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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.

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

WN0ZRG (Mark) holds a novices and beginners net on SATURDAY at 8:00 AM CDST on 21.120.

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BULLETIN!

-by Mike Jaffe, WB6RPL

PHENOMENES INCONNUS, revue du CERCLE FRANCAIS DE RECHERCHES SCIENTIFIQUES-CFRS, regroupant 10 organismes d'etude prives sur les UFO en France, parait tous les deux mois sur trente pages enquetes et etudes. Abonnement pour les USA: FF.30 par mandat international CCP 6 963 Lyon-France a l'editeur, Pierre Delval, Secretariat general du CFRS: M.J. Pierre D'HONDT - route de Bethune a 62-LESTREM - France.

BOOK REVIEWS:

"The Silver Bridge" by Gray Barker. This is Mr. Barker's second book. Written somewhat in prose style it deals with fictional accounts of the mothman. It appears that Barker's conclusion is that the thing was a sand hill crane. If you like light entertainment, read it.

"Le Livre Noir des Soucoupes Volantes" (The Black Book of Flying Saucers) by Mr. Durrant. This is an exceptionally well written book with countless well documented reports. The author took great pains to present very good up to date information for the serious researcher. Written in French it is highly recommended to our French members and readers. We hope that it will be translated into English soon. Many excellent photos are included also. For further details write to DATA-NET.

"CQ" ...de WA5RON

Australian investigators have reported some success at photographing UFO activity with automatic cameras set up in areas of repeated UFO visits. I think that such a camera, if available, would be a valuable asset for any UFO researcher who might be investigating areas of UFO activity in this country.

I also think that by providing such an automatic camera as a service to other groups and individuals, the DATA-NET would be contributing to the effort of collecting

useful scientific data on UFOs.

The automatic camera could consist of a 16mm motion picture camera, suitably mounted and weather protected, controlled by a "UFO Detector" device to expose a strip of film each time the magnetic detector is activated.

After building and testing this camera, the DATA-NET would advertise its availability in the REPORT and the publications of other UFO organizations as a free service. Any UFO researcher with an application for this camera would contact DATA-NET and pay for its shipping and expendables (batteries, film, etc.).

The automatic camera design I have in mind should cost around \$25.00, possibly much less if members could come up with some of the parts. You will note that the DATA-NET already has a \$25.00 reward for usable UFO photographs, why not put up some money to increase the opportunity for researchers to get these photographs. Such scientific data could benefit the overall UFO research effort tremendously.

This station would appreciate your comments and suggestions on this subject.

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

Page 385: It is unfortunate that the Condon Committee chose to give us so little of the witnesses' description of this mysterious light. It is possible that their testimony would have ruled out the "vehicle headlight" explanation. It seems unlikely that reflection of automobile lights on the ground would provide the intensity of light measured from the photographs, and impossible that a vehicle making the maneuvers described would always have its lights pointing at the witnesses. It would be simple to go back on a dark night and test this "vehicle" hypothesis; why wasn't this done? Or, perhaps, was a test made and the results proven too embarrassing to include in the report?

Page 391 (Conclusion): Why?

Page 396 to 407: Hartmann is forced to admit by his own evidence that Trent photographed an "extraordinary flying object." It seems that just one true "E.F.O." would be sufficient to drastically alter the conclusions and recommendations in the front of this Condon report, yet Page 36 deals entirely with a photographic hoax perpetrated by a barber in Zanesville, Ohio. Page 37 (probably as far as any news reporters who conveyed the results of this "scientific study" to the public bothered to read) mentions Hartmann's evaluation of "18 older cases" (including this one) and says, "This photographic study led to the identification of a number of widely publicized photographs as being ordinary objects, others as fabrications, and others as innocent misidentifications of things photographed under unusual conditions." No mention whatsoever of the photographs that proved to be actual pictures of unconventional aerial devices!

An additional proof of the authenticity of the Trent photographs is a similar picture taken by a French military pilot in 1954 (see: "Flying Saucers - Serious Business" - Edwards). Why was this not mentioned? Surely the Condon investigators were familiar with the "popular literature," and several such books carry the McMinnville and the French photographs side-by-side for comparison. Also, it appears that Hartmann's references for this case were somehow misplaced.

Page 407 to 415: The second "airtight" UFO case in a row. And, this one with 16mm color motion pictures! It's enough to shake the University of Colorado to its foundations! But what happens to all this in the final analysis? Mentioned, but not stressed, is the interesting point about the Air Force's apparent "loss" of the early (and most detailed) portion of Nick Mariana's film. Read again Chapters 8 and 9 of "UFOs? Yes!" - Saunders & Harkins.

On the subject of genuine UFO photographs, what about those made by a Vincent Perna at Lake Tiorati, New York? After detailed examination of the photographs, and a psychiatric examination of Perna, NICAP judged the pictures "valid," and considers the sighting among their strongest. Now the Condon Committee requested the negatives in May of 1967, ostensibly to perform a study and for inclusion in the final report. Yet the report contains no mention of this case, or any of the other important cases

which were brought to the attention of the Condon Committee, yet not included in the final report. It appears that many potentially significant cases of recent years were omitted to leave room for some of the absolute junk that fills many of the 1,000 pages of the Condon Report. It is also possible to contend that the obvious hoax and low weight cases were selected to offset the impact of cases like #46 and #47 (see Chapter 6, "Flying Saucers - Here and Now!" - Frank Edwards).

Page 426: I agree with Hartman's conclusions regarding the "Tremonton film." I saw a complete copy of Newhouse's movie in 1964 and was unimpressed. The military studies that labeled it "unidentified" seem superficial.

Page 455: Sorry P.J., but the Condon Committee agrees with my independent conclusion that the Lucci photographs were a plate-in-hand hoax! (See DATA-NET REPORT #21, September 1968.)

Page 469: (Top). Sequence of the two Salem, Mass. photographs should have been established by checking for numbers on the back of the original Polaroid prints.

