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--[For The Record]-- C.E.: Booms in Butler County,

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Subject: --[For The Record]-- C.E.: Booms in Butler County,

Mysterious Sounds Heard in areas near Butler County, Ohio
Reported by WCPO Channel-9 News, Cincinnati

Laura Randall of WCPO Channel-9 News reported Sunday, January 10 of very strange sounds heard near residential homes in Butler County, Ohio. The situation involved explosive booms and thuds which alarmed residents in parts of Fairfield, Ohio (18-miles north of Cincinnati).

An earlier newscast by WCPO reporters addressed the numerous phone calls to police dispatch offices, stating that the disruptions had been attributed to an underground phenomenon known as 'ice heaving' or 'frost cracking.' This explanation was reportedly offered by persons at The National Weather Service office, located in Wilmington, Ohio.

Interestingly, WCPO News in this later report informed that a local geologist, University of Cincinnati Professor Dr. Kenneth Hinkle, refuted the 'frost-cracking' theory and informed that such explanations were not workable in this instance.

"In the High Arctic, frost-cracking resembles a sharp snap similar to a rifle report, which can be felt," Hinkle stated for the newscast.

The National Weather Service believed that a combination heavy rain and rapid freezing led to the mysterious sounds heard by alarmed residents. Hinkle was curious, and after conducting an investigation, added that frost-cracking was a most unlikely explanation.

Hinkle took a garden spade and put the frost-cracking theory to the test, but found that the snow had insulated the top-soil from the bitter cold. While cameras were rolling, Hinkle demonstrated that the sub-surface conditions were not conducive to frost-cracking.

Also noted on the newscast was a Ms. Jenny Morgan of Fairfield, who reported that she heard something similar to a shotgun sound.

A second resident told of suspecting someone had thrown 'snowballs' at her house, while a third person described what they thought was a supersonic crash.

At least 13-callers reported suspicious and frightening noises. A police dispatcher, interviewed for the new report, remarked that many people were complaining of possible break-ins or kids throwing snowballs and hitting houses.

WCPO reporters finalized their piece by stating: "We are left with an unsolved mystery."

In the late sixties, a series of unexplained events took place in Southern Ohio, in which dozens of persons reported unusual thumping or knocking sounds heard on their roofs. A re-typed copy of this newspaper article will be available on the internet at a later date.

During the fall of 1973, sonic anomalies were frequently correlated with UFO sightings. Details of these reports can be viewed at:

http://members.tripod.com/~task_2/Wave-March11a.htm
http://members.tripod.com/~task_2/Wave-Aug7a.htm
http://members.tripod.com/~task_2/Wave-Aug30a.htm
http://members.tripod.com/~task_2/Wave-Oct11a.htm
http://members.tripod.com/~task_2/Wave-Oct21a.htm

On May 9 and 15 of 1997, a series of sonic oddities perplexed persons throughout various quarters of the Cincinnati area. Details of these reports can be viewed at:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/PHANTOMBLAST.htm>
<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/MAY15.htm>

In some instances, the populace has been concerned by the sonic outburst caused by military jets breaking the sound barrier. Sonic booms, largely restricted over populated areas, frequently cause alarm. Due to the continuous outbursts and the localized residential areas where the recent disruptions are reported, it seems hasty to apply such an explanation without careful review.

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