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RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

THE WINGED DISK AND ITS OCCUPANTS

Some questions about Phoenician amulets

-Dr. Jacques Vallee

This note is concerned with the nature of some scenes depicted on ancient Phoenician amulets that are preserved in the British Museum. An article on the subject has been submitted to the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW(*), where readers will find the results of a complete study, and more detailed descriptions of the artifacts. They are reproduced here in a very rough form so that DATA-NET members can immediately gain a general idea of the interesting puzzle they pose.

All five of these amulets, dated about 500 years before Christ, depict the winged disk, often with appendages. Figures that are referred to in the literature as "divine beings" are seen emerging from these disks in four cases. And in all of them human figures in ceremonial dress appear to be involved in rituals that contain Assyrian elements.

FIGURE A

This cylinder-seal (actual size about one inch) shows a "hero" holding with each hand a fore leg of a winged beast, one of which has horns and a tail. Above the hero is the winged disk from which emerges "a God".

FIGURE B

Here two strange male creatures (called "Scorpion-men" in the scholarly books) are supporting a winged disk above a "sacred tree" (?). To the right is a worshipper, and another character is bringing some animal as a sacrifice.

Again, two divine figures are emerging from the disk. The inscription reads "belonging to Plthan."

FIGURE C

Two large winged figures - classically interpreted as "priests wearing winged garments" - frame a large disk with extended legs. Directly under the disk is a lightning or thunder-bolt before which a man appears to be standing in adoration. There is something on top of the disk, which is interpreted by authorities as "a lion's head".... The inscription reads "Yrpal, the son of HR'DD."

FIGURE D

A sphinx and a goat stand on either side of a sacred tree above which is the winged disk. Two men are performing a ritual in connection with the scene.

FIGURE E

Only an archaeologist would call the two large-breasted figures that support the disk "Scorpion-men" in this scene where no less than three "divine beings" emerge from the disk. Two men are in adoration before the winged disk, and a strange vaulted door can be seen. To the left is a very strange figure interpreted as "a God holding a gazelle or goat under each arm."

This collection of cylinder-seals raises several historical questions. One would like to know, for instance, if it is common for the winged disk (a frequent religious symbol around the world) to show "gods" coming out of it. In what context are such representations found?

If the disk is interpreted as a mythological symbol connected with the cosmos (as the abundance of astronomical symbols indicate: stars, crescent moons, etc. Notice especially on seal E the figure clearly pointing at the star to make sure archaeologists

don't miss the connection!) then should we think of the appendages of the disk in terms other than biological? In other words, can we speculate that the representation of a winged disk with extended claws may in fact be associated with the observation of a flying disk with landing gear?

There are many other fascinating questions that we have just begun to think about. For instance, why should a thunderbolt be associated with the disk in seal C, and why should three people in ritual garments stand in adoration before it? The scene suggests plan and purpose rather than a chance occurrence. In other words, it suggests CONTACT.

Equally fascinating to the student of close-encounter UFO cases are the scenes in which animals are involved, as in B and E. These scenes are reminiscent of Alexander Hamilton's cow and of many claims of animal kidnapping by UFO occupants.

It is also of interest to compare the sizes of the three types of figures that are depicted. The Gods are taller than the men (worshippers or priests) and the "Scorpion-men" (or women) are smaller. Again there is a parallel with modern occupant reports. I am indebted to a UCLA Faculty member, to whom I communicated these observations, for a most interesting bit of information about these Scorpion-men: In Assyrian mythology, Scorpion-men were the guardians of the boundary between the earth and the sky...

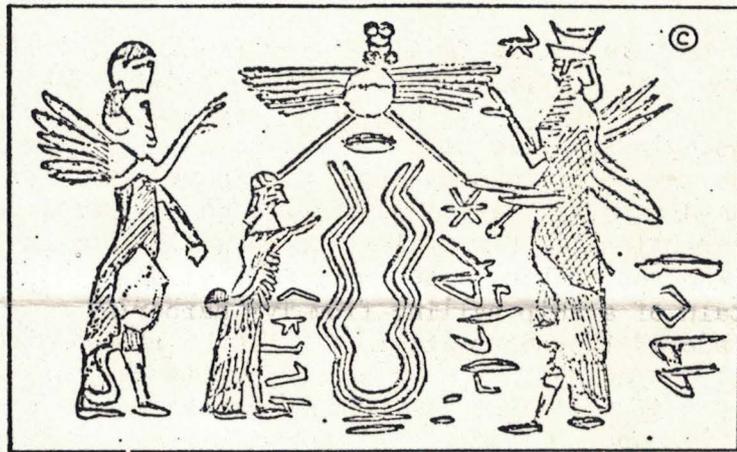
My feeling is that an entire field of very fruitful research is just opening up with the realization that historical parallels to modern sightings are more than interesting coincidences but part of the same, continuing phenomenon. This raises many questions that only scholars will be able to answer. For instance, if we assume that our Phoenician friends were thus transmitting recent or ancient (to them) knowledge of UFO landings, why would such knowledge be preserved in seals rather than other types of inscriptions? Of what importance would such an event be to "Yupal, the son of HR'DD" who was probably the owner of a glass-blowing shop somewhere in Sidon, or the captain of a ship hailing from Tyr harbor?

Finally, why should the observation of a UFO be represented in the context of an obviously magical ceremony that does not appear to have any of the traditional characters of Phoenician religion? They held the same views as the Hebrews concerning the survival of souls, they buried their dead with great care, and their rituals involved human sacrifices and holy prostitution. They why is it that the amulets, if they hold spiritual or magical value, do not show any of that, but depict winged disks that appear to come from a star, contain strange beings, and emit lightning bolts?

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The UFO RESEARCH INSTITUTE is handling the sale of the new book UFOS: A SCIENTIFIC DEBATE edited by Drs. Carl Sagan and Thornton Page and published by the Cornell University Press with an official publication date of Feb. 1, 1973. This 310 page book covers the papers presented at the 1969 sessions on UFOs at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in Boston in December of 1969. Some of the papers are very good--some are very bad--some are funny or tragic depending upon ones viewpoint. All are by professional, PhD carrying, scientists with the exception of the paper by Walter Sullivan, science writer of the New York Times. On major flaw with the book is that its price is listed at \$12.50. Considering that Dr. Hynek's much more thorough, detailed and up-to-date book can be had from UFORI (postpaid) at 7.25, I am offering the Debate book at a discount postpaid price of only \$10.50. If you would like both books the bargain basement combination price is only \$17.00. Order from UFORI at P.O. Box 941, Lawndale, Calif. 90260. No COD orders accepted.