Page 472: These comments deal with the plates connected with the photographic case studies in the paperback (Bantam) edition of "Scientific Study." Of the "over 75 photographs," less than 50 are actually concerned with UFOs. We see numerous "UFO photos" fabricated by the author, to show that such photos can be fabricated, as well as various film defects, etc. Perhaps this demonstration is not out of place, but it seems a bit overdone. Then we get some drawings and snapshots from astronauts, only two of which relate to UFOs, and not the best UFO photographs taken in space at that! Rather reminiscent of the dull, unrelated trivia that filled the chapter on astronaut sightings. Several of the photos were badly cropped off in the final cutting of the book (Plates 27, 29, and 61). Plates 50 and 51 are printed upside-down, detracting somewhat from their message. The radar scope photographs (plates 65 to infinity) are most obnoxious due to their great number and dubious contribution. As far as I can tell, the only thing that they show is that no radar operator is likely to be fooled by "anomalous propagation" into believing he sees flying saucers.

LANDING REPORTS  
-by Frater Jacobus

DATE - LOCATION - DAY/TIME - DESCRIPTION - WITNESSES

KANSAS:

- 4-1-1897 -- Everest - Thu/2100 - Hovered - x
- 4-19-1897 - Leroy - Mon/2230 - Hovered, occupants seen, residue - Hamilton
- 8-24-1952 - Frontenac - Sun/0600 - Hovered, occupants seen - x
- 9-14-1954 - Coldwater - Tue/2200 - Hovered, occupants seen - Swain
- 8-12-1961 - Kansas City - Sat/2100 - Hovered - x
- 8-4-1965 - Abilene - Wed/0130 - Hovered - Tenopir
- 3-21-1967 - Hillsboro - Tue/x - Hovered - Neufelt
- 4-14-1969 - Hill City - Mon/2330 - Hovered - Bohl

VIRGINIA:

- 12-31-1953- Quantico Marine Base - Thu/x - Landed, occupants seen - x
- 11-5-1957 - Jonesville - Tue/x - Landed, occupants seen - Seabolt
- 10-19-1959- Poquoson - Mon/1815 - Hovered - Musa, Moore
- 12-21-1964- Harrisonburg - Mon/1700 - Landed - Burns
- 1-14-1965 - Norfolk - Thu/2400 - Landed - Myers
- 1-19-1965 - Brands Flat - Tue/1815 - Landed, occupants seen - x
- 1-23-1965 - Williamsburg - Sat/0840 - Hovered - x
- 1-25-1965 - Marion - Mon/x - Landed - Darnell
- 3-9-1967 - Follansbee - Thu/2100 - Hovered - x
- 6-1-1967 - Richmond - Thu/2330 - Landed - Norton

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WEST VIRGINIA:

- 9-12-1952 - Flatwoods - Fri/x - Landed, occupants seen, residue - Hill
- 9-13-1952 - Frametown - Sat/2000 - Landed, occupants seen - Snitowski
- 11-8-1957 - Holly - Fri/1430 - Landed, occupants seen - Mollohan
- 4-23-1965 - Rivesville - Fri/0800 - Landed, occupants seen - x
- 3-26-1966 - Follansbee - Tue/2330 - Hovered - x
- 10-14-1966 - Mud Fork - x/2230 - Landed - Richards
- 11-2-1966 - Parkersburg - Wed/1925 - Landed, occupants seen - Derenberger
- 1-10-1967 - Point Pleasant - Tue/2230 - Hovered - Barnett
- 1-19-1967 - Charleston - Thu/0905 - Landed - Jones
- 3-5-1967 - Huntington - Sun/x - Hovered - Shertzer

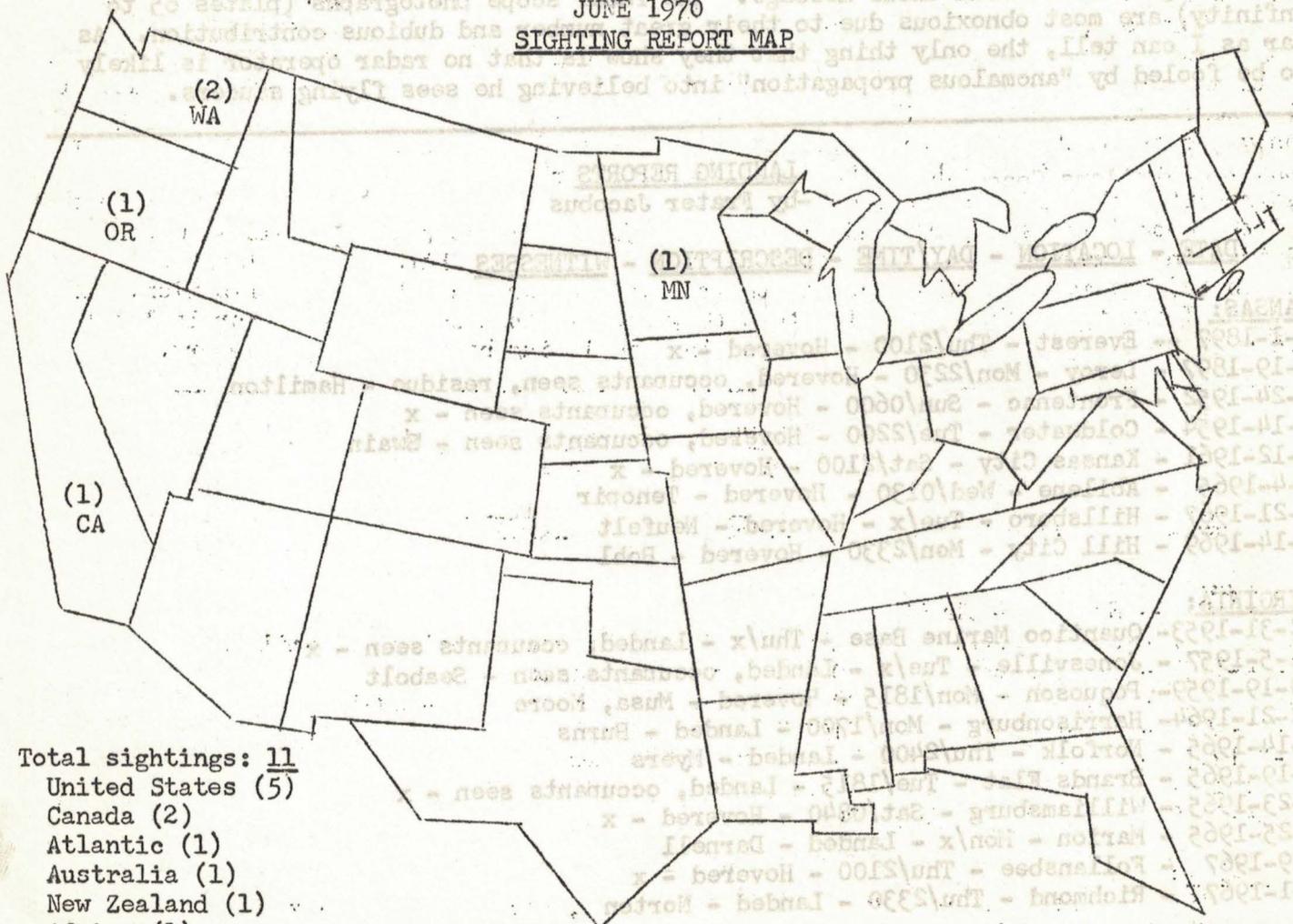
IDAHO:

