

Diagram of the landing and departure of a gigantic UFO 4 miles east of Staunton, Virginia, at 5:00 p.m. on December 21, 1964.



1  
00:00:40,389 --> 00:00:16,100  
[Music]

2  
00:00:45,670 --> 00:00:44,229  
a ufo flap in virginia in 1965. by

3  
00:00:47,590 --> 00:00:45,680  
charles lear

4  
00:00:49,270 --> 00:00:47,600  
throughout modern ufo history there have

5  
00:00:51,590 --> 00:00:49,280  
been periods when a large number of

6  
00:00:54,389 --> 00:00:51,600  
reports have come from one area these

7  
00:00:56,310 --> 00:00:54,399  
were termed ufo flaps by air force ufo

8  
00:00:58,630 --> 00:00:56,320  
investigators working for project blue

9  
00:01:02,150 --> 00:00:58,640  
book according to former project blue

10  
00:01:04,469 --> 00:01:02,160  
book director edward rupelt in his 1956

11  
00:01:07,190 --> 00:01:04,479  
book the report on unidentified flying

12  
00:01:09,109 --> 00:01:07,200  
objects in air force parlance a flap was

13  
00:01:10,789 --> 00:01:09,119

a state of confusion just below panic

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00:01:13,910 --> 00:01:10,799

that could be brought on by any number

15

00:01:16,149 --> 00:01:13,920

of things this week we'll look at a 1965

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00:01:18,630 --> 00:01:16,159

flap in the virginia area that involved

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00:01:21,030 --> 00:01:18,640

reported em effects creatures and armed

18

00:01:22,789 --> 00:01:21,040

citizens ready to defend the planet

19

00:01:24,870 --> 00:01:22,799

newspaper clippings and comments by

20

00:01:27,510 --> 00:01:24,880

investigators about the events can be

21

00:01:30,789 --> 00:01:27,520

found at the ufo history group website

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00:01:33,270 --> 00:01:30,799

the flap actually began in 1964 with the

23

00:01:35,990 --> 00:01:33,280

december 21st sighting by harrisburg

24

00:01:37,830 --> 00:01:36,000

virginia gunsmith horace burns according

25

00:01:40,630 --> 00:01:37,840

to the report he was driving on route

26  
00:01:42,630 --> 00:01:40,640  
250 near fishersville when he saw a huge

27  
00:01:45,030 --> 00:01:42,640  
metallic object in the sky coming from

28  
00:01:47,429 --> 00:01:45,040  
the north as it landed in a field to his

29  
00:01:49,830 --> 00:01:47,439  
right his car stalled and he drifted to

30  
00:01:52,710 --> 00:01:49,840  
a stop burns described the object as

31  
00:01:55,670 --> 00:01:52,720  
shaped like a beehive 125 feet in

32  
00:01:58,389 --> 00:01:55,680  
diameter and 80 feet tall he observed it

33  
00:02:00,230 --> 00:01:58,399  
as it rested for 60 to 90 seconds and

34  
00:02:02,950 --> 00:02:00,240  
then rose up and flew away to the

35  
00:02:05,749 --> 00:02:02,960  
northeast he was able to restart his car

36  
00:02:07,749 --> 00:02:05,759  
and drive home burns contacted the ufo

37  
00:02:10,630 --> 00:02:07,759  
investigators club at eastern mennonite

38  
00:02:12,150 --> 00:02:10,640

college club president ernest gammon who

39

00:02:13,910 --> 00:02:12,160

was a professor at the college and a

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00:02:15,990 --> 00:02:13,920

member of the national investigations

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00:02:17,830 --> 00:02:16,000

committee on aerial phenomena checked

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00:02:19,110 --> 00:02:17,840

the area with a geiger counter and

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00:02:21,430 --> 00:02:19,120

claimed to have found heavy

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00:02:23,670 --> 00:02:21,440

radioactivity he also reported that

45

00:02:25,910 --> 00:02:23,680

homeowners in the area had complained to

46

00:02:27,589 --> 00:02:25,920

the virginia electric and power company

47

00:02:29,510 --> 00:02:27,599

that their radios and televisions

48

00:02:31,990 --> 00:02:29,520

stopped working for several minutes and

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00:02:34,070 --> 00:02:32,000