-Stanton T. Friedman, Director UFORI

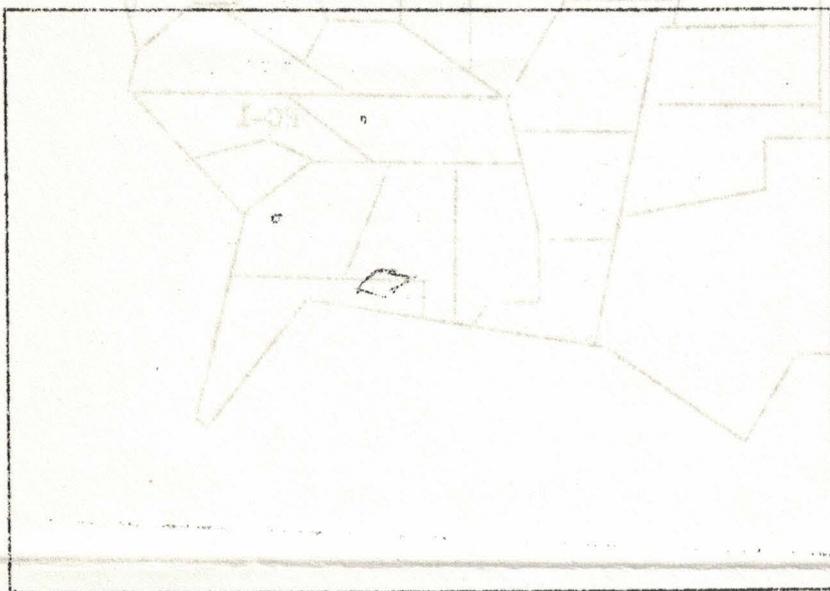


REPORT ON AN OBSERVATION IN THE NIGHT SKY WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING
THE PROGRAM OF STUDY OF FLASHES OCCURRING IN THE ATMOSPHERE AT NIGHT

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and Mathematics of the University of Chile

Since October of 1967 the technicians operating the cosmic ray instruments of the "El Infiernillo" Observatory have been observing a series of luminous phenomena which



need to be explained. To each of these phenomena we have given the code "F.P.E." (Fenomeno por explicar) or P.R.E. (Phenomena requiring explanation). These have the appearance of stars of magnitude zero to one, mobile and which halt in space. Some photographs taken during the static period of these luminous foci show luminous rings of Fresnel diffraction.

The "El Infiernillo" observatory forms part of the Faculty of Physical Sciences and Mathematics of the University of Chile and is located at a height of 4343 meters in the Cordillera de los Andes whose geographic

co-ordinates are latitude $33^{\circ}10'$ S. and longitude $70^{\circ}17'$ W. Its height allows of a probable geometrical observation of a meteorite 150 times greater than that of any ordinary city.

The attached photograph (see drawing) was taken from the Observatory at 01.35 hours G.M.T. on May 17, 1968 and is one of three photographs taken over a period of 60 minutes of a flickering light. The smaller light appearing above and to the left of the F.P.E. (P.R.E.) corresponds to that of the "El Roble Observatory" which is almost 100 Kms distant from "El Infiernillo" and is at a height of 2000 meters.

The "Center of Cosmic Radiation" prefers not to use the terms OVNIS, UFOS or other terms in the search of an explanation of these possible natural phenomena.

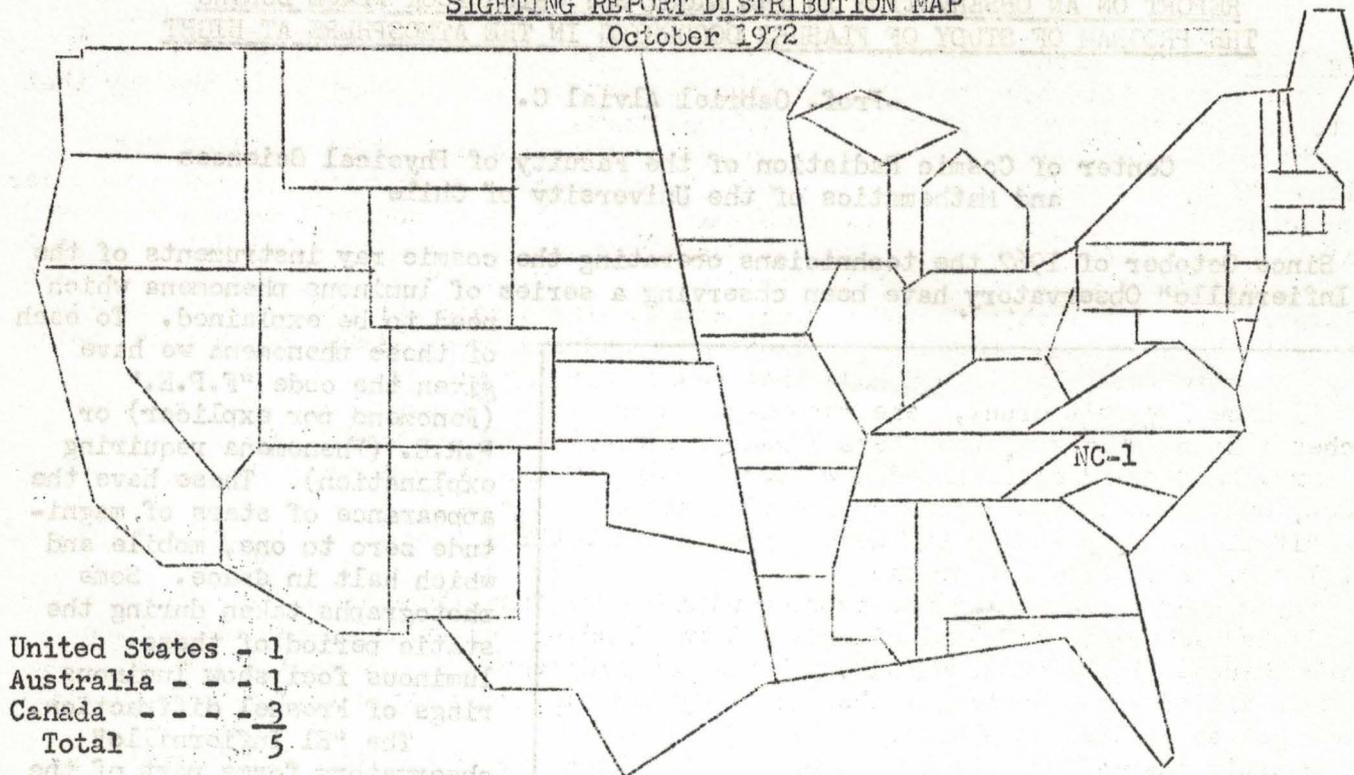
As a result of the photometric analysis of the observations carried out a project has been developed for the installation of a space scanning camera whose cost, inclusive of a year operating cost is US \$35,000.00. This amount is being canvassed from various foreign and international institutions.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: I have to thank Prof. Ricardo Vergara for his cooperation and to express my appreciation of his experience, in which, as Public Relations Officer of the University of Chile he has distributed the details of the "observations" in such a way that the public may be informed and an objective opinion may be reached.