- 8-13-1947 - Twin Falls - Wed/1300 - Hovered - x
- 9-8-1956 - Twin Falls - Sat/x - Landed - Rayburn, Parker
- 1-29-1966 - Rexburg - Sat/0010 - Landed - x
- 11-2-1967 - Ririe - Thu/2130 - Landed, occupants seen - Begay, Tossie

NEVADA:

- 5-7-1950 - Ely - Sun/1845 - Hovered - x
- 11-23-1957 - Tonopah - Sat/0630 - Landed - x
- 7-17-1961 - Las Vegas - Mon/0200 - Hovered - x

JUNE 1970  
SIGHTING REPORT MAP



Total sightings: 11  
 United States (5)  
 Canada (2)  
 Atlantic (1)  
 Australia (1)  
 New Zealand (1)  
 Africa (1)

CANADIAN SIGHTING

11-9-1965. Wellington, Ontario, Canada (Tue/1845 to 2200).

Morley Wiltse, VE3CYW, of 207 Main Street, observed through his telescope a silvery metallic appearing sphere of light which remained stationary for over 3 hours.

November 9, 1965 was the night the major power failure occurred on the East coast, effecting New York and Canada.

Morley Wiltse reports as follows: During the sighting I was situated on an open balcony facing south over Lake Ontario. The viewing point was approximately 400 feet from the lake shore. I had an unobstructed view of the whole sector of the lake where the object was spotted. At this point our house is 246 feet above sea level.

General weather conditions: The cloud cover was at a minimum. A full moon was coming up from the eastern horizon, at about a 45 degree angle to the horizon. There was no wind. The temperature was in the upper thirties, and there was probably frost later that night. We were having fairly stable weather conditions after the fall storms in October.

Equipment used for viewing: A precision type target spotting scope, equipped with a 60 power viewing lens. Tripod mounted with adjustable locking screws which hold the scope in a fixed plane both vertically and horizontally. A very narrow field of view, about 25 feet, at 1,000 yards. The scope carries an extension protective sleeve to protect the lens from any foreign material which would distort the view.

Method used in taking the observations: I set the scope up on the tripod, adjusting it until the object was centered vertically and horizontally in the field of view. Then I brought the instrument into proper focus with the object under observation. To establish the distance to the horizon, I measured from the sighting plane of the scope to ground with a steel tape. A small maple tree happened to be in such a position that the object was centered exactly where the tree forked out from the trunk. The tree was about 200 feet away from my position. This enabled me to detect the slightest degree of change in the position of the object.

Observations Concerning the sighting: I watched the thing from approximately 6:45 until 10:00 pm, EST at irregular intervals. The scope was 17° 6" above ground which meant I could see a distance of 17 miles over the water. The distance across the lake at this point is nearly 55 miles - shore to shore.

The object appeared to be about 30 degrees southwest of due south and between 5 to 10 degrees above my view of the horizon.

Due to the sixty power magnification it appeared to be several feet across. It had the appearance of a perfect sphere. Because of the power failure the object stood out very clearly. It was a silvery metallic colored light, and it did not vary in intensity. No change took place in its position while I was watching it because I didn't have to make any adjustment in the scope settings. I did not have the object in view while it was coming into, or leaving, the position where I watched it.

During the blackout, we were not effected in the village of Wellington because we have electrical power supplied from the Trent River system about 40 miles away.

No aircraft were visible at the time.

Conclusions: I have never seen anything of this nature before or since. Positioned as it was I don't believe I would have spotted it if it had not been for the power blackout. Most important was the ability of the object to remain in one constant position. Any movement at all would have been noticed because of its position with reference to the fork in the tree which was very narrow and the fine adjustments on the scope.

It definitely/not the moon, a star, comet or aircraft of any type. Neither was it a balloon or parachute flare. There were no defects on the scope because I examined it for such things. All measurements that could be re-checked for accuracy were re-examined before this report was written.

CLIPPING THE NEWS

NOTE: DATA-NET is attempting to follow-up on various reports appearing in the "Clipping the News" section and will publish the results as they become available.

We receive several frustrating news items each month. Items that contain phrases such as, "UFO believed to have crashed and a search party is being organized," or perhaps "fragments were recovered and are being analyzed," or "pictures taken" which are being developed. Rarely do any conclusive follow-up items reach us.

The only way we can obtain additional information is through people who pursue the issue by telephoning or writing the principals involved.

We have a considerable backlog of unresolved items for which we need more investigative help. We ask that members plan on following up a few of these reports and advise our Assistant Control, Jerry Johnson, WA5RON, of your intention. (See page 1 for complete address.) ----- Editor

1-1-1970. Walthamstow, England (Thu/0100). MORE SAW THE "BALL OF FIRE"

The great "ball of fire" mystery deepened this week as more people came forward to testify sighting UFOs on New Year's Day.

The mystery began when Mrs. Olive Meggs of Alexandra Road, Walthamstow, spotted a UFO on the first day of 1970.

Mr. D. A. Pottle of 65 Arkley Crescent said he and his mother saw a UFO just before 1 am. Mr. Pottle returned from his fiancée's house and was in bed when his mother called him into the front room which was "lit up just as though a full moon had come out of the clouds," he said. "When we both looked out of the window we saw an orangy-red, glowing ball with a vapour trail in the sky. It is very difficult to define the size of the object or the length of the trail."