that their lights dimmed kevin contacted

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00:02:35,750 --> 00:02:34,080

project blue book and sergeants david

51  
00:02:38,470 --> 00:02:35,760  
moody and harold jones were sent to

52  
00:02:41,509 --> 00:02:38,480  
investigate they arrived on january 12

53  
00:02:44,150 --> 00:02:41,519  
1965 interviewed burns and the written

54  
00:02:45,990 --> 00:02:44,160  
report states that he exhibited no

55  
00:02:48,309 --> 00:02:46,000  
indications of suffering from mental

56  
00:02:51,030 --> 00:02:48,319  
disorders they also reported that there

57  
00:02:52,790 --> 00:02:51,040  
was no trace of radiation at the site

58  
00:02:54,949 --> 00:02:52,800  
within a month the local papers were

59  
00:02:57,270 --> 00:02:54,959  
reporting that many area residents had

60  
00:03:00,869 --> 00:02:57,280  
claimed to have had sightings a january

61  
00:03:03,190 --> 00:03:00,879  
18 1965 article headlined flying saucer

62  
00:03:05,589 --> 00:03:03,200  
reports to believe or not to believe

63  
00:03:07,430 --> 00:03:05,599

reports that all books on ufos have been

64

00:03:09,910 --> 00:03:07,440

checked out of both the staunton and

65

00:03:12,630 --> 00:03:09,920

waynesboro public libraries and that

66

00:03:15,030 --> 00:03:12,640

there is a long waiting list for them in

67

00:03:17,670 --> 00:03:15,040

an article headlined air force denies

68

00:03:21,750 --> 00:03:17,680

reports of ufo sighting in the state in

69

00:03:24,229 --> 00:03:21,760

the january 21st 1965 newport news times

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00:03:26,390 --> 00:03:24,239

herald reporter virginia biggins wrote

71

00:03:28,390 --> 00:03:26,400

that a pentagon spokesperson stated that

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00:03:30,470 --> 00:03:28,400

they had no records of any report in the

73

00:03:32,229 --> 00:03:30,480

area the article then goes on to

74

00:03:34,949 --> 00:03:32,239

describe several sightings in the air

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00:03:37,030 --> 00:03:34,959

force investigation of burns's sighting

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00:03:39,509 --> 00:03:37,040

another case of cars stalling during a

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00:03:42,390 --> 00:03:39,519

ufo sighting was described in an article

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00:03:46,470 --> 00:03:42,400

titled ufos back at full tilt in the

79

00:03:47,990 --> 00:03:46,480

january 25th 1965 times herald two men

80

00:03:50,390 --> 00:03:48,000

in separate cars driving near

81

00:03:52,550 --> 00:03:50,400

williamsburg reported seeing an aluminum

82

00:03:55,350 --> 00:03:52,560

colored object shaped like an upside

83

00:03:57,509 --> 00:03:55,360

down ice cream cone 75 feet above the

84

00:03:59,429 --> 00:03:57,519

ground according to them their car

85

00:04:02,390 --> 00:03:59,439

engine stopped when the object was in

86

00:04:04,390 --> 00:04:02,400

sight and restarted as soon as it left a

87

00:04:06,710 --> 00:04:04,400

dramatic encounter that was investigated

88

00:04:09,190 --> 00:04:06,720

by nycap and described in books was

89

00:04:10,869 --> 00:04:09,200

reported to have occurred on january 19

90

00:04:12,710 --> 00:04:10,879

1965.