(Cr: S. Kaufman)

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Coding:

- Type 1 - LANDINGS and NEAR LANDINGS (tree height or 100')
- 2 - UNUSUAL or ERRATIC flight pattern
- 3 - STATIONARY or HOVERING in the sky
- 4 - CONTINUOUS FLIGHT
- 5 - INDEFINITE OBJECTS

Class A. Pacing or investigating vehicles (land, sea, air)

- B. Multiple objects (and objects emitted or merged)
- C. Physical appearance alters
- D. Borderline objects (because of characteristics)
 - a. Optical or mechanical aids (telescope, radar, etc.)
 - b. Photograph
 - c. Effects (human, animal, electrical, mechanical)
 - ⊙ Landed (or submerged)
 - Near Landing (tree height or 100')
 - \$ Occupant seen
 - # Traces (residue, marks)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>D-N#</u>
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08 Oct	Traralgon, Vic., Aust.	Sun/0400	2-A-b	Pinchen, Cavanagh	67
08 Oct	Badin, N.Carolina	Sun/1030	4	Devereaux	67
11 Oct	Colwood, B.C., Can.	Wed/0700	3	Parker	67
18 Oct	Aldergrove, B.C., Can.	Wed/0430	4-c	Kocsis	67

CLIPPING THE NEWS

3 Aug 1972 - Novi, Mich. (Wed/2100)-(4-B) - UFOs OVER NOVI

Four people told Novi police they had seen unusual flying objects in the sky that had to be "something more" than just shooting stars.

The initial report was filed with police by Mrs. Florence MacDermaid of 2297 Austin. "I was out in my yard about 9 p.m. hanging up the wash when I heard a peculiar noise up in the air," reported Mrs. MacDermaid. "I probably wouldn't even have looked up if it hadn't been for that noise. It was a strange humming sound, almost a drone."

"When I looked up to see what it was I saw an oval-shaped object with white lights all around it. The lights formed a ring, almost like a halo, around the oval object. I thought it was unusual because airplanes have red and green lights on them and this thing had only white lights and made that funny whirring sound."

"I know I wasn't drunk," she reported. "I'm a teetotaling Baptist who never touches a drop. For a minute there I had to remind myself of that."

Mrs. MacDermaid also called her daughter-in-law who lives next door out to see the object, but it had already gone by the time she got there.

"If it hadn't been for the second one, I don't think I could have convinced her of what I saw," said Mrs. MacDermaid.

"My mother-in-law called me outside with a real funny tone in her voice," recalls Mrs. James MacDermaid of the incident. "I was kidding her, telling her she'd been seeing things. While we were talking I was watching three very bright stars up in the sky when all of a sudden one of them took off and flew very rapidly from west to east. Then I got as excited as she was."

Shortly thereafter, the two women, who had been joined by James MacDermaid, 39, spotted a third object.

"From what my mother-in-law told me this one was very similar to the first in appearance," said the younger Mrs. MacDermaid. "It was about as far away as an airplane and was circular with a ring of white lights around it. I still wasn't sure that I wasn't imagining things until that third one came right over the house. Then I realized that I was seeing something very, very weird."

Also seeing the third object was a 15-year-old neighbor boy.

It was after the third incident that Mrs. MacDermaid went into her home to call the Novi police. While she was making that call, approximately 9:30 p.m., the three people outside saw yet another strange object.

They described it as being extremely bright, like a huge white light. It traveled all the way across the sky from the west to the east, the younger Mrs. MacDermaid reported, stopped suddenly in mid-air, and made a right-angle turn to the north before disappearing out over Walled Lake.

The group reported seeing one more object before police arrived. Like the second and fourth ones it was reported as being very bright and shot across the sky with great speed.

The younger Mrs. MacDermaid denied the possibility that what she had seen were shooting stars.

"That possibility crossed my mind," she said, "and I still think it's a possibility with one or two of the things we saw. But there were also two objects that just could not be confused with shooting stars. Two of those things we saw were very definitely circular in shape and had a ring of lights around them. Those same two circular objects also made that strange buzzing sound."

"I don't know if they were flying saucers or what. But I do know that we all saw something very weird that night."

Police officers called to the scene saw none of the objects. "The people were extremely excited," said one Novi policeman, "and their descriptions compare favorably with other reported sightings of UFOs. It's entirely possible that they did see something."

The report is on file and will be investigated further before a final disposition is made. (News, Novi, Mich., 17 Aug 72)

5 Aug 1972 - Evant, Tex (Sat/2400)-(3) - HOVERING UFO

At least five people who witnessed a UFO were reticent about telling the story for fear that other people would not believe them.

According to Mrs. Allie Cunningham of Hamilton, the witnesses were Wesley Ray of Evant, Mr. & Mrs. M. T. Smith of Abilene, and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lowden of Evant. Mrs. Smith and her husband were guests of her father, Mr. Ray, when the sighting was made. The Ray home is about two miles south of Evant and about one mile east of U.S. 281.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith were sleeping on the porch at the Ray home that night. About midnight she awoke and observed a bright flash of light on the door between the porch and Mr. Ray's bedroom.

She shook her husband awake and called her father. Mr. Smith ran into the yard and called his wife and father-in-law to follow him. All of them saw the UFO, which they described as circular in shape (like a flying saucer) and bearing lights of bluish, pinkish and reddish tints.

The object seemed to hover near the house for about five minutes before moving off to the west, slowly at first and then picking up speed. They could not estimate the altitude of the object but pointed out that it was low enough to cause the beam of light to traverse the porch to the inner door.

About this time, just after midnight, Mr. & Mrs. Lowden were driving west from Evant. They were attracted by an object in the sky moving parallel to their course. According to Mrs. Cunningham, they described the object the same way the Smiths and Mr. Ray did, making it likely that they were seeing the same phenomenon. (Herald-News, Hamilton, Tex., 24 Aug 72)

6 Aug 1972 - Georgetown, Calif. (Sun/0130)-(3-B) - HOVERING UFOs

UFOs have been hovering about and spotlighting, a family of seven persons state.

It all began on Sunday, August 6, according to Mrs. Robert E. Gooch, a Clarksburg, Tenn. resident who is visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Harold J. Whitcomb, two miles southeast of Georgetown.

"At first I was scared, very scared. I was standing in the house at the large windows...at first I thought I was dreaming," states Mrs. Gooch.