It appeared to fall in an arc from high in the southern part of the sky to the north. The glow dimmed until it faded away. Mr. Pottle said the object resembled a Guy Fawkes rocket, but was far brighter and shaped like a large ball.

Mrs. Rose Heard of 129 Manor Road, Walthamstow, said she also saw what she thought was a flare at 12:45 pm when Mrs. Meggs first saw the object. "I watched it for a minute or two, then it went out as though it switched itself off," she said.

And, 11-year-old Debra Mills, of 25 St. Stephens Close, said her mother also saw a "perfectly round golden ball moving slowly in the north -- then it suddenly disappeared." (Chingford Guardian) (Cr: J. Schuessler)

1-5-1970. Leytonstone, England (Mon/1435). TWO OBJECTS PHOTOGRAPHED

David Prockter, 1 St. Augustines Court, Mornington Road, Leytonstone said, "About 2:35 pm on January 5, I was in my bedroom loading my camera. Leaning out of the window to see if the sun was out, I noticed two objects in the sky. They were very high, then without a sound they rose in height.

"I put in a flash bulb and chanced whether the film I had would be able to capture the objects. I thought their movement would blur the picture.

"As I removed the flash bulb to take another shot, in case the bulb had reflected on the window pane as it was still closed, only one could be seen then that too vanished.

"The reason that I have sent the picture to you (the newspaper) is because I am sure that other people in the area must have had an experience similar to this." (Leyton Express & Independent) (Cr: J. Schuessler)

2-12-1970. Bahia Blance, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Thu/AM). UFO SEEN

A number of people reported seeing a UFO in the early hours. The guard of the Menanos office, Ricardo Hector Radice, stated that shortly after midnight he was driving toward Medanos when he saw a luminous object suspended a few meters above the ground. He stopped the car to observe it. Minutes later, it began to ascend rapidly and disappeared into space. (Correio do Povo, Brazil)

3-1-1970. Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (Sun/2230). FLYING DISC

Jair Nunes Vieira, an amateur astronomer, reported a UFO performed erratically over Porto Alegre for 40 minutes. It was observed by Vieira, his wife and their

daughter Marli. Vieira has constructed his own 400X telescope.

The object appeared as a rounded light as bright as Sirius at 10:30 pm, about 80 degrees from the horizon. It descended, rose, descended, moved horizontally, oscillated like a pendulum 3 or 4 times, repeated the maneuvers then descended to where it could not be observed any longer because of houses in the way. A total of 40 minutes elapsed during his observations.

Vieria supplied the following additional data:

- 1) At the beginning of each horizontal movement, it seemed that a small flash (Brightening) of the luminosity of the object occurred. Afterwards it assumed an opaque red light, and a velocity a little superior to that of a jet airplane.
- 2) In the vertical movements, at velocities far exceeding that of a jet plane, the light became intensely red, but showed a small focus of bright green.
- 3) In the course of the pendulum-like oscillations, the light became vivid red.
- 4) The object made angles and not curves when it changed direction, after short stops.
- 5) It violently started or suddenly stopped without transitions.
- 6) The horizontal velocities were a little inferior to the vertical velocities, the pendulum-like oscillations not being very rapid.
- 7) All the evolutions were carried out in absolute silence.
- 8) At times, the flying saucer eclipsed stars.
- 9) The sky was calm, without clouds, moonless, quite starry, with a uniform night temperature between 25 and 26 degrees C. (Correio do Povo, Brazil)

3-3-1970. Wood Green, England (Tue/Day). POLICEMAN SEES UFO

PC M. Cargill of Wood Green police station was with PC D. Tilley at the Ringway on the Bounds Green Industrial Estate on Tuesday, when he noticed an unusual object in the sky, apparently hovering over Alexandra Palace.

It was a clear, dry day. PC Cargill described the phenomenon as a very dark, very long, cigar-shaped structure. It appeared to have an orange and yellow glow coming from its rear end. It was not an airplane. It had no wings or tail and seemed to be hovering with its nose pointed down towards the ground. Eventually it moved off in a north-westerly direction. (Wood Green Weekly Herald) (Cr: J. Schuessler)

3-9-1970. St. Ives, England (Mon/1950). UFO OVER ST. IVES

Mr. Richard King, of 19 Parkway was visiting a friend when he spotted a UFO at about 7:50 pm. He first saw it at an angle of about 20 degrees to the eastern horizon and it took about 3 minutes to travel across the sky before disappearing. He estimated its speed at something like 1500 miles an hour and described part of it as electric blue in color. The colored tail section appeared to be attached to an object in front.

The RAF Wyton meteorological office could not confirm the sighting but admitted they did not keep a constant watch on the skies. They did say an Observer had spotted a shooting star in the area early on Monday night. Mr. King discounted the shooting star theory since the object did not burn out as shooting stars usually do.

"I'm interested in phenomena of this nature but I am no UFO crank," Mr. King said. "In fact, I've only had one other sighting and that was in Wales some years ago." (Hunts Post, Huntingdon, Huntingdonshire) (Cr: J. Schuessler)

3-22-1970. Loughton, England (Sun/2000). THAT WAS NO STAR

At 8 pm, Roger Tripp and his wife of 8b Petersen Court, Lower Road, Loughton, observed an orange-white light low on the western skyline.

"When first seen I assumed it to be a planet as it was large and bright and the only star in that part of the sky. Several minutes later we noticed that the light was moving downwards and to the right. It remained stationary again for several minutes, then continued moving to the right and was lost to view," Tripp said. He estimated the light was over Enfield or Ponders End. (Chingford Express & Independent) (Cr: J. Schuessler)

4-4-1970. Miyagi Prefecture, Japan (Sat/Day). UFO PHOTO

The negative of a picture of an alleged UFO taken by high school student Shinsaku Sugawara, 16, of Kurihara Agricultural High School, Miyagi Prefecture on April 4 was received by the Tokyo Astronomical Observatory. Sugawara said he saw the object, about four meters in diameter, flying slowly 100 meters above the ground several hundred meters away. It vanished behind a 300-meter-high hill 20 seconds after he took the picture. (Japan Times, Tokyo)

5-31-1970. Gaylord, Michigan (Sun/2300). HOVERING UFO

Three local men reported a UFO hovering over Krys Road around 11 pm Sunday. A huge circular plate-like object with very bright white lights they said. On the base of the "ship" were three dimly-lit red lights that flashed on and off. It hovered about 200 ft. above the road, and traveled at a slow rate of speed, then took off with great speed in a south-westerly direction.