91

00:04:14,949 --> 00:04:12,720

according to an account on the nycap

92

00:04:16,710 --> 00:04:14,959

website william blackburn was chopping

93

00:04:19,030 --> 00:04:16,720

wood for some archers in the augusta

94

00:04:21,349 --> 00:04:19,040

county archery club near brands flats

95

00:04:23,749 --> 00:04:21,359

virginia when he spotted two objects in

96

00:04:26,310 --> 00:04:23,759

the sky the smaller of the two objects

97

00:04:28,629 --> 00:04:26,320

descended and landed about 18 yards from

98

00:04:31,189 --> 00:04:28,639

the witness three beings around three

99

00:04:32,870 --> 00:04:31,199

feet tall and dressed in shiny clothes

100

00:04:35,430 --> 00:04:32,880

came out of the craft and approached

101  
00:04:37,590 --> 00:04:35,440  
blackburn to within 12 yards according

102  
00:04:39,749 --> 00:04:37,600  
to him their eyes seemed to look through

103  
00:04:41,670 --> 00:04:39,759  
you blackburn was frozen in fright

104  
00:04:43,110 --> 00:04:41,680  
holding his double-edged axe when the

105  
00:04:45,189 --> 00:04:43,120  
beings made some sounds that were

106  
00:04:47,430 --> 00:04:45,199  
unintelligible they then returned to the

107  
00:04:50,150 --> 00:04:47,440  
craft and the craft rose up and

108  
00:04:52,230 --> 00:04:50,160  
disappeared nycap investigator richard

109  
00:04:54,390 --> 00:04:52,240  
hall went to interview blackburn after

110  
00:04:57,189 --> 00:04:54,400  
his account appeared in the local press

111  
00:05:00,390 --> 00:04:57,199  
in an article headlined ufo spotter held

112  
00:05:03,029 --> 00:05:00,400  
silenced in the february 4th 1965

113  
00:05:05,110 --> 00:05:03,039

richmond times dispatch hall is quoted

114

00:05:07,189 --> 00:05:05,120

as saying that blackburn had been

115

00:05:09,430 --> 00:05:07,199

instructed explicitly not to say

116

00:05:11,430 --> 00:05:09,440

anything and it was suggested strongly

117

00:05:13,749 --> 00:05:11,440

that some federal authority had told him

118

00:05:15,990 --> 00:05:13,759

this there was another humanoid sighting

119

00:05:18,950 --> 00:05:16,000

in the form of a small green man

120

00:05:20,710 --> 00:05:18,960

reported by three boys on january 26

121

00:05:22,710 --> 00:05:20,720

1965.

122

00:05:25,270 --> 00:05:22,720

according to an associated press article

123

00:05:28,150 --> 00:05:25,280

in the january 29th washington dc

124

00:05:30,550 --> 00:05:28,160

evening star headlined its closed season

125

00:05:33,029 --> 00:05:30,560

on the little green men augusta county

126

00:05:34,710 --> 00:05:33,039

sheriff john e kent received complaints

127

00:05:36,790 --> 00:05:34,720

that area residents were arming

128

00:05:39,110 --> 00:05:36,800

themselves and going out to hunt the

129

00:05:40,790 --> 00:05:39,120

creature down kent told the reporter

130

00:05:43,189 --> 00:05:40,800

that the situation had gotten out of

131

00:05:45,670 --> 00:05:43,199

hand and that it was now dangerous to

132

00:05:48,310 --> 00:05:45,680

county residents he vowed that anyone

133

00:05:50,629 --> 00:05:48,320

out armed with no good reason would be

134

00:05:52,629 --> 00:05:50,639

dealt with according to the law he added

135

00:05:54,550 --> 00:05:52,639

that if there really were creatures from

136

00:05:57,029 --> 00:05:54,560

outer space in the area who's got a

137

00:05:59,029 --> 00:05:57,039

right to mow them down the article ends

138

00:06:00,870 --> 00:05:59,039

with the news that a local resident had

139

00:06:02,950 --> 00:06:00,880

come forward and admitted that he was

140

00:06:05,270 --> 00:06:02,960

attempting to play a joke on a neighbor

141

00:06:08,309 --> 00:06:05,280

and that he was in fact the little green

142

00:06:10,230 --> 00:06:08,319

man despite the silliness a report that

143

00:06:12,790 --> 00:06:10,240

got some serious attention was that of

144

00:06:16,550 --> 00:06:12,800

two nasa engineers former air force

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00:06:18,870 --> 00:06:16,560

major john naidly and a.g crimes jr both

146

00:06:21,510 --> 00:06:18,880

of whom worked at nasa langley research

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00:06:23,670 --> 00:06:21,520

