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Filer's Files #36 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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After July slowdown for pilot's vacation, UFO reports have increased for August/September

FLORIDA:

Ray Pollock -from the Gulf Breeze Research Team writes. " Seems that we may have a flap going here in Gulf Breeze. It started with sightings (some spectacular) on Sunday night (9/7/97) followed by sightings last night (Monday 9/8/97) and then there were significant sightings again tonight (Tuesday 9/9/97). Checks with the Air Force and Navy show there were no flare drops either Sunday or Monday night. We have not checked on Tuesday night as yet, though all that witnessed say they bear no resemblance to flare drops we are familiar with."

There were also several sightings south of Pensacola at Fort Pickens on August 7, 1997

After all of you left the shoreline Sunday night, Elise and I and Beverly Pilcher and her daughter Lisa and friends, Mark and Anthony, Pat Gerbig, Judy Francour and her daughter Vicki and another unknown couple had very strange experience.

Elise and I and Beverly and Lisa and friend Mark were sitting at the table where we were when you left and we heard an owl over in the woods close to 10:00 p.m.

, maybe a little before, which called repeatedly. We felt like something was up and about that time, Pat yelled from their vantage point on the boardwalk that there was a red light near Fort Pickens. It was gone before we got to see it, but we ran up on the boardwalk with the others and missed a 2nd sighting on the way, but were witness to five more at very short intervals after we got there. There were a total of seven sightings in all. Of those we witnessed, one was a reddish orange pulsing light low over the Island near the parking lot at entrance to Fort Pickens. Pulsing occurred several times, with movement in between each time. Another red light over Fort Pickens Area. A brief amber light near San Souci apartments. All of the preceding were low on the horizon - maybe 2-4 degrees.

Two other sightings just beyond the entrance to Fort Pickens - to the West - that were about 15 degrees up and were huge by comparison with the others.

These were massive saucer shaped lights of reddish amber and yellowish color fairly evenly distributed throughout the lighted area of the sighting. From our vantage point on the boardwalk, these covered a diameter of a 50 cent piece at arms length with the 2nd of these being somewhat wider in diameter than the first. Thanks to Ray UFOPOLLGB and ANDROID2U

GEORGIA

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State Director John Thompson reports. "Thought I would tell you that I did

complete 8/30/97 disc-light case. Since then I have heard first-hand of two others seeing strange lights in the sky. One lady driving on West Point west of LaGrange on 8/28/97 saw a big whitish-yellow light that swoop and fluttered through the cloudless night sky. It was not a searchlight she said. Another on 8/30/97 in LaGrange at the "Callaway Clock Tower" said she saw something similar hovering and it was not the moon. Another said her daughter near Wadley, Alabama in Chambers County saw strange lights that their dogs barked out. She also said cows had been getting out of their pens from these strange lights. (The woman at the clock-tower said birds acted crazy flying everywhere at night to such a point that they wondered if the birds were going to attack them.) Finally, another man said he had two separate groups of people talking about seeing strange lights near LaGrange.

Calls to the Troup Sheriffs Dept, the LaGrange Daily News, Randolph County Sheriffs Dept., and Wadley Police Dept. all prove to be negative regarding people making similar reports. The Wadley Police Dept did say helicopters had been spraying for unknown reasons in the daytime. The lady from Chambers County (just south of Randolph, where Wadley is in) said unusual military activity was occurring. She said jets were flying everyday low and that her husband said the "jets were armed." Randolph Sheriffs Dept. said they were from Maxwell Air Force base and they said normal. The women in Chambers said the frequency was not normal. Much, much higher than normal. The lady in Alabama says her daughter will do a report with us.

I also will be sending you a photographic case soon.. The case involves a witness of the highest character along with wife and daughter. I have been given the negative and have made copies for Jeff Sainio to analyze. I will also send you two copies with report.

I've gotten reports from several people now of seeing strange lights over and near LaGrange during last week. Did 8/30/97 report on luminous disc. Still checking search-light possibility. Also now have confirmation from the GROUND of others seeing strange perfect circles in the sky near LaGrange in June a that pilot talked about in 7/20/97 UFO Roundup. The witness said him and about 10 others saw two perfect circles through dark clouds with light shining down near dusk. They watched holes and lights for about ten minutes before losing interest. Witness said he had never seen anything like this before. They were on east side of LaGrange and the holes he said seemed to be over LaGrange.

Georgia not only has numerous UFO reports, but John Thompson the MUFON State Director asks? "What did you think of my Big Bird reports. I can tell you nobody raised these babies. Also all the witnesses--including my son--are country folk who have had long experience with eagles, hawks, buzzards, and turkeys. All of them remain adamant after seeing these birds many times since their BB reports that the "birds" they saw were double the size of any of these creatures. I just talked to another man in my office that says where the old Beryl mines are (south Troup county) that before the mines closed they had the Sheriff out there all the time with reports of spooks and strange creatures. He said that doors would be found tore off trucks out there and long 4 inch strands of black hair would be found after these attacks. It go so bad that the people that oversaw the mine wouldn't live there anymore! A brand new 8 room house rotted because no one would live there. He says this probably still goes on now but the whole thing has been abandoned for 20 years or more. The police, by-the-way, always thought bears or vandalism. He says not so. He gave me names of some still living that might know more.

I'm sure you know that Ellen Crystal says Pine Bush, NY has visits because of beryl there. Beryl is the mineral for beryllium which is used to make metals more resistant to heat; as in heat shields for entering and reentering our atmosphere from space. Also used in nuclear warheads." Thanks to John Thompson ISUR and MUFON State Director.

NEW JERSEY

Karin reports: "I just came back from vacation at Beach Haven, where I had a sighting along with two other witnesses.(my father and husband.) We were renting a house right on the ocean, it was Saturday the 23rd of August. At about 10:30 p.m. we were sitting on the deck facing the ocean(a clear night) when my dad and my husband both spotted something at the same time. Something came flying in from the east at a fast speed and it was driving like a drunk driver, going back and forth from left to right then made a quick turn north and was gone . The object looked to be of a circular shape with dim sort of yellowish lights, no noise was heard but whether this was because the object made no noise or because the ocean drowned it out we don't know, the sighting lasted only a matter of seconds. My dad who is retired military said he never saw anything like it, and my husband who is skeptical about UFOs, sat outside for another two hours that night hoping to see it again. Thanks to Karin Guan.

NEW YORK

We have a report of a triangular shaped object seen on 7/31/97 at 9:00 p.m. by a witness traveling east on Hempstead Turnpike on Long Island. The witness spotted the triangle with approximately eight steady white lights, 3 on each side, one in the middle and one at the point or apex of the triangle. The object appeared to hover as seen from the car window. It looked slightly larger than a small plane and moved away slowly to the north or northwest.. Thanks to SAL (SALGMARS)

CONNECTICUT

Mark Cashman has sent the following letter to Anastasia Wietrzychowska MUFON State Director. I have essentially completed my investigation into my sighting on August 19, 1997. I have been very reluctantly forced to declare it a possible unknown. I have been unable to identify any civilian or military aircraft either in the area or with the necessary characteristics. Ultralight pilots I have consulted indicate that the flight would have been suicidal, and in any event, no such formation would have been flown by ultralights, and they would not have been able to maintain it. I was able to perform triangulation and to lay out a flight path on the map. These results indicate a dimension on the order of 20', a speed of 25 mph and an altitude of 1200 - 1300 feet. At this point, I am out of leads.) Under normal circumstances, I believe that an investigator should not investigate his own sighting. If I had not been so convinced this had a conventional solution, I probably would not have gone so far on my own. At this point, I would have no problem with having another MUFON investigator check my work, and do whatever might be appropriate. Of course, this sighting is of no major evidentiary value, so it may not be a good place to deploy resources. Thanks to Mark Cashman at mcashman@ix.netcom.com and Anastasia(mufonct@aol.com

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Astronaut Gordon Cooper, will speak at the New Hampshire MUFON State Conference in Portsmouth on Sunday on 14 September. Please contact NH State Director Peter Geremia, 603 436-9283 for details.

SPACE MANEUVER VEHICLE

LOS ANGELES: AP - It's made of the same stuff as golf clubs, shaped like a cigar, and reusable. It's the Space Maneuver Vehicle - the future of Air Force reconnaissance. The pilotless vehicle could stay in orbit for a year and land on its own. It's one of a number of programs that will define the way the Air Force operates in the next century. said Mike Matthews, a spokesman for Boeing's Space and Missile Systems Sector in Seal Beach, Calif. THE AIR FORCE and the Boeing Co. designed the craft to perform reconnaissance and put small satellites into orbit. The military says it will give it more flexibility in gathering intelligence. The prototype unveiled Wednesday was developed under a \$5.3 million contract by Boeing and the Air Force's Phillips Laboratory in Albuquerque, N.M. The cigar-shaped craft with stubby wings is made of graphite, epoxy and aluminum. It is 22 feet long and weighs 2,500 pounds. The final version of the vehicle will be slightly larger and could be launched into orbit into orbit from a by rocket or a space shuttle, carrying a 1,200-pound payload. "These would essentially be flyable satellites," said Rich Garcia, a spokesman for Phillips Laboratory. Initial flight tests were scheduled to begin in November at Holliman Air Force Base in New Mexico. The craft will be dropped from a helicopter at 10,000 feet, perform gliding maneuvers and land under its own power. Planned test flights in space and tests of military applications have not been funded. The project is related to the military space plane program, which involves the development of a larger craft that would take off and fly into orbit without the assistance of a booster rocket. Last week, the Air Force awarded contracts to Lockheed Martin and Boeing to submit concept designs for the plane, which could be used to deploy the Space Maneuver Vehicle. c 1997 Associated Press. All rights reserved. Thanks to: Jim Hickman <jhickman@itlnet.net and Skywatch International>

F-22A

Last week, the Lockheed Martin Company announced the first successful test flight of its F-22A aircraft from its plant at Marietta, Georgia. (Dobbins ARB) The air craft does not appear to be a radical new design, but rather a logical modernization of the F-15. It will be the new air-superiority fighter for the Air Force for well into the next century. It will also have provision for ground attack capability. The aircraft is powered by two Pratt & Whitney F119-PW turbofans each in the 35,000lb. thrust class. Dimensions are wing span of 44 feet 6 inches, length 62 feet and a height of 16 feet 7 inches. Its performance is listed as 900+mph, with a ceiling above 50,000 feet. It has two vertical stabilizers that protrude out from the fuselage at a roughly 45 degree angle. Two prototype YF-22s have been flying since 1990. The swept wings and twin tails should prevent it from being confused with triangular or disc UFOs

MARS

On Thursday evening, September 11, 1997, -NASA's Mars Surveyor, went into orbit around the Red Planet - NASA announced that images would not be available until March. Mars Pathfinder -images were available within a few hours after landing on the planet. I wonder why it take months to handle these images?

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