The men raced into town and acquired another companion, but upon returning, the object had vanished. (Herald Times)

6-16-1970. Renville, Minnesota (Tue/2230). BRIGHT OBJECT HOVERS

Several Renville residents, including the city patrolman on duty observed a strange object in the sky.

At least two observers had watched the object which carried a fairly bright red illumination for well over an hour and finally brought others to view their aerial curiosity.

First seen about 10:30 pm at some distance above the horizon to the northwest of Renville, it finally disappeared below the skyline at about midnight without varying its lateral position. It could have been anywhere from three to ten miles distant. (Star Farmer)

NOTE: During June Venus was only visible for about 2 hours after sunset. --Ed

6-22-1970. Corning, California (Mon/2140). STRANGE LIGHT SPEEDS NORTH

Marshall Woodson of New Jersey Avenue was irrigating his olive orchards when he saw a large luminous object in the sky at about 9:40 pm. It was traveling northward at an estimated speed of 300 mph. It appeared to be between Orland and Corning.

"My first assumption was that the object was an aircraft with a wing light turned on. However, the light was beamed to the rear and was of greater intensity than any standard aircraft lights. Also, the light source was not shielded but appeared to be spherical in shape with some forward light emission," said Woodson.

A luminous low light head, also spherical in shape preceeded the light source which shown for about 10 seconds, while the light source lasted about 7 seconds. He ruled out a meteorite because of the nature of the light and trajectory, but thought possibly the object was a satellite. "I'm not saying it was a UFO, but frankly I would like to know what the object was," said Woodson. (Observer)

6-22-1970. Oamaru, New Zealand (Mon/1800). SLOW MOVING FLYING SAUCER OVER OAMARU?

Four people in Till Street reported a strange object in the sky at 6 pm. "It came from the south and moved north quite slowly at an altitude of about 1,000 feet. It was in view for about 10 minutes and looked like a car in the sky with two white headlights, with purple and red lights in between, said the Mail's informant. Her daughter watched the "thing" through a telescope. "We all thought we could hear something like a muted vibration, like a car engine," she said.

Oamaru Airport said there were no air movements low over Oamaru.

An onlooker from the Hospital Hill viewed the UFO from approximately 6:15 to 6:20 pm. "It was too high to be a street light on the South Hill and it took too long and was too slow to be an aircraft. There was no sound. It appeared as a small point of light, which merged and became larger as it came closer," he said. He estimated the altitude of the UFO as about 200 to 300 feet over the South Hill as seen from outside the hospital laboratory. (Oamaru Mail)

6-29-1970. Belconnen, New South Wales, Australia (Mon/Afternoon). CYLINDRICAL UFO

A "long black cylindrical object with fins or antennae protruding from it," was sighted by a 15-year-old high school boy from the front lawn of his home. Members of Canberra's Unidentified Flying Objects Research Society will meet to discuss the implications of the sighting.

Society president, Mr. J. Drake, said that sightings had been comparatively frequent in Canberra during the past few weeks, and several reports had been received from officers at space tracking stations in the area.

Mr. Drake had no concrete explanation of the current run of sightings, but his opinion is that UFOs definitely are associated with life from other worlds. (Canberra News)

6-29-1970. Bulawayo, South Africa (Mon/Nite). FLASHING ORANGE BALL SEEN

A Montrose woman said that her young daughter ran into the house to tell of a UFO. "I rushed outside and saw a flashing orange ball coming from the direction of the Matopos. As it moved in the direction of Victoria Falls a second one appeared. There was a red flashing light and no sound so it could not have been an aircraft," she said. Both UFOs moved very fast.

Two other people telephoned the Chronicle saying they had seen UFOs. (Chronicle)

7-7-1970. Ballarat, Victoria, Australia (Tue/1530). MYSTERY OBJECT LANDED

An anonymous Ballarat man, reported seeing a UFO about 3:50 pm from a train traveling near the airport. There was a cloud of smoke and a silver object fell to the ground. It was visible for only a couple of seconds. (Courier)

7-7-1970. Woolli, New South Wales, Australia (Tue/1830). BRIGHT LIGHTS APPEAR, BURN OUT

Mr. E. D. Ford and another fisherman from Grafton, witnessed the bright lights seen by many about 6:45 pm about two miles north of Woolli.

"It first appeared with a very bright fiery red flash just to the north of us," Ford said, "slightly inland, and so bright that it illuminated us and the surroundings so clearly that one could have read the larger print of a newspaper. As the main body fell, which was slightly in a westerly descent, pink and green lights burst away from the main body and quickly faded. These resembled a sky rocket as it burst open but maybe a hundred times brighter.

"The main body gradually faded in intensity as it fell, and was visible for about 10 seconds, before burning itself out, which appeared to be just before it hit the ground, and which appeared to be only a mile or so from us." (Daily Examiner, Grafton)

7-7-1970. Byron & Tintenbar Shires, New South Wales, Australia (Tue/1830).

MYSTERY LIGHT, EXPLOSIONS

A mysterious bright light moving through the eastern sky about 6:30 pm was seen by hundreds of people. Shortly afterwards, a series of violent explosions rocked houses in Byron Bay and Lennox Head.

Mr. S. A. Brown, of Wollongbar was loading peas in a paddock with Mr. Milton Davis of Alstonville, when he saw "a terrific light heading straight for us." They watched the light for 10 to 15 seconds as it fell, then levelled off before heading out towards the sea. As it passed over Lennox Head the light paled, burst into a shower of sparks "like a fireworks rocket" and disappeared. There was an interval of half to three-quarters of a minute, then came one very loud bang, followed by six or seven smaller ones. The explosions seemed to come at about one second intervals, he said. A rumbling sound "like a very rough motor running" accompanied the light. "It was as though the rocket, or whatever it was, was burning up the air, and more air was rushing in to fill up the vacuum. It was certainly the brightest light I have ever seen," he said.