center in hampton virginia despite being

148

00:06:25,670 --> 00:06:23,680

a former air force officer naidly

149

00:06:28,150 --> 00:06:25,680

reported his sighting to the newport

150

00:06:30,629 --> 00:06:28,160

news virginia daily press while crimmons

151  
00:06:33,029 --> 00:06:30,639  
jr reported his to langley air force

152  
00:06:35,469 --> 00:06:33,039  
base the daily press ran the story the

153  
00:06:38,790 --> 00:06:35,479  
following day on january 28

154  
00:06:40,870 --> 00:06:38,800  
1965. according to the article nadeley

155  
00:06:43,029 --> 00:06:40,880  
reported seeing a soundless object with

156  
00:06:45,270 --> 00:06:43,039  
lights around its rim maneuvering near

157  
00:06:47,430 --> 00:06:45,280  
his house in hampton virginia larry

158  
00:06:51,029 --> 00:06:47,440  
bryant investigated and wrote about it

159  
00:06:53,430 --> 00:06:51,039  
in the june 1968 issue of flying saucers

160  
00:06:55,990 --> 00:06:53,440  
according to him he talked to nadly and

161  
00:06:58,390 --> 00:06:56,000  
found out that crimeans jr his neighbor

162  
00:07:01,270 --> 00:06:58,400  
had had his sighting near the same time

163  
00:07:03,510 --> 00:07:01,280

he contacted crimmons jr and crimmons jr

164

00:07:05,430 --> 00:07:03,520

told him that he watched an object land

165

00:07:07,909 --> 00:07:05,440

on plum island which was an old air

166

00:07:09,510 --> 00:07:07,919

force bombing range bryant wrote that he

167

00:07:11,990 --> 00:07:09,520

was concerned that no one from the air

168

00:07:13,909 --> 00:07:12,000

force had contacted natalie and that he

169

00:07:16,790 --> 00:07:13,919

bryant wrote a letter to virginia

170

00:07:19,029 --> 00:07:16,800

senator harry f byrd byrd wrote back

171

00:07:20,870 --> 00:07:19,039

saying that he communicated with the

172

00:07:23,029 --> 00:07:20,880

secretary of the air force regarding

173

00:07:24,790 --> 00:07:23,039

numerous sightings and would present the

174

00:07:26,790 --> 00:07:24,800

matter to his colleagues in the senate

175

00:07:28,629 --> 00:07:26,800

armed services committee brian

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00:07:31,189 --> 00:07:28,639

eventually received a reply to his

177

00:07:34,309 --> 00:07:31,199

inquiries to the air force saying that

178

00:07:36,749 --> 00:07:34,319

crimeans jr had seen a navy helicopter

179

00:07:40,150 --> 00:07:36,759

an article in the nightcap march april

180

00:07:42,390 --> 00:07:40,160

1965 ufo investigator describes the

181

00:07:44,070 --> 00:07:42,400

sightings by the two nasa engineers in

182

00:07:46,629 --> 00:07:44,080

the air force response when the story

183

00:07:48,629 --> 00:07:46,639

came out in the daily press according to

184

00:07:51,029 --> 00:07:48,639

the article the head of project blue

185

00:07:53,430 --> 00:07:51,039

book major hector quintanilla went to

186

00:07:55,670 --> 00:07:53,440

virginia on a debunking tour it's

187

00:07:58,390 --> 00:07:55,680

reported that quintanilla combined

188

00:08:00,950 --> 00:07:58,400

ridicule evasion or denial of documented

189

00:08:03,670 --> 00:08:00,960

facts and claimed not a single ufo

190

00:08:05,430 --> 00:08:03,680

report had ever been proved true it

191

00:08:07,270 --> 00:08:05,440

seems the air force did their best to

192

00:08:09,189 --> 00:08:07,280

downplay the virginia sightings and

193

00:08:11,830 --> 00:08:09,199

perhaps that's why this flap is somewhat

194

00:08:13,670 --> 00:08:11,840

forgotten the very next year thanks to a

195

00:08:15,990 --> 00:08:13,680

remark by blue book scientific

196

00:08:17,990 --> 00:08:16,000

consultant j alan heineck that some

197

00:08:20,230 --> 00:08:18,000

sightings during a flap in michigan

198

00:08:22,469 --> 00:08:20,240

might have been of swamp gas the air

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00:08:35,370 --> 00:08:22,479

force would be dragged into congress and