

Extract from  
Sun-Herald, Sydney, Australia

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**GASES  
CAUSED  
SCARE**

DETROIT,  
Saturday (A.A.P.-  
Reuter). — Or-  
dinary marsh gases  
triggered this  
week's reports of  
unidentified flying  
objects in southern  
Michigan.

A special U.S. Air  
Force investigator, astro-  
physicist Dr J. Allen  
Hynek, said he believed  
escaping swamp gases  
caused glowing lights.

"I cannot prove in a  
court of law that this is  
the full explanation of  
these sightings," he said.

### **Lights**

"But it appears very  
likely that the combina-  
tion of the conditions of  
this particular winter, an  
unusually mild one in  
this area, and the particu-  
lar weather conditions  
produced this unusual  
and puzzling display."

Witnesses had said that  
the flying objects had  
glowing lights, red, green  
or yellow, and appeared  
to move sideways.

The probable explana-  
tion, said Dr Hynek, was  
that the spring thaw had  
released trapped gases re-  
sulting from the decom-  
position of organic  
matter.