Bill Ryan of Tintenbar said the light took the form of a huge flash in the eastern sky. There was a lapse of two or three minutes, then a series of explosions "much louder than thunder."

Gary Bryant, of Pearce's Creek, heard a low rumbling "like a quarry operating" and went onto the verandah of the house to investigate. He saw a bright light to the east,

and about 15 seconds later, he heard several dull explosions. His mother, driving towards Alstonville, saw the light through the window of the car.

Miss Maureen Bertoli, of Byron Bay, was fishing with her fiancée off Jew Point, when they saw the light. "All of a sudden it was above us, like hundreds of fluorescent lights switched on at once," she said. "It seemed to be heading directly at us, but then it veered inland." The light was "a strange, reddish-white color. Seconds later we heard the explosions, seven separate bangs altogether, and the rumbling went on and on.

Mr. C. Steinhardt, of Lennox Head, said the explosions shook his house visibly, and resounded again and again against the hills inland.

Reports of bright red, orange and green lights were also received from Grafton, Tamworth, Casino and Lismore.

One motorist said a bright green light followed him most of the way to Lismore, lighting up the sky at the same time.

An airline pilot flying at 8,500 ft. over Woolgoolga, near Grafton, at 6:38 pm reported the cabin was lit up by a bright orange light. Captain W. L. Ives, believed the blinding light may have been caused by a space debris.

The light was reported by radio from the freighter Kimalia, which thought it had been a flare, possibly from a ship.

Speculations included a meteorite, falling star or a satellite. (Northern Star, Lismore)

7-8-1970. Mt. Wesley, New Zealand (Wed/1855). HOVERING OBJECT CHANGES COLOR

A Mt. Wesley resident reported seeing an object at 6:55 pm in the direction of Mahuta Beach which appeared to be a bright red light, changed to blue and then a brilliant white. The light revolved as it changed. The white color was "really brilliant." The object was stationary, about 500 ft in the air for 3 to 4 minutes, then shot vertically into the sky to a height of about 1,000 ft. Then it took off at a 45-degree angle, with three flashes of brilliant white lights, rising quickly to approximately 5,000 ft. before disappearing. (Northland Times, Mahuta Beach)

7-8-1970. Walsingham, South Africa, Africa (Wed/1700). FLYING TEARDROP - AGAINST WIND

Two Eastern Cape golfers and a group of caddies are claiming the latest sighting of a UFO during a round at the Pearston, Walsingham, golf course at 5 pm.

"One saw it as a flying teardrop, and another as a rugby ball, but all agreed that it moved at tremendous speed against the wind," Mr. R. Dederick, a Cape Town man on a visit to Walsingham, near Graaff Reinet, told the Cape Times.

Mr. Eben de Villiers, secretary of the local divisional council, said it appeared as a "tear or water drop, traveling at high speed from southeast to northwest against the wind."

Johnny van Daalen, proprietor of the Pearston Hotel, when alerted by his partner, saw the object as "shaped like a rugby ball, very high in the sky and of a bluish-green transparency, going at great speed and taking barely four seconds to move from horizon to horizon." His son, Hans, confirmed the sighting, as did a group of non-White caddies. (Cape Town Times)

7-11-1970. Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia (Sat/Nite). THREE ROUND OBJECTS

A telephone caller reported to the Newcastle Sun that he and his girl were in King Edward Park when he sighted "three round objects in the sky, traveling in line." He followed their flight for several minutes until they were over the harbor when they suddenly and mysteriously disappeared. (Newcastle Sun)

7-12-1970. Tamworth, New South Wales, Australia (Mon/0805). CYLINDRICAL CRAFT

A mysterious cylindrical object was sighted at 8:05 am. by two local residents who were walking in Fitzroy Street. It was moving in an east-to-north direction over Cartage Street at an estimated 150 m.p.h. at a height of about 1,200 ft.

Witnesses described it as brownish-orange, cylindrical and open at the aft end. It was noiseless. It was about 15ft. shorter than a Fokker Friendship aircraft and had a slightly greater diameter. There were no visible markings. (Northern Daily Leader)

7-15-1970. Milwaukie, Oregon (Wed/Day). FLYING SAUCER PICTURE - RESEMBLES  
McMINNVILLE PHOTO BY PAUL TRENT (May 1950)

An anonymous correspondent wrote to the Review and enclosed part of a photograph. He writes: "On the night of July 15 I noticed a strange object in the distance, to the south of my house. As it drew closer I noted it seemed to resemble a straw hat, it made no noise. I got my camera and shot 4 quick pictures but only one came out.

"I do not want to disclose my name or address because most people reading this would think I am off my rocker. I cut up the picture because it contained views of my house and of my child. I did note that there was a glowing yellow light on the rear of the object that looked like a glowing antenna. I followed the object for about 3 minutes until it flew out of sight. I did not really believe in UFOs but now I have no doubt that there is some truth to the UFO reports."

Review staff members, tested a popular theory and decided the object in the photo definitely is NOT a Frisbee. The Review would like to contact the photographer to obtain more information about the "object," which bears a striking resemblance to the famous McMinnville flying saucer photographed 20 years ago by a farmer. The newspaper will cooperate in shielding the person's identity but could use more information. (Review)

7-15-1970. London, Ontario, Canada (Wed/Nite). OBJECT CHANGED COLOR, POSSIBLY LANDED

Mrs. Lucille Harris and her son, David Needham of Lobo reported to police seeing a UFO in sky about 8 miles west of London.

Needham saw the object first and said it was an orange-yellow color. When his mother saw it she said it had changed to a diamond shape with red lights. Needham thought it had landed and investigated in a stand of trees but found nothing.

Police saw nothing, but two London provincial policemen said they heard "weird and eerie" high-pitched sounds in the same area about the same time while on patrol. (The Spectator, Hamilton) (Cr: V. Starecky)

7-20-1970. Bismarck, North Dakota (Mon/1345). DESCENDING SPHERE - A BEAUTIFUL THING

A Bismarck man reported a beautiful thing coming right down on Bismarck Monday about 1:45 pm. as he was driving west toward Bismarck on old Highway 10 about 3 miles east of town. The object, sighted for "maybe 10 seconds" had a golden silver color, a large spherical base and a long pointed tail which pointed straight up. It appeared to descend on Bismarck. The last he saw of the object was the silvery, knife-like tail disappearing.

