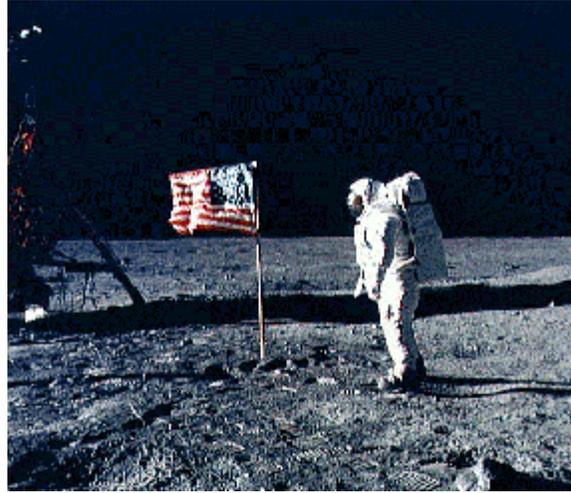


ASTRONAUT SIGHTINGS



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If you were on a mission to study the inhabitants of the planet we call earth would you not be interested in the primitive attempts at early space travel. It seems that UFO's have been especially interested in following our space program. Just what do our astronauts know that they aren't talking about? What did we find when we went to the moon? The astronauts that returned from the moon seemed to be profoundly changed by the experience. Why did we seemingly abandon our space program following the lunar landings? Why did the Russians not even attempt to go to the moon? Was being second so bad or were they warned away from that goal.

These are all profound questions which I cannot attempt to answer. But let's examine the evidence that has been collected and then each come to our own conclusions.

MERCURY 7 May 24 1962 (Scott Carpenter)

A UFO was rumored to have been seen and photographed during this flight He did in fact take a picture of a tracking ballon which was ejected from the capsule. This picture which was enlarged and photographed through a smeared window in the glare of sunlight has been misrepresented as a UFO.



MERCURY 8 October 3, 1963 (Wally Schirra)

Rumored to have seen a UFO and coined the term "Santa Claus" as a code word for UFO. He reported seeing glowing masses over the Indian ocean which were in fact night time lightning clouds. These lights have been taken out of context as being a UFO sighting.

MERCURY 9 May 16, 1963 (Gordon Cooper)

On his final orbit Cooper radioed Muchea tracking station near Perth Australia that he was being approached by a greenish object moving east to west. This is unusual in that it is the opposite direction from most manmade orbits. More than 100 persons saw the object on tracking gear. Following the mission newsmen were informed that they would not be allowed to question Cooper on this aspect of the flight.

It is also reported that a voice transmission was picked up on a special frequency which could not be correlated with any known language.

It should be noted that Cooper has publically denied having seen any UFO in connection with this flight. He did confirm that he saw the Aurora Australis which was multi-colored and may have been taken by some as a UFO sighting.

GEMINI I April 1964 (unmanned)

During the first orbit of this unmanned spacecraft it was joined by four apparently controlled objects. The tracking station observed two objects take up station above Gemini I, with one behind and one below. These relative positions were maintained for one orbit after which they sped off into space.

GEMINI IV June 4, 1965 (James A. McDivitt, Edward White)

With White asleep McDivitt reports an unidentified object. He manages to take some footage of the object on a movie camera that was mounted inside the capsule. The object was first spotted over the Hawaiian Islands. Later over the Caribbean both astronauts report seeing two more objects. One of the movie frames was released to the press and has been reprinted in many books including Frank Edward's book "Flying Saucers Serious Business". The photo shows an egg shaped object with a comet like trail or glow coming out of it. The movie camera was using 16mm Eastman color film shooting at 6 frames per second. The object was yellow - white in color. In the transcript that follows McDivitt is reporting to the Capsule Communicator.

29 40 45 C . . . Hawaii . . .

29 52 09 CC Gemini 4, Guaymas CAP COM

29 52 12 C Go ahead. Guaymas. Gemini 4.

29 52 14 CC Roger. We've got you green, how are you doing up there?

29 52 17 C Fine. I just saw something else up here with me, but

just as I was getting close enough to take a good

picture the sun got in the way and I lost it.

29 52 26 CC Roger. We got some flight plan changes for you.

Want to stand by to copy?

29 52 29 C Yes. Stand by and let me see if I can find this thing again.

- 29 52 45 C . . . and there are a great number of thunderstorms around at the present time. Lightning is actually lighting up the interior of the spacecraft... activity ... thunderstorms . . .
- 29 53 35 C Okay. ,Go ahead. It doesn't look like I'm going to see him again.
- 29 57 09 CC That's affirm --- you still looking at the thing up there?
- 29 57 12 C No I've lost it. It had big arms sticking out of it, it looked like. I only had it for just a minute. I got a couple of pictures with a camera and one with the Hasselblad; but I was in free drift, before I could get the control back I drifted and lost it.
- 29 57 29 CC Good show.

McDivitt has publicly denied having seen a aliencraft and states that the released picture was not the object that he saw. The released picture was a light reflection off the copilot's window. McDivitt believes that what he saw was a manmade satellite which was probably not acknowledged for defence security reasons. Unlike many of the astronauts McDivitt has been willing to speak about his incident with the public and press.

GEMINI V August 21 - 29 1965 (Leroy Gordon Cooper, Charles Conrad)

- 03 04 57 21 CC Gemini 5, Gemini 5, this is Houston. Over.
- 03 04 57 26 C . . . Houston, Gemini 5.
- 03 04 57 29 CC Roger, Gemini 5, this is Houston. Be advised that we tracked another object with you on your pass across the States. Range was 2 to 10,000 yards from the spacecraft. You might look around and see if you can see anything. Unfortunately, I can't tell you which direction to look.
- 03 04 57 53 C What time is this?
- 03 04 57 57 CC Did you say what size or what time?
- 03 04 58 00 C Time.
- 03 04 58 02 CC Well, it seems to be going right along with you. So we're tracking it right with you.
- 03 04 58 13 C Roger.
- 03 04 58 21 CC We're going to lose you here shortly but if you see anything, why don't you let us know at the next station.
- 03 04 58 27 C Okay.
- 03 04 58 31 CC The radar return was approximately the same as yours as far as magnitude.
- 03 04 58 38 C Roger.

GEMINI VII December 4, 1965 (Frank Borman, James Lovell)

During this flight Borman describes what he calls a "bogey at ten o'clock high" The object was slowly tumbling and was at first thought to be their booster rocket. But this was ruled out when the astronauts also saw the booster simultaneously with the bogey.

C Bogey at 10 o'clock high.
CC This is Houston. Say again 7.
C Said we have a bogey at 10 o'clock high.
CC Is that the booster or is that an actual sighting?
C We have several, looks like debris up here. Actual sighting.
CC Estimate distance or size?
C We also have the booster in sight. . .

Lovell is reported to have taken some magnificent photographs of two mushroom shaped UFO's on December 4. The pictures seem to show the glow of a propulsion system on the underside. The pictures were taken at a range of several hundred yards. Some believe this picture to be a blatant forgery accomplished by airbrushing a picture of light reflecting off the nose of the spacecraft.

GEMINI IX June 3, 1966 (Stafford, Cernan)

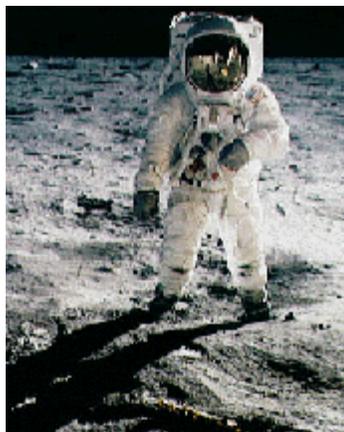
It is reported that the capsule was accompanied from takeoff by UFO's seen from the ground as well as the capsule.

GEMINI X July 19, 1965 (Michael Collins, John Young)

During the flight the crew reported seeing five objects travelling together in orbit.

GEMINI XI September 12, 1966 (Richard Gordon, Charles Conrad)

A long object was reportedly observed over Madagascar. NORAD indicated that it was Soviet PROTON 3 but it turns out that that satellite would have been over 350 miles away at the time of observation.(Bruce Maccabee) Three pictures of the object were taken which enlarged have been widely publicized. The pictures are fuzzy and dont look at all like what the astronauts described having seen with their eyesight.



GEMINI XII November 1966 (James Lovell, Edwin Aldrin)

On November 12 both astronauts are reported to have spotted 2 UFO's approximately 1/2 mile from the spacecraft. They were observed for some period of time and photographs were taken.

Apollo 8 Dec. 1968 (Frank Borman, James A. Lovell, William A. Anders)

During this flight as the command module emerged from behind the moon Lovell transmits "We have been informed that Santa Claus does exist!". As this occurred on christmas day 1968 it is deemed by many to have been Lovell's sense of humor for the kiddies watching the broadcast. Some

speculate that it is the use of the code word originally employed by Walter Schirra on the Mercury 8 flight. On Christmas eve Borman and Lovell are reported to have seen a UFO.

It is reported that an unidentified language was picked up on one of the NASA frequencies used during the mission.

Apollo 10 May 1969 (Thomas P. Stafford, John W. Young, Eugene E. Cernan)

UFO's were reportedly spotted during orbit around the moon and on the homeward bound flight.

Apollo 11 July 1969 (Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, Buzz Aldrin)

Supposedly two UFO's hovered overhead as Armstrong prepared to step down the ladder of the LEM at the Sea of Tranquility. Aldrin is reported to have taken several pictures of them. Modern People magazine published what they claim to be some of these photographs in their June 1975 issue. They claim to have gotten the pictures from a Japanese source.

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