She and her sister, Virginia R. Hagen of Pinole, Alameda County, Mrs. Gooch's son, Thomas, 16, and brother and wife, Mr. & Mrs. Don Whitcomb of South Lake Tahoe and parents say they have seen "something unexplainable" in the sky.

"Sometimes the objects are oblong standing on end and other times they look oblong laying on their side," Mrs. Gooch reveals. The family states they have seen green, yellow and white lights emanating from the UFOs which at times have a mist around them.

The family admits difficulty in determining how far away the UFOs have been, but reveal that one time "it was as big as a small dining room table."

"And you can hear the hum of a motor," stated Mrs. Hagen.

At first the family members say only one UFO, but last Sunday they say they saw three hovering high above. "They disappear quickly with an eastward motion," Mrs. Hagen reveals.

A check with the officials at both Mather and McClellan Air bases in the Sacramento area have brought out facts that the military does not take credit for the flying objects and say they have nothing going on in that area.

El Dorado County Sheriff's Dept. at Placerville reports no UFOs sighted by anyone else.

"It dumbfounds me," states Mrs. Gooch. "There's a definite spotlight or searchlight shining down at night."

According to the family the UFOs usually arrive nightly between 1:30 a.m. and 4 a.m., hover awhile, move from side to side and later disappear quickly.

"They come right over the top of the pine tree on the hill," said Mrs. Hagen. "One night the bright light from the object lit up the entire meadow and even inside the house through the window."

None staying at the Whitcomb residence can say for sure what kind of material the UFOs are made of since they have not seen them that closely, nor have the UFOs landed.

Asked if she believes in UFOs, Mrs. Gooch stated, "I do now...I didn't before but I sure do now." (Town Crier, Georgetown, Calif., 24 Aug 72)

10 Aug 1972 - Green River, Wyo. (Thu/1430)-(4) - ON A BRIGHT, SUNNY DAY..

UFO reports usually come in at night, late, particularly on dark nights when anything might be believable. This report came in at 2:30 on a bright, sun-shiny summer afternoon.

The first witness was Joe Sandoval of Salt Lake City. He came into the Star office and reported that his wife had seen "it" first. The object, silvery in color and streaked with bright flashing lights like fire, had crossed over I-80 going from south to north and had disappeared behind White Mountain. Very calmly but firmly he asserted that the object had left a vapor trail and was moving very rapidly. He thanked the Star staff for listening to him and left. The staff was skeptical.

Shortly after his departure a phone message came in that Patrolman Harry Pappas and Guy Nagel had both seen the object while driving in downtown Green River. According to Pappas who came to the office to describe it, the object was fairly small, it glowed, and was on a downward projectory. The staff began to give more credence to the story.

Mrs. Don Nagel called almost immediately to say the the sighting was now being broadcast on the Salt Lake City TV stations. Pappas relayed the information that Ray Dupont had made a sighting also. With this many confirmed witnesses the story must be true.

The Associated Press reports stated that sightings were made in many states and several towns. No satisfactory answer has been give yet as to what "it" was. (Star, Green River, Wyo., 16 Aug 72)

27 Aug 1972 - York, N.D. (Sun/x)-(2-#) - LIGHTS, "BALD SPOT" AND ROCKS

It all started with a light which was noticed about August 27 by the James Deplazes family and a guest. This light, also observed by pwope from a neighboring farm, seemed to move back and forth like a pendulum. The light started as a bright red, changed to a whitish-green color and then disappeared. About an hour later, the light reappeared and this time it stayed red.

All this activity became a topic of conversation in the neighborhood, located about 10 miles north of York.

The whole thing was sort of forgotten until about five days later, when Mrs. Deplazes was swathing durum and discovered a "bald spot" in the middle of the field. She ran over the spot with the swather while finishing the field, and then told her husband about it.

The family investigated the area and found rock-like clinkers scattered about. These "rocks" were not imbedded, but were lying open on the bare spot.

A Tribune reporter, along with Alan Rasmusson of the Tribune staff, investigated and took some pictures. No depressions were found under the rocks, nor was any sign visible that they had impacted. The deepest marks in the ground were the ones made by the swather. The rocks weighed practically nothing.

Samples of the unusual find were sent to the state geologist at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. No word of their findings has been released as yet.

Speculation had been made that the rocks were left years ago by a steam threshing machine, but no partially buried rocks were to be found.

The ground was not scorched, it just appeared as if nothing had ever grown there. The bald spot had never been seen there before, and was circular and about 12 feet across, thus discounting the probability that that area didn't get planted.

So, like most UFO stories, this one ends in a quandry, to be filed away with the rest. (Tribune, Rugby, N.D., 20 Sep 72)

30 Aug 1972 - Wick City, Penn. (Wed/2000)-(3-a) - LIGHTS IN SKY

Paul J. Oles, program director of the Buhl Planetarium told the Leader-Times that what "sounded like a classic UFO description," appeared in the sky about 8, remaining stationary for approximately three hours.

Descriptions of the object involved flashing red, green and yellow lights which, to the naked eye, were similar to stars. Observers numbering approximately 25, reported that through telescopes and binoculars, the object appeared to be some type of

vehicle.

One report describes the object as "one bright light with a sort of tail formed of windows or portholes through which lights, red, yellow, and green, shone." That witness also stated that such variegated lights have also been seen forming a ring around the Kittanning area.

The blinking lights ringing the area, witnesses claim, were not connected to the spherical vehicle, but detached.

One resident of Johnston ave. claims that the flashing illuminations have been visible for several nights in succession, but with a crowd gathering only last night.

Although the "UFO" was reported positioned at a very high altitude, neither Buhl Planetarium nor the Allegheny Conservatory in Pittsburgh had received any other reports as of noon today.

Oles said that the sighting through telescopes, done by men in the No. 6 Fire Station, might possibly be errant due to mechanics. Unless a professional handles a highly scientific device, he said, coloring around edges and distortion may occur, hence, the reports of spherical or saucer shapes.

Oles, noting that the night was exceptionally clear and conducive to viewing the various satellites, stars, and planets appearing to the naked eye at this time of year, said the duration of the sighting discounted these explanations.

Due to revolution of the earth and celestial bodies, he said, the object's three hour stay rules out such explanations.

Oles did admit the blinking lights conveyed the description of a plane, but again added that a plane is not capable of hovering for that period of time.

The incident has been logged at the Emergency Operations Center at the Courthouse. Mystified as to what curious residents spent three hours craning their necks to see, Oles said the object might not have been picked up by the Planetarium, due to their limited range of scanning.

Whatever it is, he said, it would "appear to be local", for he re-stated, no other excited citizens have made similar UFO reports.

"And, believe me," Oles said, "when people see something, they call." (Leader-Times, Kittanning, Pa., 31 Aug 72)

7 Sep 1972 - Olympia, Wash. (Thu/Aft)-(2-c) - AN UNFRIENDLY UFO?

Confused and scared were the words used by sheriff's deputies to describe a 15-year-old boy, Chris Norleen, who said that he had been struck by some type of shock rays from a UFO.

Norleen, 9211 Glanac Street, said he was in the backyard of his Lurh Beach area residence when he looked skyward and saw what appeared to be a round ball with dots on it. He said it seemed to have a "smiling face" and was making some sort of buzzing sound as it flitted among the clouds.

Young Norleen said that when he turned away to go into the house, something that felt like an electric shock hit him in the chest.

Deputy Ed Nowak, who arrived at the Norleen home shortly after 5 p.m., said the youth had no visible injury, but Nowak suggested the boy be taken to the family physician for a thorough checkup. (Olympian, Olympia, Wash., 8 Sep 72)

11 Sep 1972 (Aprx.) - La Grande, Ore. (x) - (4-b) - RANGER PRESENTS PICTURES OF UFO

Don Miller, district ranger of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in Joseph, presented a series of narrated slides at a joint meeting of Rotarians and Lions this week.

In addition to views of many of the scenic areas of Wallowa Lake, Miller also showed a picture of the UFO which passed through the northwest area recently. He reported it was silver colored, had a red flame stream and traveled at a very high speed. (Observer, La Grande, Ore., 11 Sep 72)

12 Sep 1972 - West Palm Beach, Fla. (Tue/0425)-(2-B-a) - UNIDENTIFIED AND FLYING

"I saw 11 of them -- and I don't drink," said Mr. Smith. Smith's neighbor at the Holiday Plaza Mobile Park on Haverhill Road also saw 11

of them, pulsating with red, yellow, green, white and blue lights.

Smith, a sober sounding family man, said convincingly, "I couldn't believe what I was seeing so I called my neighbor (who also wanted to be called Smith) and he and his wife looked and they couldn't believe what they were seeing."

"Then we called the sheriff's office."

"And when the deputies came and looked they said they couldn't believe what they were seeing either."

"And the deputy used my phone and he called the airport, "Tower," the deputy said, "This is Sheriff's Deputy, ah, Smith, and I would like to know if you see anything on your radar in the west," and the tower said there was nothing on the radar but they did see something."

Between 9:30 and 12:30 p.m. all over Haverhill dozens of people watched the aerial phenomenon. What they saw was unidentified and flying and was definitely an object they all agreed.

They said the 11 objects flipped, whirled, flashed their tiny lights through what appeared to be portholes and moved about the sky.

"When they accelerated they first turned like a ring and then the whitish color would turn yellowish and then all the lights would go on," Smith said.

After watching for a while Smith said he was able to predict by the color changing routine when the UFOs would rise in the clear sky. When they rose, a red tail appeared at one end of the disc-shaped objects, he said.

The Palm Beach International Airport tower personnel weren't discounting anything, but they were guarded in their report.

"Our man watched through binoculars," an FAA spokesman said, "but let's just say as far as we are concerned those were stars changing colors."

The county planetarium wasn't open during the night spectacle but a woman who answered the phone yesterday said although they hadn't heard about the UFOs she wasn't surprised.

"I've known for years we were going to be invaded," she said.

But to Smith it was serious.

"I feel like a damn fool telling this story," he said, "but see my son over there," he added, pointing to his youngest child, "those things were as real as he is."

Perhaps Smith can take heart from both a written and oral report made by the road patrol deputy who witnessed the scene and a sheriff's department lieutenant who heard of the incident. In his report the deputy said he saw the lights. He said the tower reported to him it also saw the lights. According to the lieutenant, the whole matter was highly believable.

"I believe in them. There's too much documentary evidence not to believe in them," he said. (Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Fla., 13 Sep 72)

14 Sep 1972 - West Palm Beach, Fla. (Thu/0425)-(3-a) - 'VENUS' THEORY POSSIBLY PREMATURE

The mystery of a UFO reported in the West Palm Beach area has become more puzzling with the acknowledgment by U.S. Air Force officials that their dismissal of the object as "the planet Venus" or a "weather phenomenon" may have been premature.

The object was picked up on radar at Palm Beach International Airport and tracked for about an hour. The radar sighting followed reports by several local residents and law officers of mysterious glowing lights.

Palm Beach County Sheriff William R. Heidtman was notified of the sightings and began a helicopter search for the object about 5 a.m. The helicopter was joined an hour later by two F106 fighter interceptors scrambled out of Homestead Air Force by officials of the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

However, neither the sheriff nor the Air Force pilots were able to locate anything unusual. They came to the conclusion that everyone had been looking at the planet Venus.

Heidtman was first convinced that the object was the planet Mars, "the evening star," but later said he "got his sexes confused" and that the object was the planet Venus, "the morning star."

His opinion was confirmed by one of the fighter pilots, Maj. Jerry B. Smith. In my opinion, it was Venus," Smith said.

However, control tower observers at Palm Beach International did not agree. While tracking the object on radar, one of the operators also observed it visually with binoculars and reported that it was "cigar-shaped" and "all lit up."

The sighting was confirmed by an Eastern Airlines' pilot who agreed with tower personnel that he had "never (before) seen anything like it."

Among others who witnessed something out of the ordinary about the same time was Palm Springs Patrolman W.W. Smith III who said he spotted some glowing lights about 4:12 a.m. while in the vicinity of Forest Hill Boulevard and Military Trail. Smith observed for nearly an hour and described the phenomena as "large bright objects glowing red, blue, green and yellow" going from bright to dim while moving back and forth in the sky.

His report was backed up by several others who saw the same thing including Lake Clarke Shores Patrolman Alan Capaldo, three sheriff's deputies and a Florida Highway Patrol trooper.

Maj. Jerry Smith told the Evening Times he was first placed on alert about 5 a.m. following reports that "the Palm Beach Tower and 19 other reputable citizens had seen this UFO, this object in the sky."

He said the order to scramble came about 6 a.m. and was issued, he believes, from NORAD's North American tracking center, tunneled deep under Cheyenne Mountain near Colorado Springs, Colo.

Maj. Smith said that after getting airborne he turned on his craft's search radar and could pick up nothing. He said the weather phenomena which might be picked up by height finding radar would not be picked up by search radar, which indicated only "hard" contacts.

"What it turned out to be was Venus," he said, adding that it "did look weird." He attributed this to two haze layers over the area which caused "a very weird weather phenomena" as the rays from the planet filtered through. Above the clouds, Venus looked quite normal.

Convinced that he had solved the mystery, Maj. Smith returned to base where he dismissed the visual sighting as Venus and the radar contact as most likely a weather phenomena.

However, he told the Evening Times, if the contact had been made on search radar instead of on height finding radar, it might have been an entirely different story.

And an entirely different story it was, since Palm Beach International -- where contact was first made -- has only search radar.

An operator there told the Evening Times the object had been tracked for about an hour and was definitely not a "weather phenomena."

He said the object was traveling at an estimated 100 knots (about 120 miles an hour) and kept moving in an erratic pattern, heading sometimes to the north, sometimes to the west and sometimes in other directions.

The operator who visually observed the "cigar shaped" object said it looked all lit up as would a commercial airliner coming in for a landing. However, he said, an airliner would make its landing approach at something like 450 knots.

At the time of the visual sighting, it was estimated the object was about two miles from the tower.

Tower officials notified the Federal Aviation Administration at Miami International Airport and it was determined that they also were in search radar contact with the object.

It also was determined that the object was not any aircraft which should have been or was known to have been in the area.

After investigating the legitimacy of the radar contacts, the Evening Times notified Capt. McLaughlin of its findings and was told that the case had already been closed.

"This does put a new light on the situation," the Captain said.

He said he would pass the information to higher authorities and perhaps the case would be reopened. (Palm Beach Times, West Palm Beach, Fla., 15 Sep 72)

19 Sep 1972 - Quapaw, Okla. (Tue/0530)-(3-B) - MYSTERY LIGHT IS REPORTED

A brilliant blue-white light of undertermined origin was sighted over the Devil's Promenade area by Mr. & Mrs. George McWatters, who live on a farm near the Spring River Indian Baptist church..

George McWatters told the News-Record this morning that he awoke about 5:30 or 6 a.m. and was in the kitchen of his home when he first saw the light. "It seemed to be coming up over the river and it was a bright blue-white. At first I thought it might be just some sort of reflection off the river and I went to another room to drink a cup of coffee. When I came back to the kitchen though, I saw it had moved to the east and was getting brighter."

McWatters said he watched the light for several minutes as it seemed to move slowly to the east, getting brighter all the time. He then woke up his wife to come look at the light.

"It moved out just so far, and then seemed to be hanging there not too far above treetop level," he said. "It was the oddest color, sort of a bluish green and white, and too bright to look directly at it for very long."

Both McWatters and his wife stated that they saw the light clearly, even though the sun was coming up and there were no stars visible in the sky.

Mrs. McWatters said that the light appeared "bigger than any star I've seen, and brighter."

They watched the light until it vanished about 7 a.m. Mrs. McWatters said that before the light vanished two more lights, not as bright, but of the same odd blue-white color, appeared to the south of the original light. "We could see all three together, then the two smaller ones vanished."

McWatters stated that the bright light seemed to get brighter as it moved away. "It seemed to be hanging there about six to 10 miles away and it got very bright before it disappeared."

A check with the flight services office at the Joplin airport showed that no weather balloons were launched from there, and there were no reports either at the Joplin or Miami airports of aircraft flying in that area. (News-Record, Miami, Okla., 19 Sep 72)

5 Oct 1972 - Colwood, B.C., Can. (Thu/AM)-(I-0) - SAW OBJECT LAND

When Mrs. R. Rennie went out to get the morning newspaper she was left standing with her mouth open.

What she believes was a UFO came to rest on a small mountain behind her house. Before she could run to tell her husband it quickly disappeared in a streak of orange and blue flames.

Mrs. Rennie, 2779 Winster Road, told the News Review she first noticed a bright star in the eastern sky. Then an orange colored oval shaped ball rose from the ground to tree top level. First it moved jerkily, but fairly fast, toward the north until it was over the small mountain. Then it hovered momentarily before quickly coming to rest on the mountain top.

After three or four minutes, it rose again, to about 15 feet, and disappeared. It left a trail of jet streams about three feet long, she said.

There was no noise at any time; and the object appeared to be about 16 to 18 feet in circumference.

Later she went to look at the spot where the alleged UFO landed, along with Pat McInnes, who has been interested in, and written articles about UFOs for the past 10 years. She said it looked as though some of the moss had been rubbed off the rock.

Mr. McInnes told the News Review he has sent soil samples to Ottawa to be analyzed and he is expecting a reply this week.

On the same day, Mrs. Florence Toms, Winster Road, saw what looked like two bright stars "and something much bigger, bright as a diamond" but it didn't move. This was about 5:30 a.m. and she looked at the object for about two minutes. (Juan de Fuca News Review, Colwood, B.C., Can., 25 Oct 72)

8 Oct 1972 - Traralgon, Vic., Aust. (Sun/0400)-(2-A-b) - FOLLOWED BY MYSTERY LIGHT

A night patrolman claimed he was followed about 20 miles by a bright light in the sky near Traralgon, 100 miles east of Melbourne.

His sighting was the second within a month in the district.

Patrolman Lawrence Pinchen (32) said that he had been followed from Moe to Traralgon by the light, "which turned red then shot up into the sky."

"I still don't know what it was," he said after making checks of searchlight alarms from the drive-in theatre and garages.

"All I know is that there was a light which should not have been there, in an area where there was no other street lighting."

Mr. Pinchen and Traralgon Constable Peter Cavanagh (25), followed the light to Rosedale, about 14 miles away, where with a local photographer, they watched until 6 a.m. as it was photographed.

Const. Cavanagh said, "I don't know what to make of it, but I'm sure it wasn't a star--not in daylight." (Advocate, Burnie, Tas., 9 Oct 72)

8 Oct 1972 - Badin, N.C. (Sun/1030)-(4) - RESEMBLED A DUMBELL

Victor Devereaux of Badin reported sighting an object, which he estimated to be 3,000 to 4,000 feet up and moving at around 300 miles an hour. It made no sound. He estimated it to be around 120 feet long and as large around as a house.

He said that he observed it very clearly in the cloudless sky, that it was silver colored, was shaped something like a dumbbell, much like a railroad tank car with enlarged ends which tapered to a cone-like point.

Mr. Devereaux said that he was facing west as he observed it move from the northeast toward the southwest, and that he watched it until it was out of sight. He said he could detect no sound from it, and that it had no gondola beneath, nor any apparent windows. He also said he looked carefully trying to detect any wings or tail surfaces, but saw none.

"I saw something," he said to the News and Press reporter, "but I don't know what it was."

He said he was aware that a dirigible was in the Charlotte area Sunday afternoon, but that this object was not shaped at all like a dirigible. (Stanly News & Press, Albermarle, N.C., 10 Oct 72)

11 Oct 1972 - Colwood, B.C., Can. (Wed/0700)-(3) - UFOs SEEN IN AREA

Several UFO sightings in the District have been rumored during the past week or 10 days. The latest to come to the attention of the News Review is from Mrs. Jarjorie Parker, Florence Lake Road.

Although a skeptic on the matter of UFOs she and her 10-year-old son Rob saw a large elliptical object emitting whitish-yellow lights from about eight openings while it hovered over the Victoria area.

The light turned to a bluish color Mrs. Parker said while it continued to hover and more noiselessly. Thw two watched the object for about 20 minutes, then it moved off out of sight.

Whether it was a UFO or not she's not certain, but it wasn't an aircraft of any kind. So right now she doesn't know what to believe.

Other sightings have been reported in the Mill Hill area. (Juan de Fuca News Review, Colwood, B.C., Can., 18 Oct 72)

18 Oct 1972 - Aldergrove, B.C., Can. (Wed/0430)-(4-c) - STRANGE GLOW DISTURBS ANIMALS

Two residents of Aldergrove were awakened by a loud, unidentifiable sound emanating from somewhere in the vicinity of their home. Rising to investigate, they observed a bright light rising swiftly in a southeast direction from their home.

Mrs. Marg Kocsis and her brother, George of 27864 Fraser Highway in Aldergrove, reported the incident to the Advante.

The light itself, which was seen by George Kocsis, was difficult to describe, he

Mrs. Kocsis reported that it was very quickly gone but "while it appeared to be rising swiftly into the night, there was also a very loud sound as of rushing wind."

Whatever is the explanation for the strange occurrence, it was apparently not lost on the animals of this particular farm. Mrs. Kocsis said "they kicked up a terrible fuss of howling and barking in the presence of the noise and light, and when they disappeared, the animals settled down."

Her report went on to describe the weather conditions that morning. "It was not yet sunrise, and there was a fairly heavy fog, so that the moon could not have been seen, even momentarily."

"I can't imagine what the explanation could be for the occurrence," Mrs. Kocsis said. "It was a very strange experience." (Langley Advance, B.C., Can., 26 Oct 72)

11 Nov 1972 - Boeley, Eng. (Sat/PM)-(3) - FOUR-HOUR UFO SIGHTING

Police were last night investigating reports of a UFO sighting over a lonely stretch of Midland countryside.

The sighting was reported at Boeley, near Redditch, when a housewife and a young farmworker claimed to have seen three lights hovering about 700 feet in the air over a belt of woodland for a period of four hours.

Police from Henley-in-Arden visited the scene twice, and a spokesman said: "Two of our officers also saw these lights. They are still investigating the matter."

The farmworker, 15-year-old Keith Harris of Ullenhall Lane, Boeley, said that he went to see the lights from the home of Mrs. Rita Tallis, who lives half-a-mile further up the lane, when she telephoned him.

"I saw three lights--apparently from three separate vehicles--hovering backwards and forwards about 600 feet up half-a-mile from the back of Mrs. Tallis' house," said Keith.

"They were like radiating lights and kept changing colour from red to white and back again. They kept hovering backwards and forwards--disappearing over the horizon and reappearing again.

"Sometimes they were traveling very quickly and at other times quite slowly. We were watching them from the back garden and there was absolutely no sound from them."

Keith said that the lights were most active early in the evening, but they kept flying about over the area for more than four hours.

He added: "I am certain they were not planes otherwise we would have heard the noise from the engines. I am quite satisfied that they were UFOs." (Sunday Mercury, Birmingham, Eng., 12 Nov 72)

2 Nov 1972 - UFO DEFENDER DROPS IN

J. Allen Hynek, the American astronomer who has espoused the UFO cause, was in London last week for the publication of his book THE UFO EXPERIENCE. In his book Hynek severely criticises the report called THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS produced by a committee chaired by Dr. Edward U. Condon. The committee studied material from U.S. Air Force Project Blue Book files.

Hynek calls the Condon report "unscientific" and charges that it was designed not to investigate but to discredit UFOs. In his own book, Professor Hynek concludes that UFOs exist and present a problem to science--virtually the opposite conclusion to that reached by the Condon committee.

"Hynek's book is his version of what the Condon report should have been," says astronomer Bruce Murray in a review in Science. Murray, normally one of the most outspoken and hard-hitting of astronomers, adds: "Hynek's defense of UFOs as a valid, if speculative, scientific topic is more credible than Condon's attempt to mock them out of existence."

These criticisms have stung Condon into a scathing reply for the first time. In a letter dated 2 September and addressed to the editor of Science, Condon begins: "Misrepresentations contained in the new book by J. Allen Hynek, and in the review of it by Bruce Murray, in criticism of the study of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)

conducted at the University of Colorado, may mislead some people."

Condon claims that his study was not intended to close the door on further UFO studies, and he quotes a passage from his report's summary which suggests that anyone with new ideas for attacking the UFO problem should be supported.

In his book, Hynek condemned this "insincere statement" in Condon's summary as "throwing a scrap of political meat to the critic dogs." But in his letter, Condon says this is bitterness because two UFO proposals of Hynek's have been refused funds.

Condon says that it is "false" to pretend that he is trying to keep others from pursuing studies of UFOs. Yet he concludes: "If asked, I will caution against such studies as being a waste of time and money, unless the proposal contains meritorious new ideas going beyond what has so far passed for UFO study."

The Condon letter has not so far appeared in Science, but Hynek thinks that Condon should be allowed his say--because, as he adds with a chuckle: "I would then reply that, while I cannot agree with Dr. Condon, I must be grateful to him for helping to reopen the issue." (New Scientist, London, Eng., 2 Nov 72)

Jan 1973 - UFO RIDDLE MAY BE SOLVED SOON, SAYS ENQUIRER TEAM OF EXPERTS

An answer to the riddle of Unidentified Flying Objects appears to be nearer than ever before, says the ENQUIRER's blue-ribbon panel of UFO investigators, after studying evidence supplied by readers during the past year.

"A breakthrough in reaching a scientific explanation of UFOs may be closer than generally predicted," says Dr. Robert F. Creegan, a professor of philosophy at State University of New York and a member of the panel.

On March 12, 1972, the ENQUIRER offered a \$50,000 reward to the first person who can prove that a UFO came from outer space and is not a natural phenomenon. A panel of five top scientists and educators was named to judge the evidence, and a deadline for claims was set at Jan. 1, 1973.

The panel is now considering the information received in well over 1,000 reports of sightings and other UFO data, and from investigation into specific cases.

It will meet again early this year to decide whether a claim exists that satisfies the conditions of the \$50,000 award. In addition, it will award \$5,000 to the claimant who has supplied the most scientifically valuable evidence on UFOs even though short of the proof required for the \$50,000 reward.

"There are reports that clearly cannot be explained in conventional terms," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, former advisor on UFOs to the U.S. Air Force, and another member of the ENQUIRER panel.

"And many of the reports meet the scientific requirement that more than one witness describe the UFO," added Dr. Hynek, chairman of the Department of Astronomy and director of the Dearborn Observatory and Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center of Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

"The ENQUIRER's insistence on a truly scientific approach to this problem is obviously proving its worth."

Dr. James Harder, professor of civil engineering at the University of California at Berkeley, said: "Some of the reports contain highly intriguing descriptions of intelligently controlled flying objects. But the most scientifically valuable information has come from reports of landing sites, where physical evidence has been found."

Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, associate professor of psychology and director of the Division of Counseling and Testing of the University of Wyoming, reported: "There are a number of really strong reports on UFOs among those submitted."

Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, professor of plant science at Utah State University, pointed out: "We have received reports that can be checked by scientific methods."

And the consultant to the panel, Jim Lorenzen, International Director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Inc., praised what he called "an extremely valuable body of evidence." (National Enquirer, Jan 1973) (Cr: J. Clark)

Jan 1973 - NEW REWARDS FOR EVIDENCE

The ENQUIRER's Blue-Ribbon Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects has agreed to continue its promising research through 1973. Reader's are invited to send information

on new and recent UFO sightings to the panel. When appropriate, the panel will send experienced researchers to probe the sightings on the spot.

A reward of \$1,000 will be paid by the ENQUIRER, at the discretion of the panel, for information on outstanding cases. Where several informants are involved, the panel will decide on the distribution of the \$1,000. The panel's decision will be final.

Mail your evidence to: UFO PROBE, ENQUIRER, 600 South East Coast Avenue, Lantana, Fla. 33462.

This offer shall not be construed as an inducement to betray any military secrets of the United States. (National Enquirer, Jan 1973) (Cr: J. Clark)

PICTURES OF UFO-LIKE CRAFT IN THE FRENCH LITERATURE OF THE XIX CENTURY

Our Spanish friends Mr. Antonio Ribera and Mr. Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, have sent us two drawings that show aircraft of the same type we today call UFOs...which appeared in two French novels published in 1896 (Figure 1) and 1905 (Figure 2)!

The reproductions below have been copied from the Spanish magazine ARGOS, No. 2335, July 12, 1961.

Figure 1 is an illustration from a novel entitled "The Black Invasion" written by Captain Driant, a French deputy who died as a hero at Verdun (first world war).

Figure 2 is an engraving from "The Infernal War", a novel by the Frenchman Mericant, released in 1905. The magazine ARGOS says that "it is the flying machine of the Capazza (1889)."

The historian might find of potential interest this information that Ribera and Ballester Olmos have uncovered for us."

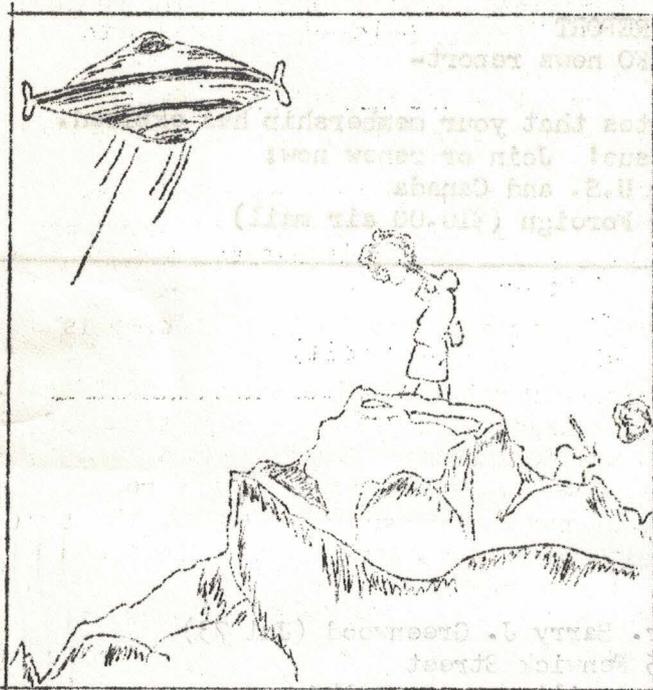


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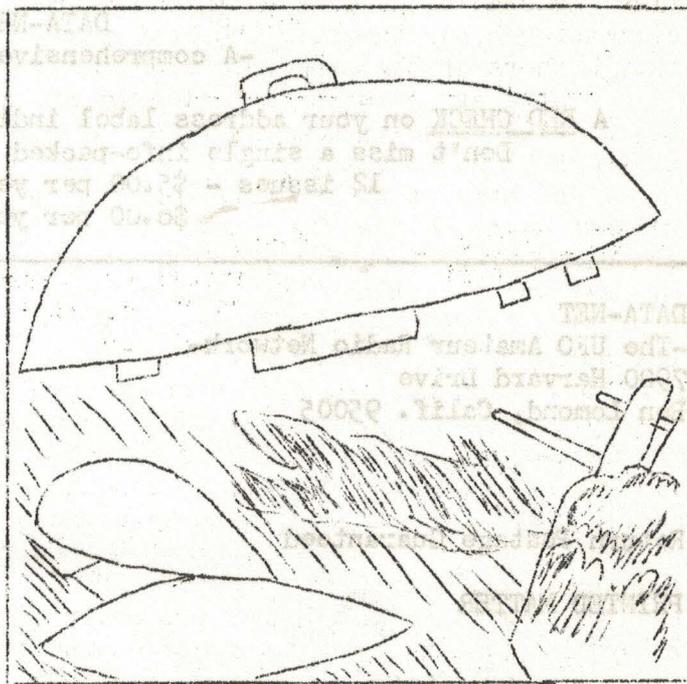


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2. "UFOs and the Laws of Physics" by J. Lear. SATURDAY REVIEW, Oct. 7, 1967.
3. "White Paper on UFOs" by Dr. J. Allen Hynak. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, May 23, 1967.
4. "A New Look at Saucer Mysteries" by Dr. Jacques Vallee, TRUE, Sep. 1965.
5. A new or used copy of the book by Thomas Olsen, THE REFERENCE FOR OUTSTANDING UFO SIGHTING REPORTS.
6. "Scientific Measurement of UFOs" by Charles Many, FATE, June 1965, p. 31.
7. "Flying Saucers Propulsion and Relativity" by Gordon Evans, FATE, Dec. 1964
8. "Engineer Involvement in UFO Investigations" by R. E. Fowler, AMERICAN ENGINEER, 38:5, May 1968, 29-31.
9. Article by Dr. David Saunders which documents a technique to measure the strangeness of a particular UFO sighting. INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, Aug. 1968.

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