A Mandan man sighted a "long, silver streak" traveling at a high rate of speed in the skies far to the west of Bismarck about the same time. (Tribune)

7-22-1970. Idaho Falls, Idaho (Wed/Nite). BRIGHT LIGHT SEEN, VANISHED

C. W. Lewis of Idaho Falls reported that as he was passing the Osgood interchange on Interstate 15 his family first spotted a bright light. It appeared to be a large star, then turned and showed red and green lights in the northern sky. It then vanished in the east.

No airplanes were reported in the area, but the object was also seen by persons at an aircraft rental firm. (Post Register)

7-25-1970. Davenport, Iowa (Sat/Nite). SAUCER SHAPED UFO SIGHTED

A "saucer-shaped" UFO casting a whitish-purple glow was reported sighted in the 600 block on East Thirtieth Street, Davenport. It was the second UFO sighting in the area in two days. (Democrat-Times)

8-2-1970 (plus 3 previous nights) Prescott, Arizona (Thu-Sun/Nite).

ERRATIC UFO PHOTOGRAPHED

For approximately the past four evenings at the same time a strange object has been seen moving about erratically in the sky. It resembles the rest of the stars at first look, but after gazing at it for a while it is seen to move across the sky at different rates, back up, move up and down and at times stand still. Some who have seen it claim it changes color from red to blue.

A photo was taken as an approximate five minute time exposure on Aug. 2. A straight line appears moving across the picture, which is thought to be a satellite because of its straight course. It was moving south. The other line moves down and was moving in an easterly direction and is the object in question. Before taking the picture, the photographer said it was moving quite erratically. The photo was taken by Courier photographer Chuck Roberts. (Evening Courier)

1967, 1968 AND 1969:

10-28-1967. Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (Sat/Eve). MANEUVERING LIGHTS IN SKY  
Lights -- diving, swooping, zig-zagging and stationary -- were reported from all sections of Sydney, for the second evening in a row.

A Merrylands report said a circle of light swooped through the night sky, and then disappeared in a "puff of smoke."

A light seen on Friday night by a Lindfield resident reportedly appeared to split in two.

Saturday more than a dozen people reported sightings. Mr. A Levin, of Penkivil Street, Bondi, said he saw two lights zig-zagging in the east out to sea. "I thought they were satellites until they changed their course," he said.

Colin Ford, 16, of Chamberlain Road, Guildford said, "I watched it for 10 minutes. It looked the shape of a soccer ball and was surrounded by a blue fringe. It disappeared in a puff of smoke." (Sun Herald) (Cr: S. Kaufman)

8-1-1968. Kings Mountain, North Carolina (Thu/Dawn). SHUTTLES PHOTO  
NICAP, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, is still investigating this sighting. A spokesman said, "We're coming back down to tie up some loose ends. It looks like we'll be ready with a conclusion in a matter of weeks." The investigator moved and his report got lost which held up the investigation.

NOTE: See DATA-NET #25, February 1969. David Shuttles of Kings Mountain reported a disc-shaped, aluminum-colored object with a plastic-like bubble top, and said he snapped a Polaroid picture. --Ed) (Charlotte News)

Jan. 1969. Palmerston, Nov. 1968. Napier, Feb. 1969. Levin, Sept. 1969. Wellington, New Zealand. UFOs OVER NEW ZEALAND

Last November (1968) a youth told Napier court he had driven his car through the window of a fruit-store when "a flying saucer chased me." Afterwards, countless hitherto silent folk reported they had sighted a UFO about the same time in the same area.

In Palmerston, 90 miles North, in January, two reputable men reported seeing "a noiseless cigar-shaped object with bright white lights at each end" hovering over a paddock at city limits.

In February, at Levin, 25 miles south of Palmerston North, two people regarded by the police as non-fools reported on the same night, but at DIFFERENT times, sighting a ball of light. It had "arms sticking out from its sides" and it trailed sparks, one witness said.

An employee of air traffic control at Wellington made known that in early September Wellington radar tracked for 100 miles a UFO and alerted two airline pilots, who reported seeing "a fluorescent pulsating blue light."

Capt. R. Cullum and First Officer N. Faircloth, flying a Bristol Freighter belonging to Straits Air Freight Express, confirmed this report. They said the object was moving at between 50 and 60 knots. As it was pushed by a 30 knot tailwind its own speed would be about 25 knots. (Australasian Post) (Cr: S. Kaufman)

May 1969. Goiania, Goiaz, Brazil. UFO PHOTO CONFESSED HOAX

Pepe Maninez, a photographer, confessed to Federal Police that his UFO photographs and story regarding a flying disc over the Dourada Mountains near Goiania had been entirely false. (Folha da Tardo, Brazil)

Prior to 5-17-1969. Saramenha, Ouro Preto, Minas Gerais State, Brazil. FLYING SAUCER PHOTOGRAPH, TV INTERFERENCE, POWER FAILURES, PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS

Six persons reported mysterious low flying objects in the Saramenha district. A 15 minute blackout occurred when the flying saucers appeared.

In the morning some geology students arrived at Saramenha. One student noticed something in the sky and Dimas Guedes grabbed his camera and photographed in that direction. The developed film showed round objects on the plates. The busdriver, Osmas Francisco, said the objects had been visible in the sky, moving in zig-zags.

At the same time, 3 km away, Percival da Costa Caldeira's two children rushed home to tell their parents they had seen the flying objects.

Around 7:00 pm, engineer Julio Jaco started out of his house when he heard his neighbor Antonio Carlos shouting. He hurried into the street and saw two luminous objects performing parabolic evolutions at low altitude. "The objects seemed to be falling. I could see clearly when they flew over the high tension network of CEMIG, which carries energy to the factory at Saramenha," Jaco stated.

Jaco went for binoculars, but the objects were gone when he returned. Then all the lights in Saramenha went out. Technicians were called in, but could find nothing abnormal. While they were still seeking a defect, the lights came back on. Nobody could explain how the "blackout" had occurred.

About 9:00 pm, student Marco Antonio Vom Krueger was watching TV when the set began to malfunction. Stripes appeared on the screen and strange signals came from the speaker. As his TV recovered, he felt compelled to go to the window; like some strange force was attracting him. Fighting to retain consciousness, he looked out and saw an object moving into the darkness.

