

July 23, 1952..In a letter to a Mr. Louis A. Gardner, Albert Einstein said with regards to UFOs, "those people have seen something. What they saw I do not know and I am not curious to know."

"Do they originate in outer space?", "Do they come from other worlds, such as Mars or Venus?", "Do they come from our military rivals?", "Are they the product of our own Air Force experiment?" Einstein response - così afferma l'Autore - in data 23 luglio 1952, su carta intestata.

Il testo integrale della risposta è: "Dear Sir: Those People have seen something. What they saw I do not know and I am not curious to know."

July 7, 1952

Los Angeles Times

SAUCERS REAL, BRITON BELIEVES

Scientist Arthur C. Clarke, one of England's leading authorities on space travel, believes flying saucers are more than mirages or myths. Clarke said he based his belief on new data on saucers supplied him by scientists at the U.S. Rocket Testing Base at White Sands, N.M. He was not ready to guarantee the disks are real, but said, "a noted American scientist told me at White Sands that he is certain he has seen one."

July 9, 1952

Miami, Oklahoma

TEN WATCH HUGE FLYING SAUCER

Ten workman watched a huge silver object which emitted a haze of smoke from its edges as it hovered high over the B.F. Goodrich rubber plant at Miami for 15 minutes Wednesday before it skimmed away to the south at "terrific speed." The object, matching previous flying saucer descriptions, was spotted by R. D. McCarthy, an electrician working atop the plant. He summoned other nearby workmen who said they observed the strange craft for a quarter-hour.

July 14, 1952

Pasadena, California

WAS REED A SPACE MAN?

Authorities followed a cold trail Monday in the disappearance of an aircraft scientist engaged in government work and his wife expressed fears he had met with foul play at the hands of foreign agents. Albert Clark Reed, engaged in secret aeronautical research (Project "vortex") at the California Institute of Technology here, disappeared from his home last Monday evening. His wife, Florence, told officers he was to meet that day with military authorities in connection with his work, "that was so secret he wouldn't even discuss it with me."

June 7, 1952

The New York Times

MENZEL FOLLOWS COMMUNIST LINE

Two Soviet authors and two popular science magazine[s] were taken to task for spreading pseudo-scientific "theories" that the famous Tungus meteorite which fell in Siberia in 1908 actually was an atomic-powered space ship from Mars. In the Provinces, some teachers and lecturers, having absorbed this material uncritically began presenting it as the latest word of science. Editorial offices of papers that reprinted the sketches were showered with letters containing questions such as the time when one could expect the next arrival of Martians.

June 26, 1952

The National Guardian

"TOP SECRET" PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE 50 YEARS

William A. Reuben ridiculed the contention of U.S. Attorney Myles Lane that the Rosenbergs had given Soviet Russia some of our top secrets, "including a project for a platform 3,000 miles in space." Reuben pointed out that K. Ziolkovsky sketched this in 1903 in "The Rocket In Cosmic Space." So did Herman Oberth in 1922 in "The Rocket Into Interplanetary Space," and as late as 1948 Secretary of Defense Forrestal referred in his annual report to an "earth satellite vehicle program." A New York Times science editor scoffed at Forrestal's project being secret, pointing out it was obviously derived from Oberth.

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JET FLYERS TOLD TO SHOOT DOWN SAUCERS

U. S. Air Force on 24-Hour Alert
Against Mysterious Discs

By Larry Auldridge

Staff Correspondent International News Service

WASHINGTON, July 28.

The Air Force revealed today jet pilots have been placed on a 24-hour nationwide "alert" against "flying saucers" with orders to "shoot-them down" if they refuse to land.

It was learned pilots have gone aloft on several occasions in an effort to shoot the mysterious objects to the ground, but never came close enough to use their guns.

The Air Force refused to confirm this, but Lt. Col. Moncel Monts, AF Information officer, stated:

"The jet pilots are, and have been, under orders to investigate unidentified objects and to shoot them down if they can't talk them down."

In Air Force parlance, this means that if a "flying saucer" refuses to obey an order to land, jet pilots are authorized to shoot them to earth, if they can get close enough to do so. Most reports describe the "saucers" as traveling at unusually high speeds.

NOT U. S. SECRET—

The Air Force expressed the belief the unidentified flying objects are not a threat to the United States and stated also that they are not a secret U. S. military development.

The Air Force summoned experts from Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio, for a conference Tuesday on the celestial objects.

Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, a "flying saucer" specialist of the Air Technical Center in Dayton, left late today for Washington with a team of fellow officers.

Disclosure of the 24-hour "alert" came as new reports continued to pour into the Pentagon of mysterious objects in the skies. AF officials said they were coming in from all over the country at the rate of 100 monthly.

Bakersfield, Calif., residents reported seeing an object resembling a big ball of fire in the sky Sunday.

INDIANA—

The latest reports came from Indiana, where hundreds of motorists claimed to have seen "flying saucers" overhead last night.

They were reported over Indianapolis, Franklin and Connersville. Many motorists said the objects threw off varicolored lights and "were seen shooting

Sacramento Reports Two 'Saucers'

The Sacramento Air Defense Filter Center is receiving two or three reports a day about unidentified flying objects, and radar contact was made in at least one case, a source at the center disclosed today.

The radar sighting, he said, was made near Red Bluff Monday. He said the flight patterns of two objects—going fast at an altitude of more than 20,000 feet—checked with a report by two ground observers.

A 16-year-old boy gave a detailed description of an object he said he saw while he was riding horseback Sunday.

WINDOWS—

Jerry Speer of nearby Lincoln said he spotted two "some-

things," one of which came close to the ground.

The youth told a reporter the objects were about 20 feet high and 40 feet long and had three sets of windows.

He declared:

"The thing looked like two tops that had been flattened out against each other. The windows were square and their frames stuck out. The whole thing was covered with shiny metal.

"There were three exhausts and the thing could fly up, down and sideways. A short vapor came out of each exhaust and the sound of it traveled about a mile and a half behind."

He said he watched the low

flying object for about three minutes.

Einstein Not Interested in Discs

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July 23, 1952

Dear Sir:

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What it is I do not know and I am not curious to know.

Sincerely yours,

A. Einstein.

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THE ANSWER—Here is a copy of the letter the Rev. Gardner received from Dr. Einstein.

Asked his "candid opinion" on whether or not "flying saucers are real," Dr. Albert Einstein, world-famous scientist, sent the Rev. Louis A. Gardner of Los Angeles, this reply, the minister revealed yesterday:

'Dear Sir:

"Those people have seen something. What it is I do not know and I am not curious to know.

"Sincerely Yours,

"A Einstein."

The Rev. Mr. Gardner, who lives at 911 West Seventh place, said of the brief reply:

"Evidently Dr. Einstein's mind, with its great scientific

span, has passed beyond the average person's curiosity about such phenomena as flying saucers.

"But I appreciate the fact that he would answer, promptly, by airmail, my letter when he has so many thousands to consider."

The minister, an inter-denominational evangelist, said he had asked the famous Princeton scientist whether the saucers originate in outer space, coming from Mars or Venus, or if they are products of our military rivals or our own Air Force experiments.

He said he had cited Ezekiel



GETS REPLY—The Rev. Louis A. Gardner of Los Angeles holds the letter he received from Dr. Albert Einstein in answer to his question whether the scientist thought "flying saucers" originate in outer space.

—Los Angeles Examiner photo.

1:16 as tending to substantiate the reality of flying saucers. This verse reads:

"The appearance of the wheels and their work was like

unto the color of a beryl; and the four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel."