Lake, Minnesota (Wed/x). SAUCERS SOAR BACK INTO NEWS

This time in the form of crystal balls and bluish white stars -- either real or imaginary.

About 50 residents in the vicinity of Rainy Lake, near International Falls, claimed they saw a phenomenon resembling a crystal ball, which "performed like a hummingbird," flash across the sky and "join another crystal ball."

Its speed was estimated in excess of 700 miles an hour. At one moment it stopped suddenly, hung motionless, and then shot upward 200 feet in a split second, the reports said.

Meanwhile, 700 miles away, an American Airlines pilot reported that a "bluish white star" darted around his plane at 500 to 1,000 miles an hour.

Weather officials, who usually keep tab on such astral exhibitions, surmised that these new reports may be the results of cosmic ray tests being conducted by scientists who use balloons in their experiments. (Minneapolis paper unknown)

Jan. 1952. San Jose, Calif. (x/Nite). AVIATOR SEES LIGHTS IN SKY

A second San Jose man reported seeing "strange red lights" in the skies near the city.

The first such report came last Thursday when Mrs. Marie Cisneros and her son, Eugene, 12, reported seeing the lights in the sky a week ago.

Today, John Halstead, 696 E. William St., reported he was returning from the South in his private plane on January 25 when he watched the strange red-lit objects for 12 minutes, and dropped down from 5,000 feet to watch them. They went away when he put his own plane lights on, prior to landing here, he reported. (San Jose Mercury-News)

1-3-1952. Daytona Beach, Florida (Thu/2210). HALF MOON OBJECT SEEN

A UFO traveling silently at high speed was sighted low in the sky over South Daytona by J. B. Gormley, South Daytona Post Office clerk.

Gormley said the object appeared to be half moon shaped, about 30 feet across and made of metal. He estimated its altitude at between 400 and 500 feet. It traveled in a southeasterly direction at faster than jet plane speed but made no noise. The time was 10:10 pm.

The CAA office at the airport said it had received no reports of such an object. (Daytona Beach Morning Journal)

2-14-1952. London, England (Wed/Nite). MYSTERY STREAKS OVER LONDON

Thirty persons reported seeing a bright streak of light traveling over London. They described it variously as a "rocket" and "meteorite."

"It may have been a meteorite shower, a spokesman said. Some people said they saw it breaking into pieces."

One witness, Prof. H. Jabukowski, said, "It could have been a German V-2 rocket. I saw it. It could not be a meteor." (Chicago Daily News)

2-19-1952. Richmond, California (Tue/Eve). GREEN BALLS OF FLAME

Those mysterious greenish balls of fire, reported from various sections of the middle west and southwest in recent weeks, appeared over Richmond early last night, according to reports received from eyewitnesses.

Robert Carruthers, of the Independent circulation department station managers' staff, and a group of carriers in his company reported watching the antics of the balls.

They reported three or more of the greenish objects darted downward to the north-east of the city, at first having the appearance of shooting stars.

However, as the balls came to a lower altitude they ceased their falling motion, leveled off, and darted westward in the general direction of San Francisco.

The phenomena occurred during the fairly heavy rainfall at dusk. (Richmond Independent)

2-19-1952. Long Beach, Calif. WEST COAST BALLS OF FIRE

Mrs. Mae Lee of Long Beach said she and two other persons saw a fiery red ball in the heavens while they were driving between Riverside and Corona late in the afternoon.

"We parked and watched it for about 15 minutes. It seemed to drop straight from far in the heavens. Finally it began to zig-zag, then went up into the sky again," she told a newsman.

"It wasn't the exhaust from a jet plane or the sun reflected on the wing of a plane. It wasn't anything from this earth. It was much too high up for that. It was the color of the sun, only small."

She said it disappeared into the heavens leaving a fiery trail which gradually faded away. The sky was clear at the time. (Springfield Union)

2-21-1952. Harrisonburg, Virginia (x/Day). SEES STRANGE OBJECT

Mrs. E. S. Javins, Dayton, Route 1, reported that on her way to her mail box, she was looking at some odd clouds. Then, all at once she saw something shiny going through the air. It was shaped like a peanut and no wings were visible. There was no noise. It went behind a red-colored cloud then emerged and passed on as the cloud disappeared.

At the same time, her brother-in-law, Houston Kiracofe, saw a funny looking object through the air, only black. (Daily News-Record)

2-22-1952. Keysville, Virginia. STUDENT SEEKS INFORMATION

"I saw in the sky a long silver object shaped like a cigar floating through the sky. It would disappear for a while and then show up again just a little way from where it would disappear. It never moved but a small space during the whole time I watched it.

"It was way up in the sky but yet large enough to determine the shape and color of it. It made no noise. It is the second one I have seen in three months in this vicinity where I live," reported Haywood H. Ward, Jr., a seventh grader at Worsham High School. (Richmond News-Leader)

(Monday before) 7-16-1952. Norfolk, Virginia (x/Nite). PILOTS TELL OF FORMATION

Two veteran airline pilots added to the flying saucer lore accounts of seeing eight huge discs dipping in formation at supersonic speed near here.

W. B. Nash, 35, and W. H. Fortenberry, 30, pilots of Pan American Airways, said the "glowing, orange-red" saucers maneuvered too sharply for human endurance at a speed of "far above 1,000 miles per hour."

"Whoever was in those things had capabilities far beyond our own. Those things absolutely did not contain any human being as we know them," they said.

Nash and Fortenberry said they were flying their DC-4 with ten company officials aboard southward between Newport News, Virginia and Norfolk Monday night when the saucers appeared 6,000 feet below them, at about 2,000 feet altitude. (Paper unknown)

7-29-1952. Washington, D.C. PILE OF SAUCERS IN SKY

Radar screens showed flying "whatzits" over the nation's capital for almost five hours early today, but air force experts said they appeared to be mere layers of cold air.

Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, director of air force intelligence, discounted any theory that the Washington area is being menaced by aerial vehicles from abroad or from other worlds.

Experienced radar operators at the Civil Aeronautics Administration traffic control center reported scores of unidentified objects flitted about the capital sky from 1:30 am

to 5 am.

It was the third time in ten days that radar, an electronic device which tracks only physical objects, not imagination, (emphasis mine. --Ed) picked up signs of something unknown packing through pre-dawn black skies.

The air force threw lots of cold water on any chilling speculation about men or missiles from Mars, or enemy nations.

Even so, Maj. Gen. Samford announced that the air force has ordered 200 cameras equipped with special grids which will tell whether objects sighted produce their own light from burning gas or other fuels, or whether they are mere reflections.

The problem will be to get one of these cameras pointed at what the nation has been calling flying saucers. To solve that problem, the air force is considering buying a special camera with a very wide angle lens which could maintain continuous photographic coverage of the skies. (Paper unknown)

8-1-1952. Albany, New York (x/Day). SKY FILLED WITH OBJECTS

Flotillas of mysterious bright, shining objects were reported flying high in the sky over South Central New York today. Hundreds of persons said they saw them. Jet pilots from Griffiss Air Force Base at Rome, New York said they could find nothing. (Paper unknown)

8-5 & 6-1952. Washington, D.C. ARMY PLANES FAIL TO INTERCEPT FLYING SAUCERS

The heaviest concentration of unidentified objects yet observed in the skies here -- a veritable fleet of "flying saucers" -- moved across radar screens early August 6.

A spokesman at Andrews Air Force Base said the blips were observed late Aug. 5 and that early Aug. 6 they were still moving slowly and steadily across the screens.

Planes directed to intercept, reported they were unable to see anything.

Radar operators said the objects were moving at about 60 miles an hour from west to east. (Hamilton Spectator, Canada)

Betwn Nov. 1 & 19-1953. London, England. MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS SEEN

Something huge, metallic, glowing and mighty mysterious has been observed twice in the sky over London, the War Office revealed. The object was recorded on radar screens on both occasions.

Two army radar crews estimated the height of the object as 60,000 feet. One unit kept the object in the radar screen for 40 minutes. It was described as "dead white and completely circular."

It must have been much larger than the largest airliner, they said. The object was stationary for about 15 minutes of that time, then moved off.

Nothing known to scientific men could have hovered over the city like that at that height, nor could it have registered on the radar the way it did, it was stated. (Hamilton News, Canada)

UFO COMMENTS AND OPINIONS:

1-21-1950. Amarillo, Texas. "S'NUFF," HE CRIED

The Amarillo Globe-News has been running some sensational articles lately in regard to flying saucers written by Editor Wes Izzard.

Izzard says these flying saucers are actually space ships from some other planet and some have been found by the government. They are now being examined at secret laboratories in southern California near Los Angeles. They are made of a light metal which is like nothing found on this earth and as yet not identified by the government. Inside were found little beings about 36 inches in height. They ran the flying saucers. Which came in two sizes. One containing a crew of two, the bigger size a crew of 16. The government figures the little planet people are friendly and didn't fly down here to make war, just to look around. They were killed by the difference in atmosphere.

The inside of the saucers were filled with various gadgets including one something like a radio. The government people turned it on and briefly got some noises. Sort of

like a Chinese orchestra playing Egyptian music. The saucers carried cubes of processed food, which, when put in water expanded to many times their original size.

The government will eventually release the story, a bit at a time. So as not to create consternation. Izzard also says Readers Digest is shortly to carry revealing stories on all this.

Maybe true, maybe not. Anyhow it's interesting. (Paper unknown)

3-9-1950. Denver, Colorado. FLYING SAUCER STORY IS HOAX

Stories of a report by a "secret government expert" about finding flying saucer space ships and "little men" from another world spread like wildfire on the Denver University campus until authorities explained it as just a bit of scientific spoofing.

The unidentified "expert" appeared at a joint class of 100 basic science students yesterday. He told of the finding of the flying saucers, for which he gave exact measurements, and added that in one case, a group of tiny men had been seen around one of the craft parked in a desert.

Francis Broman, instructor of the basic science class, who said he arranged for the "lecture," explained that he planned the talk by the "expert" to teach his students to critically evaluate scientific information.

Broman told university authorities and reporters that only four of the 100 students later reported they believed the story. (Canon City Record)

NOTE! See "BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS" by Frank Scully, item dated 8-19-1949 on page 10 of this issue, and the above item dated 1-21-1950. --Ed.

5-13-1970. Lismore, New South Wales, Australia. INTERESTING AREA FOR UFOs

Mr. Gunn, president of the Picton Unidentified Flying Objects Research Organization, and a graduate science teacher at Picton High School, began his second visit to the district in five months after newspaper reports of "flying saucer nests" and "flying saucer sightings."

Mr. Gunn said his researches on his previous visit had merited a return because there had been some "highly interesting" possibilities.

Reports of flying saucer landings have been committed to a district map and they reveal an incredible straight pattern running roughly north and south between Bungawalbyn and Duranbah on the Tweed and east and west between Lismore and Afterlee.

Mr. Gunn said a similar "grid" pattern has been established in the Picton area where there have been 70 sightings in the last 12 months.

Mr. Gunn said his main field of investigation was a check of the magnetic field of the objects and much had been achieved by placing instruments to the regions where a behaviour pattern had been established. (Northern Star)

FALLS:

5-26-1970. Festus (Jefferson County), Missouri (Tue/0900). RED-HOT WHATSIS LANDS

Mrs. Elida Kent, of Highway CC near Festus, reported that she was working in the garden at 9 am when she heard an explosion, turned around, and saw a "red-hot" cylindrical object about two inches long in the grass.

The object remained hot for 10 or 15 minutes then became heavily charred. She said she neither saw nor heard any airplane in the vicinity.

The object was taken to the sheriff's office by Deputy Sheriff Arch McKee. It was about one and one-fifth inches in diameter, with a little piece chipped off at one end and a lead-colored interior. Sheriff Walter Buerger plans to have the cylinder analyzed by the McDonnell Planetarium or by a police agency.

Two neighbors of Mrs. Kent, Mr. & Mrs. Emmet Walsch, also heard the explosion. (St. Louis Globe-Democrat)

SKYQUAKES:

1-4-1952. San Diego, Calif. (Fri/Nite). MYSTERY BLASTS

Police and coast guard officials said they had "absolutely no idea" of the cause of the three mystery blasts that jarred the San Diego area -- one of them strong enough to register on a seismograph.

Police and newspaper switchboards were flooded by calls.

A search of the areas yielded nothing. Each area has canyons nearby and police said it was possible they might have been caused by explosives touched off by boys. (Watsonville Register-Pajaronian)

(Regarding item above) A woman who refused to give her name advanced another theory. From her home at the end of Utah St., on the canyon rim, she saw across on Kearny mesa what appeared to be a shooting star, close to the ground. (San Diego Union)

4-20-1970. Canberra, Australia. (Mon/2100). TOURIST SAW MYSTERY EXPLOSION

The blast that rocked many Canberra suburbs is now believed to have been caused by a huge exploding meteor which crashed to the ground about 20 miles south of Canberra.

Mr. Harry Nicholls of Caulfield sighted the meteor as he was driving from Cooma to Canberra along the Cooma Road. He first saw the meteor just before 9 pm.

"I saw a very bright flash which looked like a meteor coming down. At first it looked like a falling star, but then I noticed it was about 30 or 40 times the size of a normal star. It was also very, very bright."

Mr. Nicholls said the meteor later disappeared behind some trees.

"There was very little traffic on the highway at the time," he said.

Dr. H. A. Doyle, a Fellow in the Department of Geophysics at the Australian National University, said that it was possible that the explosion had been caused by an exploding meteor, "But if it was a meteor, I would have expected quite a lot of people to have seen it. At present we do not know what caused the explosion."

The explosion was heard by residents of Weston Creek, the Woden Valley, Red Hill, Garran and Campbell, and also by officials at the Mount Stromlo Observatory. (Canberra News)

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

- 4-7 - Campbell River, Br. Col. Canada - Tue/0230 - Hovered - Herman - (37)
- 4-9 - Brackendale, Br. Col., Canada - Thu/AM - Low, slow flyover - x - (37)
- 4-9 - Onslow, West Australia - Thu/1100 - Possible landing - Manton, Bell, Ahmat, McCaullay - (37)
- 4-17-- Mildura, Victoria, Australia - Fri/2220 - Low flyover - x - (36)
- 4-19 - Brackendale, Br. Col., Canada - Sun/2400 - Hovered - x - (37)
- 4-20 - Yakima, Wash. - Mon/2026 - Flyby, exploded - Miller, David, Rush - (36)
- 4-21 - Burdette, Ark. - Tue/0100 - Hovered, maneuvered - x - (36)
- 4-22 - Roseburg, Ore. - Wed/2130 - Fly down, animal reaction - Preston, Gordon - (36)
- 4-26 - Astoria, Ore. - Sun/2400 - Flyover - Telen, Sheeder - (37)
- 4-27 - Martinez, Calif. - Mon/2030 - Maneuvered - Aulthouse - (37)
- 4-27 - Fond du Lac, Wisc. - Mon/2130 - Hovered - Haase - (37)

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