Two blocks from Antonio's house, a laborer was walking home up a hill. Above the hill, something enormous was standing in the air in the middle of a bright light. He heard deliberate, muted sounds from it. He was so frightened that he took a bus back to town for the night. (Sabado, Porto Alegre)

Prior to 5-18-1969. Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil. FLYING SAUCER RIDE CLAIMED

A soldier, Jose Antonio da Silva claimed to have ridden for 48 hours in a flying saucer piloted by 3 sallow-skinned little men.

His location is being kept secret while he is being examined by psychiatrists, psychologists, and other medical specialists who will present their conclusions when examinations have been completed.

The psychologist, Mulvio Brant Aleixo, is also a UFO investigator. He declined to issue any statement until examinations are completed. (Correio do Provo, Brazil)

5-27-1969. Itajuba, Minas Gerais, Brazil (Tue/Nite). AERIAL OBJECT, POWER FAILURE, E-M EFFECTS

A UFO flew over the city about 15 minutes, causing a blackout in spite of the apparent fact that the electrical power plant did not cease functioning.

Prof. Calistrato Borges, full professor at the local School of Engineering and member of the State Telecommunications Council of Minas Gerais, noted the object's trajectory and its effects. His car motor was also disabled and his lights extinguished. The lights of the city returned, and his car resumed normal operation as the object disappeared. He learned that the telephone lines were not interrupted and that the generating station for Itajuba's electrical power did not stop functioning. (Correio do Povo, Brazil)

8-14-1968. Ngatea & October 1969. Whitford, Takapuna, Te Kuiti, Glinkes' Gully, Mahuta (all near Auckland), New Zealand. LANDING SITES, NESTS, ANIMAL REACTIONS

"Helicopters do not have blue lights." In October 1969, a month after farmer O'Neill came on his scorched earth, farmer Stuart Chambers of Ngatea 8 miles away, reported he had sighted a UFO on August 14, 1968. "I saw a bright light with smaller lights on either side, flying eastwards and descending over Ngatea."

Two weeks after, at Whitford, 50 miles north of Ngatea, a farmer found an 11 ft diameter circular patch of dead grass with inexplicable indentations, mainly two V-shapes and a bisecting line, in a lush pasture. The farmer recalled hearing a low-pitched droning that he could not identify while bringing in cows for pre-dawn

milking a few days before.

Still in October, from the Auckland marine suburb of Takapuna, in open grassland, grass was dead within a 30 ft diameter circle. The Auckland University UFO Research Group said, "We are not impressed. It seems to be a freak of nature."

Near Te Kuiti in October, about 130 miles south of Auckland, farmer Charles Blackmoore discovered a 15 ft diameter circle of dead and blackened week. His cattle had refused to drink from the pond and neither would his dog. Four tame ducks had disappeared and the entire frog colony was gone. The air "smelt strange" and he suffered a headache which persisted for more than a week.

That same week, farmer J. S. Searle and his wife and daughter, of Glinkes' Gully, 100 miles north of Auckland, reported sighting a torpedo-shaped object emitting bright flame from the tail end about 7:30 pm.

A neighboring farmer reported a similar sighting at the same time. Mr. S. E. Wills, of Mahuta, 8 miles north of Glinkes' Buoly, found two 20 ft diameter circles of dead pasture 40 yards apart. In each circle were inexplicable indentations.

Bruce Cathie, a pilot in New Zealand's state domestic airline, and author of a book on UFOs which spells out a theory of a grid system being established on earth by beings from space, says, "Officers from the DSIR should have been on the spot at Ngatea immediately, probing with everything they've got. The fact that they so obviously don't want to get involved causes me to suspect something funny is going on."

Mr. Cathie became interested in UFOs after sighting a 100-ft. long cigar-shaped object over Kaipara Harbor in 1965. Recent sonar soundings have revealed a circular depression on the harbor-bed, 200 yd. across and 100 yd. deep, immediately beneath where he saw the UFO, he says. (Australasian Post) (Cr: S. Kaufman)

FALLS:

Prior to 7-5-1970. Yagotin, Russia. 33-POUND CHUNK OF ICE

A 33-pound chunk of ice crashed into a street in the Ukranian city of Yagotin, digging a deep pit. The ice shattered into greenish crystals on impact.

Meteorology experts from Kiev University determined the missile was a comet and not a huge hailstone, Tass said. The date was not given. (Arkansas Gazette) (Cr: L. Farish)

7-11-1970. Stockton, Calif (Sat/x). UFO KILLS 14-YEAR-OLD, OBJECT RECOVERED

A 14-year-old Stockton girl died Wednesday of head injuries received July 11 when she was hit by an "unknown flying object," the Highway Patrol reported.

Holly Olivarez was riding in a car driven by her mother, Sharon, 27, when a steel-like metal object crashed through the windshield, struck her and passed through a rear window, they said.

Since recovering the object near Highway 12, about 20 miles northwest of here, the Highway Patrol has been unable to determine its use or origin, a spokesman said. (San Jose Mercury) (Cr: J. Clark)

8-28-1970. Pratt, Kansas & Beaver, Oklahoma (Fri/Day). SLABS OF MOLTEN METAL

Two white-hot chunks of metal, each weighing 200 pounds or more, fell from the sky and crashed into rural fields in Kansas and Oklahoma. One slab weighing 200 pounds slammed into a maize field about 600 ft. from four men working on an oil well at Pratt, Kans. Friday afternoon. "It sounded like a jet plane," said oil rig crewman. "We looked toward the sound and saw a cloud of dust the size of a house boil up."

The men found the slab of metal in a hole 38 inches deep. The object was 28 inches long, 7 inches wide and 4 inches thick. Its ends appeared melted.

The second chunk weighing an estimated 300 pounds hit the earth near Beaver, Oklahoma about 110 miles southwest of Pratt.

There was speculation that the metal pieces were unburned sections of a satellite plummeting back from space.

NOTE: (A 200 lb. piece of metal measuring 28" X 7" X 4" seems abnormally heavy for its size when considering satellite debris. Surely we use alloys that are more sophisticated than that. --Ed) (San Jose Mercury-News) (Cr: J. Clark)

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